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Brunswick, Ga.—The refinery and extractor buildings of the Yaryan Rosin and Turpentine company was virtually destroyed and a workman seriously burned by building of the plant here Friday night. The loss was estimated at \$500,000. The power and mill house also was damaged. The company, which owns several plants, recently had been in extensive litigation, but after a reorganization resumed operations Jan. 1.

TROOPS TO GO INTO MEXICO FOR VILLA

ARE TO GIVE FRIENDLY AID TO CARRANZA AUTHORITIES IN RESTORING ORDER

DOES NOT MEAN AGGRESSION

American Soldiers Will Return As Soon as First Chief's Forces Can Handle Situation

Columbus, N. M.—Twelve hundred Carranza troops, flying a black and white flag to distinguish them from bandits, reached Palomas, six miles south of the border from Columbus, late Friday. It is believed they intend assisting the American troops in the pursuit of Villa.

Washington.—American troops were ordered across the Mexican border Friday by President Wilson to take Francisco Villa and his bandits, dead or alive.

Under the direction, if not actually the leadership of Major General Funston, who ended the Philippine insurrection by taking Aguinaldo singlehanded, American columns are expected to be moving into Mexico.

They go to meet about 3,000 guerrilla troops in a mountainous region from which Carranza troops have fled.

Whether this long deferred armed action, which begins purely as a punitive measure to clear Northern Mexico of menacing bandit bands over which General Carranza has no control, shall grow into a general armed intervention or occupation in Mexico depends in a large measure upon General Carranza and the Mexican people.

It begins with President Wilson's declaration that it is entirely in aid of the Carranza government and without thought of aggression.

After a conference with the president, Secretary Baker issued the following statement:

Secretary Baker's Statement.

"There is no intention of entering Mexico in force. A sufficient body of mobile troops will be sent in to locate and disperse the bandit or bands that attacked Columbus. So soon as the forces of the de facto government can take control of the situation any forces of the United States then remaining in Mexico will of course be withdrawn. The forces of the United States now on the border will be immediately recruited, but only for the purpose of safeguarding the territory of the United States from further raids."

Carranza Regrets President's Action.

Douglas, Ariz.—According to information from a reliable source General Carranza replied to a telegram sent to him by Gen. P. Elias Calles, military governor of Sonora, asking the first chief for an expression of opinion on the act of President Wilson in ordering a punitive expedition into Mexico to capture Villa, as follows: "I am very sorry that conditions are such that the United States deems it necessary to take the action of which you have advised me."

American Cattle Shot.

Douglas, Ariz.—Military authorities here, who investigated the raid on American ranches south of Osborn Junction, Ariz., stated that a "command of Carranza soldiers, who had been drinking, roamed cattle and horses belonging to American ranchers." When they were unable to drive the live stock across the boundary they shot the animals, the report stated. No Mexicans crossed the border, it was said.

Bandit Raid Near Osborne, Ariz.

Bisbee, Ariz.—An American rancher was killed Friday night when a band of between 200 and 300 Mexican bandits crossed the border southeast of Osborne Junction, Ariz., according to reports reaching here. Many head of live stock were killed or driven off by the bandits. It was stated.

Soft Coal Agreement Signed.

New York.—The soft coal agreement, which will add from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 to the incomes of the mine workers of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, was signed here subject to a referendum vote of all the bituminous miners in the United States.

Six Men Killed in Mine Explosion.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Six men were killed in two explosions at the Holtenback, Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company colliery here. The second explosion caught a rescuing party. One body has been brought out. An official said that the cause of the accident was not determined.

French Steamer Louisiana Sunk.

Paris.—A Havas dispatch says that the French line steamship Louisiana has been sunk. The crew was saved. No passengers were aboard. It is presumed that the vessel was sunk by the same submarine that has been operating along the coast between Boulogne and Havre and which torpedoed the Hermastrice. The Louisiana had arrived from New Orleans, which port she left Feb. 11, entering Newport News Feb. 17 and leaving on the following day.

REAR ADMIRAL F. K. HARRIS



Rear Admiral Frederick Robert Harris is the new chief of the bureau of yards and docks of the navy department. He takes the place of Rear Admiral Homer R. Stanford, whose term of four years in the bureau has just expired. Admiral Harris is a native of New York and was appointed to the navy in January, 1903.

WILSON SUPPORTERS WIN BY 276 TO 142

OPPOSITION SWEEP ASIDE ON EVERY PROPOSITION IN SEVEN HOURS OF TURBULENCE.

Washington.—President Wilson has completely and decisively won his long and sensational fight to compel congress to acknowledge that it stands behind him in the submarine negotiations with Germany.

To the rallying cries of "Stand by the president" and "Is it Lansing and Wilson or Von Bernstorff and the Kaiser?" a big Democratic majority and nearly half of the Republicans in the house rolled up overwhelming votes Tuesday against the movement to warn Americans off the armed ships of the European belligerents.

The celebrated McLemore resolution, around which the anti-administration forces centered their fight, was tabled—in other words, killed—just as was the Gore resolution for a similar purpose in the senate last week.

From the very outset of the fight the president's supporters, without regard to party, swept over the opposition. On the first vote, which was a parliamentary proposition to prevent opening the McLemore resolution to amendment and unlimited debate, the administration forces carried the day, 256 to 160.

With victory in hand, they moved on to the next proposition, the adoption of a special rule for four hours' discussion of the McLemore resolution. Again they carried the day, this time 271 to 138, and then pushed their victory to a conclusion by tabling the McLemore resolution, 276 to 142.

Released from the bonds of embarrassment forced upon him by the dissections in congress, which have been represented in foreign capitals as indicating that he was making his demands on Germany in direct opposition to the sentiment of the representative of the people, President Wilson now stands prepared to go on with the submarine negotiations with the central powers.

GERMANS MAKE GAINS IN WOODS

Portion of Ground Which Was Occupied by French Retaken.

London.—Throwing large masses of infantry against the French in the Corbeaux wood to the northwest of Verdun, the Germans, after several attacks, in which they are declared by Paris to have suffered large casualties, have retaken part of the wood from which the French had previously rejected them.

The entire region about Verdun continues the scene of intense operations. West of Douaumont and the sector embracing the village of Vaux have been points against which the Germans have launched vicious infantry attacks, but at both places their efforts to advance broke down under the heavy fire of the French, according to Paris.

Berlin, however, counters this assertion by announcing the taking of Douaumont by the Germans and says also that the Germans have succeeded in pushing forward their lines through the wooded sector southeast of Damloup, which lies a short distance east of Fort Vaux.

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Rome Pleased by Washington's Act.

Rome.—The decision of the United States to act vigorously in Mexico has been received with general satisfaction here, especially in political circles, where it is believed it is the only way to establish law and order to protect foreigners. Although the vatican is extremely reticent on the subject, those in touch with vatican officials assert that the holy see must be content with any measure aimed to suppress the anarchy from which the church and clergy have suffered.

EIGHTEEN PRISONERS PERISH IN JAIL FIRE

GASOLINE-KEROSENE MIXTURE EXPLODES WHILE MEN ARE BEING BATHED.

DEAD MAY REACH TWENTY

Nude Men, Blazing From Head to Foot, Dash Into Street From El Paso City Prison.

El Paso, Tex.—Eighteen dead, two probably fatally burned, and a score or more less seriously injured was the toll of an explosion and fire late Monday at the city jail. The name of one American, H. M. Cross, is included in the list of dead and 12 are numbered among those seriously burned. Surgeons said that the death list probably would reach 20 and that many of the injured would not live more than a few hours.

Says American Caused Fire.

H. M. Cross, an American who died of injuries, was named as the man who struck the match that caused the fire, in a statement made by H. S. Bagby, one of the trustees on guard.

Thirty-eight Prisoners, It Was Said, Were Taken to the County Hospital.

The disinfecting tubs were placed near the doorway leading to the police hospital. The burst of flames blew out the doors and windows and the blaze swept the hospital, rendering it useless for the press of emergency work which followed.

On fire from head to foot the nude victims dashed into the streets and alleys surrounding the prison.

Afire, Climbs to Roof.

One of the victims, a veritable torch, plunged through the jagged remains of a broken window and clambered to the roof of the jail, where he was rescued by firemen only to die a few minutes later.

The blaze started from a flash of flame from a large tub of gasoline and kerosene solution used to destroy germ-carrying lice. In their first reports officials attributed the origin to the deliberate action of one of the prisoners in throwing a lighted match into one of the containers.

More than a score of prisoners who were thoroughly saturated with the solution were enveloped in flames. Jail attendants immediately opened two exits, allowing a number of the prisoners in the bathroom to escape, although seriously burned.

Surrounding the bath quarters are rows of cells, mostly filled with prisoners. The cells adjacent to the bath were caught in the flames and it was in these that most of the fatalities occurred.

The fire department, quartered in the same building, extinguished the blaze before it had spread to other parts of the jail.

About 50 unarmed prisoners were removed from cells on the same floor and placed in quarters on the second floor of the building under heavy police guard.

Railroad Engineer Killed.

Del Rio, Texas.—The boiler of an engine pulling a freight train leaving here blew up when about ten miles west of here, instantly killing the engineer, Hillard Holmes, and fatally scalded the fireman, G. W. Hill. Both men are married and live here. The engine was blown completely off the right of way.

Bulgars Fire on Roumanian Ships.

London.—An engagement is reported to have taken place on the Danube between Roumanians and Bulgarians near Rahovo. A Bulgarian frontier guard is said to have fired upon a Roumanian ship which was loading another vessel in Roumanian waters. "The Bulgarians signaled an Austrian gunboat," the correspondent adds, "which ordered the Roumanian vessels to the Bulgarian shores. They refused, whereupon the gunboat opened fire. Roumanian troops replied. There were many casualties on both sides."

German Casualties Now 2,667,372.

London.—According to official German casualty lists, which have reached London, the total of German casualties for February was 35,198. This brings up the total for the war, as shown in these lists, to 2,667,372.

\$550,000 Fire at Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Fire, said to have been caused by a dust explosion, virtually destroyed the fertilizer plant of the International Fertilizer corporation here. The loss is estimated at \$550,000. Seven employees were slightly burned.

Wills \$2,000 to S. M. U.

Denton, Texas.—The will of Mrs. Lucy Frances, who died at Pilot Point, leaves \$2,000 to the Southern Methodist university of Dallas and the balance of the estate to her brother, J. C. Lassiter of Celina.

German Warehouses Burn.

Amsterdam.—A great fire has destroyed warehouses and a large quantity of merchandise at Muenchen-Galdbach, Rhenish Prussia, 16 miles southwest of Dusseldorf, according to German newspapers received here.

W. P. LANE DIES IN FT. WORTH

Former State Comptroller in Poor Health Several Months.

Fort Worth, Texas.—The death of W. P. Lane, former state comptroller, occurred at his home here Monday morning, following a serious illness of four days. He had been in poor health for eight months and had undergone two operations in that time.

He had lived here for 18 years and had been active in politics since his successful campaign as a candidate for Tarrant county representative in the Thirtieth legislature. In 1910 he made the race for the comptroller's office and served in that capacity for four years, returning to his home here last summer.

