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## ANTI RACE BETTING BILL TODAY

### PROHIBITIVE TAX ON CANNON CRACKERS IS PASSED TO ENGRESSMENT.

## A FLOOD OF NEW BILLS

### Resolution Introduced Exempting Railroads and Interurbans From Taxation for Ten Years.

Texas News Service Special. Austin, Tex., Feb. 16.—The house this morning killed the bill authorizing sales under execution by the attorney general.

Brownlee's bill, placing a prohibitive tax on the sale of cannon crackers and toy revolvers, was passed to engrossment.

Gilmore's bill, fixing the terms of the courts of civil appeals, beginning the first Monday in September, and Hanger's bill permitting the purchase of school books for the permanent school fund, were also engrossed, as well as Ballage's measure prohibiting the sale or gift of liquor to minors.

His anti-race betting bill by a vote of 85 to 34.

Robertson of Travis offered an amendment to the anti-racing bill providing that convictions may be had upon the unsupported testimony of an accomplice or a participant. This was adopted with the proviso that such a witness be exempt from prosecution.

Crawford offered amendments substituting an entirely new bill, permitting betting on horse races by the pari-mutuelle system, which was pending when the house recessed until 2 p. m.

Bills were introduced as follows: By Wortham—Prohibiting bucket shops and gambling in contracts for future delivery.

By Ray—Providing for an ad valorem tax of seven and one-half cents for general revenue.

By McKinney—Preventing price discriminations by corporations over the State.

By Stutcher and Wortham—Permitting surety companies to associate together and make rates.

By Bowles—Reducing the pay of teachers attending the county institutes to two dollars per day.

By Standifer—Authorizing the levying of a school tax by a majority vote.

By Elliott—A joint resolution exempting from taxation for ten years after beginning construction all railroads and interurbans.

Jenkins offered five bills reforming court procedure.

Cynicisms of Mrs. Solomon.

Go to, my daughter, wouldst thou put a man's love into the test? Then, foolish damsel, art thou as one that dabbleth in Occultism, and seeketh to prove things which are not so. For how shall a man give thee assurance of that which he is not sure himself?

Yes, how shalt thou know that a man hath lost his appetite or worn old socks? How shalt thou divine that he hath turned on the gas when he hath meant to turn on the hot water, or lain awake until 2 o'clock, or hath begun a business letter "Dearest Marjorie"?

Yet, I say unto thee, these are the only proofs of a grand passion.

Nay, even though a man saveth thy life it standeth not to reason that he must love thee. For would he not do as much for a yellow kitten?

Nether measure a man's devotion by his jealousy. For a man fighteth not for love of a woman, but for love of fighting—and because he detesteth to be "cut out." Moreover, he that fighteth for thee today may fight to get away from thee tomorrow.

Yet, when a man weareth rubbers for thy sake and parteth his hair a different way to please thee; then he suffereth thee to adorn him with a green and yellow necktie, nor changeth it at the corner haberdashery; when he per-

mittheth thee to spray him with thy perfume and goeth forth a marked man, soaked in stephanotis—these are the first signs in the heaven of love.

Nay, it is not a sign of love when a man marryeth a woman; for this may be merely a sign of mental aberration—or that she hath money—or, peradventure, that he could not get out of it.

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## TRIAL OF CARMACK'S SLAYER IS BEGUN

### MRS. CARMACK GREATLY AGITATED WHEN PLACED ON THE WITNESS STAND.

## COURT ROOM THROWN

### Former Treasurer Craig Testifies as to Threatening Letter Sent by Colonel Cooper.

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 16.—The trial of Colonel Cooper and son, Robin, and John Sharp for the killing of former Senator Carmack was opened here today. The court room was thronged. Mrs. Carmack and her son were in the court room, as were also the two daughters of Colonel Cooper and his wife, and a sister of John Sharp.

Mrs. Carmack came near collapsing several times and the daughter of Col. Cooper was greatly affected.

To the surprise of everyone, the first witness called was Mrs. Carmack. The widow was half carried to the stand.

To the question, "When did you last see your husband alive?" "Oh, God! Oh, God!" she sobbed, "on Sunday, the day before he was killed." For several moments she was unable to speak, so great was her agitation.

The defense objected to the next question as to the conversation the witness had with her husband over the telephone and their objection was sustained.

Mrs. Carmack was then allowed to step aside. The defense declined to cross-examine her.

The next witness was former State Treasurer Craig, who testified to his close relations with Carmack. Craig said he had endeavored to act as a peacemaker, but was unsuccessful. Col. Cooper then sent Carmack a note threatening the latter with death if the editor referred to him again.

Mrs. Eastman, who was present at the shooting of Carmack, gave a dramatic and graphic account of the killing and became very dramatic as she reached the climax of her story.

The witness said that after the shooting she denounced Colonel Cooper, telling him that he was a brutal murderer, and had taken advantage of her presence to kill a man without giving him the chance of a dog, and she would rather be the dead man in the gutter than Cooper. The witness said that when Carmack fell he held his pistol by the barrel, upside down.

The Spirit of the Age. Editor of the Times:—

We live in the best age of the world's history, since the reformation of the Sixteenth century. There is more fellowship and co-operation, more of the feeling of brotherhood among all Christians than ever before.

While men believe as fully in their peculiar doctrines as ever, they are more tolerant, more willing to receive one another without regard to differences of opinion than formerly. The time was when all the pulpits of a city would not have been open to the preachers of one religious body as they were in our city last Sunday to the preachers of the Christian church, for which we are grateful.

When it was known that five of our preachers were preaching at the same time in as many pulpits, I rejoice, as well as all other Christians, at this fellowship. We can differ in some minor opinions and still labor for the advancement of our common Master's cause.

I am hoping that when the Spring opens we may arrange for one grand reunion meeting with an evangelist of national standing and ability to command the attention of our business and professional men, and who can stir old Wichita as she has never been stirred religiously before. I am sure for the cause of the Master in our city this will be far better than for each church to hold its own meeting. This would be economy of time and money and greater good could be done for the cause of our common Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Now, if you favor this, urge the same on your pastor and church officers, and let's get things moving in this direction. I am sure my people will join heartily in this character of meeting and unless we are to enter heartily and whole-souled into such an effort, it would be useless to undertake a union meeting. But if all will join as one man and determined to make the meeting a success, trusting Jesus for strength and grace, we could and would succeed grandly. Shall we have the union meeting?

A. J. BUSH.

By Associated Press. Houston, Tex., Feb. 16.—The body of Herman Koonz, aged 68 years, a recluse and hermit, was found in his hut a few miles out of the city this morning, evidently frozen to death many hours before. The body was scantily clad. It had been reported that Koonz made a fortune in mining in the West, but no money was found in his cabin. The window in his hut was open, leading the authorities to believe that he had been robbed and killed, but no evidence of violence has been discovered.

