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That new and valuable treatment that makes uneven teeth straight.

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Crown, Bridge Work and Dental Surgery.

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Correct improper vision. Glasses Fitted.

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Coal! Coal!!

Niggerhead Lump, Rockvale Lump and Ludlow Nut.

Cotton Seed Cake and Meal.
Lump and crushed Rock Salt.

POSTS: All Sizes, White Cedar,
Red cedar and catalpa.

Will appreciate your business.

W. E. STOCKER,

Public Weigher.

—Office and Scales at Philpott Elevator.—

New Phone No. 26.

The Avery Co., will give a Gas Engine and Self-Lift plow demonstration at Miami the first week in March. J. P. Wright, Agt.

Dr. C. W. Jones made his regular weekly professional visit to Miami Wednesday and Thursday. The doctor will be here again next week on the above named days.

Sixth Week Of The Legislature

Austin, Feb. 24.—The week of this session of the legislature that ended the 22nd, Washington's Birthday, was an eventful one not in the amount of business transaction by the legislature because the epidemic of meningitis had caused an agreed recess in the House and a forced recess in the Senate—the House of Representatives recessing until conditions were better as five of their members had taken meningitis and they were doing the part of wisdom to take care of their own lives and to have a house cleaning and a renovating that would make conditions tolerable while the Senate could not get a working quorum until Friday because some of the Senators were not desirous of taking the risk and others were off on committee work. But it was an eventful week because the State Health Department has taken the task to make the Capital a place where the representatives and other officials can afford to go and attend their work. Representative Kelley of Kaufman County died of the disease Saturday and Representative Herder of Colorado County is yet serious while Representative Hunt of Randall County is making a successful fight for life against the disease. The sunshine came and made everything brighter and the Legislature was back at work by Monday, the 24th. No time will be lost and all will work hard to make up for the time lost. It is agreed that when the sixty days are up and \$2.00 instead of \$5.00 per day will be the only pay of the legislators they will work over time until they have made up the lost time.

While the Capitol that cost the State more than three million acres of her best land of the Panhandle is magnificent and beautiful from the outside yet at the same time it is not so very sanitary on the inside and much work ought to be done to improve it. Of all the State Departments it is just now the opinion that the great Health Department is one of the most important and it is a fact that the health and lives of the people of the State are of far more importance and value than all of the gold, wealth, railroads and livestock and hereafter it is hoped that the State will strengthen the Health Department so that it may do more good to conserve the health and lives of the people.

The Legislature will attempt to pass the Katy consolidation bill over the Governor's veto this week. It ought to be done. The meningitis scare is over now and Representative Templeton is one of the few who remained on his job at Austin and read up and informed himself on important legislation that will come up.

Keep posted—read the Chief.

Treatment Of Oats And Seed Wheat To Prevent Smut

There are two kinds of wheat smut, loose smut and stinking or ball smut. Both can be prevented by treating the seed and rotating the crops. The spores of both kinds of smut are carried by the seed, but the spores of loose smut may also be carried in the soil from one year to another. Treating the seed prevents stinking smut, but loose smut requires that the seed be treated and that the ground on which it grew be planted to another crop the following year. The stinking or ball smut is the kind most commonly found, it destroys the kernels only, while the loose smut destroys the grain and chaff entirely, and the sooty mass of spores remain. The stinking smut gives off an offensive odor when broken.

The following "Formalin Treatment" will prevent stinking smut in wheat, also the smuts which commonly affect barley and oats:

Formalin Treatment—There are several methods of treatment; hot water treatment, blue stone treatment, and Formalin Treatment, the last of which is safest, most reliable and cheapest.

Secure a 40 per cent solution of formalin at a reliable drug store. One pound of formalin is sufficient to treat from 2000 to 2500 pounds of seed. Before mixing the solution, get the seed ready. The treating solution is made by carefully mixing a one pound bottle of the formalin with 40 gallons of water.

The seed may be treated by dipping or sprinkling. To dip, the seed may be placed in a gunny sack and the solution in a barrel or tank. The seed should be immersed in this for at least ten minutes and then taken out and allowed to drain back into the barrel for a short time. The seed should then be emptied into a pile in a clean place and covered with sacks or blankets for two hours, after which it should be thoroughly dried before sowing.

To sprinkle, prepare a clean place on a canvas or smooth floor. Thoroughly sprinkle the place with the solution before spreading the seed on it. Now thoroughly sprinkle the spread-out seed and at the same time shovel it over. Continue to sprinkle and shovel over the seed until it is thoroughly moistened. Next, shovel the seed into a pile and cover with sacks or blankets for two hours, after which it should be thoroughly dried before sowing. Do not allow the seed to remain wet too long after treating, as the germinating qualities may be injured.

Place the dried seed in sacks which have been dipped in the solution. It is also advisable to sprinkle the grain drill with the solution before using it.

Teach Your Children To SAVE

Anything that inspires the habit of saving in the younger generation appeals to us as WORTH WHILE.

The women—mothers—can do more than all other influences combined to inculcate this habit.

THE FIRST STATE BANK

OF MIAMI, TEXAS

Capital.....\$25,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....\$17,500.00

OFFICERS

W. COFFEE, Pres.
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B. F. TALLEY, Vice-Pres.
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A Lesson In City Building.

Do you know there's lots of people
Sittin' 'round in every town,
Growlin' like a broody chicken.

Knockin' every good thing down?
Don't you be that kind o' cattle,

'Cause they ain't no use on earth,
You just be a booster rooster,

Crow and boost for all you're worth.

If your town needs boostin', boost 'er,

Don't hold back and wait to see

If some other feller's willin'—

Sail right in, this country's free;

No one's got a mortgage on it,

It's just yours as much as his,

If your town is shy on boosters,

You get in the boostin' biz.

If things don't quite seem to suit you,

An' the world seems kinder wrong,

What's the matter with a boostin',

Just to help the thing along;

'Cause if things should stop agoin'

We'd be in a sorry plight,

You just keep that horn a blowin,—

Boost 'er up with all your might.

If you know some feller's failin's,

Just forget 'em, 'cause you know

That same fellers got some good points,

Them's the ones you want to show;

"Cast your loaves out on the waters,

They'll come back," 's a sayin' true,

Mebbe they'll come back a buttered

When some feller boosts for you.

—Exchange.

Exercise every precaution not to bring the treated seed in contact with any that has not been treated or in bins which have contained smut seed. The seed should be treated but a short time before sowing.

H. M. Bainer,
Agricultural Demonstrator
Santa Fe Ry. Co.
Amarillo, Texas.

Canadian Minstrel Coming Friday

The coming of the Canadian Minstrel to Miami assures our people an attraction that will furnish high class music of the Orchestral, Chorus and Solo type and will mean one entire evening of unalloyed amusement alike for old and young. This Company does not boast of its long list of professionals but is pleased to know that each appearance draws larger attendance and they are all loud in their praise of the company. These boys aspire to a tour of the Santa Fe delivering this entertainment at the various reading rooms along the Santa Fe System from San Francisco east, and while the attraction department

still has the matter under investigation it now seems quite likely that they will make the tour.

This company is comprised largely of Santa Fe employes and in addition it contains lecturers, lawyers, bankers and merchants and from reliable information the Chief recommends it very highly to the people of Miami as a humorous, refined and unique entertainment. The attraction will be on Friday night, March 7th.

John Craig, who has been working on the E. O. ranch, was thrown from a horse last week while riding out on the Tallybone. He was seriously injured by the saddle horn as he left the saddle. J. G. Ramsey brought him in to a doctor Tuesday and he will be able to go to work again in the near future.

Will Brown was in Miami this week to receive an Avery Gas engine this week. R. L. Hays, expert mechanic for the Avery Co., stationed at Amarillo, delivered it.

A. G. Hunter of Ashcroft, British Columbia, Canada, is here for a month's visit with his sister, Mrs. W. M. Cotton and family.

A protracted meeting will be held in the Baptist church beginning the first Sunday in May.

THE MIAMI CHIEF

Chas. Hamilton, Ed. & Pub.

MIAMI : : : TEXAS

England is in acute need of elastic window glass.

However, as for hobble skirted women, how can she expect to "win in a walk?"

A Peruvian aviator proposes to fly over the Alps. In a Peruvian bark, probably.

"Dash-bazonkeeses" may fit the crime, but it's altogether too hard to pronounce.

A Vienna astronomer says 218,000,000 tons of cosmic dust falls on the earth every day.

A Pennsylvania man has contracted smallpox from a roll of bank notes. But who's afraid?

A professor of music says that there are 10,000,000 melodies. But of these, how many are original?