Two years ago he was a candidate for congressman at large, after he withdrew from the governor's race in favor of the prohibition candidate, Thomas H. Ball, at the convention in this city. He has been active in the ranks of the prohibitionists of Texas for a number of years.

Mr. Lane was a native of Lee county, Virginia, where he was born 47 years ago. He came to Texas 23 years ago and lived four years in Sherman. It was then he came to Fort Worth.

GERMANY AND PORTUGAL AT WAR

German Declaration is Based on Seizure of Ships in Portuguese Ports.

Berlin.—Germany declared war on Portugal at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon and handed his passports to the Portuguese minister, according to an announcement by the semi-official Overseas News agency.

"The German government, therefore, considers herself from this time on at war with the Portuguese government," is the conclusion of a declaration handed by the German minister at Lisbon to the Portuguese government, the news agency announcement states.

"Breach of Neutrality."

"The German declaration," says the news agency, "emphasized the fact that this step was made necessary by the recent illegal seizures of German ships in Portuguese ports, which is the gravest sort of breach of neutrality and of special treaties."

Caused by Seizure of Ships.

The rupture between Germany and Portugal was brought about by the act of Portugal in requisitioning German merchantmen which had been interned in her ports. Following the seizure of these vessels Germany addressed an ultimatum to Portugal demanding return of the ships. So far as is known this ultimatum was ignored.

There have been frequent reports that Portugal was about to declare war with Germany because of her treaty relations with Great Britain, which bind Portugal to place 10,000 troops at the disposal of Great Britain when required. Early in the war there was fighting between German and Portuguese troops in the Portuguese colony of Angola.

Portugal is the thirteenth nation to enter the war. Her regular army consists of 30,000 men, with 230,000 reserves. She is credited with a total available strength of about 870,000 men. Her navy consists principally of five second-class cruisers and some gun-boats and smaller craft.

GERMANS FAIL NORTH OF VERDUN

Teutons Repulsed by French About Fort Vaux "With Enormous Losses."

London.—Fighting between the Germans and French northeast and north of Verdun has been particularly violent, especially the attacks of the Germans around Douaumont, the village of Vaux and Fort Vaux, but according to the French official statement, the Germans were repulsed "with enormous losses."

The Germans apparently at one time held Fort Vaux, but the latest German official statement said this fort had been captured, but a French official statement, issued several hours later, said the Germans had been driven back.

Northeast of the fort the Germans essayed an assault against the village of Vaux, from which they previously had been driven by the French, but here also they were repulsed with heavy casualties.

To the west of the Meuse, midway between Bethincourt and the river, the French have continued on the offensive in the Corbeaux wood and are officially reported to have driven the Germans from that important salient.

In the eastern theater, the Russians at various points have taken the offensive against German advanced positions, but Berlin declares they nowhere met with success.

Explains Sensation of Failing.

Chicago.—Miss Winnie Werner, the stenographer who ten weeks ago fell out of a sixteenth-story window of the Transportation building, will be back at work in a week or so, it was learned. Miss Werner fell into a truck load of paper boxes and her most serious injury was a badly fractured arm. "If you ever had a dream that you fell off a mountain you know something of what my experience was like," said the young lady.

WOULD SEE JESUS

Christian Desire Is to Know Him Well in an Intimate and Friendly Way.

This is our desire. Like certain Greeks of old, we are longing to look into his face, to hear his voice, to feel the sense of nearness to him, to catch the music of his words as he speaks, to know him in a more intimate and friendly way. Shaking ourselves free from the attractions and distractions of this worldly atmosphere in which we live, letting the heart be at its best and speak out what is truest within, we feel that there is a very deep and real longing to see Jesus. Is it not for this that we are waiting in our churches night after night these opening weeks of the new year?

Not merely to look upon his visible presence. That sort of a vision would be wonderful. How often does the devout heart think about the beatific vision and long for the hour of it. We have thought many times about the privilege of that hour when we shall see no longer through a glass darkly but face to face, when we shall know even as also we are known. Some good friends of ours have just recently ended their pilgrimage, have passed through the river and up into the Celestial City, have gone from this realm of promise and anticipation to that realm of realization. And they have seen him. Happy, blessed, fortunate people—they have seen his face to face.

The King there in His Beauty, without a veil, is seen. It were a well-spent journey though seven deaths lay between. The Lamb with His fair army doth on Mount Zion stand. And glory, glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land.

We wait for that vision, and the expectation of it constitutes one of the mightiest motives to faithfulness and holiness. Is it not written, "Every one that hath this hope set on him purifieth himself even as he is pure." But we would see Jesus just now.

We would see him in our churches looking with his searching eyes into the hearts of pastors and people, and cleansing the temples, as he did of old time. We would see him in each one of our special meetings. What is the use of our frequent coming together unless we do see him? We want to know him better. Is that not the real desire in every waiting Christian heart? It ought to be.

It is so easy to use frequently and familiarly the things by means of which Jesus reveals himself, and yet to be quite unacquainted with him. We remember how he asked that searching and humiliating question to a friend of his—"Have I been so long time with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip?" Have we been reading the Bible and preaching the gospel, and attending religious meetings, and observing the sacraments, and yet after a year of such religious devotion we are no better acquainted with Jesus than before? Oh, we need to see him so as to know him better.

We would see him at his characteristic work. What our churches need is to clear the way and let him have a chance to work. It is to put away our unbelief so that he can do his mighty works among us. It is to invite him to come in and deal directly with those who have not responded to his command, "Follow thou me." How persuasively he can utter the gospel invitation when his presence becomes very real in a meeting. How mighty is the touch of his hand to transform life.

Our need these opening weeks of the year is not to see some great evangelist or church leader. It is not to perfect some new forms of ecclesiastical machinery. It is not even to search out our own souls. But first of all, and above all, it is to see Jesus. —United Presbyterian.

IN PERFECT, ORDERLY BEAUTY

Proper Life is the Life Ordained by God, and Disorder is Rebellion Against Him.

Disorder is rebellion against God. "Let all things be done decently and in order" applies to more than the confusion through "speaking with tongues" with which the apostle was dealing when he pleaded for order. The life that lacks order and neatness is not "decent" in the sight of God. "When we live the victorious life," writes a business man, "thoroughness, order and neatness come along incidentally almost. Because the God who indwells us is a God of order and symmetry, as is evidenced in the graceful shaping of the snow crystals or in the delicate scallop of the carnation's fringe, as exquisite as the lace around the throat of Mary Queen of Scots." Victory cleans up our desk and our bureau drawers, our person and our finger nails, as well as our heart and spirit. It makes persons attractive to look at and desirable to live with; it makes rooms as well as hearts worthy of the presence of Christ.

The Parents' Mission.

All that parents should do before and after the announcement follows readily, clearly and unmistakably—to be pure and true in word and deed; to be filled and penetrated with the worth and dignity of man; to look upon themselves as the keepers and guardians of a gift of God; to inform themselves concerning the mission and destiny of man, as well as concerning the ways and means of their fulfillment.—Froebel.

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The known American losses on the Mexican side were one corporal, slain when Villa threw out a heavy guard to engage the pursuing American troopers.

Fire Destroys Turpentine Mill.

Brunswick, Ga.—The refinery and extractor buildings of the Yaryan Rosin and Turpentine company was virtually destroyed and a workman seriously burned by a fire which started in the refinery building of the plant here Friday night. The loss was estimated at \$500,000. The power and mill house also was damaged. The company, which owns several plants, recently had been in extensive litigation, but after a reorganization resumed operations Jan. 1.

TROOPS TO GO INTO MEXICO FOR VILLA

ARE TO GIVE FRIENDLY AID TO CARRANZA AUTHORITIES IN RESTORING ORDER

DOES NOT MEAN AGGRESSION

American Soldiers Will Return As Soon as First Chief's Forces Can Handle Situation

Columbus, N. M.—Twelve hundred Carranza troops, flying a black and white flag to distinguish them from bandits, reached Palomas, six miles south of the border from Columbus, late Friday. It is believed they intend assisting the American troops in the pursuit of Villa.

Washington.—American troops were ordered across the Mexican border Friday by President Wilson to take Francisco Villa and his bandits, dead or alive.

Under the direction, if not actually the leadership of Major General Funston, who ended the Philippine insurrection by taking Aguinaldo singlehanded, American columns are expected to be moving into Mexico. They go to meet about 3,000 guerrilla troops in a mountainous region from which Carranza troops have fled.

Whether this long deferred armed action, which begins purely as a punitive measure to clear Northern Mexico of menacing bandit bands over which General Carranza has no control, shall grow into a general armed intervention or occupation in Mexico depends in a large measure upon General Carranza and the Mexican people.

It begins with President Wilson's declaration that it is entirely in aid of the Carranza government and without thought of aggression.

After a conference with the president, Secretary Baker issued the following statement:

Secretary Baker's Statement.
"There is no intention of entering Mexico in force. A sufficient body of mobile troops will be sent in to locate and disperse the band or bands that attacked Columbus. So soon as the forces of the de facto government can take control of the situation any forces of the United States remaining in Mexico will of course be withdrawn. The forces of the United States now on the border will be immediately recruited, but only for the purpose of safeguarding the territory of the United States from further raids."

Carranza Regrets President's Action.

Douglas, Ariz.—According to information from a reliable source General Carranza replied to a telegram sent to him by Gen. P. Elias Calles, military governor of Sonora, asking the first chief for an expression of opinion on the act of President Wilson in ordering a punitive expedition into Mexico to capture Villa, as follows: "I am very sorry that conditions are such that the United States deems it necessary to take the action of which you have advised me."

American Cattle Shot.

Douglas, Ariz.—Military authorities here, who investigated the raid on American ranches south of Osborne Junction, Ariz., stated that a "command of Carranza soldiers, who had been drinking, roped cattle and horses belonging to American ranchers." When they were unable to drive the live stock across the boundary they shot the animals, the report stated. No Mexicans crossed the border, it was said.

Bandit Raid Near Osborne, Ariz.

Bisbee, Ariz.—An American ranch in their homes and fired at the Mexicans as they darted through the streets. The fighting in the town ended almost as suddenly as it began. Less than two hours after the first shot was heard Villa's buglers sounded the retreat and the raiders began a disordered flight, followed closely by American troopers.

Soft Coal Agreement Signed.

New York.—The soft coal agreement, which will add from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 to the incomes of the mine workers of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, was signed here subject to a referendum vote of all the bituminous miners in the United States.

Six Men Killed in Mine Explosion.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Six men were killed in two explosions at the Hollenback, Lehigh, and Wilkesbarre coal company colliery here. The second explosion caught a rescuing party. One body has been brought out. An official said that the cause of the accident was not determined.

French Steamer Louisiana Sunk.

Paris.—A Havas dispatch says that the French line steamship Louisiana has been sunk. The crew was saved. No passengers were aboard. It is presumed that the vessel was sunk by the same submarine that has been operating along the coast between Boulogne and Havre and which torpedoed the Hermastrice. The Louisiana had arrived from New Orleans, which port she left Feb. 11, entering Newport News Feb. 17 and leaving on the following day.

