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FLEET IS NEARING HOME

SIXTEEN FIGHTING VESSELS OF AMERICA ENDING FOURTEEN MONTHS' CRUISE.

FEAT THOUGHT IMPOSSIBLE

Task Performed by United States Ships—One Not Hitherto Attempted.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Feb. 15.—Half way across the Atlantic ocean on the last long reach of their spectacular cruise around the world the sixteen, battleships of the United States Atlantic fleet are steaming in leisurely fashion toward the anchorage grounds of Hampton Roads from whence they sailed fourteen months ago. During these months of record steaming the heavily armored fighting vessels have traveled approximately 45,000 miles and are returning in condition, still "fit for a frolic or a fight." The cruise has been a veritable expedition of the seven seas and tasks heretofore deemed impossible for the modern ironclad have been accomplished with an ease bordering on the commonplace. The stories of the cruise have been succeeding chapters of receptions, banquets, balls and merrymaking, but back of all this relaxation and entertainment in the hospitable ports of the two hemispheres has been a test of men and material which has placed the American navy in an enviable position before all the world.

Robbers Get \$35,000.

Denver: That the holdup of the Denver and Rio Grande passenger train No. 4, near Denver, early Saturday morning, was the work of three instead of two robbers and that the robbery of the mail car gave them a loot of possibly \$35,000 are indicated by the investigation of the police and railroad officials. So far no tangible clue to the identity or whereabouts of the robbers has been found, but it seems that the men came to Denver and are now hiding in this city.

Earth Quivers in Mexico.

City of Mexico: Rumbling and earth quiverings continue to be felt in the vicinity of Mt. Colima. During the eruptions ashes and cinders fell on Colima, Tuxpan, Capotia and other towns in the vicinity and forests were set on fire. Wild animals rushed into the settlements almost tame from fright, and the people abandoned their homes and fled in terror.

New Road to Be Built.

Mt. Vernon: The contract for the building of the St. Louis, Oklahoma and Texas railway will be let soon and the proposition approved by the eastern capitalists who are to furnish the construction money. The road is to be constructed from Paris or Honey Grove to Red river and south to Tyler to a final destination at Smithville.

Fifty-Two Bodies Recovered.

Wellington, N. Z.: Fifty-two bodies have been recovered from the wrecked steamer Penguin of the Union Steamship company of Wellington, which went on the rocks Friday night off Cape Terawhit. Six of those aboard the Penguin are unaccounted for. In all, the passengers and crew numbered about 100.

Inspection of Guards.

Dallas: The annual inspection of the Texas National Guard by officers of the United States army for the year 1909 will begin on March 15, and it is desired that all organizations be recruited to at least their minimum strength as soon as possible.

Half Million Fruit Trees.

Marshall: Harrison county will have fully 500,000 fruit trees in bearing this season and the prospects just now are very promising for a splendid crop of fruit. The trees are looking fine and the buds are full and the last cold snap put the fruit back considerably, which is greatly in favor of the fruit and kept them from advancing too far.

Raid on Gamblers.

San Antonio: Shortly after midnight Saturday night State Rangers Laughlin and White of Austin, acting under instructions of Gov. Campbell, raided a gambling house in San Antonio and arrested forty. The raid was made in the Mexican portion of the city.

Storm in Mississippi.

Learned, Miss.: A storm struck this place from the northwest about 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon with terrific force, blowing down a negro church, killing Dick Harris' wife and one child of Maggie Bennett and injuring eight or ten.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

A. D. Hamock, Sr., the oldest white citizen in Bonham, died Monday. Mr. Hamock was 91 years of age.

A tornado swept over Center at 5:30 Friday morning which destroyed considerable property.

The Texas Bottlers' association will meet in Fort Worth Feb. 16 and the convention will last three days.

Plans are being made for the organization of a bank in Dallas by negroes and for negroes. Capital stock to be \$25,000.

Five students of A. & M. are to be expelled from the college for hazing, by decision of the faculty, which was reported Wednesday.

As a result of stepping on a rusty nail ten days ago, B. L. Wren, aged 40 years, and a carpenter, died of lockjaw Tuesday, in San Antonio.

James Wallace, a McLennan county farmer, and his wife died from burns in an accident occurring at their home twelve miles west of Waco Monday.

Neil P. Anderson, compress man, has informed some of the citizens of Quahak that he will erect a first-class, up-to-date compress in that city in the near future.

What promises to be a revolution in train dispatching will be inaugurated by the Rock Island. It is proposed to use the telephone instead of telegraph lines.

The Central Coal and Coke company of Kansas City Thursday bought 22,000 acres of timber land near Carson, La. The consideration is said to have been over \$1,000,000.

The charter for the Building Trades Council of Fort Worth has been received and preliminary organization effected under the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor.

The Fraternal Brotherhood opened the first day's session of its state convention in Fort Worth Wednesday morning, with a good attendance of delegates from many parts of the state.

A move is on foot by the club ladies of Terrell to have the eyes of pupils in the city public schools tested, with a view to remedying defective eyes that otherwise might not have proper attention.

News of disastrous prairie fires has been received to the effect that the Holt ranch, twelve miles north of Mineral Wells, has been damaged to a great extent which was caused from the high winds.

Cotton receipts from farm wagons in Abilene, for the season so far approximate 30,000 bales, while the total handled by the Western Texas Compress company at that place aggregates slightly over 50,000 bales.

The court of appeals Thursday at Albany, N. Y., fixed the week beginning March 29 as the date for the execution of Mrs. Mary Farmer at Auburn prison. She was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Seth Brennan, near Watertown.

Those bothered by "chiggers" and red bugs will find a recent bulletin issued by the Texas experiment station at the A. & M. college of interest. It is called a Spray Calendar and gives formulas of preparations for spraying against insects and pests. Of interest to the greatest number is the one which looks to personal comfort and that will dispose of the red bugs and chiggers. It can be used to prevent them by being employed as a repellent before going to the woods or pastures.

Accepting the invitation of the house of legislature, Mr. Alphonso Steele of Mexico, the sole survivor of the battle of San Jacinto, and Editor N. P. Houx of the Mexia Evening News, left Thursday for Austin, where Mr. Steele will address the legislature.

The foundation work is completed and brick work well under way on the new Grace hotel, being erected at Abilene by Col. W. L. Beckham. Red-face brick are being used for the lower part and yellow Denton brick will be used on the upper stories.

Citizens of Taylor are highly elated over the assurance that the International and Great Northern Railway company's machine shops and round house will be rebuilt there, as expressed by that company's representatives in Taylor yesterday.

H. L. Norton, a Boston capitalist, has written Mayor Earle of Jacksonville that a party interested in building an interurban railway from Tyler to Jacksonville with a probable extension to Rusk and Morrill, will leave Boston for Texas at an early date.

The grand jury of Jones county, which has been in session at Anson, in its report to the court, condemns the present courthouse. In its report it states that the building now in use is not safe for the keeping of the county records and urges a new structure.

THE WEEK'S EPITOME

A RESUME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

A Carefully Digested and Condensed Compilation of Current News Domestic and Foreign.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

It was officially stated Wednesday in Washington that Huntington Wilson, formerly the third assistant secretary of state and recently appointed minister to Argentine Republic, would be assistant secretary of state under the Taft administration.

With simple but impressive ceremonies the counting of the electoral vote for president and vice-president took place Wednesday at a joint session of the senate and house of representatives held in the chamber of the lower body in Washington.

The house committee on alcoholic liquor traffic Thursday voted down the Bennett bill providing for a commission to collect information regarding the liquor traffic in this country.

Under the guise of consideration of the nomination of Dr. W. D. Crum, the negro collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., reappointed by President Roosevelt, the senate, in executive session Monday, discussed the Japanese question.

The entire question of the type of canal that should be adopted in the construction of the Panama Canal was before the senate Tuesday in Washington. Senator Foraker and Senator Teller all declared they believed a grave mistake had been made in adopting the lock project.

Senator Hale, chairman of the committee on naval affairs, Wednesday reported to the senate in Washington the bill making appropriations for the support of the navy. It carries \$136,825,199, an increase of \$1,058,428 over the amount carried by the bill as it was passed by the house.

Congress will probably formulate its own plan of naval reform, notwithstanding the president created a commission a few days ago to perform this service. At all events the naval appropriation bill, when it came out of Senator Hale's committee this morning, contained an added provision for a commission to be composed of senators, representatives, naval officers and civilians, the naval officers and civilians to be named by the president.

Yielding to the pressure brought to bear by President Roosevelt and Gov. Gillette, the California assembly retired from its previous position on the anti-Japanese matters Wednesday by reconsidering the former vote on the segregation of Japanese students in the public schools and finally rejecting the measure by a vote of 41 to 37. The agricultural appropriation bill as it leaves the house carries \$146,470 "for the study and demonstration of the best methods of meeting the ravages of the cotton boll weevil" and \$42,000 "for investigation of insects affecting southern field crops, including the cotton boll weevil and other insects injurious to cotton and insects affecting tobacco, rice and sugar cane."

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

The nineteenth day closed with the jury still incomplete in the case of the state against Col. Duncan B. Cooper, Robin J. Cooper and John D. Sharpe, charged with the murder of former Senator E. W. Carmack in Nashville, Tenn.

A fire which occurred in Hillsboro Thursday morning resulted in losses and damages aggregating about \$15,000.

Natural gas was turned into the mains Tuesday and is available for domestic use. Many connections are being rushed and within a week the housewives of Wichita Falls will enjoy the bliss of cooking with gas.

Efforts will be made by the board of trade of Denison to secure the planting of 5,000 acres in peanuts the coming season. A northern firm is planning to establish a plant for handling peanuts somewhere in Texas, and this plant will be placed as nearly in the center of the peanut district as possible.

While on her way home to Dallas Sunday Mrs. M. McCreery, who had been visiting in Ward, Ark., was robbed of her purse, containing \$175, on an Iron Mountain train.

Funds raised by the American relief organization for the earthquake victims in Italy have reached a total of \$3,641,000, this sum representing the contributions which poured in from all quarters through three leading organizations, the American National Red Cross, the Italian Government committee and the Italian Red Cross.

John Henry seals, a well-known Georgia journalist and founder of the Sunny South, died Wednesday at Millidgeville, Ga., aged 76.

More than \$50,000 in cash has been found in a mattress on the bed of James Mahar, a Civil war veteran, who died in Lockport, N. J., Sunday.

It appears that the report to the effect that the division of the Texas and New Orleans railroad would be moved from Jacksonville was an error.

The great battleship Delaware was successfully launched from the yards of her builders at Newport News Sunday. The launching was witnessed by 8000 people.

Gov. Haskell's preliminary hearing on the indictment charging him with conspiracy to defraud the government will take place Monday morning, March 1, at Vinita, Ok.

Mayor George H. Brier of Cullman, Ala., wires that seven people are known to have been killed in that county Friday by the tornado which passed over that section of the state.

The old home of Gen. U. S. Grant, on the Gravois road, St. Louis county, has been purchased by August A. Busch, the millionaire brewer, and turned into a model game preserve.

Every republic of Central and South America has been asked to send fraternal delegates to join Mexico in her centenary celebration as a republic, to be held in September, 1910.

Backed by financiers of France, the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad, which has just been completed between Wagoner and Calvin, will immediately be extended to Denison.

Hill McIntosh, the negro charged with killing Deputy Constable Bob Draper in Paris last Friday night while the officers were trying to arrest him, was captured Tuesday at Wister, Ok.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra of England arrived in Berlin Tuesday morning in fulfillment of a promise made last summer and were warmly welcomed by Emperor William and people of Berlin.

An idea that he was contemplating retirement from active participation in the management of the railroad and other properties in which he is interested, was scouted by George J. Gould of New York Monday.

The amount of cotton ginned to Feb. 6 is placed at 12,214,000 bales by the National Ginners' association in a report issued Wednesday. This amount is compared with 10,593,000 bales ginned to Feb. 8 of last year.

The Wright brothers, the American aeronauts, have accepted an invitation to come to London during the latter part of March, when they will be given the gold medal of the Aero nautical Society of Great Britain.

The Kansas legislature, now in session in Topeka, will pass a bank deposit guaranty law. Gov. W. R. Stubbs, a stockholder in several banks, is personally opposed to such law and in his message to the legislature ignored it.

The Norfolk and Potomac Traction company's ferry steamer running between Willoughby-spit and old Point Comfort burned to the waters edge at her Willoughby pier, Tuesday. Three of her crew were burned to death in their bunks.

A discussion of the soils of Texas is a subject that is of interest to all parts of the state, and the announcement that has been made of a forthcoming bulletin on that subject is worthy of attention. The bulletin in preparation deals with the soils of Delta, Henderson, Robertson, Webb, Wilson, Cherokee, Angelina, Nacogoches, Cameron, Hidalgo, Montgomery, Nueces and Lavaca counties. Analysis of representative soils of these areas are given in detail. Past experiments and other work to test the capabilities and needs of the soils has been done. The bulletin will not be issued immediately, but when issued it will be for free distribution to all who apply for it.

What may lead to the discovery of coal beds within a mile of Childress has been brought to light by prairie dogs.

Commissioner Colvin of Fort Worth has accepted an offer from a St. Louis firm for the \$50,000 issue of city school bonds, bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest.

The Southern Pacific Railway Company has just established at Bowman a few miles from Auburn, Cal., a base from which it will construct improvements to its right of way over the Sierra Nevada mountains, costing \$25,000,000.

Following riots in the state of Morelos, Mexico, where several men were killed and injured, the Mexican government has made a number of arrests, all followers of Patrio Leyva the anti-federal candidate for governor of the state.

The official statement of United States Senator Isaac Stephenson of Madison, Wis., with affidavit attached, shows that the expense of his candidacy for the nomination of United States senator at the primary election on Sept. 1, 1908, amounted to \$107,793.05.

SENATOR KILLED BY GAS

DR. G. O. JOHNSON DIES AND SENATOR YEAGER IS SERIOUSLY ILL.

WAS OVERCOME WHILE ASLEEP

Both Men Are Very Prominent in The State of Oklahoma Legislature.