Man needs a few more soft spots in his heart, says a western preacher. And a few less in his head.

A Chicago thief was kicked senseless by a woman the other day. She must have been a ballet dancer.

A New Jersey man claims to have invented a seamless coat as the result of a dream. It sounds like one.

A St. Louis newspaperman bought twelve engagement rings in one year. Perhaps he believed in advertising.

Hereafter, when dinner is late, don't be too quick to blame wife or cook. Perhaps it was the postman.

A French scientist says men get bald because they eat too much. Then why is it that a dyspeptic usually is bald?

Paris husband who suspected his wife of infidelity, cut off her nose. To keep her from nosing around, no doubt.

Pittsburg burglar fleeing with plunder was captured by a small boy with a toy pistol. It's the little things that count.

A Texas undertaker has contracted to bury the county paupers at 1/2 cent each. Doing the work at pauper's prices.

Inventing a "cure" for tuberculosis seems to be a heap easier than convincing other specialists you have done it.

A naturalist says that lobsters are becoming extinct. But, then, of course, naturalists do not hang out along Broadway.

Chicago violinist attacked a burglar, rendered him unconscious, and turned him over to the police. Wonder what he played?

Moving picture theaters are proving immensely popular in Mexico. Probably those western and Mexican films manufactured on Long Island are shown to the surprise of the natives.

The Chinese have adopted our calendar. It would not be at all surprising in the oriental rush for occidental reforms to hear of the Celestials falling eager victims to the trading-stamp habit.

Le Duc de Mal-a-Merte, who is also Le Comte Carl di Momberralli, was halted by federal examiners because of a swollen face. After he had disengaged his names he was allowed to enter the country.

A \$5,000 prize offered in England for the best mine lamp has been divided between nine inventors. Sounds like a joke.

A Mississippi man has named all his daughters after flowers. He all right if they don't fade before they are married.

A Pittsburgh criminal got out of prison with no other aid than a button hook. A woman could have done it with a hairpin.

A San Francisco doctor replaced a dog's knee joint with a silver, diamond studded hinge. Now watch the dog catchers get busy.

"Mme. Bernhardt is an artist," remarks one critic, "and can play any role except Falstaff." It would be mighty interesting to see her doing little Eva, wouldn't it?

Automobiles killed 142 persons in New York during 1912, while wagons killed 172 people. Which only goes to show that New Yorkers are more expert dodging automobiles.

Danish professor says that tears are antiseptic and destroy microbes. An answer to: "Tears, idle tears, I know not what they mean."

Kansas State college has a course to teach 1,000 girl students how to be good wives. Positions are not guaranteed graduates, however.

Gentlemen and ladies who acquire ebullience through exclusive devotion to semi-transparent silk hose have themselves to thank for subsequent discomfords.

HOME RULE UPHELD BY SUPREME COURT

WAS LEGALLY SUBMITTED AT GENERAL ELECTION.

ENABLING ACT IS NEEDED

Legislature Expected to Pass Measure Defining Powers of Cities and Towns.

Austin, Texas.—Answering the certified question from the third court of civil appeals in the affirmative, in the case of E. Cartledge vs. John L. Wortham, secretary of state, from Travis county, the supreme court has held that the home rule amendment to the state constitution was legally submitted at the general election held on Nov. 5, 1912.

The ruling of the court is that the legislature directed at the general election and so specified the time; that the time for holding the next general election following the passage of the joint resolution was fixed by law as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1912, and that the provision in the resolution for submitting the amendment at a special election, if one should intervene, was merely a contingency. The court says it would be the announcement of a sadly strained doctrine to say that an election held at a time which the law definitely prescribed illegal under another part of the law which made it being held at any different time a mere possibility.

The question involved in the contest was tested out in record-breaking time. Judge Charles A. Wilcox of the Twenty-sixth district court, on Jan. 31 held that his court was without jurisdiction. On Feb. 3 the case was submitted in the Third court of civil appeals and on Feb. 5, it was submitted in the supreme court on certified question and one week from that date a ruling was handed down.

CASH REGISTER MEN SENTENCED

President John H. Patterson, National Company, Gets One Year.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—President John H. Patterson of the National Cash Register Company of Dayton, Ohio, was sentenced Monday to serve one year in the county jail at Troy, Ohio, and to pay a fine of \$5,000 for violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Twenty-eight other officials and employees of the company were given jail sentences varying from three months to one year and were ordered to pay the costs of the prosecution.

The sentences were pronounced after United States Judge Hollister had scored the defendants bitterly for their business methods, methods which he declared were needless in a concern where millions of dollars could have been made legitimately and without violation of the law.

2,500 Texas Guards Ready for Field.

Fort Worth, Texas.—The state of Texas has 2,500 well-drilled members of the Texas National Guard, which can be put in service on a few hours' notice, according to a statement made here by Assistant Adjutant General E. R. York, who is in Fort Worth, together with Assistant Quartermaster General Emmet Walker and Capt. H. S. Walker, U. S. A., instructor-inspector, T. N. G., to inspect the local company.

HOUSE ADJOURNS FOR 2 WEEKS.

Development of Third Case of Meningitis Causes Adjournment.

Austin, Texas.—Because of the outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis in the house of representatives, causing the death of Representative Killingsworth on Thursday and Representative McNeal Friday, and attacking Representative Hunt on Friday also, business has been suspended in both branches of the Texas legislature.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN LEAVE.

American Officials, Make Preparations to Take Them to Vera Cruz.

Washington.—Hurried preparations were made in the City of Mexico Sunday for the flight of American women and children from the stricken city to safety within the borders of the United States.

As soon as the armistice had been declared the American embassy staff and the committee appointed by Ambassador Wilson began the work of assembling the panic-stricken fugitive women and children at the embassy. Many who hitherto had paid no heed to the warning of the ambassador to leave the city now were eager to embrace any measure which meant their deliverance from the panic which has followed in the wake of a week's disorders.

It was pointed out that the easiest way to safety lay via Vera Cruz, only a short distance by rail. Once arrived at the port of the capital city the refugees would have full protection pending continuance of their journey by steamer to American soil.

Three American dreadnoughts, the Georgia, the Vermont and the Nebraska are at anchor in Vera Cruz. With the guns of these sea monsters leveled toward the city, refugees would have little to fear, but if necessity should arise the fugitives could be taken aboard ship.

Rebels Take Charge of Matamoros.

Brownsville, Texas.—Matamoros is in the hands of the followers of Gen. Felix Diaz, when Monday morning the garrison of about 300 men, including a company of rurales, renounced allegiance to President Madero and declared in favor of Diaz. The military at the same hour took charge of the city, the customs house and all Federal affairs. Not a shot was fired and there was no outward indication that a reversal in allegiance has occurred.

TEXAS APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Gets \$1,700,000 From Rivers and Harbor Bill Increased by \$7,500,000.

Washington.—Authoritative details of the changes which the senate made in the rivers and harbors bill came out in the printed copy of the bill.

Of the \$7,500,000 increase over the house bill, Texas is to get \$1,700,000. The main increase is providing for the Texas City dike. For this purpose the sum of \$300,000 is appropriated with authority to complete the dike for \$1,100,000 more. There is also \$200,000 for maintenance and continuing the improvements of the Texas City channel.

There is no provision for the construction of the Galveston seawall in this bill, as recommended by the engineers. Col. Gresham says from what developed in the hearing before the senate committee on commerce, Galveston need have no worry about the seawall, as that provision will now be certain to be incorporated in the next bill. Members of the committee said the seawall should be built, but that it is entirely out of the question to put that authorization of another \$1,185,000 for the Galveston harbor on this year's bill. The committee expects that by the time the next bill is proposed, Galveston will have everything in shape to carry out its part of the seawall program.

The committee also inserted a provision for \$200,000 for the construction of two dredges for maintaining the Houston ship channel, provided the Houston navigation district raises the other \$200,000.

HON. THOS. McNEAL DIES.

Second Member of Texas House Succumbs Within One Day.

Austin, Texas.—Hon. Thomas McNeal of Lockhart, representative from the Eighty-sixth district, died in this city Friday morning from cerebro-spinal meningitis, after being ill from Tuesday night.

He is the second member of the house to succumb to the disease since 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, at which time Representative Lee Killingsworth of Longview passed away.

The almost sudden demise of these two highly esteemed members has greatly grieved their fellow-members who are in the city.

Mr. McNeal was 63 years of age, a native of Texas, and for many years had been a prominent member of the Caldwell county bar. This was his second term in the legislature.

His body was taken to Lockhart. A special committee named by Speaker Terrell acted as an escort.