REAR ADMIRAL F. H. HARRIS



Rear Admiral Frederick Robert Harris is the new chief of the bureau of yards and docks of the navy department. He takes the place of Rear Admiral Homer R. Stanford, whose term of four years in the bureau has just expired. Admiral Harris is a native of New York and was appointed to the navy in January, 1903.

WILSON SUPPORTERS WIN BY 276 TO 142

OPPOSITION SWEEP ASIDE ON EVERY PROPOSITION IN SEVEN HOURS OF TURBULENCE.

Washington.—President Wilson has completely and decisively won his long and sensational fight to compel congress to acknowledge that it stands behind him in the submarine negotiations with Germany.

To the rallying cries of "Stand by the president" and "Is it Lansing and Wilson or Von Bernstorff and the Kaiser" a big Democratic majority and nearly half of the Republicans in the house rolled up overwhelming votes Tuesday against the movement to warn Americans off the armed ships of the European belligerents.

The celebrated McLemore resolution, around which the anti-administration forces centered their fight, was tabled—in other words, killed—just as was the Gore resolution for a similar purpose in the senate last week.

From the very outset of the fight the president's supporters, without regard to party, swept over the opposition. On the first vote, which was a parliamentary proposition to prevent opening the McLemore resolution to amendment and unlimited debate, the administration forces carried the vote, 256 to 160.

With victory in hand, they moved on to the next proposition, the adoption of a special rule for four hours' discussion of the McLemore resolution. Again they carried the day, this time 271 to 138, and then pushed their victory to a conclusion by tabling the McLemore resolution, 276 to 142.

Released from the bonds of embarrassment forced upon him by the dissections in congress, which have been represented in foreign capitals as indicating that he was making his demands on Germany in direct opposition to the sentiment of the representatives of the people, President Wilson now stands prepared to go on with the submarine negotiations with the central powers.

GERMANS MAKE GAINS IN WOODS

Portion of Ground Which Was Occupied by French Retaken.

London.—Throwing large masses of infantry against the French in the Corbeaux wood to the northwest of Verdun, the Germans, after several attacks, in which they are declared by Paris to have suffered large casualties, have retaken part of the wood from which the French had previously rejected them.

The entire region about Verdun continues the scene of intense operations. West of Douaumont and the sector embracing the village of Vaux have been points against which the Germans have launched vicious infantry attacks, but at both places their efforts to advance broke down under the heavy fire of the French, according to Paris.

Berlin, however, counters this assertion by announcing the taking of Douaumont by the Germans and says also that the Germans have succeeded in pushing forward their lines through the wooded sector southeast of Damloup, which lies a short distance east of Fort Vaux.

The claim is made in the German official statement that the French have succeeded in gaining a firm footing in Fort Vaux. Paris had previously categorically denied that the Germans had captured either the fort or the village of Vaux.

Rome Pleased by Washington's Acts.

Rome.—The decision of the United States to act vigorously in Mexico has been received with general satisfaction here, especially in political circles, where it is believed it is the only way to establish law and order to protect foreigners. Although the vatican is extremely reticent on the subject, those in touch with prelates assert that the holy see must be content with any measure aimed to suppress the anarchy from which the church and clergy have suffered.

EIGHTEEN PRISONERS PERISH IN JAIL FIRE

GASOLINE KEROSENE MIXTURE EXPLODES WHILE MEN ARE BEING BATHED.

DEAD MAY REACH TWENTY

Nude Men, Blazing From Head to Foot, Dash Into Street From El Paso City Prison.

El Paso, Tex.—Eighteen dead, two probably fatally burned, and a score or more lies seriously injured was the toll of an explosion and fire late Monday at the city jail. The name of one American, H. M. Cross, is included in the list of dead and 12 are numbered among those seriously burned. Surgeons said that the death list probably would reach 20 and that many of the injured would not live more than a few hours.

Says American Caused Fire.
H. M. Cross, an American who died of injuries, was named as the man who struck the match that caused the fire, in a statement made by H. G. Bagby, one of the trustees on guard.

Thirty-eight prisoners, it was said, were taken to the county hospital. The disinfecting tubs were placed near the doorway leading to the police hospital. The burst of flames blew out the doors and windows and the blaze swept the hospital, rendering it useless for the press of emergency work which followed.

On fire from head to foot the nude victims dashed into the streets and alleys surrounding the prison.

A fire, Climbs to Roof.
One of the victims, a veritable torch, plunged through the jagged remains of a broken window and clambered to the roof of the jail, where he was rescued by firemen only to die a few minutes later.

The blaze started from a flash of flame from a large tub of gasoline and kerosene solution used to destroy germ-carrying lice. In their first reports officials attributed the origin to the deliberate action of one of the prisoners in throwing a lighted match into one of the containers.

More than a score of prisoners who were thoroughly saturated with the solution were enveloped in flames. Jail attendants immediately opened two exits, allowing a number of the prisoners in the bathroom to escape, although seriously burned.

Surrounding the bath quarters are rows of cells, mostly filled with prisoners. The cells adjacent to the bath were caught in the flames and it was in these that most of the fatalities occurred.

The fire department, quartered in the same building, extinguished the blaze before it had spread to other parts of the jail.

About 50 unharmed prisoners were removed from cells on the same floor and placed in quarters on the second floor of the building under heavy police guard.

Railroad Engineer Killed.

Del Rio, Texas.—The boiler of an engine pulling a freight train leaving here blew up when about ten miles west of here, instantly killing the engineer, Hillard Holmes, and fatally scalded the fireman, G. W. Hill. Both men are married and live here. The engine was blown completely off the right of way.

Bulgars Fire on Roumanian Ships.

London.—An engagement is reported to have taken place on the Danube between Roumanians and Bulgarians near Rahova. A Bulgarian frontier guard is said to have fired upon a Roumanian ship which was loading another vessel in Roumanian waters. "The Bulgarians signaled an Austrian gunboat," the correspondent adds, "which ordered the Roumanian vessels to the Bulgarian shores. They refused, whereupon the gunboat opened fire. Roumanian troops replied. There were many casualties on both sides."

German Casualties Now 2,667,372.

London.—According to official German casualty lists, which have reached London, the total of German casualties for February was 35,198. This brings up the total for the war, as shown in these lists, to 2,667,372.

\$550,000 Fire at Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Fire, said to have been caused by a dust explosion, virtually destroyed the fertilizer plant of the International Fertilizer corporation here. The loss is estimated at \$550,000. Seven employees were slightly burned.

Wills \$2,000 to S. M. U.

Denton, Texas.—The will of Mrs. Lucy Frances, who died at Pilot Point, leaves \$2,000 to the Southern Methodist university of Dallas and the balance of the estate to her brother, J. C. Lassiter of Celina.

German Warehouses Burn.

Amsterdam.—A great fire has destroyed warehouses and a large quantity of merchandise at Muenchen-Galdbach, Rhenish Prussia, 16 miles southwest of Dusseldorf, according to German newspapers received here.

W. P. LANE DIES IN FT. WORTH

Former State Comptroller in Poor Health Several Months.

Fort Worth, Texas.—The death of W. P. Lane, former state comptroller, occurred at his home here Monday morning, following a serious illness of four days. He had been in poor health for eight months and had undergone two operations in that time. He had lived here for 18 years and had been active in politics since his successful campaign as a candidate for Tarrant county representative in the Thirtieth legislature. In 1910 he made the race for the comptrollership and served in that capacity for four years, returning to his home here last summer.

Two years ago he was a candidate for congressman at large, after he withdrew from the governor's race in favor of the prohibition candidate, Thomas H. Ball, at the convention in this city. He has been active in the ranks of the prohibitionists of Texas for a number of years.

Mr. Lane was a native of Lee county, Virginia, where he was born 47 years ago. He came to Texas 23 years ago and lived four years in Sherman. It was then he came to Fort Worth.

GERMANY AND PORTUGAL AT WAR

German Declaration is Based on Seizure of Ships in Portuguese Ports.

Berlin.—Germany declared war on Portugal at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon and handed his passports to the Portuguese minister, according to an announcement by the semi-official Overseas News agency.

"The German government, therefore, considers herself from this time on at war with the Portuguese government" is the conclusion of a declaration handed by the German minister at Lisbon to the Portuguese government, the news agency announcement states.

"Breach of Neutrality."

"The German declaration," says the news agency, "emphasized the fact that this step was made necessary by the recent illegal seizures of German ships in Portuguese ports, which is the gravest sort of breach of neutrality and of special treaties."

Caused by Seizure of Ships.

The rupture between Germany and Portugal was brought about by the act of Portugal in requisitioning German merchantmen which had been interned in her ports. Following the seizure of these vessels Germany addressed an ultimatum to Portugal demanding return of the ships. So far as is known this ultimatum was ignored.

There have been frequent reports that Portugal was about to declare war with Germany because of her treaty relations with Great Britain, which bind Portugal to place 10,000 troops at the disposal of Great Britain when required. Early in the war there was fighting between German and Portuguese troops in the Portuguese colony of Angola.

Portugal is the thirteenth nation to enter the war. Her regular army consists of 30,000 men, with 230,000 reserves. She is credited with a total available strength of about 870,000 men. Her navy consists principally of five second-class cruisers and some gun-boats and smaller craft.

GERMANS FAIL NORTH OF VERDUN

Teutons Repulsed by French About Fort Vaux "With Enormous Losses."

London.—Fighting between the Germans and French northeast and north of Verdun has been particularly violent, especially the attacks of the Germans around Douaumont, the village of Vaux and Fort Vaux, but according to the French official statement, the Germans were repulsed "with enormous losses."

The Germans apparently at one time held Fort Vaux, for the latest German official statement said this fort had been captured, but a French official statement, issued several hours later, said the Germans had been driven back.

Northeast of the fort the Germans essayed an assault against the village of Vaux, from which they previously had been driven by the French, but here also they were repulsed with heavy casualties.

To the west of the Meuse, midway between Bethincourt and the river, the French have continued on the offensive in the Corbeaux wood and are officially reported to have driven the Germans from that important salient. In the eastern theater, the Russians at various points have taken the offensive against German advanced positions, but Berlin declares they nowhere met with success.

Explains Sensation of Falling.

Chicago.—Miss Winnie Warner, the stenographer who ten weeks ago fell out of a sixteenth-story window of the Transportation building, will be back at work in a week or so, it was learned. Miss Warner fell into a truck load of paper boxes and her most serious injury was a badly fractured arm. "If you ever had a dream that you fell off a mountain you know something of what my experience was like," said the young lady.

WOULD SEE JESUS

Christian Desire Is to Know Him Well in an Intimate and Friendly Way.

This is our desire. Like certain Greeks of old, we are longing to look into his face, to hear his voice, to feel the sense of nearness to him, to catch the music of his words as he speaks, to know him in a more intimate and friendly way. Shaking ourselves free from the attractions and distractions of this worldly atmosphere in which we live, letting the heart be at its best and speak out what is truest within, we feel that there is a very deep and real longing to see Jesus. Is it not for this that we are waiting in our churches night after night these opening weeks of the new year?

Not merely to look upon his visible presence. That sort of a vision would be wonderful. How often does the devout heart think about the beatific vision and long for the hour of it. We have thought many times about the privilege of that hour when we shall see no longer through a glass darkly but face to face, when we shall know even as also we are known. Some good friends of ours have just recently ended their pilgrimage, have passed through the river and up into the Celestial City, have gone from this realm of promise and anticipation to that realm of realization. And they have seen him. Happy, blessed, fortunate people—they have seen his face to face.

