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Over The Plains

A F. Bond living near Ochil-tree was caught in a belt at a threshing machine last week and badly but not seriously injured.

A pool hall election in Higgins last week resulted in 50 to 75 against them.

A report was circulated in several of the papers last week that Mrs. Adair of the JA ranch would bring 1,000 Belgions to Texas Panhandle. She denies knowing anything about it.

Lipscomb is trying hard to get a flour mill. Plans are now on foot.

The Matador short line railroad have recently received their engine and now have a real railroad.

Reports are out that the Panhandle Santa Fee will put on two more passenger trains after Jan. 1. We understand that they will be only through trains, making stops only at divisions, but the trains will be the best that the road affords.

Chester Duthict of Plainview was kicked over the heart by a horse last week. He died ten minutes later.

From the number of accidents that our exchanges are reporting caused by autos, it seems to us that the speed limit should be cut some. Plainview News reports the overturning of a big car last week driven by a lady who became excited and ran into a fence.

Canadian is taking up a donation for the Belgions and will send it in soon.

LOST STRAYED OR STOLEN
A 2 yr. old heifer, red mottle face branded H M A on right side. Disappeared Nov. 20 from Gossett place.
19 tf. H. M. Anderson.

NOTICE

Coffee & Company have turned their accounts over to me for collection and I will be glad to have all owing them to call at the store and settle at once.
17 4tp. J.M. Smith



The day you start your Bank Account—This day marks the birth of your success. It only remains for you to add to it, day by day, and each new day will find you stronger in character, and possessing a determination to succeed.

THE First State Bank Of Miami



A Real Bank For Depositors

War Tax Stamp

Papers and miscellaneous commodities. Washington, D. C. Dec. 1—There will be two classes of stamps for the payment of the stamp taxes which go into effect. One class will be for use on proprietary articles and wines the other for documents. The proprietary stamps range from 1-8 to 20 cents, and the documentary stamps from 1-2 cent to \$1,000.

The adhesive stamp taxes are the ones which in most cases will fall directly on the average citizen. Following is the official schedule of the stamp tax.

Bonds, debentures, certificates of indebtedness by any association, company or coporation, new issues, \$100 per value 5c. each.

Sales or agreements to sell stock, \$100 par value 2 cents each.

Agreement of sale of products or merchandise on exchanges, each \$100 1 cent.

Promissory notes, except bank notes for circulation and renewals, each \$100 2 cents.

Bundles shipped by freight or express 1 cent.

Telegraph and telephone companies, on each message over 15 cents, 1 cent.

Senders of telephone and telegraph messages, on each over 15 cents, 1 cent.

Certificates of profits of corporations, and transfers thereof, face value each \$100, 2 cents.

Damage certificates, etc. 25 cents.

Other certificates required by law, 10 cents.

Broker's note or memorandum of sale, 10 cents.

Deeds or realty transfers, valued between \$100 and \$500 50 cents.

Deeds not exceeding \$500 value, 50 cents.

Deeds exceeding \$500 value \$1.

Entry for withdrawal of goods from customs bonded warehouse 50 cents.

Insurance of property, new or renewed policies, each dollar 1-2 cent.

Policies of insurance or bonds of nature of indemnity for loss each dollar, 1 cent.

Passenger tickets by sea to foreign ports costing less than ten dollars, \$1.

Passenger tickets not exceeding \$60, \$3.

Passenger tickets exceeding \$60, \$5.

Perfumeries, cosmetics, vasaline, hair dyes, tooth washes graded in values of five cents up to 15 cents, each 5 cents 1-8 cent.

Same as above valued from 15 to 25 cents, 5-8 cent.

Same as above each addition 25 cents retail, 5-8 cent.

Chewing gum, etc valued less than \$1, a unit, 4-10 cent.

Chewing gum each additional dollar, 4-10 cent.

Voting powers or proxiee 10 cents.

Power to convey real estate, protests, 25 cents.

Palace or parlor car seat or birth, 1 cent.

Miami Lodge No 805 A F & A M, meets night of First Friday of each month
H. E. Baird W. M.
M. M. Craig, Sec.

Royal Arch Chapter, 265, meet night of Third Friday in each month.
J. A. meade H. P.
G. E. Baird, Sec.

For The Ladies Only

Some very valuable suggestions on Home-Made Christmas Presents

In this issue of the Chief you will find some very useful and timely suggestions on home made Christmas presents. We trust that some of these suggestions may help you to solve that ever-perplexing question of "What to give" They are all practical and useful and can easily be made by any woman or girl in the privacy of her own home. Be sure and look them over and see if you cannot get some good ideas from them.

Miami Market Yesterday

Wheat No. 2	\$1.03
Oats	.42
Corn	.55
Maize per dwt	.76
Heads	9.00
Hay	7 to 11.00
Alfalfa	15.00
Butter	.18
Eggs	.25
Hens	07 to 08
Turkeys	.10

The Weather

The weather this week has been very muchly unsettled. No rain or snow yet, but threatening every day. The temperature is considerably lowered and rain and snow has been falling on our near neighbors.

Credits

Miami Public School has the honor of turning out a pupil into the University of Texas.

In a received letter home, Mr. Chas. Heare now a member of the Sophomore class of State University, he says "This is a splendid institution, I like it better the longer I am here, I admire the sentiment, the spirits and principals of the University of Texas. It is true they are graded of society here, the time there are flights be made for right against wrong. Perhaps a few come only for a good time, but nearly every one is here with a strong motive for business. A vast majority of the T. U. students have only a moderate means. Some make all of their expenses. Of course they carry heavy loads. I like the faculty, I think that body is very strong. It is a demonstrated fact that no one will graduate with out earning his honor. It is a mans task to stay with it and do good work. I am determined to do this and will be amply rewarded by the pride I may take in a degree conferred by the State University of Texas. The nearer I approach this coveted goal the more thankful I am for my early opportunities, I could not do this work if it were not for the foundation laid in the Public school. I am glad I was a pupil in the Miami public school from the primary to the High School"

PIANO RECITAL

Given by Mrs. Ewings class.
December 4th.

Marche des Troubadours	Roubier
Eileen Wren, Lucile Ewing	
Mazurka	Orndorff
Mattie Elliot.	
Silver Gleam Waltz	*Tennie Seiber
Robin Redbreast Polka	Lorena McCauley
Reading	Selected
Lucile Ewing	
Duet	Black Rose Waltz
*Grace Lard, *Mrs. Waggoner	
Silver Bell Waltz	*Lena Huber
Polka	Clara Mae Kindey
Schotische	*Letha Cunningham
Song	"With the last Rose of Summer"
Miss Ramsay	
waltz	*Elvira Kinney
Sax waltz	Eva Seiber
Schuman's Happy Farmer	†Charlie Kivlehen
First Bud Waltz	†Lucy Talley
Piano and Violin	"Loves old Sweet Song"
Mary Nelson, Mr. Kivlehen	
Bluebolls-Caprice	Smith
†Edna Walker	
Twilight Reverie	Guy
*Mrs. Waggoner	
Polacca Brillante	Bohm
Eileen Wren	
Vocal Solo	Thru a Primrose Dell
Mrs. John Webster	
Angel Voices	Sweet
†Clarice Wren	
Evergreen waltz	Stoddard
†Lucile Gill	
Valse Charming-Reverie	Kinkel
Helen McCauley	
A Rag	*Leo Fitzgerald
Reading	Selected
Miss Shaller	
Flower Song	Lango
Helen Baird	
Valse June	Baxter
*Annie Jackson	
Butterflies	Gurlet
Connie Plemons	
The Fountain	Reynald
†Modena Burks	
* First term Students	
† Second term students	

STUDER

"The Meat Man"

The best we can possibly give for money
OYSTERS for Christmas

GOOD Apples \$1.10 per bushel.

NIGE line of Heinz pickles, kraut and meat dressings, the best ever

Order your Christmas Turkey now, and we Will dress it for a quarter.

Everything needed for trimming up your Christmas dinner.

Everything that is handled by an up-to-date Meat Market.

Some Broom Corn

Monday was a real busy day with the freighters of Wheeler county. Our town was so full Monday night that there was hardly room for the wagons on the street. All of them came in Monday evening loaded with broom corn which was shipped out. One of the parties said that there were 75 wagons and we don't doubt it. Most of them returned with loads of coal, lumber, building material and provisions.

Beautiful hand painted china, for Xmas gifts on display at Cooks Jewelry Store.

FOR SALE
Some nice Big Type Poland China Hogs, see or write,
H. A. Nelson,
30tf. Miami, Texas.

Candidates may enter race for Baby Range Eternal anytime or withdraw, but no votes will be transferred.

Mrs. Martain Dead

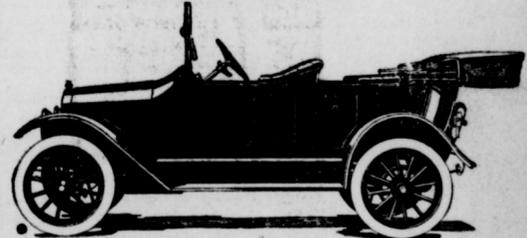
Word was received Sunday morning that Mrs. W. S. Martin died Saturday in Okla. City. Mrs. Martin has been in ill health for several years, and went there hoping to get relief.

She has many friends in Miami who will regret to learn of death, and the husband and children have our deepest sympathy.

Our Christmas Tree

So far we have heard of no Christmas trees being planned for Miami. It is time to make arrangements if we have one, two or more. Several of the towns are not having Christmas trees and are giving their money to the Belgians which is a real good cause. A municipal tree for Miami might work pretty well, get a big tree, put in the auditorium, let all the Sunday Schools, etc. join in and render a good Christmas program and it would be pretty nice.

Maxwell



Maxwell 5 passenger touring car with complete equipment—including mohair top, clear vision ventilating windshield, speedometer, tire carrier and electric horn. Electric lights and starter. \$795 F.O.B. Miami.
1915 Hudson light Six 40 \$1650. delivered. Always ready to demonstrate.

J. L. Seiber & Co. Agts.

IF YOU ARE WISE

YOU WILL START A BANK ACCOUNT TODAY

It is hard enough to make both ends meet without figuring on the Unexpected. And be sure the unexpected will come. NO ONE EVER ESCAPES IT. Better start an account now and be prepared. And why not make sure of a good start by placing your first deposit with us. We solicit your account.

The Bank of Miami

(Unincorporated)
ROBERTS COUNTY DEPOSITORY

The Last Shot

FREDERICK PALMER

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SYNOPSIS.

At their home on the frontier between the Browns and Grays, Marta Galloway and her mother, entertaining Colonel Westering of the Grays, see Captain Lanstron of the Browns injured by a fall in his aeroplane. Ten years later, Westering, nominal vice but real chief of staff, re-enforces South La Tir and meditates on war. He calls on Marta, who is visiting in the Gray capital. She tells him of her teaching children the follies of war and martial patriotism, and begs him to prevent war while he is chief of staff. On the march with the 33d of the Browns Private Stransky, anarchist, is placed under arrest. Colonel Lanstron begs him off. Lanstron calls on Marta at her home. He talks with Feller, the gardener. Marta tells Lanstron that she believes Feller to be a spy. Lanstron confesses it is true. Lanstron shows Marta a telephone which Feller has concealed in a secret passage under the tower for use to benefit the Browns in war emergencies. Lanstron declares his love for Marta. Westering and the Gray premier plan to use a trivial international affair to foment warlike patriotism in army and people and strike before declaring war. Parlow, Brown chief of staff, and Lanstron, made vice, discuss the trouble, and the Brown defenses. Parlow reveals his plans to Lanstron. The Gray army crosses the border line and attacks. The Browns check them. Artillery, infantry, aeroplanes and dirigibles engage. Stransky, rising to make the anarchist speech of his life, draws the Gray artillery fire. Nicked by a shrapnel splinter, he goes berserk and fights—"all a man." Marta has her first glimpse of war in its modern, cold, scientific, murderous brutality. The Browns fall back to the Galloway house. Stransky forges a

crew of a Gray dirigible burned by an explosion and brought in his agony softly to earth by a billowing piece of envelope which acted as a parachute.