ADVISED ATTITUDE UNCHANGED

Secretary of State Knox Sent President Taft's Reply to Madero.

Washington.—Secretary of State Knox was directed by President Taft to reply early Monday morning to the request of President Francisco I. Madero of Mexico for a definite statement of the policy of the United States.

The cabinet, which was in session for more than two hours, adjourning at 12:45 o'clock, spent the time discussing the terms of the reply. Though no official statement was given out, it was declared that Secretary Knox would state that the attitude of this government would remain just as it had been for two years past.

WEEDS REDUCE CROP YIELDS

Interesting and Instructive Experiment Conducted at North Dakota Agricultural College.

(By W. C. PALMER, Agricultural Editor, North Dakota Agricultural College.)
That weeds reduce yields is evident. To get some idea of how much weeds might reduce yields I selected a field that was weedy with pigeon grass, the wheat was ripe. I measured out a square yard at several places, pulled the weeds carefully so as not to disturb the wheat. The weight of the weeds without roots was as follows: 91 ounces, 58 ounces, 64 ounces, 55 ounces, and 60 ounces, making an average of 66 ounces per square yard. The first one is quite a little above the average. If that is left to the average will be 60 ounces to the square yard, or three and three-fourths pounds. This would make 14,520 pounds to the acre. A sample of weeds was dried and gave 21 per cent dry weight, or 3,649 pounds of dry matter, one and one-half tons, or enough to reduce the yield of wheat 25 bushels, provided wheat could have made as good use of the moisture and plant food. One thing is certain, and that is that the growing of these weeds used up 2,100 tons of water, the equivalent of 18 inches of rainfall and that is rain that was actually in the soil where the wheat could have secured it. It is an expensive thing to have on the farm.

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Mrs. Louise Benner, the first woman postmaster in the United States, is dead at her home in San Antonio.

Porch climbers entered the home of Mrs. Henry Farr, Sr., at Houston recently and are said to have taken jewels to the value of \$4,000.

A man who is said to have a mantle for breaking plate glass windows has been arrested in Dallas. It is alleged that the man broke nearly a hundred show windows before he was discovered.

TEXAS NEWS

GATHERED EVERYWHERE

W. T. McGuire of Italy claims the distinction of owning the oldest horse in the state. The animal is past thirty-nine years old and said to be hale and hearty.

Lon. C. Hill of Harlingen, Cameron county is said to be the richest Indian in the world. He owns eleven automobiles and his wealth is estimated at \$16,000,000. He is a full blood Choctaw.

More than \$2,500 worth of skunk hides were recently shipped from Eden, Concho county. There were 309 express packages in all. The hides brought as high as \$10.

A wildcat, seven feet long, was killed near Orange last week. It was of the tiger variety and was the largest one ever seen in that section of the state.

The voters of Cleburne are discussing the advisability of holding primary election to select the city officials. The Socialists state that will run a ticket of their own.

The dates for the next annual Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth have been set for March 8-15. This is an event eagerly looked for by stockmen all over the Southwest.

Elaborate preparation are being made for the second annual turkey trot at Cuero. The event will be held in September and it is planned to greatly enlarge the scope of the affair.

Governor Colquitt has granted a conditional pardon to the husband of a Hungarian woman who pawned her clothes to buy a ticket to Austin that she might see the governor in person.

What is said to be the first arrest for moonshining ever made on the plains of Texas was noted when C. P. Morgan of near Amarillo was arrested, charged with unlawfully making whiskey. It is alleged that the spirits were made from whiskey. It is alleged that the spirits made from Milo maize and kaffir, with a small quantity of corn.

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"If I had my way about this Mexican trouble I would let the entire matter rest in the hands of the governor of this state and the citizens of Texas and they would see that matters in that country were settled. You people of Texas handled the Mexican situation once before and did it with credit and you can do it again to perfection," said Commodore A. V. Wadhams, United States navy, retired, to 2,500 people who attended the municipal entertainment in Houston the other night. His remarks were greeted with applause, the demonstration lasting several minutes.

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NEW VARIETIES OF ALFALFA

Yellow-Flowered Species Found Throughout Eurasia Seems to Be Adapted to Cold and Drought.

Considerable interest has been aroused through the importation by the United States department of agriculture of some new, hardy varieties of alfalfa. Little, however, is generally known concerning the characteristics of these new alfalfas or the real purpose of their introduction.

In the search for hardy forms of common alfalfa (Medicago sativa) adapted to severe conditions of drought and cold, the potential value of closely allied species became apparent. A yellow-flowered species (Medicago falcata) found widely distributed throughout Eurasia, forms of which thrive on the cold, dry steppes of Russia and similar regions, seemed to be the most promising. For this reason persistent efforts were made to import many valuable forms of this species.

Medicago falcata, erroneously called "Siberian alfalfa," and for which there is no satisfactory common name, is characterized in general by its drooping habit, narrow leaves and fine stems; but it is so variable that some plants may be readily mistaken for common alfalfa when not in flower. Very few of the forms possess true tap roots like the common alfalfa, but they have a branching root system by which new plants are produced. The flowers are yellow and the seed pods falcate or sickle shaped, hence its botanical name.

The department of agriculture has met with many difficulties in procuring seed in quantity, as it is not handled commercially and in no place is it produced in abundance. In spite of the scarcity of seed very thorough tests have been conducted, both under cultivation and on unbroken sod at the department's testing stations and in co-operative experiments at state stations. The results of these tests of the available forms of Medicago falcata indicate rather definitely that their chief value is for crossing with common alfalfa to produce hardy and drought-resistant hybrid strains. At present the new alfalfas do not appear to be sufficiently productive to make them generally profitable under cultivation. Many of the forms are unquestionably very hardy and drought-resistant and have already shown their value as stock for crossing with varieties commonly known.

One of the hardest, if not the hardest, of our common strains, the Grimm alfalfa, probably originated through natural hybridization of Medicago falcata and common alfalfa. Grimm alfalfa is coming into very wide use in the northwestern states. The new alfalfas have not yet been tested on the open range as fully as under cultivation. Although the results to date indicate their inability to maintain themselves except under very favorable conditions, the tests are nevertheless being continued with the hope of ultimate success in improving the range.

The experts of the department do not believe that this yellow-flowered alfalfa in its unselected state is a crop for the farmer to test, even though seed were available. Three main considerations show that it is not likely to prove valuable under cultivation: (1) Most of its forms are not sufficiently erect to be easily harvested for hay; (2) it does not recover quickly after cutting and cannot be expected to give more than one cutting during the season; (3) its seed habits are usually poor, the seed being scantily produced and shattering badly at maturity.

The department of agriculture is pushing the work of selection by hybridization of the best forms of this species as rapidly as possible, in the hope that valuable drought-resistant and cold-resistant strains may ultimately be established in general use.

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FEEDING SHEEP.

Silage may be fed to store sheep or to fattening sheep but is considered inferior to roots for ewes suckling early lambs. Where a large flow of milk is especially desirable, oats and bran and a little oil meal will make a satisfactory grain mixture.



Keep Your Eyes on the Can

When Buying Baking Powder

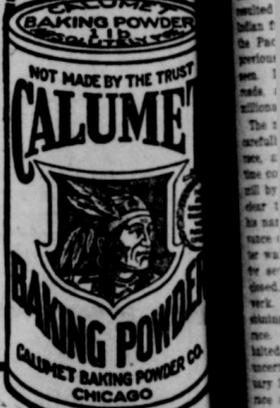
For this is the baking powder that "makes the baking better."

It leaves the food evenly throughout; puts it up to airy lightness, makes it delightfully appetizing and wholesome.

Remember, Calumet is moderate in price—highest in quality.

Ask your grocer for Calumet. Don't take a substitute.

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LIVE STOCK AND MISCELLANEOUS ELECTROTYPES

Accidents That Made Bonanza Kings

True Romances of the Great West

By Frank J. Arkins



ACCIDENTS have contributed billions to the wealth of the world. They have made the history of the great mining camps. The merest chances have resulted in the discovery of the great lodes of gold and silver bearing ore. The accidental finding of a small nugget in the crop of a chicken was momentous. It was the beginning of a half-century of explorations that unlocked a treasure vault in the Rocky Mountains. The remark of a hunter, the subsequent sinking of a well and the accidental meeting of four men, constituted a chain of events that revealed the greatest single deposit of silver known. The kick of a donkey uncovered a ledge from which millions have been taken.

The man who seeks wealth in the mines, knowing that he is hunting the stumbles across it at the most unsuspected moment. If he recognizes what he is looking for he is in a fair way to become rich.