Thirty Persons Killed by Earthquake. By Associated Press. Constantinople, Turkey, Feb. 16.—A number of houses and government buildings at Sivas, the capital of Vilayetsame, in Asiatic Turkey, collapsed today as the result of an earthquake. The loss of life has not yet been ascertained, but reports say that thirty persons were killed and others injured. Sivas had a population of six thousand families.

Waco Would Retain Franchise. Texas News Service Special. Waco, Tex., Feb. 16.—Mayor Baker today called a mass meeting for Wednesday morning, when definite steps will be taken to retain Waco's baseball franchise in the Texas league. The M. K. and T. Park will likely be secured. It is now believed that this city's team will be playing during the coming season.

Taft's Initiation Regular. By Associated Press. Houston, Tex., Feb. 16.—P. W. Hudson, a prominent Texas Mason, today received a letter from Deputy Grand Master Melish of Ohio, regarding the protests against Taft joining the order "at sight." The letter says that Taft had applied for membership before he knew he would be a presidential candidate, and that all the steps were in accordance with the Masonic rules.

Man Killed in Quarrel at Tulia. Texas News Service Special. Amarillo, Tex., Feb. 16.—P. N. Willis was shot in the head and killed this afternoon at Tulia. Hirschel Goodnight was arrested afterwards. It is reported that the shooting was the result of a dispute over business affairs.

Ranch Sells for \$65,000. Texas News Service Special. Caldwell, Tex., Feb. 16.—J. L. Spillman sold to Charles Hooper, a St. Louis capitalist, today a six thousand acre ranch in McCulloch county for \$65,000. It is expected that the tract will be used for raising fine bred herds of cattle and sheep.

Fire Destroys Cabinet Makers' Shop. Fire early today destroyed the cabinet makers' shop on Ohio avenue between Ninth and Tenth streets, owned by Ferguson & Staley. The machinery and stock in the building was ruined and the building destroyed. The loss is about \$800 and there was no insurance.

Moulder Seriously Burned. Carthage, Tex., Feb. 16.—John Ryan, a moulder, was probably fatally burned this morning while at work. He accidentally spilled a large pot of hot liquid lead over his body. He was alone at the time. Despite his agony he ran from the building to his home, where physicians were summoned.

Railroad President to Visit Dallas. Texas News Service Special. Dallas, Tex., Feb. 16.—Advices were received here to the effect that W. H. Newman, former president of the New York Central, will visit Dallas the latter part of the month. The object of the trip is not known.

To Consider Bond Issue Election. The county commissioners will meet on Thursday to decide whether they will call an election for a bond issue for the purpose of securing money to build a new jail.

Don't fail to hear Prof. Logan Sizemore, the ragtime king, at the Majestic all this week. Also Mr. Gray, the boss singer in illustrated songs. Well worth your time and money. 240-21p

WANTED—One or two furnished rooms or board in private family for couple and child. F. H. Gohlke, Phone 390. 240-37c

A marriage license was issued yesterday to R. F. Wilkinson and Mae Bryna.

## FROZEN BODY OF HERMIT FOUND IN HIS CABIN.

### TEXAS NEWS SERVICE SPECIAL.

## SIX REPORTED DEAD IN WRECK

### ILLINOIS CENTRAL PASSENGER WRECKED--WIRES DOWN. DETAILS LACKING.

Murfreesboro, Ill., Feb. 16.—The Illinois Central southbound train from St. Louis to New Orleans was wrecked near here today. Six persons are reported killed and thirty injured. Details to the wires being down, details are lacking.

130 Miners Entombed. By Associated Press. Newcastle, Eng., Feb. 16.—An explosion occurred this afternoon in colliery northwest Durham. One hundred and thirty miners are reported to have been entombed.

THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH. Cotton—New Orleans Spots. New Orleans, La., Feb. 16.—Market for spot cotton quiet and 1-16c higher. Middling, 97-16c. Sales 2,500 bales.

Cotton—New Orleans Futures. Open High Close March 9.52 9.62 9.61-62 May 9.52 9.66 9.65-66 July 9.63 9.76 9.75-76

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Cotton—Liverpool. Liverpool, Eng., Feb. 16.—Market for spot cotton 5.07d. Sales 7,000 bales. Receipts 14,000 bales.

Open High Close Feb. March 4.88 5.03 5.03 March-April 4.99 5.03 5.03 April-May 5.00 5.04 5.04 May-June 5.01 5.05 5.05

Chicago Grain Market. Wheat—Open High



## MY FIRST EXPERIENCE ON A JURY

By JOE SAPPINGTON

After the jury had been secured the judge adjourned court until the next morning at 9 o'clock, and the constable with the big brown-eyed six-shooter conducted us to a livery stable that some one had nicknamed a hotel. After we had eaten supper, the constable, with drawn six-shooter, showed us our room, and after threatening each and every one of our lives if we attempted to escape, he quietly withdrew from our midst. I was by far the youngest member of that jury, and I was the only one of the twelve that wore a collar or an undershirt, which possibly accounts for the contempt in which I was held by some of this jury. That night before we retired I listened to many animated discussions on religion, politics, how to raise hogs, children, cotton and other farm products. One old fellow, who had two big whisks of hair growing out of his nostrils, and who had failed to get a hearing from any of the others, finally turned to me with his tale of woe, and for two long hours I was highly entertained by the recital of how he was

cured of about forty-three deadly diseases, that had made the mistake of their lives by jumping on him, instead of some old bull alligator. He told me how he once had rheumatism and had "swelled" up until he thought he would "burst," but he went out and gathered certain "yerbs" and "bled" them down until they looked like they had been "chawed" by a grizzly bear, and then drank a quart of the ooze three times a day until he had hard fits, but it "short" cured his "rheumatiz." He then told me about having the asthma, dropsy, liver complaint, dyspepsia, palpitation of the heart, lung trouble, itchy, granulated eyes, loss of hearing, and quite a serious misunderstanding he had at one time with two big, overbearing tape worms that were using his stomach for a boarding house, but by the vigorous application of "yerbs" he had succeeded in overthrowing all these diseases and both tapeworms. He finally got off that brilliant old joke about it being "time all honest men were in bed," but promised me faith-

fully that he would tell me something about how to "blee" down "yerbs" for all diseases.

It has been said that "death loves a shining mark," and right here I wish to remark that bed bugs love a tender morsel and are splendid judges of youth. That night when I removed my celluloid collar and gently folded my seersucker in attitude of repose and had sent Morpheus an urgent invitation to come and sip with me, little did I know of the warm greeting that was in waiting for me in the persons of about 1,300 bed bugs in all stages and stations of life. No sooner had I stretched my tired limbs to rest on a quilt that weighed at least thirteen ounces than these bugs made a dash for me. I think they were all lined up ready for the start, when tired, and at a given signal from one of their number, they made a rush for me.