Guthrie, Ok., Feb. 11.—As a result of a leaky natural gas stove in their sleeping apartments, Dr. George O. Johnson of Fort Cobb, one of the most popular members of the Oklahoma state senate, is dead, and Senator P. J. Yeager of Tulsa is in a serious condition from the toxic effect of the gas fumes. The senators occupied a room together. The natural gas, under heavy pressure, poured into the room. Senator Yeager quickly fell asleep, only to be aroused about an hour later by groans from Senator Johnson, who was rapidly yielding to the gas poison. Somewhat dazed, Senator Yeager staggered from his bed and attempted to get fresh air by raising a window. Then, reaching the door and being unable to unlock it, hammered with his hands until other occupants of the house burst it open.

The two men were carried into the open air, where Senator Yeager was revived, but Senator Johnson failed to respond and expired about 9:15. Physicians pronounced death due to asphyxiation.

SAILS FOR NEW ORLEANS.

Mr. Taft Says Everything Progressing Nicely.

Colon: President-Elect William H. Taft and party left Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, on board the United States cruiser North Carolina, for New Orleans, accompanied by the cruiser Montana. Just previous to embarking Mr. Taft gave out the following: "I am not prepared now to make a statement as to the results of the trip to the Isthmus, except to say that we have found the work progressing in a most satisfactory way."

To Improve Corn Grade.

Hillsboro: The Hillsboro Board of Trade has invited competition among the farmers within the trade territory of Hillsboro in the production of improved quantities of corn and has offered four cash premiums, one of \$50 for the best acre grown during the present year, one of \$25 for the second best, one of \$15 for the third and one of \$10 for the fourth best.

Lavaca Colonization.

Hallettsville: A contract has been closed by W. E. Appelt with a syndicate from Oklahoma City, Ok., for the sale of a tract of land consisting of about 13,000 acres. The deal involves an amount of money approximating \$150,000. The land will be colonized by the syndicate with people from the north.

Fire Damages Cotton.

Galveston: The fire on board the steamer Rowanmore, reported Sunday night, damaged about 500 bales of cotton. The other cargo aboard was not damaged. The cotton is being discharged. The amount of damage has not been determined, but will reach several thousand dollars.

Two Burn to Death.

Waco: James Wallace, a McLennan county farmer, and his wife died from burns in an accident occurring at their home twelve miles west of Waco Monday. Mrs. Wallace seized a can of blazing oil and was going toward the door when the can exploded. The husband was fatally injured in attempting to save his wife's life.

Big Blage at Greenville.

Greenville: Starting from an unknown cause and spreading so rapidly that there was no chance to save the building, fire Tuesday completely destroyed the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad's creosoting plant located four miles from Greenville on the Mineola branch. The loss, which is estimated at between \$150,000 and \$200,000, includes 100,000 gallons of creosote oil.

Will Attend Meeting.

Fort Worth: D. J. Neill, state president of the Farmers' union, left Monday for Prescott, Ark., his former home, where he will remain until Friday, then proceed to Memphis, where he will meet with the presidents of other state unions and National President Charles S. Barrett in a cotton price conference.

Mexico's Centenary Celebration.

City of Mexico: Every republic of Central and South America has been asked to send fraternal delegates to join Mexico in her centenary celebration as a republic, to be held in September, 1910.

New Texas Railway.

The Hague. The contract has been closed with bankers for the financing of the Port O'Connor, Rio Grande and Northern railroad which is to be built from Port O'Connor, on the gulf coast, to San Antonio, with branch lines to Gonzales and Smithville. The proposed road will have a total length of 234 miles. The promoters of this road have been working on the project for several years. Its construction was started about two years ago and about fifty miles of grade finished when financial difficulties caused the work to be suspended.

Oil Well is Now Geyser.

City of Mexico: The famous oil well, known as the Des Bocas, which for months shot a column of flames and smoke into the air for many hundreds of feet, has been converted into a geyser, and fears are entertained that eventually the well, which for so long has furnished such a grand spectacle of the powers of nature, may become an active volcano.

Plainview-Lubbock Road.

Lubbock: The contract for the road from Plainview to Lubbock, an extension of the Santa Fe, has been signed up between the citizens of Lubbock and the Southwestern Construction company, the road to be completed by Jan. 1, 1910. The contract calls for a bonus of \$50,000, right of way and depot grounds.

Double Tragedy in Hot Springs.

Hot Springs, Ark.: A sensation and double tragedy was enacted Tuesday night in one of the palatial private cafe apartments of the Illinois club, when William Garner, a former officer of the city, shot and killed Mrs. Charles Eder and fired a 45-caliber bullet through his own head.

Money in Mattress.

Lockport, N. Y.: More than \$50,000 in cash has been found in a mattress on the bed of James Mahar, a Civil war veteran, who died here Sunday. The old soldier who died in his seventy-first year, had been a prisoner at Andersonville during the Civil war and drew a government pension.

Taft May Be in Storm.

New Orleans: A terrific storm is raging in the Gulf of Mexico and torrential rains fell Tuesday. It is feared the cruisers North Carolina and Montana, on which President-Elect William H. Taft and party are being conveyed from Panama to this port, are catching the full force of the hurricane.

10,000 Acres for \$165,000.

Quahak: Sneed Bros. have just closed a deal on the Buford land, consisting of 10,000 acres, for which they paid \$165,000. This land is located on the new Quahak, Acme and Pacific railway, and near Cottle City. This indicates what a new railroad will do for a country.

Quake Shakes Mexican Town.

Mexico City: A special dispatch says that another earthquake occurred in the vicinity of Colima Tuesday. A violent eruption of the volcano followed the quake. The volcano is now covered with ashes and a ridge of lava about a mile long is seen streaming down from one side.

Charges of Cutting Timber.

Muskogee: The federal grand jury, which has been in session here for nearly two weeks, was discharged Tuesday, after having made a final report returning twenty-six indictments, charging the cutting of valuable timber on Indian lands.

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Heart Was Dislocated.

San Antonio: Alleging his heart was dislocated as a result of being mashed against a car when alighting from his engine, H. G. Richardson Tuesday filed suit against the International and Great Northern for \$40,000 damages. He was formerly an engineer for that road.

W. F. KELLIS.

STERLING CITY, TEXAS

Will they permit just common water to flow in that \$500,000,000 Panama canal?

Happy is the frugal citizen who manages to make his interest money pay his taxes.

Chicago has sounded the doom of the large hat, but getting rid of it is another matter.

Every once in a while Carnegie takes a few hours off from golf to think up something new.

Brooklyn church is to be made sound proof, at great expense. Congregation must get some sleep some way.

Aeroplanes are only \$5,000 apiece now but they will be going up next spring, according to the printed directions.

Shoe dealers threaten to print the real sizes on women's shoes. It would be a brave move, but what would be the use?

A Connecticut farmer boasts a hen that will say "hello," but in these days it is deeds, not words, that man wants from hens.

A cable from London says the queen opens and reads all of King Edward's letters. What does it avail a man to be a king?

A Baltimore paper says San Francisco is worse than Pittsburg, and Pittsburg hastens to regard this as a vindication.

Mark Twain has incorporated himself into a company, but it is not thought that he will ever be prosecuted as a trust.

Blind bees make the best honey. That's what one of these modern scientists hands us. Catch your bees and put their eyes out.

Being married by "ethical rites" is one of the new forms. Warranted to be just as good, and saves a lot of trouble and fussing.

New York has only ten millionaires, according to the official tax figures. The rest of New York's millionaires are altogether too modest.

French courts have decided that the princess de Sagan is fit to raise her children. This is likely to lower her in the estimation of her present husband.

The United States will have two 25,000 ton battleships. We may expect any day now to hear that England is going to build a few 30,000-ton ships.

Twenty-eight Wright aeroplanes having been sold in France for delivery next March, there ought to be money in the aeroplane repair business about April 1.

Uncle Sam is trying to get back 20,000 acres of coal lands alleged to have been taken fraudulently from him in Utah. Uncle is getting good and tired of being an easy mark.

There is to be an advance in the price of brooms, but we are glad to be able to say that the carpet sweeper trust has not decided that it needs more money at this time.

Chicago is to have a "psychic rest room," where worries may be laid aside. If it proves a success we look for anxious inquiries from a number of eminent persons now in Washington.

Because he stole eight cents, an Oakland (Cal.) man has been sentenced to the penitentiary for eight years. An important fact in connection with the case is that he has been put in prison.

There is more merit in the opinion of the Colorado secretary of the bureau of child and animal protection that parents of bad children should be punished for the misconduct of their offspring than one would suppose at first thought. If the state had the power to bring parents to the bar of justice when their children went wrong, declares the Brooklyn Standard-Union, there would perhaps be a more determined effort to see that boys and girls lived in accordance with the ideals of civilization.

Turkey has left her mark on Russia, on Greece, on Servia, on Hungary, on Italy, on Spain, on the northern part of Africa and all of Egypt, on great stretches of Asia, and even the Mohammedans of the Philippine archipelago who salute the Stars and Stripes look to the sultan as their real head. Her armies, says the Detroit News-Tribune, have threatened most of the capitals of Europe, just as her diplomacy has done in latter years, and though she is now one of the weakest powers she holds in her cunning hand the keys to the situation.

A bad liver is a public enemy. It is morose and growly and picks fault in everything. It breaks up families and creates dissensions among neighbors. It is suspicious, envious, and quarrelsome. There is nothing the state need get after, on the score of the general welfare, more than the bad, vile and riotous livers which occupy the land.—Ohio State Journal.

Dr. Judson assumes the defense that began with Adam. The woman tempted and weak man fell a victim to her wiles. Poor, abused, helpless fellow!

GEORGE WASHINGTON ANCESTORS

BY EMORY HARRING DUNLAP



TRACING families to their earliest beginnings is a favorite pastime with many Americans. There are not a few who claim descent from some noble or kingly European house. Some go back to Edward III. of England, some go to Alfred the Great; while millions of good people believe that they are descended direct from Adam and Eve, by way of Mr. and Mrs. Noah. The profession of pedigree tracing depends upon the dollar. If the price can be paid a genealogical tree will be drawn up, which finally will strike its roots into some royal tomb.

There is one famous name which can be traced back for more than 700 years. The family boasts of no royal ancestor, and it never held any hereditary title, but all through this long time its members were people of position.

In 1183—before surnames were thought of—a Norman knight named William of Herburn bought the manor of Wessington from the bishop of Durham in England. He paid four pounds in good cash for it, and also agreed to attend the bishop with two greyhounds on occasions of state huntings, and to furnish a man-at-arms when the lord bishop had any fighting on hand. This William, hereafter known as Sir William of Wessington, was the first man to bear the name, and was the direct ancestor of George Washington. The name is pure Saxon, meaning the town on the marshy meadow; and the village now known as Wessington is in the coal mining district about ten miles from Durham. The Washingtons soon spread all over the north of England, where the name still is common, and one branch of the family settled in the county of Lancashire.

From Lancashire one Lawrence Washington went up to London, to study law in Gray's Inn. He made his mark, and, leaving London for Northampton, was so successful there that he twice became mayor of that city. This was in the days of King Henry the Eighth—bluff King Hal—the man who could not make his marriage ideas fit in with the ideas of the church, and so quarreled with it. Church property was confiscated on all hands, and among other fertile spots the mayor of Solgrave fell into his clutches. It was bestowed upon Lawrence Washington, who thus became lord of the manor of Solgrave in Northamptonshire and was revered by the community.

The manor house still stands. Lawrence Washington altered it to suit his own tastes, and in the carvings of both stone and woodwork and the decorations of the windows he wove his arms of Stars and Stripes. Old fashioned folk shook their heads and said that property taken from the church never could prosper. However that may be, the family only held Solgrave for three generations. The first Lawrence had a large family of four sons and seven daughters, and his family twice intermarried with the noble Spencer family—direct ancestors of the present Earl Spencer. So when trouble came on the family the earl built a home for his kinsman in the little village of Brington in the same county. Here in the old village church Lawrence Washington, grandson of the first Lawrence, is buried, according to tradition.

Though "reduced" the family was not impoverished, nor did its members lose their worthy standing. This Lawrence exceeded his grandfather in the number of his children, for 16 were born to him. Two of his sons became knights, some of his daughters married knights or other men of distinction, and his fourth son, also named Lawrence, became a fellow of Brazenose college, Oxford, and a clergyman.

Times changed quickly in those old days. Henry the Eighth and his children long were in their graves, and Charles the First was on his troubled throne. As became an old country family the Washingtons one and all were for their king, and several fought bravely against Cromwell and his parliamentary troops. While the knights fought the clergyman preached, and it is evident that he did not mince words. The parliamentarians writhed under his home-thrusts, and when they got the upper hand they did not forget him. His church was taken from him, and not content with that they published his iniquities in a book of "Malignants," a sort of rogues' gallery of those who were staunchest in the support of their king. The politicians of those days were worse than those of to-day. In the quaint language of the time they said that the Rev. Lawrence "is a common frequenter of ale houses, not only himself sitting daily tipping there, but also encouraging others in that beastly vice, and hath often been drunk. He hath said that the parliament have more papists belonging to them in their armies than the king had about him or in his army, and that the parliament's army did more hurt than the cavaliers, and that they did none at all; and hath published them to be traitors that lend to or assist the parliament."

The reverend gentleman never again made his



ENGLISH HOME OF THE WASHINGTON FAMILY



THE TINY VILLAGE OF BRINGTON, ENGLAND

peace with the "traitors" and when he died in the height of Cromwell's power, his two eldest sons, seeing their prospects blighted at home, turned longing eyes to the west. There is a suspicion that they engaged in some wild attempt to upset the government, but it failed, and they escaped on a British ship in 1657 and sailed for Virginia. The eldest boy John, a young man of about 24 when he left the old country, was the great-grandfather of George Washington. He had a son Lawrence, whose son Augustine married Mary Bell for his second wife, and to them George Washington was born on February 22, 1732. The arms of the Washingtons, woven into the fabric of Solgrave manor-house, show three stars and two red stripes on a white ground. In the little church at Brington they appear three times. In the mortuary chapel of the Spencers there, amid many noble tombs, is one tomb on which repose full length figures of Baron Spencer and his wife, who was a Washington. Among the arms carved on this tomb the Washington and Spencer arms are quartered together. In the chancel of the church they appear again over the tomb of Lawrence Washington and under the matting in the center aisle, down which the feet of the villagers pass every Sunday, they cover the remains of Robert Washington, brother of Lawrence. There they are engraved on a brass shield of which the picture here published is a rubbing. The simple inscription, touching a record of happy life, reads: "Here lies interred ye bodies of Elizab. Washington, widow who changed this life for immortalitie ye 19th of March, 1622. As also ye body of Robert Washington, gent, her late husband, second sonne of Robert Washington of Solgrave in ye county of North, who departed this life ye 10th of March, 1622, after they lived lovingly together in this parish."