Marshall That Opened Up the West. In January, 1848, near Sacramento, California, James Marshall of New Jersey constructed for James Sutter the famous sawmill in history. It quickened the pulse of the world. It revived the sluggish streams of commerce. It made men fighting mad. It resulted in wiping the buffalo and the bison from the great plains. It filled the Pacific ocean with ships where previously but few sails had been seen. It caused the building of railroads and laid the way for future millionaires.

The mill was built of logs. Marshall carefully selected a point for the tailrace, and because he decided that the could be saved in completing the mill by permitting a flow of water to clear the mill-race of the soft dirt, his name became linked with the advance of the western states. The water was turned in and, after running for several days, the head-gate was closed, to complete other necessary work. Then Marshall noticed a few shining specks in the banks of the race. He took a step forward, gasped, lifted, brushed and laughed at himself miserably. The next morning, January 19, 1848, he stepped into the tailrace and picked up a few pieces of brass-colored metal. He showed them to the men at the mill. They all laughed. He pounded one piece under a hammer. He placed them in his pocket.

"Throw them away, Marshall," said one of the men, "and let's get the mill turning."

The next day Marshall rode into Sacramento and reining his foaming horse in front of Sutter's store, Sutter to a rear room, the door of which he locked.

"Do you know gold when you see it?"

"No, why?"

Then Marshall produced the brassy nug. They hammered out a piece the size of a half-dollar, and weighed it in scales against a silver 50-cent piece. It was heavier. They tested it with acids. They decided it was gold.

Together they returned to the mill, and before night had gathered a pan full of coarse gold nuggets.

When they did that they tapped the top of the treasure-vault of the Western States. The news of that find populated the Pacific Coast. A flame of excitement ran up and down the Sacramento Valley. It reached the four corners of the earth. People came from everywhere. Those few specks of gold found in the mill-race at Columbia, in Eldorado county, were the first of a production of \$1,750,000,000 that California was to yield! Then followed the herds that traveled to the new gold coast by sea, around the Horn, and across the plains, fighting Indians and wild beast, and uncovering other mining camps that made the western states famous. Between 1848 and 1869 California produced more gold than had been gained in all of North and South America in the previous two centuries.

Finding of the Comstock Lode. The chance remark of a hunter, followed by the accidental meeting of four men, is responsible for the uncovering of the most sensational body of ore in the history of mining. Prospectors swarmed all over the state of Nevada in 1859. They were men who had failed to find wealth in California, reinforced by immigrants who lacked the money to go farther. A hunter, whose name is not known, told Pat McLaughlin that there were mineral indications on Gold Hill. They found the place—and an outcrop, but no mineral. The ground had been prospected before and deserted.

It was discouraging. They worked without result. They decided to sink a well in a depression. At a depth of four feet they ran across some black-looking stuff that puzzled them. They washed some of it in a "rocker" and were amazed to find the bottom of the rocker "alive" with gold. In a few moments the men were making fifty dollars an hour. In the midst of this

golden dream, H. T. P. Comstock came upon them. He declared himself "in on it." He had prospected the ground before. He was determined he would not give an inch. They conceded him a half interest, which he divided with his partner. That claim afterward became the Ophir ground.

Its gold-bearing days were short-lived, when an assayer named Melville Atwood came along. Struck by the appearance of the black residue from the ore, he assayed it and found that it ran three thousand ounces in silver to the ton. Prior to that the search had been for gold. Now there was a stampede. Within two years Virginia City, Nevada, had a population of thirty thousand, and the famous lode named after Comstock has produced in gold and silver \$550,000,000. The mines burrowed down to a depth of more than three thousand feet, and for years fought through a rain of scalding hot water underground.

In the early '70's it began to "play out." The people were panic-stricken. Thousands faced starvation. Then appeared a man who seemed to "see through the mountain." The great lode had only been scratched, he declared. John Mackay, with James Fair and Messrs. Flood and O'Brien, started to sink the Consolidated California and Virginia shaft. Dark days were on the camp when that shaft went deeper and deeper without revealing an indication of ore. Just as the night was blackest, and the people filled with despair, the bottom of the Consolidated shaft punctured the top of the greatest bonanza ever recorded in history. Stocks soared. The hopes of the people revived. Virginia City was a bedlam of excitement. Millions came out of that hole. In the next two years the Consolidated paid dividends at the rate of \$2,000,000 a month.

The Chicken and the Professor. A chicken was the accidental means of halting a party of gold hunters, at a point which afterward became a great city, and the center of the most remarkable mining discoveries ever known.

A group of Georgia miners stopped on the banks of a sandy creek in western Kansas. New Year's day, 1859. They had some poultry with them which they turned loose for a few days. They killed one, and in cleaning it a small gold nugget was found in the crop.

Instantly a town was born. The men were from Auraria, Georgia, and they gave that name to the new place. The stream was called Cherry Creek. They panned up and down and within a few weeks so many trains of prairie schooners had stopped there that quite a community had been established. The Pike's Peak boom was on. From Leavenworth the world had been notified. There were saloons, gambling houses, dance halls, all the indulgences of a mining town, when the placer began to wane. The rush crowded the village. But the supply of gold was scant. Wagons labeled "Pike's Peak or Bust" came in daily. Some ascended the peak—seventy-five miles to the south—and if they could have found the man who started the rumor there would have been a hanging.

Then John Gregory panned down the creek to the Platte, and followed it to its confluence with Clear Creek. Here he obtained better "colors." He ascended this stream thirty miles to the point where it forked. He panned the gravel on each side, and selected the North Fork. The next day he lifted a panful of gravel from a gulch that will forever bear his name. The rush that followed changed the name of Auraria to Denver, and divorced from Kansas and Utah enough territory to create Colorado. The people were gold mad.

W. Green Russell, another Georgian, went into the next gulch, and almost the same day that Gregory "struck it," George Jackson, who had reached the South Fork of the same creek by crossing the mountains, added another district.

The gold came so fast that the government ordered a mint erected at Denver in 1861. Then evil days fell on the new camp. The "free" gold disappeared. It was now held in the clasp of iron and sulphur and would not yield. Thousands faced ruin. Not one, but several cities had been built in the mountains. Denver had grown by leaps and bounds. The people were in a panic. A mass meeting was called. It was a gloomy crowd that assembled. All agreed that something should be done. But what?

"Send for Professor Hill!" shouted a man in the rear of the room.

"Who is Professor Hill?" asked the chairman.

"He is professor of metallurgy at Brown University," came the answer. "How do you know?"

"Because I am a Brown man." "College fellow, eh?"

The man from Brown pressed his claim, and an appealing message was sent to the university. Professor Hill responded. He examined the ore and agreed to erect a smelter. The mineral wealth of Colorado was first uncovered by a chicken, and the state was saved by a professor, afterwards United States senator.

The Last Chance. In the spring of 1864 there was a stampede from Alder Gulch to the Kootenai, in British Columbia. Four men, named Cowan, Stanley, Miller and Crab, started north, and while crossing the Prickly Pear Valley in Montana, learned there was no use in going to the new diggings. This information was given to them by Jim Coleman and his party, who were returning. They debated together and concluded to go back to the states. They could not agree on the route they should follow. The Cowan party wanted to try a new trail over the mountains. Coleman insisted that it was but a game trail. The other thought not. So they parted.

Finding it impossible to get over the mountains, the Cowan party returned to the valley.

"Let's pan this gulch," said Cowan. "It's the last chance before we leave."

It was about sundown when Cowan made that remark. He filled his pan with gravel. In the gathering dusk his partners watched him, idly smoking.

The light was fading fast, and Cowan was hurrying the work. He had removed the coarse gravel and was well down to the bottom of the pan. As he began to shake it to rid it of superfluous dirt, and take in fresh water, he shouted:

"We've struck it bigger'n all outdoors! We can own all of Montana!"

In an instant his partners were at his side. Four breathless men watched the final operation. In the bottom of the pan were several flat pieces of gold. As the dirt was thrown out, more and more of the yellow stuff appeared. Altogether there was about eighteen dollars' worth in that pan. They worked by camp fire. They were wild with joy.

They were rich beyond their wildest dreams. They fired their revolvers and talked half the night, as they planned their future. They had made history in washing that pan, for Last Chance Gulch was to have a population of more than ten thousand before the snows of Christmas fell, and the nuggets found in that pan were the first of \$140,000,000 that it was to yield to the gold hunters. Helena, Montana, now stands on the place where that discovery was made.