Fighting proceeded in La Tir in stages of ferocity and blank silence. The upper part of the town, which the Browns still held, was in darkness; the lower part, where the Grays were, was illuminated.

"Another one of Lanny's plans!" thought Marta. "He would have them work in the light, while we fire out of obscurity!"

Soon all the town was in darkness, for the Grays had cut the wire in the main conduit shortly after she had heard the groans of the wounded man. There the automatics broke out in a mad storm, voicing their feelings at getting a company in close order in a street for the space of a minute, before those who escaped could plaster themselves against doorways or find cover in alleys. Then silence from the automatics and a cheer from the Browns that rasped out its triumph like the rubbing together of steel files.

From the line of defense, that included the first terrace of the Galloway grounds as the angle of a redoubt, not a shot, not a sound; silence on the part of officers and men as profound as Mrs. Galloway's slumber, while one of the Browns' search-lights, like some great witch's slow-turning eye in a narrow radius, covered the lower terraces and the road.

Marta gave intermittent glances at the garden; the glances of a guardian. She happened to be looking in that direction when figures sprang across the road, crouching, running with the short, quick steps of no body movement accompanying that of the legs. The search-light caught them in merciless silhouette and the automatic and the rifles from behind the sandbags on the first terrace let go. Some of the figures dropped and lay in the road and she knew that she had seen men hit for the first time. Others, she thought, got safely to the cover of the gutter on the garden side. Of those on the road, some were still and some she saw were moving slowly back on their stomachs to safety. Now the search-light laid its beam steadily on the road. Again silence. From the upper terrace came a great voice, like that of the guns, from a human throat:

"Why didn't we level those terraces? They'll creep up from one to the other!" It was Stransky.

In answer was another voice—Dellarme's.

"Perhaps there wasn't time to do everything. If you get as far as the first terrace—well, in case of a crisis, we have hand-grenades. But, God knows, I hope we shall not have to use them."

After an interval, more figures made a rush across the road. They, too, in Stransky's words, paid a price for seeing the garden. But the flashes from the rifles and the automatic provided a target for a Gray battery. The blue spark that flies from an overhead trolley or a third rail, multiplied a hundredfold, broke in Marta's face. It was dazzling, blinding as a bolt of lightning a few feet distant, with the thunder crash at the same second, followed by the thrashing hum of bullets and fragments against the side of the house.

"I knew that this must come!" something within her said. If she had not been prepared for it by the events of the last twelve hours she would have jumped to her feet with an exclamation of natural shock and horror. As it was, she felt a convulsive, nervous thrill without rising from her seat. A pause. The next shell burst in line with the first, out by the linden-trees; a third above the veranda.

"We've got that range, all right!" thought the Gray battery commander, who had judged the distance by the staff map. This was all he wanted to know for the present. He would let loose at the proper time to support the infantry attack, when there were enough dribbles across the road to make a charge. The dribbles kept on coming, and, one by one, the number of dead on the road was augmented.

Marta was diverted from this process of killing by piecemeal by a more theatrical spectacle. A brigade commander of the Grays had ticked an order over the wires and it had gone from battery to battery. Not only many field-guns, which are the terriers of the artillery, but some guns of siege caliber, the mastiffs, in a sudden outburst started a havoc of tumbling walls and cornices in the upper part of the town.

Then an explosion greater than any from the shells shot a hemisphere of light heavenward, revealing a shadowy body flying overhead, and an instant later the heavens were illuminated by a vast circle of flame as the dirigible that had dropped the dynamite received its death-blow. But already the Brown infantry was withdrawing from the town, destroying buildings that would give cover for the attack in the morning as they went. Two or three hours after midnight fell a silence which was to last until dawn.

The combatants rested on their arms. Browns saying to Grays, "We shall be ready for the morrow!" and Grays replying: "So shall we!"

Marta, at her window, her eyes following the movements of the display, now here, now there, found herself thinking of many things, as in the intermissions between the acts of a drama. She wondered if the groaning, wounded man were crying for water or if he were wishing that some one at home were near him. She thought of her talk with Lanstron and how feminine and feeble it must have sounded to a mind working in the inexorable processes of the clash of millions of men. She saw his left hand twitching in his pocket, his right hand gripping it to hold it still, that afternoon when, for the first time, she had understood his injury in the aeroplane accident as the talisman of his feelings—his controlled feelings! Always his controlled feelings!

She saw Westering, so conscious of his strength, directing his chessmen in a death struggle against Parlow. And he was coming to this house as his headquarters when the final test of the strength of the Titans was made.

She hoped that her mother was still sleeping; and she had seconds when she was startled by her own calmness. Again, the faces of the children in her school were as clear as in life. She breathed her gratitude that the procession in which they moved to the rear was hours ago out of the theater of danger. In the simplicity of big things, her duty was to teach them, a future generation, no less than Feller's duty was the pursuing shadow of his conscience. She should see war, alive, naked, bloody, and she would tell her children what she had seen as a warning.

Silence, except an occasional rifle shot—silence and the darkness before dawn which would, she knew, concentrate the lightnings around the house. She glanced into her mother's room and marveled at a miracle to find her sleeping. Then she stole downstairs and opened the outer door of the dining-room. A step or two brought her to the edge of the veranda. There she paused and leaned against one of the stone pillars. Dellarme himself was in a half-reclining position, his back to a tree. He seemed to be nodding. Except for a few on watch over the sandbags, his men were stretched on the earth, moving restlessly at intervals, either in an effort to sleep or waking suddenly after a spell of harassed unconsciousness.

CHAPTER XII.

Hand to Hand.

With the first sign of dawn there was a movement of shadowy forms taking position in answer to low-spoken commands. The search-light yielded its vigil to the wide-spread beam of the east, and the detail of the setting where Marta was to watch the play of one of man's passions, which he dares not permit the tender flesh of woman to share, grew



The Searchlight Caught Them in Merciless Silhouette.

distinct. Bayonets were fixed on the rifles that lay along the parapet of sandbags in front of the row of brown shoulders. Back of them in the yard was a section of infantry in reserve, also with bayonets fixed, ready to fill the place of any who fell out of line, a doctor and stretchers to care for the wounded, and a detachment of engineers to mend any breaches made in the breastwork by shell fire.

The gunner of the automatic sighted his barrel, slightly adjusted its elevation, and swung it back and forth to make sure that it worked smoothly, while his assistant saw that the fresh belts of cartridges which were to feed it were within easy reach.

In straw hat and blue blouse, shuffling with his old man's walk, Feller came along the path from the gate. He was in retreat from the enticing picture of the regiment of field-guns in front of the castle that was ready for action. As the infantry had never interested him, he would be safe from temptation in the yard.

"This is no place for you!" said one of the engineers.

"No, and don't waste any time, either, old man!" said another. "Back to your bulbs!"

Feller did not even hear them. For the moment he was actually deaf.

"Fire!" said Dellarme's whistle. "Thur-r-r!" went the automatic in soulless, mechanical repetition, its tape spinning through the cylinder, while the rifles spoke with the human irregularity of steel-tipped fingers pounding at random on a drumhead. All along the line facing La Tir the volume of fire spread until it was like the concert of a mighty loom.

The Gray batteries having tried out their range by the flashes of the automatic the previous evening, were making the most of the occasion. "Uk-ung-a-ug!" the breaking jackets whipped out their grists. The reserves, the hospital-corps men and the engineers hugged the breastwork for cover. The leaves clipped from the trees by bullets were blown aside with the hurricane breaths of shrapnel bursts, bullets whistled so near Marta that she heard their shrillness above every other sound. She was amazed that the houses still remained standing—that anyone was alive. But she had a glimpse of Dellarme maintaining his set smile and another of Feller, who had crept up behind the automatic, making impatient "come-on! come-on! what-is-the-matter-with-you?" gestures in the direction of the batteries in front of the castle.

"Thur-ee-sh—thur-ee-sh!" As the welcome note swept overhead he waved his hands up and down in mad rapture and then peeped over the breastwork to ascertain if the practice were good. The Brown batteries had been a little slow in coming into action, but they soon broke the precision of the opposing fire.

Now shells coming frequently fell short or went wide. The air cleared. Then a chance shell, striking at the one point which the man who fired it six thousand yards away would have chosen as his bull's-eye, obscured Feller and the automatic and its gunners in the havoc of explosion. Feller must have been killed. The dust settled; she saw Dellarme making frantic gestures as he looked at his men. They were keeping up their fusillade with undiminished rapidity. Through the breach left in the breastwork she had glimpses, as the dust was finally dissipated, of gray figures, bayonets fixed, pressing together as they came on fiercely toward the opening. The Browns let go the full blast of their magazines. Had that chance shell turned the scales? Would the Grays get into the breastwork?

All Marta's faculties and emotions were frozen in her stare of suspense at the breach. Then her heart leaped, a cry in a gust of short breaths broke from her lips as the Browns let go a rasping, explosive, demoralizing cheer. The first attack had been checked!

After triumph, terror, faintness, and a closing of her eyes, she opened them to see Feller, with his old straw hat—brim torn and crownless now—still on his head, rise from the debris and shake himself like a dog coming ashore from a swim. While the engineers hastened to repair the breach he assisted Stransky, who had also been knocked down by the concussion, to lift the overturned automatic off the gunner. The doctor, putting a hand on the gunner's head, shook his head, and two hospital-corps men removed the body to make room for the engineers.

For once Dellarme's cheery smile deserted him. There was no one left to man the automatic, so vital in the defense, and even if somebody could be found the gun was probably out of commission. As he started toward it his smile, already summoned back, was shot with surprise at sight of the gun in place and a stranger in blue blouse, white hair showing through a crownless straw hat, trying out the mechanism with knowing fingers. Dellarme stared. Feller, unconscious of everything but the gun, sighted the cartridge band, swung the barrel back and forth, and then fired a shot.

"You—you seem to know rapid-firers!" Dellarme exclaimed in blank incomprehension.

"Yes, sir!" Feller raised his finger, whether in salute as a soldier or as a gardener touching his hat it was hard to say.

"But how—where?" gasped Dellarme.

"This time the movement of the finger was undoubtedly in salute, in perfect, swift, military salute, with head thrown back and shoulders stiff. Feller the gardener was dead and buried without ceremony.

"Lanstron's class, school for officers, sir. Stood one in ballistics, prize medalist control of gun-fire. Yes, sir, I know something about rapid-firers," Feller replied, and fired a few more shots. "A little high, a little low—right, my lady, right!"

Stransky was back in his place next to the automatic and firing whenever a head appeared. He rolled his eyes in a characteristic squint of scrutiny toward the new recruit.

"Beats spraying rose-bushes for bugs, eh, old man?" he asked.

"Yes, a lead solution is best for gray bugs!" Feller remarked pungently, and their glances meeting, they saw in each other's eyes the joy of hell.

"A pair of anarchists!" exclaimed Stransky, grinning, and tried a shot for another head.