The King there in His Beauty, without a veil, is seen. It were a well-spent journey though seven deaths lay between. The Lamb with His fair army doth on Mount Zion stand. And glory, glory dwell on Immanuel's land.

We wait for that vision, and the expectation of it constitutes one of the mightiest motives to faithfulness and holiness. It is not written, "Every one that hath this hope set on him purifieth himself even as he is pure."

But we would see Jesus just now. We would see him in our churches looking with his searching eyes into the hearts of pastors and people, and cleansing the temples, as he did of old time. We would see him in each one of our special meetings. What is the use of our frequent coming together unless we do see him? We want to know him better. Is that not the real desire in every waiting Christian heart? It ought to be.

It is so easy to use frequently and familiarly the things by means of which Jesus reveals himself, and yet to be quite unacquainted with him. We remember how he asked that searching and humiliating question to a friend of his—"Have I been so long time with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip?" Have we been reading the Bible, and preaching the gospel, and attending religious meetings, and observing the sacraments, and yet after a year of such religious devotion are we no better acquainted with Jesus than before? Oh, we need to see him so as to know him better.

We would see him at his characteristic work. What our churches need is to clear the way and let him have a chance to work. It is to put away our unbelief so that he can do his mighty works among us. It is to invite him to come in and deal directly with those who have not responded to his command, "Follow thou me." How persuasively he can enter the homes of invitation when his presence becomes very real in a meeting. How mighty is the touch of his hand to transform life.

Our need these opening weeks of the year is not to see some evangelist or church leader. It is not to perfect some new forms of ecclesiastical machinery. It is not even to search out our own souls. But first of all, and above all, it is to see Jesus. —United Presbyterian.

IN PERFECT, ORDERLY BEAUTY

Proper Life is the Life Ordained by God, and Disorder is Rebellion Against Him.

Disorder is rebellion against God. "Let all things be done decently and in order" applies to more than the confusion through "speaking with tongues" with which the apostle was dealing, when he pleaded for order. The life that lacks order and neatness is not "decent" in the sight of God. "When we live the victorious life," writes a business man, "thoroughness, order and neatness come along incidentally almost. Because the God who indwells us is a God of order and symmetry, as is evidenced in the graceful shaping of the snow crystals or in the delicate scallop of the carnation's fringe, as exquisite as the lace around the throat of Mary Queen of Scots." Victory cleans up our desk and our bureau drawers, our person and our finger nails, as well as our heart and spirit. It makes persons attractive to look at and desirable to live with; it makes rooms as well as hearts worthy of the presence of Christ.

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

The disciples of unpreparedness and peace-at-any-price had their pet theories severely jarred when they read the news from Columbus, N. M., a few days ago.

The fur industry in Sterling has amounted to thousands of dollars this season. Trappers have earned all the way from \$50 to \$200 per month here this winter.

A good dependable rifle with plenty of ammunition for each man should be in every West Texas home these days. Outbreaks may occur wherever there are Mexicans.

Mexican newspapers this week have headlines like this: "VILLA HAS CAPTURED NEW MEXICO AND TEXAS. WILSON FLED TO CANADA FOR SAFETY." Of course the average Mexican will believe this and act accordingly.

Paper and other printer's materials like most everything else has doubled in price in the last year and of course you will be charged more for your printing. You will still get your nickel and dime tablets, but like the beer drinker's glass, they will be smaller.

The continued drought is making an active demand for feedstuffs here. Last year, the range was green at this time, but this year the old grass is the only dependence. But our people are feeding and keeping their stock in good condition.

"Cornfield Socialist!" Where have we heard that expression before? Down in East Texas, where there are more negroes, and consequently more socialists, we once heard an old farmer remark, after losing 5 bushels of corn out of his crib, that "some dern cornfield socialist paid me a visit last night!"—Ex.

The chances are that the Columbus outrage was the signal for war with Mexico. Even if Carranza wished it, it is doubtful if he can control his people. They are ignorant and can't understand our motives in sending an expedition to that country.

If it takes the last cartridge, the last dollar and the strength of the last man in the United States to catch Villa and his cutthroats, let it be done. We have suffered long enough from these bloody devils and the sooner their operations are suspended at the end of a good rope, the better it will be for all humanity.

Library Moved to Court House

The ladies of the Wimodaughis club obtained the permission of the Commissioners court last Monday to move their library into the county court room in the court house.

This will be greatly appreciated by the patrons of the library, as there will be a nice room in which to read and keep the books. The Court and the good ladies are to be congratulated on this move, for there is nothing speaks more for a people than a good well kept public library and reading room. Here, one can read the choicest books which have been selected for their merits only by those who know

at Columbus, N. M., the other night. We don't wish the Senator any harm but it is a pity he could not have been in Columbus that night. If Mr. Sheppard and others who are being paid to look after the safety of those whose lives and property have been in jeopardy along the border for years had employed their time in seeking proper protection for them with the zeal they attended pink teas and other effeminate functions, the red spots on their official togas would be white ones.

Are our people ready to surrender to three-fourths of the states the right to say what history our children shall study in the public schools; or the right to make negroes and whites ride in the same coaches, in Texas? Let us be jealous of any surrender of our rights as a sovereign state.—Hamilton Herald.

Yes, some of our people are, but not all of them. Some are so far gone on the question of woman suffrage and prohibition that they would sign away every right guaranteed us by the constitution if only they could get their pet schemes on the statute books. There are those who think Texas people are barbarians because we forbid marriages between negroes and whites and have laws to keep the two races separate from each other in a social way. If prohibition and woman suffrage are proper questions for national legislation, then nigger social equality is also, and once the two former questions are passed up, the gates will be opened and that means trouble. The people have few enough rights

The only way you can defeat the road tax is to walk. You may vote down a road tax levy or a bond issue, but you have got to pay the tax all the same. You may not pay over any money to the tax collector, but the tire dealer, the blacksmith and the harness maker will get you just the same. You have got to pay for your roads whether you get good ones or bad ones. Of course good ones will cost you less, but good or bad you have got to pay for them. See?

Judge Blanton in his speech here last week said he favored national prohibition. There are candidates in other states who favor national negro social equality. No doubt Judge Blanton would oppose nigger equality on the ground of state's rights, while his opponent with equal force would oppose prohibition on the same ground. But the Judge qualified himself by saying

son who said their fun was worth \$5 and trimmings and they paid it over, and after a fatherly warning by Judge Patterson and Sheriff Davis, they went on their way.

Sheriff Davis said the boys seemed to be advocates of preparedness, for they had 84 quarts of booze aboard their car.

Sterling welcomes strangers who behave, but it is a mighty poor place to pull off rough stuff and the would-be tough had as well go around the other way.

ARRESTED FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

While on their way from San Angelo to Sterling a party of Mexicans became involved in a quarrel last Saturday near Carlsbad and one of them attempted to stab a boy with a knife when he was fired on by the father of the boy and received a bullet wound in the hand. It seems that the shot was fired as the assailant raised his knife to strike the boy and the bullet from the gun plowed its way through the flesh part of the fingers.

Sheriff Dee Davis arrested the wounded man and carried him to San Angelo where he was locked up on a charge of aggravated assault.

Maurice Salazar, who is alleged to have done the shooting, went to San Angelo and gave testimony before a court of inquiry and was exonerated from any blame, as he was entirely justified in shooting to save his boy.

Man of Today; His Opportunity and Influence."—Rev. F. C. Dick, Abilene, Texas.

Song. 2:00 p. m.—"The Graded Sunday School, All Standard, Etc."—N. Collins, of Abilene.

Song. 3:00 p. m.—"Round table talks—"How to Secure New Pupils," led by Prof. D. C. Durham.

3:30 p. m.—A forty minutes program by senior and junior B. Y. P. U. and Sunbeams, conducted by Mrs. W. B. Everett and assistants.

8:00 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. F. C. Dick.

We heartily insist that you come and help make this a great day in Sterling City.

DIED

N. L. Toulgas, last Tuesday received a message to the effect that Mrs. Jno. Filgo, a sister of Mrs. Douglas, had died in a sanitarium at Dallas. Deceased had recently undergone an operation for appendicitis, and was thought to be doing well until a short while before her death. Mrs. Filgo, nee Miss Theresa McDavid, was well known here where she has many friends who are grieved to learn of her death.

The San Angelo Spring Carnival will open on Monday, March 20th, and continue through the week. The Southern Amusement Carnival company, one of the most complete on the road, have been engaged to furnish amusements, and the railroads will offer very low rates for the occasion.

The San Angelo citizens extend a hearty welcome to all friends to attend and promise all a good time.

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KNOW THY STATE

THE SILOS' RELATION TO TEXAS AGRICULTURE
By H. G. Harvey.



The silo in Texas is proving to be an important factor in agriculture as the plow, and the present rapid construction of this agency of prosperity indicates that it will soon become as common on the farm. Present silos are being constructed in Texas every day in the year and we now have about 15,000 in this state. There are 418,000 farms in Texas and there should be at least one silo on every farm. The farmers of this state should make a careful study of this modern farm equipment and its relation to Texas agriculture—No one knows the silo and its advantages better than the men who make them.

In discussing the possibilities of the silo in Texas, Mr. H. G. Harvey, who is the directing head of the Texas Kalamazoo Silo Company, at Fort Worth, said in part:

"During the last fifteen years the population of the United States has increased 12,000,000 but the production of beef animals has decreased 11,000,000 head in the same time. Cattle raising has dropped off in Texas to a greater extent than in any similar area of the United States, the reason a vast Texas farmers and stock raisers have been under the impression that grazing was necessary to the proper feeding of market cattle. It is not the case. The Texas farmer simply has not looked into the feeding question the way Northerners have. He merely took the position that cattle could not be profitably grazed in Texas, which was quite true and stopped at that.

By a proper feeding system the Texas farmer can produce better beef and at a lower figure than the Northern feeder can ever hope to attain. The feeding of silage cows (uses the proper system)—it is self evident, not a fact that there would be a good profit to it for the man who would raise beef for less than the Northern feeder and get just as much for it.

In Texas we have an advantage over the Northern farmer. We raise cotton. Cotton gives us seed and seed gives us the meal that is so greatly sought by the Northern feeder so feed with his silage.

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M. Odom

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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

MARES WANTED.—To breed to Bon Bon, Percheron stallion No. 3254, weighs about 1900 pounds, seal brown. Colts to show. Terms: \$10, colt insured. Can pasture mares. 8 miles north of Sterling City. J. E. Davis. 1-11-14

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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.

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Notice is hereby given that driving any stock across, working stock or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me is hereby forbidden under pain of prosecution. 1-11-14 E. F. Arkman

Something New for Our Customers

We are preparing something new and unique for our customers and it is to the interest of each one to keep a sharp lookout. Watch our windows, for there is going to be something new displayed—something anybody would like to have

WATCH!

C. W. Workman
SUCCESSOR TO
J. W. HARCRAVE

that he was no fool about prohibition and that a man who ran on that platform alone, was mighty poor timber.

