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MADRIZ DEFEATS REVOLUTIONISTS

IN DECISIVE NICARAGUAN BATTLE MANY ARE KILLED AND WOUNDED.

GENERAL NENA IS DEFEATED

One Hundred Prisoners Taken by the Government—Artillery Fire Proves Effective.

San Juan, Feb. 5.—A telegram just received from Santo Tomas advises that the Government forces, commanded by Col. Vasquez Garido, attacked and completely defeated the revolutionists commanded by Gen. Luis Mena. Many were killed and wounded on both sides. Among the slain was the revolutionary General, Bruno Blandon.

The Government took 100 prisoners and its artillery fire destroyed the insurgents' Maxim gun.

Managua, Feb. 5.—All indications point to the imminence of a decisive battle for supremacy in Nicaragua between the Government and the revolutionists under the leadership of Estrada, the provisional President of the republic.

The insurgents are spreading the conflict over a wide area in the mountainous districts to the eastward of Managua and also are holding forth in considerable numbers about Greytown. Everywhere they are confronted by the troops of President Madriz, however, who are disputing every advance.

Fighting is of almost daily occurrence. Yesterday the insurgents captured Boca, sixty miles east of Managua, forcing back the Government troops to their main army at Teutepe, to the northward of Lake Managua.

GENERAL RAINFALL IN TEXAS

Comes at Time to Greatly Help Spring Crops.

Dallas, Texas received a general rain Tuesday night, which will be of much value to spring crops. At most places the precipitation was of good proportions and came just at the proper time because much farm land has recently been broken.

The Dallas office of the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company reported rain at the following places in the State: Austin, Corsicana, Dublin, Denton, Fort Worth, Gainesville, Greenville, Hearne, Hillsboro, Houston, Palestine, Paris, San Antonio, Sherman, Taylor, Tyler, Waco, Weatherford and Wichita Falls, the precipitation at the latter place amounting to a downpour. Texarkana and Beaumont reported cloudy condition.

AIRSHIPS FOR SAN ANTONIO, TEX

Wright Aeroplane to Arrive About February 13.

San Antonio: It is announced at Fort Sam Houston that the Wright aeroplane, with which demonstrations are to be given at Fort Sam Houston by the Signal Corps, will arrive in San Antonio about Feb. 13. This lends added interest to the coming of Clifford B. Harmon of New York and George B. Harrison of Los Angeles, who are to start here in an effort to break all long distance balloon flights. The Wright aeroplane will be in charge of First Lieut. B. D. Foulers and he will bring sixteen to eighteen trained men with him. Other officers and enlisted men will be trained at Fort Sam Houston.

OPINION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Holds Land Commissioner Can't Sell Land in Bed of Stream.

Austin: Attorney General Lightfoot furnished the land commissioner with an opinion in which he holds that the land commissioner has no right to sell any land in the river bed or channel of any stream, that such land is in contemplation of the law not land, but water. General Lightfoot says that the legislature alone has the power to authorize such sale and until such authority is granted all such applications should be refused.

Canyon City Normal Building.

Austin: The State Board of Education has awarded the contract to construct the large normal building for the West Texas Normal at Canyon City to a construction company of Stamford for \$39,000. This does not include wiring, plumbing and steam heating. All of the latter is to be awarded at some future date. The bids for that work were rejected Tuesday because of the alterations in the plans. New bids will be called for in the near future and the contracts let.

\$2,685,000 FOR TEXAS PROJECTS

COMMITTEE MAY ADD \$367,000 TO THE AMOUNT.

How the Matter Now Stands, Showing Different Items.

Washington: As the rivers and harbors bill now stands, it will carry the following items for Texas:

Galveston Harbor—For jetties and channels \$500,000, being \$250,000 for widening and deepening the channel under the Greater Galveston harbor plan, \$100,000 for the repair of jetties, any remainder of this sum to be used on the channel, and \$150,000 for dredge work. This is a cut of \$100,000 from the amount which it was first expected Galveston would get.

Texas City Channel—For maintenance \$50,000.

Bolivar Channel—For widening and deepening and turning basin, \$50,000.

Galveston Bay and mouth of adjoining streams, \$50,000.

Sabine Pass—Maintenance \$150,000.

Houston Ship Channel—For completion of project \$1,250,000, conditioned on the community raising a like amount.

Inland Waterways—Cut from Matagorda Bay to mouth of Brazos River \$200,000, inland waterways, maintenance \$50,000, Port Lavaca channel to Port Cavallo \$10,000.

Jefferson Waterway—\$100,000 for dam at Caddo Lake.

Trinity River—For new locks and dams Nos. 7 and 9 \$25,000 each, for completion of Hurricane Shoals dam \$85,000, for maintenance \$45,000.

Brazos River—For new lock and dam No. 8, \$75,000, for maintenance below Old Washington \$20,000.

In addition to these items, which are assured, it is said Texas will get perhaps \$217,000 for Aransas Pass, \$100,000 for Corpus Christi and \$50,000 for Rockport.

The reporting of the bill is still hanging fire, and it may be another week before it gets into the House.

TO READJUST EXPRESS RATES

Commission to Make Reduction Where Two Lines Handle Business.

Austin: The Railroad Commission issued notice of hearing for March 8 to consider the matter of reducing the joint rates charged by express companies. It is proposed to make the joint rates the local rates for the same or equal distance plus 20 per cent. In other words, if the local rate for 100 miles should be 50c, it would be 60c for the same distance if the package had to move over two lines of express companies in traversing the 100 miles. A proviso is also added which would have the effect of preventing the rule proposed from raising rates now in effect.

SPANISH LAND GRANT RULING

San Antonio Court of Appeals Passes On Important Case.

San Antonio: A decision, which will be of vast importance in land litigation in Texas, where so many titles depend on land grants from Spanish Viceroy or dependencies of the crown of Spain, has been handed down by the Fourth Court of Appeals in the case of Jose Maria Flores et al. vs. J. C. Hovel et al., in which Associate Justice H. H. Neill, who delivered the opinion, held that the possessor of land acquired in title through an old agent is not obliged to account for the repository of the original title deeds, except in so far as to show that they were kept in a place where they were naturally supposed to be.

Available School Funds.

Austin: The available school fund will have \$602,500 for distribution in February, which will give the 994,006 school children enumerated approximately 64c each. This will be apportioned to each county in exact proportion to the number of school children within scholastic age. Warrants for the several amounts will be forwarded from the Controller's office during the next few days. This amount represents the December collection.

German Tariff Question.

Berlin: It is officially announced tariff negotiations have made such progress a bill for the regulation of trade relations between Germany and the United States has been passed already by the Federal council.

Fort Worth Bonds Registered.