A Murderer's Legacy. A great mining camp was discovered because a murderer escaped from jail. While evading arrest he stumbled on gold in the sands of a range of black mountains. Pursued by officers of the law and hunted by warlike Indians, hungry and weary, he gave himself up. To the warden of the prison where he died he gave two quills of gold, and made a rough map showing where he found the yellow stuff. They began an invasion of the country, which was an Indian reservation. Men died in the search for those mines. Wild Bill organized an expedition in 1872, and spent the winter in the Black Hills, fighting redskins. He was forced out in 1873 by the military. In spite of a cordon of soldiers and hostile Indians, prospectors risked their lives, for they found ore worth \$900 a ton! The Indians ceded their lands to the government and the rush commenced in 1876. Within a year there were forty thousand people in the gulches. Deadwood is located on the spot where the fleeing murderer found his little nuggets. If the keepers of the jail had not been lax, the half-breed Renseler would not have escaped. And if he had not escaped and been pursued, the wealth of the Black Hills would have been unknown.

Finding a Pleasant Tombstone. A prospector left Fort Huachuca, in Arizona.

"I am going out to find a million," he remarked.

"You will find your tombstone! The country is alive with Indians."

"Better a tombstone than poverty." A few weeks later he uncovered one of the greatest silver mines ever opened in the southwest, which he named the Toughtnut. He called it the Tombstone District. Several millions of dollars were taken out just under the grass roots. A town sprang up. A newspaper called the Epitaph was published daily. It was the accidental turning to the left, forced on him by

the presence of the Indians, rather than to the right, where there were better mineral indications, that caused him to stumble on the great silver deposit.

Where the Indians Got Their Paint. A piece of rock left on a hot stove by accident unlocked a treasure house. The Indians about Prescott, Arizona, had an abundance of paint. Where they obtained it was a mystery. The fact that they had it excited a party of prospectors who followed them. They tracked the redmen up Jerome Canyon, and saw bright red and green stains on the side of the canyon walls. They went above these, and located a silver mine, which they worked out. Then they sought a purchaser. They did not want to risk their money in searching for greater wealth.

They interested Senator W. A. Clark of Montana. He investigated. When and sank a shaft and gave up in disgust saw the red and green stains he knew that back in the hills there was a deposit of copper. He bought the mine and commenced the sinking of a shaft that has made famous the United Verde.

The Cripple Creek Enigma. Pike's Peak has always been associated with gold. In 1859 a camp was located in one of the many natural parks on the side of it. Several thousand people were there. There was a town, district rules were adopted, and location monuments established. The prospects were promising. There was everything to make a good town—except gold.

It flattened out and the place got a hard name. Then a man went over to Mount Pisgah, salted some claims, and started a rush. He left the country about twenty-five hundred feet ahead of a thirty-foot rope and several hundred angry men.

Some hardy prospectors went around on the south side of the peak just. For years expedition after expedition wasted time and money on the sides of the great peak.

Finally a man decided that the way to get gold out of that section was to feed cattle on the sides of the peak. He acquired a ranch. Later he borrowed some money on it and could not pay the mortgage. The holders of the notes offered to give him more time. He would rather they would take the ranch. Bob Womack dug a prospect hole in one of the gulches. A cow fell in it and was crippled. The owner of the ranch threatened to eject him. Womack sought aid to develop a mine. In response to his request, eminent mining men investigated his property and tried hard not to laugh in his presence. Dismayed mining engineers shook their heads knowingly and warned capitalists not to risk their money.

Then some one bought Womack's claim for a song, and commenced to work it. A little gold was found, but there stood Mount Pisgah, that had been salted, and all around it abandoned prospect holes that told of blasted hopes of bygone years. It had the curses of thousands of men upon it. A little gold came from the surface of the ground. But specialists sat up nights advising friends and clients to keep as far away from Cripple Creek as they could.

Then silver was demonized. Thousands were thrown out of employment. They heeded not the advice of the experts. They rushed into Cripple Creek by the thousand and accidentally discovered it. They crowded the trails, and tramped in over the snow. The first winter was terrible. They worked a place on Mineral Hill—Womack's mine, the El Paso began to ship ore. Then, like a flash, came the news of the finding of Bonanza on Gold Hill, Battle Mountain and Bull Hill.

The secret was revealed. The bright, silver-looking ore, that disappeared before the flame of the blowpipe, was gold disguised by tellurium. It was so simple. It all happened because a man left a piece of it on a stove by accident. The slow heat drove off the tellurium and left the gold in shining specks, peering through the rock.

The Opening of the Yukon. When the Telegraph Expedition forced its way through the northwest in the middle of the nineteenth century, it found evidences of gold along the Yukon river.

The party was locating a telegraph line that was never built. All that is necessary to start a prospector over the trail is word of rich diggings at another place, the farther away the better. Every year after that miners sought the north.

In 1896 the world was electrified by the discovery of George Carmack, who forced his way up the Yukon. 1860 miles from the sea. He prospected the various rivers in search of the gold which the Telegraph Expedition had reported.

He stumbled into Klondike Creek. Two miles above that he turned into a little stream, where he washed from forty to eighty dollars gold to the pan. His fortune was assured, and his discovery started the rush into the frozen north, for he had turned the key that opened the door to millions, away up in the Arctic Circle.

Thanks to the Reindeer. Nome was discovered because some reindeer strayed away in 1898 and a Lapland reindeer herder at Nome, stumbling along after them, accidentally kicked a nugget from the sands. The beach was worked right down to the edge of the Behring Sea.

Then a second zone was discovered thirty-seven feet higher, but farther back. When it was worked out, a third beach, one hundred and seventy feet above sea level, and a mile or more back from it, was found. A town sprang up and millions were taken from the beaches.

COURTING IN MISSOURI

ELDERLY GENTLEMAN REMEMBERS WHEN IT WAS BRISK.

Hearing the Story, Mrs. Harlow Understood Why Men in Some Western Communities Advertise for Wives to Be Sent Them.

"Listen to this!" exclaimed Mrs. Harlow, looking up from the morning paper across the table at her father-in-law, who is the only other member of the family who has time to linger over breakfast. "Here's a place where women are valued as they were in the days of chivalry."

"Where is this mediaeval hamlet?" asked Mr. Harlow between sips of coffee.

"Somewhere out west," replied Mr. Harlow, rather vaguely, for she had already begun to read the daily preachment on the woman's page, this time concerning street car manners.

"The young men of the place have written our mayor, asking him to send an immediate shipment of young women. They promise them husbands, homes and happiness. Imagine young men here in the east eager to exchange bachelor freedom for the gravest of all responsibilities!"

Mr. Harlow nodded understandingly. "It is no new desire in this part of the country," he declared, "the demand was just as great 45 years ago."

"I was a young man myself then," he continued, reminiscingly, "and once when I was on a hunting trip in Missouri I put up over night at a farmer's house where there were three sons and only one daughter.

"Shortly after I got there a wagon drove up containing two young men, who were instantly ushered into the parlor. Supper was then served, but while we were eating the howling of the dogs announced a newcomer. It was a third young man. The mother rose to admit him, but the daughter rushed forward.

"Don't get up, maw!" she said. "It's one of my fellers. Come in, Jim. Howdy do?"

"After supper I was invited to sit in the kitchen. Jim was left in sole possession of the sitting room. Scarcely were we comfortably settled in the kitchen when a fourth young man made his appearance.

"The house consisted of only three rooms. Two beans were already in the parlor, and one in the sitting room. There was nothing for the last comer, therefore, except to make himself as happy as he could in the kitchen, while the young lady divided her attention impartially between the four. Ten minutes later there were two more arrivals.

"The widdeners," the youngest boy explained, audibly.

"At nine o'clock I wanted to go to bed, and the father divined my wishes.

"I'm sorry, stranger," he said, "but the only bed is in the parlor, and this is courtin' night. Them two in the parlor never leave afore midnight, and the other four'll straggle along later.

"Friday night is purty bad, but Sunday's it wuss. Last Sunday night there was ten on 'em; and the gal's gittin' more'n more partic'lar."

"Seeing no other resource, I betook myself to a haystack in the yard and the old man remarked as he lighted me along:

"Yes, sir, courtin's always brisk in Missouri!"—Youth's Companion.