As if in answer to prayer, a gunner had come out of the earth. Sufficient to the need was the fact. It was not for Dellarme to ask questions of a prize-medalist graduate of the school for officers in a blue blouse and crownless straw hat. His expert survey assured him that before another

rush the enemy had certain preparations to make. He might give his fighting smile a recess and permit himself a few minutes' relaxation. Looking around to ascertain what damage had been done to the house and grounds, he became aware of Marta's presence for the first time.

"Miss Galloway, you—you weren't there during the fighting?" he cried as he ran toward her.

"Yes," she said rather faintly. "If I had known that I should have been scared to death!"

"But I was safe behind the pillar," she explained.

"Miss Galloway, you're such a good soldier—please—and I'm sure you had not had your breakfast, and all good soldiers never neglect their rations, not at the beginning of a war! Miss Galloway, please—" Yes, as he meant it, please be a good fellow.

She could not resist smiling at the charming manner of his plea. She felt weak and strange—a little dizzy. Besides, her mother's voice now came from the doorway and then her mother's hand was pressing her arm.

"Marta, if you remain out here, I shall!" announced Mrs. Galloway.

"I was just coming in." Dellarme, his cap held before him in the jaunty fashion of officers, bowed, his face beaming his happiness at her decision.

"Come!" Mrs. Galloway slipped her hand into Marta's. "Two women can't fight both armies. Come! I prescribe hot coffee. It is waiting; and, do you know, I find a meal in the kitchen very cozy."

Being human and not a heroine fed on lotos blossoms and being exhausted and also hungry, when she was seated at table, with Minna adroitly urging her, Marta ate with the relish of little Peterkin in the shell crater munching biscuits from his haversack, but the movement of the minute-hand on the clock-face became uncanny and merciless to her eye in its deliberate regularity. Dellarme had been told to hold on until noon, she knew. Was he still smiling? Was Feller still happy in playing a stream of lead from the automatic? Was the second charge of the Grays, which must have come to close quarters when the guns went silent, going to succeed?

Mrs. Galloway had settled down conscientiously to play solitaire, a favorite pastime of hers; but she failed to win, as she complained to Marta, because of her stupid way this morning of missing the combination cards.

After a long intermission came another outburst from Dellarme's men, which she interpreted as the response to another rush by the Grays; and this yelling of the demon was not that of the hound after the hare, as in the valley, but of the hare with his back to the wall. When it was over there was no cheer. What did this mean? Without warning to her mother she bolted out of the kitchen. Mrs. Galloway sprang up to follow, but Minna barred the way.

"One is enough!" she said firmly, and Mrs. Galloway dropped back into her chair.

In the front rooms Marta found havoc beyond her imagination. A portion of the ceiling had been blown out by a shell entering at an up-stairs window; the hardwood floors were littered with plaster and window-glass and ripped into splinters in places.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

SIMPLE ENGLISH NOT NEEDED

Cub Reporter Got Something of a Job in His Interview With Educated Chinaman.

Two San Francisco reporters were assigned to call on Chinamen and interview them on an immigration measure pending in congress. One of the reporters was a cub and an Easterner, while the other, an experienced man, assumed the management of the assignment.

"Gates," he said, after they had invaded several Chinese shops without any important result, "yonder is a tea-store. Beat it over by there and talk to the boss about Chinese voting. I'll go in next door. Remember to use the very simplest English you got."

The cub went inside the tea-shop and thus addressed the proprietor:

"John, how? Me-me—Telegraph, John! Newspaper—savvy, John? Newspaper—print things, Un'stan? We want know what John think about Chinaman—vote—all same Melican man. What John think—Chinaman—vote, see? Savvy, John? Vote? What think?"

The Chinaman listened to all this plied with profound gravity and then replied:

"The question of granting the right of suffrage to Chinese citizens who have come to the United States with the avowed intention of making this country their permanent home is one that has occupied the attention of thoughtful men of all parties for years, and it may in time become of paramount importance. At present, however, it seems to me that there is no exigency requiring an expression of opinion from me upon this subject. You will please excuse me."

The cub went outside and leaned against a lamp-post to rest and recover from a sudden faintness. His fellow reporter had purposely steered him against one of the best educated Chinamen in the United States.

For China Stand.

When one has a china umbrella stand it is a wise plan to place a sponge in the bottom of the jar to keep it from being cracked or broken. The sponge not only prevents it from being broken, but also absorbs the water which drips from the umbrella,

NUTRITIOUS FEED FOR STOCK

When Weather Is Unfavorable and Too Dry for Other Hay Grasses Alfalfa Leads Them All.

Alfalfa is the greatest drought-resisting plant. Compared with any grass field or cornfield that has no cultivation alfalfa will produce more nutritious feed for animals on the farm than any other crop can grow. Do not understand me as saying that heavy yields of alfalfa do not require abundant rainfall, but when it comes to withstanding drought or producing some kind of helpful crop when the weather is unfavorable and too dry for any other hay grasses, alfalfa leads them all.

If dry weather comes for a short season during the crop-growing time every crop is damaged to some extent. If the meadows are maturing the dry weather spoils permanently the yield of hay for the season. A short spell with water short works a hardship that other crops can never catch up on, but alfalfa is not an annual plant and is cut several times a year, so that there is good opportunity to catch up on one crop what is lost on the previous one.

In this section of the southeast we had an early spring drought with a short spell of rain in midsummer and then another drought, writes J. C. Courtier of Amiba county, Virginia, in Breeders' Gazette. Alfalfa will not yield as it should, but is outyielding other hay crops and stands ready and green where the other grasses are killed out. Three times our mower has cut alfalfa from one field while a clover field near it was hardly worth cutting once. In plowing on land like that in our alfalfa field alfalfa roots five feet long have been pulled up. Nitrogen is a needed plant food from which leaf and stem are made. With the mixed grasses the only practical course is the decaying humus in the soil. Now humus does not decay much in dry soils, therefore the leaf and stem food is cut down during a drought. With alfalfa it is different. On the roots of thrifty alfalfa are countless little colonies of microbes whose work it is to gather nitrogen from the air for the alfalfa. In dry weather there is still an abundance of nitrogen in this way a fair supply of nitrogen is available, regardless of the decay of the soil humus. Therefore the roots can find a small supply of other plant food, and some little moisture down in under the soil, and even after the top soil is dry, a crop is forthcoming.

What hope is there for farmers when dry weather continues as it has continued for the last few years? Surely with the old style of farming we shall have to farm with scant returns, but if a change can be made in which the rains of winter are captured by good cultivation of fields rich in humus, early crops and big fields of alfalfa, a good living will still be possible on the farm. Green alfalfa is a wonderfully rich stock feed, and green alfalfa is possible when the seasons are too dry for hay crops. It behooves every farmer to establish on his farm thrifty fields of alfalfa.

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DISCOVERY OF TEPARY BEAN

Plant, Long Cultivated by Arizona Indians, Gives Wonderful Results as Dry Farm Crop.

The American Indian, to whom the white man owes his yellow corn, has now added another valuable item to the food supply. Investigators from the University of Arizona have discovered that the Tepary bean, which has long been cultivated by the Pima and Papago Indians, gives wonderful results as a dry-farming crop. It will yield, it is said, from 700 to 2,000 pounds to the acre, and in food value it equals any known article of commerce.

In the semi-arid soil of the reservations, the Indians for generations, by a system of rude canals, have raised these beans on large tracts of land. The investigators also found varieties of pumpkins, corn and squashes that have survived the ancient Pueblos, the race under whose husbandry they originated, on lands where it has been thought that such products could not be grown; but the most valuable were the beans.

The Indians say that long ago their fathers found them growing wild in the mountains farther south. Centuries of cultivation have developed types of the vegetable well suited to extremes of heat and drought. Forty-seven varieties have been developed from the samples which the university explorers brought back from the Indians.

GENERAL FARM NOTES

Every farmer should raise a hog for every member of his family and some to sell.

Farmers should feed more grain and less hay to their horses during the winter.

In the fields a big team makes haste by the width of the furrow or swath they cut.

A hog that can be fattened while young will be the most profitable one to breed.

Provide box stalls for the colts, if possible. Keep the stalls well littered and clean.

HOME BUILDERS LEARN WISDOM

Structures Now Designed for the Individual Needs of the Family.

CONVENIENCE A VITAL POINT

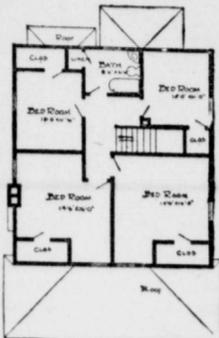
Housekeeper Should Be the First to Be Consulted When Building is Projected — Placing of Windows Always a Matter of Greatest Importance.

By WILLIAM A. RADFORD.
Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 1827 Prairie avenue, Chicago, Ill., and only enclose two-cent stamp for reply.

Some general observations on home building will not be out of place, for the benefit of the intending builder, before describing the plan shown in this connection. The long-felt want for an artistically expressed and conveniently arranged small house is being filled. The man with \$2,500 to \$3,000 which he wants to put into a house can now have a cottage which

Windows should always be placed in two sides of a room to furnish ventilation if possible.

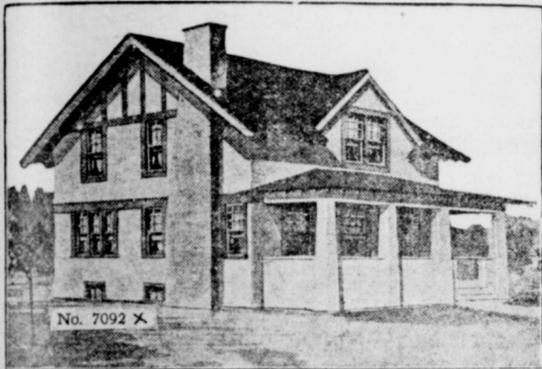
The kitchen and pantry windows should be higher from the floor than the other windows. In placing windows and doors in a room see that sufficient wall space is left for the furniture. Many a room has been built in which space could not be found for a bed. Have all the floors and stair treads of hardwood if possible. They cost less than soft wood and carpets, and from every standpoint of health, beauty, service and economy in time of labor and house-



Second Floor Plan.

keeping are far superior. Oak and maple make the best floors, but hard comb-grain pine floors are quite presentable if the better ones are not obtainable.

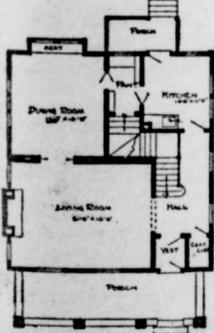
Now, as to the design of the house



will, in design and plan, express his individuality. And it is true that the house should reflect the taste of its owner or occupant.

Home builders have come to realize that a house should possess individuality without being freakish. The hammer-and-saw square box of a house, or the frightful creation with eaves extending out barely six inches never sells, let alone being a place for habitation. Architects as a rule are putting forth their best efforts in the line of designing houses that will be artistic and beautiful to look upon. The architect realizes that first of all the plan must be arranged to meet the needs of the family.

The court of last resort in the planning of a house should not be the architect, should not be the man of the house. The final dictum must be given, and is given in most cases, by the wife and mother. And provided what she wants is within the bounds of architectural limits, let her have it for she is there the whole live-long day



First Floor Plan.

ought to have the last say, as she will have, any way. Another thing, the design will be influenced by the site the building is to occupy.

These points decided, the restrictions lie only in the materials to be used and the amount of money to be spent. It is safe to use the materials found in the immediate vicinity. They will harmonize with the landscape better. A brick house is as much out of place in the woods as a log bungalow would be on a city boulevard. Most houses are the result of years of thought and study, and one of the chief factors to be considered is the site itself.

