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ADDITIONAL RAINS BENEFIT TEXAS

NORTH AND CENTRAL TEXAS GET
GOOD RAINS DURING LAST
FEW DAYS.

GOOD CORN CROP ASSURED

Sunshine Last Week Helped Cotton
and More Rain Also Benefitted
the Plant.

Dallas, June 14.—Rain Saturday and Sunday over a large part of North and Central Texas seems to have come just in time to be of sufficient benefit to the corn crop to insure a good yield and to be of much help to cotton, but many farmers are uneasy regarding the latter crop where replanting has been necessary, as they fear the water will cause the seed in the ground to sprout too quickly.

Cotton already up seems to have been helped considerably the last several days by sunshine in abundance, and the rain just experienced pleases most planters. The fields have been cleaned well, according to general reports, and not much trouble is being experienced with weeds. Many laborers have been chopping cotton between rains just as soon as they could enter the fields. Some sections reported heavy damage to plants by hail and wind.

Land For Homesteaders.
Washington: Secretary of the Interior Ballinger has just designated 270,000 acres of land in New Mexico and 46,980 acres in Montana as coming within the provision of the 320-acre homestead law. These lands are semi-arid, and while very fertile if properly cultivated, must be farmed according to "dry farming" methods.

Five Thousand Killed.
St. Petersburg: A dispatch to the Novoe Vremya from Astara states that the Shakhsevan tribesmen are ravaging the Ardabild district in Azerbaijan, the most northerly province of Persia. According to the dispatch 5,000 persons have been killed and the leading inhabitants have appealed to the Russian Consul for protection.

Corporal Shoots Three.
Des Moines, Iowa: Corporal L. E. Crabtree Saturday afternoon fatally shot F. Raymond, commanding officer of Troop B, Second United States Cavalry, at Fort Des Moines, then shot and seriously wounded First Sgt. James H. Washburn and Corporal Elijah Such, who attempted to disarm him, and then shot himself.

Big Packery For Amarillo.
Austin: Within the next three months, according to State Senator J. W. Veale of Amarillo, there will be in operation one of the most up-to-date packing houses to be found anywhere, at Amarillo, which will also be the first packing house ever established in the Panhandle country.

Fatal Wreck on Pecos Valley.
Pecos: An incoming double-header freight train on the Pecos Valley was wrecked by an open switch as it entered the yard limits here. Luther E. Rhodes, a brakeman, was crushed under the tender of the first engine and instantly killed.

Amarillo Has Good Rain.
Amarillo: The rain which fell here during the past two days has done great good to growing crops. Planting of kafir corn, milo maize and broom corn has been renewed. The acreage of the latter crop will be large.

Quail Shooting to Be Good.
El Reno, Ok.: The prospects for good quail shooting in this vicinity next fall is the best for years. The enforcement of the game law for the last few years has given the birds an opportunity to multiply, and the open spring this year has afforded them a chance to hatch their young without the nest being destroyed.

Snake's Bite Fatal.
Wainut Springs: The 5-year-old daughter of T. C. Hill, a farmer living two miles north of town, was bitten by a rattlesnake while playing in her father's yard late in the evening and died at an early hour Saturday, despite the efforts of the physicians.

Big Rain in Comanche.
Comanche: Another glorious rain fell over Comanche County Saturday morning, lasting for about one hour. The precipitation here was one inch and a half and was general over the county, though it was much heavier north and west and lighter south of here.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

Civil service examinations will be held at Hereford and Kenedy, Tex., on July 3, for the appointment of rural letter carriers.

The Turner Richardson farm, northeast of McCoy, consisting of 1,600 acres, has been sold by B. R. Parks to Dr. W. J. Thurmond for \$61,000.

In one of the hottest local elections ever held in the county, Alice, at a local option election Saturday, voted prohibition by a majority of 11 out of 185 votes cast.

The Constables of Texas met in Temple Monday in their first annual convention and organized the Constables' Association of Texas. About one hundred delegates were present.

Monday evening, while oiling the main shaft of the big engine at the light plant, at Wolfe City, Bob Greer was caught by the shafting and his left arm torn from his body.

Mrs. M. I. Sullivan of Rockwall, Tex., was found dead in bed in Plano Thursday morning. She was on a visit to her son-in-law, Rev. C. B. Fladger, pastor of the Methodist church of Plano.

Cash wheat reached the highest price on change Thursday in St. Louis, ever touched since the Civil War. A car of No. 2 red winter brought \$1.65, a price never reached in the market since 1868.

Adolph Torf, 28 years of age, a prominent contractor and resident of Argenta, Ark., was shot by Policeman George Carr of the Argenta police force, following a dispute over a dog license, and died Sunday.

The bodies of three negroes were found at an early hour Wednesday morning lying upon shores of Deer Island, about fifteen miles from Galveston, near which they drowned in the severe squall of May 26th.

Taylor Boshear of Terrell Thursday sold 160 bales of cotton, which is the last holdings in this city, to Izzie Brin at 10 1/2 c. The large cotton warehouse and the compress storage platform are both empty now for the first time in many months.

One million one hundred and eighty-one thousand dollars is the amount represented in the buildings or other improvements either now in course of construction in Amarillo, just recently completed or to be begun within the next few months.

A passenger train on the K. C. & M. and O. Railroad was blown off the trestle of the west end of the Brazos River bridge Thursday night, near Sweetwater, one man, J. E. Stamford, of Crowell, being killed, and eleven others injured.

Reports from 625 correspondents written June 2, show the acreage in cotton to be 102.7 in Texas and 33.1 in Oklahoma, with condition of 94.2 in Texas and 120.5 in Oklahoma, all comparisons being with same time last year and not with normal.

About a dozen potato buyers are in Texarkana from Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and other points for the purpose of buying up the potato crop. The farmers, it is understood, will not be satisfied with anything less than \$1 per bushel for this year's crop.

Answering an inquiry from Houston, Assistant Attorney General Crawford rules the anti-race betting bill went into effect Friday night at midnight. The bill did not carry the emergency clause, and under the Constitution becomes effective ninety days after adjournment of the regular session of the legislature, by which it was passed.

On the same dates, August 10 to 12, that the Texas Postmasters' Association will meet in Waco the Texas Postmasters' League will meet, under a call just received. The Texas Postmasters' League consists exclusively of fourth-class postmasters.

Announcement is made by R. B. Cousins, State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Austin, that the Governor's veto of the appropriation for normal scholarships abolishes the system and makes it unnecessary for the members of the Legislature to make the appointments otherwise authorized.

In Dallas there are about 14,495 children between the ages of 7 and 17, according to the scholastic census, which has just been taken. The increase this year over last year is said to be four times the increase of last year over the previous year.

Charles Hanson, aged 70 years, a well-known stevedore and general drayage contractor and senior member of the firm of Charles Hanson & Son, of Galveston, was murdered and robbed in his home some time Thursday night, presumably early in the evening.

At the Santa Fe offices in Amarillo it is said that work will begin immediately on the Santa Fe extension from Texico, N. M., to Coleman, Tex., the contract for which was let yesterday to the C. H. Sharp Contracting Company of Kansas City.

GOOD ITEMS OF NEWS

ENTIRE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS
THAT ARE WORTH PASSING
NOTICE.

WHOLE WORLD THE FIELD

Current Domestic and Foreign News
Told Down to Readable and
Small Space.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The president Friday sent for Attorney General Wickersham and calling attention to the practical confession by the sugar trust in New York Tuesday, instructed the Attorney General to investigate the case with a view to prosecuting the trust for violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Private advices received from Washington state that Robert Bacon, ex-Secretary of State, has accepted the Ambassadorship to France, and that he will succeed Henry White at the end of the year.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

A farmer named Tyler near Prattville, Delta County, was killed by lightning Friday while sitting on his front porch.

The annual meeting of the Mayors' Association of Texas is to be held in San Angelo. The date for the meeting will be July 21 to 23.

In an election to vote on the proposition of \$25,000 waterworks bonds, in Merkel Tuesday it carried by a vote of 175 for to 4 against.

Battling Nelson and Jack Clifford have signed articles to appear in a fifteen-round contest at the auditorium in Oklahoma City, June 22.

The school census of Tom Green County for 1909 has been completed, and shows there are 3,532 children in this county of school age.

Reports received indicate there has been a heavy rainfall throughout Northwest Texas, the Panhandle and Southern Oklahoma. The rain was preceded by high winds.