Queen Mary's Aversions. The old-fashioned ways of Queen Mary of England are not entirely approved by the sporting element of Great Britain. She has held the prince of Wales, who has a sportive diathesis, well in hand, though the task has not by any means been an easy one. The queen has a horror of the turf, as the English name horse racing, and everything connected with it, and it is said that if she has her way the whole of the royal stud would be disposed of tomorrow. The young prince is about to attend his first race meeting. It is his ambition—in this he is somewhat like his grandfather, Edward VII.—to own a number of fast horses, but the queen will listen to no suggestions along that line. It is said that she has no great sympathy with collectors of old furniture. A chair was recently shown to her by its proud possessor who informed her majesty that he had paid £500—\$3,000—for it. "Rather more than I spent for furnishing the whole of my cottage after my marriage," was her prudent reply. It is these homely traits that serve to endear her, not to the aristocracy, but to the common people of Great Britain.

Consumption in France. Dr. Jacques Bertillon of Paris, has given it as his opinion that alcohol may be called the principal cause of consumption. He says that all France is divided in two sections. North of the River Loire the grape vine does not thrive and the favorite beverages are cider and beer. In that section much alcohol is consumed, and tuberculosis is of frequent occurrence. The other section is south of the Loire. There the grape flourishes, the principal beverage is claret, and consumption is of rare occurrence.

Can't Bite Him. Bill—I see it is said that a balloonist at an elevation of four miles can hear the barking of a dog on the earth below.

Jill—Yes, but he has the satisfaction of knowing his shins are safe.

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There Are Others. "What are the principal activities of the official position our friend occupies?"

"Those involved in holding on to it," replied Senator Sorghum.

Direct Hint. A dirty-looking stranger entered an hotel.

"Where's the bar?" he asked of Pat, who was standing at the door.

"What kind of a bar?" asked the latter.

"Why, a liquor bar, of course. What do you suppose I mean?"

"Well," drawled Pat, with a twinkle, "I didn't know but what you might mean a bar of soap."

Delicate Point. They are a happy couple. They haven't been married very long. In fact, the honeymoon has barely waned, says the Pittsburgh Post. An elderly friend met the bridegroom downtown yesterday and slapped him on the back.

"Well, happy as a lark, I suppose?" "Oh, yes."

"How's the cooking?" "I have one trouble. It's just this—my wife has been preparing angel food every day for dinner."

"You must be getting tired of it." "I am. Yet I feel a hesitancy about saying anything. How soon after the honeymoon would it be proper to ask for beefsteak and onions?"

Beginning Soon to Worry. Mrs. Jones—My sister is worried to death over her son, Reginald. She wants him to enter the ministry, his father wants him to go into business, while Reginald himself has got his mind set on being an actor, and says nothing shall keep him from it.

Mrs. Brown—Hum. How old is he? Mrs. Jones—He's getting on for seven.—Stray Stories.

GOOD NATURED AGAIN Good Humor Returns With Change to Proper Food.

"For many years I was a constant sufferer from indigestion and nervousness, amounting almost to prostration," writes a Montana man.

"My blood was impoverished, the vision was blurred and weak, with moving spots before my eyes. This was a steady daily condition. I grew ill-tempered, and eventually got so nervous I could not keep my books posted, nor handle accounts satisfactorily. I can't describe my sufferings."

"Nothing I ate agreed with me, till one day I happened to notice Grape-Nuts in a grocery store, and bought a package out of curiosity to know what it was.

"I liked the food from the very first, eating it with cream, and now I buy it by the case and use it daily. I soon found that Grape-Nuts food was supplying brain and nerve force as nothing in the drug line ever had done or could do.

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Ground Broken For Court House

Last Monday morning the ground was broken for the Roberts County Court House according to contract. Mr. Fred Bone, of the firm of Bone & Parr, and his construction foreman, Mr. Frank Little, were on the job and started the works in a systematic manner.

The first work to be done is the excavation to be made for the basement story. There will be two stories above the basement, with entrances to the first story on the north and south fronts.

The basement story will have entrances at the sides of the main entrances to the first story and will make much to the general convenience of the building. There will be boiler, fuel and toilet rooms on this floor in addition to six large office rooms for the county officials and 2 vaults for general purposes and one extra large vault to keep all the court records in.

The first story will have an office room for the county clerk, and a recording office, with a spiral steel staircase from each of these to the large vault in the basement. This vault will be absolutely fireproof, with steel shutters as an extra safeguard. The county judge's office and the commissioners court room are also on this floor, each being equipped with a vault. There are also five large office rooms on this floor to be used for general purposes.

The main staircase from the basement to the first story will be a massive structure of marble rises and steps, and also marble wainscoting, with wrought iron balusters and grill work. The corridor on the first story floor will be of tile, and the walls will be decorated four feet high with marble wainscoting.

The second floor will have a large district court room, 44 x 48, in the center with 6 other rooms on the sides. Two of these rooms are jury dormitories and the other 4 are consultation and witness rooms.

The court room will have oak panel wainscoting all around and an ornamental cornice. The staircase from the first floor will be of wrought iron, which will lend vastly to its durability. All the interior finishing will be of oak.

The face brick for the walls will be of a mottled dark for the basement, and for the remainder of the building a buff colored face brick will be used. The building will be adorned with a Terra Cotta cornice, and each entrance will have two columns the full height of the building of Bedford stone.

The roof will be constructed of Spanish tile, and the building in general is strictly modern and fire proof. It will be equipped with steam heat, electric wired, with sewer and plumbing fixtures. The size of the building is to be 84½ ft. by 66 ft.

Mr. Frank Little is the construction foreman and will be on the works all the time until completed. As far as possible home labor will be used on this job, and the building will be completed at the earliest possible date, a good part of the excavation work having already been completed.

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ANCIENT STATUTE UNCOVERED BY COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION.

Asks Repeal of Law Enacted in 1874—Act Hinders Organization of Private Corporations.

Dallas, Texas.—The Texas Welfare Commission in its investigation of legislation in relation to the organization of private corporations developed some very ancient statutes which have been covered by the debris of a half century of custom. One of these statutes which has been water-logged by custom and has escaped the notice of many corporations that depend largely upon bond issues for financing their projects was brought to the attention of the Commission by R. C. Duff, chairman. The statute in question was adopted in 1874 and prohibits private corporations from incurring an indebtedness greater than the amount of their capital stock.

Many private corporations ignorant of or indifferent to this law have frequently violated it and by common custom have long ignored it, but corporations that place their securities upon the market when they are examined by skillful lawyers find their bonds rejected on account of this statute. The provision was incorporated in our law upon the erroneous theory commonly accepted at that time that a corporation should not incur a debt greater than the amount of the capital stock. The Commission finds the statute a menace to creditors in good faith and asks that it be repealed.

The watering of stock of private corporations also came in for severe censure at the hands of the Commission and they made a plea for higher standards of business morality in legislation for the promotion and organization of private corporations. The report of the Commission of this subject in part, is as follows:

"When the disposition of the state concerning railroad securities is remembered, it is remarkable that public sentiment has not heretofore driven our legislatures to throw more safeguards around the organization of private corporations, whose stock is intended to be sold to the people of Texas. Some rational legislation that will insure some reasonable relevancy between the value of the property owned or to be owned by the corporation and the securities to be issued by the same should be adopted."

WATER MOST VALUABLE AGRICULTURAL ASSET.

Enough Wasted Annually to Supply 6,000,000 Acres. Conservation Urged.

The cry of water arising from the arid regions of Texas has caused the Texas Welfare Commission to investigate the subject of irrigation.

The report of the commission shows that we now have 425,000 acres of land under irrigation in Texas today, and of this area 275,000 acres are in rice and 150,000 in general crops and the land is the most valuable in the state.

The report further states that water is our most valuable agricultural asset. According to the report of the division of irrigation investigations of the United States Department of Agriculture, there is wasted into the Gulf of Mexico through the ordinary flow of the Trinity river each year upwards of four million acre feet of water, through the Colorado one and one-half million acre feet through the Rio Grande five million acre feet, one-half of which we claim. Through these four streams at least ten million acre feet of water is each year lost to Texas which, if conserved, would serve as a supplemental supply of water to at least six million acres of land.

The commission finds millions of acres of fertile soil in southwest and west Texas land without an artificial supply of water that has very little value, and there is no section of the state in which the productive power of the soil will not be immensely increased if, when periods of scant rainfall occur, a supplementary water supply is available and applied. The area to be irrigated is only limited by the extent of the water supply. This supply may be drawn from the natural flow of streams, from their flood discharges by impounding in reservoirs, from artesian and from shallow wells.

The commission suggests a unity of effort between the federal and state governments in the solution of our irrigation problems. The federal government stands ready to spend dollar for dollar in this co-operative work with the state. It is hoped that a co-operative bill along this line may be enacted at the coming session of the legislature.