There should be a generous living room placed so that it will have the benefit of the afternoon sun if possible. A dining room is well placed if it has a good eastern exposure. Two or three or more gives a pleasing appearance to the side walls which form centers of interest that attract the eye. Casement windows are very attractive with their small square or diamond panes, which suggest protection to the inmates from the inclement weather without. Casement windows should be made to open out.

Canadian Wheat to Feed the World

The war's fearful devastation of European crops has caused an unusual demand for grain from the American Continent. The people of the world must be fed and there is an unusual demand for Canadian wheat. Canada's invitation to every industrious American is therefore especially attractive. She wants farmers to make money and happy, prosperous homes for themselves while helping her to raise immense wheat crops.

You can get a Homestead of 160 acres FREE and other lands can be bought at remarkably low prices. Think of the money you can make with wheat at its present high prices, where for some time it is liable to continue. During many years Canadian wheat fields have averaged 20 bushels to the acre—many yields as high as 45 bushels to the acre. Wonderful crops also of Oats, Barley and Flax.

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The Martins were on a trip covering a period of three or four weeks. They left at home Master Edward Martin, aged eight years, to whom his father wrote nearly every day. In each letter was enclosed a shining silver dime. Five or six of these dimes had been sent to Master Edward without any acknowledgment of the generosity. Then came this brief and to-the-point missive:

"Dear Father: Every time you have wrote to me since you went away you put a dime in your letter. Please write oftener to Your loving son, Edward."

Somewhat Changed.

A colored man called at Mrs. Baxley's, looking for work.

"What is your name?" she asked, after hiring him.

"Mah name is Poe, ma'am," was the answer.

"Poe!" she exclaimed. "Perhaps some of your family worked for Edgar Allan Poe; did they?"

The colored man opened his eyes wide with amazement.

"Why—why, ma'am," he said as he pointed a dusky finger at himself, "why, Ah am Edgah Allan Poe!"

Saves His Friend From Bear.

Fred Jumper of Parsons, Pa., was saved from the clutches of a wounded black bear on the Pocono mountain, when Lewis Edwards, his companion, brought bruin to earth when he was only a yard away from Jumper.

Dogs had chased the bear out of a swamp and Jumper fired. Shot struck the bear in the head. The animal at once turned on Jumper. Edwards, who carried a rifle, carefully took aim for a vital spot, and its accuracy saved Jumper from a terrible death.

To Get Rid of Pimples.

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Modern Bookkeeping.

"Under what head shall I place your wife's millinery account, Mr. Blinks?"

"Overhead charges, Smith."

Indorsed.
"Does she approve of cosmetics?"

"She seems to lend countenance to them so far as I can see!"—Judge.

Always keep Hanford's Balsam on hand for accidents. It's good insurance. Adv.

In his effort to be known as a good fellow many a man shows evidence of overtraining.

Red Cross Ball Blue makes the laundress happy, makes clothes whiter than snow. All good grocers. Adv.

Life is made up of surprises. Have you ever noticed that the things that don't seem possible happen so often?

When a man has nothing to say he is called upon to make a speech.

PRECEDENT HAD BEEN SET

Youthful Logician Could Not See Why He Should Not Follow His Father's Course.

Who can tell the working of children's minds, or how, all unwillingly, we may make ourselves appear unjust in our dealings toward them?

This was brought home to Mr. Heewit the other day as he took his young hopeful, aged six, for a constitutional. The youngster was evidently thinking hard, for he was silent—which was unusual.

"Daddy," he said, looking up suddenly, "I think I want to get married!"

"Do you, my son?" And who to, may I ask?" answered the proud parent, looking at him.

"I want to marry granny."

"Do you, indeed? And do you think I would let you marry my mother—eh?"

"Well, why shouldn't I?" retorted the tender logician. "You married mine, didn't you?"—Dallas News.

"A Good, Swell Name."

During an engagement played by William Collier in Atlanta, the player one day was shaved by a loquacious darky who asked the comedian to suggest a "good, swell name" for his shop. At that very moment the razor slipped and the suds were succeeded by alum.

Mr. Collier made no complaint, but when he escaped from the chair he wrote, in compliance with the barber's request, a couple of words on a piece of paper. The barber was delighted by the suggestion, which he declared he would forthwith adopt.

The words were "Tonsorial Abattoir."

Defends American Boys.

Mrs. Joseph Gazzam of Philadelphia says that when she was in Berlin and Dresden she heard much criticism of the way in which Americans coddle their boys, and the Germans declared that if ever the Americans expected to do any fighting they must change their methods of training boys. Mrs. Gazzam replied that such as American boys are "coddled," no one ever heard of an American girl cleaning her brother's boots. Our men may be spoiled, she said, but not at the expense of the girls.—Woman's National Weekly.

Wise Foresight.

"What's the use hirin' more policemen?" demanded the alderman from the Second ward. "Taxes is high enough in this town now, without saddlin' more burdens onto the people."

"Ain't you heard that we are goin' to have a large baseball club here?" replied the alderman from the Fourth ward.

"What's that got to do with hirin' more policemen?"

"We've got to do something to protect the umpires. It ain't to be expected that the home team'll win all the time."

Explained.

"What does this sentence mean?" asked the teacher. "Man proposes, but God disposes."

A small boy in the back of the room waved his hand frantically.

"Well, Thomas," said the teacher, "what does it mean?"

"It means," answered Thomas with conscious pride, "that a man might ask a woman to marry him but only the Lord knows whether she will or not."

Appreciation.

"You say that man enjoys work?"

"Beyond a doubt. I have seen him stand around and admire it by the hour."

Once Over.

Barber—Shall I go over it again, sir?

Victim—Oh, no; I heard every word you said.—Boston Truth.

In after years, some society buds become wall flowers.

We cannot blame some men for not taking their own advice.

HONESTY HAD ITS LIMITS

Woman Resisted Temptation for a Time, but Finally Proved Herself Human.

Somebody on the back platform dropped a bundle. A woman saw it and picked it up. She was an honest woman; nevertheless she opened the package. It contained a waist pattern of very pretty silk. When she saw that she thanked her guardian angel she had been created honest.

"If I had been an ordinary dishonest thing," she told her husband, "I should keep this silk as sure as anything and make it up for myself."

"But since you aren't," said the man, "what are you going to do with it?"

"Oh, take it back to the lost and found department of the store where it was bought. The purchaser will probably inquire about it there."

One evening about two weeks later the woman appeared at dinner in a new waist.

"Hello," said the man admiringly, "seems to me I have seen that before. Isn't it something like the piece of silk you found?"

Long Journey.

A railroad from Nome to Cape Horn is being considered, and sometime we may be able to take a through sleeper from one end of the American continent to the other. In that case we would sample all kinds of climates from arctic to tropical and we would encounter endless variety of surface and scenery. Popular Mechanics says that several routes for such a railroad are being considered, but which ever one may be chosen the lines already built and covering over half the distance would be utilized. The fact that these exist makes the project seem less like a dream, but if we smile over it we might remember that men of affairs laughed at Cecil Rhodes when he suggested a railroad from the Cape of Good Hope to Cairo—the entire length of Africa—but that road is now being built—is more than half done, indeed.

Always Have It on Hand.

Don't wait until you get dazed or burned because that will mean much suffering while you are sending to the dealer's for Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh. Always have it on hand and be prepared for accidents. The Balsam should give you quick relief. Adv.

Hers.

"I suppose that you and your wife are two souls with but a single thought?"

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"Was his nose a pug?"

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Bro. Stamper of the Wheeler Sun has our thanks for a page in the Sun last week, in which he gives much advice, and also discloses the secret that he has graduated from a Theological Seminary. Bro. Stamper you can place the "Coon" on an equal with your self if you like, but not us. Just such puffs as you gave them last week is what makes the "Honorable Colored Race" so highly esteemed among themselves. If you place the coon on equal, he is the biggest headed fool on earth. You know he is no equal to the white race, educated or not, neither do you want him to be, and you upholding him just because we do not is very characteristic of you. And if per chance the Good Lord does place our seat by a coon as you say might happen, we trust that he will have him fumigated before so doing. What you need Bro. Stamper is a trip to some Eastern negro towns where you have to step off the sidewalk and tip your hat every time a coon passes, go to the post office and have a coon hand out your mail, see them walk down the street with a pretty white girl, and then be able to read the black demons mind of what he will do the first time he gets an innocent woman in a lonely spot No the Chinaman, Indian nor the Mexican will never commit such fendish deeds against humanity as the coon.

Bro. Stamper if you put the negro on equal footing with the white race, give them the seat in heaven with you, then you should not refuse to go and worship in the same church with them.

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Our greatest sympathy is with the Belgians who are now starving, but still there is sympathy left for the poor children of New York who are also half starved and with no Christmas watch the heavy laden ships sail for Belgium.

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- Ladies Bracelett, 20 yr, \$10 value at \$6.25
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- Ladies solid gold neck chains, \$4 val. \$2.50
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Genuine Hand Painted China at prices never heard of. Be sure and see my line of gold plated chinaware. The newest line on the market.

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Holiday Goods are Cash AT The Miami Drug Co. A. M. Jones, Prop.

Look for the yellow packages, Osbornes Cash Store

Note the horse wanted ad of Mr. Richards in another place in the Chief.

Dr. Shelton reports the arrival of a new girl at the Jim Cooper home on the 5th.

Mrs. Tom Glisson came in this week from a short visit with parents at Gage.

J. E. Rhodes and family of Oledo came in last week to make the home in Miami. This Mr. Rhodes is a brother to W. H.

The pupils of the lower grades of the Public School will give a play tomorrow evening at the auditorium. Admission 19 and 15 cents.

Rev. Geo. P. Howard, superintendent of the Home Missions for the Presbyterians of Amarillo and Ft. Worth will preach Sunday morning and evening at the Presbyterian church. Everyone cordially invited to hear him.

R. H. Byrd paid the Chief office a very pleasant call yesterday. Mr. Byrd is the Cotton King of Roberts county. He plants four acres every year which is four more than any one else plants, and this year he gathered three bales of cotton from them.

Baptist Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. John Short Dec. 2nd, with Mesdames Short and Lee as hostesses. The cycle of time rolled back for the afternoon and the ladies became little girls as they played the many enthralling games that have been planned for them. Delicious refreshments were served after which the ladies enjoyed a round table talk, and declaring the hostesses worthy entertainers.

Take a peep at our windows for the latest. Osbornes Cash store

Codman Items

Cobles have sold their big steers that were on full feed at Homer Tolberts silo. Mr. Coble was well pleased with the gain the steers had made.

Mrs. Homer Tolbert and two sons are visiting Joe Cobb of Shawnee Okla this week.

Lawrence Maddox has just returned from a visit in N. M.

The Newt Maddoxes are on an extended trip to Kansas.

Seth Bowen will move to Codman this week and locate here for the winter.

Mr. Montgomery our section foreman will spend the holidays with his sister in central Texas.

Jack Nickel is assisting Will Robinson on the Frank Jackson ranch.

Weimer Tolbert is working at Cozarts elevator.

North Plains

The thermometer measures several degrees lower this week than last.

Bill Wates accidentally killed a calf for Pink Seitz Monday.

Dora Dixon spent the weeks end with friends in Miami.

Bro Rees preached at the Cowan School house Sunday.

Several visitors were in attendance at the North Plains school literary society Friday afternoon. The children did well on their debate and are always glad to welcome visitors.

Hattie Seitz is visiting with her cousin Mrs. Halcam in the Green Lake vicinity.