The board of directors of the Waxsahchie Chautauque met Thursday and completed the program for the coming incampment. The assembly will open July 29 and close July 30.

J. J. Lanin, a railroad promoter from Iowa, accompanied by eastern capitalists, is in San Angelo again, with a view to building a road from this city to Sterling City, and on to Big Springs, where he will have connection with the Texas & Pacific railroad.

Heavy rain, followed by a small cyclone, struck Eldorado, Okla., Thursday night, completely wrecking the opera house, throwing the Presbyterian Church from its foundation and rendering it valueless, wrecking a couple of buildings under construction for the new gin and completely demolishing several outhouses and barns.

Wednesday evening about 5:30 o'clock a severe hailstorm commenced about seven miles southwest of Crowell and traveled in a southeasterly course for twelve or fifteen miles. In the neighborhood of Margaret it was very destructive. Telephone wires are down and complete information can not be secured. W. L. Campbell, six miles east of Crowell, says he had 100 acres of wheat destroyed.

Upon the conclusion of the stroke of 12 Friday night sixty-one general laws passed by the regular session of the Thirty-first Legislature went into operation. Owing to the immediate effect of the anti-race track betting bill upon the race meeting then in progress at Houston a question was raised which brought forth an official ruling by the Attorney General dissipating any doubt as to the time of the day the laws will become effective.

The number of known dead, eleven in all, who perished by the collapse of a pier at Mandeville, La., Sunday, has not been added to by the discovery of any other bodies.

R. W. Carson has secured the contract for putting down a test hole for water at the pumping station of the Cleburne Water, Ice and Light Company. Modern pumps are to be placed at a depth of 250 feet below the surface of the ground, and it is proposed to furnish enough water for 29,000 people. Sixteen inch mains are to be laid.

Former Sheriff Edward W. Callahan, famous throughout the State for the part he played in the numerous feuds that have disrupted Breathitt County for years, was shot from ambush early Monday night, and it is believed fatally wounded, at Jackson, Ky.

In several arrests made in Columbus, Marion and Dennison, Ohio, Friday, local Federal inspectors and detectives who worked in conjunction with them in the case believe they have unearthed the biggest and best organized branch of the Black Hand in this country.

Brady wool receipts to date are about 400,000 pounds, with several clips to be heard from.

Grading of the new line of the railroad projected from Miles to San Antonio is progressing at a rapid rate.

It is rumored in railroad circles that the Wichita Falls and Southern will extend its line from Newcastle to Fort Worth.

The charter of the Waco Life Insurance Company of Waco was approved by the Attorney General. Capital stock \$10,000,000.

City delivery has been ordered established at Stamford, Texas, beginning August 1, with three carriers and one substitute.

The City Council is negotiating for pipe and material for a stand pipe for putting in a new system of waterworks in Enlis.

Archer City School District has voted \$20,000 bonds for the purpose of erecting a school building. The building will be of stone.

Lampasas County is improving the public roads, and with the new road law will no doubt in a few years have first-class roads in every direction.

It is thought probable that the State convention of the Farmers' Union will be held this year at Galveston during the cotton carnival in that city in August.

While J. J. Jackson of Colorado City, was digging a well on his ranch, near Kent, in El Paso County, the drill bit fell on his head and killed him instantly.

Entirely innocent of buton, the "Aeroplane gown," the very latest of the late creations for women, has arrived, and is on exhibition in the show rooms in New York.

The Attorney General Wednesday approved the charters and Commissioner of Insurance issued the licenses to the International Fire Insurance Company of Fort Worth, capital stock \$500,000.

The Gainesville Creamery Company Monday shipped a solid car load of butter to Chicago, which was all fresh and in good condition. The car contained 26,815 pounds, for which the creamery received \$6,703.75.

Farmers southeast of Muskogee who assert that an organized band of night marauders have been stealing cattle, horses and other stock are organizing to protect themselves. It is understood the Sheriff's will co-operate.

By the explosion of a lamp in the Texas and Pacific depot at Stanton, Friday, the whole structure and contents were burned, including the United States mail from this place to Eastern points.

Bids for the largest building contract ever offered in Oklahoma were opened at Fort Sill Thursday for the construction of improvements amounting to more than \$700,000, bids up to \$1,000,000 being submitted.

Friday was a most auspicious day in Huntsville Masonry, the occasion being the dedication of the new temple, which was recently erected, the corner stone having been laid with imposing ceremonies on March 12, 1908.

George Lanford Brannon of Chickasha, Okla., shot a mule for Fred Krust Saturday which is 28 years old and has been owned by Mr. Krust for thirty-six years. The mule is still able to haul corn, fifty bushels to the load.

With a maniacal shriek John Murphy turned from pig killing in the North Packing and Provision Company's slaughter house Saturday, in Somerville, Mass., driving his fellow workmen before him, slew five of them and wounded four others.

The scene of the Confederate veterans' reunion was transferred from Memphis to Vicksburg Friday, and several thousand of the old soldiers who followed Lee in the sixties witnessed the unveiling of the heroic statue to Gen. Stephen D. Lee. The splendid monument stands in the National Park upon the exact spot from which Gen. Lee directed the movement of his troops during the siege of Vicksburg.

Archbishop Ununkoffski, primate of the Roman Catholics of Russia, died in St. Petersburg Thursday.

An automobile containing four women, of Woodland, was overturned here Tuesday night, at Knights Landing, Cal., and toppled into the Sacramento River. All four women were drowned. The chauffeur swam to a boat.

While bathing in the creek several miles west of Pilot Point Sunday evening two daughters of George Dugan and wife and daughter of George Younger, got beyond their depth and were all drowned.

The first warm days of summer have been marked in St. Petersburg by an alarming increase of cholera. The Trinity and Brazos Valley is preparing to open a new gravel pit about two and a half miles from Waxahachie.

The Cotton Belt has just received in Texarkana three very fine new combination cafe and parlor cars and they will be placed in commission at once on the company's lines in Texas. The cars were built by the American Car and Foundry Company and cost \$18,000 each.

ELEVEN DEAD, TOTAL CLAIMED BY STORMS

SIX DEAD NEAR HASKELL, TEXAS.
SEVENTH DEATH THERE
CAUSED BY FRIGHT.

IN CENTRAL WESTERN TEXAS

Haskell, Jones and Knox Counties
Visited by Cyclone, Terrific Hail
and Severe Rainstorms.

Summary of Storms Work.

The dead near Haskell, Texas: Mrs. R. S. Middleton and infant three days old, Tom Middleton, 8 years old, Joe Middleton, 4, Willie Middleton, 12, Miss Maggie Bishop, 16, cousin of the Middletons, died Friday of injuries. In Haskell Mrs. Brooks, an aged woman, died of fright.

Near Lueders, Jones County, Tex., W. L. Robertson's store destroyed. In the wreck of the K. C. M. & O. Railroad train, caused by wind blowing it from the Brazos River bridge, J. E. Stamford of Crowell, Foard County, Tex., was killed and eleven persons more or less badly hurt.

Haskell, June 14.—Haskell was visited Thursday night by a windstorm which caused seven deaths, blew down several houses and damaged several others. About 4 o'clock a cloud appeared in the northwest and seemed to remain stationary until about 9 o'clock, when it came up rapidly. The cloud appeared to divide, a part going to each side of Haskell. Nearly every one had sought refuge in storm houses and no one was hurt in town.

The family of R. S. Middleton, three miles east of Haskell, succeeded in getting into their storm cellar, but the house was blown on the storm cellar, crushing in the top, burying Mrs. Middleton, four children, three boys, ages 6, 7 and 8, and a baby three days old, and Miss Maggie Bishop, 16, who was visiting the family; but Mr. Middleton and two of the children were standing in the doorway of the cellar and escaped. They gave the alarm and the bodies were soon recovered, but not before life was extinct. The wind was accompanied by heavy rain.

Friday afternoon a dense black cloud appeared in the west and soon came up. The people again took refuge in cellars. Mrs. Brooks, an aged lady, died of fright. Rain fell in torrents for several minutes, accompanied by a severe hail and windstorm. In a few minutes several houses were blown down. At least fifty windmills and the window lights on the west side of every house in town were wrecked and the roofs of many buildings were beaten to pieces by the large hailstones. Broken window lights and damaged roofs allowed the rain to pour in.

