

EDISON TALKS ABOUT AIR SHIPS

Special to the Times. Spokane, Wash., Sept. 21.—"Navigation of the air will surely come; it is simply a question of applying a mechanical construction in a new way, and I believe Herl Farman, who recently visited this country, has started in the right direction."

Thomas A. Edison, who with Mrs. Edison and daughter, is touring the Pacific Northwest, made the foregoing statement in the course of an interview, adding:

"The airship of the future will be lifted by a mechanism something like a spiral. It will have the ability to rise without first giving it momentum and will imitate closely the flight of a bird."

"With the helical lifting appliance, improved propellers and device for maintaining its equilibrium in the air, the future airship will fly into the teeth of the wind and will rise to heights where favorable currents may be found or skim the surface of the earth."

"I have little faith in the aeroplane or dirigible balloon as a means of aerial navigation. The aeroplane of the Wright brothers depends too much on the personal equation. Place some other man in that aeroplane and it will not work. Flight depends upon the skillful handling of the machine by the inventor."

"It is also unlikely that the efforts of inventors who have pinned their faith to the dirigible balloon will meet with success. When you have something that is lighter than air, it must be apparent even to the layman that it is the toy of the winds. It is wafted about like a thistle-down when a strong wind is blowing. The aeroplane and the dirigible balloon will be improved, no doubt, but I look to see the appliance of a principle different from either in the successful airship."

"It is likely I shall give some attention in the future to the navigation of the air. I have done so in the past, but I had not time to make serious effort. I am firmly convinced that the time is near at hand when it will be possible to sail through the air as easily and as safely as we now go by land or by water."

Mr. Edison declared also that the available water power in the State of Washington, estimated at 3,000,000 horse power, of which only a small percentage is used, and that in adjoining States and British Columbia will be fully utilized within twenty years by the transcontinental railroads in moving their passenger and freight trains from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific coast and Puget Sound, and, he added, "when the waterfalls are harnessed the trains will be operated faster and much cheaper than at present."

"I may say, too, that within a few years the electrically propelled motor car will be the automobile most in use. It will not supplant other forms of automobiles until provision is made for renewing the storage batteries at convenient places, but in Spokane and other cities, where electrical energy may be had cheaply, electric cars will do the work of truck horses and in general furnish transportation for the people."

FULL RENDITION.

Decrease in Rate of Assessment is Explained.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 19.—The proper study of the citizen who seeks to qualify as a voter is taxation. The problem is a difficult one, but not so difficult that men cannot understand it. And if men approached its solution with a conscientious determination to master its intricacies, without prejudice for or against any interest, the principle of the square deal would become a fixed and basic one in government.

Just now, as far as the interest centered in the presidential contest will permit, Texas' attention is directed to the operation of the full rendition law. This is a law which has much to commend it, but some things which are being claimed for it to which it is not entitled, and about which the public will be deceived unless some effort is made to present the real factors in the premises. The purpose of this discussion is to present the facts as they are. In presenting them, however, any disposition to reflect upon the administration, or anyone connected with it, is emphatically disclaimed.

It is claimed for full rendition that it has decreased the ad valorem tax rate to the desirable level of 6 1/4 cents on the \$100 of property valuation. This is not the case, and is deceptive, as we shall see by an analysis of the proposition.

The assessed valuation of property for taxation in 1907 was \$1,635,297,115, and for that year the State ad valorem tax rate was 12 1/2 cents. For 1908 the assessed valuation was \$2,171,584,363—an increase in value of only \$536,305,248—and the tax rate is 6 1/4 cents. Since it is obvious that the property assessment for 1908 must have doubled the assessment for 1907 in order to cut the ad valorem tax

rate in two, it is equally obvious that the reduction in the rate must have come from some other source than in the increase of assessments under the operation of the full rendition law. Now, where did this reduction come from, and to what sources must the reduction be credited?

Admitting that the increase of assessed valuation over those of 1907 was due to the full rendition law, as that increase was but \$536,305,248, we can credit the full rendition law with only 1 1/2 cents of the reduction. Where did the balance of the reduction come from? This is an essential inquiry, and when it is answered, the public will see more clearly and cannot hereafter be confused about the matter.

The State received from sources other than property assessed under the full rendition law, a revenue of \$417,722 in 1908. This item should therefore be credited with 1 1/2 cents of the reduction in the rate to 6 1/4 cents.

There were no sessions of the legislature in 1908, as in 1907, and in consequence the decrease in government expense for 1908 was \$770,000. This item accounts for another decrease in the rate and is entitled to a credit of 2 1/2 cents in the reduction.

It will be seen by the reader who has closely followed this analysis that no allowance has been made for the natural increase in property values, but that the whole of the increase, namely \$536,305,248, has been credited to the full rendition. If, therefore, we credit natural increase with a small part of the total increase, at least another 3/4 of a cent must come off the claim of the full rendition law that it has reduced the ad valorem rate to 6 1/4 cents. Summing up, the following is an undeniably correct result:

Natural increase in property values	3/4
Increase in receipts from other tax resources	1 1/2
Decrease in government expenses	2 1/2
Full rendition	1 1/2

Total 6 1/4

Thus we reach the safe conclusion with which we started, that the operation of the full rendition law cannot be fairly credited with more than 1 1/2 cents of the reduced rate of 6 1/4 cents which misinformed advocates of that measure have been so eloquently and fervidly claiming for it. These figures are correct, and we respectfully challenge refutation of them. It follows that if only the full rendition law had operated to reduce the ad valorem tax rate—and there had been absolutely no other influences contributing to that desirable result—the tax rate for 1908 would have been 11 cents on the \$100 valuation and not 6 1/4 cents.