I have always been lenient with my enemies, and was never known to urge them to action, and have on several occasions, when kind persuasion failed to pacify them, engaged them in a violent foot race, with myself a few yards in the lead, just to give them time to reflect on the issues at stake. But when it came to a lot of lowly bed bugs thirsting for my gore it aroused the warrior blood of my ancestors that coursed in my veins, and I went for them with a pair of home-knit socks that sent many a gallant bug into oblivion. I finally stood up on a stool and as they attempted to scale the legs of the stool I would give them a swipe over the head with my home-produced socks, thereby creating a great slaughter in their ranks. It was about 2 o'clock in the morning when the last assault was made on me by a battalion of well trained bugs led by their gallant captain, who had a blazed face and a restless eye. I stood my ground and won a great victory over many odds; but all this turmoil didn't keep eight or ten of these true and tried petty jurors from snoring in a half dozen melancholy keys. I tried to sleep the remainder of the night, but in vain. I got so restless along toward daylight that I stole forth among the jurors pantaloons and tied a few good, strong knots in the bottoms of the pants of those who had tried to form a corner or the snoring industry during the night. I then tied a few gentle knots in my own pants for appearance sake, and then assumed a peaceful attitude of slumber and patiently awaited results. Among the pants of those whom I remembered with a kindly knot were those of my old "yerb" eater. I took an extra long pull on his cottonade trousers just for old friendship's sake. I didn't have long to wait, for along toward daylight our "livery stable" rang a big, loud-mouthed dinner bell and at the same time our constable rapped on the door with his six-shooter and told us if we didn't have our toilet arranged in three minutes' time he would shoot the door down. Of course, every man made a rush for his "breeches" and our friends who had the knots in their pants presented a rather grotesque appearance as they tried to ram their feet through a well regulated knot. My old ooze eater succeeded in kicking four or five panes out of a window in his earnest desire to be on time for breakfast. At one time he stood on his head and kicked three good, law-abiding citizens (that had made oath on many former occasions that they could read and write) on their stomachs. He kicked one of the legs loose from the seat of his pants, just as five able-bodied men took hold of him to quiet him. I never saw anyone quite so mad as was this old nestor. He wanted to fight everybody in the room, and actually told the constable to attend to his own business, when that officer told him to put his pants leg in his pocket and come on to breakfast. Some one of the jurors had a piece of grass rope in his pocket and stitched the old man's pants leg on to the seat of his pants.

Promptly at 9 o'clock that morning we were conducted into the jury box. The sheriff again poked his head out at a window and yelled that "the honorable District Court was now in session." He then called about 265 witnesses, after which he began to coax several lawyers out of a nearby saloon into court by adding the mystic word "E-squire" to the tail end of their names. There is no word in the English language that will more quickly woo the average lawyer away from a game of poker and make him lay down a bob-tailed flush and put him on a dead run for the court house than the simple word, "E-squire" tacked on the tail end of his name.

The sheriff finally succeeded in getting eight or ten lawyers into the court room. The judge then asked the lawyers if they were ready to proceed with the case, whereupon a big putty-faced lawyer who represented the defendant arose and modestly informed the court that he had just been informed by a very reliable source that about thirty-seven of the defendant's choicest witnesses were not to be found, and that while the defendant was not given to any excessive religious demonstration, yet said defendant most earnestly prayed the honorable court to grant him a continuance until the next term of court. The judge then requested the defendant's lawyer to reduce his application to writing for a

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Stock securities and claims.....	4 405.22
Bank-house, fixtures and other real estate	13 400.00
Cotton-Bills Exchange.....	32 587.23
U. S. Bonds securities for circulation....	75 000.00
Cash in vault.....	\$51 762.27
Cash in other Banks.....	96 829.55
U. S Bonds securities for deposits.....	50 000.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$665 519.41</b>

### LIABILITIES.

Capital.....	\$ 75 000.00
Surplus and profits.....	63 376.11
Circulation.....	75 000.00
Rediscounts.....	9 204.51
Deposits.....	442 938.79
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$665 519.41</b>

The above statement is correct,  
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continuance, and gave them one hour to prepare same.

I think it must have been at least four hours before they returned with the written application, and the entire jury had become restless. One old fellow, with a swallow fork and an under-bit in the left ear, and who sat just behind me, had become extremely restless and had rubbed both of my ears raw with the buckles on his plow shoes by putting both of his feet around my neck. The big muddy-faced lawyer then read the application in a big mellow voice. The document told in the most pathetic manner what an awful calamity might befall his client should the court overrule this application and force them to trial with less than 150 witnesses to testify to the innocence of his client. He read fifteen or twenty pages of foolscap paper telling what these absent witnesses would swear if they were only there. It seemed that one witness, who was an honorable citizen of Jonesboro, Texas, but who since made a specialty of keeping his whereabouts a profound secret from his client, would, if he could be hemmed up in the court room, cheerfully swear that he in self-defense had shot and killed the plaintiff. Another absent witness, who, up to a few years since, had lived at Pancake, Texas, and was an enthusiastic member of the Farmers' Alliance (since become defunct) would, if present, swear that he had known the defendant for many years, and that he in company with said defendant, were 29 miles in a southwest direction from the murder at a place called Lankford's Cove (since named Evant) at the time of the killing. That witness remembered very distinctly a circumstance in reference to defendant's ability to snore, as he was forced to kick the defendant in a violent, strenuous manner on the pit of said defendant's said stomach on several occasions on said night, while sleeping with said defendant in said Lankford's Cove (since called Evant) in said bed in order to procure said rest, that said absent witness had sought by foolishly trying to sleep with said defendant while said defendant was doing said snoring.

The application embraced the names of many absent witnesses, all of whom would swear that defendant, in their opinion, was as innocent as a sheep herder or a singing school teacher, and wound up with a mighty appeal to the honorable court to grant a continuance. It seems that the judge departed from a time honored custom in not granting a continuance in this case. He told the counsel for the defense that he respected the gray hairs and decayed teeth of this ancient application for a

continuance of trial, as he and his three honorable predecessors had up to date granted thirty-six new and well defined continuances in this case, and while he respected the venerable claims and hoary locks of this oft repeated document, with its fine points of law, for continuance, with a few slight variations from the original, yet duty prompted him to overrule this application and proceed with the trial. The judge, by way of consolation, told defendant's counsel that it was largely out of consideration for their client, that he had decided to hear evidence in the case. He told them how their client had passed from young manhood to old age since he had first been arraigned at the bar of justice. He called their attention to the array of gray haired witnesses in the case and then appealed to their sense of justice by pointing to their own gray hairs and crow-footed condition of their faces, which had been gradually accumulating since their first application for a continuance in this case. The judge said that he had no desire to see defendant brought into court in his old age, as he could plainly see the first symptoms of palsy and second childhood setting up in his face.