The rain fell in such quantities that the town was soon practically flooded. The water was from one to four feet deep all over town, running into many houses, but the damage to the contents had already been done by the falling torrents pouring through damaged roofs and broken window lights. At least 75 per cent of the fuses were blown off. Not a building escaped damage. Crops and vegetation were greatly damaged. Many were bruised and injured and the doctors are busy. The water has been so high that no exact estimate of the damage could be gotten. Telephone lines are down and reports cannot be had from the country.

Three Dead Near Lueders.

Stamford: Considerable damage was done in this section by strong winds, accompanied by heavy rains and display of electricity, Thursday night. A two-inch rain fell in and around Stamford and the rain seems to have been general. Near Lueders three people were killed and others seriously injured. Ten or twelve houses were destroyed near Lueders.

Wichita Falls Has Report.

Wichita Falls: According to reports received here Friday, Knox, Haskell and Jones Counties were visited by a cyclone Thursday night, destroying a number of buildings, and six people are known to be dead.

Crowell to Build Court House.

Crowell: Foard County Saturday voted on the proposition to issue bonds to the amount of \$60,000 to build a court house.

Killed in Storm Cellar.

Woodward, Ok.: J. O. Morrison and wife, an aged farmer couple living near Madison, were instantly killed Sunday by lightning in a cellar underneath their house while seeking safety during a severe electrical and wind storm.

PUT AWAY CHINA AND GLASS.

During Summer Give the Delicate Dishes a Rest and Use Cheaper Quality.

Summer is just the time to put away four delicate china and glass. Have your spirit free from the fear that this or that dish will get broken. Summer cottage china is plentiful in the shops. This china is too gaudy to suit the quiet taste, but it makes for cheerfulness with its showy flowers—poppies, morning glories, roses, and the like. One can buy plain white china on the bargain counters, china of good shape and quality. One can buy tumblers at five cents apiece, that will fall off the table and roll about on the floor without breaking. A table set with white china and plain glass with even a bunch of green leaves in a glass bowl for centerpiece is more restful than a table screaming with color.

Of course, you do not worry and make hard work over your meals in hot weather. Given a gas stove, ice-box and corner grocery and fruit stand, why should any meal be difficult? Nature says eat plentifully of fresh fruits and vegetables, and nature makes few mistakes. Use diplomacy if you have spoiled your men folk and teach them not to order hot roasts for a six o'clock dinner. One woman who knows how to manage her husband and sons insists on their eating their hot meal at noon and for evening serves them but one hot dish, and that something easily prepared.

Heavy desserts are all a matter of habit. Eat at foreign restaurants and you soon fall into the foreign way of eating fresh fruit and cheese for dessert after a heavy dinner. By cutting down on hot roasts and on elaborate desserts you can prepare the salad early, mixing it just before it comes to the table, and need spend little time or energy on cooking one or two vegetables, if you must have one hot dish.

DECORATION OF BLUE PRINTS

Various Ways in Which They May Be Used to Add Attractiveness to Any Room.

Blue prints have a distinct decorative value, and may be used in various ways. One of the most effective is as a candle shade, the blue print being mounted in each section of a square white water-color shade. These are equally attractive on brass or wooden candlesticks.

Another pretty use for blue prints is a decoration on a small box for handkerchiefs, gloves, veils, neckties



Blue Print Work.

or collars. The box is covered with light blue linen, and the pictures pasted on.

A lamp screen of white, light gray or blue paper has a narrow black wooden frame and a border of blue prints. A border is also formed across the top of a linen-covered clothes brush and buttonhook rack.

Blue print sachets are a novelty, and very pretty. The prints are pasted on the outside of an envelope in which are placed two layers of thin cotton batting, with sachet between them.

Large screens may have a border across the top, and a blue print frieze is most attractive in a child's room. Calendars are often decorated in this way, as well as the outside of blotter pads, memorandum pads, little stamp books, address books, and home-made booklets, such as laundry lists, telephone books, and shopping lists. Children might also use them on school portfolios.

Irish Stew.

Three pounds of lamb—or 1 1/2 pounds of lamb, and 1 1/2 pounds of beef—cover with boiling water and cook slowly for two hours, or until tender. After cooking one hour, add one-half cup each of carrot and turnip cut in cubes, and one onion cut in slices. Fifteen minutes before serving add four cups par-boiled sliced potatoes, thickened with one-quarter cup of flour rubbed smooth in cold water. Add the flour very slowly, stirring all the time. Season and serve with dumplings.

Creamed Ham.

Cook one cup of finely chopped ham that has been boiled and one pint of cream together. When hot stir in quickly two well-beaten eggs and a little pepper. Stir constantly. Serve on toast. It is a very nice way to use up small bits of leftover ham.

Scalloped Tomatoes.

Put in a dish alternate layers of buttered bread crumbs with sliced tomatoes, sprinkled with pepper, salt and sugar. Spread bread crumbs and butter over top. Bake one hour.

W. F. Kellis,
Editor and Proprietor.

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CITY, TEXAS.

Subscribers failing to get their paper
on time, will confer a favor by reporting same to us.

Notwithstanding the lateness
of the spring and other drawbacks
the crop prospects in Sterling are
very flattering.

Now go down in your jeans and
call Lamm's hand. If you do, and
he builds the road, you are the
winner, and if he flunks in the
enterprise you have lost nothing.

At least, a majority of our com-
missioners court are in favor of
putting a bridge across the Con-
cho at an early date. The county is
amly able to stand the expense,
and we feel sure it will be done
soon.

It has been publicly asserted
that the Senate of the 31st Legis-
lature was bought in the matter
of refusing to submit the prohibi-
tion question to a vote of the
people. While we should have
been glad to have had it submitt-
ed, yet we refuse to believe that
anyone was bribed in the matter.
If anyone has knowledge of such
high crimes being committed by
our lawmakers, it would be better
in him to tell his tale to a grand
jury than to parade the facts be-
fore the public, in fact it would
be in the interest of truth for him
to do so.

OLD PORKY

Don't pay any more attention
to the fellow who owns property
and refuses to subscribe his part
of the railroad bonus; for he has
been with us always, and will be
here until Gabriel executes his
final solo.

If the world was a cow, this
kind of a man would not even oc-
cupy the position of a tail—unless
he happened to get hung on as a
corklebar. He knows very well
the building of the road will add
to his wealth, but if he can get
all this done without having to
dig up his figures that he will be
just that much ahead. He is a
man of poverty, pains and sorrows
If a church or school house is to
be built, he is too poor to help
his neighbors in the enterprise.
If a widow or an orphan needs
help, he has his doubts about the
worthiness of the object of char-
ity. If a grave is to be dug, the
pains in his back prevents him
assisting in the task.

At a public dinner he is to
be found at the first table, partak-
ing of the dainties that were not
purchased with any money he
contributed; and when he leaves,
he carries with him the most
choice leftovers. He sometimes
belongs to the church; and if he
does, he has heard that religion
is free and without price, for no
contribution box ever gave forth
the jingle of any of his coin. If
he ever prays, his prayer is like
this: "Oh Lord, bless me and my
wife, my son John and his wife
us four and no more." When he
dies, the world concedes it to be
his best act when his porky soul
goes down the greasy slide.
Charity never knew him and bene-
volence is not one of his atoms.
He may accumulate wealth by
being "chubby" and waiting, but
it will do him no good for he is too
stingy to enjoy it. He is a corkle-
bar in the tail of the common-
wealth and a chigger on its hide.
He is a wart on the skin of the
world and a scab on the back of
progress. Don't count him as an
asset of the community, but place
him in the column of liabilities,
for we must carry him along as
so much rubbish. Don't try to
reform him, for you had as well
argue unselfishness to a hog. Let
him alone before your gorge of
disgust rises and dispels the
thoughts of goodness.

RAILROAD NEWS

Carlsbad Has Signed Up. San
Angelo Has Accepted.
Sterling at Work

The various committees in the
matter of securing the railroad,
have done good work this week.
Some of the largest land owners
are a little slow in subscribing to
the bonds, and this fact is prov-
ing to be a most grievous hamper,
for there are many who are will-
ing to go the limit feel that they
are called on to bear more than
their share of the burden. How-
ever, it is hoped that these big
holders of land are only waiting
to see that the promoters are in
earnest before putting their names
to the paper. If this is so, and
they come up with their part of
the bonus, there will be no trou-
ble in raising it.