There is another item which should be taken into the calculation, when considering the much boasted tax rate of 6 1/4 cents. This item is a sum of about \$800,000 cash on hand, which, it seems, is not available for State purposes, and must therefore be held subject to legislative appropriation. If this item had been available, the ad valorem tax rate would have been reduced to 2 1/2 cents instead of 6 1/4, and the occasion for boast, on the face of things, would have been trebly multiplied.

By way of reiteration, it is obvious that the full rendition law, instead of being entitled to the credit for it in some enthusiastic or misinformed quarters, it is entitled to but 1 1/2 cents of the reduced rate. Now, reasoning in the light of figures and expenses that the State cannot escape, we find that when 1909 rolls around we must face one of three inevitable situations. Either the State must increase its ad valorem tax rate or create additional sources of revenue or face a deficit. Why? Because in 1909 the legislature will convene, and its expense must be met and appropriations provided for. The expenses of the government are necessarily increasing, and this result is not possible for progressive administrations to avoid. The University of Texas is becoming annually more expensive to the government. So is the Agricultural and Mechanical College. So, indeed, is every department of our comprehensive educational system. These represent but a part of the State's obligations and expenses. Its eleemosynary institutions are demanding a greater financial aid, and this demand must be met as a requisite to civilization. There is absolutely no escape, and should be none, for the State in this respect.

Those in authority can easily determine how much money is necessary to defray the expenses of the State government.

It is not possible to so juggle with figures as to deceive either the public or those having the administration of fiscal affairs in hand.

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A Change of Sentiment.

(Original.)

Conductor John Baker was in bad luck. He had been discharged by the company, he knew no business except railroading, and it is not easy for a discharged man to get another berth. Baker had a wife and five children, who were dependent upon him for bread and butter, to say nothing of a roof over their heads.

The circumstances attending his discharge were rather to his credit than discredit. He had violated a rule of the company through the kindness of his heart. He had passed a man over the road who told a pitiful story with out collecting a fare and had given him a quarter from his own pocket besides. His act had been reported to the superintendent, and his discharge followed. Baker was at a loss to know who had reported him. He knew all the train hands well and was sure there was not one of them who would thus injure him.

And so for six long miserable months he brooded while doomed to see his wife and children hungry, ragged and driven from one house to another till they landed in a rookery. And all this time that he was not hunting for a situation he was thinking of the pleasure he would take, could he find the informer, in punishing him.

At last he found a railroad superintendent who after considering the cause of his dismissal gave him a job. Conductors' salaries are not bountiful, and Baker struggled for a year or more, denying himself and his family every comfort that could possibly be spared, before he made up the deficiency occasioned by his laying off and paid off the accumulation of small loans during that period of suffering. Blessed with an economical wife, he at last accomplished the task and could again look upon life with at least equanimity. But he never forgot the circumstances that led to his misfortune and never ceased to wish for an interview with the informer.

One day after Baker had taken his new position a woman with a little boy got on his train. When he asked her for her ticket she began a pitiful moaning, and at the same time the child began to cry, but the ticket was not forthcoming. "Ticket!" said Baker sharply. "I haven't any ticket," the woman wailed. "My husband has just died and left me without money. I'm going to the poorhouse."

"Pay your fare or get off," said Baker resolutely.

The woman only responded by tears. Meanwhile passengers sitting near were listening, sympathizing with the poor widow and scowling at the conductor.

"Haven't you a human heart under your ribs?" sneered a man.

"What a brute!" flashed a woman.

These and other remarks derogatory to the flinty conductor were hissed here and there from the passengers, but they evidently produced no effect upon him. He stood looking at the woman, waiting for her to pay her fare. At last he made a final demand and, receiving only the usual response of moans, took her child from her and handed him to a trainman. Then he pulled the bell cord.

While the train was slowing up Baker stood mute in the aisle, the woman redoubling her moans. Cries of "Coward!" "Dog!" "Pig!" "Brute!" greeted the conductor. He paid no attention to them, though there was a strange look in his eye. When the train came to a full stop he took the woman by the back of her dress and hustled her off on to solid ground. Then he turned upon her and rained blows upon her with the rapidity of a Gatling gun. That his feet should not be idle he kept them at work kicking her shins.

The car windows were thrown up, and a score of passengers had their heads out the windows, crying "Stop him!" "Don't let the bound kill a woman!" "Won't some one put an end to this barbarity?" and many other remarks of similar intent. But a promiscuous crowd is never apt to do knight errantry work unless some bold spirit steps forth to take the lead. So Baker pounded with no other interference than words. Finally he gave a jerk on the would be deadhead's dress that tore it from neck to skirt, leaving a man's vest beneath.

Then for the first time the onlookers realized that the widow was not even a woman, much less a mother. Baker went at the man again with redoubled vigor and when he had pounded him almost to a jelly stopped and said:

"You spotter! So you're still playing your game, are you? I recognized you the moment I saw you as the man I passed and gave a quarter to more than a year ago. You caused my discharge, and my family nearly starved to death. You've rigged yourself up as a woman and borrowed the child to help you keep up your contemptible work. Take that!"

Again the blows fell on the spotter. But there had been a change of sympathy. It had passed from the spotter to the conductor. The cries were now: "Lay it on, conductor!" "Give it to him!" "Hit him again!"

When Baker was satisfied he called to the trainman to put the child down beside its "parent," signaled the engineer to go on and jumped on the train. As it pulled away the passengers shouted derisively at the spotter and when he was out of hearing clustered around the conductor, vying with each other for an opportunity to "shake."

When Baker reached his terminal and handed in his report he went home for the night to a delicious, invigorating slumber he had not enjoyed since his discharge. SULLIVAN KING.

TO PIPE GAS FROM PETROLIA FIELD

Fort Worth Record.

"If we can get the privilege of piping natural gas into the city in our franchise, we will guarantee the people of Fort Worth cheap gas within six months after the city commission allows our company the franchise," said Judge A. M. Carter yesterday.

