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STEAMER PERSIA IS SUNK; NO WARNING

POSSIBLY 160 SAVED OUT OF 400 ONLY FOUR LIFE BOATS GOT AWAY.

AMERICAN CONSUL IS LOST

Robert McNeely, on Way to Post at Aden, Arabia, Believed to Have Been Drowned.

London.—Unofficial dispatches from Cairo state that the British steamship Persia, sunk in the Mediterranean on Thursday, was torpedoed without warning and sank within five minutes. Between 150 and 160 survivors have been landed at Alexandria, Egypt. Robert N. McNeely, recently appointed American consul at Aden, Arabia, and on his way to his post, is believed to have been drowned. A Cairo correspondent makes the unreserved statement that Mr. McNeely lost his life. Charles H. Grant of Boston, was saved.

Details of Disaster Come Slowly

Details of the sinking of the Persia come in slowly, but such information as has been received made it appear that the number of persons who escaped from the four boats which were put off was larger than was hoped when the ship was received. The Peninsula and Oriental company, which owned the Persia, announce that 158 survivors had arrived at Alexandria. The survivors comprise the chief officer, second officer, seven engineers, seven crew, 63 lascars and 59 passengers.

A Lloyds Dispatch Gives the Number

as 153, made up of 59 passengers, and 94 members of the crew.

Ship Sank in Five Minutes

"The ship was struck amidships on the port side at 1:10 p. m.," says a Cairo correspondent. "She had disappeared completely at 1:15."

Survivors Say It Was Little Short of a Miracle that Anyone was Saved

There was no panic. Four boats were launched with the utmost promptness.

The Captain was Drowned. When Last Seen he Was Swimming after the Ship had Plunged Beneath the Surface

Both the Peninsula and Oriental company and Reuter's Cairo correspondent say Mr. Grant has been landed at Alexandria. The steamship company had received no news of Mr. McNeely's fate. Edward Rose of Denver left the Persia at Gibraltar.

Anxiety in Washington Increased

Washington.—Anxiety over the news of the sinking of the British steamship Persia increased in official circles here, when a consular dispatch brought the information that the ship had been torpedoed without warning and that at least one American citizen, Robert N. McNeely, new consul at Aden, Arabia, was missing. At the same time officials were much reassured at the indication, emanating from Baron Erich Zwielinek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy here, that the Vienna government would be quick to "satisfactorily adjust" the matter, should it develop that an Austrian submarine commander had disobeyed instructions in regard to torpedoing passenger-carrying ships without warning.

The Illinois Attorney General Will Take No Further Steps to Question the Action of Dr. Harry J. Haiselden, who Declined to Perform an Operation on the Bollinger Baby on the Ground that it Was Hopelessly Defective

London.—The blacklist of neutral shipping issued by the government for the guidance of British shippers, who are advised not to charter ships appearing on it, as they are suspected of actual trading with Great Britain's foes or other unneutral service or as representing German capital, now includes steamers with a total gross tonnage of 80,000, which means a carrying capacity of 200,000 tons unavailable to British shippers and neutral charterers in any way dependent on British shipping.

Fairbanks Indorsed for President

Indianapolis, Ind.—At a love feast here Indiana Republicans indorsed Charles W. Fairbanks, former vice president, for the Republican nomination for president of the United States. At the same meeting Edwin P. Morrow pledged to Mr. Fairbanks the delegation from Kentucky at the national Republican convention at Chicago in June. "The people have voted Democracy," said Mr. Fairbanks. "Democracy has tried them. The result has been a reunited, rebaptized party of opposition."

20,000 Employees Get Wages Raised

New York.—Wages of 200,000 employees in various trades in this city were increased Jan. 1. It was estimated that the increases would aggregate millions of dollars. The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America announces that the wages of more than 8,000 members have been increased by from \$1.40 to \$1.40. Increases in pay in the military trade, to 3,000 waiters and 1,200 mechanics in the navy yard.

THE MISSES CHASE



The Misses Suzanne (left) and Elizabeth (right) are the daughters of Capt. and Mrs. Volney O. Chase, U. S. N., and are among the prominent debuts in Washington society this winter.

ANGLO-FRENCH READY FOR GREAT OFFENSIVE

BELIEVED ONLY WEATHER DELAYING DRIVE ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

THINK SALONIKI NOW SAFE

Central Powers Show No Haste to Invade Greek Territory to Attack Allied Position.

London.—Dispatches from both east and west express the belief that the winter weather is likely to prove the most severe obstacle to war operations on the principal fronts during the next few weeks.

The most dreaded period of winter is from the end of December to the end of January, was General French's reply a year ago to the demands for a great offensive. The same remark would probably apply equally this year.

A correspondent at the western headquarters, after remarking that the British staff is confident that the allies are now so strong in men and munitions that they can break through the German lines whenever the right times comes, declares the weather is the chief reason for postponing the big movement.

A Russian correspondent writes, "The most severe part of the winter has begun in the Russian theater. All reports agree that the weather is harder this year than usual. It is increasingly doubtful if any serious events will occur until the end of January."

In Vosage Mountains

Despite the weather, the duel in the Vosage mountains, in the western zone, continues and eventually may prove to be one of the big operations of the war. The gains in either direction thus far have been small, but the French claim progress in their efforts to establish themselves on the crest of the foothills which here dominate the plain.

By all accounts Saloniki is now safe. Certainly the central powers show no haste to attack the allies' position. Seventy-five thousand Serbians have reformed at Scutari and Elbasan in Albania and the Montenegrin army, which has heretofore been barred geographically from taking any large part in the war, is now throwing itself energetically into the contest against the Austrians.

The Italian Bombardment of Austrian Positions on the Tyrol and Isonzo Fronts Continues

The Balkan situation remains unchanged.

The Turks Have Ceased Their Attacks Against the British Force at Kut El-Amara, Mesopotamia, There Having Been No Operations There Since Christmas Day

Washington.—Charles H. Sherrill, former United States minister to the Argentine republic, in an address here advanced the suggestion that the United States might strike some bargain with European nations and Japan whereby American possession of the Philippines would be relinquished if the Old World nations would give up their few remaining colonial possessions in the western hemisphere.

Austrian Sub Sank Villa De La Ciotat

London.—The submarine which appeared on the surface shortly after the French steamer Villa de la Ciotat was torpedoed off the island of Crete flew the Austrian flag, according to a dispatch from Malta. "It is learned from survivors," says the dispatch, "that the vessel was off Crete on her way from Japan for Marseilles when, without the slightest warning, she was shaken by a terrific explosion, following which a submarine appeared flying the Austrian flag."

Gives Large Sum to Charity

New York.—Mrs. Laura S. Rockefeller, wife of John D. Rockefeller, who died last March, left an estate valued at \$1,490,471, according to the appraisal filed in the surrogate's court. The bulk of the estate goes to charitable and educational institutions. The estate consists mainly of railroad bonds and does not include any stock in the Standard Oil company. Mrs. Rockefeller's wedding ring, which she bequeathed to her son, John D. Jr., was valued at \$3.

HENRY FORD HOME AGAIN

Says He Intended When He Departed to Return This Month.

New York.—Henry Ford, who led the peace expedition which left here Dec. 4 on the steamship Oscar II for Copenhagen, in the hope of bringing about a conference of neutral nations that would end the war, arrived here Sunday on the steamer Bergensford. He confirmed cable reports that his return had been hastened by illness, but said it made a difference of only a few days as he intended when he left to come back this month.

Mr. Ford declared his views regarding the cause of the war have undergone a marked change. When he left, he said, he was of the opinion that bankers, manufacturers of munitions and armament were responsible, but he returns with the belief that it is the people themselves, those now being slaughtered, who are responsible. The men doing the fighting have been too content to let those who rule them do their thinking and they have not taken advantage of their divine right to say for themselves what they shall do and think, the pacifist asserted.

INDICT LABOR PEACE MEMBERS

Conspiracy to Foment Trouble at Munitions Plants is Alleged.

New York.—Eight men, including a congressman, a former congressman and a former attorney general of Ohio, were indicted by a federal grand jury on a charge of conspiracy to foment strikes in American munition factories as part of a campaign financed by the German government to check the exportation of munitions to the entente allies.

The men indicted were Congressman Frank Buchanan of Illinois, former Congressman H. Robert Fowler of Illinois, Frank S. Monnett, former attorney general of Ohio; H. B. Martin, Herman Schultze, Franz von Rintelen, David Lamar and Jacob C. Taylor.

All of the men except Von Rintelen and Lamar are officers or former officers of Labor's National Peace council. The government charged that this organization was financed by Von Rintelen, a German agent, to instigate strikes in munition plants while ostensibly working in the interests of international peace.

Von Rintelen is at present a prisoner of war in England. Lamar, known as "Wolf of Wall Street," is said to have been his paymaster.

HAS FOUND COTTON SUBSTITUTE

German Experiments in Gunpowder Manufacture Reported Successful.

Bremen.—Germany's experiments with substitutes for cotton in making gunpowder have been so successful that for eight months no cotton has been used. This statement was made by the president of the Bremen chamber of commerce to a convention of merchants.

"I have had the opportunity to establish officially that for eight months not a kilogram of cotton has been used for making powder," he said.

"Thanks to German science and industry, we have succeeded in winning from the immeasurable supply of German forests a cellular material which is cheaper and better suited for powder making than cotton. Even after the war Germany's ammunition factories will not buy another bale of cotton from America."

"The second important ingredient—saltpeter—is now manufactured exclusively in Germany from the air."

Thousands Get More Pay

Washington.—A majority of the 25,000 employees in the government navy yards, ships and stations will receive increases in pay beginning Jan. 1. Secretary Daniels made this announcement in making public the results of hearings recently conducted by the navy department, in which statements and scores of written arguments were presented preparatory to the fixing of the wage schedules required by law at the beginning of each year.