The arms of the knights of Washington—the stars and bars—were worn on their shields. On their helmets they bore a crest—sometimes a raven, sometimes an eagle. The Herald's college of London, the authority on all matters of heraldry, says: "In the red and white bars, and the stars of the shield, and the eagle issuant of his crest borne later by General Washington, the framers of the constitution got the idea of the Stars and Stripes and the Spread Eagle of the national emblem."

PERSONAL GLIMPSSES OF WASHINGTON.
In a historical tribute of more than usual interest on "Washington as a Colonial Magnate," written by E. N. Vallandigham, the following is the striking introductory sentence: "That great river, the Potomac, in its tidal course, seems fitly to typify the life and character of the majestic man, Washington, who was born within sight of its banks, whose permanent home for most of his life overlooked many miles of its course, and whose tomb now dominates its waters."

The sketch concerns itself almost exclusively with the home side of Washington's career and will be read with interest by many persons accustomed to think of the father of his country only in his regimental uniform or in the presidential chair at the capital.

"Magnate as he was and the neighbor of other magnates who were notoriously pleasure-loving and fond of display," says Mr. Vallandigham, as his interesting article is near its close, "Washington retained the business instincts and habits of his family. Before he was 14 he had familiarized himself with business forms and methods, and from his early youth he was a strict and minutely careful accountant. During much of his life at Mt. Vernon he rose at daylight, breakfasted at seven in summer and eight in winter, dined at two upon meat and vegetables, drinking beer or cider and two glasses of old Madeira, and went early to bed. He helped Peter, the slave blacksmith, to make a new kind of plow and was so eager to try it that

he actually harnessed to the invention a pair of his best horses.

"Washington was essentially a man of business after he ceased to be a colonial soldier. Mt. Vernon had ten miles of water front, most of which, as the owner told a correspondent, was a fishing shore. The seine was hauled and the gill nets and purse nets were tended by the slaves, but we may be sure from Washington's habits that he often superintended the work. The Potomac of to-day, in the region of Washington's birth and residence, has miles of nets staked out just as his were staked when his dusky fishermen fared forth and returned laden with the miscellaneous catch. Washington himself, according to Irving, seized a poacher whom he found in a boat on his premises lying in wait for canvasback ducks. Flour with the name of Washington stamped upon the barrel passed without inspection in British West Indian ports. Washington had great tobacco barns, such as to-day show their gray shingles on the slopes as one sails the Potomac, and he shipped his tobacco in just such hogheads as are shipped to-day from half a hundred ports on the Potomac and its tributaries. These hogheads are no longer trundled directly upon their own staves over roads impracticable for wheeled vehicles, but they are still made with perpendicular, unbossed sides, just as they were in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

"The world well knows the steps that converted the well content and loyal colonial magnate of 1760, who had everything to gain from continued good relations with the mother country, into the patriot leader of 1775 and the next eight years. All through the revolutionary struggle Washington kept himself informed of the doings at Mt. Vernon, and he returned to it at the close of the war determined to resume his old occupations. His dissipation as a colonial magnate had been dinners at Belvoir and other neighboring plantations and an occasional visit with Mrs. Washington to the gay little state capital at Annapolis, whither the belles of Maryland were accustomed to ride on horseback with their hoops looped up somehow, in order to dance all night at the balls for which the infant city was famous. Even the long war, the anxieties of the critical period that followed, and

the burdens of the presidency, left Washington with the simple instincts and habits of the country magnate and man of business. He wrote to a friend in those latter days that he had found Mt. Vernon in need of careful attention on his return from the army. Friends were welcome, but they must expect simple fare—a bit of mutton and a glass of wine were all the table boasted. Later still, after Washington had definitely laid aside the cares of state, Col. Carrington found at Mt. Vernon still marked simplicity. The veteran upon the occasion of Carrington's visit went to bed at midnight instead of nine o'clock, extending his time three hours in honor of his guest. Mrs. Washington always spoke of her official life with its levees and formalities as "her lost days" and Mrs. Carrington found her in her own rooms, with a chambermaid knitting in one corner, and a little negress leaning to sew in another. The first lady of the White House was even then knitting gloves and stockings for friends and dependents. It was of this period, or perhaps a few years earlier, that an English actor tells a pleasant story. He was on the public road somewhere near Mt. Vernon when a private coach was upset. The occupants, a fine lady and her escort, almost angrily demanded help. While the actor was doing what he could, a large man rode up on horseback, dismounted, rendered effectual aid for which he received scant thanks, and started the ill-mannered pair upon their journey. Then the stranger turned to the actor, recognized him and recalled the fact of having seen him more than once upon the stage. By this time the actor in turn had recognized the man on horseback as Gen. Washington. The incident closed with the actor on his way to dine at Mt. Vernon.

"For most of us to-day that giant figure in the background of our short national history suffices to hide the perspective of the earlier Washington in his successive stages as a colonial American. Nevertheless, the plain planter and provincial soldier, called upon to lead a new nation in war and in peace, and to take an unwilling hand in world politics, must always have thought of his later life in relation with his humbler past. Whoever would know Washington in his entirety must not content himself with reading American history from Bunker Hill to the middle of John Adams' administration, and standing bared before the tomb at Mt. Vernon.

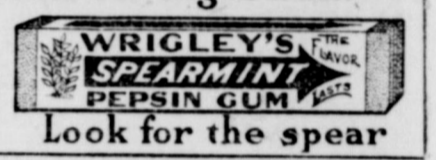
"He must visit the Northern Neck, where Washington, even at his greatest, loved to live an equal among his neighbors; he must see Fredericksburg, with the still standing homestead of Washington's mother and the house of his sister; he must take the delicious walk from Wakefield wharf to the lonely birthplace monument in the great wheat field overlooking the Potomac, see the very plantations that the schoolboy of 1740 looked upon, hear the mad mockingbirds as he must have heard them. Above all, such a student must navigate the lovely waters of the Potomac in its lower course, where the stream and its tributaries spread and branch like an inland sea; must hear the homely speech of the native population to whom the name Washington connotes not only the dead hero, but their living neighbors of one blood with the first president.

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STAGE SEEMS TO BE SET FOR EUROPEAN WAR IN THE SPRING

LONDON, Eng.—If Europe is to be saved from a general international convulsion in the coming spring, her chief statesmen will deserve the praise of history and the thanks of the whole world. It is in the spring that things happen in the Balkan region—that present center of the continent wherein may be struck the vital spark of European flame. The Balkans are extremely mountainous, and the country, difficult of communication in most parts at any time, is impassable in the winter, when snow and drift and glacier block the rugged way, writes A. Francis Walker in the New York Press.

It is a country of unrest, of strife and turmoil. Year after year the world has been told each winter "There will be war in the Balkans in the spring." The world has been fooled so many times by this rumor that it has become skeptical, but the time for skepticism is past. If ever the rumor is going to find development in actual fact, it surely will find it in the spring of 1909. According to Sir Edward Grey, the British minister for foreign affairs, the present Balkan troubles have caused "the greatest diplomatic complications of modern history." Never were so many international interests involved, nor did so many territorial complications ever arise at one juncture. The Serb state seem bent upon fight; Bulgaria, in her ambitions toward Macedonia, no longer feels her interests bound up with Austria; Russia cannot afford to disregard Slav feeling, however much she may cry peace; and whichever way the pendulum swings, it an outbreak should occur, Austria and Turkey must find themselves involved. Germany has promised to stand by Austria and France and England are busy safeguarding their status quo.

All Signs Point to War.
The announcement that Austria had decided to pay the sum of \$10,000,000 or thereabouts to Turkey as compensation

might well tolerate from a Servian tongue what she could not possibly tolerate from Russia, France or Germany, for instance a little more consideration for the exigencies of the Servian minister's surroundings might have led the government of Vienna to regard the Servian minister's speech as intended less for foreign than for home consumption. But Austria is not inclined to be lenient. As a matter of fact, consideration for the weaker nation in general never has been a characteristic of the policy of Vienna. The whole trend of events during the past few weeks points to this fact—that the ties which maintain certain of the European powers in a state of peace are of the very slenderest nature and that the slightest indiscretion of word or deed may precipitate a struggle the end of which no living man can foresee.

Is Contest of Races.

The fundamental, basic fact back of all the negotiations between the various powers, principally Austria and Turkey, Russia and the Balkan provinces proper, is the collision of two opposing forces, whose natural trend, respectively, is east and west, north and south. Kinglake in his masterly analysis of the Crimean war has noted the inevitable tendency of the northern peoples to the south and the warm water. At the present moment two great races are obeying that instinct—the Teuton and the Slav. From west to east, or southeast, the Teuton, represented by Austria, with the driving power of Germany behind her, is heading for Salonika. From north to south, or southwest, the Slav is equally bent upon linking up the dismembered fragments of his race and making his way down to the Adriatic. And the geographical and political point at which the lines of these movements intersect lies in the two provinces which form the present bone of contention.

Through Bosnia and Herzegovina, also through Serbia herself, Austria

with Austria's recent concession to Turkey.

There are critics who trace the origin of the present European trouble mainly to the aspirations of Francis Joseph's heir, the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, whose aim is believed to be partly Federalist—the change of the dual monarchy into a federal system, of which a Slav state will form an important constituent—partly Clerical at home and abroad. This would mean pushing Austrian rule forward into the Balkans in the spirit and with the aim of a twentieth century Catholic crusade. Other critics conclude that while the act of Bulgaria in putting her foot through the treaty of Berlin when she declared her independence in October last and Austria's formal incorporation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, may have been dramatic, nobody in Europe considered Bulgaria or Bosnia and Herzegovina parts of the Turkish empire except in name. Austria created order in the two provinces and administered and civilized them for 20 years and probably no historian ever will say that Europe contemplated their being handed back to Turkey without protest. For all practical pur-

tion of Cretan independence gave annoyance to Turkey at a very critical moment. King George is one of the most interesting figures of Southern Europe. His government has been wise and sober, and he and Queen Olga are immensely popular.

King Peter of Serbia has been called "the boycotted monarch," because, with the exception of Emperor Francis Joseph, all the rulers of Europe have refused to visit him or to accept visits from him. This because King Peter has refused to dissociate himself from the assassin of King Alexander and Queen Draga. The assassins, indeed, in spite of the protests of foreign powers, are among those who still hold high office in the kingdom, a fact that lends some color to the rumor that the present king was privy to the horrible crime of the palace. Nevertheless, Serbia has had the support of the western powers in her claims for compensation from Austria. The Crown Prince George is a wild, harum-scarum youth, whose chief faculty is that of getting into scrapes which distress the Servian authorities.

Prince Nicholas of Montenegro succeeded to the throne in 1860, after the murder of Danilo I. His court is



THE PROBABLE SCENE OF ACTION.

poses, whatever they were in theory, Bosnia and Herzegovina were provinces of Austria-Hungary, and Bulgaria was an independent principality. Undoubtedly the irresistible racial ambitions of the peoples, referred to in a previous paragraph, are the most potent influences that have been at work. These instincts are finding frank and open expression at this juncture.

Bulgaria has been a powerful empire in the past, possessing something of a glorious history. Many of the greatest victories and conquests of Turkey were due to the devotion and reckless courage of her Bulgarian soldiers, worthy descendants of the men who, fighting in the phalanx of Alexander the Great, conquered the world. The revolt of the Bulgarians and the Bulgarian massacres following them, brought on the last Russo-Turkish war, which was closed provisionally by the treaty of San Stefano. That treaty created Greater Bulgaria, to include Rumelia and Macedonia, those parts of Turkey in which Bulgarians formed the majority of the inhabitants. The treaty of San Stefano was revised by the powers at the congress of Berlin and Bulgaria had the two sub-territories taken away from her. She regained Rumelia, but not Macedonia. The Bulgarians are the strongest element among the inhabitants of Macedonia, and Bulgaria has been intent upon regaining the province. The recent Turkish revolution, and especially the intention of the Young Turk party to immediately reform and strengthen the neglected army, appeared to stimulate Bulgaria to action.

Great Powers Involved.

Bulgaria has two mighty neighbors, and to conquer and hold Macedonia she had to have the backing of a first-class power. For that support she turned to Austria-Hungary, having lost the support of Russia when she rejected Russia's tutelage, refused to Russianize her army and to convert Bulgaria into a Russian protectorate. There are those who believe that a Turko-Bulgarian quarrel would be only one act in a great European struggle for the control of Constantinople. It is for Constantinople that Russia has fought nearly all her greatest wars since the time of Peter the Great and Catherine II, and some critics foresee a combination of Russia and Turkey, supported by Great Britain, against Bulgarian aggression, which they say, would be supported by Austria and Germany. Great Britain is concerned for her control of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, and France has her border interests as well as her entente with Great Britain to consider.

The sovereign houses of the Balkan states have furnished the melodrama. If not the tragedy, of present-day history. The most powerful and most universally respected of the Balkan rulers to-day is King Charles of Rumania. He is nearly 70 years old, and in poor health. In his 40 years' reign he has developed the country into the most prosperous and powerful of the Balkan states. His wife is "Carmen Sylva." The melodrama of this royal house was furnished by Prince Couza, the present king's predecessor, whose profligacies shocked his people so much that they compelled him to abdicate. King Charles was a German prince and did not take the title of king until after the Russo-Turkish war of 1877, when he aided the Muscovite forces.

Three Monarchs Interested.