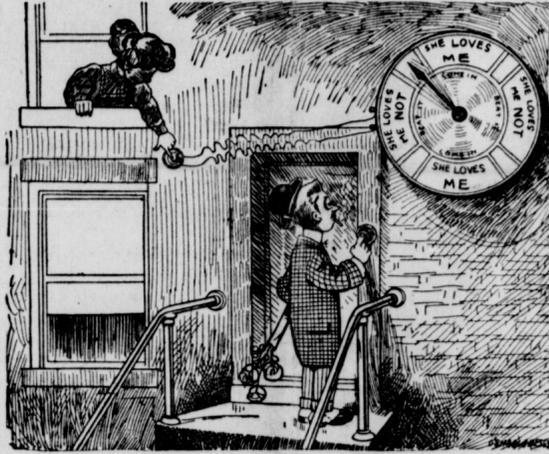
Austin: The Attorney General approved and the Controller registered several issues of Fort Worth city bonds, all optional in twenty years, maturing in forty years and yielding 4 1/2 per cent interest, being as follows: Waterworks \$275,000, street improvement \$135,000, fire hall \$65,000, and for lights \$25,000.

\$25,000 Fire at Mart.

Mart, Tex.: Fire destroyed the public school building, entailing a loss of about \$25,000.

NEW LOVE MACHINE MAY SAVE TIME FOR YOUNG MEN

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A Machine Has Been Invented Which, When Touched by a Young Woman, Records Her Like or Dislike of a Man in Question.

STUMBLE ON DRESSED MEAT AND CATTLE

TARIFF MATTERS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATE AND GERMANY HAVE BEEN SETTLED.

IS ADVANTAGEOUS TO BOTH

Result of Negotiations Considered of Benefit to Each Nation's Business.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Concessions by both the United States and Germany have averted a threatened tariff war. Negotiations have been concluded between the two countries which settle the question of minimum and maximum rates, with the exception of the cattle and dressed meat issue, which was eliminated from the present negotiations and which will be pursued hereafter in separate diplomatic representation.

The result of the negotiations agreed yesterday is to exchange American minimum rates for the entire and unqualified minimum list of Germany. The result is considered just as advantageous to both countries.

In the following statement, issued at the State Department yesterday, the details of the final agreement are given:

"A satisfactory settlement has been reached of the tariff negotiations with Germany which have been going on for some months under the President's direction. Under the Administration there will be no tariff war or interruption of the commerce between the two governments. The magnitude of this business appears from the statement that in the calendar year just closed the direct interchange of commodities between Germany and the United States exceeded \$409,000,000, and allowance being made for the German importations through other countries, the actual value is probably in excess of \$500,000,000.

"The products of the United States will be assured the fullest opportunity to participate in the constantly growing business of the German Empire. This will be done on a complete equality with the competing products of other countries.

"By the terms of the commercial agreement which has been in force since 1907, Germany extended to the United States her conventional or lowest rates on about 100 out of nearly 1,000 tariff numbers. These 100 numbers covered a large percentage in value of the actual imports from the United States, but left many important commodities of American manufacture at a disadvantage in competition with similar products of other countries. This agreement expires Feb. 7. It was the earnest desire of the German Government to reach a solution of the questions at issue so that the necessary legislation might be enacted to prevent any disturbance of existing commercial relations. The President fully reciprocates this sentiment.

ANTI-FUTURES BILL PROMISED

Texas Delegation Promises to Support the Farmers' Union.

Washington: Texas Representatives Gregg, Henry, Smith and Gillespie have been in conference with officers and members of the Farmers' Union relative to the anti-futures bill. The congressmen promised the union the support of the entire delegation in an effort to obtain legislation to prevent gambling in futures on all farm products.

JAPS ARE BITTER AGAINST UNCLE SAM

MANCHURIAN RAILWAY PROPOSAL BY KNOX CREATES NATIONAL FEELING.

FRUITS OF RUSSIAN WAR

Chorus of Disapproval Greeted Announcement Suggestion From United States.

Tokio, Feb. 7.—The proposition of the United States for the neutralization of the railroads in Manchuria, came as a surprise and the publication of the details of the note of Secretary Knox, which was handed to the Japanese Government Dec. 18, by the American Ambassador, aroused an immediate chorus of disapproval.

Putting aside all question of the business or political advisability of the proposition, sentiment entered largely into the attitude of the people of Japan. The Foreign Office, while admitting that such a note had been received, would give no information as to how it had been or would be treated.

Count T. Hayashi, the last Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the former Ambassador to Great Britain, Count Okuma, formerly one of the most active statesmen, and every one whose name carried any weight whatever, were quoted in the newspapers in strenuous objection to giving up what is claimed to be the harvest of the war with Russia.

"Tens of thousands of our soldiers died in Manchuria in the war with Russia," they said. "We got little out of the war except what was political. The material side is represented by the South Manchurian Railway and the Tantung-Mukden. The leased territory and Port Arthur were only recovered. These we won ten years before and lost again by the intrigue of certain Powers when we were a weaker nation.

JUDGE DAVID E. BRYANT DEAD

Texas Federal Judge and Prominent Man Dies in St. Louis.

Sherman: Messages received here from St. Louis announced the death of Judge David E. Bryant. Judge Bryant was United States Judge of the Eastern District of Texas, to which office he was appointed in 1890 by President Harrison. He made his home at Sherman. He took a prominent part in the recent Waters-Pierce Oil company litigation and was well known throughout the Southwest. He became suddenly ill here about two weeks ago during a session of his court and was sent to St. Louis for treatment.

Federal Corporation Bill.

Washington: The Federal corporation bill, embodying the ideas of President Taft, will be introduced in Congress both by Senator Clark of Wyoming and Representative Parker of New Jersey, chairmen respectively, of the Senate and House Committees on Judiciary. The final draft differs materially from the earlier drafts and represents several months of study by the President and his Cabinet. It is asserted. No corporation formed under the terms of the proposed act will be permitted to purchase, acquire or hold stock in any other corporation.

Motor Car Blown Up; Seven Dead.

Phoenix, Ariz.: Seven men were killed when a motor car on the private railroad of the Ray Copper Company was blown up by dynamite between the mine and Kelvin station.

Penitentiary Sub-Committee Report.

Austin: The report to Senator Claude B. Hudspeth and Representative W. O. Stamps concerning their recent tour of the State penitentiary system, to be submitted to the Penitentiary Investigating Committee in Huntsville, will supply means of contrasting conditions prevailing now with the affairs of the system last fall, and at the same time it will provide an accurate index to the beneficial results which have already accrued to the investigation.

Thousand Delegates Expected.

San Antonio: According to present indications, over 1000 delegates will attend the first session of the Texas Industrial Congress, to be held in this city on April 19, 20 and 21. Among these will be the mayors and many Texas towns, the presidents and secretaries of practically every commercial club in the State and the heads of many industrial, commercial and agricultural organizations. A large number of prominent citizens have also signified their intention to be present.

TWO MORE INVESTIGATIONS ON

RESOLUTIONS ARE DRAWN IN DRASTIC TERMS.

An Appropriation of \$30,000 is To Be Used.

Washington, D. C.: The cost of living in the United States is to be thoroughly inquired into by the House of Representatives through its most powerful committee—the Ways and Means. Representative Payne, chairman of that committee and majority leader, introduced his resolution providing for an investigation along the broadest lines.

Prior to introducing his measure Mr. Payne conferred with Representative Champ Clark, minority leader, who has been designated with him by the committee to draft the instrument authorizing the investigation. The committee is to inquire into any alleged increase in the cost of necessities of life, some of which, such as clothing, fuel, furniture, meats, and food-stuffs, are enumerated. Wholesale and retail prices and rates of profit are to be investigated. The question of whether the tariff is responsible for the alleged high cost of living is covered by a general provision "as to whether prices are affected, increased or otherwise by any laws of the United States."