"Dear reader, allow me to skip over about 253 pages of evidence in this case, in order that I may bring this interesting narrative to a short stop. I shall omit from this narrative the forty-eight hours that were consumed by counsel on both sides of the case, in which the State proved beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the defendant was a cold-blooded murderer, and in which the defendant proved that he was not only innocent, but which in comparison a three-months-old baby was a midnight assassin.

The close of the evidence found the jury in a very dilapidated condition. I had rubbed every suspender button off my pantaloons, chewed two pounds of navy tobacco, crossed and recrossed my legs 27,000 times, and bit and twisted off a splendid stand of a mustache, that I had trained to turp up at their ends.

I formed my opinions in this case during the pleadings and wanted to hang the defendant on thirteen separate and distinct counts, but was equalized determined on forty-five other distinct and separate counts to turn him loose and then propose to head a mob to hang the lawyers who had been prosecuting defendant.

The lawyers on both sides of the case said many good things about the jury one lawyer said that he believed that it would be impossible to again round up twelve men with the same degree of lofty intelligence as the jury before him. He said that he was personally acquainted with every member of the jury except that bright looking young man, Mr. Safford, but he had heard him spoken of as one of the brightest young men of my community. During the speeches I was referred to as Mr. Safford, Mr. Savage, Mr. Sappolo, Mr. Sappleton, Mr. Saffrons, and Mr. Sapsucker.

On old fellow on the jury who had a sturdy looking cataract grazing on one of his eyes, whispered to me during an impassioned speech by the State attorney, "Bud, we'll shore hang the damned scoundrel," but when the defendant's lawyer arose and told us how they had been forced into trial unprepared and explained how innocent his client was, and spoke feelingly of his client's love for Sunday school work and asked us, while tears rolled down his cheeks, if we were going to keep defendant from his Sunday school, this same man with the adult cataract in his eye, again whispered to me: "Say, Bud, we will shore turn him loose and let him go back to his Sunday school."

The old fellow who had been using my ear for a foot stool, and who was marked by a swallow fork and under-bit in his left ear, developed into a violent weeper and used the tail of my

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seersucker coat to weep upon during his paroxysms of grief while some sad tale was being related by counsel.

After the pleading was over the judge read the charge to the jury. We were then sent to the jury room to render our verdict. We were all of the same opinion except one old fellow who had a way of whistling "Blue-eyed Susie" through the hair in his nose. This old fellow wanted to hang somebody and didn't care much who it was either. During our deliberations an altercation arose between old "verb" ester and the "Blue-eyed Susie" whistler as to which of two lawyers made the most noise during their speeches, and during the struggle our old vegetarian got his other pants leg and a portion of his coat tail torn off. We all finally agreed and returned a verdict of not guilty.

This ended my first experience on a petit jury. During the four days of this trial I lost twenty-seven pounds in weight, wore out a good pair of pants, chewed seven pounds of tobacco, gnawed my mustache off to the quick and changed positions on a good soft plank bench 27,532 times. This jury experience, however, gave me great social prestige for a long time and for many days afterward I was pointed out by quite a number of the old ladies of my neighborhood as being the young man who "got" on the jury.—Joe Sappington.

#### Notice to Stockholders.

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank of Wichita Falls, Texas, is called for Tuesday, March 9, 1909, at 11 o'clock a. m., at the banking house of said bank in Wichita Falls, Texas, for the purpose of increasing the capital stock from \$75,000 to \$150,000 and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them.  
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## WASTE ON THE FARMS.

The United States Department of Agriculture recently issued a bulletin in which attention is directed to the large amount of needless waste that annually occurs on American farms. In the one item of barnyard manure alone it is shown that the annual waste aggregates \$125,000,000, to say nothing of the waste of other materials available for use as fertilizers.

The Washington Post, commenting on the statement, says: "It is a fact that fifty years ago there was not one farmer in 500 in the Ohio valley who knew that wood ashes was of any value as a fertilizer and hundreds of thousands of tons of them were suffered to go to waste. That is how it happened that thousands of acres of 'old fields' are to this day abandoned to bramble and briar in that region. Perhaps the most interesting career a son of Adam and Eve can engage in is that of shepherd, but there is a dignity, an importance, a call for skill, and a work for the mind in the vocation of the farmer that makes the tilling of the soil the noblest of tasks assigned to man. But how improvident and how ignorant has been the American farmer! Decades ago he voted himself the relentless enemy of scores of birds, his good friends and aids in the work of husbandry. A single bluebird is worth more than its weight in gold in any orchard where it makes its habitat, and the modest and diminutive wren is worth more than twice its weight in gold to the husbandman in whose yard it makes its nest. But the American farmer of 1909 is a long way ahead of his ancestors of 1809, and his descendant of 2009 will know something about plowing, sowing, reaping and garnering not now dreamed of."

The agricultural department is doing a great work in arousing the slumbering energies of the American farmer, and the day is fast approaching when the sin of unthrift, which in the past has so beset his efforts, will no longer be a charge that can justly be laid at his door. But, alas, in his relentless warfare against his best friends, the birds, he has been guilty of a mistake which he can never fully repair.

For a time Wichita Falls had a first class volunteer fire department, but for the past two years the volunteer firemen have become discouraged for lack of encouragement in their good work from our citizens, the city government and the property owners, and now when a fire breaks out but few of the boys respond. They cannot be blamed. Often they have responded to alarms to find after they arrived on the scene that either the hose was in bad condition or else the water pressure from some cause or other was so weak that it made it very difficult for them to fight down a fire. Fortunately for Wichita Falls, she has had no very bad fires for several years, but that is no reason why she should not have better fire protection. What the city really needs and by all means should have, is a fire engine and a good team of horses to pull it. With one or two regularly salaried firemen it would be but little trouble to reorganize a volunteer fire department that would be a credit to Wichita Falls and her progressive spirit. If the city is unable just at this time to make these improvements, the Times is of the opinion that a sufficient amount for the purchase of a fire engine and team of horses could be raised by popular subscription. The Times has heard one gentleman (and he is by no means a large property owner), say that he would contribute \$50 toward the purchase of a fire engine, and if this man can afford to contribute \$50 there are at least fifty more in the city who could afford to give \$100 each toward such a cause. Doubtless some will argue that the pressure from the standpipe is sufficient, and at times it is, but frequently fires break out that require the laying of six or seven hundred feet of hose, and in cases like this, the standpipe pressure does not amount to a great deal. The city government should take this matter up and do what it can toward making these improvements, and that which it cannot do should be made up by popular subscription.