At Phillpots ELEVATOR

You will find Chick en feed, wheat, mill run, brand, Oats, shorts, maize, kaffir and fetrita seed, a good line of feed.

The best Coal that can be had, and an assortment of posts. Call and see us and our prices will sell you the stuff.

Good supply big German Millet Seed

J. W. PHILPOTT

A new doctor has made his arrival at the Dr. Kelly home Thursday of last week, and J. H. was so elated over the matter that he forgot to phone the Chief in time to get it in the paper. This week he just sent the young gentleman down and introduced him as the coming physician and surgeon of the Panhandle.

The Ladies Aid met Dec 9th with Mrs. Kinney, an interesting lesson was had, with ten members present. Next meeting to be with Mrs. Dread Lee. All members are urged to be present, as an important question is to be discussed.

Have you attended Osbornes big clearance sale?

Skinne Dial left Sunday evening for points in the lower part of the State, where he would not tell us and his mission he refused to tell, but we will bet a coon skin that when he comes back we will take chances on correctly meeting him at the depot with a hand full of rice.

Mrs. W. R. Ewing's music class gave a recital Friday evening to a real auditorium full. It looked like everyone in town was present and the pupils entertained real well. Various solos, duets, readings, etc. were well rendered.

A small automobile belonging to G. N. Glenn and occupied by him and two other parties turned a summersault with them on the Gageby last week. The radius rods broke going down hill was the cause. The car turned completely end over end lighting right side up with the engine running. They did the necessary repairing and drove on.

Baby Range Eternal

To be given away FREE Xmas Eve by John A. Newman. This little Range cooks and bakes perfectly and is built like the family size. It is a magnificent Xmas gift for the little girl that wins the race. Conditions of contest—For each one cent cash purchase, one vote will be given and for each dollar paid on account, twenty votes will be given customers. Customers may vote for any little girl under 14 yrs. of age. The one receiving most votes will be given Baby Range Eternal on Xmas. Eve.

If some people would be as prompt about going to their Church on Sunday as they are about locating a place to hunt they would lead a better life.

Give me your Xmas order now and avoid the rush. Walter Cook the Jeweler.

NOTICE

Have three nice upstairs office rooms to rent. Nice rooms. T. M. Cunningham

Buy a piano for Xmas a 450 dollar piano for \$250. at Cooks.

THE WALDENS, ENTERTAINERS



Dana C. Walden

The Waldens, who will appear upon the Lyceum course, are among the cleverest entertainers upon the platform. They present much more than a program of magic. One of the most entertaining features of their program is known as Chapeaugraphy, from the French word, meaning a hat. By the aid of a hat brim Mr. Walden is able to present over twenty-five distinct



Mrs. Walden

characters and the changes are simply marvelous. Buffalo Bill, President Wilson, Roosevelt, the Salvation Army lass, all follow one another with merely the twist of the hat brim. Another clever feature is his ventriloquism, which never fails to please the younger portions of his audience.

Mrs. Dana Walden presents a most pleasing portion of the entertainment to be given by "The Waldens, Entertainers." She has traveled in many countries and her singing and histrionic ability has everywhere won her many friends. She is a writer of songs, stories, and character sketches and is able to give some of these sketches effectively. One of these sketches, in which Walden by quick changes is able to take the part of five different characters, forms a brilliant piece of work which always meets with the approval of their audiences.

"There is nothing new in Magic," says the grouch, and like most grouchy utterances there is just a shade of truth in it. But if a thing is done well enough it is worth seeing again and again. Walden's magic is not all new, but it is all well done and the audience is mystified and pleased from the beginning to the end of his program. Then again, the trick that may be old to you, is new to some other person to the audience. A bureau representative, in arranging for an engagement for Walden, said: "I saw Walden in a little private exhibition, break a piece of cotton thread from a spool and put it in his mouth. Then one of the party fed him pins from a paper and a little later pulled the thread from his mouth with all the pins neatly tied to it at regular intervals." How was it done? Well, ask Walden. He will appear on our Lyceum course soon.

The program to be given by The Waldens will be divided into three parts. Part one presents thirty minutes of magic. Part two consists of an original sketch, named: "Wanted, a Musical Husband." Part three consists in Studies in Chapeaugraphy. During the first part of the program twelve or more feats of magic will be given, some of them new and original, all of them presented with Mr. Walden's clever gift of presentation which has given him the name of "The Talkative Trickster."

AUDITORIUM SAT. 12.

AUCTION SALE

Saturday, December the 19th.

At Miami Texas, 2 p. m.

The following stock to be sold to the highest bidder

3 Jersey Cows 1 Jersey Bull 6 Horses and colts
3 Sows with pigs 3 Pedigreed Red Gilts 1 Pedigreed Boar
1 Saddle and other things too numerous to mention.

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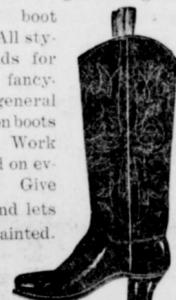
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If Weather be bad sale to be Monday, 21

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I will be in Miami on December 17 and 19 to buy horses, 15 to 15 3-4 hands high, five to nine yrs. old, sound and in good condition. No light greys nor paints wanted. Would buy mares if shaped like geldings and well built.

W. J. Richards

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Terms Reasonable. See L. B. Robertson or write to Canadian.

See Cook for a nice watch for Xmas.

Ladies solid gold neckchains from \$1.50 to \$5.00 at Cooks.

Sd Talley sheriff of Ochiltree county is in the city today.

Rex Elkins came in this morning from a years stay in Mexico.

Andy Johnson, a brother to Jim Johnson of Miami is visiting here this week.

The Miami Boy's basket ball team will play Pampa here Sat. 12 everybody invited.

W. S. Tolbert and wife came in Saturday from Sherman.



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Begins Next Week

Cash Drawing

Every Thursday evening we give away \$3.50 in cold cash to the first three persons whose names are drawn from the box. \$2.00 1st, \$1.00 second, 50c 3rd. Coupon with every ticket every evening.

Free \$4.00 Manicure Set

From now to Christmas all the name slips will be kept and the name receiving the largest number of slips during the time will receive free a beautiful \$4.00 manicure set now on display at the Central Drug store.

THE Cap Rock Theatre

Our Sales are always a success, because we make them real sales.
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Local News

Elder Cummings preached at the Christian church Sunday evening.

C. Coffee left Monday for Ft. Worth on a business mission.

Little Ada Coffee has been on the sick list this week but is improving.

A. N. Wilson of Joshua visited at the W. D. Matthews home this week.

H. J. Newman and F. S. Barron went to the river Monday on a hunt.

Miss Leiah Baird of Pampa visited at the H. E. Baird home over Sunday.

Quite a crowd of Pampa young folks Sundayed at the J. A. Meade home.

Miss Lilly Loden of Amarillo is visiting her sister, Mrs. Stephens in Miami this week.

A. M. Neil and family and Chas. Smith and wife were here from Mobeetie Sunday.

Milus Gunn and Bill Locke left Friday stating they were bound for Amarillo.

Mrs. T. M. Cunningham left Monday morning for San Antonio where she will spend the winter.

Mrs. F. S. Barron came in Sunday from a visit with relatives in the east.

Elder Beddecheck closed a meeting at Laketon Friday evening of last week.

Otis Webster was in from the ranch Sunday visiting the home folks and the Gray family.

Ben Talley and T. R. Saxon made the round trip to Amarillo Saturday after Mr. Talley's car.

Christopher Bros. have recently traded their mill in Miami to Chris Chisum for Plains land. Mr. Chisum will take charge soon and will no doubt enjoy a good business. Christopher Bros. will continue the real estate in our city.

We thank the public for their liberal patronage for the first week of our sale. Next week will be bigger than ever be sure to attend.
S. C. Osborne & Co.

Mrs. H.A. Nelson came in Tuesday evening from a two weeks visit in St. Joe Mo. with Parents.

Jack Howser and Mr. Kearn of Amarillo were guests at the J. R. Webster and O. C. Elliott homes last week. They also went over in Wheeler county hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fulton from Muscatine, Iowa, came in Sunday morning to visit the parental M. S. Lard home. They will spend their holidays here.

J. F. Hanning was in from his Wheeler county ranch Monday with broom corn, taking back posts and wire for improvements on his ranch.

Word was received Sunday from L. B. Cross who two weeks ago left for the bed side of his father, stating that his father died Sunday. Mr. Cross and wife have both been in Tenn.

The Waldens, entertainers, will be here Saturday night of this week at the auditorium. This is the 4th number of this years Lyceum course and the attraction is guaranteed to be worth your time and money.

Thos. J. Boney and Fred Snyers have recently installed an acetylene lighting system and have it completed and producing full light. The system gives good light at a moderate cost.

The Pampa High School students and teachers came down Saturday evening of last week and put on a play, "The Rio grande" which was rendered in an excellent manner and well enjoyed by a good audience. Those attending say the play was extra good.

Reports from Canadian state that Dr. M. M. Meeks and wife were in his car speeding on Main street and it turned over, bruising Doctor up considerably and that his wife is hurt badly.

I. N. Bowers was among the Wheeler county broom corn haulers Monday.

P. I. Kelly of Dunlap, Okla. is prospecting in Roberts County this week.

Messers Durrett and Mundell and two other parties went hunting Monday and had a little breakdown in the car, causing them to stay all night.

Thos. Thompson and Gus Severson made the round trip to the Thompson ranch Monday.

B. F. Talley shipped in 450 head of steers last week and put them on feed. J. E. George also shipped in 340 head which he recently purchased.

Ruth Reedus, the eleven year old daughter of Prof. and Mrs. J. L. Reedus died at Claude Sunday morning. Their many friends in Miami sympathise with the parents.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was a line party given by Mrs. Ewing last Tuesday evening. The guests assembled at the Fitch Hotel and all went to the train to meet the guest of honor, Miss Shaller, and then were conducted to the picture show. Afterwards conducted by the hostess to her beautiful home where they were entertained by "42". After several games they were served to delicious refreshments. Those present were, Misses, Shailer, Eastley, Cooks, McAfee, Wren and Ewing, Messers, Holmes, Pickens, Lard, Gunn, and Finch. All went home, declaring Mrs. Ewing a delightful hostess.

Public Sale

Will sell at auction on Saturday at the Wagon yard. One gray mare 15 1-2 hands high, One sorrel mare 15 hands high, One mule 14 hands high some harness and other things.

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School Notes

There will be a joint society of the High School literaries in the auditorium. The program is as follows:
 Song 9th and 10 grades
 Reading Auuelia Robertson
 Life of Shakespeare,

Bill Tolbert
 Story of Othello Lella Allen
 Chief Characters of Othello and one characteristic of each,
 Pearl Christopher
 Dumb Speech, Dallas George
 Mason Davis, Jim Kivlehen, Edwin Lee and Clyde Gray.

Reading Lucile Ewing
 Current events, Jessie Hoffer
 Jokes, Johnnie George
 Debate:

10th. Grade boys vs 11th. Grade boys.
 Subject to be selected.

The Misses Cook's and Huds-peth's rooms will give an entertainment at the Auditorium Friday night. The little fellows have been doing some hard work and they deserve a good audience. The proceeds will gotoward furniture for their room.

School closes Friday for the institute which will begin Monday morning. Work will begin with the Students again Monday, Dec. 28.

Grace Lard visited the school Monday.

Mr. Angel addressed the students Friday.

The Senior class extend best wishes for a merry Xmas. to their school fellows, teachers and Trustees.