Some are wondering why the government is mobilizing so many troops and making such elaborate preparations to follow Villa and his band of a few hundred men. There is a reason. While Carranza has given his permission for the entrance of U. S. troops into Mexico, it is by no means certain that he means to keep his word. The administration has long since learned that treachery is a Mexican trait, and that if a small force was sent down there, the whole Mexican army would not resist the temptation to overwhelm the whole outfit.

"Only Governor Colquitt and a few nervous individuals along the Rio Grande are scared," said Senator Sheppard two years ago when Mr. Colquitt was asking for soldiers to protect the Texas border. Only a few women and children, and some men were murdered in their homes

and they had better stay with what they have.

Fined for Speeding

Last Saturday night two young men stopped over here on their way from San Angelo to Big Springs. From all accounts they seemed to be "well organized."

They stopped at the Phillips restaurant and conducted themselves in such a manner that Sheriff Dee Davis admonished them to be a little more quiet or move on. They boarded their car and pulled the throttle wide open and went at full speed up the road making the night hideous with the screeching of their horn.

Sheriff Davis and deputy Rude Mathis commandeered J. T. Davis and his old blue hooded Cadillac breeze burner and gave chase. The chase extended over about 15 miles before old "blue streak" overhauled the fugitives and brought them back and landed them in jail.

Monday morning the young men had an interview with Judge Patter-

Big Sunday School Rally

There will be an all day Sunday school rally at the Baptist church, Sterling City, the 1st Sunday in April, 1916:

9:30 a. m.—Song No. 6.—By entire School.

Invocation—Dr. W. B. Everett.

Address of Welcome—Prof. D. C. Durham, Supt.

Song No. 38.

10 a. m.—Classes assembled and teachers make the report.

Secretary's report.

10:05 a. m.—"How I Teach the Bible Class." Lesson exemplified.

Blackboard analysis.—J. D. Prescott, Water Valley, Texas.

Song No. 150.

10:35 a. m.—"The Teachers' Opportunity, and How They Can Help the Superintendent."—N. Collins, Abilene, Texas.

Song No. 79.

11 a. m.—Address: "The Young

ING GOOD CRUST

RULES MUST BE OBSERVED IN PIE MAKING.

the World Why Delicious... Being Said to Be Indigestible.

along in the late eighties... a good crust, and if we are to make a pie to its credit.

March is none too soon to commence shaping one's plans for the garden.

Do not get discouraged about results, as celery seed germinates very slowly.

This also applies to cabbage and tomatoes. All of them will grow long throughlike stems.

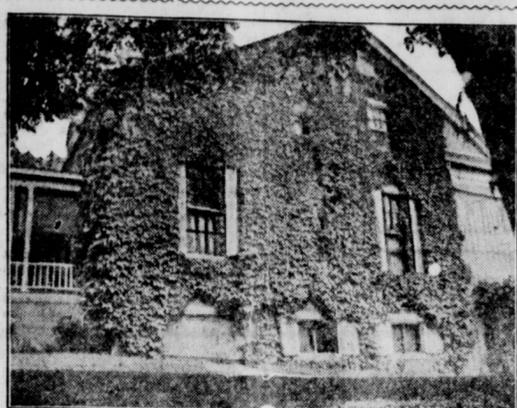
As soon as the fourth leaf is under way, they should be planted into flats.

By the time the plants are transplanted in the flats there will be many days when they can be placed outside for a few hours.

Seed of canna, nasturtium, cypress vine, and other "hard wooded" seeds are benefited by soaking in hot water for twelve hours before planting.

When spraying the orchard this spring do not neglect to spray roses, shrubs and small fruits.

The HOME BEAUTIFUL Flowers and Shrubbery Their Care and Cultivation



Boston Ivy as a Beautifier.

FIRST WORK FOR GARDEN By L. M. BENNINGTON. One does not need a large variety of flowers or vegetables to get both pleasure and profit from a garden.

March is none too soon to commence shaping one's plans for the garden. A good catalogue from some reliable seedsmen is necessary.

Do not get discouraged about results, as celery seed germinates very slowly. Keep the top of the earth always moist, and do not look for plants until the third week.

This also applies to cabbage and tomatoes. All of them will grow long throughlike stems, which will be too weak to support themselves.

As soon as the fourth leaf is under way, they should be planted into flats. Mine are about two feet square and three inches deep.

By the time the plants are transplanted in the flats there will be many days when they can be placed outside for a few hours. This should be done whenever possible.

Seed of canna, nasturtium, cypress vine, and other "hard wooded" seeds are benefited by soaking in hot water for twelve hours before planting.

When spraying the orchard this spring do not neglect to spray roses, shrubs and small fruits. It will do them a world of good.

HARM DONE BY MICE

SERIOUS DAMAGE IN ORCHARDS, GARDENS AND OTHER PLACES.

Strawberry Plantations and Various Kinds of Garden Crops Have Been Attacked by Rodents—Blame Placed on Moles.

(By F. E. BROOKS.) The different species of "field mice" or "meadow mice" that are found in all parts of the country, are almost entirely responsible for that damage done to plants of various kinds.

The blame for which is partly bestowed upon moles and shrews. Of late years mice seem to have been multiplying abnormally in some sections.



The Pine Mouse.

the latter is past remedy. Bubs, planted hopefully in autumn, appear not at all in the spring, or only in the shape of sickly plants.

Potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots, beets, and other vegetables are eaten by pine mice, both while growing and when stored in pits or lying in piles in the field or garden.

Before applying this neat cement the wall should be perfectly clean and saturated with water. If this does not stop the seepage we would recommend that you give the wall a plaster coat of cement mortar.

The ventilating of barns is not expensive or difficult. A very little study of the principles involved will show one just what conditions are necessary.

Swiss chard is becoming a very popular vegetable among those who like "greens." If a few of the leaves from each plant are broken or cut off near the ground when they are 8 to 12 inches high they make fine greens.

To Secure Eggs. In order to obtain eggs it is necessary to have healthy, vigorous stock, properly fed.

RATION TO FATTEN CHICKENS

Feed Recommended by Poultry Husbandman of Nebraska College as Being Most Economical.

Just a little time spent in fattening birds will greatly improve their quality. The following ration has been recommended by the poultry husbandman of the Nebraska College of Agriculture as being most economical.

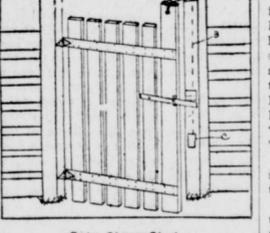
Don't kill the bird when the crop is full. Starve for 24 hours and provide all the water they will drink. If the chicken is to be roasted, remove the crop either with the viscera or by making an incision next to the spinal column.

VALUABLE FOR THE GARDENS

Composting Manure Increases Quantity of Plant Food Available—Fork Over Occasionally. Composting manure is valuable to almost any farmer, since composting increases the quantity of plant food available.

Compost consists of mixed and rotted organic matter, particularly manure and litter. It is best to make it in a level place on puddled clay soils to prevent drainage.

DEVICE FOR CLOSING A GATE



The device have the gate post at least six feet high; place a large spool on post for pulley, fasten cord to gate, pass it over spool and attach plow point or something similar for weight.

VENTILATION FOR THE BARN

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SWISS CHARD MORE POPULAR

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Mix in One Minute with Cold Water—Ready to Apply Immediately. Sanitary Beautiful Permanent Economical.

Let us tell you of the wonderful economy, simplicity and effectiveness of the Alabastine way of interior decoration. The Alabastine way is simple in the extreme.



Bigger Crops Better Farms. Ditching and Terracing. MADE EASY. Bigger crops, better farms and better roads assured if you use the Ditching and Terracing machine.

RIGID OLD SCOTTISH LAWS

More than half in earnest, newspapers in Scotland have published some "old Scots laws" that should bring into the field, for home protection at least, many thousands of men.

TOO MUCH OF ONE THOUGHT

There is an old but very good story told of a peasant congregation in the south of France which decided to present its well-beloved pastor with a cask of wine.

Why All the Hurry?

Ever since the public first tasted the New Post Toasties, the factories have been heavily taxed to supply the demand. These new flakes are different—better in flavour and form.

New Post Toasties

New Post Toasties are not "chaffy" in the package; they don't mush down when milk or cream is added like ordinary flakes; and there's a delicious new flavour—the true flavour of prime, white Indian corn—brought out for the first time.

Vertical text on the far left edge of the page, including words like 'CO.', 'S.', 'TEXAS', 'PROPERTY', 'ARCE', 'SERVICES', 'lines', 'd Horse', 'All bills', 'paid', 'Our prop', 'ing City', 'n that', 'rking', 'stock', 'e upon', 'any', 'ed by', 'me', 'is', 'P-11-20-44', 'F. Arkman'.

The President's Wedding Cake—

—an example of decorative art never equaled in the history of cake decorating—an example of deliciousness, lightness and wholesomeness that would be a pride to any housewife. It is

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This world-famous Wilson-Galt Wedding Cake was made by Mrs. Marian Cole Fisher and Miss Pansy Bowen, both well known Domestic Science Experts Calumet Baking Powder was used because both these experts use it exclusively in their work and know it is the purest, the safest, the most wholesome and economical to use.

So do millions of housewives who use it every day—so will you if you try it on the things hardest to bake.

Send your name and address for free recipe and history of the Wedding Cake. Then bake one just like it yourself.

World's Highest Awards
Received at Pure Food Expositions,
Chicago and Paris

Calumet Baking Powder Co. Chicago

True.
"It takes two to make a quarrel."
"Yes, and very often it takes a jury to settle it."

"CASCARETS" FOR SLUGGISH BOWELS

No sick headache, sour stomach, biliousness or constipation by morning.

Get a 10-cent box now. Turn the rascals out—the headache, biliousness, indigestion, the sick, sour stomach and foul gases—turn them out to-night and keep them out with Cascarets.

Millions of men and women take a Cascaret now and then and never know the misery caused by a lazy liver, clogged bowels or an upset stomach.

Don't put in another day of distress. Let Cascarets cleanse your stomach; remove the sour, fermenting food; take the excess bile from your liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poison in the bowels. Then you will feel great.

A Cascaret to-night straightens you out by morning. They work while you sleep. A 10-cent box from any drug store means a clear head, sweet stomach and clean, healthy liver and bowel action for months. Children love Cascarets because they never gripe or sicken. Adv.

The politicians, like actors, rehearse their plays, and try to get popular ones.

For inflamed sore eyes apply Hanford's Balsam lightly to the closed lids. It should relieve in five minutes. Adv.

Lend a man a quarter today and he's apt to strike you for a dollar tomorrow.

To cure constiveness the medicine must be more than a purgative; it must contain tonic, alterative and cathartic properties.

Tutt's Pills

possess these qualities, and speedily restore to the bowels their natural peristaltic motion, so essential to regularity.