Greece comes into the present mix-up on account of her Macedonian interests, and also because the declara-

poverty-stricken, partly owing to the prince's own extravagances and mania for gambling. One of his daughters is the present queen of Italy.

War Would Mean Change.

Of Abdul Hamid II, of Turkey little need be said. During his reign of 32 years he has lost most of his dominions in Europe, and as the regenerated Turkey, under constitutional rule, has shown him of most of his governmental power, he becomes a much less dominant figure than before in the ruling of the Ottoman empire.

If there should be war there surely will be some radical changes in the map of Europe. Truly, in the event of general hostilities, some historic battlefields would be trampled again. The entire area of central Europe is a memory of wars of the past; one can scarcely tread a square mile of ground without putting one's foot upon some battlefield of a bygone time.

The total war strength of the European nations at present concerned in the diplomatic negotiations over the Balkans is represented by a total of 8,399,000 troops, which includes enlisted men and reserves. But reckoning the number of men actually available for duty, though unorganized, a European war could mean the employment in the work of killing of 13,560,000 men, or a grand total of 21,959,000 men in land forces alone. The employment of the navies of the same nations could mean the engagement of a total of 122 modern battleships, 1,802 other vessels of war and 362,561 men.

The total wealth of these same nations is represented in gigantic figures, no less than \$215,000,000,000. Of all the European powers, France is best able financially to face a war. The individual wealth of France is greater than that of any of her rivals, and her internal financial responsibilities are less. Germany is not in a healthy financial state. Turkey has been financially corrupt for ages, but, somehow, she always can get the money to fight.

Always Prepared for War.

There has been no serious European outbreak since the Russo-Turkish war of 1877-8, though for several years before that Europe had known little peace. The Franco-German war of 1870, the Crimean war of 1856 and the Austro-Prussian war of 1866 are all near memories. In the Balkans themselves there has been no real peace for years past. The Bulgars, the Turks and the Greeks have lived in a state of turmoil.

For all the Hague peace conferences and talks of treaties and arbitrations, Europe looks out upon the spring with quivering eye and nerves a-tingle. The jealousies of races and nations scatter treaties and paper bonds to the four winds. How long before the clash? The Turk in his mad fanaticism, guarding religion and race in the manner in which he enjoys, the greatest fighting unit in the world, perhaps, though always lacking leadership and discipline; the Bulgar no less warlike and capable of a guerrilla campaign second to none, the Greek and all the mixed bloods of the Orient combined; the Teuton and the Slav, the Norman and the Anglo-Saxon, with little chance for the Latin to escape, if Italy sees fit to keep faith with her allies—all likely to be involved in setting the Old World ablaze! A continent of peoples clashing and struggling for that pride of place which diplomats choose to term "the balance of power!" How long? The spring may tell.

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M. Milovanovitch, the Servian foreign minister, practically said "Hands off!" to Austria. He bluntly declared that the balance of power and the liberties of the Balkan peoples could be safeguarded only by Austria ceasing to be a Balkan power. Further, he formulated a demand for the autonomy of Bosnia and Herzegovina under European control and the Danube rivers as the frontier between the dual monarchy and the Balkans.

A great power like Austria-Hungary could afford to remain passive under provocation from a minor state, and

hopes to force her way southward. Through that same territory, inhabited by the men of his own race and tongue, and largely of his own religion, the Slav intends to find his way to the sea, and thereby to unite those kindred racial elements which are animated by the most intense hatred and jealousy of Teutonic ambitions.

It would seem as if, in the presence of these two tremendous opposing forces, the petty details of international politics from day to day have only that importance which belongs to them in their relation to those forces. Yet it is in the petty details of political strife that the kindling wood is found.

Disagree as to Motives.
There seems to be no doubt that the personal influence of the Emperor Francis Joseph had a great deal to do with the avoidance of rupture a few months ago. The emperor, sometimes called the "father-in-law of Europe," is the oldest of European sovereigns. He is 78 years old, and he has reigned for 61 years. And it is fairly certain that the emperor's desire for peace and his anxiety to see a quiet sunset of a reign that had such a cyclonic sunrise in 1848 has had much to do

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There is a proposition before the Legislature to prevent Sunday excursions. This will cut an army of hard worked men and women out of a breath of fresh air once a week. Of course, the object of the proposed law is to make people go to church more than they do, and to make them more religious; but it is doubtful if such a law would save a single soul. Enforced religion will do but little good toward saving souls. We already have sufficient Sunday laws, and if the screws are given a few more turns, the clamps are going to hurt.

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If a boy gets a few bear tracks printed on his pants by his teacher, it is no sign that he is really a bad boy, or that the teacher has done a wrong. It is just one of the incidents of school life. It is likely to happen to the best boy in school or to the sweetest tempered teacher. No teacher likes to flog, and no boy likes to receive it, but we love a teacher who does not hesitate to go after a boy who breaks the rule; and, on the other hand, we love the boy who takes his medicine without whining. A boy who can do this, has some mighty good man timber in him.

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A special from Lubbock says that the contract for the road from Plainview to Lubbock, an extension of the Santa Fe, has been signed up between the citizens of Lubbock and the Southwestern Construction Company, the road to be completed by January 1, 1910. The contract calls for a bonus of \$50,000, right of way and depot grounds, the right of way being from the county line on the north through the town. The bonus and right of way has been guaranteed and work is to commence by May 1st next.

QUARANTINE QUANDARY

The cattlemen of Sterling county seem to be up against a hard luck proposition, as they have been practically cut off from outlet for their cattle through their failure to clean up their pastures after the county had been placed in the modified quarantine area. The Stockman-Journal is not advised as to whether or not a majority of the cattlemen in this county desire at this time to be entirely below the quarantine. The county was originally advanced to special quarantine area at the request of stockmen so that their cattle could go north of the national quarantine line for grazing or be shipped to the native division of the market if, on inspection, they were found free of ticks. This ruling is still in force.

The state live stock sanitary

planning and some refusing to, things are greatly disorganized. There is no law to compel a ranchman to dip if he does not want to go above quarantine, but it seems a hardship for his neighbors to suffer for his indifference.—Stockman-Journal.

Sterling county stockmen, as a rule, for the last fifteen years, have adhered and co-operated with the Livestock Commission, perhaps, more than any other county above the quarantine line. They have religiously kept the law themselves and rigidly prosecuted those who violated it. In this they have spent hundreds of dollars to aid the authorities in the enforcement of the regulations and have conformed to every rule promulgated. They have spent thousands of dollars to build dipping vats, and have gone about the work in good faith. Some of these people have been unable to construct vats, but, as a rule, they have used their neighbor's vat in their warfare on the tick, and if there is a man among them who refuses to clean his cattle, we

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commission has recently instructed its inspectors to refuse to inspect any cattle in the modified quarantine area when they are fully advised that the cattlemen have refused to dip their cattle in an effort to rid them of ticks. Sterling county is not the only county that is billed for an engagement with live stock sanitary board, perhaps, for cattle from about twentyone counties or parts thereof can now only cross the quarantine line if they can stand inspection successfully. These counties are Wilbarger, Hardeman, Foard, Baylor, Knox, King, Throckmorton, Haskell, Stone wall, Jones, Fawcett, Scurry, Borden, Mitchell, Howard, Sterling, Glasscock, Irion, Reagan, Upton, Crane, and parts of Terrell and Pecos.

More dissatisfaction seems to exist in Sterling county than in any of the others, and it seems that eradicating the tick is the only way out of the difficulty. The tax rolls show that on January 1, 1908, the county had 21,350 cattle, and if all the ranchmen would dip, as some already have, the cleaning of the county would be comparatively a short task. But as it is now, with some dip-

ping and some refusing to, things are greatly disorganized. There is no law to compel a ranchman to dip if he does not want to go above quarantine, but it seems a hardship for his neighbors to suffer for his indifference.—Stockman-Journal.

Under the rule as it now is, we can not use mules, horses or oxen to haul our supplies from San Angelo without dipping and inspection. Even teams have been held up here and turned back over the road for dipping and inspection. We cannot move a cow from one pasture to another, tho it means death to the cow and loss to the owner, without dipping and inspection; and as for marketing them, we have quit thinking about that.

Now, what are we going to do about it? We are sending a heavy petition to the Legislature asking for relief; but who says we will get it? Sterling has always stood for justice and the law, but a few more turns of the screws, a few more hardships placed on our shoulders and one of these days it will take Governor Campbell and a regiment of rangers to make us bear them.

Let the Live Stock Commission

ANNUAL EXHIBIT

Of the Aggregate amount received and Paid out of each Fund for the year ending February 6th, 1909, and the balance to the credit or debit of each Fund, and Indebtedness of Sterling County, Texas.

JURY FUND, 1st Class

Balance last Report	925.01	
To amount received	792.22	
To amount transferred from other funds	250.00	
By amount paid out		674.54
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount received		19.30
By 2 1/2 per cent " " " paid out		16.36
Amount to balance		747.17
Balance	\$747.17	747.17

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, 2nd Class

Balance last report	8087.46	
To amount received	2657.51	
By amount paid out		2902.66
By amount transferred to General Fund		69.44
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount received		72.56
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount paid out		2793.91
Amount to balance		6744.97
Balance	\$2703.91	6744.97

GENERAL COUNTY FUND, 3rd Class

Balance last report	3378.50	
To amount received	3817.89	
By amount paid out		5065.30
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount received		95.46
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount paid out		72.64
Amount to balance		4193.69
Balance	\$4193.69	7176.09

COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND, 4th Class

Balance last report	1203.50	
To amount received	413.79	
By amount paid out		257.92
By amount transferred to other funds		250.00
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount received		10.40
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount paid out		6.44
Amount to balance		1095.13
Balance	\$1095.13	1610.59

SINKING FUND, 5th Class

Balance last Report	5233.80	
To amount received	2419.50	
By amount paid out		1002.00
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount received		30.48
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount paid out		25.05
Amount to balance		6175.62
Balance	\$6175.62	7253.15

DEBTS DUE FROM THE COUNTY.

Balance last Report, Court House Bonds	\$25,000.00
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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF STERLING.
The foregoing is a true and correct exhibit of the finances of said County for the year ending the 6th day of February 1909.
Dated at Sterling City, this 6th day of February, 1909.
Leonice B. Cole, County Clerk, Sterling County, Texas
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 19th day of February, 1909.
A. V. Patterson, County Judge, Sterling County, Texas.

use a little judgment and common sense, and give us relief, and it will see how well we will obey its rules; but if they persist in bottling us up as they are now doing, they had as well put us below the line.

SELLS MINE

A mining deal of considerable importance was consummated in town this week when A. J. Kellis and T. J. Kellis sold their Concho group of mining claims to John Witherly and associates. Mr. Witherly will make a camp at the property in a few days, after which he will do considerable development to ascertain the real value of the property, which has exceptionally good surface indications.—Wickenburg (Ariz) Miner.

Katie and the Phone.

Katie is just over, and she is employed as a domestic in a big house surrounded by shade trees on the Cass farm. She is as willing as a hungry mosquito, but there are things she has not yet learned.

Katie is having a hard time in mastering the telephone. She has had many lessons and long, but there is a mystery about the whole thing that inflames her superstition. "Any one call or ask for me by telephone while I was out, Katie?" asked the mistress.

"In dade they did maun. The boy jingled and a lady wid a voice like a coffee mill says: 'Hello,' and I says, 'Hello, yerself,' and she says, 'Who is this?' and I says, 'None of yer business.' And she says, 'Is Aunt Mary there?' And I told her she'd better ask a policeman, and she foired sumthin' in my ear, and I dared her to show the ugly mug of her back of our barn and she said nuthin'. I'll talk in that machine no more, maun."

HAVE YOUR LAND SURVEYED

A proper survey and field notes of a tract of land is just as essential to the title to it as a deed. In fact, no deed to a tract of land gives a perfect title to it without a proper description of the premises, and no proper description can be given without giving the angles and bounds of the land.

Wigwags sold for a song, people did not take the trouble to have it surveyed and field notes put of record, but the day has come when every buyer, who knows his business, will not take a paper survey, but will require a survey to be made on the ground according to law.

My office is supplied with official maps and field notes of every survey in the county, so that you need not send to Austin for them, as I can supply you in much less time than it would take to send away for them. If you need a map or sketch of your lands, I am prepared to furnish them at a modest fee.

Parties wishing surveying done will please notify me at least two days before hand, so that I may have time to get up the field notes. My rates are \$5 per day when everything is furnished, including crew. I charge \$3 per mile where I furnish two chaimen. This means \$3 per mile actually run. A fee of \$2.50 will be charged for field notes, and recording same, for each tract surveyed. A crew consists of two chaimen, two flagmen and one axman.

I positively will not recognize the work of transient surveyors, nor of those who are not bonded deputies.

W. F. Kellis,
County Surveyor

For Sale:—A lot of laying hens at 30c each. Call at this office.

BILLS FOR SALE

I have ten or twelve, coming two's, high grade Hereford bulls for sale. Phone or write.
R. W. Foster,
Sterling City, Tex

FOR SALE

A Canton disc plow, good as new and in splendid running order. A bargain for \$35. Will take trade.
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WANTED:—To exchange good 200 acre farm for a section or two of grazing land. W. W. Watson, Robert Lee, Texas.

FOR SALE

240 acres of good valley land for sale at \$10 per acre, cash. Apply at this office.

For Sale.—Four, one-year-old billies, from high grade Angora nannies and registered Montana Angora billy, at a bargain. Call, telephone me at once.
R. W. Foster,
Sterling City.

White, rose comb Wyandotte eggs for sale at \$1.00 for 15.
Mrs. S. Poyner, one and one-half mile west of Sterling City, Texas.

For sale:—Two young full blood Brown Leghorn roosters, at 50c each. Call at this office.

For Sale:—At a bargain, a light second hand buggy; also a good wood and coal heater. See Dr. Beskley.

For Sale:—5 spans of coming 3-year-old males, average 15 hands and promise 16 hands when grown. Well matched. Price, \$250 per span.
W. R. Davis,
Sterling City, Tex.