Judge Carter has just returned from the oil fields near Henrietta, where he had gone on other business than looking for natural gas, but while in that section of the country made inquiries about the supply of gas to be obtained from that field.

"I was told by reliable parties that enough gas can be produced from one well in the field to supply both Fort Worth and Dallas," Judge Carter said. "One of the wells has a capacity of about 5,000,000 cubic feet per day, and besides that one gas well, there are several other gassers."

Judge Carter was enthusiastic in his encomiums of the oil field near Henrietta, and states that the fields will be big producers in time to come.

Representatives of Pittsburg capitalists were here yesterday for the purpose of looking into the gas situation with a view of securing a franchise from the city to put in a gas plant and pipe natural gas from one of the Texas fields into Fort Worth.

Should the city commission see fit to

grant a franchise allowing the piping of natural gas into Fort Worth, it will afford additional advantages for the securing of manufacturing enterprises from the East, it is claimed.

New Brick Buildings at Grandfield. Grandfield Enterprise.

The brick building contract between adjoining property owners on the block just east of the Farmers and Merchants Bank was signed Wednesday by F. M. English, Mount & Crane, H. J. Meyer, Brown & Harvey, H. H. Parks and J. C. Barnes. Each of these parties have agreed with the others to begin the erection of brick buildings within forty-five days and to push them to completion as early as possible. A deposit of \$250 having been made by each party as liquidated damages to be forfeited in case of failure to comply with the terms of the contract.

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(Original.)

Bob Southwick was sauntering on the street, a victim of ennui. He was twenty-three years old, possessed a fortune, but was miserable. The trouble with Bob was that he had nothing to interest him. He wished something would happen.

Something did happen. Indeed, something remarkable happened—very remarkable. A young girl, pretty and prettily dressed, came out of an office building looking very much perplexed. She turned northward, walked rapidly for a dozen steps, stopped, turned and walked southward for an equal distance, stopped again and muttered to herself, but loud enough for Bob, of whose presence she was unconscious, to hear:

"What in the world shall I do?"
Bob stepped up to her, raised his hat politely and said:

"Can I be of service to you? You seem to be in a quandary about something."

The girl became suddenly conscious that a young man was standing deferentially before her and had asked her a question. She suddenly replied by a question, "What time is it?"
Bob took out his watch and told her that it was a quarter to 12 o'clock.

"Oh, my goodness gracious!"
"Please tell me," he said, "what's your trouble. I may be able to help you."

"You can't."
"Do you want anything?"
"Yes."

"What is it?"
"I want a husband."

"Pshaw!" exclaimed the young man, then, after a pause, "Will I do?"
The girl knit her brows, bit her lip and finally said that he would.

"All right. I'll look into the matter."
"There is no time. I must be married before the clock strikes 12."
"But you can surely tell me why this thing must be so sudden."

"It's too long a story."
"Just then a man came out of the building before which they stood, approached the young lady and said:

"The jig's up."
"The jig's up. It's ten minutes to 12."
"This gentleman," she said, meaning Bob, "is thinking of—"

"There's no time for thinking. We must be acting," said the man. "If I hadn't a wife and family, I'd help you out."

"If you've got to have a husband right off," said Bob, resolutely, "I'm your man."

"All right," said the other. "I'm a lawyer. I'll see that you are well paid for what you do and no trouble. Come along."

He hurried the couple around the corner to the office of a justice of the peace. The justice was coming out on his way to luncheon.

"Marry this couple," said the lawyer, "and do it quick."
"You guarantee it's all right?"
"Certainly."

"The names?"
"Mine is Robert Blair Southwick."
"Your name, please."
"Ella Ruth Gurney."

"One minute of 12," remarked the lawyer, looking at his watch and showing it back in his pocket excitedly. "Go ahead, judge, and be quick about it."

A brief ceremony was performed, and a moment after the couple had been pronounced husband and wife the clock struck 12. The bride fell limp into a chair and fanned herself vigorously.

"Now make out a certificate," said the lawyer to the justice, "stating that you married these two before 12 o'clock this day." Then, turning to Bob, "If you will accompany me and Miss Gurney—"

"Mrs. Southwick, you mean."
"Beg pardon—to my office we will be happy to make this marriage worth your while, and I will guarantee you a divorce without trouble or remuneration."

"Must that be got right off?" asked Bob. "There's been hurry enough about getting into the thing. I would like a little time about getting out of it."

The lawyer wiped the perspiration from his forehead and said more deliberately:

"No hurry about that, I assure you. Perhaps I may as well explain briefly the occasion for this hurried marriage, and we can all meet to arrange further plans later. Miss Gurney—"

"Mrs. Southwick, please."
"Beg pardon—Mrs. Southwick—returned today from a long trip in foreign lands, having been delayed on the voyage home. A year ago her uncle died leaving a will bequeathing her his fortune on condition that she marry his son, Elmer Gurney, on or before 12 o'clock today. If Elmer Gurney refused or died she would inherit anyway if married on or before the said date. This was to secure a succession. Gurney died a week ago."

"Thank you," said Bob. "I'll see you later about the divorce." Then to the lady he said, "May I be permitted to call, Mrs. Southwick?"
"I shall be very happy."

"Will this evening at 8 be convenient?"
"It will."
"Your address, please."
"Washington place—No. 64."
"Good day," raising his hat. "Pleased to have met you."

For the first time the absurdity of the situation occurred to the girl, and she laughed. "Good day. Much obliged."

"Don't mention it."
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Texas has 245 counties.
Silver mines produce \$500,000 an-

ALONG SAME LINES

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national league of republican clubs, under whose jurisdiction the meeting in question was being arranged, for the reason that as the candidate had no control over the arrangements, further correspondence would be necessary. Then followed another conference between the three senators, during which the question of forwarding the letter to Mr. Hammond was decided, which, it was explained, obviated the necessity of a reply from Mr. Taft. This plan, after being presented to Judge Taft at another conference, was adopted.