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FOR MALARIA CHILLS & FEVER
A FINE GENERAL STRENGTHENING TONIC

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SAME Spirit of Gallantry on the Seas that Moved the Ancient Sailor Moves His Brother Today—Some History

THE OLD HARTFORD, FARRAGUT'S FLAGSHIP

THE CALIFORNIA, OUR NEWEST DREADNAUGHT

DURING the continuance of the present war there have been recorded scores of acts of gallantry and high heroism by the sailors of nearly all the nations engaged. The complete change that has been made in the vessels of war within the last thirty years has had no effect apparently upon the sailor. He is the same fearless and self-sacrificing fighter against man and the elements that ever he was.

In the North sea and in the Mediterranean we read almost daily of feats of conspicuous personal gallantry on the part of the modern seamen. Sailors are said to be much alike the world over. The United States is not engaged in war, but if it were it is believed that our dreadnaughts would be manned by the same kind of men that made famous the Constitution, the Constellation, the Keersarge, the Hartford and the other old frigates and ships of the line.

In the navy department in Washington there are the records of American sailors' daring on many high occasions. The seaman always is in danger, being compelled to engage in instant war with the elements. So it is that where there is peace on land the sailor is never sure of peace at sea. Wind, the waves and the lightning always seem ready to declare hostilities, and then there are the other perils of the deep—the derelict, the rock and, when the fog hangs heavy, the moving ship whose warning signals have been unheard or have been misunderstood.

In the whole record of serious disasters which have overtaken Uncle Sam's ships in time of peace there is not to be found one instance of lack of discipline, carelessness, or cowardice. The stories touching the bearing of officers and crews of American vessels overtaken by tempestuous seas, wrecked or cut to the water's edge by collision, are such as to make every American feel that there has been no degeneracy in discipline since the days of the elder Porter, Bainbridge and Decatur.

In the number of men lost the accident to the Maine leads all the other casualties in that part of the navy's record written in time of peace. In the first month of the year 1870 the United States steam sloop-of-war Onondaga went to the bottom of the bay of Yeddo, carrying with it 24 officers and 152 men. It is questionable whether the account of the loss of this vessel be pleasant reading for British eyes. It was a dark night and a foggy one. The British merchant steamer Borsbey crashed into the stern of the American vessel and practically carried away its whole quarter.

The British steamer was uninjured. It proceeded on its way, refusing to answer the hail to "stand by" which came from the deck of the Onondaga. A large number of the Onondaga's boats were stove in and rendered useless. Into what were left 30 men, told off, were placed. Then the remainder took their places well forward and awaited death. In less than fifteen minutes from the time of the collision the Onondaga sank.

Capt. E. P. Williams commanded the Onondaga. The men he caused to be placed in the boats were the ship's sick. The surgeon was ordered to go with the invalids. Not one man of those to whom death was a certainty murmured at the captain's act. The surgeon and the sick saw the men standing on the deck and fearlessly awaiting the fate which soon came.

It is, perhaps, forgotten today outside of naval circles that Rear Admiral Sigsbee, now deceased, once lost, by wrecking, a vessel under his command. It happened 43 years ago last October, and the scene of the wreck was Ocean Island, in the South Pacific. The admiral was then a lieutenant commander in charge of the United States steam sloop Saginaw. It was the subsequent heroism of an officer and four men of the Saginaw that marked the account of this disaster as one of the bright pages of American naval history.

The Saginaw ran on a reef in an unexplored sea. It was an early hour in the morning. The commanding officer had been on deck all night alert, knowing that he was coming to the vicinity of Ocean Island. Speed was diminished to four and then to two and a half knots, while soundings with the lead were constantly made. There was a breeze dead astern called, "Breakers ahead!" The command "was given to back the engines. The topsails had been set for an hour and there was not power enough in the vessel's steam plant to drive the ship back while the wind in the filled topsails drove her forward. The saginaw struck the reef, stove a great hole in her bow, and the crew were compelled to take to the boats. They saved large quantities of stores from the wreck.

CONDENSATION

The latest piece of fire-fighting equipment is a tricar chemical engine.

Sediment carried to sea by the Amazon river can be detected 100 miles from the coast.

In some parts of Switzerland granite is so plentiful that it is used for telegraph poles.

The use of the oxygen inhaler alone has made it possible to make balloon flights above 25,000 feet.

wreck and with them land on a desert island; hundreds of miles distant from the nearest point of possible communication with the civilized world. The shipwrecked mariners were far out of the ordinary course of vessels and it seemed probable that only a bare chance could save them from ultimate starvation.

After a week's stay on the bare reef Lieutenant Commander Sigsbee asked for five volunteers to man a small boat and undertake a perilous voyage of 1,500 miles over a trackless ocean to Honolulu. Nearly every man in the ship's company volunteered to attempt a journey of which there seemed but one chance in a hundred of successful accomplishment. The commanding officer chose Lieutenant Talbot to command the forlorn hope, and chose for service under him Coxswain William Halford, seaman Peter Francis, James Muir and John Andrews. One of the ship's boats was partly decked over with material from the wreck of the Saginaw. A small mast was stepped and provisions and a compass were put on board. Then the expedition started while the wrecked crew cheered from the coral reef.

The frail boat kept on its way day and night for a week, officer and men taking turn and turn about at the oars. At times the wind was with them and then the sail helped wonderfully. At other times, with the breeze dead ahead, they could not but creep along, working laboriously at the oars.

Finally a gale overtook them, and for two days and two nights they expected to be overwhelmed. There was no sleep for any one of the little company, and while two toiled at the oars to keep the craft's head up to the wind the others bailed. At last a respite came, and by lot one man was selected to watch for an hour, while the others slept. For 24 hours they lay, trying to recover from the effects of the exertion of the struggle with the elements. A large part of the provisions had been almost ruined by sea water and the supply of fresh water ran short. Then there were days of untold suffering. The food was salt-soaked and nauseous and created a burning thirst which the men did not dare to fully gratify because of the shortness of the water supply. Strength was rapidly leaving them, and yet it was necessary to toil at the oars. Lieutenant Talbot was ill almost unto death, yet he kept a cheerful face and inspired the men by his example. He worked with a will born of spirit rather than of strength.

One day, after a computation, Lieutenant Talbot came to the conclusion that owing to an error in an instrument they had gone out of their course. The information came like a deathblow to the men. There was nothing to do, however, but to change the vessel's head and go on once more. More days passed by and the exhaustion of two of the men was so great that they could not sit in their places at the oars, but fell inert to the bottom of the boat. The condition of all was desperate. Their tongues were so swollen that they could not swallow the little food they had.

Toward evening of that dreadful day land was sighted. Lieutenant Talbot and Coxswain Halford managed to make some headway with the oars, and a favoring breeze helped. At daylight the next morning the shore lay before them but a mile distant, a heavy line of breakers intervening. Beyond the white wall of surf they saw men on the beach.

At that moment of supreme joy their boat struck a rock and in a moment was overturned. All the members of that heroic crew were too weak to struggle and all save one was drowned when the long-sought land was almost under their feet. Coxswain Halford managed to struggle for a few minutes with the waves, then he was caught by a breaker and thrown on to the sandy shore. He was resuscitated with difficulty, and then he found he was on the beach of one of the Hawaiian islands, and that he was the only survivor of the boat's crew. He told his story, and within 24 hours two steamers were dispatched from Honolulu to the rescue of Lieutenant Commander Sigsbee and his men, who were found well and hearty, though living on somewhat short rations.

On the sands and reefs of Samoa 27 years ago were wrecked the United States vessels Trenton, Vandalla and Nipsic. Forty-seven American officers and men there lost their lives. The story

of the loss of these vessels and lives has in it the recital of a showing of undaunted American heroism, coupled with romance which it is hard to equal in the truthful annals of the sea. At the time of the wrecking of the Yankee vessels three German warships were destroyed, the loss of life upon them being much heavier than upon ours. The German vessels were the Olga, Adler and Eber. There was in the Samoan harbor at the same time her majesty's ship Calliope. This vessel was the only one which went through that awful hurricane unscathed. It owed its safety not to superior seamanship, but to the fact that its powerful engines enabled it to put to sea and there with prow to the blast outride the storm.

On Friday, March 15, 1889, at one o'clock in the afternoon, indications of bad weather were apparent on the horizon. The coming disturbance was first noticed by the American commanders, who at once made preparations to meet it. The lower yards were left down, the topmasts hoisted, fires lighted and steam was raised. The Trenton, flagship, held the outer berth, while the Nipsic held the inner. At three o'clock it was blowing a gale. An hour later the port bow cable of the Trenton parted. The Vandalla tried its best to steam out in the face of the gale, but there was not power enough in its engines to keep the vessel's head in the teeth of the blast and the ship went crashing on a reef.

All night long the storm increased in violence. The flagship at daylight lost its wheel, and, though relieving tackle and a spare tiller were instantly attached, it was found that the rudder was broken, and they were useless. The Trenton was leaking badly, and, though bedding was jammed into the fissures and all hands went to work bailing, the water gained and soon put out the fires. Two of the Trenton's anchor held and it was not yet swept from its moorings. At half past nine on the morning of Saturday the hurricane was at its height.

In the afternoon the wind hauled a bit, and the flagship parted its two chains and drifted toward the eastern reef. Magnificent seamanship on the part of Captain Farquhar and his navigating officers kept the vessel from striking the reef. The attempt was made to set storm sails, but it was ineffectual. Then a last hazardous experiment was tried. The men were ordered to the yards, there to form a living sail, as they stood with their bodies in a compact mass side by side and with arms encircled. To attempt to mount aloft in that hurricane seemed certain death. Fearing that there might be a hesitancy to obey, Naval Cadet Jackson, little more than a boy, sprang to the ladder and led the way aloft, followed by the crew.

Finally the Trenton reached the vicinity of the Vandalla, which was on the reef, with great seas breaking over it every moment and rapidly going to pieces. Captain Schoonmaker of the Vandalla, with many of his men and officers, had been swept overboard and drowned long before. The commander had been on the bridge through the whole of the storm, and, weakened finally by the constant pounding of the waves, he was unable to stand the strain. His last word was one of encouragement and hope to his men, and then, with four others, he was carried to his death. Of the officers and crew of the Vandalla at the time the Trenton came alongside 20 were dead. The rest were in the rigging expecting every moment that the masts would go by the board, and that they would meet the fate of their comrades.

When the Trenton's officers saw the perilous position of the Vandalla's crew they resolved to save their brothers. Rockets with lines attached were sent over the Vandalla's rigging, and the Trenton's men began the dangerous work of saving. Captain Farquhar ordered the flagship's band into the rigging, where the musicians were lashed. They had their instruments with them. "Play the 'Star-Spangled Banner,'" ordered Captain Farquhar.

The music came with a will, and the notes of the national anthem rose over the roar of the waters and the howl of the hurricane.

The storm abated. The Nipsic was well beached, but badly broken up. The seven men lost by that vessel were drowned while attempting to launch a boat. The reports of the officers of the three American ships told of the heroism of the common sailors, but said nothing of their own. The story in full came from admiring aliens.

Levelers, members of an organization bent on removing all class distinctions and leveling all titles, who were powerful in the English parliament in 1647, were first heard of in Germany during the sixteenth century, when two men, Munzer and Stork, by their teaching quickly acquired wide influence and accumulated a following of 40,000 men.

A lighthouse on the Japanese coast, constructed of bamboo, has great power of resisting salt water, and does not rot like ordinary wood.