The barbecue and speeches to-
day are bound to put more life in
the enterprise, and there is no
doubt but that it will be put
through.

Carlsbad has raised her bonus
and signed up the contract.

San Angelo has accepted Mr.
Lamm's proposition, and her com-
mittee is at work raising the re-
quired bonus.

Waterbury is at work and will
probably have her bonus soon
subscribed.

JIM SLATOR OPTIMISTIC

Jim Slator, of Brackett, spent
the day here yesterday and will
go back today. Now that school
is out, the family has gone back
to the ranch, and he can no long-
er linger around the hotel lobbies
in Brackett, smoke flue cigars
furnished by admiring friends,
and talk about how good things
looked on the ranch. "That re-
minds me," said he yesterday,
when he was telling how sad it
was to be compelled to forsake
city life for the humdrum life on
the ranch. "We had some very
fine rains out in Kinney awhile
back, but if you see the weather
man looking for me just tell him
to go ahead and send some more
rain whenever it is convenient.
He has been very good in this
respect and I know he would like
to see whether I need anything
in his line. I don't need it, or at
least I am not hurting, but the
more rain we have from now on
the more expansive will be our
smile.—San Antonio Express.

Jim Slator used to "piroot"
around Sterling a good deal. Fact
is, he owned one of the best
ranches in the county. We tried
to keep him from selling it, but
couldn't do it. As long as Jim
Slator came to Sterling, we never
had the blues; and better still—
Jim is no drawback to the condi-
tion of the editors' exchequer.

DIED

On Sunday 13th, inst., at the
home of her brother, W. F. Latham,
Mrs. Lydia Barron, wife of
J. L. Barron, aged 33 years. She
is survived by a husband and two
little children. The remains were
interred as the Montvale cemetery
the following day.

Deceased was almost raised
here—being the only daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Latham—and
there are many sore hearts over
her demise. Our sincere sym-
pathy is extended to the bereav-
ed relatives.

On Sunday 13th, inst., Baby
Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
A. C. Carper, aged four years.
She was buried the following
afternoon at the Foster cemetery.
We offer our sincerest sympathy
to the bereaved parents.

CARD OF THANKS

J. L. Barron and the relatives
of the late Lydia Barron, desire
us to thank their friends for
kind sympathy and timely aid
extended them during the last
illness of their beloved one.

KING GIVEN A LIFE SENTENCE

A Jury At San Angelo Last
Saturday Finds John King
Guilty of The Murder
of Katie Ryan

John King, who was charged
with the murder of Katie Ryan
at San Angelo in January, 1903,
was tried and convicted of murder
in the first degree in the Dis-
trict Court of Tom Green county,
last Saturday, and his punishment
assessed at imprisonment for life
in the penitentiary. A motion
for a new trial was overruled by
Judge Timmins, and notice of ap-
peal was given by King's attor-
neys.

The murder of Katie Ryan was
most foul and brutal, and the
verdict seems to be very gratify-
ing to the people of San Angelo.

ELECTION NOTICE

Be it ordered by the Board of
Trustees, of the Independent
School District No. One, Sterling
County, Texas, that an election
be held in the Court House, in
the town of Sterling City, in said
Independent District No. One,
on the 10th day of July, A. D. 1909,
to determine whether the Board
of Trustees of said district shall
have the power to annually levy
and collect a tax upon all tax-
able property in said district, for
the support and maintenance of
public free schools in said In-
dependent School District No. One,
Sterling County, Texas, or and at
the rate of not to exceed fifty
cents on the \$100. valuation of
taxable property in said district,
such tax, if voted, to be levied
and collected for the year 1909,
and annually thereafter, unless it
be discontinued as provided by
law.

And it is further ordered that
J. W. Tweedle is hereby appointed
Manager of said election, and he
shall select two Judges and
two Clerks to assist him in hold-
ing said election.

None but property taxpayers,
who are qualified voters in said
Independent School District No.
One, Sterling County, Texas, shall
vote at said election.

A copy of this order, signed by
the president and attested by the
clerk of this Board, shall serve
as proper notice of such election,
and the President shall cause no-
tice of such election to be given
in accordance with law.

Witness our hands this 1st of
June, 1909.
Attest: Henry Davis, B. Allen,
Secretary, President,
Independent School Dist. No. One
Sterling Co., Texas.

FREE GRATIS FOR NOTHING

Nearly every mail brings us a
request to print about two col-
umns of rot "free gratis for noth-
ing." The letter usually runs
about like this:

"Editor News-Record."
"Kind Sir: We, the people of
Duck Dale, are raising funds to
build a home for orphaned dogs
and widowed cats. Please pub-
lish the article herewith from the
able pen of Mr. Piker Peashooter
and oblige
Yours truly,
"Oscar Obedam,"

"Sec. Duck Dale Cat and Dog
Society, Duck Dale, Texas."
"P. S. Be sure to print it on
your first page.—O. Obedam."

Then, if the D. D. C. & D. So-
ciety gets an answer, it runs like
this:

"Mr. Oscar Obedam,
Ducky Dale, Texas."

"Dear Sir: Mr. Piker Pea-
shooter's article is a dandy, and
I thank you for your kind patron-
age. The article contains 713
lines, and at 5c per line, would
come to \$35.75 (thirty-five dollars
and six bits.) Please remit by
draft or money order by return
mail, as I need the money before
the article is published—fact is, I
always need the money."

"Yours for orphan dogs and
widowed cats,
B. K.,
"E. N. R.""

Then our remittance comes
about like this:
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of it, and if so many as 900 bottles
of Elixir of Torjam is sold during
the year, then the News Record
shall be entitled to a copy of Ho-
letter's Almanac and one sample
bottle of Dotybutt's Elixir as
compensation. The contract fur-
ther binds you to report your
progress once a week by regis-
tered mail, and upon failure to do
so, the contract to be null and
void without recourse on the said
Dotybutt for either said Almanac
or Elixir of Torjam.

But the medicine ads we carry
on our local page are all paid for.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Sterling

Public notice is hereby given that by
virtue of an execution issued out of the
District Court of Tom Green county,
Texas on the 19th day of June, A. D.
1909, in Cause No. 1958, Frank Ritter and
wife, Mrs. Hie Ritter and H. G. Trotter
and wife, Mrs. Kate Trotter, Plaintiffs,
against L. N. Pennock, Defendant, I have
this day levied upon the following de-
scribed real estate, situated in Sterling
County, Texas, to-wit:

Six hundred and forty (640) acres of
land, the whole of Survey No. 4, in Block
No. 15, in the name of the Hous on &
Texas Central Railway Company, origi-
nally made for the State School Fund,
by virtue of Certificate No. 41-5338, and
I will proceed to sell said real estate
to the highest bidder for cash
before the Court House door of Sterling
County, Texas, on the first Tuesday in
August, 1909, the same being the 3rd day
of said month, for the purpose of enforc-
ing judgment of the judgment rendered
in said cause, in favor of Plaintiffs ag-
ainst said Defendant, for the sum of Three
Thousand Eighty-one and 35/100 (\$3081 35
Dollars, with interest thereon from the
24th day of May, 1909, at the rate of eight
per cent. per annum, and all costs of suit.
Witness my official signature this 13th
day of June, A. D. 1909.

JNO. B. AYRES,
Sheriff of Sterling County, Texas.

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R. H. LAYNE, PROP.

Proposed Amendment to the State
Constitution in Regard to Formation
and Taxing Power of School Dis-
tricts.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6
House Joint Resolution to amend Sec-
tion 3 of Article 7 of the Constitu-
tion of the State of Texas, in regard
to the formation and taxing power
of school districts.