Europe, having gone war mad and ceased to produce food, is in the market for food that we have produced. The feed that we have produced—now as always in the hands of a few—is put up to the highest bidder. The speculators mount the auction block and ask how much they are offered for flour and sugar, meat and butter. Every woman who enters the market place with a basket is in competition with the monarchs of Europe. What they bid she must pay or go without. That is why flour and sugar leaped when Europe caught fire.

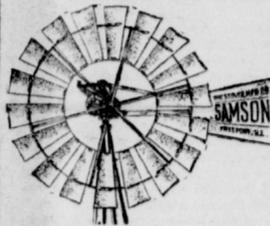
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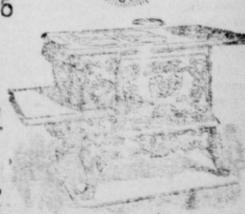
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WE MUST OPEN UP GATES OF TRADE

All Important Problem Which Now Confronts Congress, Says President.

SHIPS OUR GREATEST NEED

America Fears No Nation and Is Ample Able to Defend Itself—Great Task Ahead in Helping to Restore Peace—Economy Is Strongly Urged.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson today delivered his annual address to congress. Problems brought out by the great conflict in Europe engaged the greater part of his attention. The message follows:

Gentlemen of the Congress: The session upon which you are now entering will be the closing session of the Sixty-third congress, a congress, I venture to say, which will long be remembered for the great body of thoughtful and constructive work which it has done, in loyal response to the thought and needs of the country. I should like in this address to review the notable record and try to make adequate assessment of it; but no doubt we stand too near the work that has been done and are ourselves too much part of it to play the part of historians toward it. Moreover, our thoughts are now more of the future than of the past.

While we have worked at our tasks of peace the circumstances of the whole age have been altered by war. What we have done for our own land and our own people we did with the best that was in us, whether of character or of intelligence, with sober enthusiasm and a confidence in the principles upon which we were acting which sustained us at every step of the difficult undertaking; but it is done. It has passed from our hands. It is now an established part of the legislation of the country. Its usefulness, its effects, will disclose themselves in experience. What chiefly strikes us now, as we look about us during these closing days of a year which will be forever memorable in the history of the world, is that we face new tasks, have been facing them these six months, must face them in the months to come—face them without partisan feeling, like men who have forgotten everything but a common duty and the fact that we are representatives of a great people whose thought is not of us but of what America owes to herself and to all mankind in such circumstances as these upon which we look amazed and anxious.

Europe Will Need Our Help. War has interrupted the means of trade not only but also the processes of production. In Europe it is destroying men and resources wholesale and upon a scale unprecedented and appalling. There is reason to fear that the time is near, if it be not already at hand, when several of the countries of Europe will find it difficult to do for their people what they have hitherto been always easily able to do, many essential and fundamental things. At any rate they will need our help and our manifold services as they have never needed them before; and we should be ready, more fit and ready than we have ever been.

It is of equal consequence that the nations whom Europe has usually supplied with innumerable articles of manufacture and commerce of which they are in constant need and without which their economic development halts and stands still can now get only a small part of what they formerly imported and eagerly look to us to supply their all but empty markets. This is particularly true of our own neighbors, the states, great and small, of Central and South America. Their lines of trade have hitherto run chiefly athwart the seas, not to our ports, but to the ports of Great Britain and of the older continent of Europe. I do not stop to inquire why, or to make any comment on probable causes. What interests us just now is not the explanation, but the fact, and our duty and opportunity in the presence of it. Here are markets which we must supply, and we must find the means of action. The United States, this great people for whom we speak and act, should be ready, as never before, to serve itself and to serve mankind; ready with its resources, its energies, its forces of production, and its means of distribution.

We Need Ships. It is a very practical matter, a matter of ways and means. We have the resources, but are we fully ready to use them? And if we can make ready what we have, have we the means at hand to distribute it? We are not fully ready; neither have we the means of distribution. We are willing, but we are not fully able. We have the wish to serve and to serve greatly, generously; but we are not prepared as we should be. We are not ready to mobilize our resources at once. We are not prepared to use them immediately and at their best, without delay and without waste.

To speak plainly we have grossly erred in the way in which we have situated and hindered the development of our merchant marine. And now, when we need ships, we have not got them. We have year after year debated, without end or conclusion, the best policy to pursue with regard to

the use of the ores and forests and water powers of our national domain in the rich states of the West, when we should have acted; and they are still locked up. The key is still turned upon them, the door shut fast at which thousands of vigorous men, full of initiative, knock clamorously for admittance. The water power of our navigable streams outside the national domain, also, even in the eastern states, where we have worked and planned for generations, is still not used as it might be, because we will and we won't; because the laws we have made do not intelligently balance encouragement against restraint. We withhold by regulation.

I have come to ask you to remedy and correct these mistakes and omissions, even at this short session of a congress which would certainly seem to have done all the work that could reasonably be expected of it. The time and the circumstances are extraordinary, and so must our efforts be also.

Use and Conservation. Fortunately, two great measures, finely conceived, the one to unlock, with proper safeguards, the resources of the national domain, the other to encourage the use of the navigable waters outside that domain for the generation of power, have already passed the house of representatives and are ready for immediate consideration and action by the senate. With the deepest earnestness I urge their prompt passage. In them both we turn our backs upon hesitation and makeshift and formulate a genuine policy of use and conservation, in the best sense of those words. We owe the one measure not only to the people of that great western country for whose free and systematic development, as it seems to me, our legislation has done so little, but also to the people of the nation as a whole; and we as clearly owe the other in fulfillment of our repeated promises that the water power of the country should in fact as well as in name be put at the disposal of great industries which can make economical and profitable use of it, the rights of the public being adequately guarded the while, and monopoly in the use prevented. To have begun such measures and not completed them would indeed mar the record of this great congress very seriously. I hope and confidently believe that they will be completed.

And there is another great piece of legislation which awaits and should receive the sanction of the senate: I mean the bill which gives a larger measure of self-government to the people of the Philippines. How better, in this time of anxious questioning and perplexing policy, could we show our confidence in the principles of liberty, as the source as well as the expression of life, how better could we demonstrate our own self-possession and steadfastness in the courses of justice and disinterestedness than by thus going calmly forward to fulfill our promises to a dependent people, who will now look more anxiously than ever to see whether we have indeed the liberality, the unselfishness, the courage, the faith we have boasted and professed. I cannot believe that the senate will let this great measure of constructive justice await the action of another congress. Its passage would nobly crown the record of these two years of memorable labor.

An Important Duty. But I think that you will agree with me that this does not complete the toll of our duty. How are we to carry our goods to the empty markets of which I have spoken if we have not the certain and constant means of transportation upon which all profitable and useful commerce depends? And how are we to get the ships if we wait for the trade to develop without them? To correct the many mistakes by which we have discouraged and all but destroyed the merchant marine of the country, to retrace the steps by which we have, it seems almost deliberately, withdrawn our flag from the seas, except where here and there, a ship of war is bidden carry it, or some wandering yacht displays it, would take a long time and involves many detailed items of legislation, and the trade which we ought immediately to handle would disappear or find other channels while we debated the items.

The case is not unlike that which confronted us when our own continent was to be opened up to settlement and industry, and we needed long lines of railway, extended means of transportation prepared beforehand, if development was not to lag intolerably and wait interminably. We lavishly subsidized the building of transcontinental railroads. We look back upon that with regret now, because the subsidies led to many scandals of which we are ashamed; but we know that the railroads had to be built, and if we had it to do over again we should of course build them, but in another way. Therefore I propose another way of providing the means of transportation which must precede, not tardily follow, the development of our trade with our neighbor states of America. It may seem a reversal of the natural order of things, but it is true, that the routes of trade must be actually opened—by many ships and regular sailings and moderate charges—before streams of merchandise will flow freely and profitably through them.

Must Open Gates of Trade. Hence the pending shipping bill, discussed at the last session, but as yet passed by neither house. In my judgment such legislation is imperatively needed and can not wisely be postponed. The government must open these gates of trade, and open them wide; open them before it is

altogether profitable to open them, or altogether reasonable to ask private capital to open them at a venture. It is not a question of the government monopolizing the field. It should take action to make it certain that transportation at reasonable rates will be promptly provided, even where the carriage is not at first profitable; and then, when the carriage has become sufficiently profitable to attract and engage private capital, and engage it in abundance, the government ought to withdraw. I very earnestly hope that the congress will be of this opinion, and that both houses will adopt this exceedingly important bill.

The great subject of rural credits still remains to be dealt with, and it is a matter of deep regret that the difficulties of the subject have seemed to render it impossible to complete a bill for passage at this session. But it can not be perfected yet, and therefore there are no other constructive measures the necessity for which I will at this time call your attention to; but I would be negligent of a very manifest duty were I not to call the attention of the senate to the fact that the proposed convention for safety at sea awaits its confirmation and that the limit fixed in the convention itself for its acceptance is the last day of the present month. The conference in which this convention originated was called by the United States; the representatives of the United States played a very influential part indeed in framing the provisions of the proposed convention; and those provisions are in themselves for the most part admirable. It would hardly be consistent with the part we have played in the whole matter to let it drop and go by the board as if forgotten and neglected. It was ratified in May last by the German government and in August by the parliament of Great Britain. It marks a most hopeful and decided advance in international civilization. We should show our earnest good faith in a great matter by adding our own acceptance of it.

Charting of Our Coasts. There is another matter of which I must make special mention, if I am to discharge my conscience, lest it should escape your attention. It may seem a very small thing. It affects only a single item of appropriation. But many human lives and many great enterprises hang upon it. It is the matter of making adequate provision for the survey and charting of our coasts.

It is immediately pressing and exigent in connection with the immense coast line of Alaska. A coast line greater than that of the United States themselves, though it is also very important indeed with regard to the older coasts of the continent. We cannot use our great Alaskan domain, ships will not ply thither, if those coasts and their many hidden dangers are not thoroughly surveyed and charted.

The work is incomplete at almost every point. Ships and lives have been lost in threading what we supposed to be well-known main channels. We have not provided adequate vessels or adequate machinery for the survey and charting. We have used old vessels that were not big enough or strong enough and which were so nearly unseaworthy that our inspectors would not have allowed private owners to send them to sea. This is a matter which, as I have said, seems small, but is in reality very great. Its importance has only to be looked into to be appreciated.

Economy Is Urged. Before I close, may I say a few words upon two topics, much discussed out of doors, upon which it is highly important that our judgments should be clear, definite and steadfast. One of these is economy in government expenditures. The duty of economy is not debatable. It is manifest and imperative. In the appropriations we pass we are spending the money of the great people whose servants we are—not our own. We are trustees and responsible stewards in the spending. The only thing debatable and upon which we should be careful to make our thought and purpose clear is the kind of economy demanded of us. I assert with the greatest confidence that the people of the United States are not jealous of the amount their government costs if they are sure that they get what they need and desire for the outlay, that the money is being spent for objects of which they approve, and that it is being applied with good business sense and management.

Governments grow, piecemeal, both in their tasks and in the means by which those tasks are to be performed, and very few governments are organized. I venture to say, as wise and experienced business men would organize them: if they had a clean sheet of paper to write upon. Certainly the government of the United States is not. I think that it is generally agreed that there should be a systematic reorganization and reassembling of its parts so as to secure greater efficiency and effect considerable savings in expense. But the amount of money saved in that way would, I believe, though no doubt considerable in itself, running, it may be, into the millions, be relatively small—small, I mean, in proportion to the total necessary outlays of the government. It would be thoroughly worth effecting, as every saving would, great or small.