Throughout the negotiations Judge Taft refused absolutely to comment for publication on the meeting. It has since developed that he had at once taken the position that the joint engagement must be canceled. It has also developed that the candidate received insistent advice to take the initiative in the matter of cancelling the arrangements and that his reply was emphatically in this language:

"If it would win me every vote in the United States, I cannot hit a man when he is down."

Taft Busy With Speeches.

By Associated Press.
Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 21.—The adjustment of the Foraker situation and the departure of Senator Crane for Chicago and the absence of any important political callers left Judge Taft an opportunity to continue his work on his speeches for the forthcoming trip. It has been positively stated here that there is no change to be made, either in Chairman Hitchcock's work or in his status.

Owsley to Go on the Stump.

Special to the Times.
Denton, Tex., Sept. 21.—Alvin Owsley today said that the national campaign committee had engaged him to speak in northern and eastern doubtful States. He says he will leave Texas early in October.

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TALKING ABOUT WICHITA FALLS.

With new coal mines in Young county, new gas wells in Clay county, new corn in the cribs and new hopes in their hearts, the people of Texas will be prepared to celebrate Thanksgiving Day in a way that will do the occasion credit and themselves good.—Dallas News.

W. H. Bahan has been granted a franchise to put in a gas plant at Wichita Falls. He says the company will probably spend \$100,000 on the plant. Wichita is going some.—Seymour Banner.

Wichita Falls people wanted oil, so they built a railroad out north to Petrol and got it. The town wanted railroad competition and the people built a railroad to Henrietta and secured the Katy. Then they wanted coal and built a line to the Young county coal fields and now the black diamonds are being dumped into that city. They wanted a line to Abilene and now they have regular service from Fort Worth to Abilene. They wanted good sidewalks and built them. Mineral Wells has the coal right at her very doors. Will she have the enterprise to dig for it?—Mineral Wells Index.

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His First Detective Case.

(Original.)

I met my old friend Billy Sweetzer the other day, whom I hadn't seen for several years. "Hello, Billy," I said. "The last time I saw you you were just going into the detective business. I suppose by this time you can tell by the kind of a hat a man wears whether he is innocent or guilty."

Billy smiled—a rather sickly smile, I thought—and told me the following story:

"Yes, I went into the detective business and got a position with a leading agency. I reported at the office every day for a week before I was given a case. Then a man whom the police were looking for had been captured and in the hope of light treatment had volunteered some information. He had a pal who was to rob a country place near the city where there was a lot of fine jewelry. The name of the family to be robbed was Wetmore. The robbery was to be perpetrated on a certain night at a certain hour. The chief told me that this was a simple case suitable for a beginner and directed me to trap the burglars.

"Taking a man in plain clothes with me, I went to the house designated and lay in waiting behind a hedge. The hour given me was 11 p. m., but that hour came and passed without any developments. It was nearly 12, when I was about to give up the job, that a carriage turned in from the road, drove up the entrance way and stopped under the portico-cochere. I couldn't see how this could have anything to do with a robbery, but determined, of course, to wait and see. Tom Green, the man I had with me, who had been long connected with the agency for subordinate work, seemed to think that the carriage had a great deal to do with it, but I didn't pay much attention to his opinion.

"The carriage had hardly got into position when a man and a woman, the man carrying a sult case, came out of the house, went to the carriage, got in and were driven away. They passed by where we were crouching, and both of us caught on behind. I had consulted a time table and, knowing that a train was due at the station in a few minutes, felt sure they would go there. And so they did. At the station I surprised the man by handing him out of the carriage and surprised him still more by clapping a pair of bracelets on his wrist. Green took care of the woman, putting another pair on her. There were protestations usual in such cases, but I was rather surprised when the girl turned upon the man angrily and said:

"You have led me into some trap. I shall be disgraced for life. You know I protested against this elopement. Father, mother, everybody, warned me against you."

"Never fear, sweetheart," the man replied. "These gentlemen have made some kind of a mistake. But when they are convinced they will not trouble us."

"Then, turning to me, he told me that if their elopement were discovered it would lead to disastrous results; that he hadn't time to explain and implored me not to detain them. Just then a man, who said he was the station master, came up to us and asked what was the matter. When informed he asked me what place I had been told would be robbed. I told him the name was Wetmore. "I reckon you're mixed, my good man," he said. "I know this young lady to be Miss Dittmar. I don't know the gentleman's name, but he's been going back and forth to the city with her for a long while."

"Where is the Wetmore place? I asked.

"Over there," pointing in a different direction from the place I had watched. "Just then there was a locomotive whistle that indicated the approach of the train the two had come to the station to take. The girl fell on her knees before me, took my hands, covered them with tears and kisses and implored me not to bring on a complication that would ruin her whole life. 'It will go hard enough with me for the elopement,' she said, 'but if I am arrested father will kill me!'

"Meanwhile the train rolled up to the station. It was a trying time for me. I whispered to Green, asking him what he thought about the matter. He replied that he thought it was a game. Just then the conductor of the train cried 'All aboard!' and the girl went into hysterics. Her moans were too much for me. I unclasped her nippers and those of the man. They rushed, with the sult case, to the train and were helped on as it moved out.

"Green deserted me, jumping on the train. I didn't want to do that because it was going from the city, and I wanted to go to the city. I felt very uncomfortable, I can assure you. However, I took the next train back and reported what I had done. The chief heard me through, then handed me a telegram from Green, stating that he had bagged the culprits with a sult case full of stolen jewelry.

"I never felt so crestfallen in my life. The man in the case was the one we had been informed would commit the robbery; the girl was a lady's maid, who was to share in the plunder, and the station agent was not connected with the railroad company at all, but a confederate on hand to post them if the coast was clear of danger. They were all arrested; \$20,000 worth of jewelry recovered and the three sent to do time behind bars.