Section 1. That Section 3 of Article
7 of the Constitution of the State of
Texas be so amended as to hereafter
read as follows:

Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue de-
rived from the State occupation taxes
and a poll tax of \$1 on every male in-
habitant of this State between the ages
of 21 and 60 years shall be set apart
annually for the benefit of the public
free school, and in addition thereto
there shall be levied and collected an
annual ad valorem State tax of such
amount, not to exceed 20 cents on
the \$100 valuation, as with the avail-
able school fund arising from all other
sources, will be sufficient to maintain
and support the public free schools of
this State for a period of not less than
six months in each year, and the Leg-
islature may also provide for the for-
mation of school districts by general
or special law, without the local notice
required in other cases of special legis-
lation, and all such school districts,
whether created by general or special
law, may embrace parts of two or
more counties. And the Legislature
shall be authorized to pass laws for
the assessment and collection of taxes
in all said districts and for the man-
agement and control of the public
schools or schools of such districts,
whether such districts are composed
of territory wholly within a county or
in parts of two or more counties. And
the Legislature may authorize an ad-
ditional ad valorem tax to be levied
and collected within all school dis-
tricts, heretofore formed or hereafter
formed, for the further maintenance of
public free schools, and the erection
and equipment of school buildings
therein, provided that a majority of the
qualified property taxing voters of the
district, voting at an election to be
held for that purpose, shall vote
such tax, not to exceed in any one year
50 cents on the \$100 valuation of the
property subject to taxation in such
district, but the limitation upon the
amount of school district tax herep
authorized shall not apply to incor-
porated cities or towns constituting
separate and independent school dis-
tricts.

Section 2. That the above and fore-
going proposed amendment shall be
duly published once a week for four
weeks commencing at least three (3)
months before a special election to be
held for the purpose of voting upon
such proposed amendment on the first
Tuesday in August, 1909, in one week-
ly newspaper of each county in the
State of Texas in which such newspa-
per may be published. And the Gov-
ernor shall and he is hereby directed
to issue the necessary proclamation for
the submission of this proposed
amendment to the qualified electors
for members of the Legislature. At
such election all persons favoring such
amendment shall have written or
printed on their ballots the words
"For the amendment to Section 3, of
Article 7, of the Constitution in regard
to the formation and taxing power of
school districts," and those oppos-
ed thereto shall have written or printed
on their ballots the words, "Against
the amendment to Section 3, of Article
7, of the Constitution in regard to the
formation and taxing power of school
districts."

Section 3. That \$5000 or as much there-
of as may be necessary, he and the
same is hereby appropriated out of
any money in the Treasury not other-
wise appropriated, to defray the ex-
penses of advertising and holding the
election provided for above.
(A true copy.)
W. B. TOWNSEND,
Secretary of State

Proposed Amendment to the State
Constitution Validating School Dis-
tricts and Their Bonded Indebted-
ness and Authorizing Levy and Col-
lection of Taxes to Pay Such In-
debtedness.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5
House Joint Resolution to amend Arti-
cle 7 of the Constitution of the State
of Texas by adding thereto Section
2a, validating school districts and
the bonded indebtedness of such dis-
tricts and authorizing the levy and
collection of taxes to pay such in-
debtedness.

Section 1. That Section 3 of Article
7 of the Constitution of the State of
Texas be amended by adding thereto a new
section, to be known as Section 2a,
which shall read as follows:

Section 2a. Every school district heretofore
formed, whether formed under
the general law or by special act, and
whether the territory embraced within
its boundaries lies wholly within a
single county or partly in two or more
counties, is hereby declared to be, and
from its formation to have been, a
valid and lawful district.

All bonds heretofore issued by any
such districts which have been ap-
proved by the Attorney General and
registered by the Comptroller are hereby
declared to be, and at the time of
their issuance to have been, issued
in conformity with the Constitution and
laws of this State, and any and all
such bonds are hereby declared to be valid
and binding obligations upon the district or
districts issuing the same.

Each such district is hereby author-
ized to, and shall, annually levy and
collect an ad valorem tax sufficient to
pay the interest on all such bonds and
to provide a sinking fund sufficient to
redeem the same at maturity, not to
exceed such a rate as may be provided
by law under other provisions of this
Constitution. And all trustees hereto-
fore elected in districts made up from
more than one county are hereby de-
clared to be and are hereby named as trust-
ees of their respective districts, with
power to levy the taxes herein author-
ized until their successor shall be duly
elected and qualified as is or may be
provided by law.

Section 2. That the above and fore-
going proposed amendment shall be
duly published once a week for four
weeks commencing at least three
months before a special election to be
held for the purpose of voting upon
such proposed amendment on the first
Tuesday in August, 1909, in one week-
ly newspaper of each county in the State
of Texas in which such newspaper
may be published. And the Govern-
or shall and he is hereby directed to
submit the necessary proclamation for
the submission of this proposed amend-
ment to the qualified electors for
members of the Legislature. At such
election all persons favoring such
amendment shall have written or
printed on their ballots the words,
"For the amendment to Article 7 of the
Constitution validating school districts
and school district bonds," and those
opposed thereto shall have written or
printed on their ballots the words,
"Against the amendment to Article 7
of the Constitution validating school
districts and school district bonds."

Section 3. That \$6000.00, or as much
thereof as may be necessary, be, and
the same is hereby appropriated out of
any money in the Treasury not other-
wise appropriated, to defray the ex-
penses of advertising and holding the
election provided for above.
(A true copy.)
W. B. TOWNSEND,
Secretary of State

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ply at this office.

LAND WANTED—Within fifteen
or twenty miles of Sterling City;
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five per cent good. My intention
is to sell this land to Northern
people. I will leave in the near
future for Illinois to do some exten-
sive advertising in that state.
C. W. HECHERT,
San Angelo, Texas.

W. F. KELLIS.

STERLING CITY, - - TEXAS

Despite its specific gravity lead is going up.

How would you like to me a mutt neer in Turkey?

Turkey swapped sultans with ease and dispatch, after all.

The real gamblers in Wall street are few. The rest are lambs.

For a quiet, orderly and steady-going nation give us the United States.

Why debate the suffrage amendment? It furnishes its own condemnation.

Tears, says a scientist, will kill disease germs. Let's all go and get on a tear.

Two Frenchmen fought a duel and shot each other. Another tradition "busted."

Not all the new jokes have been sprung. Here's the latest: Spain has decided to rebuild the fleet.

Immigrants of the right sort are welcome, but vigilance must be used to keep the criminal element out.

Italy has a woman suffrage question, too, but so far the suffragettes have not tried to outdo the Messina earthquake.

The women of the country will begin playing whist next week. Now "silence like a poutice will come to heal the blows of sound."

General depression of Wall street will not improve that center of stock speculation. Legal regulation of its deals would be far more effective.

A fanatic is not an attractive thing, no matter whether his fanaticism takes the form of head hunting, missionary murdering or umpire mobbing.

If the game laws of the world were reformed on a Christian basis, the open season for the killing of Armenians would be confined to February 30 and 31.

An investigation is to be made of the cause of the weak hearts of the midshipmen at Annapolis. One reason may be that the Naval academy is situated so near the city of pretty girls.

Turks, Young or old, are again reported to be interfering with the ancient rights and realm of Persia. The problems of the Ottoman empire and its neighbors did not pass away with Abdul Hamid's reign.

A man in New Jersey walked into the office of a charitable association, laid down five \$1,000 bills and departed without being known. Maybe it was the same anonymous Samaritan who gave the newsboy a \$100 note for a paper.

Now that the supreme court of chemistry has been declared legal, it necessarily follows that such queer things as sulphur, copper, various salts, saccharine, etc., become perfectly healthful and nutritious to the human system.

The sultan of Morocco hints of war to the king of Spain unless the Spanish troops are withdrawn from his possessions. Evidently, in the general subjugation of sultans these days, the Moroccan rule thinks there ought to be at least one to stand up for his rights.

The prince regent of China gave an official luncheon in the palace to the foreign delegates to the late emperor's funeral. There could be required hardly any better proof that the great Chinese wall now is down for good and all between the empire and the outside world.

The New York chauffeur who killed a boy while speeding away after striking the child when life might have been saved by the prompt stopping of the automobile, is to be tried on a charge of murder in the first degree, a recent law in that state holding the taking of life, whether intentionally or not, while in the commission of a crime, to come under that head. The case raises new questions of fact and law, but it is evident that some drastic remedy must be applied to the new danger of automobile killings.

There are ethical as well as aesthetic aspects to the millinery question, viewed from the public's standpoint. What both law and higher standards of courtesy some time since forced upon theaters will come ultimately in churches and lecture halls. A well defined movement is now on in Chicago's churches to create opinion favorable to women removing their hats in church. With recent turns of fashion it has become acutely a case of "the square deal" for the men who still go to church.

A theological expert in New York believes it dangerous to think ahead of one's fellows. He is right, in one respect. Thought has always been dangerous, for the men whose thought has broken up abuses, arraigned prejudices and revolutionized governments have generally ended as martyrs themselves. It is true that a century or two later, when their thought has become the common life of the world, statues and monuments are put up to them, but that does not help much while the martyr business is going on.