The special illustrated edition of the Times is scheduled to appear in March, the latter part, and it will be the most complete write-up of Wichita Falls and the Wichita Falls country ever printed and sent out. A limited amount of advertising matter will be taken for this edition at the rate of \$1.00 per inch. Mr. Fred Chase, a gentleman who makes special edition work his business, has charge of the work, and any courtesies shown him in getting up the necessary matter for this edition will be appreciated by the Times Publishing Company.

Elsewhere in this issue is a communication from Rev. A. J. Bush, proposing an evangelistic campaign to be conducted by some evangelist of ability and reputation, in which all the churches of the city shall join. The proposal seems a fair one and such a meeting should bring good results. We are sure that Brother Bush makes the proposal in the spirit of Christian brotherhood of which he speaks, and we would be glad to publish communications on the subject from other pastors and Christian people.

## JOHANN'S COURTING.

One of the Royal Romances of the Hapsburgs.

More than one royal romance has occurred in the family of the Hapsburgs. The best of all, perhaps, is that of the Archduke Johann, brother of the Emperor Francis I. One day he was traveling incognito when he arrived in a village where he desired to take a coach for Vienna. He looked around to hire a carriage, for which, having been obtained, he sought a driver. At length a lad was brought to him. "Your name?" queried the archduke. "Johann, sir," answered the lad. The archduke was cute. He had seen at a glance that this was no boy before him, but a girl disguised. "What do you call yourself when you are at home helping your mother in the kitchen?" he asked, smiling. "Anna Plochl," she answered. "And what is your name?" "Johann too. I am an archduke." "I suppose you will say that you are the emperor himself next?" she laughed back at him. Then she drove his carriage into Vienna.

Here, behold, the people saluted, and she made inquiries, thus finding out the real facts. But she thought little more of the matter until a month later the archduke strode into her father's cottage just at the dinner hour and asked permission to join the family gathering. The girl began apologies, but the archduke laughed them aside and insisted on being called plain "Johann."

The visit was repeated again and again, and at last the villagers began to talk unkindly. Anna at last asked the archduke to come no more because of the gossip. That settled it. He asked her to marry him, and, despite the objections of the emperor, the two were married. Later the girl, once daughter of a jobmaster, was created baroness and countess and at last forgiven by the emperor.—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Two Straight Streets.

In viewing Manhattan from a point of vantage on the Metropolitan tower, nearly 700 feet from the sidewalk, one is chiefly impressed by the rigid lines which Park and Madison avenues cut through the length of the island. A tape-line drawn through a miniature model city could not be straighter. A twelve inch rifle discharged at Twenty-third street would send its bullet straight into Harlem without touching a building on either side.—New York Post.

## A Hard One.

Mrs. Nuvoe Reash—Did you get my letter? Mrs. Bloodgood—The one where you asked me to your holiday house party? Mrs. Nuvoe Reash—Exactly. Mrs. Bloodgood—No, I didn't get it.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## Bled Him.

He—Yes, the rascals bled me. She—Bled! I'm surprised to hear you using slang. He—Who says it's slang! They took away my circulating medium, didn't they?—Boston Transcript.

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Western brides have an easier time than their Abyssinian sisters. On the occasion of her marriage an Abyssinian bride has to change her skin. From ebony she has to become the color of cafe au lait. To accomplish this the expectant bride is shut up in a room for three months. She is covered with woolen stuff, with the exception of her head. Then they burn certain green and fragrant branches. The fumes which they produce destroy the original skin, and in its place comes the new skin, soft and clear as a baby's. The elders of the family feed the young woman with nutritive force-meat balls.

## Precocious Punctilio.

"So you don't believe in Santa Claus?" "I didn't exactly say that," answered the little Boston girl. "But I don't approve of him. I understand that he calls after 6 o'clock and doesn't wear evening clothes."—Washington Star.

## THE COBRA STONE.

A Ceylon Story About the Reptile and Its Shining Lure.

Every one knows that Ceylon is famous for the amount of queer and rare precious stones found in the sands of its dried up river beds. Among these is one called "chlorophane," a rare variety of fluor spar, which shines at night with phosphorescent light. There has long been a tradition among the natives that a certain species of cobra makes use of this stone to attract insects in the darkness. Indeed, the name given it is "naja-kaller," or cobra stone. A scientist resolved to test this wonderful story during a stay in the island, so offered any cooly 5 rupees to point out a stone carrying cobra. In about a week an old Tamil came in and offered to show him one. He followed this guide, and, sure enough, there, under an immense tamarind tree, he saw a little point of steady greenish light and could faintly distinguish behind a cobra coiled and slowly waving its head from side to side. It would have been desperately dangerous to approach the reptile, and the cooly begged him not to do so, saying that next night he would himself get the stone. He did so, and in rather clever fashion. Before dark he climbed into the tree, carrying a large bag of ashes. After nightfall the cobra turned up, as usual, and deposited its treasure, which it carried in its mouth, before it. Thereupon the cooly emptied his bag of ashes over the shining object, and the frightened reptile after a wild but fruitless search crept back into the jungle. The cooly descended, searched the ashes, found the stone and received his promised reward.—London Telegraph.

## Scotland's Patron Saint.

Why was St. Andrew chosen as the patron saint of Scotland?—This question has been asked many times, but the archdeacon of whom Dean Hole tells may be considered to have discovered the most satisfactory solution of the problem. "Gentlemen," said he (he was speaking at a St. Andrew's day banquet at the time), "I have given this difficult subject my thoughtful consideration, and I have come to the conclusion that St. Andrew was chosen to be the patron saint of Scotland because he discovered the lad who had the loaves and fishes."—Dundee Advertiser.

## Lively Chess.

"How did you find the Stilton I sent you?" "Find it? We didn't find it! As soon as ever my wife's back was turned it jumped from the pantry shelf, ran down the garden, out of the gate and was last seen chasing a frightened dog down the road."—London Scraps.

## Hard to Choose.

"Whom would you rather entertain," asks the philosopher of folly, "a perfectly stupid bore or a clever fellow who has just been abroad for the first time?"—Exchange.

The acts of this life are the destiny of the next.—Eastern Proverb.



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White Goods bargains worth reading about and hurrying for. Saturday, Feb. 20th, sees the end of this, our most brilliantly successful, widely patronized White Sale. We earnestly urge every woman who has not yet made full provision for all her needs in white wear and yard goods of all kinds to come early and buy as liberally as her requirements demand. Not again for months will so great a stock and such admirable qualities figure at prices as low as now offered.