A famous hymn, "The Day Is Past and Over," is believed to be a translation from the Greek and written by St. Anatolius.

Tea leaves are gathered four times a year from the tea plant after its third year.

"Have you any false teeth for sale?" inquired a customer at Jacob Leodon's second-hand store in Bellefontaine, O. Mr. Leodon remembered he had a set of teeth in stock that he had kept for 12 years. The teeth were brought out and suited the customer.

For weak joints apply Hanford's Balsam thoroughly and well rubbed in. Adv.

To oil automobile springs automatically there has been invented a lubricant holding pad to be strapped around them.

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION
should be given to sprains, swellings, bruises, rheumatism and neuralgia. Keep Mansfield's Magic Arnica Liniment handy on the shelf. Three sizes—25c, 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

Forgone Conclusion.
Teacher—If a farmer sold 1,479 bushels of wheat for \$1.17 a bushel, what would he get?
Boy—An automobile.

And After That!
Visitor—How delighted you must have been when you heard your son had won the V. C.
Scotch Wife—Oh, ay! I was pleased enough, but I wasn't surprised. He stood up to me once!—London Punch.

Rather Noisy.
Heiny—That certainly was a sound argument your wife put up.
Omar—Yes; it wasn't anything else.

TRY CAPUDINE
—For Colds and Gripp—
RELIEVES THE ACHING and FEVERISHNESS. Helps Nature to get right again. Good for Headaches also.—Adv.

Makers of alarm clocks are among those who do a rousing business.
For bruises use Hanford's Balsam. Adv.

The Reason.
"It is queer you did not notice how the wind was howling last night."
"So was the baby."

"Every Picture Tells a Story"

Colds Make Backs Ache
MORE aching backs, more kidney troubles come in March—any other month. Slushy sidewalks, dampness, raw weather, sudden changes cause chills and colds. And chills or colds hurt the kidneys. It is good sense to use a kidney remedy when suffering from a cold and at any time when suffering from a sharp pains when stooping or lifting, dizzy spells, irregular kidney action, and a run-down, nervous state.

Don't delay and take a chance of getting dropsy, gravel, disease or some other serious kidney disease. Use Doan's Pills, the best-recommended, special kidney remedy. All world grateful people frankly praise Doan's.

Here's What Texas People Say:

J. W. Stowers, West, Tex., says: "I suffered from severe backaches and rheumatic pains in my limbs. The kidney secretions were sometimes too frequent in passage and then again scanty and filled with sediment. As soon as I used Doan's Kidney Pills they benefited me. When I take cold and feel any return of the trouble, Doan's Kidney Pills soon fix me up in good shape."

Mrs. Dora A. Babin, 1019 St. Wichita Falls, Tex., says: "Whenever I caught cold or a dull ache in my back, miserable and morose for me to dress. I rubbed with liniments and used the first relief. They give with all the ailments I have been in good shape since."

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

At All Stores, 50c a Box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Give Your Liver a Chance

Take a time tried and proven remedy for Liver Complaints, Biliousness, Jaundice, Kidney Troubles, Impure Blood, Pimples, Indigestion. If suffering from these

Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood

Your Liver and Kidneys are your best friends if you keep them in good shape when neglected they become your most dangerous enemies. If you are afflicted with any of the above named troubles, you should immediately take this great preparation—50c a bottle.

NEURALGIA BRUISES STIFF NECK

Why bear those pains? A single bottle will convince you

Sloan's Liniment

Arrests Inflammation. Prevents severe complications. Just put a few drops on the painful spot and the pain disappears.

A Watch Guard

The Stomach, Liver and Cils are real factors in matters, and it is a plan to watch them fully. As soon as appetite wanes, or digestion becomes impaired, recovery should be had

HOSTETTER'S Stomach Biscuits

Appropriate Exclamation: "Here somebody says that is caused by bad teeth." "By gum!"

It Takes the Fire Out of scald quickly use Hostetter's Myrrin. Apply it lightly to the inflamed skin should be cooled. Be prepared for always having a bottle on hand.

Women are engaged to army camps in England.

Throw Off Colds and Fever with Hostetter's Myrrin. It is a sure cure for colds, coughs, and fevers. W. W. GARDNER'S SIGNATURE ON THE BOTTLE.

Luxemburg has an area of 12,000 square miles.

"I'm so nervous I could..."

Every Picture Tells a Story

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TO WIN THE PRIZE

a horse, or in fact any other live stock has got to be in first class condition. And that can only be attained by supplying the best of feed.

BEN FINDT

ALL SORTS OF SUPPLIES ARE HERE

for autoists' use Electric torches for illuminating dark parts of the engine. There is nothing worse than having engine trouble at night and being "hung up" for lack of a suitable light to ascertain and remedy the trouble.



W. & Pearce

USE OUR SIDING

and it will neither shrink or split. We send out only thoroughly seasoned stuff, which is the only kind fit to use.



South Texas Lumber Company

To my friends AND customers

I thank you all for the patronage you have given me in the past and sincerely hope to have you continue same, as you will always receive courteous treatment and wholesome home cooking at the

State Hotel

Notice

Prof. and Mrs. S. Kellogg (the latter being better known as Mrs. J. E. Douglas) scientific Masseurs, chronic diseases a specialty.

Respectfully, Prof. and Mrs. S. Kellogg

Advertisement for Stevens' High Power Repeating Rifle No. 425, featuring an illustration of the rifle and text describing its accuracy and penetration.

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

WINDMILL FOR SALE—A 6-foot ideal windmill and tower in good running order for sale at \$10 cash.

For Sale, or will trade for cattle: One big, fat, stout horse, and good buggy. S. Kellogg, 4f.

LOCALS

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

The young ladies of the Philaena Class will sell candies and confectioneries tomorrow at the picture show hall.

Sheep pelts are selling now at 14 cents a pound here. Ben Findt this week paid \$6 for a single pelt.

Have your shoes neatly repaired and they will last twice as long. L. Knaecker, Churchill residence. 4t

A. F. Jones and Roy Davis bought each a new Ford from Brown & Pearce last week.

Geo. Blair and aunt, Mrs. Mary Kirk, visited their cousin and nephew, T. J. Blair, this week. Mrs. Kirk had not seen her nephew in more than forty years.

Rev. A. D. Dies, of Sweetwater, will preach at the Christian church on the first Sunday in April, and on Saturday night before.

Have your shoes repaired. L. Knaecker, Churchill residence near school house. 4t

N. A. Austin has installed a fine new combined show case and counter in his store. Mr. Austin told the News-Record man that groceries would be sold at the same old price, as the new addition had already been paid for and a raise in price was not needed.

"Uncle" Joe Cotten says the grocery trade keeps him on the high jump these days.

Robert Brown says a carload of cottonseed cake is needed to supply the demand these days. He says the ranchmen do not ask for a limited quantity of feedstuffs, but they take all he has on hand without regard to quantity.

Double the life of your shoes by having them repaired. L. Knaecker, Churchill residence near school house. 4t

The dime that you pay at the ticket window of the Dixie goes into the pockets of our home people who in turn will put it back into circulation and you have a chance at it again.

Married: Last Tuesday evening at the residence of Judge B. F. Brown, W. W. Shortt to Mrs. Ellen Brownbrook, Judge Brown officiating.

W. L. and Rufus Foster bought the A. F. Jones ranch consisting of two sections of land on Sterling creek last week. We learn that Rufus Foster will take that part of the ranch lying on the east side of Sterling creek road including the 'Ancy' Jones old ranch headquarters, while W. L. Foster takes that on the west side of the road.

The Dixie people are our home people and they could not afford to be otherwise than square with their patrons. It is the transcendent show that you have to watch.

E. W. Snoddy, a prominent attorney of Alva, Okla., was here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mann and Mrs. Ida Mann visited Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Mann, at Garden City, this week.

J. T. Davis left Sunday for Waco, where he has gone on business. Mr. Davis expects to attend the meeting of the Cattle Raisers' association at Houston before returning.

W. F. Cushing and sister, Mrs. Souther, of Konohasset, were shopping here last Wednesday.

Robt. Brown, last week, sold his gain and feed business to a Mr. Snowden, of Colorado City, who will operate same in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Foster, Miss Belle Lyles and Grover Potts went on a shopping tour to San Angelo last Tuesday. They had car trouble and were forced to camp out on the road without much camp equipment.

Bob Craddock, an old time Sterling boy, was here this week.

Don't forget the Dixie Friday and Saturday nights. Only a dime to see a good show.

Mrs. E. B. Butler who was quite ill a few days ago is much improved and hopes are entertained for her early recovery.

Jeff D. Ayres and J. W. Tweedle were among the business visitors to San Angelo this week.

Geo. Hull of Paris, Tex., was here last Saturday looking over his ranch interests.

Mrs. and Mrs. Geo. H. McEntire and children returned from Dallas last Sunday where they had been having baby Virginia treated by a specialist for ear trouble. We are glad to learn that the little sufferer is much improved and will soon be well again.

COW HIDES WANTED—Dry 24c; green 13c and up. Sheep hides 14c. Ben Findt. 2t

Quite a number of our people attended Trades day at Robert Lee last Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Everitt are visiting in Dallas this week.

NOTICE

Dr. Daly, of Abilene, will be in Sterling City, April 7 and 8. Practice confined to diseases and surgery of the eye, ear and throat, and fitting glasses. Office at Coulson's Drug Store.

For Sale: Lot 12, Block 23, original town plat of Sterling City can be bought very cheap. It is about 700 feet southwest of the public square and is a desirable place for a residence. It's a bargain! Call at this office for price.

5 IN 1—Guaranteed to relieve dandruff, itching scalp, falling hair and "milk crust" on babies. Guaranteed—Apply freely each day for 12 days. Wash or shampoo the hair the 6th and 12th days. If you are not then satisfied your money will be refunded. R. M. Mathis.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Tom Green county, Texas, on the 11th day of February, 1916, by the clerk thereof, on a judgment rendered in cause No. 2810 on the docket of said court, entitled E. K. Aly versus Wm. Gallia and A. J. Lewis, for the sum of one hundred seventy-seven and 99-100 (\$177.99) and dated December 14th, 1915, with interest thereon from said 14th day of December, 1915, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, in favor of said E. K. Aly, plaintiff, and against Wm. Gallia and A. J. Lewis, defendants, which said judgment is a foreclosure of plaintiff's vendor's lien as said vendor's lien existed on the 4th day of March, A. D. 1914, against Wm. Gallia and A. J. Lewis, and each of them, on the following described property and land situated in Sterling county, Texas, to-wit:

Lot No. eight in block No. nine (9), in the town of Sterling City, in said Sterling county, Texas; and which said order of sale was directed and delivered to me, the undersigned, sheriff of Sterling county, Texas, on the 8th day of March, A. D. 1916; have on this the 9th day of March, 1916, levied upon the above described real estate, as commanded in said order of sale, and will sell the same to the highest bidder for cash, before the court house door of Sterling county, in Sterling City, Texas, on the first Tuesday in April 1916, the same being the 4th day of said month, 1916, between the hours

of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of enforcing the payment of the sum of one hundred seventy-seven (\$177.99) and 99-100 dollars, together with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 14th day of December, A. D. 1915, and all costs of suit and the further costs of executing said order of sale.