MODERN METHODS OF SHEEP SHEARING GREAT HELP

Many Improvements Over Old Days When Wool Was Gathered by Allowing Animals to Rub and Squeeze Each Other.

The earliest method of securing the wool was to drive the sheep quickly through a narrow passage, and the squeezing and rubbing of one against another loosened and detached the wool. Later, an "improved" plan was adopted, which, in our ears, sounds somewhat inhumane, although, as a matter of fact, if done at the right time, there would probably be nothing painful or severe about it. The sheep were caught, and the wool was pulled from their backs by hand. This practice continued for many hundreds of years, for although Laban and the other great pastoralists of his time clipped their sheep, Pliny tells us that, in his day, when Rome was at the zenith of her glory, "the sheep are not everywhere shorn, but the custom of pulling off the wool continues in some places." It is to the old patriarchs, then, that we must give the credit of having set about getting the wool in a business-like way, and from their day until now practically no change has taken place in the manner and method of clipping. Most of the clipping on the big Border farms in Great Britain is done by the ordinary shepherding staff.

belief that it was beneficial from the point of view of health. In the North Country the clipping is usually done in an open-fronted covered shed, where there is plenty of light. An old sail-cloth, or a covering of boards, is laid over the earthen floor, and these are kept clean by sweeping. The actual method of clipping is very similar, 1 fancy, in all districts—first the opening out of the head, neck, brisket and thighs, then the curving round the ribs from the belly up to the back, first on one side and then on the other, and then the quarters. A well-clipped sheep should show the rings formed by the shears running in continuous lines all round its barrel and up the quarters; there should be no break along the back where the line traveling up one side meets that coming up the other. These lines, or little ridges of wool, should be small and of uniform size, and they should all be at the same distance from one another. It is quite wonderful how much better a nicely-shorn sheep looks than one which is carelessly and untidily done. And there is more in it than a mere pleasing of the eye. A well-clipped lot of sheep, because



Sheep Shearing Time.

Very often a helper is engaged for a fortnight or so, to push the work through, but the heaviest part of the burden rests on the shoulders of the permanent hands. Needless to say, it is a busy time while it lasts, for all the other work of the farm has to be carried on simultaneously, and it means, for the shepherds, getting up very early—not later than 4:30, and working late. The permanent hands, doing their ordinary work to get through as well, do not, of course, clip so many sheep in a day as a clipper specially engaged for the job. About a score per man, or thereabouts, is considered a very good day's work; a good hand working full time will turn out, on an average, about thirty. Formerly he used to be paid by the day, but it is more usual now to follow the piecework plan.

On both sides of the Border, the Lowland sheep are always washed a week or so before shearing. But many farmers assert that there are other benefits which accrue from it. They say the washing improves the health of the sheep. Some old writers held this view, and Youatt quotes that excellent chemist Vauquelin, who says: "In this respect I am inclined to adopt the opinion of those who think that the washing of sheep, during dry warm weather, may be useful to their health and to the quality of the wool." However this may be, it is beyond question that the practice of washing, previous to shearing, is of ancient date, and it is quite probable that its origin is to be found in the

of their attractive appearance, will bring, as a rule, an appreciably higher price than another lot done in a slovenly manner; this may frequently be seen in the case of clipped hogs. There is also no loss of wool in the former case; in the latter, too much is frequently left on the ridges, and this, of course, reduces the weight of fleece.

The use of clipping machines instead of hand-shears has made, as yet, little headway in the north; but more attention is being given to the idea year by year. On some of the larger farms, one or perhaps two hand-driven machines are to be found; none is power driven. If machines come into general use it will be because of the difficulty of finding casual clippers rather than for reasons of economy. The farmers do not anticipate any great saving of expense by the use of machines; they say that one man with a machine driven by a lad or woman worker will not get through more than the number which two good men could clip—that is to say, about sixty per day. When the woman's wage is added to the cost of cleaning, oiling, repairing and depreciation of the machine and is set against the out-of-pocket expenses incurred under existing circumstances by a big farmer, there can be little saving by the new method. For it is to be remembered, as stated previously, that most of the clipping is already done by permanent servants, whose wages have to be paid anyhow.

FACTS ABOUT HENS AND EGGS

How to Make Most Money from Poultry.

When cholera appears in the flock give no water except that in which pokeroof has been boiled. This is both a preventative and a cure. An Illinois man says one of his hens laid an egg two and seven-eighths inches long and one and fifteen-sixteenths inches wide, the measurement being taken with calipers.

One man will win with one kind of hen and another man with some other breed. It is with hens as it is with cows. We should choose the breed we like the best and then stay with it.

Fowls are naturally hardy, and contagion in a flock is due to carelessness on the part of the poultry keeper. This is proved by the fact that expert poultry raisers have very few sick chickens.

Hens need a better place in which to roost than the trees around the house. Of course, they may survive there; but merely living and returning a profit are two different things.

Don't stop feeding the hens shells just because they are out of doors and can shift for themselves. There is no line, not even an imaginary one, between the days when the hen likes shells and when she does not. All days are alike in that respect.

A woman in Vermont writes that

from 60 pullets and 12 yearling Rhode Island hens she sold last year eggs to the amount of \$262.62, not counting the eggs used in a family of four. Feed, advertising, etc., cost \$94.77, making a gain of \$167.85. These hens laid 8,745 eggs.

To have the chickens mature rapidly a proper type of breeding fowl should be obtained. This type consists of fowls of medium size and broad and blocky in shape, like the Plymouth Rock and Wyandottes. The chickens should be frequently fed, and a sufficient quantity of food given each time to satisfy them.

Sugar as a Finishing Feed.—A herd of 15 Black Angus cattle which was awarded first prize at the Chicago International Stock show, and which was sold at \$17 per hundred pounds live weight, was fattened on a ration which included molasses. Besides pasture feed, corn and oats, the owner fed during the last month a mixture of oil meal and oats, to which was added a sprinkling of molasses. It was found that the molasses added a glossiness to the hides and improved the appearance of the animals in every way.

Alfalfa Seed.—Alfalfa seeds resemble those of red clover in size, but differ in not being so uniform in shape. The color should be light olive green or greenish yellow. Darkened, discolored and shriveled seed should be discarded, as its germinating power is low. Plump, well-matured seed produce more plants and stronger plants than do the small and immature.

A Diplomat from Chicago

By CAROLINE LOCKHART

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Something was wrong with Lily; she was not happy, and it crept out in the sorrowful tone of her letters. So mother came on from Chicago to see about it. When mother started out to "see" about anything, something was bound to happen.

Mother was a majestic lady, with a high white pompadour and impressive embonpoint. She had great executive ability and prided herself upon her will power. Lily was the apple of her eye, and Lily was unhappy, she meant to know the reason why—and promptly, too.

Whipple, who was small and nervous, to his own great disgust, always found himself cowed by the cold, penetrating eyes and bland voice of his mother-in-law. Therefore he was not crazed with joy when the telegram announcing her coming reached him; but he met her at the station and kissed her on the cheek that she offered him with all the warmth that he could muster.

Mother, after laying aside her wraps and without stopping to unpack her capacious trunk, made a tour of the house from garret to cellar.

She was not long in arriving at a conclusion. Whipple was growing stingy—in fact, he was stingy. The sheets were patched, the stockings were darned oftener than should be, Lily needed new clothes, and there was nothing in her purse but small change. For these and other reasons she was convinced that her surmise was correct.

She confronted Lily with the evidence she had secured, but Lily, like a dutiful wife, insisted that "poor, dear Gaspard had a struggle to get along."

"On \$5,000 a year," replied mother, with a haughty sniff.

Mother probed like a congressional investigating committee, and under cross-examination Lily finally broke down and confessed that Gaspard's generosity had been chiefly confined to



She Was Not Long in Arriving at a Conclusion.

the days of their engagement, and that his natural parsimony increased, rather than diminished, with his prosperity.

"He doesn't know that he is mean," wept Lily; "he thinks he is generous, and I always try to keep up appearances, so he does not realize what a little he gives me."

"He will realize it before I'm through with him," said mother, grimly.

"Oh! Don't say anything to him, please don't," pleaded Lily.

"Do not worry, my love. Your mother never committed a faux pas of that sort."