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These \$6.00 values are sold in New York City for \$7.00.

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**FOR SALE**—265 bois d'arc fence posts. See Duncan, room 1, Kerr & Hersh building. 240-3tp

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**WANTED**—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. See R. M. Johnson, 712 Indiana avenue. 230-3tp

**WANTED**—City property listed with us, as we have about exhausted our sales list. Moore & Stone. 226-1f

**FOR SALE**—One hotel with 40 to 50 boarders. Address P. O. Box 745, Wichita Falls, Texas. 236-6tc

**FOR SALE**—Tamworth sows, half-breed pigs, and pigs of other breeds. Lee Clark, Iowa Park, Tex. 208-1f

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**Through Mail and Express.**  
Leave Frederick ..... 9:00 a. m.  
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Arrive Frederick ..... 5:40 p. m.

**No. 8 Local Freight and Passenger.** (Daily Except Sunday.)  
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Arrives Frederick ..... 11:20 a. m.

**No. 7 Local Freight and Passenger.** (Daily Except Sunday.)  
Leaves Frederick ..... 1:00 p. m.  
Arrive Wichita Falls ..... 6:00 p. m.  
Wichita Falls and Southern.  
Leaves Wichita Falls ..... 3:10 p. m.  
Arrives Olney ..... 6:40 p. m.  
Arrives Newcastle ..... 8:00 p. m.  
Leaves Newcastle ..... 6:15 a. m.  
Leaves Olney ..... 7:30 a. m.  
Arrives Wichita Falls ..... 11:00 a. m.

**C. L. FONTAINE, G. P. A.**  
Fort Worth and Denver City.  
Northbound— Arrives Leaves  
No. 1 ..... 2 p. m. 2:10 p. m.  
No. 3 ..... 12:45 p. m. 1:05 p. m.  
No. 5 ..... 11:45 p. m. 12:05 a. m.  
No. 7 ..... 2:05 a. m. 2:15 a. m.

Southbound Arrives Leaves  
No. 2 ..... 11:35 a. m. 11:45 a. m.  
No. 4 ..... 12:55 p. m. 1:15 p. m.  
No. 6 ..... 3:15 a. m. 3:25 a. m.  
No. 8 ..... 2:15 a. m. 2:25 a. m.

**Wichita Valley.**  
West Bound Trains—  
No. 1 ..... Leaves 2:10 p. m.  
No. 7 ..... Arrives 12:05 p. m.  
No. 9 ..... Arrives 6:25 p. m.

East Bound Trains—  
No. 2 ..... Arrives 1:00 p. m.  
No. 6 ..... Arrives 3:15 a. m.  
No. 5 ..... Leaves 12:05 a. m.  
No. 8 ..... Leaves 8:00 a. m.

**M. K. and T. Railway.** Arrives  
No. 271, From Dallas ..... 10:15 p. m.  
No. 9, From Denison ..... 12:50 p. m.

Leaves  
No. 272, To Dallas ..... 6:30 a. m.  
No. 10 ..... Leaves 2:40 p. m.  
No. 10, To Denison ..... 3:00 p. m.

### THE BEY'S GUEST.

He Was Ready For the Emergency and Conquered the African.

A show of force is often the best kind of diplomacy. A writer in the Paris Temps tells a story of the French admiral Dupetit-Thouars, who had been intrusted with the mission of exacting reparation from an African bey who had insulted a French consul. As Dupetit-Thouars' demands were supported by the forcible argument of loaded cannon, the bey acknowledged that he had been too hasty and proffered profuse apologies. He even invited the admiral to his table and had a sumptuous repast prepared for his guest.

The consul warned the admiral to be on his guard. "The bey is inclined to be malicious," said he, "and when he strokes his beard and smiles you may be sure that he is concocting some mischief." "We shall see," was Dupetit-Thouars' reply.

He reached the bey's palace in good time. Profuse compliments and salutations were exchanged. All at once the admiral's foot met some soft, hairy substance lying on the carpet under the table. He bent down and saw a huge lion showing his formidable teeth. The bey smiled and stroked his beard.

Dupetit-Thouars did not wince, but called his dragoman.

"My pistols," was all he said. The servant saluted, retired and brought back a pair of pistols on a silver tray. The admiral took them and placed them on the table before him. But the bey, still smiling, continued to stroke his patriarchal beard.

"Tell the commander," he said to the dragoman, "that if those pistols are for the purpose of blowing out my lion's brains they are quite insufficient and perfectly useless."

Then, like a skilled fencer countering his opponent's thrust, after the bey's ironical advice had been translated Dupetit-Thouars replied:

"Tell his highness that my pistols are not there to kill his lion, but to blow his own brains out at the first movement of this objectionable carpet."

Gravely, but a little pale, the man interpreted.

The smile died away on the bey's lips, and he no longer stroked his beard.

"My lion," said he, "is too well trained even to scratch one of my guests, but since he is not wanted he shall be sent away."

At a word from the bey the lion slowly and heavily left the room, like an obedient dog.

**No More Cradles.** "A cradle?" said the salesman. "Oh, no! You don't want a cradle." He smiled.

"First kid, ain't it?" "Yes," admitted the young father, frowning.

"I knew you weren't experienced, or you wouldn't ask for a cradle," said the salesman. "You see, they've gone altogether out. We don't sell two a year."

"Why did they go out?" "Because they're unhealthy, bad for the kid. They lower the temperature, hurt the heart and bring on nausea, colic, regular seasickness. It stands to reason that the violent rocking of a cradle can't be good for frail little baby any more than the violent rocking of a ship in a storm is good for the passengers. Moreover, they keep somebody busy rocking the baby to sleep. Now the baby goes to sleep of its own accord."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**Won With Whips.** According to Herodotus, while the Scythians were away on a long campaign their slaves took the opportunity to rebel and seize all their masters' property. The latter on their return promptly attacked them, but were continually defeated until at last one of them hit on the brilliant idea of attacking the slaves with whips only. That, he said, would remind them of their origin and so cow them, that they would never dare to stand. The Scythians followed his counsel, and it fell out as he had predicted. When the slaves beheld their masters riding down upon them flourishing the terrible knotted whips they knew so well they threw down their arms and fled.

**Roused His Suspicions.** A naval officer was speaking of the extortions of innkeepers in out of the way parts of the globe.

"In Montenegro once," he said, "I asked for my bill after having slept overnight at a certain inn, and as soon as the document was handed to me I took out my purse to settle it. I did not bother to verify the various items. What would have been the use?"

"But my readiness to pay amazed the landlord. He thought a moment, and then he said uneasily:

"Will you let me have another look at that bill, sir? I think I have omitted something."