"The chief laughed at me heartily, but attributed my failure to inexperience. He offered to give me another trial, but I was so discomfited that I gave up the business and went into another line." CHAUNCEY WARDWELL.



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THE GREEK-GOVERNMENT MINE.

[Original.]
There is no definite connection today between a college education and money making, the higher education having become only essential to the professions. It is nothing unusual to find a "graduate" punching cattle or strumming a piano in a western dance house or even dealing faro. As to the girls, a college education makes them more self reliant, more daring, and they are beginning on leaving college to take their chances with the men in novel enterprises.

Everett Avery on being graduated delivered an oration. The senior class from a neighboring women's college attended the exercises, and while Avery was speaking his attention was attracted to a dark haired and eyed girl with a strongly marked face who was listening to him. A few days later he attended the commencement exercises of the women's college referred to and sat looking up with interest at the girl who had favored him with her attention.

Avery proved to be one of the men who find that a higher education doesn't always bring success. After trying a number of occupations and finding that his education had inspired him with a contempt for all of them he made up his mind that success is a gamble and he would as lief gamble with his pick as a prospector for mines as in any other way. Five years after orating on the influences of Greek civilization on modern university life he was twenty feet down in a hole in Colorado hunting for gold.

Rather, he was hunting for more gold. He had struck a vein that promised something and was following it up. It opened well as he went down, but the widening seemed rather to lead to the western side of his claim. After following it to his line he knocked off and went away to put in a claim for the adjoining property. He was too late. The land had long ago been taken up. After having been away from his mine for some time he returned to it to find a hole on the claim he had been after. A good deal of dirt had been taken out, but not enough to show that the claim was being worked by more than one person.

Avery went to work again, following his "lead" down, since he had reached his limit to the west. One day he distinctly heard the sound of a pick in that direction. His neighbor had evidently struck the vein he had discovered. Suddenly something gave way, and the whole west side of the mine slid down, a mass of loose dirt. There stood his neighbor. To Avery's astonishment the miner was a woman, though she wore high top boots and a skirt to her knees. The two stood staring at each other by the dim light of their lanterns.

"Your face is familiar to me," was the first remark. Avery made it. "I remember you perfectly," replied the neighbor. "Where have we met?" "You were speaking of the influence of Greek civilization on..."

"Blast the Greeks! If they had never existed perhaps I wouldn't be here. I might have spent the time learning something practical. By the way, your own oration impressed me. You were dilating on the future of woman in our government. I believe."

"It doesn't look as if I am to govern anybody down here, does it?" "Not unless you govern me. But, tell me, how in the world did you ever happen to come here?"

"After graduation I became a stenographer and typewriter. Father came out here and entered several claims. He died, and I came out to look over what he had. I was advised to have this claim examined. That meant if there was anything in it I would be cheated out of it. I concluded to do it myself."

"H'm! You've run into my claim." "You mean you've run into mine."

"H'm! You better get back east and follow up the points made in your graduating speech--go into politics--and leave this thing to me to handle for both of us?"

"I like that! You might go abroad and study up on the ancient Greeks' influence on modern university life. Your

ENJOINED FROM BUILDING DEPOT

Frederick Enterprise.
Tuesday morning in the county court Judge Campbell issued a temporary restraining order forbidding the Wichita Falls and Northwestern Railway Company from further proceeding with the construction of the depot building at the townsite of Huff.

The order was issued at the instance of W. E. Weathers, whose petition for such order recites that no order for the erection of such depot has ever been issued by the corporation commission of the State of Oklahoma, as required by law, and that therefore the railroad was without authority in attempting to build said depot.

The petition further recites that a petition had been presented to the corporation commission for the erection of a depot at a point about two miles from the townsite of Huff, which said petition was signed by some seventy farmers in the neighborhood of said proposed depot. It is alleged that the building of the depot at Huff is in contravention of the rights of the said petitioners, and that they have no adequate remedy at law.

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"You remember, Noah had to work a long time on the ark. It was an uphill business, too, at best, to go on sweating and toiling, day after day, building a boat away out on dry land, where the local hammer and anvil club sat around spitting tobacco juice upon the boards, whittling up his soft pine with their jack-knives and telling him what a fool he was to expect a big rain in a country that was too dry to raise alfalfa. But he kept at it."

"Finally the flood came, and every mother's son of the croakers was drowned. This is the only instance that we know of, either in sacred or profane history, where a bunch of knockers got exactly what was coming to them."

college might give you a professorship on that."

"Or some other subject of no practical use. Thanks, no. I'd rather dig dirt. In that I feel I'm doing something."

"I'd rather govern the country, I admit, but even woman suffrage doesn't seem to make quick headway, and I'm afraid I'll be an old woman before I'll be eligible to a governing office."

"And even then you'd be defeated by a younger one."

"Right you are."
"Well, let's come to an understanding. Five years in the world have knocked the nonsense out of both of us. These two mines must be united. I'll sell to you if you want to buy."

"No funds. I'll sell to you."

"Same here."

"What shall we do?"

"We might unite our interests by uniting ourselves. I can handle a pick better than you, and you can cook, I fancy. Now, suppose we set up a tab-in together. You take care of it while I follow this lead. I'm dead sure there's a lot in it."

"Shall I confess something?"

"Yes. What is it?"

"When I listened to your oration I said to myself, 'That's the man for me.'"

"Did you? Same here. Shake."

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The Squatter.