The hearings of the committee will be open to the public. It may sit anywhere in the United States and summon and swear witnesses.

A thorough and far-reaching investigation of the so-called beef trust is provided for in a resolution. The resolution is drawn in drastic terms and appropriates \$30,000 to be used in getting at the facts. Fines of \$5,000 and imprisonment for five years are provided for witnesses who decline to reveal information to the committee.

AGAINST THE ANTI-TRUST LAW

INDICTMENT AGAINST OKLAHOMA COTTON MEN QUASHED.

The Court Ruled that the Law is Too Vague.

Guthrie, Ok.: Judge Huston of the Logan County District Court has sustained the motion to quash indictments returned at the instance of the state against prominent cotton dealers, and held against the anti-trust law of the First Legislature. The court ruled that a law which makes an act against public policy a crime is too vague upon which to imprison a person, in view of the right of a defendant to know definitely with what he is charged, and there being no way to determine what the public policy is, save before a jury. The court did not rule on the civil features of the statute.

Noted Cooper Trial Again.

Nashville: Preparations have been completed for the hearing of the appeal of Col. Duncan B. Cooper, from the sentence of twenty years' imprisonment imposed on them for the shooting to death of former United States Senator Carmack in Nashville, Nov. 9, 1908. The Coopers are represented by General Luke E. Wright, formerly secretary of war.

House Passes Deficiency Bill.

Washington: Congress refusing to appropriate any money for the expenses of the Immigration Commission, the House of Representatives passed the urgent deficiency bill, carrying a total appropriation of nearly \$5,000,000, which is a reduction of more than \$1,000,000 under the estimate submitted by the Treasury Department.

Typhoid Rages in America.

Washington: "There is more typhoid fever in this country than in any other civilized land," said Dr. H. J. Rosenau of the Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass., in an address delivered in this city before the third annual meeting of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents. "The annual total is 35,000 deaths and over 350,000 cases.

Banking Board Makes Ruling.

Austin: The state banking board adopted a rule that it shall be the duty of the bank commissioner to report to the board within five days of each violation of the banking law by any bank official and if such violation is willful and intentional it shall be considered sufficient ground to revoke the authority of such bank to do business.

Comet Splitting in Two.

Seattle, Wash.: According to Prof. Gould, head of the department of astronomy at the University of Washington, "Comet A' 1910," which is visible in the western sky just after sunset, shows signs of splitting in two.

Negro May Enter West Point.

West Point, N. Y.: For the first time in more than a quarter of a century West Point is confronted with the possibility of having to admit a negro as a student.

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Editor and Proprietor.

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ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce Leonor B. Cole a candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk, of Sterling county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce Juno B. Ayres a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sterling county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce D. C. Durham a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Sterling county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce S. L. Hull a candidate for the office of Commissioner and Justice of The Peace of Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries.

That "full dinner pail" which the Republicans used to brag so much about, is mostly filled with wind these days.

On account of the noise of the saws, hammers and chisels of the builders, you must speak loud if you would be heard in Sterling. It is a mighty good racket that is going on now—it is a noise like building a city.

1910 begins the building era for Sterling. A \$10,000 jail, a \$4,500 addition to our public school building, whole blocks of stone business houses and scores of new homes. The great Santa Fe, with its round houses, depot, warehouse, water station, section house, bridges and shipping pens are to be built before we eliminate the goose egg from the date. Not only this, but our Commissioners will open up new roads and improve the old ones. Our farmers are putting in more land and preparing for a bumper crop, while the Good Lord has smiled on these efforts by sending the proper weather and seasons, for the ground was never in better condition to respond to the sunshine and the farmers' steel.

THE UNEXPECTED.

"You have a face—"
Adonis unconsciously smirked and stroked his mustache.
"A face worth—"
Adonis placed one hand gracefully on his hip.
"Worth going miles—"
Adonis ran his fingers through his hair and threw soul into his eyes.
"To avoid."
Adonis—well, just imagine what Adonis did.

COEDUCATION AND CELIBACY.

The London Teacher has been looking into the marriage rate at Manchester university, and found that of 569 women who achieved degrees only 64 have married. At Manchester the young woman and the young man sit side by side. And only 12 of the 569 have mated themselves with male graduates.

STATESMAN'S EMBARRASMENTS

"I'm sure you would not use money in an election."
"Certainly not," answered Senator Sorghum. "I stand firm, although some of the most bitter opposition to me comes from constituents who complain that I insist on doing business with promises instead of with cash."

CHARGED WITH THEFT OF CATTLE

Deputy Sheriff Oscar Latta came in Tuesday morning from a trip to the southern part of the state, having in custody Alex Ferguson, who was arrested at Fredericksburg Sunday morning, charged with the theft of some cattle from the ranch of Lewis Brook, near Camp San Saba, in the southern part of McCulloch county. Mr. Latta followed the man to San Antonio, but arrived just after his man had departed for parts unknown. Later, he found that his man had headed back north and he wired officers at Fredericksburg to be on the lookout for Ferguson, and his capture was effected by Sheriff John Cleener Sunday morning.

SECURE A HOME

Get a home, young man, get a home. "Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home." You are just starting out in life and things are looking bright and rosy, but if you make the mistake of not establishing a home for yourself and your future ones, the mistake will follow you all the days of your life.

To be a "Freeholder in the state or a householder in the county," means much to you. It makes you a peer to any man in this broad land. It confers on you the rights of a true American, sovereign which no man can take away as long as you remain true and upright; and without this great boon, you, in many respects, rank no higher than a Chinaman. You may not be able to own

for a roof tree, has become a creature who has lost the heritage which God intended him to have in order that he might taste the sweets of contentment.

About The Jail

Don't let the man, if there be one, who opposes the bond issue, "pick a load" into you. He is going to tell you that it will bankrupt the county. He is going to tell you that we don't need a jail, and all that sort of rot. He will tell you that it will make your taxes so high that you will have to sell your home to pay them. He is going to show you all the bad things that will happen if the jail is built; but don't pay any attention to him, for the knocker is always with us and will be until the end.

No, we don't need a jail. We can board our prisoners out in an other county at an expense of \$375 per year each, and let the citizens of that county have the benefit of our money—depriving our citizens of a chance to get back a part of the money they have paid into the public coffers. No, we don't need homes we can board at hotels, or camp—eat scenery, drink wind and sleep under a Tacon blanket.

No, we haven't any prisoners now, but you just wait until the railroad gets here—and that won't be long—and you will see whether or not there will be any prisoners. Railroads always bring bad things as well as good things and Sterling will be no exception.

Suppose we expend \$10,000 on a jail, where will most of the money go? Yes, of course, the contractors will get some of it, as they should; but you know that most of it will go into the pockets of our working people, and you know that is a mighty good place to put dollars. Of course, those bonds must be paid off in twenty or thirty years and four per cent interest must be paid as well as the sinking fund. But did you ever think that our sinking fund for our court house is bringing us in one-half of one per cent more interest that we have to pay on the bonds? The same thing will happen in the matter of the jail bonds. Who is there to kick at the court house debt? Not one. Every citizen of the county points to it with pride, and says in his own heart we got our money's worth.