**Her Mouth Was Closed.** Jack—Miss Peachy started to say something about the impropriety of kissing the other evening, but she didn't finish. Tom—Why not? Jack—Because I took the words right out of her mouth.—Chicago News.

**The Forecast.** Husband—Well, what did the phrenologist say about Willie's head? Wife—Nothing. He simply sighed and handed me my money back. Husband—Just as I expected. He's going to be a poet.—Exchange.

A man that hath not virtue in himself ever envieth virtue in others.—Bacon.



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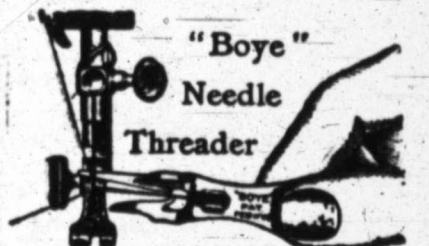
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As made to the Comptroller of the Currency February 9th 1928.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$676,948.75
U. S. Bonds	75,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	2,550.00
Other Stocks and Bonds	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,450.00
Cotton-Bills Exchange	8,676.90
Cash and Sight Exchange	152,541.18
Redemption Fund U. S. Treas.	3,750.00
	\$922,916.83
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$75,000.00
Surplus and Net Profit	178,879.98
Circulation	75,000.00
Deposits	594,036.85
	\$922,916.83

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**THE OLD MASTERS.**

How Modern Artists Make a New Painting an Antique. Europe is full of artists who, as far as line and color go, can turn admirable copies of anything. These copies are made on old canvases mounted on a framework of old wood, and when the paint is dry the picture is put through an ingenious aging process. A certain kind of varnish gives a ripe golden tone, and deepening of shadows, with a suggestion of the soil of centuries, is had by the smearing of licorice juice. As for the cracked paint surface—sure sign of age—that is obtained by baking the picture carefully in an oven, by taying a strip of metal on the canvas and striking it gently with a hammer. Worm holes in frame or panels are merely a matter of fine shavings and afterward picked out. And fly specks to deceive the flies themselves may be had by the judicious spatter of India ink. No doubt the sure connoisseur there is something hard and cold about the copies, something vaguely unsatisfying, but no one can deny that they are enormously like the originals—so much like them that the great museums of Europe, all unsuspecting, have hung their walls with these mellow masterpieces of yesterday. It is said, for instance, that Rembrandt's portrait of Sobieski in the Louvre is not the original at all, but only a copy, the original being in Russia.—Cleveland Moffett in Success.

**ANOTHER WORLD.**

This Charming Bit of Philosophy Points the Road to It. I live in two worlds—one in which I must consider the weather and clothes and meals and bills coming due and a host of duties and obligations, some of which weary me. It isn't really a bad world, and I haven't much ground to complain of. It is comparatively a poor world, however, when set against that other world into which I retire with every opportunity—the glorious, free and perfect world of my imagination. The common world, the world of meals and clothes and weather, I share with everybody. No preference or special consideration is given to me. I often get a kick or a cuff that I deserve, even though I know that I earned it. But the other world is all my own. I am its creator, king and master. Nothing happens in it that does not please me; nothing exists without my consent. It revolves around me. I am its sun and center; all else is subordinate. There is no order, system or law in it that gives me the slightest trouble, for I alter, change or abolish these at my pleasure. Of course I escape whenever I can from the common everyday world in which I am so insignificant into the world which is wholly my own.—Orlando Jay Smith.

The Journey. A little work, a little sweating, a few brief, flying years; a little joy, a little fretting, some smiles and then some tears; a little resting in the shadow, a struggle to the height, a futile search for Eldorado—and then we say good night. Some mulling in the strife and clangor; some years in doubt and debt; some words we spoke in foolish anger that we would fain forget; some choery words we said unthinking that made a sad heart light;—the banquet, with its feast and drinking—and then we say good night. Some questioning of creeds and theories and judgment of the dead, while God, who never sleeps or wears, is watching overhead; some little laughing and some sighing; some sorrow, some delight; a little music for the dying—and then we say good night.—Walt Mason in Emporia Gazette.

Syringe Bearing Firemen. A studious fireman looked up from his book. "In place of all these here electric engines, automatic chutes and so on," he said, "the only instrument they had to fight fire with in the seventeenth century was the syringe. Under the roof of every building that they thought worth saving—like cathedrals and such—there were big tanks to catch the rainwater, and beside each tank hung a syringe a yard long. Then when a fire came—squirt, squirt, they went with their syringes, and the building quickly burned down to the ground."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

One on the Court Jester. Timon of Athens had just been married. As he waited down the aisle of the chapel with his bride the court jester cried: "Wait, Timon: I would have a word with you." The misanthrope turned. Here was the one chance of his life for a quip. "Timon tied waits for no man," he said. "There, now; I'm square with you." And he drifted out the portal—Exchange.

Maybe. "Young man," said Mr. Bluffkins, "when I was your age I always stood at the head of my class." "Well," answered the fearfully precocious boy, "maybe teachers were easier to fool then than they are now."—Exchange. Power of the Will. "I've just been reading about the power of the will. It's a wonderful thing." "Yes. I know of a will that makes seven children and thirty-two grandchildren behave."—Puck. 'Tis an ill cook cannot lick his own fingers.—Shakespeare. Fortune is ever seen accompanying industry.—Goldsmith.

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Unique Weapon With Which the Man of Mystery and Murder Sought to Slay His Way to the Hand of the Woman He Loved. The chronicles of Venice tell that in the earlier part of the seventeenth century a certain stranger, a man of dark and sinister aspect, arrived in the city. His name was Tebaldo. He appears to have been a man of unruy passions, of great intellectual power, but one whose talents found their chief outlet in crime.

One day he observed a beautiful girl leaving church, attended in a manner which showed she belonged to a family of high degree. She was, in fact, the daughter of an ancient and noble house. He fell violently in love with her. Though far removed from him in station, his blind passion took no count of this fact, and he determined to sue for her hand.

There proved to be, however, a more insuperable obstacle to his suit. The girl was already betrothed to another, a young nobleman of almost equal rank and fortune. The knowledge did not deter Tebaldo, who boldly presented himself before the girl's parents in the capacity of a suitor for her hand. As might have been expected, he met with a curt and unceremonious rebuff.

The repulse rankled in his mind. Enraged beyond measure, he shut himself up in his own house and there secretly studied a means of revenge. Profoundly skilled in the mechanical arts, he allowed himself no rest until he had invented a most formidable and death dealing weapon. This was a large key, the handle of which was so constructed that it could be turned at will. When it was thus turned a secret spring was disclosed, which, on being pressed, launched from the key head a fine needle or lancet. The latter was of such delicate construction that it penetrated the body of the victim and buried itself deep in the flesh without leaving any external trace.