LOST:—Dec 4 on Colorado road between Sterling City and the springs a gold watch, size 14 with Elgin works, "A M S" cut in back of case. On return of watch, finder will receive a suitable reward.
T. S. Foster,
Sterling City, Tex

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 Clerk—L. B. Cole.
 Court meets 4th Monday after first
 Monday in February and September.

County Officers.
 Judge—A. V. Patterson.
 Attorney—Jat Kellis.
 Clerk—L. B. Cole
 Sheriff—Harry Twedle
 Treasurer—E. L. Gilmore
 Assessor—D. C. Durham
 Inspector—W. T. Conger.
 Mayor—W. F. Kells
 Court meets first Monday in Febru-
 ry, May, August and November.

CHURCHES.

M. E. Church—Preaching every second
 and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and
 7:30 p. m., and fourth Sunday at 7:30 p.
 Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. every
 Sunday.
 Rev. S. J. Franks, Pastor.
 B. W. Foster, S. S. Supt.
 Baptist—Preaching every 2nd, 4th
 Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock a. m.
 and 7 p. m. Conference Saturday night
 before the 4th Sunday. Sunday school
 every Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m.
 Rev. M. L. Lafford, Pastor.
 Prof. L. C. Durham, Supt.
 Presbyterian—Preaching every 3rd
 Sunday on each month at 11 o'clock a. m.
 Rev. Black, Pastor.

SOCIETIES.

Masonic—Sterling lodge No. 728, A.
 F. & A. M., meets Saturday nights on or
 before the full moon in each month.
 D. L. Slaton, Secretary.
 E. F. Brown, W. M.

Eastern Star—Meets Saturday P. M.
 3 o'clock on or before the full moon
 in each month.
 Mrs. B. F. Brown, W. M.
 B. F. Brown, Secretary.

County Commissioners.
 Com'r. Pre. No. 1—M. Black,
 " " " 2—A. H. Allard,
 " " " 3—D. D. Davis,
 " " " 4—J. L. Glass

Justice Court.
 Court, Precinct No. 1, meets 3rd Sat-
 urday in each month. Malcolm Black, J. P.

LOCAL.

Meals 25c at Central Hotel.
 Cabbage at Hooker & Gilmore
 Meals, the best in town, for
 25c at Central Hotel.
 All kinds of soft drinks at
 Hooker & Gilmore's. 2c
 Geo. H. McEntire returned to
 Dallas this week.
 We now have telephone con-
 nection to Bliss.
 All our sick folks have just
 about recovered.
 Apples, Bananas and Oranges
 at Hooker & Gilmore's. 2c
 Chas. Hiler, an old time Ster-
 ling boy, was here this week.
 A line of the finest candies
 just received at Hooker & Gil-
 more's. 2c
 Arrangements have been made
 to carry the Colorado mail on an
 automobile.
 A line of the finest and best
 smoking tobaccos and cigars at
 Hooker & Gilmore's 2c
 W. H. Sparkman and T. S.
 Foster attended court at Big
 Springs this week.
 We learn the Doran Hotel has
 been leased to Brownwood par-
 ties, who will take charge soon.

Ask the man who has been a
 guest at the Central Hotel where
 to stop.

Some Cassidy second hand
 sulkies at a bargain. Call to see
 them at Lowe & Durham's.

R. H. Patterson represents
 "Time tried and fire tested" fire
 insurance companies.

W. J. Mann, of Konobassett,
 was down this week looking af-
 ter his livestock interests.

The Success Sulky succeeded
 when others fail. Lowe & Dur-
 ham sell them.

We can give you the News-
 Record and St. Louis Semi-Week-
 ly Republic for \$1.50 cash.

Melvin Bourne, an old time
 friend of M. Z. House, was here
 Tuesday enroute to Big Springs.

Hunters:— All persons are
 forbidden to hunt on any lands
 owned or controlled by me.—
 W. L. Foster.

Hooker & Gilmore took ad-
 vantage of the cold spell by
 storing several hundred pounds of
 ice.

Have your property insured in
 an "Old Line" company—the
 kind that insures. Ask "Bert"
 about it.

Don't you "kinder" dread the
 February lizzards? Lowe &
 Durham are making prices go
 away down on Heaters.

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 land farming recommends the
 harrow. Call to see them at
 Lowe & Durham's.

See R. H. Patterson for live-
 stock insurance. He represents
 the oldest company of the kind
 in the world.

Mike Williamson, of Big
 Springs, was here Sunday en-
 route to Robert Lee to attend
 district court.

N. B. Fisk, who has been at
 his Glasscock county ranch for
 several days, returned to Brown-
 wood Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Allen left
 yesterday for Brownwood, where
 they expect to make their fu-
 ture home.

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 chapped and sore, are they?
 Fisher's Benzoin Cream will cure
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Dr. Beakley left yesterday for
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 side in the future. His wife will
 join him at Santa Anna. Our
 best wishes go with the Doctor
 and his most excellent family to
 their new home.

Before going out of town have
 a nice lunch put up at Hooker &
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 baker's bread, crackers and the
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DENTIST COMING
 Dr. Womack will be in Sterling
 City next Monday to stay one
 week. Will be at Central Hotel.

J. F. Standefer, this week,
 consummated a deal whereby J. Y.
 Stewart became the owner of Mr
 Standefer's ranch two miles south
 west of town.

W. R. Cole and family and
 Jno. Birdwell, of Big Springs,
 passed through here yesterday in
 their automobiles en route to
 San Angelo.

During the last eight days we
 have had an unusual number of
 sandstorms to the discomfort of
 the housekeepers of our town.
 A rain at this time would straight-
 en out many wrinkled faces.

Notice:—Our west bound stage
 will continue to take dinner at
 Water Valley, while the east
 bound will take dinner at Hugh-
 es. This will enable east bound
 passengers to arrive in San An-
 gelo from one to two hours ear-
 lier each evening.
 Tom & Will Savell.

TRESPASS NOTICE
 August 26th, 1908.
 Notice is hereby given that all
 parties hauling wood from Sec.
 4, 35, in the T. D. Reed pasture
 without permission will be prose-
 cuted to the full extent of the
 law.
 J. L. Latham,
 L. M. Pennock,

NOTICE
 Any person hauling wood, fish-
 ing, hunting, or in any way tres-
 passing on any lands owned or
 controlled by me, will be prose-
 cuted.
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 ling City.
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 ing, hunting or in any way tres-
 passing on any lands owned or
 controlled by me, will be prose-
 cuted.
 R. W. Foster

Notice to Trespassers
 Notice is hereby given, that any person,
 or persons who shall hunt, fish, cut
 or haul wood, work or drive stock, or
 otherwise trespass upon any land owned
 or controlled by us, or either of us
 without our permission, will be prose-
 cuted to the full extent of the law.
 Those driving stock down lane
 must keep in the lane until across Beal's
 creek.
 W. R. Felker
 By N. D. Thompson manager

TRESPASS NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that any
 person who shall hunt, fish, cut
 or haul wood, or otherwise tres-
 pass on any of the lands owned
 or controlled by me will be prose-
 cuted by the full extent of the
 law.
 4-5-07
 A. F. Jones

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 Our pasture is posted and all
 persons are hereby put upon
 legal notice that any one who
 shall hunt, cut or haul wood or
 otherwise trespass upon any of
 the lands owned or controlled
 by us will be prosecuted to the
 full extent of the law,
 10-26-'01 Fisher Bros.

Notice to Hunters.—Posted.
 My pasture is posted accord-
 ing to the law made and provided
 in such cases and all persons are
 hereby warned and forbidden to
 hunt, fish, or otherwise trespass
 upon any of the enclosed lands
 owned or controlled by me, under
 pain of prosecution to the full
 extent of the law. J. T. Davis
 5-6-'02 Jf

NOTICE—KEEP OUT.
 Notice is hereby given that any
 person who shall hunt, fish, cut
 or haul wood or otherwise tres-
 pass on any of the lands owned
 or controlled by me will be prose-
 cuted by the full extent of the
 law.
 G. W. Allard.

Posted.
 I have posted my pasture accord-
 ing to the laws made and provided in
 such cases, and all persons are hereby
 warned and put upon notice that any
 person who shall hunt, cut and haul
 wood or otherwise trespass upon any
 enclosed land owned or controlled by
 me, will be prosecuted to the full
 extent of the law.
 J. S. Johnson.

TRESPASS NOTICE
 Any person hauling wood, fish-
 ing, hunting, or in any way tres-
 passing on any lands owned or
 controlled by us, will be Prose-
 cuted.
 W. R. McENTIRE & SON.

NOTICE
 All persons having any interest
 in house known as the "Hillsides
 School House," in my p. s. n. s.
 southeast of my ranch, on Sterling
 Creek will present their claims to
 me at an early date, as I intend to
 move said building away soon.
 W. L. Foster



FOR COMFORT IN THE SICK ROOM

One Woman Keeps Reserve Stock of Garments Used Only in Cases of Illness—A Very Good Suggestion.

While invalidism is no longer considered interesting, and the ambition of every woman is to be healthy and active, still in every household there are emergencies, sharp and sudden illnesses and often, alas, chronic sickness, whose victims, after exhausting modern medical and surgical science, must resign themselves to life with a minimum of pain, but never actual freedom from it.

Every woman should have, especially in winter, a sufficient supply of negligees, nightdresses, etc., to be



Short Kimono in Gray and Violet, with Embroidered Cuff and Collar Pieces.

comfortable in case of sudden illness. "In time of health prepare for the doctor's coming," is the way the mother of a growing family paraphrases the familiar line. And she lives up to her motto, keeping in her linen closet a reserve stock of shapely garments, kimonos, nightgales, bathrobes, knitted slippers, etc., to meet any emergency.

"You would be surprised how useful I find this little stock of 'cumfy'

things," she explained. "Once when my second daughter was taken ill with pneumonia we had to rush out and buy all sorts of warm things. Her bed room slippers were too soiled to use in bed between clean sheets. The edges of her long kimonos and the sleeves of her short ones ditto. Her thick bathrobe was ready for the wash. I had my lesson. From that day to this we have kept the 'invalid shelf' supplied with needful things.

"This list includes bed slippers made from eiderdown flannel in three sizes, so no matter who is sick, father, sister or baby, a pair will be at hand. I have three sizes also of bathrobes made from single-faced eiderdown, which are washed after each illness. Then I have short kimonos made of good heavy wash flannel and a couple of nightgales in cashmere for convalescent days. And most important of all are our sickroom nighties, very simple, without lace or embroidery to scratch sensitive skins, and open all the way down the front, so that an amateur nurse will have no trouble changing the patient."

While it may not be possible for all households to enjoy this extra supply of bedroom clothing, the forehanded housekeeper has handed out some excellent suggestions for making clothing for invalids.

One of her best suggestions is that of the open-in-the-front nightdress. For the past few years the craze for French underwear has brought into vogue the pattern which slips over the head and is drawn into shape by wash ribbons. These are most inconvenient in the sickroom, but their general effect can be secured if the vent down the front be finished with a finely stitched hem and small, inconspicuous buttons.

Our picture shows an ideal short kimono to wear over the nightdress in bed. The underarm portions extend up to form the lower section of the sleeve, and the result is a loose garment which could not bind or distress the most nervous sufferer. The original garment from which this drawing was made was of pale gray French cashmere with embroidered violets in natural color scattered over it. The collar and cuffs were of the violet colored silk, lightly embroidered in self-tone and the little garment was lined throughout with very thin violet colored china silk.

Forecast of Coming Spring Modes

Reasonable Certainty That Hats Are to Be Smaller.

Hats and toques, turbans and their trimmings for the coming spring are already under consideration.

Hats, perhaps more than any other feature of dress, are most uncertain indications in the between-seasons of what the modes of spring and early summer will really be. Always there is the freak hat, the ridiculously-proportioned toque and the fearful and wondrous jumble of what to the casual observer seems the odds and ends of many a flower and ribbon shop made into one far from homogeneous whole, to top, but not adorn, the feminine head.

It would appear just now that the immense hats perpetrated on a comparatively inoffensive public last summer and autumn have been relegated to a permanent back shelf, for the so-called picture and large hats that are the latest creations of the French creators of millinery are but moderately large, while the extremely small toque is to be pushed to a momentary victory. The word momentary is used advisedly, for while the extremely small chapeau spells comfort for all but its wearer, whose eyes it cannot protect, it is the most trying of all millinery creations, and requires youth, beauty and plenty of hair, and a perfectly arranged coiffure to bear its trying exposure of every defect of face and coiffure.

As for the very large Moujik turbans that have been and are still in evidence, they are dying the natural

death of all uncouth fashions, for no woman looks well with her head apparently buried in a cushion that bids fair to eclipse her entire head and face.

Turbans are among the latest creations, and those in jet are especially smart in Paris just now.

PRETTY ORNAMENT



Pretty little Japanese cups and saucers can be bought very cheaply, many of them exquisite in design and color; and make charming ornaments with which to decorate a mantelpiece or side-board. These little articles may be filled with chocolates or sweets, and covered in at the top with silver paper, and then tastefully tied up with prettily colored ribbons, in the manner shown in the sketch. To prepare them is very little trouble, and they make a present that, after the sweets have been consumed, is well worth keeping.

Embroidery Work Calls for Much Care

Time and Thought Necessary to Achieve Proper Results.

Since the fashionable demand for hand-embroidered apparel and table furnishings has led so many women to try their hand with the needle, perhaps a few bits of advice from an embroidery expert will not come amiss.

She must get herself a high standard of excellence. Slap-dash methods may answer in some things; never in embroidery. It takes time to do beautiful work, and she who is not willing to give it should find some other way to occupy her leisure hours.

She must learn not to draw and pull her work. This is a mistake of most beginners. Even with a frame the material is so puckered that the most skillful pressing cannot conceal it. She must also stick to short threads. It takes little effort to thread a needle, and a long thread not only knots, but wears thin. Most skeins, both of silk and cotton, should be cut twice, at

knot end and directly opposite. The only time where a thread the length of a skein is permissible is in doing a scallop, where the thread is quickly worked up. Should a fine mercerized cotton be used, it is better to use the shorter length even for a scallop.