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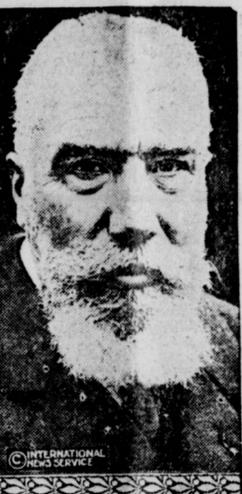
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DENYS COCHIN



Denys Cochin is the French cabinet minister who went to Greece to persuade that nation to maintain an attitude of friendly neutrality toward the allies.

AUSTRIA YIELDS TO AMERICA'S DEMANDS

SUBMARINE CAPTAIN WHO SANK ANCONA PUNISHED—INDEMNITY TO BE PAID.

SOME AMERICANS ARE HELD

Penfield Reports Citizens Without Birth Certificates or Naturalization Papers Are Detained.

TRAINS HIT HEAD ON; 3 DEAD

Santa Fe Wreck in Mills County Fatal to Engineers and Brakeman.

Temple, Texas—Three men were killed in a disastrous head-on collision on the Santa Fe at 5:38 p. m. Tuesday at mile post 110, four miles west of Mullen, Mills county.

The dead are: E. B. Carpenter, engineer; A. R. Saint, fireman; C. U. Mately, brakeman. All of them lived at Temple. Mately was killed outright, the others succumbing to their injuries later. The engineer was married and leaves a wife and three children. Orders had been issued for the extra to meet a southbound train of the same class at Mullen, but for some reason orders apparently were not delivered, with the result that the two trains crashed together with terrific impact, both engines overturning and 15 cars going into the ditch.

Engineer T. C. Brown and the fireman on the southbound train jumped in time to save their lives, being but slightly injured.

National Live Stock Meeting Jan. 25

El Paso, Texas.—Eight thousand invitations have been mailed out from the office of Secretary Tomlinson of the American Live Stock Association for the convention to be held here Jan. 25, 26 and 27. A meeting of the executive board will be held Jan. 24. A fight for an open market and against light competition by the packers will be made at this convention, it was announced. The Texas Cattle Growers' association will cooperate in this fight. The National Sheep Growers' association will also meet here at the same time.

Ahrens & Ott Buy Crane Co. Building

Dallas, Texas.—The Ahrens & Ott Manufacturing company, one of the largest jobbing concerns in the country, dealing in plumbing goods and steam and mill supplies, has purchased the five-story and basement building formerly occupied and owned by the Crane company, conducting a similar business, which left the state last summer as the result of a compromise of anti-trust suits brought by the attorney general. Announcement of the completion of the deal was made by B. L. Logan, manager of the present Fort Worth house of the Ahrens & Ott company, which has maintained houses in both Fort Worth and Dallas. Mr. Logan will become manager of the Dallas house, which will be headquarters for north Texas.

British Home Secretary to Retire

London.—The Chronicle announces definitely that Sir John A. Simon, secretary of state for home affairs, retires from the cabinet, "thus breaking his brilliant ministerial career for conscience's sake." Sir John A. Simon enjoyed a rapid and brilliant career after a remarkable success at the bar. He entered parliament in 1906 and joined the ministry, first as solicitor general, afterward as attorney general. He is so strong a pacifist that he had almost decided to resign with Viscount Morley and John Burns when the war broke out. It was only the German violation of Belgian neutrality that induced him to remain.

General Huerta in Serious Condition

El Paso, Texas.—General Victoriano Huerta, who underwent an operation here, was pronounced in a serious condition Sunday night by his physician. Gen. Huerta, ill with what physicians described as jaundice, was operated on for gall stones. After the operation physicians said they found symptoms of a more complicated disease and expressed fear for his recovery. Huerta has been detained on the charge of conspiracy to start a new revolution in Mexico.

International Court Finally Launched

New York.—A world court for the judicial investigation and settlement of all questions of international dispute, with former President William H. Taft as honorary president and John Hays Hammond as president, has been formally launched here. Plans were outlined for a great world congress in Louisville, Ky., the second week in April. Leading men of this and other countries will be invited to address the congress.

RECEIVER IS ASKED FOR TEXAS & PACIFIC

DEFAULT SINCE 1907 OF INTEREST ON \$25,000,000 MORTGAGE BONDS IS ALLEGED.

HEARING SET FOR JAN. 31

Petition Charges Net Income of Road, Over Operating Expenses, Diverted to Other Purposes.

Dallas, Texas.—Action seeking to place another Texas railroad, the Texas & Pacific, in the hands of a receiver was filed in the United States district court here by Locke & Locke, attorneys of Dallas, representing the Bankers' Trust company of New York.

The application for a receiver alleges default since 1907 of interest on \$25,000,000 second mortgage bonds issued by the company in 1883. The Bankers' Trust company acted as trustee in the issuance of these bonds.

Judge Edward R. Meek set Jan. 31 as the date of the hearing on the application for a receivership. Notice of a contest to the proceedings was also filed.

The New Orleans Railway company, a Louisiana corporation, with its principal offices in New Orleans, the Louisiana end of the Texas & Pacific, is made a defendant in the suit. The Texas & Pacific operates under a federal charter granted March 3, 1871.

The Texas & Pacific has a greater mileage than any Texas road, covering with its branches, 1,944 miles of track. A history of the road is set out in the lengthy petition filed in the case. There now are nine Texas railroads in the hands of receivers.

In addition to alleging that the interest on the \$25,000,000 second mortgage bonds has been unpaid for a number of years, the petition charges that net income of the road, over and above operating expenses, has been diverted to other purposes.

Laundries of Dallas Head 1914 List

Dallas, Texas.—Interesting figures on the number of laundries in Texas, the work done by them, their value, etc., which statistics show Dallas to lead the state, have been received from the department of commerce. Dallas laundries received nearly \$1,000,000 for the work they did during 1914 and the statement shows that the number of laundries in the city have increased from six in 1909 to ten in 1914. The statement is only a preliminary one and subject to some changes that may be made.

Young Girl Killed in Auto Accident

Brady, Texas.—In an automobile accident on the Lohn road near here Miss Gladys Walker, 16 years old, was killed and four other women hurt. Those most seriously injured are Miss Elsie Cornell and Miss Bernice Winstead. Miss Cornell's arm was torn from her shoulder and she was badly cut and bruised on the body. Miss Winstead was severely cut in several places. Miss Walker's skull was crushed and death resulted in a short time after the accident.

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Urge Texas Man as Chile Ambassador

Washington.—Friends of Hampson Gary of Tyler, Texas, are urging his appointment as ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Chile in place of Henry F. Fletcher of Pennsylvania, recently appointed to represent this country as ambassador to Mexico. Mr. Gary came to Washington a year ago as special assistant to the solicitor of the state department in handling diplomatic matter growing out of the European war, and a few months ago was advanced to assistant solicitor. The position in Chile pays \$17,500 a year.

Snowfall General Over North Texas

Dallas, Texas.—Snow fell generally over north and west Texas Tuesday. The coldest weather prevailed in the Plainview country, where the thermometer registered 1 degree above zero Tuesday morning. So far as heard from cattle have not suffered from the cold weather and wheat growers are greatly encouraged over crop prospects. The snowfall varied in depth at different places from half an inch to four inches.

White Warden Osborne of Sing Sing

White Plains, N. Y.—Two indictments, containing seven counts, were returned against Thomas Mott Osborne, warden of Sing Sing, by the Westchester county grand jury which has been investigating conditions in the prison. One indictment charged perjury in his testimony at the recent inquiry conducted by Dr. Rudolph Diedling of the state prison commission. The other indictment contained six counts.

CASHIER SHOTS ROBBERS

Escapes From Vault and Armed With Shotgun Recovers Loot.

Paris, Texas.—Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock two young men entered the bank of Grant at Grant, Okla., 20 miles north of Paris, while L. G. Webb, the assistant cashier, was waiting on a customer and, covering both of them with pistols, tied their hands and marched them into the vault. After getting into the vault, the robbers untied the cashier's hands and forced him to open the safe. The contents, amounting to about \$4,000, including \$60 in coppers, and weighing between 50 and 60 pounds, were placed in a flour sack which the men had carried with them.

When the robbers left the vault they closed the door and turned the bolt, thinking they had fastened the cashier and customer inside, but Mr. Webb had placed his foot between the wall and the edge of the door and it failed to close.

Cashier Pursues Robbers

As soon as the men left the bank Cashier Webb seized his pumpgun that was kept in the vault and followed taking a near cut with the depot and cotton platform concealing him. When he got within 20 steps of the robbers, who had gone about 200 yards from the bank, he called on them to halt, and as the rear robber made a gunplay he brought him down and pursued the other, who was shot down 50 yards further on. After shooting both of the men, the cashier picked up the bag of money and carried it back to the bank.

Bank Robbers Get \$7,500

Heavener, Okla.—Five men, two of them youths of not more than 18 years of age, robbed the First National bank here, escaping with \$7,500 of the bank's funds.

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THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

Jan. 3, 1915.

French completed capture of Steinbach and gained near Reims and St. Mihiel, but were repulsed near St. Menchould.

Flooding hindered the fighting in Flanders.

Germans captured Bollmow from Russians, but their advances on Kielce and between the Bzura and Rawka rivers failed.

Russians took thousands of Austrian prisoners and swept through Bukowina.

Germans rushed to defense of Cracow.

Ghent taxed bachelors to meet German demands for money.

Day of intercession and prayer throughout British empire.

Second Australian expeditionary force sailed for England.

Shipment of food for Albanians left United States.

Jan. 4, 1915.

Russians occupied Suzzawa and again threatened Cracow.

Turks ravaged Persian territory. British ships shelled Dar-es-Salaam, German East Africa.

French aviators dropped bombs near Brussels.

Germans put Young Turks under oath to support existing regime.

Jan. 5, 1915.

Germans began moving big guns from Ostend.

French forces made advance toward Germany.