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 One day when Pop Jackson, the squatter, was sitting in the sunshine with his back against the wall of his pole cabin an event happened. Events had happened in his life before, but nothing to compare with this. A gang of half a dozen men were crossing his land. He had squatted on the land twenty years before and therefore called it his. One of the men was squinting through a surveyor's instrument, others were using a chain, and still others were cutting down brush and driving stakes. Pop got to his feet and rubbed his eyes and scratched the back of his head. Then he exclaimed to himself, "Dawg gone my cats!" and sauntered down to the strangers and asked of one of them:
 "Now, then, what you all doin' yere?"
 "Surveying," was the brief reply.
 "What fur?"
 "A railroad."
 "One o' them things that hoots and draws kyars behind 'em?"
 "Yes."
 "Then git off'n my squat! You all can't build no railroad yere. I don't want the hootin', and I won't have it."
 The men laughed at him, and he went to the cabin and got his gun and threatened them. For this he was arrested and given three months in jail. His old wife and his son Joe took it philosophically.
 "Got him in jail, hev they?" queried the wife when she heard the outcome of the trial. "Waal, he won't git his feet wet in 'thar, and mebbe the whiskey 'll be better."
 When Pop came out of jail they were building the roadbed across his land. He sat down in his old place in the sunshine and glowered and muttered, and his son Joe came along and said:
 "No use, Pop. Them railroad folks are too heffy fur you. That hooter's bound to cum along fur shore."
 "But have I ever done anything to the railroad?" demanded the father.
 "Reckon not."
 "Then what do they want to come along yere bustin' up my peace o' mind fur?"
 "Can't say, pop, only they are comin'."
 "Not if I know it, Joe; not if I know it! I'm a man as has got to have a chance to think, and how 'm I goin' to think with a hooter a-hootin' along yere? I'm a-tellin' you, my son, that it's got to be stopped."
 "You hain't heffy 'nuff, pop."
 Pop went down to where they were laying and spiking the rails and said that if work did not cease at once he would kill a man. A constable was at hand to arrest him, and he was taken to town for another trial. This time he

got a year in jail.
 "What fur?" he asked the judge.
 "For interfering with the railroad and making threats."
 "But didn't the railroad interfere with me first?"
 "As to how?"
 "As to bustin' up my chance fur thinkin', Judge, I'm a man what thinks. I've got to think. I've got to set down with my back to the cabin and think a mighty heap. I've alius had to do it, and now if this dinged hooter is comin' along yere to bust me up I might as well hang myself."
 "What do you think of?"
 "Of how to git whiskey and terbecker and bacon and meal."
 When the boy came home from the trial the wife and mother asked no questions for an hour. Then she carelessly queried:
 "How much this time?"
 "A year."
 "Shoo! Pop is gainin' on it."
 When Pop had served two months of his sentence he broke jail and came home. He arrived at night. As he entered the cabin his wife awoke and called out:
 "That you, pop?"
 "Yep."
 "What ye doin' outer jail?"
 "Busted out."
 "Goin' to hide away in the woods?"
 "Can't say. Don't talk to me any mo', fur I'm dog tired."
 "Powerful heffy for your size, pop," said Joe as he awoke, "but ye hain't heffy 'nuff. Better let 'em alone."
 When morning came pop ate his breakfast and said little. Then he departed for his thinking log in the woods. It was almost noon when he returned to take down his rifle from its hooks.
 "Better let it alone, pop," cautioned Jim.
 "Shoo, but how cantankerous!" whispered the wife.
 Pop walked down on the tracks on which trains were running regularly. He took his stand between the rails in full sight of the cabin, and his wife and son came out to see. No word was spoken between them. After ten minutes they heard a passenger train whistling at the highway crossing a mile below. Then came the rumble of wheels and a sight of the train itself. As it came into view pop drew his rifle to his face and stood like a rock. The "hooter" hooted at him. As the engine drew nearer the engineer whistled for brakes. The train had only slightly reduced its speed when pop was struck and hurled thirty feet high and off to one side. The mother and son walked down to the spot as the train passed on. When they gathered about the old man the mother said:
 "Dawg gone it, but why didn't he have sense?"
 "Mighty heffy man, but not heffy 'nuff fur a railroad!" added Joe as he turned to look after the disappearing train.
 M. QUAD.

A NICE BIT OF ... NECROMANCY.

[Original.]
 The first prestidigitator to attract wide attention in America was Signor Blitz half a century ago. Blitz was giving exhibitions all over the United States, and since amusements were then by no means as common as today all heard of him if all did not see him. After having exhibited everywhere in the eastern states he decided to go overland to California. Loading his contrivances in a couple of "prairie schooners," as the plains wagons were called, he set out from the Missouri river to cross the Rocky mountains.
 One day the little caravan came upon a man who was crazed with distress. He had been traveling with his wife and two children in a single wagon. For some reason he had left them for a few hours and when he returned found his wagon plundered of its contents, his stock run off and his wife and children missing. He knew they had been carried away by the redskins.
 The next day Indians were seen at a distance. Blitz told the man, whose name was Rodman, to ride out and tell them a great medicine man traveling across the country would like to give them a display of his powers. Of course to go to the Indians was the next thing to going to certain death, but Rodman was in hopes that Blitz might help him to regain his family and took the chances. He learned while among the savages that they held his wife and children captives, though the savages did not know they belonged to him. The marvelous will always interest the superstitious, and the Indians sent Rodman back to invite Blitz to their camp.
 Blitz improvised a stage with the necessary appointments, and the redskins squatted before it. An interpreter stood ready to repeat the sorcerer's words in their own language. Blitz took a small iron cube with a ring for a handle and lifted it with his little finger. Then he said that he possessed the power of depriving a man of his strength and invited any savage to come up on to the stage and submit himself to this test. The chief himself, the biggest and strongest Indian present, stepped up, evidently confident that no man could take away what he was so proud of. Blitz asked him to lift the iron weight. He did so, giving a grunt, as much as to say: "Do you make sport of me? Give me something heavy to lift." He set the weight down. Blitz made a few passes along his arm and told him to lift again. This time the Indian failed to move it. He struggled desperately, all the blood in his body getting into his face, but to no purpose. The weight was immovable. Then he turned away muttering and did not stop till he had got behind the awe-stricken Indians.
 The weight was connected by wires