The telephone bell rang, and Whipple at the other end announced that Sterling would dine with them that evening. Sterling was the junior member of the rich firm that employed Gaspard.

"Get up a nice dinner and have things look nice," said Whipple, as he rang off.

"Now, my love," said mother, "just let me take this right off your hands. You are worn out, so put on your things and go out somewhere. I'll arrange with Mary about the dinner, and dress the children myself. Don't let it trouble you in the least. You can trust your own mother, can't you, dear?"

So Lily, with a sigh of relief, obeyed. She went to a matinee with money furnished by her mother, and enjoyed herself for the first time in months.

"Now, Mary," said mother, bustling about, after Lily had gone, "we will have fresh green-turtle soup, Penobscot river salmon, diamond-back terrapin and a few hot-house luxuries. But here! I'll make out a list and you can go to the market where Mrs. Whipple has her account and get these things for dinner."

Mary's eyes were staring. "She don't have no 'count, mum. Mr. Whipple don't like fer her to run up bills, so she pays fer things."

"Ah," said mother with a significance that meant trouble for Whipple, "no money and no account. What is in the house, Mary?"

"There's a soup-bone with some meat on it and some pertaters and some turnips and some onions," replied Mary, tabulating them off on her fingers.

"So much as that?" asked mother sarcastically.

"Yes, mum, we're pretty well stocked up now," replied Mary innocently.

Lily arrived only a few minutes before Gaspard and Sterling. The fleeting glimpse she caught of the dining room table was most satisfactory. All the wedding silver was displayed to the greatest advantage, and the ferns made a pretty center piece. Mother, in her black satin and point lace, was a credit to any daughter. The children were up in the nursery, said mother.

Whipple looked forward to showing off his house to Sterling, who was unmarried.

"Nothing like it," he was often heard to remark. "A man can live so much better and have so many more comforts in a home of his own than when knocking around in hotels by himself," and he invariably added, "It doesn't cost so much."

Whipple, like many others, desired to make a good appearance and enjoy every comfort, while begrudging the money it took to pay for it.

The comforts that he talked of were due to Lily's ingenuity, thrift and self-sacrifice, and not to his liberality, as he so fondly imagined.

"Sit here, Mr. Sterling," said Lily, when dinner was announced.

As Sterling seated himself he felt the chair sway under him. Something was evidently wrong with its underpinning. By slyly experimenting, he discovered that the chair was liable to collapse with any sudden movement, so he sat stiff and erect, scarcely daring to reach for his napkin.

The napkin had a hole in it, through which he put his hand and regarded it contemptuously. Whipple had one in as bad condition, if not worse; so had mother and Lily. They quickly dropped them from sight and began to talk with embarrassed haste, all except mother; she was as serene as a June day.

Mary brought on the soup. Whipple passed the crackers, and discovered that the cracker jar concealed a large patch on the tablecloth.

The cut-glass carafe stood over a hole, and Whipple dared not move the butter dish for fear of what he might expose.

Mary removed the soup plates and brought in the covered vegetable dishes.

"I tell you, Sterling, nothing like home cooking," said Whipple in his boastful voice, pleasantly anticipating the piece de resistance for which Mary had gone to the kitchen.

The corners of mother's mouth twitched, and Sterling remarked politely that "he supposed not."

Mary came in bearing a platter upon which rolled, like so many marbles, six hard balls of chopped meat, the soup meat in disguise.

"What's this we have?" inquired Whipple blankly.

"Meat balls," replied mother in her sweetest and suavest tones.

Sterling pinched himself under the table to keep back the fiendish desire he had to yell when Whipple, after pursuing one of the little hard balls around and around the platter with a spoon, finally captured it on the side and tried to mash it. It flew from under the spoon like quicksilver, and another exciting chase ensued before he finally got it on Sterling's plate.

In the covered dishes were boiled turnips, onions and potatoes.

The conversation during the meal was forced, except by mother. It was hard to be gay on turnips, but mother bubbled over with good humor, and Whipple's silent prayer was that the meat ball would choke her to death.

Every time Sterling thought of the "comforts of home" he had a fit of coughing that made his chair sway to and fro till the chills crept up and down his spine.

"Pass the coffee, Mary," said Lily, with a sigh of relief that the end was in sight. A hectic flush had risen on Whipple's cheek bones. As he raised the after-dinner cup to his lips, looking fearfully about, as if wondering if there was anything more that could happen, the cup dropped off the handle. Lily gave a cry and Whipple executed a war-dance as the scalding coffee burned him. Sterling started violently as he heard the crash. His chair collapsed and he fell in a heap, striking his head against the sideboard with a force that made him see stars.

Mother rushed around to see if he had "hurt his spine," while Lily wiped coffee from the wrathful Whipple's waistcoat.

"Why, that must have been the cup that I noticed had the handle glued on," said mother innocently, and Whipple glared at her with dark suspicion.

That night, while Sterling was wending his way to his hotel, pondering upon the "whiteness of the whiteness" of some people, and of Whipple in particular, that person was searching his pockets for greenbacks, which he turned over to Lily with an air of righteous indignation and the emphatic remark that if she didn't open an account with the butcher and baker and buy some new table-linen, dishes, and chairs, and whatever she needed, they'd shut up the whole "shooting-match" and board.

Lily, who was a wise woman, said nothing, but slipped upstairs later and hugged her mother.

Not in That Line.

"That young photographer has proposed to Nell again. He won't take 'no' for an answer."

"That's odd, since she's so used to taking negatives."

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WOMAN'S WORTH.



Wife—I see by this paper that a man in America sold his wife for a shilling.

Hubby—Well, if she was a good one she was worth it.

Ate a Chick with Big Eyes.

A trainman is telling an incident that occurred on a Mohawk & Malone train up in the woods the other day. The train was standing on a siding waiting the arrival and passing of another train when an Italian walked through the coach, his hands crossed on his stomach and his head wagging from side to side in a doleful manner.

"What's the matter, John?" some one inquired.

"Oh, me sick—me sick as dev," replied the man, rolling his head still more distressingly and continuing the rubbing of his stomach.

"Sick? Well, what you been eating?" asked the sympathetic passenger.

"Eata de chick with the big eyes," responded John, as his groans increased.

John had killed an owl the night before and it didn't agree with him.—Utica Observer.

Rabbinical Wit.

An English rabbi was asked if there was any weighty reason against having a clock in the synagogue. "By no means," was the reply. "Have your clock, but put it outside the building, and then you can tell how late you come to the service." Two rabbis were passing the beautiful synagogue in which one of them officiated. "How I envy you!" said the first. "You must be in a paradise." "Hold, friend!" the second explained. "In the original paradise there was only one serpent, but in this congregation are many of them."

Help for the Artists.

The comic supplements are filled these days with pictures representing some of the foolish questions that people ask. Here is a suggestion for one:

A man was walking hastily through the rain yesterday afternoon, his umbrella raised and his head bent. An acquaintance, standing in a doorway, hailed him:

"Say," he shouted, "are you going to use that umbrella? If you're not lend it to me!"

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MAJOR GENERAL J. FRANKLIN BELL



WASHINGTON. — President Taft has reappointed Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell as chief of the general staff, United States army. Gen. Bell has held this office for some years, and it is understood that at the end of another year of service in the position, he will be succeeded by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood.

Some second Kipling should write one of the deeds of J. Franklin Bell. The general went over to the Philippines as a first lieutenant of the Seventh cavalry. He had not been in the islands long before he was put in command of a volunteer force composed almost wholly of regulars whose terms of enlistment had expired, but who were willing to take on a short term of duty to help in the clearing up of the work which they aided in starting.

Back in one of the provinces was a band of Tagalogs who had given the government forces all kinds of trouble. One of their chief villages was "located," and Gen. Bell with his following of old campaigners took the trail for its capture. The commanding officer had been through campaigns against the Sioux, the Apaches, and other tribes of the mountains and plains, and taken more than one leaf from the book of knowledge of savage warfare.

Guides led the force to the vicinity of the Tagalog village. Night fell and the Tagalogs were all unsuspecting of the approach of the white enemy. At three o'clock in the morning, when sleep always hangs heavy on the eyes, Bell led his men toward the village. The Tagalogs had sentinels posted along an outlying line. After the manner of the people of the plains the soldiers crept silently between the pickets, only one of whom was vigilant enough to detect the presence of the enemy. He was silenced before he had a chance to startle the air with a cry or a shot.