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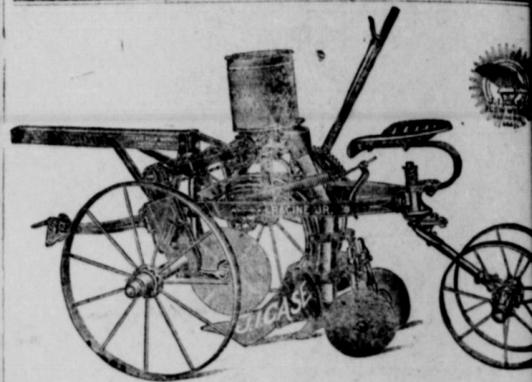
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MIAMI LODGE NO. 48, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, meet in their own Hall each Tuesday night.

Dan Kivlehen, N. G.
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Meet on Every 1st Friday Night.

J. M. GRIGSBY, Foreman.
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W. F. Parker of Fort Worth was transacting business in Miami Thursday.

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L. P. Landrum, manager of the Hereford Nursery, is in Miami in the interest of his nursery business.

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*** If you are not trading with the White House we are both losing them ***.

Dr. J. Q. Burton of Hereford was transacting business in Miami Wednesday.

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Mr. Works, of Higgins, has returned home after getting things in shape for the installation of his picture show

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W. S. Carter of Amarillo, was in town first of the week, and while here call in and had us to put his name on our list.

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Announcement.

I wish to announce to the public that I have opened a Grocery and Gents Furnishing store in the Philpott building.

I have also a stock of Ladies and Children's furnishings which I will close out at cost.

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All thy days are sparkling beauty
And as radiant thy night.

With proud sentinels surrounding
King of which is Mt. Moriah,
Seeming here to guard thy treasures,
And to point thy spirits higher.

And thy Springtime, Oh, Miami,
When the white robes change to green
Down the valley of Red Deer
Trails thy beauty most serene.

As Jerusalem thou sittest
Proudly on thy stately hills,
As we view thy scenic grandeur,
Here our hearts with rapture fill.

Oh, Miami, nature gave thee
Lavishly her treasures rare,
Add to this thy noblest effort,
Then Miami thou art fair.

—Minnie Hillary Harrison.

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Preaching every 2nd Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.—S. A. McPherson, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH—Preaching every 2nd and 4th Sunday at eleven o'clock. Sunday School at 10 o'clock.
CHURCH OF GOD—Meets to practice singing every Friday evening at 7 p. m. Bible lesson every first day of the week at 10 a. m. Preaching on 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

Henry Kelley is visiting with his brother, Dr. J. H. Kelley, this week.

R. L. Patterson of Canadian spent Thursday in Miami.

The Avery Co., will give a Gas Engine and Self-Lift plow demonstration at Miami the first week in March. J. P. Wright, Agt.

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The net from Cairo Bagdad

by HAROLD MAC GRATH
Author of HEARTS AND MASKS
The MAN ON THE BOX etc.
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SYNOPSIS.

George Percival Algernon Jones, vice-president of the Metropolitan Oriental Rug company of New York, thirsting for romance, is in Cairo on a business trip. Horace Ryanne arrives at the hotel in Cairo with a carefully guarded bundle. Ryanne sells Jones the famous holy Yliordes rug which he admits having stolen from a palace at Bagdad. Jones meets Major Callahan and later is introduced to Fortune Chesdoye by a woman to whom he had loaned thousands at Monte Carlo some months previously, and who turns out to be Fortune's mother. Jones takes Mrs. Chesdoye and Fortune to a polo game. Fortune returns to Jones the money borrowed by her mother. Mrs. Chesdoye appears to be engaged in some mysterious enterprise unknown to the daughter. Ryanne interests Jones in the United Romance and Adventure company, a concern which for a price will arrange any kind of an adventure to order. Mrs. Chesdoye, her brother, Major Callahan, Wallace and Ryanne, as the United Romance and Adventure company, plan a risky enterprise involving Jones. Ryanne makes known to Mrs. Chesdoye his intention to marry Fortune. Mrs. Chesdoye declares she will not permit it. Plans are laid to prevent Jones sailing for home. Ryanne steals Jones' letters and cable dispatches. He wires agent in New York, in Jones' name, that he is renting house in New York to some friends. Mohamed, keeper of the holy carpet, is one of Ryanne's trail. Ryanne promises Fortune that he will see that Jones comes to no harm as a result of his purchase of the rug. Mohamed accuses Ryanne and demands the Yliordes rug. Ryanne tells him Jones has the rug and suggests the production of a handkerchief and a delicately dried his lips. He alone of his confederates had life. He was because he alone understood. Prison wasn't staring him in the face just yet. "Well, Arthur, old top, how goes it? Nearly got your money-bags, didn't we? And we surely would have but for this delicious vintage." "Damn you and your wine!" roared the Major, shaking with rage. This adventure had been no joke to him, no craving for excitement. He wanted the gold, the gold. With what would have been his share he could have gambled at Monte Carlo and Ostend till the end of his days. For the first time he saw long, black bars of iron running up and down a window. And all for a bottle of wine!

"Damn away, old sport!" Ryanne reached for the bottle and filled his glass again. "Percival, I'm blamed sorry about that olive-tree of yours." He waved his hand toward the bags. "You can see that my intentions in regard to refunding that hundred pounds were strictly honorable. Now, what's on the ticket?" "I suppose your luggage is outside in the automobiles?" "Right-o!" "Well, I need not explain my reasons; you will understand them; but I am going to give you all two hours' time. Then I shall notify the police. You will have to take your chance after that time." The circling faces brightened perceptibly. Two hours—that would carry them far into Jersey. "Accepted with thanks," said Ryanne. "I refuse to permit it!" yelled the brother. "Mr. Jones, you will rue this night's work. I shall see that the law looks into your actions. This is felony. I demand to be allowed to telephone." "Percival, for heaven's sake, let him!" cried Ryanne wearily. "Let him shout; it will soften his voice. He will hurt nobody. The wires were cut hours ago." Mortimer felt the tense muscles in his grasp relax. Arthur Wadsworth grew limp and reeled against the jamb of the door. "You had better start at once," George advised. "You three first," with a nod toward Wallace (his bulbous nose now lavender in hue), the butler and the first-man. "Forward march, front door. Go on!" "What about me?" asked Ryanne. "In a moment." George could not but admire the man, rascal though he was. There was a pang of regret in his heart as the thought came and went swiftly: what a comrade this man would have made under different circumstances! Too late! "Halt!" he cried. The trio marching toward the door came to a stop, their heads turned inquiringly. "Here, Mr. Mortimer; take one of these guns and cover the Major. He's the one I doubt." Then George followed the others into the hall and ironically bade them God-speed as he opened the door for them. They went out stupidly; the wine had dulled them. George immediately returned to the library. Neither Fortune nor her mother had stirred in all this time. A quality of hypnotism held them in bondage. The mother could not lower her glance and the daughter would not. If there was a light of triumph in Fortune's eyes, it was unconsciously there. And no one will know the full bitterness that shone from the mother's. She could have screamed with fury; she could have rent her clothes, torn her skin, pulled her hair; and yet she sat there without physical sign of the tempest. On her side, Fortune knew, that had there been a single gesture toward

CHAPTER XXII.

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sal and high. "Do you hear me? Let me go!"

"Mr. Mortimer," said George, without turning his head or letting his eye waver, "keep him back. Thanks." George stepped over the threshold. "Now gentlemen, I shall shoot the first man who makes a movement."

And Ryanne, who knew something about George, saw that he meant just what he said. "Steady, every one," he said. "My friend George here can't shoot; but that kind of a man is deadliest with a pistol. I surrender."

The brother was struggling. "The telephone! The telephone! I demand to call the police. This is necessary to the fact! I tell you, let me go!"

"Mr. Wadsworth," replied George, "if you do not be still and let me run this affair, I'll throw the pistols to the floor, and your brother and his friends may do as they bally please. Now, step back and be quiet. Stop!" to Ryanne, whose hand was reaching out toward the table.

"Don't shoot, Percival! I want only a final glass of wine." Ryanne calmly took the slender stem of the glass between his fingers, lifted it and drank. He set it down empty. From his outside pocket he drew a handkerchief and delicately dried his lips. He alone of his confederates had life. He was because he alone understood. Prison wasn't staring him in the face just yet. "Well, Arthur, old top, how goes it? Nearly got your money-bags, didn't we? And we surely would have but for this delicious vintage."