Witness my official signature at my office in the town of Sterling City, Texas, this the 9th day of March, A. D. 1916.

Dee Davis, Sheriff of Sterling County, Texas.

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Lots Nos. nine and ten (9 and 10) in block No. forty-one (41), Sterling addition to the city of Sterling City, Texas. And which said order of sale was directed and delivered to me, the undersigned, sheriff of Sterling county, Texas, on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1916, have on this 9th day of March, A. D. 1916, levied on the real estate above described, as commanded in said order of sale, and will sell the same to the highest and best bidder for cash, before the court house door of Sterling county, Texas, in the town of Sterling City, Texas, on the first Tuesday in April, 1916, the same being the 4th day of said month, 1916, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of enforcing the payment of the sum of three hundred ninety-seven and 75-100 dollars, together with interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum thereon from the 14th day of December, A. D. 1915, and all costs of suit and the further costs of executing said order of sale.

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TEXAS FACTS

MANUFACTURING.

We have 238 cottonseed oil mills in Texas that manufacture \$30,000,000 of products annually.

Fifteen years ago Texas was without a rice mill. We now have 19 of these establishments.

Texas is the second state in the Union in the manufacture of rice.

The Texas rice mills turn out \$8,132,000 of products annually.

There are 372,000,000 pounds of rough rice milled by the Texas plants each year.

The refining of petroleum ranks fifth among other Texas industries and Texas ranks fourth with other states in this respect.

We have 12 malt liquor establishments in Texas that are valued at \$7,027,000.

The annual output of the Texas breweries is valued at \$6,164,000.

The first ice factory ever built in the United States was at Jefferson, Texas.

The cold storage capacity of Texas is 2,500 cars.

There are 182 ice factories in Texas.

There are 143 foundry and machine shops in Texas.

There are 285 bakeries in Texas.

There are 13 cotton mills in Texas.

There are 25 furniture factories in Texas.

There are 67 tobacco and cigar factories in Texas.

Texas has 127 steam laundries.

There are 253 central electric light and power plants in Texas.

TWO WAYS.

Dolly—I have decided to remain single and retain my liberty.

Polly—I have decided to marry and obtain mine.

Advertisement for First National Bank of Sterling City, featuring the bank's name, capital of \$60,000.00, and a list of directors including W. L. Foster, J. S. Johnston, and J. T. Davis.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

At the close of business March 7, 1916.

Table showing financial resources and liabilities. Resources include Loans and Discounts (\$171,265.51), Overdrafts, unsecured (287.15), U. S. bonds to secure circulation (15,000.00), Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank (\$3,900), Less amount up'd (1,800), Banking house (11,329.73), Furniture & fixtures (2,974.00), Due from Federal Reserve Bank (3,345.71), Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis (137.26), Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities (16,532.42), Due from banks and bankers (other than above) (4,903.04), Outside checks and other cash items (621.19), Fractional currency, nickels, and cents (81.72), Notes of other National Banks (775.00), LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ: Total coin and certificates (4,866.10), Legal-tender Notes (775.00), Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) (750.00), TOTAL (\$235,443.83).

Table showing liabilities. Capital stock paid in (\$60,000.00), Undivided profits (\$40,668.40), Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid (- 1,722.04), National Bank Notes outstanding (15,000.00), Due to banks and bankers (other than above) (238.41), Individual deposits subject to check (81,203.41), cashier's checks outstanding (279.01), Rediscunts with Federal Reserve Bank (39,716.91), TOTAL (\$235,443.83).

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Sterling, ss: I, J. S. Cole, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March, 1916. J. S. Cole, Cashier.

Jeff D. Ayres, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: J. S. Johnston, J. L. Glass, W. L. Foster.

Directors: D. C. Durham, J. R. Ray, J. R. Cope.

Large advertisement for The Mildred Morrison Company, featuring the text 'Will no doubt be one of the best Lyceum numbers Music and Reading. School Auditorium Tomorrow Night. HEAR THE BEST NUMBER'.

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.

Get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from your druggist or at the store. It is inexpensive and almost tasteless, except a sourish tinge which is not unpleasant. Drink phosphated hot water every morning to rid your system of these vile poisons and toxins; also to prevent their formation.

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!

But a woman never thinks of anything important she wants to say until some other woman is talking.

OUCH! PAIN, PAIN, RUB RHEUMATISM

Rub pain right out with small trial bottle of old "St. Jacobs Oil."

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

"How do you like the way this Lady Macbeth murders sleep?" "Bah! She can't ever kill time."

IS CHILD CROSS, FEVERISH, SICK

Look, Mother! If tongue is coated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely.

A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhea.

Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Adv.

"I have a good stabling story." "Then, we'll illustrate it with plenty of cuts."

YOUR GRAY, FADED OR GRAY-STREAKED HAIR EVENLY DARKENED WITHOUT DYES

Do this: Apply like a shampoo Q-Ban Hair Color Restorer to your hair and scalp, and dry hair in sunlight. A few applications like this turn all your gray, faded, dry or gray-streaked hair to an even, beautiful dark shade.

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Same Class. "They tell me the clerk standing yonder with a volume in his hand is a capital salesman." "Yes, he and the book he is holding are two of our best sellers."

THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

March 14, 1915. French occupied Vougluis, in the Argonne, and Embermenil.

British repelled German attack on Neuve Chapelle.

Belgians made gains on the Yser.

Russians checked German advance in the Miawa region.

Three British cruisers sank German cruiser Dresden near Juan Fernandez island.

French steamer Auguste Consell sunk by German submarine.

March 15, 1915. French captured trenches north of Arras.

Belgians drove back British south of Ypres but were beaten at Neuve Chapelle.

Russians captured chief eastern defense of Przemyel.

Severe fighting in Bukovina and in ice fields of the Carpathians.

Britain refused to modify blockade order.

March 16, 1915. Belgians crossed the Yser and drove Germans from trenches south of Nieuport.

British recaptured St. Eloi.

Russians drove back Teuton army that was marching on Przemyel.

Russians routed Turks in Armenia.

Vice-Admiral Garden succeeded by Vice-Admiral de Robeck at Dardanelles.

German liner Macedonia, interned at Canary islands, escaped.

March 17, 1915. Belgians carried two positions in Yser region.

Westende was bombarded.

Russians crossed German frontier in two places.

Battle being fought for possession of Tarnowice.

British lost three mine sweepers in the Dardanelles.

March 18, 1915. Belgian army advanced further in Yser region.

Germans vainly shelled heights of Notre Dame de Lorette.

Turkish soldiers killed civilians in Urumiah district, Persia.

British battleships Irresistible and Ocean and French battleship Bouvet sunk by mines in Dardanelles; 600 lost with Bouvet.

French submarine sunk and other warships of allies damaged.

German submarine sank British steamer Glenartney in English channel.

Denmark, Norway and Sweden protested against British blockade of Germany.

Bombs from a Zeppelin killed seven in Calais.

Rumanian government seized shells in transit from Germany to Turkey.

March 19, 1915. British and Germans fought in underground passages of Ramscappelle monastery.

Memel, German port on Baltic, occupied by Russians.

Von Hindenburg started new offensive in Central Poland.

Russians took Archawa from Turks.

British steamers Hyndford and Bluejacket torpedoed in English channel.

March 20, 1915. Russians won battle in streets of Memel.

Sortie by Przemyel garrison repulsed.

Holland protested against trade embargo.

Persian government called on Russia to evacuate province of Azerbaijan.

Famous Factory to Reopen. The famous King Teh Cheeng porcelain factory, which from the year 1396 furnished all the fine porcelain for the royal palaces of China, is to be reopened.

Ready for Him. "Tomorrow, gentlemen," said the professor in a lecture on taking notes, "I will bring in my cards and show you my card system." Voice: "O. K., doc. Fetch some chips and we'll have a regular party."—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

Ambiguous. Staylate—"Yes, I've been very ill. Everyone thought I was going to die, but I didn't, you see." Miss Weersigh—"Oh! that's too bad. I'm awfully sorry."

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DRINK LOTS OF WATER TO FLUSH THE KIDNEYS

Eat Less Meat and Take Salts for Backache or Bladder Trouble—Neutralize Acids.

Uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish, ache, and feel like lumps of lead. The urine becomes cloudy; the bladder is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Eat less meat, drink lots of water; also get from any pharmacist four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active.

Druggists here say they sell lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.—Adv.

Persistent. "Be sure and get the right tooth, doctor." "Don't worry, I'll get it if I have to pull out every tooth in your head."—Life.

SAGE TEA BEAUTIFIES AND DARKENS HAIR

Don't Stay Gray! It Darkens So Naturally That Nobody Can Tell.

You can turn gray, faded hair beautifully dark and lustrous almost overnight if you'll get a 50-cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound" at any drug store.

Caulliflower Baked With Cheese (Caulliflower au Gratin).—Break into pieces a well-drained head of plain boiled caulliflower and fill a dish with layers (two or at most three) of caulliflower lightly sprinkled with grated cheese. Pour over all a cupful of cream sauce; sprinkle the top with buttered bread crumbs, and, if a decided cheese flavor is liked, with a moderate grate of cheese also.

Delicious Walnut Cake. One cupful milk, three-fourths cupful of butter, two cupfuls of granulated sugar, three cupfuls of flour, three even teaspoonfuls of baking powder, three eggs, nearly a cupful English walnut meats broken up. Beat butter and sugar to a cream, add milk slowly, then the eggs beaten separately.

Creole Celery. Celery two cupfuls, white sauce one cupful. Method: Select the tender parts of the celery and serve as a relish. The tougher, undesirable parts, break into inch pieces and cook until tender in enough boiling salted water to cover (30 to 60 minutes).

Creole Balls. Add to one cupful of milk butter the size of an egg and let it come to a boil. After the milk boils add three cupfuls light brown sugar, getting the mixture to the boiling point as quickly as possible to avoid curdling.

Veal Balls. Eight ounces of cold cooked veal, three ounces of bacon fried, two tablespoonfuls of cream, three ounces of grated roll, one tablespoonful of chopped parsley, pepper and salt.

Sponge Drops. Two eggs (whites) one-third cupful of powdered sugar, two eggs (yolks), one-third cupful of flour, teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of lemon extract.

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THAT GRIM WHITE SPECTRE. Pneumonia, follows on the heels of a neglected cough or cold. Delay no longer. Take Mansfield's Cough Balsam. Price 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

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CAULIFLOWER ONE OF THE BEST OF VEGETABLES.

Careful Preparation Needed to Bring Out Its Really Fine Qualities in Some Dishes That Have Indorsement of Experts.

Caulliflower has a distinctive flavor, suggesting cabbage somewhat, but more delicate. Whatever the method of preparing it for the table, care should be taken to preserve and develop its flavor and to keep the creamy white color which is so attractive.

The following recipes are worth trying: Boiled Caulliflower With Drawn Butter.—Place the caulliflower, head up, in boiling water to which salt has been added (one teaspoonful to a quart of water) and cook until just tender.

Creamed Caulliflower.—The caulliflower cooked as above may be served with a cream sauce, and the dish looks particularly well when the head is left whole and the sauce is poured over it.

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