Russians defeated Austrians in Uzok Pass and prepared for invasion of Transylvania.

Germans renewed activities along the Vistula.

Pope obtained release of French Catholic missionaries held in Syria. Missionary food ship sent by state of Kansas sailed.

Germany agreed not to hinder sending of food to Belgians by America.

Russians crushed Turks at Ardahan and Sarikamyan.

Jan. 6, 1915.

French made further progress at St. Mihiel.

Germans bombarded Furnes and compelled Belgians to move headquarters.

New Russian army prepared to combat Germans at Mlawa.

Germans and Austrians checked Russian advance against Cracow.

Turkish cruiser Goeben damaged by mines.

Jan. 7, 1915.

French made progress in direction of Aitkirch.

Germans in the east hampered by mud.

Turks occupied Urumiah.

Report made by French commission charging Germans with habitual "pillaging, outrage, burning and murder."

United States refused to investigate Germany's charge that British used dum dum bullets.

French government sent thanks for work of Lafayette fund.

President Poincaré of France signed decree prohibiting sale and transportation of absinthe and similar liquors.

Jan. 8, 1915.

Allies gained north of Soissons, near Reims and in Alsace.

Germans attacked Russian lines near Bollmow, their riflemen using steel shields.

Cardinal Mercier of Belgium placed under restraint by Germans because of pastoral.

Germany accused republic of San Marino of encouraging espionage by its wireless station.

WILL BE BIGGER AND BETTER AT HARGRAVES

During 1916, we expect to carry the Largest Stock of Dry Goods ever in Sterling City. Our \$2,000 stock of Shoes will be more than doubled within the next few days, so that the most exacting customer may be pleased.

Within the next few days we expect to be in St. Louis buying a big line Dress Goods, Millinery, Ladies' Ready-to-wear, Men's and Boys' Suits, Hats, Shoes, and everything

else that goes in a big, first-class dry goods Store.

About the 15th of February this big stock will be complete and on sale, and then will be your

time to visit us, inspect our goods and get our prices. If we can't compete with legitimate tradesmen in prices and quality you ought not buy from us.

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ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

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

It would now be in order to send a peace party to Europe to patch up peace between the members of the Ford peace party.

You missed your paper last week, did you? No, no, it wasn't a month; it was only a week you did without it. It may have seemed a month, but it was only a week—just a week in which we took a lay-off to do some much needed work. However, if you fail to get your News-Record regularly from now on, just blame the devil or postmaster, or both of them with it, and in the meantime we will supply you with another copy.

The News-Record family is camped in an old shack and living in close proximity to nature. The old home which has sheltered this family for the past 23 years is being wrecked and cleared away with a view to building a new one. If our subscribers wish to fill us so full of gratitude that we could hug a wooden Indian, they can do so by sending in a check for what they might be due us. We sure do need it now.

If the price of gasoline keeps moving up, as it has done for the past few months, big business is going to get the alcohol scare again. There is enough waste each year on the farms of Texas each year to make alcohol enough to run all the automobiles in America. Alcohol can be made of most any old thing from a sorghum stalk to a potato. The time may yet come when alcohol will be king instead of gasoline, and when it does, some of the money which goes to make millionaires will go into the pockets of the farmer.

The late lamented James Stephen Hogg possessed a great heart. After doing all the good he could while living, it was his will that his decaying body might still nourish a blessing to humanity. Just before he died, he said: "I want no monu-

ment of stone, but let my children plant a pecan tree at the head of my grave and a walnut tree at the foot of my grave; and when these shall come into bearing, let the nuts be given to the plain people to plant, that Texas may become a land of trees." It is said that the pecan planted at the head of his grave came into bearing at two years old, and has since been bearing each year.

CONSEQUENCES OF PREPARADNESS

A few days ago, in Oklahoma, a couple of hard-working and enterprising gents held up a banker with their pistols, tied his hands and backed him into a vault, and then untied him and forced him to give them \$4000 in cash. They then closed the door on him—so they thought—shouldered the money and went their way.

When the door was being closed, the banker put his foot in such a way that it was not fastened; and as soon as the men cleared out, he picked up a "pump" gun loaded with six buckshot cartridges, followed his late customers and proceeded to fill their hides full of buckshot. When subsequent events proved to be of no further interest to the foraging party, the banker picked up the bag of "filthy lucre" which he had been forced to hand over, and went back to his place of business.

Now, see what preparedness has done for one of Oklahoma's chief industries! If that fool banker had not placed that loaded shotgun where he could get his hands on it when he felt called on to shoot somebody, those two industrious gents would not have suffered from lead poisoning, and they would no doubt be \$4000 to the good.

How in the Sam Hill can the bank robbers of Oklahoma make a living as long as the law allows bankers to keep loaded shotguns around the banks with which to shoot the poor fellows on such occasions? Mr. Brven ought to go down there and put a stop to it.

Dyestuffs

You will scarcely meet one of those who remember the scenes of the Civil War who does not recall the words of a popular song of those stirring days:

"Hurrah! Hurrah, for the Sunny South so dear; Three cheers for the homespun

dress our Southern ladies wear"

The dyestuff famine of which we read so much now-a-days, recalls what happened along that line during the Civil War. In a short time after hostilities began, such things as commercial dyes became unknown, and the people were forced to look to the vegetable and mineral kingdom for coloring matter for their homespun fabrics—and they found them, too, in abundance.

This writer was a young man then and bravely bore his cornstalk musket in defense of his mother's back yard against the invading geese which were forever menacing the peace of the premises. When we were not giving battle to the geese, we were engaged in turning a spinning wheel and making thread at the rate of six "cuts" a day, for mother made all the cloth which the family wore from the raw wool and cotton. (Wonder how many of our readers know what a "cut" of thread is?)

People in those days had tastes for fancy colors as they do now, but instead of going to the store for them, they went into the woods for them, and many are the happy times we have spent on these expeditions in quest of dyestuffs.

If mother wanted brown, she sent us to dig walnut roots; if purple, it was oak bark—blackjack preferred; green, it was hickory or pecan bark; orange, bois d'arc chips; black, mesquite roots; if turkey red, it was "niggerhead," a yellow flower which grew on hillsides; if indigo, we went into the garden, cut the plant, bruised it, churned it in a tub and saved the "mud" that settled in the bottom and dried it. In fact there was not a color in the prism which mother did not know how to use in the adornment of the "homespun dress" which our Southern ladies wore. Aside from the colors she took from the vegetable kingdom, mother commandeered the clays, "keels" and oxides which lie about us in abundance, to make a color which she might fancy; and when she was done with a web of cloth, it was absolutely fadeless.

A half century of peace and plenty has made the younger generation forget these things. A half century of dependency upon the thrifty German for dyestuffs has made us feel our helplessness when he can no longer furnish our needs; but let it not be forgotten that there is enough dyestuffs in the hills, valleys and plains of Texas to color the whole face of the earth until it would rival Joseph's coat.

Let those in the dye department of the factories of the North and

East come to Texas and learn from these old ladies how rich this country is in that which the war in Europe has made scarce. Let them show to those people on the other side of the big waters that we can get along comfortably without their assistance.

RUNNING FOR COUNTY JUDGE

"Uncle Bill: "I will be a candidate for County Judge of our County at the next Primary election. Sincerely, "Jeff D. Ayres"

Died

After an illness of several days, D. E. Cannon died last Tuesday morning, at 5:23 o'clock, at the home of his son, J. E. Cannon, and was buried the following afternoon at the Mountvale Cemetery.

D. E. Cannon was born in Tennessee 84 years ago the 15th of last August. He served as a Methodist minister of the gospel for 50 years.

At the age of twenty-one, he married Miss Narcissus Cunningham who survives him. To this union were born five children, all of whom survive the deceased, and are as follows: G. I. Cannon, of Voss; J. E. Cannon, of Sterling City; Mesdames E. A. Davis, of Winters; Maggie Ganaway, of Hamlin; and G. A. Stockton, of Sterling City.

Deceased came to Texas in 1890, and settled at Florence, Williamson county. From there he moved to Scurry county, and from there to this place.

He was a man of most lovable disposition and christian character. "In all my life, I can not recall one harsh word he ever spoke to me," said his son, J. E., in relating the facts we have written.

"With honors blushing thick upon him," and at the end of a long and useful life, the old man has gone to that reward which all good men hope to go when they are done with the things of this earth, leaving loved ones to weep for him; but, at the same time, rejoice that no one's sorrow ever came by a single act of his.

Prairie Dogs To Go

At a joint meeting of the Commissioners' Court and a number of representative citizens, last Saturday, it was decided to kill the prairie dogs in this county.

As before stated, the state and county will furnish the poison free of cost, and each land owner is expected to go to work and kill out his prairie dogs with it.

If any land owner refuses or fails to kill the dogs on his land, the sheriff is expected to administer to his estate by having the work done and taking a lien on his land for the pay. Of course, there will be none of this, for our people will go to work just like they did when they killed the ticks, for they know that it means more grass, and more grass means more money.

Students Make Good

Out of eighteen applicants who stood the entrance examination at Simmons College at the beginning of the present session, only five passed, and three of those were Sterling City high school girls, they being all the entrants from this place.

This is only another one of the many instances which go to show that the work done in our high school is thorough, and that Sterling boys and girls always make good.

WHERE OUR TEACHERS SPENT THE HOLIDAYS

Prof. Collins, Supt., remained here; Prof. Carson, Prin., at his home in Barstow; Miss Roberts, of the high school, with her parents here; Miss Janie Kellert, 6th and 7th grades, with her parents at Coleman; Miss Pearl McCormick, 4th and 5th grades with relatives at Denton; Miss Gess 2nd and 3rd grades, with friends here; Miss Winnie Davis, primary, with her parents here; Miss Brannan Sterling Creek, at her home in Eldorado; Miss Anita Longshore, Iolanthe, with her parents at the ranch; Miss Emma Head, China Valley, with her parents here; Miss Rosa Pearce, Divide, with her brother at Bronte; Miss Lula Atkinson, Lacy, with her parents at Knickerbocker; Miss Mary Nelson, Morrow, with her parents here.