A common mistake, finally, is to use too coarse cotton. This is particularly a fault in satin stitch or French work used in fine lingerie. No matter how neatly one works, too coarse thread will make the embroidery look rough. It is a safe rule to buy cotton a number or two finer than the average salesman advises.

Food for Canaries.

A change of food for canaries is necessary in the winter. Boil an egg 20 minutes and mix cracker crumbs and a small pinch of cayenne pepper (a few pepper seeds will do). Give a thimbleful each day with other foods, preferably something green.

THE AMERICAN HOME

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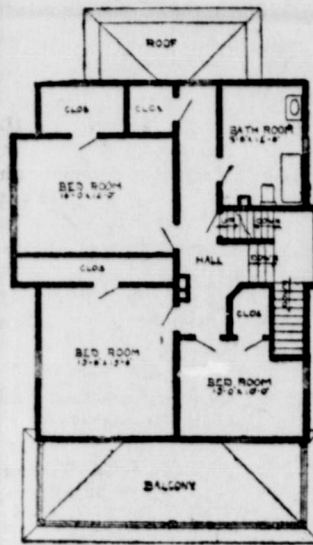
Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 194 Fifth Ave., Chicago, Ill., and only enclose two-cent stamp for reply.

Many house details that were formerly considered superfluous are now receiving careful planning in detail by architects, in fact, architects are complaining that the many small house details run into so much extra work and eat up so much more time than the old style structure work that an increase of fees must follow. Men who formerly charged five per cent on the cost of a building are now getting 7 1/2 and ten per cent.

Not only are the different rooms planned more carefully and the partitions fitted with ventilating flues, sound deadeners, and the new windows, patent sliding doors and a hundred other inventions are required, but houses nowadays are often fitted up with two kinds of heaters, one to warm the house and the other to heat the water so that hot water may be kept on tap for use at any hour night or day the year through. Then the finish in different rooms varies and each style is carried out in the different details to match. All good houses are piped for gas and wired for electricity and often gas and electric fixtures enter into a general decorative plan that must harmonize down to the minutest detail in color as well as form, so that the selection of these accessories in accordance with the organized plan often takes up more of the architect's time than the

near the ceiling or down at the floor, or both, as desired. They are designed to fit carefully so the top riser is the same height as all the others.

The time is near at hand when we shall go through the house in this way. Each room will have something in it that is factory made, so that the problem of the architect and the carpenter and the factory are becoming more intimately connected and



Second Floor Plan.

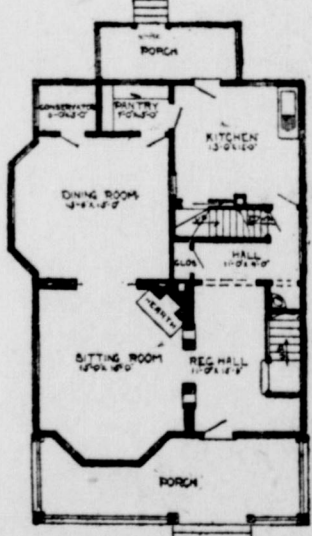
We are gradually working more system into the building of dwelling houses.

In building a house as large as the one shown in the accompanying design and floor plans a great many extra conveniences may be worked in. The little wash room under the front



strictly construction drawings of the whole building.

We are working more and more into the different conveniences that enter into modern household economy every year. What is generally termed cabinet parts of houses are receiving more attention all the time. A side-board, for instance, is made in a large factory in accordance with certain designs carefully selected to match the interior finish of the house. These



First Floor Plan.

sideboards are made in large quantities, perhaps 50 or 100 of the same design being brought through at once, so that the completed article may be bought much cheaper than it could possibly be made by hand in the house, and the work is much better done.

The sideboard is shipped in the knock-down, each piece being carefully fitted and numbered so the carpenter can put it together quickly in the niche prepared for it in the double partition between the dining room and the kitchen. These sideboards usually are large and roomy and the cost is much less in proportion to its capacity than a piece of movable furniture, and the convenience and decorative feature is much more pleasing.

The same idea is carried out in building factory-made stairs. Factories are now turning out designs in open stair work that go together in the same way and fit lengthwise in the hallway or turn the corner up

stair is an accessory that is very convenient and one that we find very difficult to install into a small house because the necessary room cannot be afforded. It saves running up to the bathroom every time you want to wash your hands, and it is another detail that helps to make up a perfect house.

Another great convenience in the hall is the clothes closet. A house of this size usually is occupied by a family of some considerable size. Each one has an overcoat or two, an umbrella or some other belonging that is in the way unless you have just such a place in which to keep it when not in actual use.

The size of the house, being 30 feet 6 inches in width by 40 feet 6 inches in length, affords room enough for a good many extra conveniences that cannot be expected in a smaller design, and the rooms are larger than ordinary.

A bathroom 8 feet 6 inches by 12 feet 6 inches is a luxury that very few people have. Then, if necessary two or three bedrooms may be built in the attic.

It depends a good deal on location whether a house should be built with the expectation of finishing the attic as a third story at some future time. If the lot is fairly central on a street where transportation is especially good a house that is big enough for six or seven rooms will sell better or rent to better advantage than a smaller house. On the other hand if the house is built well out toward the edge of town or in the suburbs less room is required, but this is a financial study in house building that must be determined by the owner.

British Trade Falling Off.

In the 11 months ended November, British imports decreased \$267,500,000 and exports \$295,000,000, a total decrease of \$562,000,000, or \$94,000,000 more than the American total decrease of \$468,000,000 for the entire year.

Claims Perfect Fireproof Door.

An English inventor has perfected a more nearly fireproof door than the steel one generally used, by arming a wooden door with steel sheets, so attached that they can expand when heated without permitting flames to reach the wood.

The KITCHEN CABINET
MANUAL TRAINING.



HINGES don't seem right about the house, I just can't help complaining. Since sister went to cooking-school And Tom took manual training.

The meals are all experiments, It really sets me quaking. To taste the queer, outlandish things That sister's always making.

The household tools that Tommy makes, Are wonderful and fearful, And splinters get in everything. Unless we're very careful.

We have to praise their efforts, too, Impatience all restraining; Since sister went to cooking-school, And Tom took manual training.

Trivet or Cat?

In all the old books of our early days we read about trivets, but few of us have a clear idea of what they were. We say "were" advisedly, for trivets have gone the way of the hob, the grate, the fender and all the adjuncts of the fireplace.

Webster defines the trivet as a stool or anything having three legs. This seems a dubious and dangerous definition. But the truth is that our grandmothers usually called a stool a stool, and that a trivet usually meant the brass support for a plate or dish. It was made of brass or copper, having three legs, and stood on the grate; one inventor made a variety which could hang on the fender when not in use. Another style was of copper, with a wide front like a shovel and finished with a wooden handle. Many of the trivets had also a high iron stand so that they could stand on the hob or hang on the bars of the grate.

Any tripod, having six legs (which sounds funny, by the way), was called a cat, and the trivet was sometimes so called. Indeed, it would seem that our grandmothers were possessed of an uncommon imagination to be able to recognize the ordinary household utensils by so many names.

THE WHITE ELEPHANT.

YOU'VE heard of the Mogul of Siam who had a white elephant sent by his neighbor. And how, to dispose of the troublesome gift, Cost his Majestyship money and labor.

But every housewife has suffered the same. A chafing dish is her desire. Yet somebody gives her a cast-iron range. With far too consuming a fire.

She needs a new table, she gets a fine clock; A vase when she needs a new washing machine; Paper-knife—when she has not a hatchet.

So, reader, in giving, let common-sense guide. 'Tis a matter of taste, not expenses. The sensible woman, of moderate means, With "white elephants" gladly dispenses.

From Cook to Pirate.

It is an interesting fact that the "blood-and-thunder" title of buccaneer, that word which brings to our minds a vision of pirates, "no quarter" and murder on the high seas, had a simple domestic origin.

It signified, primarily, one who dried and smoked fish or fowl. The name was first given to the French settlers in Hispaniola (Hayti), whose sole business it was to hunt cattle and wild game. They cooked the flesh after the manner of the Indians—cut the beef into long strips, salted it, and then cooked it on a buccan. This latter was a hurdle or grating, made of long sticks and placed over an open fire.

Later, these peaceable cooks who got the name of buccaneer from their favorite utensil, the buccan, or bucan, became the terror and scourge of the Spanish main. Their development is a puzzling problem, but a good sign to those who see in quiet domesticity only the hopelessly conventional and commonplace.

Meat—Third Term.

We will say that the meat was first a fine roast. An expensive cut it was, and did noble service for a company dinner. But there was enough left for stew the next night—augmented with stewed tomatoes, onions and a sliced carrot.

And the stew which was left over did yeoman service for a third term by suffering itself to be made into a pudding. A baking dish was well buttered, the stew was put in and covered with a good batter. This was baked to a nice brown—behold, a meat pie!

Zoghurt.

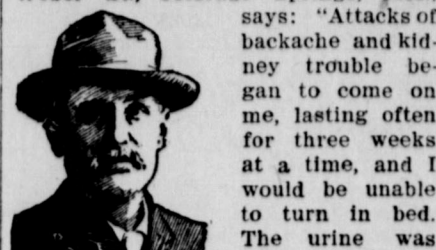
This is a preparation of goat's or cow's milk, for which are claimed remarkable properties in the way of prolonging life. This is the Bulgarian name given to milk which has been boiled to half its original volume and then left to ferment. It is eaten in great quantities by the peasants of that country, who are said to be the longest lived of any class in the world.

Ohio Barton & Thomas

BROKEN REST.

A Back That Aches All Day Disturbs Sleep at Night.

Thomas N. McCullough, 321 So. Weber St., Colorado Springs, Colo.



says: "Attacks of backache and kidney trouble began to come on me, lasting often for three weeks at a time, and I would be unable to turn in bed. The urine was much disordered, containing sediment, and my rest was broken at night. Relief from these troubles came soon after I started taking Doan's Kidney Pills, and continued treatment entirely freed me from kidney trouble. The cure has been permanent."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

YOUTHFUL MIND AT WORK.

Deduction Mother Must Have Found Somewhat Hard to Combat.

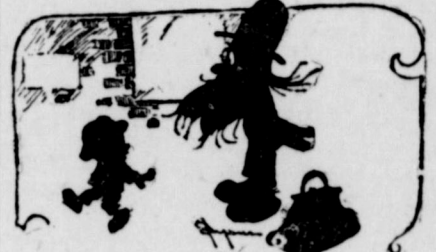
Miss Marjorie, aged five years, is one of those bright children who make the lives of their parents and teachers a burden. Quite recently she paid her first visit to a kindergarten. Upon her return home she grew enthusiastic, begging her mother to allow her to attend the school regularly.

"It was so very nice!" she declared sweetly. "And the teacher, Miss Lee, is so very nice, too! She told me if I was a good little girl I would grow up into a pretty lady, but if I was naughty I would grow up an ugly one!"

"That is quite true, dear," her mother answered with a smile.

Silently Miss Marjorie regarded the fire of pine logs. Presently she burst out: "Then what a naughty, naughty little girl Miss Lee must have been."—The Bohemian.

KNEW WHAT HE NEEDED.



H. R. Sute—Sonny, kin you tell me where I kin get a— Kid—Nothin' doin', pop! De barber shops is all closed on Sundays!

Easy Come, Easy Go.

A passerby at Broad and Lombard streets in Philadelphia once heard the following dialogue between a laborer who was digging in a sewer and a stout, beaming lady with a capacious market basket on her arm: "Ah, good mornin' to you, Pat," said she leaning over and looking into the pit. "And what are you doin'?" "Good mornin', Bridget," he replied, looking up. "I'm a-earnin' alimony for yees. And what are you doin'?" "Sure, I'm a-spendin' it," replied Bridget airily, as she trotted off.—Lippincott's.

A Dire Threat.

It is well known that certain vagabonds desire nothing better, especially when the cold weather comes on, than to be arrested and locked up, in order that they may be taken care of a while. One of this fraternity succeeded in getting himself arrested for vagrancy, and on the way to the lock-up he was so much overjoyed by the prospect of not having to sleep in the open air that he behaved somewhat boisterously. "Keep quiet!" threatened the policeman; "if you don't, I'll let you go!"—Exchange.

The Prince of Grumblers.

When Mr. Beeton asked if he did not find many unreasonable people among his summer boarders, Farmer Joy quickly assented. "Lots an' lots are never satisfied anyway," he said. "No matter what's done for 'em, there'll always be something wrong somewhere." "Now last summer," he went on, with a gleaming eye, "we had a man here that was so fond of grumblin' that one day he actually called for a toothpick after he'd had a glass of milk."—Youth's Companion.

GOOD CHANGE

Coffee to Postum.

The large army of persons who have found relief from many chronic ailments by changing from coffee to Postum as a daily beverage, is growing each day.

It is only a simple question of trying it for oneself in order to know the joy of returning health as realized by an ill, young lady. She writes: "I had been a coffee drinker nearly all my life and it affected my stomach—caused insomnia and I was seldom without a headache. I had heard about Postum and how beneficial it was, so concluded to quit coffee and try it. "I was delighted with the change. I can now sleep well and seldom ever have headache. My stomach has gotten strong and I can eat without suffering afterwards. I think my whole system greatly benefited by Postum." "My brother also suffered from stomach trouble while he drank coffee, but now, since using Postum he feels so much better he would not go back to coffee for anything."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pks. "There's a Reason." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

BURIAL VAULTS OF CEMENT.

Method of Entombing the Dead Which Will Resist Decay.

The manufacture of concrete burial vaults is becoming quite a large industry in various western states, says Cement Age, New York. At Joplin, Mo., there has been organized a company which operates a large plant. In the manufacture of concrete burial vaults a full body of steel reinforcement is set up within a solid mold at an exact center of the cement which strengthens the vault at every point. Steel thus protected is everlasting. It cannot rust and collapse with time, as such vaults must which are made entirely of steel. The vault is made absolutely waterproof by the addition of a waterproof compound which is initially mixed with the cement. The vaults remain in the molds for three to five days until thoroughly set, after which they are allowed to season about thirty days. A trip to the cemetery shows the vault lowered in the grave, followed by the lowering of the casket and the putting on of the vault lid, which snugly fits upon the vault. A mixture of pure cement and waterproofing is then poured into the space between the vault and the lid, making the vault and lid practically one solid piece.