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gold; nor that the banker had not even thanked them for their labor. The first impulse of the banker had been to send the story forth to the world, to harass and eventually capture his brother; but his foresight becoming normal, he realized that silence was best, even if his brother escaped. If the depositors heard that the bank had been entered and a million taken from the vaults, there would naturally follow a terrific run. When the last bag had been taken

and the banker and the

police had gone, the bell rang. George went to the door. A messenger handed him a small satchel and a note. There was to be no reply. The note was from Ryanne. Briefly it stated that the satchel contained the emeralds. There had been some difficulty in forcing the Major to surrender them. But that much was due to George for his generosity. Later in the day he—George—might inform his brother—brother that the coup hadn't been a total fizzle. They had already packed away in suit-cases something like two hundred thousand dollars in bills of all denominations. "Tell that dear brother of mine to charge it to our account. It will be less than the interest upon a million in ten years. To you, my boy, I add: Fortune favors the brave!"

"George," said Mortimer, "you will not mind if I forage round in the kitchen? A bottle of beer and a bit of cheese would go handy. It's almost my breakfast time."

"Bless your heart, help yourself!" And George turned to Fortune.

"Ah," she cried, seizing his hands, "you will not think ill of me?" "And for what?" astonished.

"For not speaking to my mother. Oh, I just couldn't; I just couldn't! When I thought of all the neglect, all the indifference, the loneliness, I couldn't! It was horribly unnatural and cruel!"

"I understand, heart of mine. Say no more about it." And he put his two hands against her cheeks and kissed her. "Never shall you be lonely again, for I am going to be all things to you. Poor heart! Just think that all that has passed has been only a bad dream, and that it's clear sunny morning; eh?" He held her off a ways and then swept her into his arms as he had done on board the ship, roughly and masterly. "And there's that old rug! Talk about magic carpets! There never was one just like this. But for it I shouldn't even have known you. And, by Jove! when the minister comes this afternoon—"

"This afternoon!" "Exactly! When he comes, you and I are going to stand upon that beautiful, friendly old rug, and both of us are going to be whisked right away into Eden."

"Please!" Silence. "How brave you are!" "I? Oh, pshaw!" "Would you have shot one of them?"

"Girl, your Percival Algernon couldn't have hit the broad side of a barn." He laughed joyously. "I knew it. And that is why I call you brave."

And when the pale gold of winter dawn filled the room, it found them, hand in hand, staring down at the old Yliordes, the magic old Yliordes from Bagdad.

THE END.

Lucky to Get Anything. The law of the land had spoken and the verdict was \$5,000 damages.

CHAPTER I—Bill Cannon, the bonanza king, and his daughter Rose, who had been married to a millionaire, had arrived at Antelope, to accompany her father, who had just returned from a successful trip to the West.

CHAPTER II—Dominick Ryan calls on his mother to beg a ball invitation for his wife, and is refused. The determined old lady declines to recognize her daughter-in-law.

CHAPTER III—Dominick had been trapped into a marriage with Bernice Iverson, a stenographer, several years his senior. He squanders his money, has frequent quarrels, and slips away.

CHAPTER IV—Cannon and his daughter are rescued from storm in unseasonable condition and brought to Antelope hotel.

CHAPTER V—Antelope is cut off by storm. Rose Cannon nurses Dominick back to life.

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Bill Cannon, the bonanza king, and his daughter Rose, who had been married to a millionaire, had arrived at Antelope, to accompany her father, who had just returned from a successful trip to the West.

CHAPTER II—Dominick Ryan calls on his mother to beg a ball invitation for his wife, and is refused. The determined old lady declines to recognize her daughter-in-law.

CHAPTER III—Dominick had been trapped into a marriage with Bernice Iverson, a stenographer, several years his senior. He squanders his money, has frequent quarrels, and slips away.

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MORE ATLANTIC LINERS REQUIRED

CONGESTION ON EXISTING STEAMSHIPS ON ACCOUNT OF CANADIAN IMMIGRATION.

It is reported that eight new Transatlantic liners are under construction for the exclusive use of the Canada Trade. These are being built by White Star, Canadian Pacific and Cunard Companies.

The liners to be built for the White Star are to be of the same type as the Laurentic and Majestic, and will place the Canada and Teutonic. Cunard Line's new steamer, Asa, has already completed successful maiden voyage from England, Montreal, and her sister ship will be launched early next year.

It is predicted that the Canadian Northern will not be slow in following the example of the other big concerns as it is a matter of common belief that Canada, more than any other in the world, will be the country of the future, and the best field for investment by shipping interests.

An official of one of the companies already building steamers for the trade told the American yesterday that the ideal steamer for this sea is the two-cabin boat, having accommodations for second-class and single passengers only.

"We do not expect that the steamer cabin de luxe class will travel between Canada and England very tensively," he said, "but the business that is to be obtained there will immensely lucrative, and for the ten years the eyes of the ship world will be riveted on Canada. Panama Canal, undoubtedly will receive a lot of attention, but the lines in that route will be nothing compared with the Canadian trade for immediate future. Panama will develop and become bigger in the years to come, but at the present we are most concerned with the tremendous tide of immigration that is being diverted from the United States to Dominion.

"The farm land of the vast Northwest is the attraction, and while flood of immigration is at its height the Canadian Government exercises strict censorship over the class of immigrants admitted. In this way are drawing their future citizens from the Northern countries and shown an unwelcome face to the people of Southern Europe."—Adventurer.

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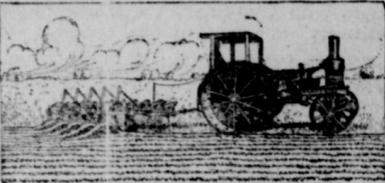
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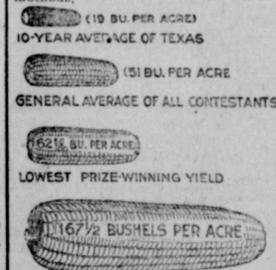


ALFORD BRANCH
"Champion Corn Grower of Texas,"
167 1/2 Bushels on One Acre.

Alford Branch is a wide-awake farmer boy living at Overton, Rusk County, Texas, who, by careful preparation of his land in the fall of 1911, so that it was in condition for the winter rains to sink in and to be stored for the use of the plant during the following season; who carefully selected the best seed-corn that was grown in his section and by shallow and constant cultivation from the time the corn was a few inches high until it was actually mature, not only kept it free from weeds, but kept the surface for an inch and a half or two inches so finely pulverized that it acted as a mulch and prevented the loss of moisture by capillary attraction, has raised on one acre of second bottom land 167 1/2 bushels of corn at a cost of 13 cents per bushel. Rating the corn at the low price of 70 cents per bushel, there was a net profit of \$95.35 from this acre. Adding to this the \$250 prize money awarded him by the Texas Industrial Congress, makes a total of \$345.35, which is the interest at 6 per cent upon \$5,755.83, and represents the value of an intelligent combination of brains and work.

This young man broke his land in the early winter with a two-horse plow, cutting about six inches deep; followed in the same furrow with a team pulling what is known as a "bull-tongue" that cut ten inches further into the earth, but turned up no new soil, and formed a reservoir to hold the moisture as well as to aerate the land and make more plant-food available. He used five hundred pounds of commercial fertilizer that had been recommended by a reliable house as best adapted to the successful growth of corn upon his black, sandy land, which had been in grass for a number of years and had an ample supply of humus. He used seed-corn that was popular in his neighborhood, known as the "Bloody Butcher." He states that he made as much corn on the one acre by the better methods above-mentioned as his father made on ten acres prepared and cultivated in the old-fashioned way.

The picture below is a graphic illustration of the value of using improved methods.



LARGEST PRIZE-WINNING YIELD

The general average of all contestants was fifty-one bushels to the acre, while the general average for the State in 1912 was but twenty-one bushels. If all of the corn growers in Texas had averaged just what these contestants averaged, at the prevailing price, the crop would have brought one hundred and sixty-odd million dollars more than it did.

In 1911 the average corn crop of Texas was 9.6 bushels to the acre. Seventeen hundred and forty-six contestants for the prizes offered by the Texas Industrial Congress, coming from one hundred and sixty-one counties, averaged 21 1/2 bushels of corn per acre. All of the prizes were won in seventeen counties. In 1912 there were 4,930 contestants from 295 counties. Fifty-five counties won prizes and 16 of the 17 that won in 1911 won again in 1912. This clearly demonstrates that the work of the Congress is constructive, permanent and cumulative.

The Congress keeps in touch with all contestants, makes suggestions as to preparation of soil, conserving moisture and fertility to make plant food available, as to seed selection and the best methods of cultivation, but all of these are subject to any change that the contestants think best to make; the only object being to offer suggestions that cause the farmer to investigate and with all the information at hand to determine the best methods to adopt.

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