Among the students who spent holidays here were: Miss Gladie McKnight, Horn school of music, at Dallas; Misses Ora Churchill, Mae Sullivan, Bessie Potts and Linnie Mae Garrett, Simmons College, Abilene; Miss Serenna Black and Hal Knight, Daniel Baker College, of Brownwood; Miss Bernice Crawford, Trinity University, Waxahatchie; and Miss Bonita Allard, a student in the schools at Joshua. All have returned to their respective institutions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce the following candidates subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held July 24, 1916:

- FOR COUNTY JUDGE: Jeff D. Ayres
- FOR SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR: R. F. Roberts, R. M. Mathis
- FOR COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK: D. C. Durham

POSTED

All persons are hereby forbidden to hunt, fish, gather pecans, haul wood, drive stock or otherwise trespass upon any lands owned or controlled by us. 1-815. W. R. McEntire & Son

ATTENTION, LADIES.

On Thursday afternoon of each week, special attention will be given to ladies' work at my barbershop in the First State Bank building. Try us for a massage or shampoo.—R. M. Mathis

POSTED

Anyone found hunting—most especially hunting—fishing, gathering pecans, hauling wood, or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted. You'd better keep out. 10-17-13pd W. J. Mann

1916 Maxwell For Only \$695

A good car at a moderate price. The new, up-to-now, five-passenger Maxwell car can be delivered to you at Sterling City, for \$695. All the conveniences of a high priced car is embodied in the Maxwell. Electric starter and lights, high tension magnet, built-in windshield, left side steering, mohair one-man top, extra tire and rim, a powerful 4-cylinder motor, simple lubricating system, and every other thing that goes into the make-up of a first-class car; besides, the cost of repairs are cheaper than most any other car. For particulars, see Ed. L. Gilmore, local agent, Sterling City.

FOR SALE:—262 acres of land, within 3 blocks of the public square, river front, about 12 acres in cultivation; 20 lots in two plats, good 6-room house, two wells, cistern, barn and outhouses. Price, \$5000, half cash. Apply to W. A. Jackson, Sterling City.

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Physician & Surgeon
OFFICE OVER COBLESON'S DRUGSTORE
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Regular trips to Sterling City.

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SOLICITS YOUR TRADE. EVERYTHING UP-TO-DATE. CLEANLINESS IS OUR MOTTO.
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DEALERS IN AUTOMOBILES AND ACCESSORIES
Repair work a specialty
Oils and Gasolines
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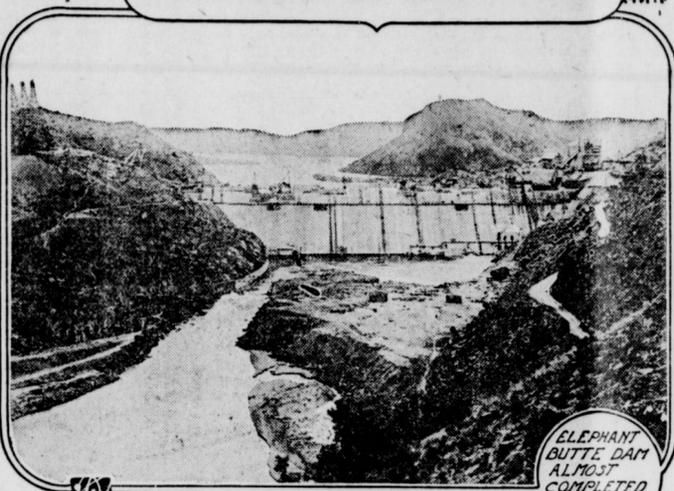
WE WANT TO SELL—Our property in San Angelo, or trade it for property in or near Sterling City.—S. Kellogg, Sterling City.

NO FISHING—Anyone found fishing or otherwise trespassing on any lands controlled by me will be prosecuted.—D. M. Brown.

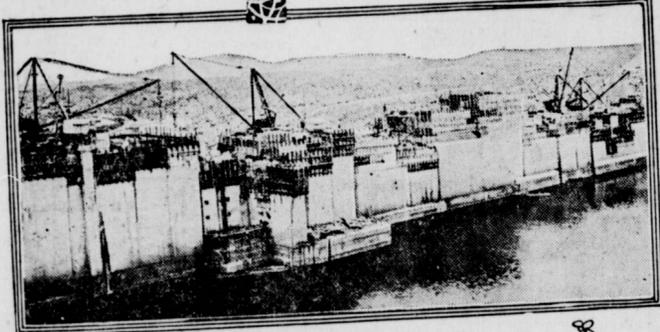
GREAT RECLAMATION PROJECT

In the valley of the Rio Grande river, on the border between the United States and Mexico, engineers of the United States have almost finished the greatest reclamation project ever attempted. At a cost of \$10,000,000 the Elephant Butte dam in New Mexico, which will turn 180 square miles of almost worthless desert into fertile farms, has been constructed. For three months from the time the water was turned into the reservoir, the entire flow of the Rio Grande will be required to fill it. This artificial reservoir, the entire flow of the Rio Grande will be required to fill it. This artificial reservoir, the entire flow of the Rio Grande will be required to fill it.

U.S. GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS HAVE JUST FINISHED DAM THAT WILL TURN 180 SQUARE MILES OF DESERT INTO FERTILE FARMS IN SOUTHWEST.



ELEPHANT BUTTE DAM ALMOST COMPLETED



SHOWING THE IMMENSITY OF THE WORK

work on the dam was started in the spring of 1911, and more than one thousand workmen have been employed on the construction ever since that time. When the project is finally completed 110,000 acres of land in New Mexico, 45,000 in Texas and 25,000 acres in old Mexico will be irrigated. Five hundred and fifty thousand cubic yards of solid masonry will have been in place. This masonry forms a mass, which, placed on a tract of land of the dimensions of an ordinary city block, would cover the tract to a height equal to that of a 13 story building. A masonry has been placed at the rate of 100 cubic yards daily.

The gates of the dam have been "put in" and the water in the reservoir stands at 37 feet above the old river bed. When it is filled it will have an average depth of approximately 10 feet. The Elephant Butte dam project far surpasses in magnitude the Assuan dam on the Nile in Egypt, which has in the past been regarded as the climax of possibilities in irrigation. As a matter of actual figures, the Nile dam holds only as much water as will be contained back of the Elephant Butte dam. The dam itself is 1,200 feet long and will be 394 feet high at the highest point. A permanent roadway 18 feet high is being constructed on top. The dam gradually widens to base, forming a cone. The foundation, against the raging torrents of the streams of the Rio Grande, will be built in concrete without the aid of steel.

The construction of the reservoir it was necessary to wipe out three small towns, and although the population was not large, the property values, which were made good by the government, represented in the aggregate a considerable sum. Another town sprang up in the valley. A railroad 15 miles long was built to haul material to the place where the dam was erected. In fact, the preliminary work was a small part of the undertaking. Plants for the manufacture of cement, buildings for the storage of the material, a store, power station, transmission lines and a great embankment at a point in the northwest of the dam proper had to be provided.

Construction of main flumes, cofferdams, excavations in the river bed and the building of roads among the preliminary tasks presented to the engineers. The cost, with the exception of \$100,000, will eventually be paid back into the reclamation fund by land owners who will benefit by the dam, and will again be used by the government for reclamation work in some other section of the country.

The \$10,000,000 was appropriated outright and is being used for that portion of the work which will benefit farmers in old Mexico. The appropriation was made to furnish this water in settlement of several million dollars in claims which the Mexican government had presented to the United States for damages to land on the Mexican side, as a result of the water from the river being used in small irrigation projects on the Mexican side, thus robbing Mexican farmers of water which naturally would have gone to them.

Something of what is to be expected as a result of the work is demonstrated by the small area that have been irrigated by private irrigation systems. The great dam will connect two of the largest rivers in the world, the Rio Grande and the Rio Colorado. One of these, the Rio Colorado, waters 25,000 acres in what is known as the rich Mesilla valley. It has been wonderfully productive. Farmers in this section have averaged a profit of \$500 an acre from truck in a single year. At other points along the Rio Grande, in both Texas and New Mexico, small dams have brought tracts of land under irrigation and made possible the raising of bounteous crops.

The same fertility will be found on the 155,000 acres around the new dam in New Mexico and Texas. Great valleys which have hitherto produced only during the infrequent years that nature was kind enough to send more than the average rainfall, will be reached by the water from the irrigation canals and large yields will be assured.

The statement that the reservoir will hold the years' flow of the Rio Grande river shows the greatness of the project. The Rio Grande is one of the longest rivers in the United States. It flows far up in Colorado and is fed by rivers and streams extending much farther to the north. It flows through a portion of Colorado, across New Mexico and forms the border between Texas and Mexico, finally reaching the Gulf.

Jersey thrown in, but with a population of only about 500,000. So many generations ago that no records are left, a mighty civilization is said to have flourished in this territory. When Coronado sailed up the Rio Grande, Indians were leading the waters of the river over their fields and blossoming gardens. But with the coming of civilization, led by the Spaniards, who sought only gold, the ancient irrigation system was abandoned, and for many generations this land which will now be made fertile was left idle.

When New Mexico became a part of the United States fully one-third of its area was included in Mexican and Spanish land grants, which for years afterward were unclaimed and therefore paid no taxes, and were not available to settlers. The Indians and their Mexican neighbors had been irrigating their few crops through ditches constructed hundreds of years before. Little more than a quarter of a century ago, with the arrival of a railroad, new settlers began to inhabit the section and modern irrigation systems were first thought of. The ditches these farmers made soon decreased the water supply in the Rio Grande, so that further development was impossible unless storage water was provided. This resulted in many of the old ditches being abandoned and thousands of acres were left to parch till the coming of Uncle Sam with his engineers, whose work will turn the arid desert into fertile fields, which will again be green with crops, as they were centuries ago, before the white man invaded the territory.