At Lawrence, Kan., there is another company engaged in the same line of work. This concern has been conducting some interesting tests of their cement vaults. In one instance the vault was immersed in a tank of water to demonstrate that it could withstand any amount of pressure. The vault, which is made entirely of cement, is constructed in two parts. Instead of fitting the cover on the top of the vault and then sealing it, the vault fits down over a cement slab. When the vault is lowered over the casket, it is, of course, filled with air. The vault itself is molded or made in one air-tight piece, open only at the bottom which fits down over a cement slab. A perfectly tight space from which the air cannot descend or escape is formed. The water, when rising to a level with the bottom of the vault, will be checked by air, which is now firmly increased by the vault on sides and top and the water on the bottom, and water can never rise in the vault. A piece of glass is fitted into the top of the casket, so that spectators can look down into the vault and see that everything is as dry as it was when it was put in.

Marathon in Uganda.

Fever for long distance races has spread all over the world. Recently they held one in far-off Uganda. It was from Entebbe to Kampala. No one around here may know much about Entebbe and Kampala, but they are 26 miles apart.

Although the staple diet of the natives consists of bananas and potatoes, the men often show great staying power over long distances when carrying letters, and it was hoped that the Olympic time might be beaten. This was not so, however, as the winner took three hours and three minutes over the course, being closely followed home by the second and third men. When, however, it is considered that they were untrained, that they finished fresh enough to leap and run about, that the cyclists merely patrolled the road and did not pace the runners, that the race took place in the hottest part of the day and was partly over a road wet with recent shower, no one will deny the men's ability. It is amusing to note that three of the runners carried umbrellas and that the winner on finishing danced about saying that he was a very fine fellow and knew how to run well.

Violent Method of Courtship.

W. Pett Ridge, the English novelist, is a good story teller, and most of his stories concern people in the poorer ranks of life, and by far the greater number of them have the merit of being true. The following contains a rare touch of human nature, and speaks for itself. A certain club for working girls in the East end of London had recently elected a new member, and one day the secretary happened to look out of the window, and was surprised to see the new member rush up to a strange lad in the street, punch him violently on the head, and then run away. The secretary remonstrated with her sharply, to which the new member made reply: "I'm very sorry; I won't do it no more, if it's agin the rules; but perhaps you won't mind telling me, then, how am I ever to get engaged?"

Immense Normandy Apple Crop.

This year will go down to posterity in Normandy as the apple year. Never until this year has a Normandy farmer been known to express satisfaction with his crop. His usual answer about it is that "for a year where there are no apples there are apples, but for a year where there are apples there are no apples to speak of." This vagueness is a Norman peculiarity. You cannot get a "yes" or "no" in answer to a question from a Norman peasant. "Well, perhaps yes," or "After all, perhaps not," is the nearest he will ever go to a positive assertion. But this year he admits to a good apple crop. During the past month 50,000 railway truck loads of apples have been sent along the Western line as against 6,000 trucks last year.

Good Advice.

The Tenderfoot (in the mining town out west)—Alkali Ike has forged my name to a check.
Old Inhabitant—Take a tip and say nothing. Alkali Ike is a dead shot and always ready to defend his honor.

The Exceptional Equipment

of the California Fig Syrup Co. and the scientific attainments of its chemists have rendered possible the production of Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, in all of its excellence, by obtaining the pure medicinal principles of plants known to act most beneficially and combining them most skillfully, in the right proportions, with its wholesome and refreshing Syrup of California Figs.

As there is only one genuine Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna and as the genuine is manufactured by an original method known to the California Fig Syrup Co. only, it is always necessary to buy the genuine to get its beneficial effects.

A knowledge of the above facts enables one to decline imitations or to return them if, upon viewing the package, the full name of the California Fig Syrup Co. is not found printed on the front thereof.

HEADING OFF THE CALLER.

Plan for Getting Rid of Life Insurance Agents Not Patented.

The bell rang three times, and the man at the desk hastily reached for a flannel bandage. This he put round his neck. Then he arranged a sling, in which he put one arm, disarranged his hair, drew down the corners of his mouth, got out of his chair, and painfully limped toward the door.

"Mr. Jones?" inquired the well-dressed caller, who opened it at that moment.

The man with the bandage half suppressed a groan.

"Yes, that's my name. What can I do for you?"

"You appear to be suffering," said the intelligent caller.

"Suffering!" returned the other. "Do you think I'm doing this for fun? But what is your business, sir?"

"Er—pardon me," stammered the caller, "I think I'll drop in some other time—eh?"

"It's some trouble," soliloquized the man with the bandage, as he removed the paraphernalia and returned to his desk. "But it is really the quickest way to get rid of these life insurance agents. That man will never trouble me again."—London Tit-Bits.

IN AGONY WITH ECZEMA.

Whole Body a Mass of Raw, Bleeding, Torturing Humor—Hoped Death Would End Fearful Suffering.

In Despair; Cured by Cuticura.

"Words cannot describe the terrible eczema I suffered with. It broke out on my head and kept spreading until it covered my whole body. I was almost a solid mass of sores from head to foot. I looked more like a piece of raw beef than a human being. The pain and agony endured seemed more than I could bear. Blood and pus oozed from the great sore on my scalp, from under my finger nails, and nearly all over my body. My ears were so crusted and swollen I was afraid they would break off. Every hair in my head fell out. I could not sit down, for my clothes would stick to the raw and bleeding flesh, making me cry out from the pain. My family doctor did all he could, but I got worse and worse. My condition was awful. I did not think I could live, and wanted death to come and end my frightful sufferings.

"In this condition my mother-in-law begged me to try the Cuticura Remedies. I said I would, but had no hope of recovery. But oh, what blessed relief I experienced after applying Cuticura Ointment. It cooled the bleeding and itching flesh and brought me the first real sleep I had had in weeks. It was as grateful as ice to a burning tongue. I would bathe with warm water and Cuticura Soap, then apply the Ointment freely. I also took Cuticura Resolvent for the blood. In a short time the sores stopped running, the flesh began to heal, and I knew I was to get well again. Then the hair on my head began to grow, and in a short time I was completely cured. I wish I could tell everybody who has eczema to use Cuticura. Mrs. Wm. Hunt, 135 Thomas St., Newark, N. J., Sept. 28, 1908."

NOT FOR HIM.

"Now, boy, this is important! It's an invitation to dinner!"
"Thanks, boss. But I can't accept. Me gress suit's in hock!"

Placing Him.

"Papa," inquired little May, after Sunday school, "was George Washington an Israelite?"
Before her father could answer this somewhat unexpected question May's six-year-old brother broke in.

"Why, May, I'm 'shamed of your ignorance! George Washington is in the New Testament, not the Old."—Woman's Home Companion.

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Miss Trimm—Yes; I think so, too—that's why I'm cutting him.

Got Up Speed.

"What sort of record did Lem Biggins make out west?"

"He broke the Marathon record."

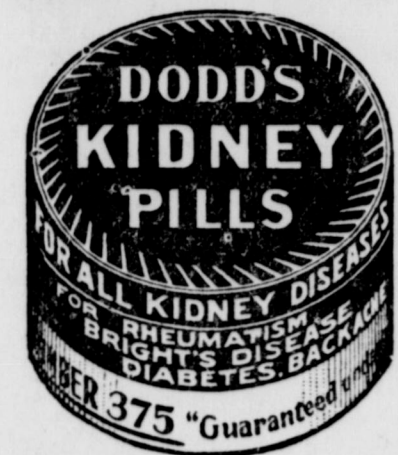
"I didn't know he was such a sprinter."

"Lem didn't know it, either, till the sheriff took after him."

Helen Had Ambition.

Helen, aged six, was telling Mary, aged seven, of her plans for the future. "I'm going to be married," she announced, "and have 18 children."

"Oh," gasped Mary, her eyes wide with amazement, "you mercenary wretch!"—Dellneator.



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THE STATE LEGISLATURE

MANY IMPORTANT BILLS ARE BEING DISPOSED OF—ONE FOR TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY.

HOUSE AND SENATE DISAGREE

Stringent Rules Are Laid Down in Resolutions on Qualifications of Electors.

Austin: Notwithstanding this was Saturday, and the legislature is not accustomed to working on that day, one of the hardest day's work of the session was put in by the house, the senate not being in session. Many important measures were passed finally and now go over to the senate.

On the floor of both branches of the legislature this week, some of the most important measures pending, will be thrashed out.

The anti-race track bill is scheduled to come up in the house on Monday, and also in the senate either Monday or Tuesday. In the house the Robertson bill is almost sure to pass, but it will be checked in the senate when it gets over there, and that body will insist on the substitute by the senate committee which permits racing at fairs. This will result in a free conference committee, and then the question will be settled.

The bank guarantee law, the fee bill and other important measures are scheduled to come up on reports from the committees.

The report of the free conference committee on the navigation district bill will also be adopted in both branches and this important measure will then be up to the governor.

Houses Are Apart.

Austin: Practically all of the afternoon session of the house was devoted to the consideration of the bill providing for the appointment of a commission for revising and codifying the civil and criminal statutes, after the adoption of an amendment by Robertson, of Travis, to require the commission also to prepare two bills, one providing for a civil and one for a criminal code of practice in the courts of Texas and report the same to the next legislature.

Messrs. Davis and Lee attempted to have an amendment adopted providing that the commissioners shall be appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court, the presiding judge of the court of criminal appeals and the governor, but this amendment failed by a vote of 78 to 18. The bill on the same subject in the senate carries this amendment, while as the bill was passed in the house the governor has the sole power to name the commission.

This disagreement between the house and senate will result in a free conference committee being named.

After disposing of this measure the house passed finally the bill by Fuller, permitting the courts to extend court terms not in conflict with other terms, also passed the bill by Harman, providing that when fifteen or more typewritten pages are submitted in a brief the attorney may be excused from appearance, also the Luce bill empowering school trustees to order temporary suspension of schools.

The board adjourned to Monday morning.

Providing for Survey.

Austin: The bills providing for a topographical survey of the river and creek valleys of Texas and authorizing the creation of levee districts, introduced by Representatives Lively, Buchanan and Meeks, are now before house committee on internal improvements, and a favorable report could be had upon them at any time, but the authors are holding them up awaiting the arrival of Arthur C. Stiles of the United States geological survey, who is coming here to confer with the committee as to certain features. It is the desire of these gentlemen and of the members of the committee to have this legislation perfect. Therefore they are proceeding cautiously. The preparation of the bills entailed a great deal of preliminary work, including correspondence with Washington, conference with and advice from Gov. Campbell, Attorney General Davidson and land Commissioner Robinson. It is the feeling of all these gentlemen, as was expressed by Gov. Campbell, that "this matter is too important to be messed up."

Qualifications of Electors.

Austin: According to a joint resolution introduced by Mr. Harman to amend the constitution, to define qualifications of electors, applicants for citizenship will be required to read in English any section of the constitution, and should he fail his other qualifications will be for naught. It also provides that all persons voting in the state shall first become citizens of the United States which is not now the case.

New House Bills.

Austin: New bills introduced in the house:

By Mr. McCallum (by request): Regulating certified public accountants so that they receive certificates from the secretary of state.

By Messrs. Davis and Horger: Providing that manufacturers of white lead paint shall label in plain type every package or bucket of the material so as to show the ingredients used.

Summary of Doings.

Austin: House committees unfavorably report anti-fee bill, joint resolution to amend constitution so as to reduce membership of legislature, and all bank guaranty bills. Will be no minority reports. Bills for training school or juveniles and constitutional amendment for Confederate Women's home favorably reported.

House passed finally the following bills: Anti-traffic; requiring cars to be repaired in Texas; exempting Collins, Ellis, Hunt and Lamar counties from county auditor laws; labor bureau; compulsory education; anti-blacklist; providing for revision, codification and annotation of laws; authorizing school teachers to temporarily suspend school, authorizing district judges to extend terms of court; abolishing requirement that attorneys shall appear in appeal cases where brief is less than fifteen pages.

Anti-fee Bill.

Austin: Final action was taken Friday afternoon by the house judiciary committee on the anti-fee bill. The committee reported adversely on the bill by a vote of 11 to 5.

Favorable minority report will be brought out. The last of the arguments in favor of this measure was made by Senator Senter, who directed his attack on the fee system, especially the sheriff's fees. This bill had already been reported adversely in the senate, with a favorable minority, and now has the same status in both branches of the legislature.

Beautify Battlefield.

Austin: The house went on record yesterday afternoon as being in favor of a liberal appropriation for the beautifying of the San Jacinto battlefield.

In the Senate.

Bank Guaranty Law.
Austin: The senate committee on history, insurance and statistics Thursday reported favorably without any argument the bank guaranty law introduced by Mr. Alexander. Senators Senter and Hudspeth gave notice of an adverse minority report.

Fish and Oyster Law.

Austin: Arguments were continued until a late hour Saturday evening before senate judiciary No. 2 on the bill by Mr. Baker of Hood, amending the fish and oyster law, but final action was not taken. It will be several days before a report is made as more arguments are to be made.

Bills Reported Favorably.

Austin: Senate judiciary committee No. 2 reported favorably the following bills Saturday:

House bill, creating the offense of an attempt to commit theft from the person and fixing punishment therefor.

House bill, making it a felony, punishable by death, to commit the crime of burglary by entering a private residence at night.

House bill, permitting surety companies to make bonds for corporations designated as depositories, and making Sec. 23 of the depository law harmonious.

Mr. Harper's senate bill, permitting relations to occupy positions under certain conditions now prohibited by the anti-nepotism law.

Mr. Hudspeth's bill, providing punishment for cutting timber or shrubs from the enclosed land of another without permission, same being to protect the fir and other timber.

Mr. Kellie's bill, creating a forestry commission to protect the forests of Texas.

Fake Doctor Bill.

Austin: Strickland's fake doctor, bill was reported favorably by the house committee on public health. The bill provides against advertisements and representations of fraudulent medical practitioners. Mr. Wilson's bill, requiring all patent medicines to be labeled with the formula.

Bill on Station Names Amended.