Suppose we have, on an average, two prisoners a year boarding in another county at \$375 each, or a total of \$750. This sum would be \$250 more than the interest and sinking fund of the \$10,000 jail bonds. Is there any economy in this, a dead loss of \$250 per year?

Come alive now and vote for the bond issue, and let us have things of our own instead of being beholden to other people; besides obey the mandate of the laws of the land by building a jail.

TRESPASS NOTICE

Any person hauling wood, fishing, hunting, or in any way trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by us, will be Prosecuted.

W. R. MCENTIRE & SON

Posted.

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 inclosed land owned or controlled by me, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law
J. S. Johnson.

NOTICE

Any person hauling wood, fishing, hunting, or in any way trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by me, will be prosecuted.

W. L. Foster.

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India Linens Calicos Men's Cloves

AT

H. Q. LYLES

THE PHILLIPS ADDITION

This beautiful new addition to Sterling City lies north of the court house three blocks.

It is the most desirable residence property in the town, and consists of fourteen acres of land just rolling enough for proper drainage. The grade rises gently from the business portion of town to the extreme northern boundary of the property, thereby insuring a splendid new town. This part of the town is noted for the superiority of its water, both as to quantity and quality. It is platted with nice, broad streets, and large roomy lots, ranging from fifty to seventy-five feet in width, lying on both sides of North Church St., the northern extension of the only street running through the original town plat and any of its additions.

This property can be bought as a money-maker if taken before any of the lots have been sold. It is on the market in its entirety for a few days only. For particulars see or write

CUMMINS & DUNN

Ferguson was lodged in the city jail here to await the action of the grand jury.—Brady Standard.

Put Your Money in the Bank

If you have a sum of money—even a small sum—put it in the bank. This not only insures it against loss, but it helps your credit and begets good business habits. A hundred dollars placed in the bank to your credit does not only make it safe for you, but but it goes right back to swell the veins of circulation and helps to make times easier by strengthening the sinews of commerce.

A hundred dollars is a wonderful thing when rightly used. It can pay off thousands of dollars of debts; buy all kinds of food and clothing, and still be snugly in the bank to your credit.

many acres like your neighbor, but you can have a place upon which to build your castle and anchor your destiny as a citizen of this great commonwealth—a place where you can plant your vine and fig tree and rest under the shade thereof, and be independent of all the world. A place where you can bring the woman of your choice to be the queen of your household and send your name down the line of generations to the end of mankind. You may be able to live like a prince at a hotel or flat, and fancy that you are free from the cares of a home, but you can never attain that feeling of princely independence that dignity of high citizenship which comes to the owner of a home.

Nature has endowed all animal creation with the homing instinct from the lowly worm, which has its home in the earth, to the lordly man who dwells in mansions, this instinct is uppermost in all; and the man who has lost the love

N. A. AUSTIN

IS AT HIS OLD STAND AGAIN WITH A STOCK OF STAPLE AND FANCY

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POOR NAME, BUT GOOD JOKE

Editor-to-be Could Not Accept the One, Although He Appreciated the Other.

The hero of this sketch was about starting a paper in a long-felt-want neighborhood. He was a real hero, too, for only those of heroic mold ever undertake a thing like that. He had everything in pretty fair shape, except the name, and that he took home with him to his wife. They had had experience in naming several laptfuls of babies, and he thought she might render valuable assistance on this occasion. After supper was over and the things cleared away, they got at it, and in a very few minutes she came up with what she thought was just the thing in newspaper nomenclature. "I've got it," she exclaimed, enthusiastically.

"What is it?" he inquired.
 "The Item," she told him, with conscious pride in her effort. "That's the very thing."
 "Pshaw," said he, "that isn't any kind of a name."
 "What's the matter with it?" she pouted.
 "Well, to begin with, it is not general enough. It is too narrow, in other words."

She resented the criticism.
 "Oh, she sniffed at him, "you are so stuck on editorial traditions that 'The Item' strikes you as narrow, does it? What you want to call it is 'The We-tem,' I suppose."
 But he didn't, and not only complimented her upon her brilliance in repartee, but offered to give her a quarter for it as a joke for his funny column.

A Girl and Her Money.

The fact that a young woman, five feet and one inch in height, was able to frustrate and almost knock out a six-foot robber, by hitting him over the head with a purse containing her week's salary, is an interesting illustration of the large improvement that has taken place in recent years, both in the force of woman's muscle and in the size of woman's salary.

It may also, to the wary, seem a warning that some good things may be carried too far. A woman with money has been one of the legitimate pursuits of aspiring but impetuous youth since the beginning of time, and it will be sad evidence of the passing of some of the customs of good old days, should the combination, once so attractive, become in the new civilization a thing to be avoided like the hind leg of a mule.

Texas Directory

FLOWERS

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"You told me," she sadly said, "when you persuaded me to elope with you that you would never permit anything to come between us—that you would cherish my love all your days and that I should never have cause to regret for a moment that I had placed my happiness in your keeping."

"Oh, well, confound it," he replied, "what's the use of harping on that now? If you hadn't kept a lot of your faults hidden from me I'd never have fallen in love with you or wanted you to elope, so you have only yourself to blame."

No Assistance Needed.

Lucinda stood in the presence of two famous surgeons who had just assured her that her present condition demanded an operation and that unless it was performed within a short time she would in all probability die. Lucinda listened respectfully.

"I'm jes as much obliged to you gen'mans as I can be," she assured them, "but ef de deah Lord has done made up his min' to call me home, I thinks he kin translate me widout ne assistance."—Life.

Must Have Accessories.

"I hear you picked up an abandoned farm."
 "Yep."
 "Genuine farmer now, are you?"
 "My smart friends won't believe it until I have picked up some abandoned dialect."

Modern Office Requirements.

The five largest office buildings in New York contain 3,300 miles of telephone wire and almost 10,000 telephones.

SOME EGG RECIPES

NEW AND OLD METHODS OF SERVING THEM.

Cooked a La Martin, in French Style, They Make a Delicious Luncheon Dish—Stuffed Eggs Also Will be Enjoyed.

Eggs a la Martin.—Have heating a shallow baking dish that will hold five broken eggs without crowding. Melt a teaspoon of butter in a saucepan, add one heaping teaspoon of flour, and when well blended add one cup of rich milk or thin cream, if you have it. Then add one-eighth of a teaspoon of salt, four table-spoonfuls of grated cheese. Stir well, remove from fire and pour into hot baking dish. Then carefully drop into the mixture five eggs without breaking the yolks; set in a hot oven and as soon as the whites are set, remove, sprinkle a pinch of salt and a dash of cayenne on each egg and a little chopped parsley over the whole, and serve at once. This is a delicious luncheon dish and easily prepared. It is a French dish and is seldom seen in America.

Eggs en Filets.—Butter a pan that may be set in the oven. Mix as many eggs as needed with a spoonful of brandy and a pinch of salt. Pour into pan and bake five minutes in a hot oven. Cool and cut in slices and dip these in a light batter. Fry in very hot fat for two minutes. Lift with a skimmer and drain. Serve garnished with parsley.