A Military Surgeon's Experience in Berlin

By PROF. CARL LUDWIG SCHLEICH.

They who return from the field of battle are changed men, with a peculiar expression of the face which has become characteristic of those who are fighting for their country. Though there is a uniformity of desire to serve the fatherland further after as speedily a recovery as may be possible, on the features of all these members of the giant organism lies the stamp of the horrors of war which they have witnessed, and this expression is in direct relation to the culture of the individual.

Notwithstanding their iron purpose to return when their injuries shall have healed, these fighters are all, psychologically speaking, not quite intact. A tragic look in the deep-set eyes, an almost stony rigidity of face are characteristic, especially of the officers who come under observation. It seems as if all the horrors of conflict had impressed themselves upon the vision and had given an expression first of astonishment at the enormities of destruction witnessed. Then gradually as the eyes became weary and accustomed to the sights of slaughter they mirrored the full picture of the horrible.

This condition is followed by one of unceasing calm and fixity of expression, which, viselike, retains its demonic hold upon the face, causing the eyes to sink deeper into the head, to become dimmed and the lower lid marked with the shadow and weariness within. The eyes lie deep in their bony sockets as in those suffering from insomnia or those who have been deeply touched by life's miseries. This expression of the face we find even where the individual returns to his home uninjured.

Under solicitous care the rigidity and look of distress disappear in the course of a few weeks, but on their arrival from the field these men are all slightly changed—as though they had learned to shudder and no longer knew the unrestrained joyous laughter. They have seen the Gorgon's head. This changed expression of the face, this deadly serious look, this aging of the features in a short period of time is well known to relatives and friends. It is the expression of a condition which the technical physician characterizes as chronic shock of the sympathetic system, expressed particularly in the arteries.

which makes life seem unattractive and gray, and the future veiled in leaden mists and without hope, while all the time the recent past is lived over in the mind and seems like an unreal, not quite tangible dream. Insomnia is the worst of the psychic disturbances that follow in the wake of the heart condition, and it may assume a severe form which cannot be alleviated by the known remedies. These half-sick people lie awake at night racked by their memories, staring with open eyes into the dark. They will hear the rattle and shriek of artillery, the crash of the machine guns and an echo of imminent danger; these memories will seem to them as the flight of the iron birds of destiny.

We have no sharply defined psychosis of war with constantly characteristic symptoms. The occasion of war may serve to develop the latent predispositions of mental derangement, and in this a habitual misuse of alcohol may play a considerable role, but true psychic disturbances, as such, have their roots further back. In other words, it is the faint indication of psychic abnormality which is brought to rapid development through war, but war in itself does not develop a symptom complex of its own or a true psychosis.

Some unusual instances of hysteria have come under observation, patients in whom functional derangements were effected by purely psychic means. One is the case of a corporal of an excitable, wild and unrestrained disposition. He came to the hospital shot through both shoulders and with profuse inflammation of the shoulder joints. After four months he was almost restored to health and was amusing himself by playing upon his mouth harmonica, the childish and individual musical instrument of the army. Opposite to him in the hospital lay a soldier suffering from the effects of a shot through the head, with stupor and violent convulsions. The indications for a cranial operation were being discussed, and the remark was made, "It may be a case of tetanus."

It proved not to be tetanus and the spasms were relieved by the removal of a bone splinter, which resulted in progressive recovery. But his neighbor, the corporal with healed shot wounds in the arms, after three days developed typical symptoms of tetanus, without fever. The manifestations continued for several weeks and disappeared finally under suggestion, on the emphatic assurance that no tetanus was present. —New York Sun.

FRANCE AT WAR IN TUNIS.

A small war which France is carrying on, but of which little is heard, is being waged in Tunis. The conflict consists chiefly of engagements with vast robber bands crossing the frontier from Tripoli, which besides plundering the country, cut the telegraph wires and attack provision convoys to the French posts. Important fighting of this kind took place in the Dehbat region from September 25 to October 9, during which time the French garrison of 200 men kept a large number of robbers at bay until relief arrived.

THE WORLD OVER

America's 1915 cranberry crop is estimated at 4,300,000 barrels. British Columbia's annual mineral output is valued at \$30,000,000. Two English physicians are experimenting with a parasite with which they hope to exterminate the flies of their country within a few years. Poor fruit crops are reported by Scotland, where the weather during the last three months has been very rainy, with frequent thunderstorms. A French scientist successfully con-

BILIOUS, HEADACHY, SICK "CASCARETS"

Gently cleanse your liver and sluggish bowels while you sleep.

Get a 10-cent box. Sick headache, biliousness, dizziness, coated tongue, foul taste and foul breath—always trace them to torpid liver; delayed, fermenting food in the bowels or sour, gassy stomach. Poisonous matter clogged in the intestines, instead of being cast out of the system is re-absorbed into the blood. When this poison reaches the delicate brain tissue it causes congestion and that dull, throbbing, sickening headache.

Cascarets immediately cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will surely straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist means your liver clear, stomach sweet and your liver and bowels regular for months. Adv.

McPhee's Reinvestment. An Irishman named McPhee lived in a shanty that stood in a field near a main highway out of Kansas City. The foundations of the shanty were lower than the road, through which ran a big water main. As the living floor of the place was raised on posts to make it level with the highway, it left a large cellar underneath, where McPhee kept a dozen hens.

One day the water main burst, flooded the cellar and drowned the hens. Thereupon McPhee entered a claim for damages against the city. After much delay, influential friends succeeded in getting thirty dollars in settlement of his claim.

"I've got me money!" shouted the old man to his next door neighbor. "Glad to hear that," was the reply. "And how much was it, McPhee?" "Thirty dollars."

"And what are ye goin' to do with the money?" "I'm goin' to buy thirty dollars' worth of ducks," said McPhee.—Youth's Companion.

Surely Did His Best. A philanthropic man visited a penal institution and was permitted to say a few encouraging words to one of the prisoners.

"I am afraid my poor man," said the philanthropist "that you didn't make the fight that you should have made to save yourself."

"Oh, yes, I did," was the quick rejoinder of the prisoner. "I did my level best."

"I am afraid not," retorted the philanthropist sighfully. "Had you struggled just a little harder you might have been a free man today."

"I couldn't have done any more, mister," persisted the prisoner, sadly shaking his head. "It took seven cops to take me to the station house as it was."

Crushing. It was the morning after a visit from the Zeppes, and a certain street "somewhere in London" was sprinkled with broken glass.

There was the usual crowd of spectators, among whom was a timid-looking man in spectacles, who at last ventured to speak to the constable on duty.

"Is this the result of the air raid?" he asked nervously.

The policeman looked pityingly down at him as he replied: "Well, now, and d'ye think a stone done it?"—Answers.

In Japan the son always follows the trade of his father.

Ill will is never easy.

TAKE SALTS TO FLUSH KIDNEYS IF BACK HURTS

Says Too Much Meat Forms Uric Acid Which Clogs the Kidneys and Irritates the Bladder.

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is harmless to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is harmless; inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean, thus avoiding serious complications.

A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.—Adv.

MINES BY NO MEANS STUFFY

Underground Visitor Is Conscious of a Sweep of Air Against Him at All Times.

To the layman the thought of the miner in the "stuffy" mine is rather an uncomfortable one. As a matter of fact, the miner breathes more pure air during working hours than the operatives in most mills and factories. Necessity and state law alike require that every tunnel shall be paralleled with an air shaft—"monkey" it is called in the parlance of the mines. The law requires the companies to pump into the mines 200 cubic feet of air a minute for every man and 500 cubic feet for every mule. In the farthest reaches of these underground tunnels the visitor is conscious of a sweep of air against him at all times.

The temperature in the mines necessarily varies with that of the surface, for the immense shafts take the air from the outside and force it down in a continuous stream. Naturally all chambers are run through solid coal wherever possible, and the parallel air shafts, which are about six feet high, contribute their share in many cases to the output of the mine. Of course, to be effective, the air must be given complete circulation, and the continual rush of pure air from the outside has its use also in minimizing gas explosions and removing dangerous gases rapidly.

Country's Salt Consumption.

The consumption of salt in the United States amounts to almost 100 pounds per capita, a huge proportion of the whole going into various manufacturing processes. Discovery of tremendous new fields has served to keep the price consistently falling.

Rotation of the Earth.

The earliest writer, so far as we know, to conceive of the idea of a rotating earth was Philolaus, a Greek, who lived in the fifth century before Christ. The same man, on purely philosophical principles, also hit upon the idea of the sun as the center of our system—an idea that had to wait 2,000 years for confirmation, until Copernicus came in 1540.

South American Hobo.

Santiago, capital of Chile, is the home of the roto Chileno, or broken Chilean, most picturesque and unique of hoboes, says the New York Independent. The name is a byword in South America, and as far as that continent is concerned he is a unique type. We find rich people everywhere, and poor people everywhere, but no other South American country but Chile do we find this good-natured, serviceable, deceitful, ragged, drunken, criminal species of tramp. He earns a livelihood by begging, doing odd jobs and thieving; the last is his mainstay; in his hands stealing has become a fine art. The Chileans have a saying that he will steal your socks without touching your boots. A long, jointed wire with a hook at the end is his favorite tool. If a window on the street is left unguarded, he will, with this simple contrivance, successfully remove from the interior everything but the heavy furniture.

Starlings Become a Nuisance.

Starlings in Tasmania appear to be greatly on the increase, and are doing considerable damage to garden and field crops. In a letter from a correspondent it is stated that immense flocks of starlings frequent the fields in the River Don district, and do a good deal of damage, eating fruit and pulling up young corn, etc. They are now regarded, the writer says, as "little pests, and we would not be at all sorry to see the last of them." The same writer says cattle are getting very scarce, there being a high death rate among them on the mainland on account of the long drought.