Our duty is not altered by the scale of the savings. But my point is that the people of the United States do not wish to curtail the activities of this government; they wish, rather, to enlarge them; and with every enlargement, with the mere growth, indeed, of the country itself, there must

come, of course, the inevitable increase of expense.

The sort of economy we ought to practice may be effected, and ought to be effected, by a careful study and assessment of the tasks to be performed; and the money spent ought to be made to yield the best possible returns in efficiency and achievement. And, like good stewards, we should so account for every dollar of our appropriations as to make it perfectly evident what it was spent for and in what way it was spent.

It is not expenditure but extravagance that we should fear being criticized for; not paying for the legitimate enterprises and undertakings of a great government whose people command what it should do, but adding what will benefit only a few or pouring money out for what need not have been undertaken at all or might have been postponed or better and more economically conceived and carried out. The nation is not niggardly; it is very generous. It will chide us only if we forget for whom we pay money out and whose money it is we pay.

These are large and general standards, but they are not very difficult of application to particular cases.

The National Defense. The other topic I shall take leave to mention goes deeper into the principles of our national life and policy.

It is the subject of national defense. It cannot be discussed without first answering some very searching questions.

It is said in some quarters that we are not prepared for war. What is meant by being prepared? Is it meant that we are not ready upon brief notice to put a nation in the field, a nation of men trained to arms? Of course we are not ready to do that; and we shall never be in time of peace so long as we retain our present political principles, and institutions. And what is it that it is suggested we should be prepared to do? To defend ourselves against attack? We have always found means to do that, and shall find them whenever it is necessary without calling our people away from their necessary tasks to render compulsory military service in times of peace.

Allow me to speak with great plainness and directness upon this great matter and to avow my convictions with deep earnestness. I have tried to know what America is, what her people think, what they are, what they most cherish, and hold dear, I hope that some of their finer passions are in my own heart, some of the great conceptions and desires which gave birth to this government and which have made the voice of this people a voice of peace and hope and liberty among the peoples of the world, and that, speaking my own thoughts, I shall, at least in part, speak theirs also, however faintly and inadequately, upon this vital matter.

Fear No Nation.

We are at peace with all the world. No one who speaks counsel based on fact or drawn from a just and candid interpretation of realities can say that there is reason for fear that from any quarter our independence or the integrity of our territory is threatened. Dread of the power of any other nation we are incapable of. We are not jealous of rivalry in the fields of commerce or of any other peaceful achievement. We mean to live our lives as we will; but we mean also to let live. We are, indeed, a true friend to all the nations of the world, because we threaten none, covet the possessions of none, desire the overthrow of none. Our friendship can be accepted and is accepted without reservation, because it is offered in a spirit and for a purpose which no one need ever question or suspect. Therein lies our greatness. We are the champions of peace and of concord. And we should be very jealous of this distinction which we have sought to earn. Just now we should be particularly jealous of it, because it is our dearest present hope that this character and reputation may presently, in God's providence, bring us an opportunity to counsel and obtain peace in the world and reconciliation and a healing settlement of many a matter that has cooled and interrupted the friendship of nations. This is the time above all others when we should wish and resolve to keep our strength by self-possession, our influence by preserving our ancient principles of action.

Ready for Defense.

From the first we have had a clear and settled policy with regard to military establishments. We never have had, and while we retain our present principles and ideals we never shall have, a large standing army. If asked, are you ready to defend yourselves? We reply, most assuredly, to the utmost; and yet we shall not turn America into a military camp. We will not ask our young men to spend the best years of their lives making soldiers of themselves. There is another sort of energy in us. It will know how to declare itself and make itself effective should occasion arise. And especially when half the world is on fire we shall be careful to make our moral insurance against the spread of the conflagration very definite and certain and adequate indeed.

Let us remind ourselves, therefore, of the only thing we can do or will do. We must depend in every time of national peril, in the future as in the past, not upon a standing army, nor yet upon a reserve army, but upon a citizenry trained and accustomed to arms. It will be right enough, right American policy, based upon our accustomed principles and practices, to provide a system by which every citizen who will volunteer for

the training may be made familiar with the use of modern arms, the rudiments of drill and maneuver, and the maintenance and sanitation of camps.

We should encourage such training and make it a means of discipline which our young men will learn to value. It is right that we should provide it not only, but that we should make it as attractive as possible, and so induce our young men to undergo it at such times as they can command a little freedom and can seek the physical development they need, for mere health's sake, if for nothing more. Every means by which such things can be stimulated is legitimate, and such a method smacks of true American ideas. It is a right, too, that the National Guard of the states should be developed and strengthened by every means which is not inconsistent with our obligations to our own people or with the established policy of our government. And this, also, not because the time or occasion specially calls for such measures, but because it should be our constant policy to make these provisions for our national peace and safety.

More than the whole history and character of our polity, more than this, proposed at this time, permit me to say, would mean merely that we had lost our self-possession, that we had been thrown off our balance by a war with which we have nothing to do, whose causes cannot touch us, whose very existence affords us opportunities of friendship and disinterested service which should make us ashamed of any thought of hostility or fearful preparation for trouble. This is assuredly the opportunity for which a people and a government like ours were raised up, the opportunity not only to speak but actually to embody and exemplify the counsels of peace and amity and the lasting concord which is based on justice and fair and generous dealing.

Ships Our Natural Bulwarks.

A powerful navy we have always regarded as our proper and natural means of defense; and it has always been of defense that we have thought, never of aggression or of conquest. But who shall tell us now what sort of navy to build? We shall take leave to be strong upon the seas, in the future as in the past; and there will be no thought of offense or of provocation in that. Our ships are our natural bulwarks. When will the experts tell us just what kind we should construct—and when will they be right for ten years together, if the relative efficiency of craft of different kinds and uses continues to change as we have seen it change under very eyes in these last few months?

But I turn away from the subject. It is not new. There is no new need to discuss it. We shall not alter our attitude toward it because some amongst us are nervous and excited. We shall easily and sensibly agree upon a policy of defense. The question has not changed its aspects because the times are not normal. Our policy will not be for an occasion. It will be conceived as a permanent and settled thing, which we will pursue at all seasons, without haste and after a fashion perfectly consistent with the peace of the world, the abiding friendship of states, and the unhindered freedom of all with whom we deal. Let there be no misconception. The country has been misled. We have not been negligent of national defense. We are not unmindful of the great responsibility resting upon us. We shall learn and profit by the lesson of every experience and every new circumstance; and what is needed will be adequately done.

Great Duties of Peace.

I close, as I began, by reminding you of the great tasks and duties of peace which challenge our best powers and invite us to build what will last, the tasks to which we can address ourselves now and at all times the free-hearted zest and with all the finest gifts of constructive wisdom we possess. To develop our life and our resources; to supply our own people, and the people of the world as their need arises, from the abundant plenty of our fields and our marts of trade; to enrich the commerce of our own states and of the world with the products of our mines, our farms, and our factories, with the creations of our thought and the fruits of our character—this is what will hold our attention and our enthusiasm steadily, now and in the years to come, as we strive to show in our life as a nation what liberty and the inspirations of an emancipated spirit may do for men and for societies, for individuals, for states, and for mankind.

Skunks Yield \$3,000,000 A Year.

The skunk brings annually to the trappers of the United States about three million dollars. It stands second in importance only to the muskrat among our fur-bearing animals. The value of a skunk in the raw market averaged from about twenty-five cents to \$2.50 in December, 1912, and usually runs higher.

In 1911 2,000,000 skins were exported to London alone. Although this fur is not very popular in America, Europeans favor it, because it wears well and has a luster which makes it rival the Russian sable in appearance.

The Mexican States.

Mexico consists of 32 states and territories and is politically a federated republic, its constitution being patterned after that of the United States of America. The population of the country in 1900 was 13,697,000. On account of the strenuous life of Mexico for several years past it is likely that its present population is not much in excess of that of 14 years ago.

WILL PRESS "BIG ARMY" CAMPAIGN

THOUGH PRESIDENT OPPOSES WHOLESALE INQUIRY, CONGRESS SO DEMANDS.

WANTS TO KNOW NATION'S WAR POWER

Want Special Commission Appointed—Senator Hitchcock Would Prohibit Shipments of War Munitions to Europe—Senate Asks Figures.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Preparedness of the United States for war seems destined for investigation in congress. Several bills and resolutions bearing on the subject were introduced today and an inquiry by congressional committees is regarded at the capitol as certain, although President Wilson told Representative Gardner during the day that he opposed the latter's plan for an investigation by a national security commission. The president expressed the opinion that this would be an unwise way of handling "a question which might create very unfavorable international questions."

Senator Lodge introduced in the senate a resolution similar to the Gardner measure pending in the house and asked that it lie on the table until tomorrow. It would provide for a national security commission to be composed of three members of the senate, three members of the house, and three citizens to be appointed by the president.

President Wilson let it be known after his conference with Representative Gardner that he was entirely in favor of the fullest inquiry into military conditions by regular committees of the house and senate and added that there were no facts in possession of the executive departments which were not at the disposal of those committees.

In line with this attitude, Senator James Hamilton Lewis, Democratic whip of the senate, introduced a resolution which would direct an exhaustive inquiry by the military and naval committees of the senate into the expenditures of millions of dollars appropriated in the past for national defenses. The inquiry would be directed to ascertain just what had been provided by the expenditures of late years and to ascertain actual military conditions. The resolution was referred to the committee on military affairs.

Another military measure, submitted by Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of the military affairs committee, proposed the creation of a council of national defense to consist of the secretary of state as president, the secretaries of war and navy, the chairman of appropriation, military, naval and foreign relations committees of the senate and house, the chief of staff of the army and an officer of the navy and heads of the army and navy war colleges. Such a board would be authorized to investigate conditions of national defense and make recommendations for improvement.

Senator Hitchcock had passed by the senate without debate a resolution calling upon the secretary of commerce for information as to the extent of exportation of arms and munitions of war from the United States to belligerent foreign nations or to Canada, existing contracts in this country for exportation of such materials and the normal condition of exports of such materials, and the normal condition of exports of such materials in the time of peace. Later Senator Hitchcock introduced a bill which would prohibit the sale of munitions of war or materials for use in such munitions during the existence of war, except upon proof that they were not to be used against any country with which the United States was at peace.

President Wilson today expressed the opinion through a statement issued by Secretary Bryan that the building of submarines for any of the belligerents of the present war would be contrary to the spirit of the neutrality of the United States.

The statement contained an announcement that the Bethlehem Steel corporation, of which Charles M. Schwab is president, and which owns the Fore River Shipbuilding company, had deferred to the views of the president and did not intend to deliver any submarines to the belligerents during the present war.

The question of whether it is legal for American firms to build submarines for shipment in parts has been decided through the present case, the voluntary withdrawal of the Bethlehem Steel corporation from any intention to build them having left the matter still open.

Blames Militia for Mine War.

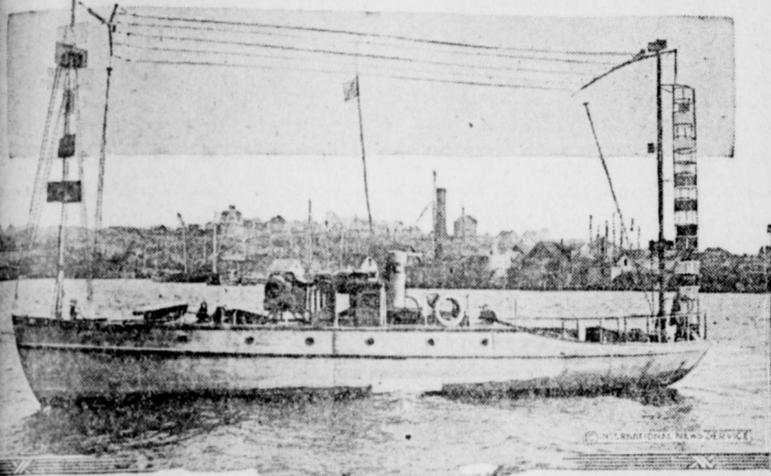
Denver, Dec. 8.—That constitutional guarantees were wiped out by Adjutant General Chase, as head of the Colorado militia; that miners were robbed by the militia; that the militia was recruited with "scoundrels" and the right of search had been exercised by it, while the civil courts were open, was the testimony of Professor James H. Brewster of the University of Colorado, attorney for the United Mine Workers, before the federal commission of industrial relations today.