with a power, a magnet, the current being turned on or off by a key under Blitz's foot.
 Blitz next took up a pistol and invited the chief to come back and kill him with it. The chief, in hopes of redeeming himself before his warriors, returned. Blitz offered him a cup with leaden bullets in it and asked him to take out one and mark it so that he would know it again. The redskin did as he was told. Blitz took the bullet, put it in the pistol, cocked the weapon, handed it to the Indian, stood off at the other end of the stage and told him to fire. The Indian took a sure aim and fired. Blitz put up his hand, caught the bullet in his fingers and tossed it back to the man who had fired it. The chief, astonished, stood mute, but when Blitz told him to look at the mark on it and he saw that it was the bullet he had chosen he was dumfounded.
 This is a common trick, the bullet put in the pistol being of clay ground up powder by ramming it down. It is substituted for the leaden one by sleight of hand.
 Then Blitz told the chief he could shoot his blood on to a board without hurting him and fired a wax bullet at him filled with his own blood. It broke against the board, splattering the blood.
 By this time Blitz was a wonderful medicine man to the savages and was ready for the business he had come for. An assistant bandaged his eyes, and Blitz told the audience that he saw in one of the tepees a white woman and two children. He ordered them to bring forth their prisoners at once or he would call down fire from the clouds to consume them. The chief called a powwow of his principal warriors. The white men saw them arguing and gesticulating, but could not understand what they said. Some were doubtful of Blitz having this power, while others claimed that a medicine man who could do what he had done could do anything. While they were consulting Blitz discharged electricity, making a brilliant flash. Away scampered the Indians to the tepee where Rodman's wife and children were held prisoners and brought them to Blitz.
 Blitz had told Rodman to keep out of the way lest if his family recognized him it might destroy the Indians' faith in his miraculous power. When the terror-stricken woman and her children were brought forward and surrendered to white people their astonishment was as great as the savages' at Blitz's medicine work. Blitz would have frightened the Indians into paying for Rodman's property, but they had no money, and what property they could give was of little value. So the sorcerer decided to get the captives away without delay. He gathered his contrivances, put them in his wagons and drove off, the savages watching him in wonder. It was not till they were out of sight that Rodman was permitted to embrace his family.
 F. TOWNSEND SMITH.

A Forbidden Inquiry.

[Original.]
 The last bell rang for the passengers who were on board to bid friends goodbye to go ashore.
 "Adieu, sweetheart. I shall count the hours till you return."
 "Are you sure?"
 "Certain."
 "And suppose I never return."
 "I will go and weep over your grave."
 "You won't have to go. I have no mind to be buried over there. I made my will yesterday and gave directions that if I die abroad my body shall be sent home to lie in the family lot at Avondale."
 "Then I will weep there."
 "How long?"
 "For my lifetime."
 He hurried ashore and stood looking from the end of the dock up at her, throwing her kisses which she threw back at him.
 A month later word was cabled from abroad that she had died suddenly of heart disease while climbing a mountain in Switzerland. He remained for three days in a stupor, then was about to go abroad, where her mortal part was, when he remembered her farewell words. As soon as the cool weather set in an oblong box was received from Switzerland and buried in Avondale cemetery. He was not notified of the burial by her spinster cousin, her only relative, who gave as a reason that it would be better she should not be present. But as soon as he learned of the fact he went to the cemetery and stood uncovered by her grave, tears rolling down his cheeks. He had brought some plants to set out where their flowers the next spring would hang over her grave. Some one had been there before him on a similar errand. Flowers were strewn over the mound so fresh that they must have been cut but a few hours.
 He spoke of these flowers to her cousin and asked if she had placed them. She had not and seemed surprised.
 He was troubled. It is singular that we should be jealous in case of the dead.
 Every Sunday afternoon he went to the cemetery, and every time he found fresh flowers on the grave. They must have been placed there in the morning. The next Sunday he went at dawn and waited and waited till 10 o'clock for this rival for the dead. At that hour a young girl came and strewed flowers on the grave. A great relief came to him. He advanced and addressed his fellow mourner. She had been a friend of his former fiancée.
 Every Sunday morning these two met at the grave of one for whom they had a common love. He grew to look forward to the meeting not so much as a melancholy event as a reunion with one who was filling the void in his heart, a void which, if filled at all, can

be done only by a living person. But this girl of flesh and blood was from the first constrained, and her constraint had grown on her. When they met her eyes would brighten; but, looking down on her friend's grave, she seemed moved by some inward emotion.
 When winter came their visits were omitted by mutual consent till the spring should come. Their meetings were not, as before, on Sunday mornings, but on Sunday afternoons, and were often prolonged until late in the evening. It was pleasanter to sit by a warm fireplace than stand out in the cold cemetery, where the winds shrieked through the leafless branches.
 He besought her to marry him. She refused. From the expression on her face his words seemed to have had the effect rather of clouds falling on a coffin than of a great comfort.
 When the crocuses were springing up she proposed that they go again to the cemetery. He sighed and consented, but at the appointed time he made excuses. She said, though with evident reluctance, that she would go alone. So he went with her. On the way she was silent and melancholy. To see her one would have thought she was going to her own funeral.
 He carried the flowers to the grave, while she stood at the gate of the inclosure. He had strewn them when, looking up, he saw a figure coming down the roadway. Shading his eyes with his hand to see more distinctly, he staggered back against the iron rail. The woman over whose grave he had strewn flowers—his lost love—was coming.
 She advanced with a slow step, a serious expression on her face. There was nothing ghostly about her. On the contrary, she was plainly mortal. What astonished her betrothed most was that her friend appeared in no way surprised at this return from the dead to the quick.
 "This is a wrong I have done you," said the returned one, "and I regret it, but I laid the plan long ago and resolved that I would carry it out. When we parted I began a brooding over your words that you would 'weep over my grave.' Then I became possessed with a desire to learn how long you would weep for me or if you would be faithful to my memory. I gave out that I was dead and caused an empty box to be buried here. More than that, I arranged for her," pointing to his fellow mourner, "to come here to meet you. I have learned what it is better I should not know—that the dead have no place in the hearts of the living that cannot be easily occupied by another."
 These were the only words spoken. What else was there to say? The three left the cemetery by different routes and never met again.
 How far the mortal heart reaches into immortality is one of the hidden secrets of Providence which it is dangerous to attempt to solve.
 HELEN V. WEED.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Sheriff J. D. Powell of Archer county was here today on business.