Stuffed Eggs.—Six hard boiled eggs. Peel and cut in lengthwise halves. Take the whites and save. Then take yolks, add salt and pepper and a little mustard, a little lemon juice and a pinch of paprika, and last of all about six chopped olives. Mix well and place back in whites which you leave in halves. Serve on lettuce leaves with chopped parsley. This will serve six persons, giving each two halves.

Eggs Nova Scotian.—Put a poached egg on top of a flat codfish cake, pour over it cream or tomato sauce and send to the table. The real Nova Scotia way is to place lots of butter on each egg, with pepper, as the fish will make the egg salt enough. This is a nice breakfast dish.

Eggs a la Creme.—Poach six eggs and arrange on platter, each egg on a slice of nicely toasted bread. Melt a table-spoonful of flour and butter in a saucepan; when melted pour over a pint of milk and stir until cooked (about five minutes); season with pepper, salt, a little Worcestershire sauce and tomato catsup, pour over eggs and serve.

Saxon Sausage.

Saxon sausage comes to us from the Germans. Cut six large apples of fine quality into eight parts, sprinkle them slightly with sugar and cinnamon and let them stand a few minutes. Meantime put a few currants on a plate, cover them with a little lukewarm water and let them soak a while until about half a pound of sausage has been fried. Then add the apples and also the currants after draining. Remove the sausage as soon as it is done, garnish with the fruit and make a gravy of the drippings after pouring off the grease on top by adding a glass of Rhine wine or water and mixing with flour in the usual way. Buckwheat cakes taste particularly good with sausage cooked in this manner, and so much fruit is served with it that it is not necessary to have any more at the same meal.

Rock Biscuit.

To make them, beat to a cream two-thirds cup butter and one cup sugar. Add three eggs well beaten, then a pint and a half flour sifted with a heaping teaspoon pure baking powder. Next add one cupful currants washed and dried, a half teaspoonful each extract lemon and nutmeg and a table-spoonful grape juice. Mix into a rather firm dough, turn on a slightly floured board and with a three-pronged steel fork scrape out little rough mounds of dough. Lay these on a greased tin and bake in a hot oven seven or eight minutes. The rougher they look, the more appropriate their name.

Real Scotch Shortbread.

Two pounds of flour; one pound butter; a half pound of sifted sugar; a few citron, caraway comfits and sweet almonds.

Put a pound of butter into a basin. Squeeze it with your floured hands near the fire until the butter is quite soft. Add the sweet almonds chopped very fine. Mix well together. Shape portions of it into small cakes a half-inch thick, using the floured hands as before. Bake in a very slow oven. Sprinkle over them the citron and caraway comfits.

Oatmeal Cookies.

Oatmeal cookies are practical cakes for children's school luncheon. One cupful sugar, one cupful shortening (half butter and half sweet lard), two eggs, ten teaspoonfuls sweet milk, one-half teaspoonful soda dissolved in the milk, a pinch of salt, one nutmeg grated, two cupfuls flour, two cupfuls rolled oats, one cupful raisins cut in halves, one-half cupful nutmeats. Roll thin and cut moderately large and bake slowly. Are perfectly delicious and will keep for weeks.

Vaseline.

Vaseline is one of the best applications for the nails, and also for the hands when they become chapped, as it is extremely penetrating and healing.

COMIC VALENTINE'S PAST and PRESENT
 by WALDON FAWCETT



LITHOGRAPHER PREPARING THE DESIGNS OF COMIC VALENTINES



ONE OF THE EARLIEST OF COMIC VALENTINES—OLD CHATTERBOX



With the decreasing cost of the comic valentines—the small boy can now buy as many as ten for a cent—there use has grown and our public men and celebrities, from the president, all down the ladder, are now likely to be deluged each February with more or less pertinent reminders of the jokers' day. Germany and Japan have manufactured many valentines, but American lithographic houses are gradually capturing most of the business and there are now several men in the United States who devote practically their entire time to preparing designs for comic valentines.

DANGERS IN DANCING.

Dancing has been extolled as a healthful recreation; as a means of physical culture it favors the development of the muscular system and promotes health and cheerfulness.



AWAITING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE VALENTINES

THE rather misty historical chronicles on the subject would seem to indicate that comic valentines did not make their appearance quite as early as the beautiful and sentimental varieties, but it is evident that these sarcastic souvenirs were not far behind the poetic confections of flowers and lace paper in finding popular favor. From the outset the whole principle of the exchange or distribution of comic valentines has been different in one important essential from the dispatch of the "pretty kind." In the case of the artistic and sentimental tokens of St. Valentine the sender is usually willing, nay anxious that the recipient shall suspect his identity. In the case of the comics, on the other hand, every precaution is usually taken to keep the origin of the barbed shaft a profound secret.

In the case of both classes of valentines the sentimental and the comic, the earliest manufactured valentines—those of more than a century ago—were preceded by home-made valentines which had vogue during a considerable era. So general was the exchange of these home-made valentines that aids in the form of "Valentine Writers" or books of appropriate verses were regularly published for the inspiration of young people who desired to prepare such epistles, just as volumes of ready-prepared letters yet find some sale among lovelorn youths of little imagination who desire to appear to the best advantage as sentimental correspondents. Most of the "valentine writers" were designed for the sentimental section of the public, but there were some prepared especially for the scribblers with a sense of humor.

For instance, there was published along about the last of the eighteenth century "The Quizzical or Satirical Valentine Writer," the character of which may well be surmised from the title. This, alike to most others of its kind, became an annual publication and was looked forward to each year just as the appearance of the almanac for the new year was anticipated with keen interest. Another of these forerunners of our present-day comic valentines was published in London during the same period and bore the highly significant title: "Hymen's Revenge Against Old Maids, Old Bachelors, and Impertinent Coxcombs; or a New Valentine Writer, Being a Collection of Valentines Humorous and Satirical, chiefly original, written expressly for this work."

Some idea of the caustic ammunition provided by these helpers of the composers of valentines may be formed from the following specimen verse addressed "To a Lady Who Squints:"

Thy charming peepers must delight;
 They yield a most convenient sight;
 Convenient, I do not deride,
 For you can see on either side.

One of the most novel features of the beginnings of the comic valentine craze was the appearance of tradespeople's valentine writers containing all sorts of verse especially designed to apply to devotees of the various vocations and lines of mercantile trade. Such a reference work made a good-sized volume, for, in order to be complete, it had to embody verses for every imaginable trade and occupation. There were some sentimental tributes included in each volume of this character, but for the most part the contents consisted of more or less humorous references.

The system was certainly a convenient one, for not only were gibes and appeals provided, but there was also appended favorable and unfavorable replies for each such advance, so that the recipient of one of the valentines thus derived had only to consult the book in order to ascertain the proper reply. For instance, a grocer could address his lady love as follows:

Your breath is all-epice I declare,
 And you're so neat and handy,
 That you're as sweet, I think, my fair,
 As plums or sugar candy.
 Be favorable, I implore,
 And if you will my heart restore,
 I'll treat you to some tea.