The marriage of the betrothed couple was fixed to take place in the principal church in Venice on a certain day. Before the ceremony Tebaldo, cunningly disguised, stationed himself at the church door armed with his diabolical weapon. As the bridegroom was about to enter the building the concealed watcher pressed the spring and sent the deadly steel lancet into the breast of his victim. The young nobleman had no suspicion of injury at the moment. In the midst of the ceremony, however, he was seized with a sharp spasm of pain and sank fainting on the steps of the altar. He was hurriedly conveyed to his home, where the leading Venice physicians were summoned to attend him. In spite of their unremitting efforts he sank and died, nor were they able to discover the nature of the mysterious and fatal seizure.

With the removal of his rival, Tebaldo once more presented himself before the girl's parents and renewed his request for her hand. Their refusal to listen to him sealed their doom. In what manner he accomplished it is not known, but within a few days both had been done to death in the same sudden and mysterious fashion.

The exalted rank of the victims created a profound sensation, and when, on examination of the bodies, a fine steel instrument was found in the flesh terror became universal. The citizens feared for their lives. The utmost vigilance was exercised on the part of the authorities, but as yet no suspicion fell upon Tebaldo.

The bereaved girl retired to a convent, where she passed the first months of mourning in sorrowful seclusion. Tebaldo, however, sought her out in her retreat and begged to speak to her through the grating.

His dark, evil face had always been displeasing to her, but since the death of her betrothed and parents it had become repulsive. When, therefore, in the course of the interview he pressed her to fly with him he met with an instant and indignant refusal. Her scorn stung him to the quick. Beside himself with rage, he brought his deadly weapon once more into play and succeeded in wounding the girl through the grating, the obscurity of the place preventing his action from being observed.

On her return to her room the girl felt a sharp pain in her breast. Examination of the spot showed that it was dotted with a single drop of blood. Physicians were hastily summoned. Taught by past experience, they wasted no time in vain conjecture, but cut into the flesh and extracted the slender steel, thus saving the girl's life. The dastardly attempt occasioned a public outcry. The visit of Tebaldo to the convent became known and caused suspicion to turn upon him. The emissaries of the law descended suddenly upon him, his house was searched, and there the abominable invention was discovered. Swift justice followed, and he ended his days upon the scaffold. The key is still preserved in the arsenal at Venice.—Chambers' Journal.

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The Way the Captain of a Slave Trader Was Convicted.

Romance writers are often blamed for making the plots of their stories turn upon slight chances and improbable incidents, but here is an incident in real life stranger than fiction.

In 1790 the cutter Sparrow brought the brig Nancy into harbor at Kingston, Jamaica, under suspicion that she was engaged in the slave trade. But, although many circumstances pointed to this fact, no clear proof could be obtained, as the brig had no papers from which the charge could be substantiated. The suspected vessel was therefore discharged, but the day before she left the harbor a man-of-war arrived, bringing some documents that clearly proved her guilt.

These papers had been obtained in a "highly improbable manner." While cruising off the coast of Santo Domingo the crew of the man-of-war had amused themselves by fishing for sharks. One monster was captured and cut up on deck, and in its stomach was found a bundle of ship's papers, the very documents hung overboard by the captain of the Nancy when he was boarded by the Sparrow.

Curiosity led the captain of the man-of-war to clean and examine the papers, and the result was that he brought them before the authorities at the nearest port. The unlucky brig was condemned on this romantically acquired evidence.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

### A LAND SALE IN BOLIVIA.

Survival of a Curious Old Ceremony Called "Feoffment."

Our remote ancestors did not sell land as it is sold nowadays, the seller merely giving to the buyer an acknowledged deed of the premises. According to their customs, no land title could pass except by "transmutation of possession," and this they accomplished by a solemn ceremony, called by an old term a "feoffment."

The seller and the buyer went on the land together in the presence of witnesses, usually most of the village folks. The seller took a tuft of grass or a clod of earth and handed it to the buyer, declaring with a loud voice his intention to transfer to him the possession of the land in question.

Centuries have elapsed since the English race has sold land in this way, and it has been supposed that the practice had become extinct. A few years ago, however, a New England lawyer, returned from Bolivia, gave the following account of a land sale within 100 miles of La Paz, the Bolivian capital:

The American had climbed the Andes to a height of 1,400 feet, accompanied by a native Bolivian who had agreed to sell some mining property. The subject of the province and a notary went with them. The Indians living on the route were called out as the party passed along, until finally the complete company numbered about 900.

When the party reached its destination the prefect called the assembly

to order, declared what was to be done, and the notary wrote it down. The seller then tore up dirt and grass with his hands and handed it to the buyer, who at once began to run wildly about the land, turn somersaults and cut up all manner of funny capers.

This, the notary told the party, was to convince the native Indians that the purchaser had actually taken legal possession of the land, and he further stated that the Indians and their descendants would defend the new owner's title against any and all intruders until he or his heirs should see fit to transfer the possession of the land to still others in a similar manner.—Boston Post.

### THREATENED THE DEITY.

An Impious Relic of Arizona While Under Spanish Rule.

Among primitive peoples gifts are made to the gods in the hope of securing their favor. Quite logically, also, when a god does not respond his worshippers cut off their gifts to him and sometimes even desecrate his image. But it is odd to find a survival of this notion among Christians, however simple minded they may be.

A very curious instance is contained in a report filed in the Smithsonian institution at Washington. It tells of what happened in Arizona while under Spanish rule and is amusingly naive in its story of how the people of one department tried to threaten the Deity and thereby make him give them rain. The report says:

Considering that the Supreme Creator has not behaved well in this province, as in the whole of last year only one shower of rain fell; that in this summer, notwithstanding all the processions, prayers and praises, it has not rained at all, and consequently the crops of Castana, on which depend the prosperity of the whole department, are entirely ruined, it is decreed—

Article I. If within the peremptory period of eight days from the date of this decree rain does not fall abundantly no one will go to mass or say prayers.

Article II. If the drought continues eight days more, the churches and chapels shall be burned, and missals, rosaries and other objects of devotion will be destroyed.

Article III. If, finally, in a third period of eight days it shall not rain, all the priests, friars, nuns and saints, male and female, shall be beheaded. And for the present permission is given for the commission of all sorts of sin in order that the Supreme Creator may understand with whom he has to deal.

—Scrap Book.

### Economy.

Economy is always admirable. A Cheyenne hunter, though, was disgusted the other day with the economical spirit of a visitor to his shop. The visitor, a tall man with gray hair, entered with a soft felt hat, wrapped in paper, in his hand.

"How much will it cost," he said, "to dye this hat gray to match my hair?"

"About a dollar," the latter answered.

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