The Force of It.

"Don't you mean to put up a kick about this matter?" "With all my sole!"

Some men who are too slow to do the courting are married by strenuous widows.

"I Feel Like A Real Day's Work"

Most men do who have good digestion, steady nerves and a clear brain. Right living—particularly right eating—makes for energy and ambition.

The sound nourishment that gives "punch" to wade right into work, is richly supplied by the field grains. But some grain foods are lacking in certain mineral elements which are all-important for physical and mental vigor.

Grape-Nuts

FOOD

—made of selected whole wheat and malted barley, furnishes one all the nutriment of the grain, including their vital mineral salts—phosphate of potash, etc.—necessary for the balanced rebuilding of body, brain and nerves.

Grape-Nuts is easily digested; has a delicious nut-like flavour; is ready to eat direct from package; and with cream or good milk is a splendidly balanced food.

"There's a Reason" for GRAPE-NUTS

Sold by Grocers everywhere.

GATHERED INFORMATION

An artificial coffee has been invented in Japan which is said to have the right flavor and a large percentage of caffeine.

A woman is the patentee of appliances with which fruit and vegetables can be canned in jars in ordinary wash tubs.

The discovery of a gas having the same relation to hydrogen that ozone has to oxygen is claimed by an English scientist.

Corrections made recently in many

"HELP WANTED"

When the APPETITE IS POOR DIGESTION BAD LIVER LAZY BOWELS CLOGGED

YOU SHOULD TRY HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS IT STRENGTHENS AND INVIGORATES THE ENTIRE SYSTEM

PATENTS

My boy, said the elderly millionaire, at the end of a lecture on economy, when I was your age I carried water for a gang of section hands.

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Rub pain away with a small trial bottle of old "St. Jacobs Oil."

Rheumatism is "pain only." Not one case in fifty requires internal treatment. Stop dragging! Rub soothing, penetrating "St. Jacobs Oil" directly upon the "tender spot" and relief comes instantly.

Wont Listen to Advice. "The only objection I have to Dods-worth is his self-complacency. Why, he acts as if he simply couldn't be improved upon."

T. P.'S HARD RAP AT NEWPORT

Considerable Meaning in Remark Irish Statesman Made to Associated Press Reporter.

T. P. O'Connor, who, after 20 years' representation of a Liverpool constituency in the British house of commons and the editorship of countless publications, is still one of the most versatile talkers and writers in public life, does not venture to prepare any addresses in advance.

LACK OF MONEY Was a Goad in This Case.

It is not always that a lack of money is a benefit. A lady in Ark. owes her health to the fact that she could not pay in advance the fee demanded by a specialist to treat her for stomach trouble.

Postum Cereal—the original form—must be well boiled, 15c and 25c packages. Instant Postum—a soluble powder—dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water, and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. 30c and 50c tins.

Both kinds are equally delicious and cost about the same per cup. "There's a Reason" for Postum.—sold by Grocers.



THE SANDMAN STORY

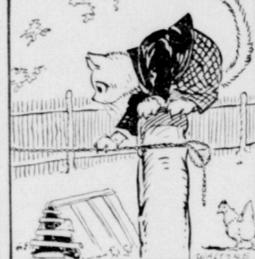
By Mrs. F.A. WALKER

SNOWBALL PERFORMS.

One day, while Snowball was in the city, he saw a sign which read: "See Prof. Anastasius Papadopoulos' trained cats."

"Trained cats?" said Snowball. "I wonder what they can do? I'll go in and see." When his master had gone to lunch that day Snowball went to the theater. There were cats big and little. One walked a tight rope, another very handsome cat waltzed to the music of the orchestra and one cat wheeled a kitten in a cart.

The thing that pleased Snowball the most was the cat that walked across the stage on its front paws while its hind feet were raised in the air and steadied by a little stick which the professor held.



Cautiously Put One Paw on the Line.

went to the barn. He walked on his hind legs and found that he could waltz very well, or he felt sure he could if he had the music, but to walk on his front feet with his hind legs held up high was a very difficult thing to do, he found. He could stand on his front feet with his hind feet against the side of the barn, but when he tried to walk he could not balance himself.

T. P. O'Connor, who, after 20 years' representation of a Liverpool constituency in the British house of commons and the editorship of countless publications, is still one of the most versatile talkers and writers in public life, does not venture to prepare any addresses in advance.

LACK OF MONEY Was a Goad in This Case.

It is not always that a lack of money is a benefit. A lady in Ark. owes her health to the fact that she could not pay in advance the fee demanded by a specialist to treat her for stomach trouble.

Postum Cereal—the original form—must be well boiled, 15c and 25c packages. Instant Postum—a soluble powder—dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water, and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. 30c and 50c tins.

Both kinds are equally delicious and cost about the same per cup. "There's a Reason" for Postum.—sold by Grocers.

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the stick and it was stuck fast to his fur. They had crippled him that they might be in front of the curtain alone to receive the applause and congratulations of the audience.

Poor Snowball! He licked and licked at the stick, but by the time he had moved the sticky hobbie the cats and kittens had gone.

Snowball went into the house and stretched himself behind the kitchen stove to think over his unjust treatment, and how he could punish Puff and Kit for the trick they had played on him.

DECORATING A GIRL'S ROOM

Furnishings Should Be Kept Simple and of Such Material That They May Be Easily Cleaned.

The decorations and furnishings in a girl's room should be kept simple. The curtains, hangings, dresser scarfs and pin-cushions, even the toilet articles, should all be of such material that they may be cleaned easily.

The United States last year imported 27,562,361 pounds of black and white pepper, valued at \$2,352,665.

BOYS DEMAND GOOD STORIES

Give Youth Plenty of Books, Let Him Read and Browse and Have His Fill of Adventure.

To say that boys do not demand adventure stories and that they shouldn't have this demand supplied would be ridiculous, Walter Pritchard Eaton writes in the Woman's Home Companion.

HOW TO MAKE A RABBIT TRAP Illustrations Given of Three Contrivances That Will Interest Boys During Winter.

L. W. Frank of Pleasanton, Kan., sends the description of three rabbit traps to Farmers Mail and Breeze, that boys will be anxious to try this winter.

Trap a Buried Barrel.

He says that rabbits like to run through hollow logs, and the first trap shown is built on this plan. Bury a barrel in the ground so the top of it will come just level with the top of the ground.

A Sliding Door.

will tilt with the slightest weight. The rabbit runs into the box, steps on the door and slides down into the barrel. The door swings back into place and the trap is ready for another rabbit.

Bait is Necessary.

through curiosity or for food, Mr. Rabbit unhook the spiggle and the door slides down. The third trap is something like the second one, but not so good, as mice can spring it and bait is necessary. Bait can also be used on No. 2 but the rabbit can be caught without it, because, in crowding past the spiggle, the rabbit unhook it and lets the door fall.

Not a Joshua. Charley and Nancy had quarreled. After their supper mother tried to establish friendly relations. She told them of the Bible verse, "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

Everyone Should Drink Hot Water in the Morning

Wash away all the stomach, liver, and bowel poisons before breakfast.

To feel your best day in and day out, to feel clean inside; no sour bile to coat your tongue and sicken your breath or dull your head; no constipation, bilious attacks, sick headache, colds, rheumatism or gassy, acid stomach, you must bathe on the inside like you bathe outside.

To keep these poisons and toxins well flushed from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels, drink before breakfast each day, a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This will cleanse, purify and freshen the entire alimentary tract, before putting more food into the stomach.

To feel like young folks feel; like you felt before your blood, nerves and muscles became saturated with an accumulation of body poisons, begin this treatment and above all, keep it up!

SYRUP OF FIGS FOR A CHILD'S BOWELS

It is cruel to force nauseating, harsh physic into a sick child.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "doses" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

FALLING HAIR MEANS DANDRUFF IS ACTIVE

Save Your Hair! Get a 25 Cent Bottle of Danderine Right Now—Also Stops Itching Scalp.

Thin, brittle, colorless and scraggy hair is mute evidence of a neglected scalp; of dandruff—that awful scurf. There is nothing so destructive to the hair as dandruff. It robs the hair of its luster, its strength and its very life; eventually producing a feverishness and itching of the scalp, which if not remedied causes the hair roots to shrink, loosen and die—then the hair falls out fast.

Sometimes Apply It Lightly. For cuts, burns, scalds, sores and open wounds always apply Hanford's Balsam Gently, but be sure that it covers and gets to the bottom of the wound. A few light applications are generally all that is needed to heal this class of difficulties. Adv.

Not Gray Hair but Tired Eyes. The czar of Russia has an income of \$40,000,000 a year.

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SANITARY MILK PLANT

Cleanliness Often Overlooked in Rush of Business.

During the rush of business the importance of cleanliness in the milk plant is often temporarily overlooked. As a reminder of points often neglected, a score card, such as is used by dairy inspectors in scoring city milk plants, should be posted where it can be easily seen by the employees.

Many of the items on the card are self-explanatory, but there are some details in milk-plant sanitation which are not given on any score card. If the floors, walls and ceiling are smooth and are made of sound and durable materials, they may be easily kept free from dirt and dust.

A separate room for handling the milk apart from all other operations is essential and all doors must be kept closed to exclude flies and impure air. It is better to provide pure air by means of a modern system of ventilation. Even when the air is pure, the



Tank for Storing Milk.

vats, pasteurizers, coolers, fillers and other apparatus should be covered to prevent all unnecessary contact with the air.

The milk must be kept cool after it is received at the plant, and not be allowed to stand long before bottling. If not used at once the cans should be put into a refrigerator or the milk stored in tanks made for this purpose.

Regulating Water Supply.

REDUCE COST OF BUTTERFAT

CLEAN WATER IS ESSENTIAL

Important Factor in Dairy Feeding is Often Overlooked—Keep Free From Foreign Matter.