BLANKETED BELGIANS TRYING TO KEEP WARM



The soldiers of Belgium are poorly equipped for winter fighting, but blankets are being distributed among them as rapidly as possible.

WIRELESS TORPEDO BOAT NATALIA



Wireless torpedo boat Natalia, invented by John Hays Hammond, Jr. of Gloucester, Mass. It is steered by wireless and can carry 4,000 pounds of explosives, which respond automatically to radio waves. At night the boat is controlled by the use of an arc light of one million candlepower. Young Hammond has given to American navy a successful demonstration of his invention.

BRITISH GUN ON YPRES BATTLEFIELD



One of the British guns in its pit on the Ypres battlefield, screened behind an ammunition wagon.

FUNERAL OF EARL ROBERTS



In a cold drizzle England paid her last tribute to Lord Roberts, the "grand old man" of her army, as the cortege passed through the streets from Charing Cross station to St. Paul's cathedral, where the remains of the late field marshal were laid in the tomb. The photograph shows the soldier's body on the gun carriage which his son tried to save at Colenso at the expense of his life.

Bees Tap Cellar, Recover Honey.
Winchester, Kan.—When ex-County Assessor Welshaar tapped his beehives and stored 100 pounds of honey in his cellar he thought his troubles were over. But such was not the

case. The other day his wife discovered numerous bees in the house and asked her spouse to investigate, which resulted in his finding all but a few pounds of the honey gone. The bees had carried it away.

NEW BRITISH ARMORED CAR



One of the new armored light cars that the British are using to good effect on the continent. It carries eight men and a Maxim gun in a revolving top and has a speed of forty miles an hour. When in action the driver sits on the floor and guides the car with the aid of a reflex mirror.

Dishwater Routs Bear.
Dawson, Y. T.—While washing dishes in a camp on the government road, near Leota Bluff, on the Klondike river, 30 miles below Dawson, a few days ago, George Ameraux looked over his shoulder. Grinning at him was a huge black bear. Ameraux threw a pan full of dishwater at his visitor. While Bruin was trying to rub the soap from his eyes Ameraux rushed to his tent, returned with his rifle, and killed the bear.

TEXAS NEWS CONDENSED

Indications from local option election shows a majority of 100 for prohibition in Baylor county.

Last week Moran precinct went dry. There were 212 votes cast giving prohibition 11 majority. This places Shackelford county entirely in the dry column.

Texas railroads are announcing reduced rates to the north, east and southeast, to remain in effect until after the holidays. A special Christmas rate will be put into effect for points within the state.

The state health department has issued a statement relative to the prevention of the spread of diphtheria and the contraction of the disease. Diphtheria is a preventable disease.

Groesbeck parties have closed a contract and will begin at once installing an ice factory, bottling works and creamery. Local capital is being more than \$29,000.

One of the largest farm land transactions in Dallas county for many months was shown in a deed filed for record in the county clerk's office. It showed 398 1/2 acres, 12 miles south of Dallas, sold for \$43,835, or more than \$110 an acre.

Bert Moody, 13-year-old son of Carlton A. Moody, of Dallas, was instantly killed when he was caught between the platform and gate of the freight elevator on the seventh floor of Sanger Bros.' wholesale department. His chest and back were crushed, and death came almost instantly.

The board of regents of the university of Texas has filed estimates of appropriations for the next two years with the comptroller, the aggregate amount being \$3,261,760, of which \$1,561,760 is for support and maintenance and \$1,700,000 for new buildings.

James E. Ferguson, governor-elect of Texas, declared at Freeport last week that Texans should welcome every rich man to this state, and that there should be laws enacted which absolutely would protect them in the investment of their capital and the development of the commonwealth.

"The most significant development in the cotton situation at this time is the announcement of the Texas committee to have charge in this state of the \$125,000,000 cotton pool." This opinion is expressed by Professor J. H. Connell, president of the Texas division of the Southern Cotton association, engaged in a campaign for the holding of cotton, reduction of cotton acreage and for crop diversification.

Work has started on a \$400,000 brick plant which the International Bricklayers' union is erecting at El Paso to compete with the other brick plants.

At a meeting of the Cook county commissioner's court at Gauseville a resolution was adopted to build a \$20,000 jail, to be furnished in the most up-to-date manner possible.

A large financial transaction took place at Mount Pleasant in the consolidation of the M. & P. National bank with the First State bank. It was voted to name the new institution the State National bank and make the capital stock of same \$75,000.

Twenty steamships entered the port at Galveston one day last week, which breaks all records this season, as the highest to enter so far had been 11. The average traffic on inbound steamers is six or seven daily.

Texas horses in the cold climate of Canada are being attacked by pneumonia. Out of a batch of 742 purchased in Texas by an agent of the French government for light cavalry service in France, more than 50 have died of the affliction.

Resolutions were adopted by the city council of Paris ordering an election on Dec. 29 on two propositions for the issuance of bonds, one for \$100,000 to continue street paving and the other for the same amount for school buildings.

The Farmers' Union gin at Decatur was destroyed by fire last week. A number of bales of cotton in the gin yard at the time were also destroyed. The property was valued at about \$6,000, with \$4,500 insurance.

Twelve hundred bales of cotton were burned in a fire which destroyed a warehouse at Georgetown, Ga. The loss is estimated at \$60,000.

Citizens, especially business men, tax-payers and city officials, are greatly interested in the suit of the Underground Construction company against the city of Fort Worth for the collection of approximately \$210,000 which the plaintiff alleges is due on the contract for the construction of Lake Worth reservoir and dam.

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Quail Not Only in Profusion, but Seemingly of High Order of Intelligence.
They were talking about fine hunting the other night when Dr. Elmer B. Cooley, Uncle Joe Cannon's congressional opponent, was reminded of an incident that happened in his home state.
At the beginning of the hunting season, the doctor said, an enthusiastic hunter named Smith telegraphed a hotel friend in the game region for reservation, and at the appointed time he was right on the job.
"Hello, Harry!" he exclaimed, saluting mine host, as he dragged his dogs and guns to the hotel veranda. "Everything all right?"
"Couldn't be better," was the prompt response of mine host.
"How about the game?" returned the sportsman, eagerly. "Are there any quail around?"
"Well, I should say so!" declared mine host. "Every time the cook throws a refuse piece of toast out of the back window four or five fat quail fight to see which one shall lie down on it!"—Philadelphia Telegraph.
Getting Double Value.
Senator Sniffensnuff likes to get double value out of his cigar. After snipping off the pointed end he generally inserts two-thirds of the weed into his mouth and munches it until all but the lighted end looks like a salad.
One afternoon while Sniffensnuff was sitting in front of his hotel a small boy tugged at the corner of his coat.
"What is it, son?" asked the senator, good-naturedly.
Pointing with a small, brown finger, the lad replied:
"If you please, sir, your chew is going out."—Youngstown Telegram.
Logical.
Nurse—Goodness me, what 'ave you been doing to your dolls?
Joan—Charley's killed them. He said they were made in Germany, and how were we to know they weren't spies?—Punch.

To Build Strong Children
Supply their growing bodies with right food, so that Brain, and Muscle, and Bone development may evenly balance.
Grape-Nuts
FOOD
was originated to supply, in proper proportion, the very elements required by the human body for growth and repair.
To supply children a dish of Grape-Nuts and cream for breakfast regularly, is to start them on the road to sturdy health.
"There's a Reason"
for
Grape-Nuts
Sold by grocers.
Kisses are coals of fire that consume platonic friendship.

SECOND WEEK BARGAINS

AT

**Sale Began
Friday
Dec. 4th**

**S. C. OSBORNE & CO.
Miami, Texas.**

**Sale Ends
Saturday
Dec. 19th.**

The CASH Store

We put on a big sale twice a year. The only reason we give for so doing is that we need the room, we want to clear our stock of broken lines; and that we want to give our customers an opportunity to obtain seasonable merchandise at greatly reduced prices.



This is the season of the year we clear our stock of Odds and Ends. We give you the PROFIT. Prepare now for WINTER

The busiest store in the busiest town in the Panhandle

Men's Dress Shirts

1 lot \$1 and \$1.25 dress shirts 15 to 17 75c
1 lot 65c dress shirts at 39c

Ladies Underware

65 cent values cut to 39c
100 pieces of childrens 2-piece fleece lined underwear, age 6 to 14 regular 35c values at 20c

Trunks and Valises

20 per cent off on all we have on hand.

PERCAL

47 pieces, all colors, 8 1-3 to 10c grade, special price during the sale 5c

FLANNELLETES

All 15 and 20c grades, including some of the nicest patterns, this sale 15c



SHOES

200 pairs of mens, boys, womens and childrens shoes are thrown into this sale. All odds and ends, over sizes and under sizes at a great sacrifice price. Save money

GINGHAMS

8 1/2 cent apron checks 6c

HATS

\$6.00 grade Stetson hats \$3.85
\$5 grade Stetson hats \$3.50
\$3.50 grade Ermine Hats \$2.75
\$2.50 grade Rabbit foot \$1.50
75 cent boys hats at 49c

Cotton Bats

75c large rolls prepared for quilts per roll 55c

Numerous Other Articles

go into this sale, among them 1 lot odd pants, 1 lot cotton blankets, 1 lot Misses sweaters, 1 lot mens belts, 1 lot boys jerseys and a quantity of Jewelry. You can save money.

All Calicos Including Simpsons and American, while they last, at 5 Cents.

SILKS

\$1 25 grade 36 inch Messaline during this sale at only \$1.00
75 cent grade silk poplins, this sale at 53c
Good grade susane silk, sale price 39c
35 cent Princess silk during sale for 29c

Wool Dress Goods

1 lot 65 cent grade woolen dress goods 39c
1 lot 35 cent cotton plaids, sale price 25c
25c galatia cloth 19c
35c fancy ticking, this sale, 25c
60 cent wool plaid 49c
Colored table linen 42c

LADIES COATS

\$15.00 ladies coats, woolen mixture \$11.
\$12.50 Ladies coats, tango \$9.25
\$12.00 ladies coats, Scotch Neicture \$9.
\$7.00 Ladies coats, Pyle fabric \$5.
\$4.98 Ladies coats, Pyle fabric \$3.50
\$4.50 Ladies coats, pony cloth \$3.25
1 lot Misses and childrens coats \$1 to \$5



Picture Chap Clothes

MENS SUITS

Regular \$16 suits now \$12.
Regular \$15 suits now \$11.
Regular \$10 suits now \$5.50

MENS WOOLEN UNDER SHIRTS

\$1 to \$3 value, one-third off during sale



Boys Clothing

\$5.00 A. B. C. Suits now only \$4.00

SPECIAL NOTE. During the month of December our store will be kept open late at nights. Don't Fail to come.

Bigger and Better Bargains is the Slogan at
OSBORNE'S

Biggest Bargains Ever