However, the lovelorn grocer was liable to reply to this effect:

Your letter I've weighed,
 Am truly afraid!
 Many pounds you're deficient in weight;
 An so Mr. Grocer,
 I'd have you know, Sir,
 I care not a fig for your treat.

With the introduction of manufactured valentines the comics kept pace with the sentimental variety. Among the earliest and most interesting of the humorous products of the early valentine manufacturers were transformation pictures, which conveyed hidden or double meaning. A notable example was the design which presented at first glance the figure of an attrac-

Robin Redbreast's Valentine

A girl and a boy wandered forth into a fair, pleasant garden that looked like fairyland, although it was wintry weather. Suddenly the girl spoke: "I wish St. Valentine had had the snowdrop instead of the crocus dedicated to him." And as she spoke she knelt down and, raising one of the white, drooping flowers, she gazed lovingly at its pure white petals and at the delicate green tracery of the leaves of its inner cup. "Ah!" said she, "what have you been waiting for so long?"

"Under the snow, under the snow, With your ivory heads all bending low, How many secrets you must know!"

The boy looked at her wonderingly. "How can the flowers know anything?" he asked.

"Everything knows something," returned Lelia, dreamily; "but the flowers are dumb and cannot tell one their thoughts—only their beauty speaks, and their fragrance breathes sweet thoughts into one's heart that one tries to put into words. But that is almost impossible."

"Of course it is," answered her companion. "Now, it is quite different with the birds; they can make themselves understood. They sing songs of thanksgiving and their note of joy or mourning is easy to tell. They scold and chatter as the jackdaw and rook, or screech like the owl, or sing a serenade as the nightingale. And one of them speaks even more clearly, for when he cries 'cuckoo, cuckoo,' we know that the summer is coming. No wonder St. Valentine cared for the birds, and you see that they are all fluttering out and singing a joyful song in honor of his birthday."

"Yes," said Lelia, softly—
 The birds in spring
 Sweet chorus sing
 To good St. Valentine.

"See, there are two sitting on a bough whispering to each other of the spring and summer days and all that is going to happen; where they shall live and how they shall build their nests. And there are two more flying toward them and two more—always in pairs. Ah! that is because

Young girls appear to experience no fatigue after it. They will not miss a single waltz, polka or square dance, but if the pulse of one of these indefatigable devotees is felt after the dance is finished it will be found in the majority of cases that the number of pulsations is far in excess of the normal, and from this it may be inferred that the condition of the heart must react prejudicially upon the entire organism, and it justifies an apprehension of danger to delicate girls.

Robin Redbreast's Valentine

on Valentine's day each bird chooses its mate." "Of course," answered the boy. "And the snowdrops are nodding their heads, as if they were keeping time to the birds' song," continued Lelia. "Doubtless they have been waiting to do honor to St. Valentine. They have been lying patiently under the snow and now that the warmer day has come they are saying, 'We belong to the wreath that the flowers weave for Valentine's day.'"

WHY WE GIVE VALENTINES.

Long ago there lived a priest named Valentine. This good man was noted in all the country round for his kindness. He nursed the sick, comforted the sorrowing and was always ready to give help to anyone who was in need. Valentine dearly loved the children and those who went to him for food or clothes were never turned away. After this kind priest became too old to go among his people he was very sad because he thought he could no longer be of any help to them. Then he remembered that he could write loving messages to the sick and sorrowing. Soon his friends began to watch for the kind words that were sure to come whenever sorrow or joy entered their homes. Even little children would say, when they were sick, "I think Father Valentine will send me a letter to-day."

But after a time no more letters were received and soon the news went abroad that good old Valentine was dead. Then every one said that such a man was good enough to be called a saint and since then he has been known as St. Valentine. It was not long until people celebrated his birthday by sending loving messages to their friends. The notes and letters containing these messages were called valentines. This all happened years ago, but good St. Valentine is still remembered on the fourteenth of each February.

SAYS DAD.

"I notice you ordered lots of ice cream during the holidays."
 "Yes, I like to order ice cream sent home."
 "Why?"
 "Because it is about the only thing mother will eat her share of, and not try to save until next day for one of the children."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

MERITS OF THE CITY.

Nearly all civilization is the product of the city, where mind meets mind and each becomes brighter from contact, says New York Weekly. Masses of population may engender great vices, but they also engender great virtues, and if they do not produce, they certainly develop the finest and keenest intelligences that we have. The little town-states of Greece created most of the ancient civilization that is worth having, and after they fell and the dark ages came in it was the little city-republics of Italy that brought light, learning and mercy back to the world. Some of the blackest crimes are committed in the country. Conan Doyle has Sherlock Holmes, in one of his best stories, point out this fact. It was a clever touch and it is true. The country man is not more honest than the city man, although he may lack opportunities. Flaubert and Balzac have drawn grim pictures of sordid meanness in the rural life of France; Tolstol has done as much for Russia, and Sudermann, Ibsen and Hardy have told similar black stories of their own countries. The recent report of the commission on country life showed considerations which left very much to be desired in the way of improvement.

Congressman A. J. Sabath is the man who some time ago announced his belief that the bestowal of great American fortunes upon foreign noblemen by their marriage with American women involved an economic waste which ought not to go unchecked, says New York Evening Sun. He therefore introduced a bill in congress providing for a substantial export tax upon such dowries. By some curious bad luck the bill got mislaid in committee and has not been heard from since. But Congressman Sabath's idea did not get lost. He took it with him, took it out and rubbed it on his sleeve and looked at it in all his spare moments, showed it to his friends and talked about it. Consequently the idea has grown and amplified under consideration, many persons have written letters to him in praise of it, and so, though lost to sight, its memory has been kept very dear and green indeed. The final result is that the congressman has prepared a much broadened bill, which he is going to introduce.

Quartermaster General Aleshire of the United States army declares in his annual report that he could reduce the cost of maintaining the nation's military establishment if he were given more officers and a new system of selection and detail. There is waste in many directions through the inefficiency of civilian employes and enlisted men who receive extra pay for performing certain duties in an indifferent way. Great savings could undoubtedly be achieved through the inauguration of system and the appointment of capable men, as push for preferment tends to load departments with employes who are chiefly concerned about the drawing of their salaries.

Hubert Latham, having given an acceptance of the invitation of the Marquis de Polinac to join him in a hunt at Gerra, France, got out his monoplane, installed his hunting paraphernalia and soared toward the hunting lodge of the president of the committee of aviation, making the distance of 12 miles comfortably within an hour. After hunting for hours and stocking his airship with game, he returned home. This is a novel incident in the development of the air craft. It reads almost matter-of-course, so rapid has been the growth of air-flight custom.

A bank wrecker in Wisconsin has been sent to the penitentiary for ten years. The only way to break up this sort of high finance is to treat its practitioners as common thieves who simply take other people's property without any formality or technicality. When the man who wrecks a bank by juggling its finances is put on a plane with the burglar who blows open its vaults and safes, then there will be a chance for the law to protect the public from all classes of thieves, no matter how their stealing is named.

One of the professors announces that Halley's comet will be visible from the Pacific coast only. It is the case a lot of interest in this comet has been unfairly worked up.

Reports from Germany are to the effect that a passenger airship is being built and will ply between different points in Germany. The date of the first excursion is not announced.