An important factor in dairy feeding is the supply of water. In the summer with plenty of grass and green forage, and in the winter with roots and silage, the consumption of water is relatively less than when the cows are on dry feed, but cows must always have plenty of pure, fresh water if they are to produce pure milk.

Plant Trees. There is nothing better on the farm lawn than native trees. They thrive admirably, and in every community there are those well worth attention.

Lamb Feeding. The successful feeding of lambs depends largely on their being offered a great variety of foods while in the yards.

Silage as Winter Ration.

Investigations at the Missouri experiment station show conclusively that cattle can be wintered economically on a ration composed largely of silage, according to F. H. Mumford, dean of the college of agriculture, University of Missouri.

In one experiment a ration of corn silage and clover hay with out grain fed to yearling cattle for 150 days resulted in a gain of 200 pounds for the feeding period of 150 days, at a total cost of \$11.60, or a cost of 5.5 cents a pound of gain, as compared with a total cost of \$15.75, and 7.5 cents a pound, when a similar lot of cattle was fed on six pounds of shelled corn per head per day and clover hay.

These results have been confirmed in other experiments, which all point to the conclusion that when silage constitutes the major portion of the ration fed to wintering stock the cost of wintering is much reduced.

NO CURE FOR ALFALFA WILT

Unlikely That Any Remedy for Disease Can Be Developed—Rotation of Crops is Advised.

For wilt, a common disease of the alfalfa plant in the West, there is no known remedy. According to experts of the Oregon experiment station it is unlikely that any practical remedy can be developed, owing to the nature of the disease. Where it becomes serious rotation of crops is advised. Wilt is most prevalent on heavy soils, particularly where drainage is slow.

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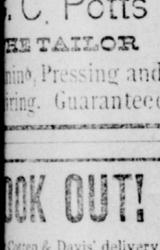
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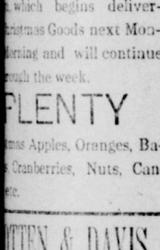
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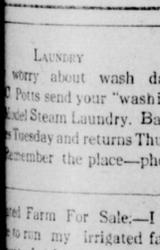
Respectfully,
Prof. and Mrs. S. Kellogg



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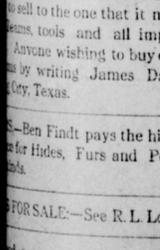


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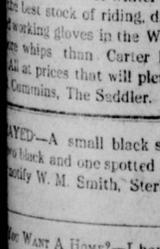
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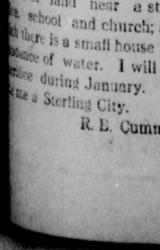
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LOCALS

Penant Lubricating Oils and Gasoline, the best on the market, sold and delivered by H. H. (Pete) Alford.

Miss Ileta Austin, a member of faculty of the Paint Rock schools, spent Christmas with her parents here.

Prof. Alvin Sparkman, of the Eldorado schools, spent his vacation with home folks here.

Misses Elli and Leora Pool returned to their respective schools at Spur and Jayton, this week, where they are employed as teachers.

Miss Pearl Colbaugh, a student in the high school at Coleman, spent the holidays here with her sister, Mrs. H. K. Dunn.

Verner Davis came in from Springdale, Ark., on Christmas night to spend a couple of weeks with home folks.

Z. E. Black, an old time Sterling boy, but now of Chicago, spent the holidays with his father, Rev. Malcolm Black. Zenas' many old friends were glad to see him again.

Miss Lottie Rawls left last week for Brownwood, where she will enter Howard Payne College.

Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Springer, of Carbon, are visiting their son, A. L. Springer.

Brown & Pearce, this week, sold Geo. H. McEntire a Ford roadster, and a touring car to Sam Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. U. Collins and daughters, of Abilene, were the guests of Prof. and Mrs. R. A. Collins during the holidays.

N. B. Fisk shipped out a car of cavalry horses, destined for some army in Europe, this week. These horses were shipped to Fort Worth, thence with others to Europe.

This town has been in the grip of a gripe for the past week. More than half of the population has been attacked.

Oklahoma Stock Yards National 8% money on your cattle.—A. R. Pool, Agent, Sterling City, Texas.

Brown & Pearce received a car load of Ford automobiles last Tuesday. This is the second car load they have received within the past thirty days.

Hugh Rawls of Mertzton spent Christmas with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Springer, of Brownwood, were the guests of relatives here during the holidays.

Prof. and Mrs. S. Kellogg spent Christmas with the Professor's son at Ballinger. On their return, they stopped over for a visit with friends at Miles.

Mrs. T. J. Kellis, of Mertzton, and the better half of the Mertzton Star family, spent the holidays with relatives here. It is surmised that her visit was cut short by an ad published in The Star by her "other half" during her absence, urging the public to "buy our eggs" and pay up subscription while she was away, as the "other half" needed money for celebrating purposes. Anyway, she went home soon after reading the ad of her "other half," and it is very likely that he is now trying to account for the eggs he swiped while the Missus was away.

The boys pulled out a goat roping and pony race on Christmas day. Harry Tweedle won from Ben Rawls in the roping, and Alsop horse won from John Hegwood's roan horse in the quarter race.

Mrs. E. B. Butler returned last Wednesday from a visit to relatives at Midway. She was met at San Angelo by Mr. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gamble.

Mr. and Mrs. McLain, of San Angelo, spent Christmas with W. T. Latham and family.

Miss Jessie Wood, of San Angelo, was the guest of Miss Bennie Belle Roberts last week.

James Suter, after an absence of a year in New Mexico and Colorado, came in last Saturday.

N. L. Douglas spent Christmas with his family at Austin.

Riley Welch and family spent the holidays with relatives at Goldthwaite.

Rude Mathis is visiting relatives at Lampasas.

Dr. W. E. Mcmordie, of Hamilton, was prospecting here last week.

We Thank You

For the most liberal patronage you have given us during the past year. Our business has prospered in 1915, and we have none but our customers to thank for it. The year 1916 finds us better prepared to supply your needs than ever before. We assure you that we can always supply your demands for anything in our line at competitive prices, and upon this basis we ask a liberal share of your trade. We wish you a prosperous year 1916

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Did you ever read Corelli's "Thelma"? Then you can't afford to miss hearing Jansen's story of "Thelma's Home" and "The Land of the midnight Sun." Beside these, he will give a number of recitations and humorous sketches in costume.

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It is Hammerless with Solid Steel Breech (inside as well as out)—Solid Top—Side Ejection—Matted Barrel (which costs \$1.00 extra on other guns)—Front Button Cartridge Release—10 removable loaded cartridges quickly from magazine without warping the magazine. Double Extraction—Valve-Down Feature—Trigger and Kinematic Safety. Handles rapidly; guaranteed in shooting ability; once standard Grade "A" 12-gauge gun, \$22.00; 16- or 20-gauge, \$24.00.

Send 2 stamps postage for big catalog describing all Marlin repeating shotguns (hammer and hammerless), all kinds of repeating rifles, etc. Do it now!

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If you shoot **Book**—10 pages of useful information for shooters. It tells all about powders, bullets, primers and reloading tools for all standard rifle, pistol and shotgun ammunition; how to measure powders accurately; shows you how to cut your ammunition expense in half and do more and better shooting. This book is free to any shooter who will send three stamps postage to The Marlin Firearms Co., 45 Willow St., New Haven, Conn.

C. N. Crawford attended the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Wool Growers Central Storage Company, at San Angelo, this week. He was re-elected to the board of directors of this institution.

Dr. W. B. Norris, Dentist of San Angelo, will be here all next week. Those needing dental work will do to see him, at Dr. Everitt's office.

Dr. R. W. Barton, of Temple, is at the Barton ranch, where he was called to attend Mrs. Joel Barton, who has been seriously ill, but is now much better.

At a visit of several weeks to relatives at Temple, Iusca and other points, Mrs. J. R. Lane returned home last week. Mr. Lane joined her at Temple and accompanied her on her return trip.

The "Littlest Rebel" at the Dixie last night was the best show ever put on the screen here. Those who failed to see it missed a rare treat.

The average cotton production of the world is 13 bales per 1,000 population, and the average for Texas is 1,000 bales per 1,000 population.

Texas has more cotton gins, compresses and cotton seed oil mills than any other state.

TEXAS FACTS

MANUFACTURING.

Texas has 5,000 factories.

There are 300 new factories built per year in Texas.

The capital investment in Texas manufacturing enterprises is \$210,876,000.

Texas factories employ 70,200 wage earners.

The annual production of the Texas factories is valued at \$272,596,000.

One and six-tenths per cent of the population of Texas is engaged in manufacturing.

Texas ranks seventh in factory output and first in opportunity for new enterprises compared with other states.

The annual per capita factory creation of Texas is \$25.00.

We have one manufacturing enterprise to every 830 people.

Fifty per cent of the factories of Texas are owned by individuals, 30 per cent by corporations and 20 per cent by firms.

There are 3,000 steam and 802 gas engines in Texas factories. We also have 3,454 electric, 1 water motor and 31 water wheels supplying power.

Less than 2 per cent of the factory wage earners of Texas are under 16 years of age.

To operate Texas factories one year requires a million tons of coal, two hundred thousand cords of wood, three and one-half million barrels of oil and a hundred million cubic feet of gas.

Only 3,882 women work in the Texas factories.

The prevailing hours of labor in Texas factories are 54 per week.

COTTON.

In hauling the Texas cotton crop to market the services of 400,000 teams and wagons are required, which form a procession 2,500 miles long.

One year's cotton crop of Texas will clothe 300,000,000 people.

In Texas there are 4,670 gins, 113 compresses, 228 oil mills and 15 cotton mills.

Dallas, Texas, is the largest cotton gin machinery manufacturing center in the world.

Cotton constitutes 47 per cent of the agricultural production of Texas.

Twenty-five per cent of the cotton seed oil mills of the United States are located in Texas.