Mrs. J. C. Ziegler left this afternoon for Fort Worth to visit relatives.

J. A. Fisher, one of Electra's staunch citizens, was here today on business.

L. H. Lawler left this afternoon for Dallas to look after business interests.

Rev. A. M. Forgy of Archer City was here today en route home from Ringgold.

T. H. Barwise of Electra is here today transacting business and visiting relatives.

Mrs. J. M. Brown left this afternoon for Seymour to visit her friend, Miss Fannie Nail.

Capt. Sam Bellah of Decatur was in the city today en route to Dundee to visit relatives.

Rev. W. F. Fry and family left this afternoon to spend a few days with friends at Byers.

J. C. DeFord, a prosperous farmer from Charlie, Texas, was here today transacting business.

Mrs. G. E. Ruby returned Saturday night from an extended visit with relatives at Ennis, Texas.

M. J. Talbott, a well-to-do farmer and stockman of Petrolia, was transacting business here today.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Coats have returned after a short bridal trip and are at home on Tenth street.

Mrs. F. C. Hinkle of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has arrived here to make here home with G. B. Lejos.

Fred Schaefer left this afternoon for Dallas, where he will again resume his studies in the St. Elmo college.

J. R. Parkey, a wealthy stockman and farmer from Archer county, was transacting business here today.

Mrs. T. J. Pate of the Charlie neighborhood spent Sunday in the city with her sister, Mrs. Brents Taylor.

A. J. Bush Jr. and wife of Dallas, who have been visiting relatives in this city, left this afternoon for home.

C. A. Allingham of Harrold, vice president of the First National Bank of this city, was transacting business here today.

Miss Fannie Pate of Charlie left this morning for Roanoke, Alabama, where she goes to enter the Roanoke Normal College.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Perkins of Petrolia passed through the city today en route home from their bridal tour through California.

George Davis, of the North Texas Furniture and Coffin Company of this city, returned last night from a business trip to Fort Worth.

A. H. Bevering, a prominent citizen of Henrietta, passed through the city today en route to Charlie, Texas, to look after business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Bean and children returned yesterday from a pleasant one month's visit with relatives at Jackson and other points in Michigan.

Mr. G. J. Brothers and wife of El Paso, who have been visiting relatives in this city, left this afternoon for

Fort Worth to visit Mr. Brothers' sister, Mrs. O. R. Dunn.

H. B. Jackson, formerly of this city, but now a prominent business man of Orange, Texas, is here visiting relatives and looking after business matters.

Miss Carrie Simmons, who has a millinery store at Byers, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Simmons of this city, and returned to Byers this evening.

Judge J. H. Barwise, who is conducting a business at Hartley, came home yesterday for a few days visit with his children, Mrs. A. H. Carrigan and M. H. Barwise and their respective families.

J. G. Raley of McAlester, Oklahoma, arrived in the city last night and has accepted a position in the Times office. Mrs. Raley will arrive in few days and they will make Wichita Falls their future home.

The Times is reliably informed that the best price paid for cotton at Henrietta Saturday was 9.12 1/2 for the best good middling. Ordinary middling sold here throughout the day at 9.05, and cotton which graded No. 4 sold here Saturday for 9 cents. If these figures are correct it will be seen that the Wichita Falls buyers are paying higher figures than the Henrietta people.



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Mrs. Zehner to Lecture.
The Times is requested to announce that Mrs. R. C. Zehner of Dallas will deliver an address to the ladies of Wichita Falls at the First Baptist church at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon of this week and probably in the evening at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited to hear her.

Married.
C. A. Stevens and Miss Florence Caldwell at the Methodist parsonage this morning at 11:30 o'clock, Rev. J. A. Stafford officiating.

W. P. Bonner, formerly secretary-treasurer of the P. H. Pennington Co., has sold his stock to his former associates and resigned his position. The Times wishes Mr. Bonner every success in any business in which he may see fit to engage.

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114-2t **TREVATHAN & BLAND.**

Marriage licenses were issued Saturday to Henry Moore and Miss Lucy D. Whitley and to C. A. Stevens and Florence Caldwell. This morning a license was issued to Joseph M. Kelly and Beulah A. Long.

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Freight Wreck on the Denver.
No. 19, northbound freight on the Fort Worth and Denver, was wrecked between Electra and Harrold at about 5 o'clock Sunday morning, putting seven empties and five loaded cars into the ditch. The train was in charge of Conductor Wilson. Nobody was hurt, and the wreck caused only a few hours delay to traffic on the road.

Casino Brand Lobster and Dunbar Shrimp are fine for salads. Try some. Sherrrod & Co. Phone 177. 114-1f

C. W. Bean, one of the best known real estate men in this section, will retire from the firm of Bean & Stone after the 1st of October to take the management of the Wichita Falls Opera House Company. Mr. R. M. Moore will become a partner with Mr. Stone in the real estate firm of Stone & Moore and they will have offices in the new Moore-Bateman block on Indiana avenue.

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