The United States navy wants men and though their offers are not munificent, yet such service is surely better than doing nothing at all.

Kermit Roosevelt has shot a bongo, but neither he nor his father has bagged a wimpus. Let us have a wimpus!

YOUTH WHO IS DESTINED TO RULE OVER ABYSSINIA



SEVERAL times recently rumors have reached the civilized world that Menelek, emperor of Abyssinia, was dead or dying. The latest of these reports said the "king of kings" was in a comatose state. It is feared that his death will be the signal for uprisings by the followers of several claimants to the throne. Menelek himself already has proclaimed Li Yasu his successor in default of a direct heir. This youth is the son of the emperor's daughter, Waizaro Snaa Rogga, and Ras Mikhael.

RIVAL OF BURBANK

Life Convict in Minnesota Penitentiary Works Wonders

Achievements with Plants of Adventurer Attracts Attention of Those Having Power to Free Him from Cell.

Stillwater, Minn.—Shall executive clemency be granted "Sinbad the Sailor," 61 years old, murderer, life convict and plant wizard of the Minnesota state prison, whose whole history rings with adventure and romance since he ran away from his Ohio home 45 years ago to ride the oceans?

To-day a genius rivaling Burbank, expert operator among the abstruse lives of plants, his contributions to science and to the very state whose inch bars of chilled steel shut him out of the free world, are commanding the attention of those in whose power it is to open forever the door of his small cell.

Multiple world traveler, intimate of tropical vegetations, student during his wild life of nature in her freest haunts, then a tramp of the continents, he was at last on the fateful evening of December 18, 1890, for the murder of a coal heaver with a shovel in the North St. Paul yards, locked in the state's somber asylum for criminals near this city, imprisoned for the "rest of his natural life."

"Sinbad the Sailor's" real name is George Parsons. His name appears on the prison record as "Charles Price." Since the Youngers were pardoned he is the lion of prison "society." During his 20 years of service already for his crime he has advanced to be supervisor of all that grows on the state prison reserve. He is permitted liberties that are denied to others. He is a paramount example of state prison reform.

Last Christmas this prisoner Burbank, before hardly known, gave as presents to two of his friends two immense lemons, weighing 48 ounces each. Inquiry by his friends revealed still greater creations in plant life, grafts and hybrids of the vegetable world of unusual quality and value. He has not only made possible the lemon as a Minnesota product, but has outdistanced the tropical fruit in size, quality and utility.

His creations of new flowers, crossed growths and improvements on the existing, have already for years made him remarked among his supervisors. Even if pardon is not granted him within the year, freedom may be but four and a half years away. Under

the act passed by the legislature a few years ago for the benefit of the Younger brothers life convicts may be discharged after a service of 35 years, or may be paroled after a service of 23 years, months and 18 days, with permission to leave the state. His life previous to his imprisonment was that of a lovable vagabond. He ran away from his Ohio home when he was 16 years old. His parents were pioneers of Ohio and well known in their community, where they had high standing. The runaway boy took to the seas, where he shipped before the mast. After many years he became a sailor in the South seas and the oriental Pacific. While in that tropical and luxurious garden of the world he became most intimate with the growth of flowers and plants.

Wolves Are More Plentiful

Slaughter of Elk Forces Many Wild Animals into Open for Food—Capture of Three.

Albany, Ore.—Gray wolves are more plentiful in the lower ranges of the Cascade mountains in eastern Linn county now than ever before. This is the statement of John Roberts, a well-known timber cruiser who resides in the mountains 15 miles northeast of Foster. He says that there are no more cougar than usual in the mountains and less wild cats than last year.

The wolves are much bolder than usual, too, Mr. Roberts says. He brought the hide of a big wolf, which he had killed on the ranch of George B. Whitcomb, to town and received the state and county bounty at the county clerk's office. This wolf had killed a sheep in broad daylight, and was eating it close to the trail, when a man named Porter, who runs a pack train from Whitcomb's ranch to the Paywell mine, passed by. The wolf refused to leave the carcass until Porter was almost upon it, and then crept away sullenly.

The packer had no gun, so the wolf escaped, but he told Mr. Roberts about the occurrence, and he and Ernest Whitcomb, by some skillful trapping, managed to catch all three of the band of wolves which had been killing sheep on the Whitcomb ranch. Mr. Roberts says the presence of so many wolves in the lower ranges of the mountains is due to the fact that there was an open season for elk the past two years. The elk have lived for years on the most remote and inaccessible ridges far back in the mountains, and as the wolves have

PRAIRIE DOGS EAT FORTUNES

Texas Suffering from Ravages of Pests Which Destroy Pastures for Live Stock.

Washington.—The prairie dogs in the panhandle of Texas eat enough grass in a year to support over 800,000 head of cattle and over 4,000,000 sheep, according to a report of Chief Biologist Merriam of the department of agriculture.

"We are having the same trouble in exterminating them as with the ground squirrels. When we have a poison that will kill nearly every animal over a certain area at one season of the year the season changes, and with it the habits of the animals, and we have to devise new methods."

Dr. Merriam said where government agents had gone on to private lands to exterminate noxious animals a considerable part of the men directly benefited paid the expense.

Twelve Children in Nine Years.

Los Angeles.—A mixed quartet of babies, two girls and two boys, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson in this city, making 12 children to this couple in nine years. The Wilsons were married in Chicago 25 years ago. Two sets of triplets and one pair of twins have previously been born to them, seven of whom including the last four, survive.

Pearl Fisheries Resumed.

New York.—According to private advices received here from La Guayra, the new Venezuela government has decreed the re-establishment of the pearl fisheries on the eastern shore of that country. The pearling privileges were suppressed by Castro after a dispute over fees. Most of the pearls found in Venezuelan beds come to the New York market.

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"Where were you shot?"
"In der spinal column, sir!"
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The woman who wanted the bachelor to come to dinner called him up at his rooms.
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 Court meets first Monday in February, 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. m. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. every Sunday.
 Rev. W. A. Dunn Pastor.
 R. W. Foster, S. S. Supt.
 Baptist—Preaching every 1st and 3rd Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Conference Saturday night before the 4th Sunday. Sunday school every Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m.
 Rev. W. E. Dawn 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. 725, A. F. & A. M., meets Saturday nights on or before the full moon in each month.
 N. L. Douglass Secretary
 W. L. Foster 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—E. F. Atkinson
 " " " 3—D. D. Davis
 " " " 4—J. S. Johnston

Justice Court.
 Court, Precinct No. 1, meets 3rd Saturday in each month. Malcom Black J. P.

LOCAL.
 Red onion sets at Knight's
 Meals 35c at Central Hotel.
 County court next Monday.
 Fresh bread at the restaurant.
 Get your planters from Lyles Bros.
 See the valentines at Butler Drug Co. It
 Jeff D. Ayres is having a nice addition built to his residence.
 Meals, the best in town, for 35c at Central Hotel.
 You can see your way clear by one of Lowe & Durham' lanterns
 You'll find me at the Coulson & Westbrook old stand—W. A. Jones, the Tailor.
 Cranes Liver Pills does the work. Try them. Butler Drug Co. 3t
 Fishers Benzoin Cream for chapped hands and rough skin. Butler Drug Co. 3t
 Ask the man who has been a guest at the Central Hotel where to stop.
 Noble Fisk Jr. returned today from a ten days' visit to his parents in Brownwood.
 W. L. Foster, last Saturday, bought the J. A. Ferguson wagon and yard and residence property consisting of ten lots, for \$5,200.
 Mrs. Lillie Garrett and Miss Maggie Atkinson left Wednesday for Dallas to purchase a stock of millinery for the spring trade.