The cotton seed crushing establishments of Texas represent a capital investment of \$21,506,000. They furnish employment to 4,000 persons.

One seed of Texas cotton will produce one stalk of about 20 bolls. There are 80 cotton seeds in one boll.

It takes 25 pounds of cotton seed to plant one acre.

It takes 1,650 pounds of seed cotton to make a bale of 500 pounds lint, and 1,150 pounds of cotton seed.

The seed from a bale of cotton will yield 17 gallons of oil, 3.00 pounds of meal, 300 pounds of hulls and 25 pounds of linters.

The compress reduces the size of the cotton bale one-half.

Three-fourths of the Texas cotton crop is sold in Europe.

Texas has 26 per cent of all the land in the world, which is at the present time considered capable of growing cotton.

From 1910 to 1914, the value of the Texas steer has increased \$11.20.

Fifteen per cent of the beef cattle of the United States are in Texas. We have more than twice as many as any other state.

Texas ranks fifth in number of milk cows and first in quality of milk, cream and butter produced.

The Texas milk cow on January 1st, 1914, was valued at \$45.60 by Uncle Sam, while five years ago she was worth only \$29.50.

There are 17,500 cowboys on the cattle ranches in Texas.

FOSTER-LYLES

At the Methodist parsonage on December 30th, Mr. Lester Foster was married to Miss Florence Lyles, Rev. J. D. McWhorter officiating.

The groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Foster. His steady, sober and industrious habits have won for him the friendship and esteem of all who know him.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Q. Lyles. Her lovable traits and splendid bearing have made friends of all whom she met, and we can truly say that no girl of Sterling was ever more truly loved and esteemed.

These youngsters have the best wishes of our whole force for happiness and success.

FULCHER-STOCKTON

On January 2nd, Aubrey Fulcher and Miss Ella Stockton were married. Rev. W. B. Everitt officiating.

The groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Fulcher, and is a well-to-do young stockman, who stands high among the people who know him for his many good qualities.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Stockton. Her graces and accomplishments have made her a lasting favorite among her host of friends.

We join the many friends of the happy couple in congratulations.

ASPHALT.

The annual petroleum production of Texas is 11,735,000 barrels, valued at \$8,853,000.

Crude and refined oils to the extent of 136,225,000 gallons, valued at \$6,500,000 are exported from Texas ports annually.

The first petroleum production in Texas was in 1889, when 48 barrels were produced in the Corsicana field.

Texas ranks second with other states in asphalt production.

Texas produces 60,000 tons of asphalt annually, valued at \$800,000.

CALOMEL IS MERCURY, IT SICKENS! STOP USING SALIVATING DRUG

Don't Lose a Day's Work! If Your Liver Is Sluggish or Bowels Constipated Take "Dodson's Liver Tone."—It's Fine!

You're bilious! Your liver is sluggish! You feel lazy, dizzy and all knocked out. Your head is dull, your tongue is coated; breath bad; stomach sour and bowels constipated. Don't take salivating calomel. It makes you sick, you may lose a day's work. Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into your bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping.

GRANDUE USED SAGE TEA TO DARKEN HER GRAY HAIR
She Made Up a Mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur to Bring Back Color, Gloss, Thickness.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of the famous old recipe for about 50 cents.

Don't stay gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time, by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy.

Marriage may be a failure, but there's a lot of evidence to the contrary.

LADIES!
—Take CAPUDINE—
For Aches, Pains and Nervousness.
IT IS NOT A NARCOTIC OR DOPE—
Given quick relief—Try it—Adv.

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Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *W. D. Hoagland* in Use For Over 30 Years.
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can be found in cases of Colds, Coughs, LaGrippe and Headaches by using Laxative Quinine Tablets. Does not affect the head or stomach. Buy your winter's supply now. Price 25c—Adv.

Where some people talk of only what they really know they would have no need of language.

ANURIC!

The Newest Discovery in Chemistry

This is a recent discovery of Dr. Pierce, who is head of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, N. Y. Experiments at Dr. Pierce's Hospital for several years proved that there is no other eliminator of uric acid that can be compared to it. For those easily recognized symptoms of inflammation—as backache, scalding urine and frequent urination, as well as sediment in the urine, or if uric acid in the blood has caused rheumatism, it is simply wonderful how surely "Anuric" acts. The best of results are always obtained in cases of acute rheumatism in the joints, in gravel and gout, and invariably the pains and stiffness which so frequently and persistently accompany the disease rapidly disappear.

Go to your nearest drug store and simply ask for a 50-cent package of "Anuric" manufactured by Dr. Pierce, or even write Dr. Pierce for a large trial package (10c). If you suspect kidney or bladder trouble, send him a sample of your water and describe symptoms. Dr. Pierce's chemist will examine it, then Dr. Pierce will report to you without fee or charge.

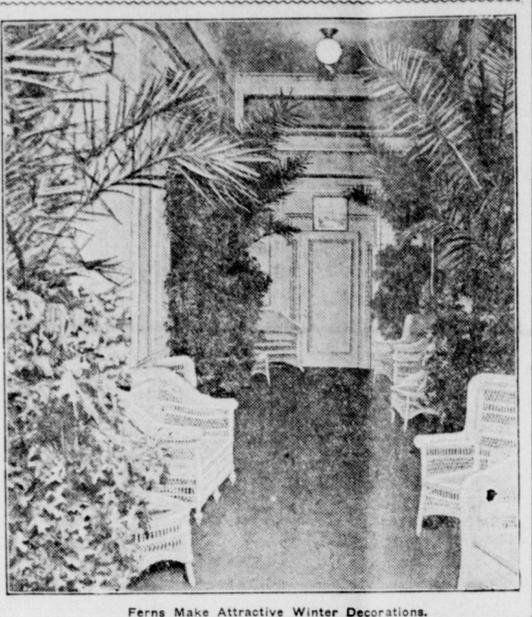
Rheumatism!
How is rheumatism recognized? Some have said—
Rheumatism is a dull pain.
Rheumatism is a sharp pain.
Rheumatism is sore muscles.
Rheumatism is stiff joints.
Rheumatism is a shifting pain.
All have declared—*Rheumatism is Pain.*
Sloan's Liniment applied:—
The blood begins to flow freely—the body's warmth is renewed—the congestion disappears—the pain is gone.

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Rheumatism and allied pains yield to the penetrating qualities of this warming liniment.

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Ferns Make Attractive Winter Decorations.

BEST WAY TO WINTER GERANIUMS

The question is asked, "How can geraniums be wintered in the cellar?" in two ways: First, in pots. Second, by hanging them up by the heels, so to speak. Neither way is absolutely sure to bring them through in good condition. But either way may prove successful, therefore it is advisable to try both if one has the varieties he would like to save next summer. If one fails the other may prove successful. To winter them in pots the plants should be crowded into as small pots as will contain them, and then the tops should be cut away so that all that remains of the summer's growth is a few stubs at the base of the plant. Do not try to encourage any growth after potting. Set them away in a cool but frost-proof place and keep them there as long as it is safe to do so. Then put them in a cool cellar. The soil in the pots should be quite dry when they go into cold storage, and it should be kept in that condition, as nearly as possible, all through the winter. Not rarely dry, of course, but with only a hint of moisture in it—so little, indeed, that it would seem dry when compared with ordinary soils.

The aim is to keep the plants as nearly dormant as possible, and this cannot be done if they are moist at the roots. Heat also encourages growth, and the absence of it has a tendency to keep the plants at a standstill.

Treated as advised above, it is possible to bring geraniums through the winter in such a condition that they begin to grow as soon as brought to the light and warmth of the sitting-room after being watered.

The necessary conditions, you will observe, are dryness of soil and a low temperature. It is less work to make the plants free from the soil they have grown in during the summer and simply hang up the mass of roots in the cellar. This should not be done immediately after lifting the plants, however.

This method makes it necessary for us to leave them in the ground as long as possible, well up to cold weather, in fact, for if they were to go into the cellar while the temperature was high, growth would be almost sure to begin. Therefore the plants must be left in the ground and protected from frost until about the first of November, if possible. Then lift them on a warm day and spread the roots out in the sunshine, after first cutting away all the top.

Cover well at night and expose them next day if the weather is favorable. Do not put them in the cellar until all the soil adhering to the roots has become so dry it can easily be shaken off.

Then tie a string to each plant and suspend it about midway between floor and ceiling. Do not place them on the floor, for there it is likely to be too damp, nor close to the ceiling, for there it is likely to be too dry.

While the geranium does not have a tuberous root, like the dahlia, it create shelter and warmth, and the dark-green foliage tends to make a place cheerful.

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Too Critical.
"Do you like the slippers I embroidered for you, dear?"
"They're lovely, pet, but I'm sorry to say they don't fit."

Right.
Harold had just finished reading a newspaper when he turned to his father and said:
"Pa, I know why editors call themselves 'we.'"

English Women With the Armes.
As far as can be ascertained, there are two groups of English women wearing khaki other than nurses. The first to do so was the Women's Volunteer reserve, about six thousand in number, who drill and help at cancer ambulance, about three hundred in number. These are to some extent recognized by the war office.

Evidently He Had.
Robert was having a very successful career at college. He had scored the winning touchdown in the big game of the year, and was mentioned by the experts for the All-America team. But Robert's father was not satisfied.

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Literally Speaking.
Auntie was a suffragette and giving good advice to Niece Nellie.
"Now, my dear, that you are engaged to George, let him see you have a will of your own. So him sometimes."

Circumstantial Evidence.
"Jimmy," said the fond mother, "what do you think of that fruit cake I made for you yesterday? Did you eat it?"
"No, mamma," answered Jim with a grin; "I gave it to the cat instead."

"Hah Do?"
Among the recruits to Kitchen army are, of course, many who are ignorant of all military etiquette. One of these was sitting alone in the messroom when the colonel stalked in. The "Tommy" was on the edge of the table swinging his legs and puffing at a cigarette.

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