Austin: Senate committee on internal improvements reported favorably with amendments Senator Ward's bill, requiring railroads to observe the names of stations as given such places by the United States postoffice department.

New Senate Bills.

Among the bills introduced in the senate Tuesday were:

By Perkins—Authorizing newspapers to make contracts with railroads for exchange of advertising space for passenger transportation. This is an entirely new bill.

By Kellie—Providing that all tax suits brought by the state, county or city shall be brought within four years after such taxes have been delinquent.

By Hudspeth—Fixing the salary of the district attorney at \$15 per day for 123 days in the year, not including \$500 a year allowed by law.

By Greer—Prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors by prescriptions, except that one prescription house shall be allowed for every local option district, having 5,000 population.

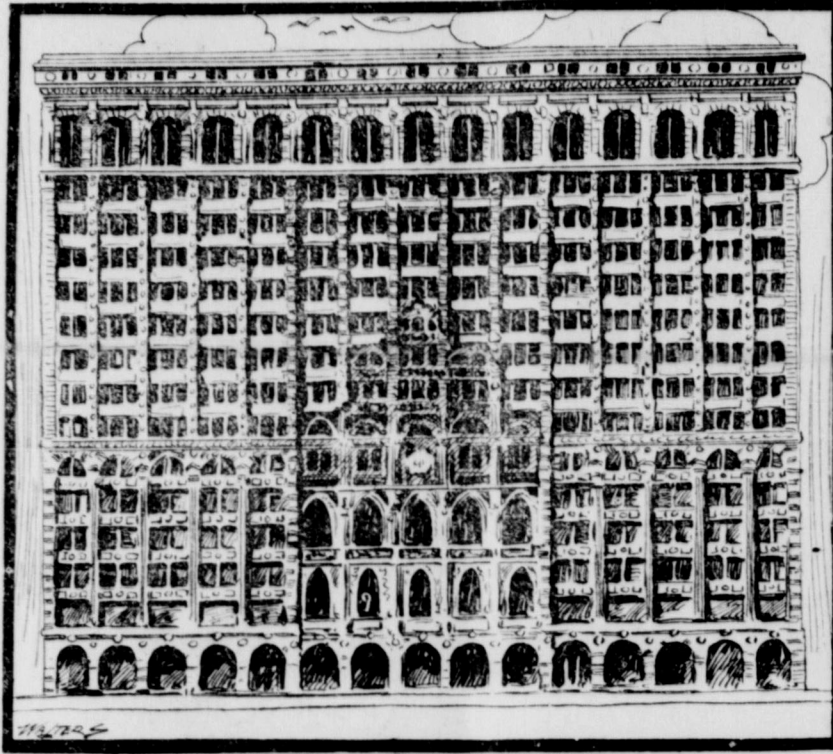
Austin: Bills were introduced in the senate Monday as follows:

By Watson—Authorizing the state board of education to purchase common school district bonds in addition to other bonds for the school fund.

By Willacy—To amend the constitution for the establishment of a Confederate Women's Home.

By Mr. Senter—A bill changing the jurisdiction of corporation courts in cities having populations of more than 25,000 persons, conferring upon them concurrent jurisdiction in criminal cases with the county court. Acceptance of this enlarged jurisdiction is not made obligatory under the bill; it is optional with the city authorities.

HOW PITTSBURG WILL OUTWIT WILLIAM PENN



THE FOURTEENTH STORY CHURCH

Pittsburg is to have the latest thing in architecture, namely, a skyscraper and church, the latest of all ideas in building construction. But there is method in Pittsburg's "madness," for having been blocked for many years by the clause placed in his land grant by William Penn, setting forth that the property must always be used for "church purposes," the congregation of the First German Evangelical Protestant church has evolved the above scheme. It has been decided, therefore, that a building which shall combine church and office building, which will serve for worship and at the same time put revenue into the coffers of the congregation.

The auditorium and dome of the church are to be buried inside 14 stories of business offices and stores, only the gothic arches, the wide doors, and the chimneys showing on the side of the building. All about the church and above it will be piled a mass of offices architecturally distinctive, as the business part of the building is to be of renaissance architecture and the church gothic.

It is the purpose of the congregation to make its valuable property at Sixth and Smithfield streets yield a profitable return and at the same time retain the property for church purposes. It was specified in the deed given by William Penn that the land should be so used. It could therefore not be sold except to another church, which would hardly be a profitable sale. At the same time it seemed necessary that the church should get more return from its land which is centrally located and which has been often sought after by big department stores. A church was built on the site 125 years ago, torn down and replaced by another, then another, then by the present structure, which was erected in 1877. Sentimental reasons, therefore, further persuaded the congregation that they did not want to leave the site.

To overcome the difficulty, Eugene C. F. Ernst, an architect and a member of various church committees, drew his plans for the unique building and laid them before the people. He said the cost would be about \$1,500,000, but that a corporation could easily be formed to furnish the funds and that it would prove a paying investment.

There was surprisingly little opposition from the conservatives, and it seems to be generally understood that the plan will go through. It is planned for the structure to face on Smithfield street 240 feet, extending back to Strawberry alley. It will be in three 80-foot sections, the two outside for commercial purposes and the central one for the church, up to the height of that edifice, and then more office floors above to the top story. A great clock, with a 10-foot face, will be placed at the sixth story, and above this a set of chimneys in a specially constructed bell chamber.

On the fourteenth floor is to be a great assembly hall, 240x110 feet, with a plaster facade built round a light well. On special occasions the light well could be closed at the floor and ceiling lines by mechanical rolling devices, the windows surrounding the light court being thus transferred into an open plaster balcony. The effect would be one large auditorium with an open inner court.

The basement will be for commercial purposes, and a sub-basement will hold the power plant. An arcade extending from Sixth avenue to Smithfield street will admit to the office and store sections. The entrances will lead into the commercial part of the building as well as into the church. On the floor level with the street are to be the Sunday school rooms, with two wings covered by skylights. The auditorium for the school is to be 80 feet wide, and two large balconies each provided with 200 chairs, will be erected above the room.

The main floor of the church will have 860 seats, which, together with the gallery, would give a total seating capacity of 1,150. The floor will have a grade of eight feet toward the altar. Sixty-two feet above will be the big

dome, while the balconies and ceilings will be supported by columns.

From the street to the gable sheer will be a distance of 128 feet, and at the top is to be a German eagle, perched, holding in his talons the American and German flags. This is to be the symbol of the history of the congregation, which is made up almost entirely of men and women born of German parents.

Abundant capital has been assured to carry out these plans, and in addition, many offers have already been made for office rooms. A large department store has offered to lease all of one section of the building. The building promises to present an impressive appearance, in addition to the advantage of being in the center of the city. On Sixth avenue, just east from the church property, are the Nixon theater, the building known as Pittsburg's "Safety Palace," in which are the police headquarters and the Philadelphia Company's building. Street cars diverging to more than 25 sections of the city and surrounding country pass by the property.

FINALLY GOT AN ANSWER.

Natural Results of Unfortunate Persistence of Sister Dash.

One of the saintly characters mentioned in Rev. Dr. Richard Mellwaine's recent book, "Three Score Years and Ten," is a venerable Methodist minister, Rev. Jesse Powers, whose mind, Dr. Mellwaine says, was always intent on doing something to bless and help somebody. He was a man of exact veracity, also, but his somewhat merciless candor was agreeably tempered by humor.

The old preacher once spent the night at the house of a prominent Methodist not far from Amelia courthouse, Virginia, where he had often been welcomed before. The next morning at breakfast it developed that the bread was sour, perhaps not enough to be remarked upon, but still sour. He was engaged in eating it, when the worthy lady at the head of the table called attention to the disagreeable fact.

Brother Powers said nothing, but continued to satisfy his hunger with what was "set before him, asking no questions," and accepting no suggestions. His hostess, however, not to be thwarted in her efforts to wring from her guest the admission that the bread was not very bad, repeated the remark.

This also failed to elicit the longed-for response. Brother Powers kept his eyes on his plate, and went ahead eating more lustily than ever, in a quandary, doubtless, not knowing what to say, and resolved he would not tell a lie.

But the good woman, not satisfied, and with a fatality that sometimes overtakes the wariest of the sex, was so left to herself as to apologize for the third time.

This, Dr. Mellwaine says, "was too much for the old saint." Turning his benevolent face toward the head of the table, he said, gently:

"Sister Dash, if I were you, I'd stop talking about this bread. It is mean enough, anyway."—Youth's Companion.

The Toad Survived.

An experiment bordering close to the wonderful, was recently made in the clay testing department of a machinery company at Bucyrus, O., in which a toad was placed in a 20-ton brick press and was four times subjected to a pressure of 11,000 pounds without injury.

The question at issue was whether such a pressure would kill the toad or whether its ability to compress itself was sufficient to allow it to come lifted from the machine and the toad was first placed in a lump of granular clay and the whole pressed into a brick. After the huge press had done its work the solid brick was lifted from the machine and the toad winked its eyes contentedly, stretched its legs and hopped away.—Popula Magazine.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

FIRST TURKISH AMBASSADOR



Hussein Kiazim Bey, who recently arrived at Washington, is the first ambassador from Turkey to the United States, and his advent indicates that a new regime is in control of the domain of the "Sick Man of Europe."

Hussein Kiazim Bey, for three months figured in international news as the "lost diplomat," because he apparently disappeared from the face of the earth after leaving Turkey for America. He formally presented his credentials to President Roosevelt the other day, and as soon as he concludes his "house hunting," he will settle down as a fixture in the diplomatic circle of Washington, in which he will be one of the most picturesque and notable figures.

The new ambassador is small in stature, and his orientalism is heightened by a black pointed beard, which gives him the appearance somewhat of the present sultan when he was younger. He is regarded as one of the ablest men in the Turkish diplomatic service. For 13 years he was minister from his country at Bucharest. During the time he was supposed to be lost he was resting in Belgrade and in Paris.

John G. A. Leishman, the American ambassador at Constantinople, presented his credentials as ambassador in 1906, but Kiazim Bey is the first ambassador from Turkey to present his credentials in Washington. He succeeds Mehmed Ali Bey, who was recalled at the beginning of the Young Turks' outbreak in Turkey, and whose departing experiences furnished some interesting newspaper articles at the time. The ambassador represents the reform element in Turkey.

SOUTH DAKOTA'S NEW SENATOR



Coe I. Crawford, who has been elected to the United States senate by the legislature of South Dakota, is a puzzle in politics. He has just completed a term as governor of his state, to which position he was elected after a complete revolution in state affairs in which every state officer but one was turned out and the head of many a big boss dropped into the waste basket.

To begin with, Crawford wasn't really a politician. He was a railroad lawyer. But the work of a corporation lawyer did not appeal to him, and he did not look at things the way the railroads did. So he gave up the attorneyship for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad and set out to tackle the modest little job of separating the railroads from politics in South Dakota. It was a Caesarian operation, but he did it. When he first ran for governor, four years ago, he finished so far behind the procession that he couldn't hear the band. But he tightened up his belt a little and kept running. Two years ago he went into the convention with such strength that he dominated the nomination of every man on the ticket. He was elected, and the senatorship now comes to him as a reward that he has really earned. He succeeds Senator A. B. Kittredge.

GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA



Gov. William W. Kitchen, the new executive of North Carolina, has begun his work in the state house by gathering about him a sort of miniature cabinet, men of official and specialized experience who are to be in a smaller way the counterpart of the national cabinet. They will discuss with the governor the affairs of the state and pass upon official projects or matters of importance in addition to their own official duties.

So far as known, Gov. Kitchen is the first state executive to adopt the plan, and even at that he has opened the way for several hundreds of space newspaper joke founders to disgorge a variety of humorous comments concerning North Carolina's "Kitchen cabinet."

Kitchen was in congress for a dozen years before he captured the gubernatorial nomination last summer in a state convention that was deadlocked for four solid days before making a choice. He tried his hand at newspaper work for a while before he concluded that the law offered him more opportunities for advancement than the editorial sanctum—and he has done very well at proving his theory.

DANES HONOR THEIR KING



The third anniversary of the accession of King Frederik VIII, was celebrated as a public holiday throughout Denmark a few days ago. Flags fluttered from public and private buildings and many pictures of the king and queen were displayed. During the day deputations from societies throughout the kingdom called upon his majesty and presented addresses of congratulation.

King Frederik has enjoyed a successful rule during the three years that have elapsed since he came to the throne. The love and respect that he has ever enjoyed among his subjects has increased and to-day he stands in the foremost rank among European rulers in point of popularity.

The splendid mental and moral qualities of the king were well known and universally admired before he came to the throne. Since he was called upon to succeed his lamented father, the beloved King Christian, Frederik has displayed a remarkable versatility and a knack of interesting himself in all that concerns his kingdom and his people that has surprised even those who know him best.

No one in all Denmark puts in busier days than does his majesty. While he wisely refrains from taking an active part in politics he follows closely all public movements. He makes it an unvarying rule to follow all important debates in both houses of the Rigsdag. He is deeply interested in educational matters and since he ascended the throne he has continued to act as chancellor of the university which he attended as a student. His interest in the army is keen and he has introduced several reforms which have improved the lot of the private soldiers, as the result of which he is extremely popular with the troops. He is also head of the Free Masons in Denmark, and takes an active part in a great variety of philanthropic organizations and movements.

WILL PROBE WALL STREET



Horace White, one of the little handful of representative journalists of the old American school who are still actively in the harness, is the head of the special commission named by Gov. Hughes of New York to investigate the methods and morals, so to speak, of Wall street. It has been intimated before now that the street is very long on methods and accordingly short on morals. The truth of the conditions may be gleaned, possibly, from the report of Deacon White's commission.

Mr. White was editor-in-chief of the New York Evening Post up to his retirement a few years ago. He still retains his connection with the company, however, and displays a deep interest in the editorial policies and ideals of the paper. For ten years, shortly after the civil war, he was editor of the Chicago Tribune and one of its principal owners. He has written, translated and edited various volumes that are handsomely bound and look well on the shelves of a number of libraries. Born in New Hampshire 74 years ago, he was educated in Beloit college and took up journalism shortly after his graduation.