If it is valentines you are looking for, go to Butler Drug Co.

County clerk, Cole made a trip to San Angelo Tuesday

Jeff D. Ayres is attending County Court at Garden City.

S. L. Greer, of Roscoe, is here assisting on the Fisher building.

Now is the time to plant onions. Get your sets at Knights.

Scott Murray says the assassination is postponed for another week.

A lot of our young people enjoyed a trip to the Canons last Sunday. (nit)

Miss Ila Eppes, who is teaching school at the Schooler ranch, was here last Tuesday.

H. Q. Lyles is in St. Louis buying a stock of goods for the spring trade.

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

Fix yourself for the game season by buying a gun and ammunition from Lowe & Durham.

MONEY TO LOAN on patented land. Long terms and low rate of interest. See Jeff D. Ayres.

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

W. C. Fisher, who has been at San Angelo for sometime, came home last Sunday.

The new barbershop building on the North side was begun last Monday and is progressing nicely

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

Ride in Savell's cars. Good service, polite employes and fast time. 2t

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

S. T. Greer, the well known builder of Roscoe is here assisting Lem Latham on the Fisher building.

Vanco, the perfect hand soap; removes grease, dirt and stains and leaves the hands soft and pliant. Butler Drug Co. 3t

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Roberts left last Sunday for Kansas City, where Mr. Roberts goes to buy a stock of goods for the spring season.

Mrs. Z. L. Potts, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Will Roberts is expected to arrive home tomorrow from Tucumcari N. M.

County court convened last Monday and there being no cases on the docket, Judge Patterson dismissed the jury after a session of three minutes.

Savell's automobile passenger service is as prompt and reliable as the ordinary railroad train. Their arrivals and departures can always be depended upon, they make the trip to San Angelo in from two to three hours. 2

A. H. Manning of China Valley was a caller at our sanctum this week. Mr Manning says that the farmers of his community are making extensive preparations for a big crop this season.

W. L. Sanders this week sold his blacksmith business to K. S. Copeland of San Angelo, who will operate it in the future. Mr. Sanders informs us that he intends to open a tinshop and plumbing establishment as soon as he can get the tools and materials.

Blacksmiths, Auto men, Wind mill men and all mechanics should go to Butler Drug Co. and get box of Vanco hand soap to remove the dirt grease from their hands. It works like magic besides leaving the hands clean, cool, soft and pliant. 3t

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W. H. Eddleman, Pres. Emette Westbrook, Cashier
 A. V. Patterson, Vice-Pres. R. H. Patterson, Asst. Cashier

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

No doubt the people of Sterling City are aware that Miss Alma Crain and Miss Eula Tweedle are entered in the San Angelo Standard's big \$3000. contest and they should have the support of the entire community.

Every subscription to either daily or weekly gives them votes. Let us help them win. 3t

O. J. Bagwell is threatening to strike for a raise in salary this morning, all because of that pair of twins, a boy and a girl which came to his home this morning.—Marathon Eagle.

ANNOUNCEMENT

All day singing at the Christian Chapel Sunday Feb. 13th. Everybody cordially invited.

Come and let us join our voices and hearts in joyful, glad songs.

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 controled by us, or either of us without our permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
 Those driving stock down lane must keep in the lane until across Seal's creek.

W. R. Felker
 By J. D. Lane, mgr.

TRESPASS NOTICE.

Any person hauling wood, fishing, hunting or in any way trespassing on any lands owned or controled by me, will be prosecuted.
 R. W. Foster

NOTICE

All old accounts must be paid before any more credit at my shop.
 And all gas and oils and auto work is spot cash after Jan. 1, 1910.
 E. M. Staggs

All persons are hereby notified that my pasture is posted according to law. Any person or persons who shall hunt, fish, cut or haul wood or otherwise trespass on lands owned or controled by me, without my consent, will be prosecuted. 4-2-9 W. J. MANN

TRESPASS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that any person who shall hunt, fish, cut or haul wood, or otherwise trespass on any of the lands owned or controled by me will be prosecuted by the full extent of the law. 4-5-07
 A. F. JONES

Notice to Hunters.—Posted.

My pasture is posted according 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 controled by me, under pain of prosecution to the full extent of the law. J. T. Davis
 5-6-'02 tf

POSTED.

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 controled by us will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law,
 10-26-'01 Fisher Bros.

NOTICE—KEEP OUT.

Notice is hereby given that any person who shall hunt, fish, cut or haul wood or otherwise trespasses on any of the lands owned or controled by me will be prosecuted by the full extent of the law.
 G. W. Allard.

NOTICE TO SHEEPMEN

Notice is hereby given that I forbid, and will not allow any sheep herded on or driven across any lands owned or controled by me, under pain of prosecution. Take notice and keep out. 4mpd
 F. M. Askey

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS) In the District Court
 County of Sterling) of Tom Green County, Texas:
 No. 1853,
 G. W. Nibbling, Plaintiff,

vs.
 Ben S. Long, Alice L. Wilson and husband, H. B. Wilson, O. B. Hoover, B. A. Cordell, Defendants, H. C. Daniel, J. P. Sewell, made parties therein.

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Tom Green county, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 14th day of December A. D. 1909 in favor of said G. W. Nibbling for the aggregate sum of Thirteen Hundred and Seventy two (1372) and 87-100 Dollars, in favor of the said H. C. Daniel and J. P. Sewell, in the sum of Six Hundred and Eighty-eight (688) and 09-100 Dollars, both judgments against the said Ben S. Long, Numbered 1853 on the Docket of said court, I did, on the 2nd day of February A. D. 1910, at 4 o'clock P. M. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the county of Sterling, state of Texas, and belonging to the said Alice L. Wilson and her husband, H. B. Wilson, described as follows: Section No. One hundred and sixty-nine (169) Block two (2) H. & T. C. R. R. Co. land containing 65.6 acres of land, and Section No. Ninety-nine (99), in Block two (2), cert. 37-4086, H. & T. C. R. R. Co. land, containing 68.2 acres of land, same located about 10 miles Northeast and Northwest, respectively of Sterling City, the county seat of said Sterling county and known as J. I. Mabry land, and on the 1st day of March 1910, being the first Tuesday in said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale, and sell, at public auction, all the right, title and interest of the said Ben S. Long, Alice L. Wilson and her husband, H. B. Wilson, O. B. Hoover and B. A. Cordell in and to said sections of land. Said sections of land will be sold at the same time and place, but will be sold separately.

Dated at Sterling City, Texas, this the 2nd day of February 1910.

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

SOME ADVANTAGE AT LEAST.

She—I can never marry you, but we can at least always be friends.
 He—I suppose that is one of the advantages of not getting married.