Straight into the village went Bell at the head of his men. Dawn streaks were beginning to show in the sky, but the warriors were asleep past the ordinary waking, for were not the sentinels posted, and were they not bound by every tradition of tribal honor to be awake and watchful?

Lieut. Bell had given his men orders. The village was cordoned with troops and there wasn't a mousehole of escape. Bell has a whimsical humor. In the very heart of the Tagalog village was an old muzzle-loading brass cannon, a trophy taken by the Tagalogs from the Spaniards of another day, and which the natives were hoping to use against the equally hated Americans. Bell detailed a loading party of three men. The three became boys again, and they rammed the piece full of powder and grass wadding, after the manner of loading a Fourth of July cannon on the village green in the home land.

The light of coming day was strong enough for the conducting of operations. A lanyard was pulled and the brazen piece roared out its reviville. The sound of it shook the foundations of the Tagalog huts; it roused the warrior sleepers as would the cracking of doomsday. They came armed, but naked to the fray. The Tagalogs looked on bayonet points and down gun barrels and surrender came instanter.

Gen. J. Franklin Bell is the youngest officer who ever held the position of chief of staff. He is a genial general and he is willing to talk when he properly may on the subjects touching his profession. As the joker put it, he is a Bell who knows when to ring off. He avoids the sins of silence and of speech, wherein he shows that he is wiser in his generation than some of his predecessors were in their generation.

When his promotion came the chief of staff jumped from a captaincy to a brigadier generalship, and his tremendous rank stride did not bring forth one word of criticism from soldier or civilian. Since then he has become a major general. The army officers who were jumped said that Bell earned his promotion, and that if other promotions were, like his, based solely on service quality, there would be no heart burnings under the blouses.

When the Seventh cavalry, in which Gen. Bell was then a lieutenant, reached the Philippines, the Spanish troops were still in possession, for Dewey had reduced the fleet, but not Manila city and its immediate defenses. Information was wanted concerning the Spanish earthworks. Lieut. Bell volunteered to get it. He didn't tell any one

how he was going to get it. His method was daring and novel.

Under cover of the darkness he went to the water front, stripped off his clothes and plunged in. He is a

once a private in the ranks. For two years he was an enlisted man, serving in the regulars. He joined in 1861, choosing the cavalry arm of the service, and to it he remained faithful through all the years of his duty. He is one of the finest riders that the army claims.

There have been many stories of Japanese spies who have been found taking notes of American army operations and equipment. The Japs got their first object lesson in the way American soldiers do things from Gen. Chaffee. That object lesson doubtless has had some influence in modifying the thought which the orientals held that they could whip the Americans out of hand. Gen. Chaffee was in command of the expedition which went to the relief of the beleaguered embassies at Peking. Japanese officers and men saw him there. The general won a fame in China which is not confined to the American continent.

The generals of Europe have given testimony that Adna R. Chaffee is a great soldier. Orders to take command of the Chinese expedition reached Gen. Chaffee while he was at Nagasaki on board a steamer which was to take him to the Philippines. The order was unexpected, and the general had practically no chance for campaign preparations. He was to go into a strange land, to lead an expedition against a strange people, and not only was it expected of him that he be successful, but that success be won quickly, for the lives of many Americans were in danger within sight of the walls of the "Forbidden City."

The general arrived at Tientsin too late to take part in the battle in which the brave Maj. Liscum of the Ninth infantry lost his life. Not only was the American soldier spurred to quick marching action by the knowledge of the imminent peril of the Americans at Peking, but he was spurred by the knowledge that the soldiers of other nations were to take part in the relief expedition, and he wished the men of his own country to show themselves worthy in the sight of the men of other countries.

They did show themselves worthy, and they responded to the call of their commander with an alacrity that made the American leaders instead of followers in that march beset with difficulties and dangers almost unparalleled in modern warfare.

There are men in the army to-day who firmly believe that Gen. Chaffee did not sleep an hour during the march to Peking. The soldiers who made the march declare that the nights in China are black; that it is impossible to see anything at all without the aid of artificial light, and these in the bivouacs of the soldiers were forbidden for precautionary reasons. There was no definite knowledge of the forces that might be in the path of the expedition, and no one knew what surprises the night might cover. Gen. Chaffee, his soldiers say, constituted himself a sentinel who refused to be relieved from guard, and through the nights he was alert and watching, and through the days he was alert and marching.

There are stories by the scores of men who are supposed to bear charmed lives. The hero of the book of fiction sheds bullets as a slate roof sheds rain, and in the reading of it one finds it hard to believe that any truth could be stranger than this fiction. If Gen. Chaffee doesn't bear a charmed life he has the largest allowance of luck that has fallen to any one man.

Gen. Chaffee has been four times brevetted for bravery. Two of the brevet commissions came to him for gallantry in the civil war service, and two for gallantry in battles with the Indians. He once led a cavalry charge over rough and precipitous bluffs, where a cavalry charge was thought to be a feat well-nigh impossible.

He rode at the head of his men straight into a body of armed Indians, scattering them, but not until they had poured volley after volley into Chaffee's oncoming command. That charge gave the soldier his brevet commission as a lieutenant colonel.

When the Spanish-American war broke out Chaffee was made a brigadier general of volunteers. He was in the very thick of the fighting in front of Santiago. Capt. Arthur Lee, a British army officer detailed by his government to watch the field operations in Cuba, attached himself to the headquarters of Gen. Chaffee. Capt. Lee wrote a story about the campaign in which he paid to Gen. Chaffee the highest tribute that it is possible for one soldier to pay to another.

ASK FATHER.

Clergyman—What would your father say if he saw you digging for worms on Sunday?
Willie—I don't know; but I know what he'd say if I did not dig for them. That's him fishing over there."

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The Concho got on another tear last Tuesday, and was passing all day. The rain was a half inch here, but is reported much heavier in the west and northwest portion of the county.
H. C. Dunn and daughter, Mrs. Lillie Garrett, left last Saturday for Beeville, in response to a message to the effect that James Rush, a relative, was seriously ill.
Our Commissioners Court has been wrestling with the problem of tax equalization this week. We learn there will be only a slight difference in valuations over that of last year.
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U. S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary
Washington, D. C., May 22, 1909. Notice No. 59.
Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture has, under authority conferred by Law, issued Amendment 1 to Rule 1 Revision 4 (Amendment 1 to B. A. 1 Order 158) dated May 21, 1909, and effective on and after June 1, 1909, to prevent the spread of splenic fever in cattle, which amends Rule 1 Revision 4, effective on and after April 1, 1909. The effect of this amendment is to place the counties of Iron and Sterling and that portion of Tom Green County west of a line extending due north from the northeast corner of Iron County to the northern boundary of Cook County in the State of Texas, in the quarantined area from which cattle shall be moved or allowed to move in accordance with the regulations for immediate slaughter. Copies of this amendment may be obtained from the Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, whose address is Washington, D. C. JAMES WILSON, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Authorizing Cities and Towns with a Population in Excess of 5,000 to be Incorporated by Special Act.
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4
Joint Resolution to amend Article 13, Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution of the State, authorizing cities and towns within the State of Texas to be incorporated by special act where the population exceeds five thousand inhabitants.
Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:
Section 1. That Article 13, Sections 4 and 5, be amended so that the same shall hereafter read and be as follows:
Sec. 4. Cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less may be chartered alone by general law. They may levy, assess and collect an annual tax to defray the current expenses of their local government, but such tax shall never exceed for any one year one-fourth of one per cent, and shall be collectible only in current money, and all licenses and occupation taxes levied and all fines, forfeitures, penalties and other dues accruing to cities and towns shall be collectible only in current money.
Sec. 5. Cities having more than five thousand inhabitants may have their charters granted or amended by special act of the Legislature and may levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law, but no tax for any purposes shall ever be lawful for any one year which shall exceed two and one-half per cent of the taxable property of such city; and no debt shall ever be created by any city or towns unless at the same time provision be made to assess and collect annually a sufficient sum to pay the interest thereon and create a sinking fund of at least two per cent thereon.
Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall [be] duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such a newspaper may be published, and the Governor be, and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature.
At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the amendment to Article 13, Sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the amendment to Article 13, Sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution."
Sec. 3. That \$5000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.
(A true copy.)
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I have posted my pasture according 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.

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