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Registered Hereford Cattle, Both Sexes

IN SAN ANGELO, TEXAS, MARCH 15th 1907.

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WELL SUPPLIES, PLUMBING,
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PERFECT WIRE, FENCING, ETC.,

FINDLATER HARDWARE CO.,

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Mail Orders receive the same careful attention as those personally given.

CONTRACT FOR NEW CONCRETE BUILDING

W. A. Day Lets Contract This Week
to H. P. Powers for Concrete Store
Building 25 x 80 North of
Commercial Hotel.

Mr. W. A. Day, who recently bought the old market house and lot recently occupied by A. J. Taylor, let the contract last week to Hiram Powers to begin work at once on the concrete walls which are to be of solid concrete. The building will be 25x80 feet with a modern glass and metal front and will add greatly to Austin street. The work will begin at an early date and pushed until completed.

Besides this building already contracted for there are several more in contemplation besides the new 8,000 Jail building which means that the carpenters will be kept busy for many moons by the onward march of our progressive little city.

J. A. McDorman one of the most progressive and substantial citizens of the new town, Jamestown, was here Saturday on business and visiting his brother, L. H. McDorman.

—New shipment of fancy candies just received at W. H. Bell and Co.

C. W. Millican of Edith and Miss Anna Lamb of Cedar Hill were issued licenses to wed Monday by Clerk Gardner.

SAYS ADAM LIVED IN MISSISSIPPI

So Declares a Kansas Scientist Out Loud—Thinks a Wonderful City Can Be Unearthed in Yazoo County.

The Garden of Eden originally was located in Yazoo county, Mississippi, according to Prof. McMickle, a Kansas scientist. So confident is he that he wants to organize a stock company for the purpose of making extensive excavation on the farm of W. A. Henry, a well known lawyer and farmer, located about seven miles south of Yazoo City, for the purpose of unearthing the ruins of a once splendid city erected shortly after the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the garden.

Prof. McMickle passes lightly over the theory of many brother scientists that the Garden of Eden was a myth and is absolutely positive that on the Henry farm will be found the ruins of a magnificent temple, the doors of which are of pure gold. He has not visited the spot in person, but several months ago addressed a letter to Governor Vardaman, setting forth his theory and asked to be furnished with a map of that portion of the delta country.

The governor was unable to furnish the delta map, but referred the writer to Maj. Lamar Fontaine, of Lyons, Miss., the well-known civil engineer, explorer, scientist and raconteur, who immediately made an investigation and has publicly expressed his confidence in Prof. McMickle's theory.

Rev. P. C. Schilling preached to a large and attentive congregation at Hayrick Sunday. Among those from Robert Lee who attended the services were Misses Mattie and Bessie Carder, Johnnie Jones, Jewell Pillans, Corba Wilkins, Messrs Clarence Jones and Clyde Warren.

Cured Consumption

Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan. write, My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Harehound Syrup, and it cured him.

That was six years ago and since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Evans and Lyster.

Woolverton's Practical Business College, San Angelo, Texas.

Courses of Study: Commercial, Stenographic, Telegraphic, Literary.

A Life Scholarship for \$50.

We secure positions for our Graduates. Write or phone us.

The Fat Stock Show.

Fort Worth, Feb. 27.—Interesting features of the coming Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth were decided on at a meeting of the executive committee, yesterday. Music and amusement novelties will go along with fine stock in entertaining visitors. The intention is to engage the Mexican National Military Band, if it can be had. Telegraphic messages were sent off last night to the Mexican authorities, and it is believed there will be no difficulty in getting this band, which is one of the best on the American continent. It was also decided to extend formal invitations to President Roosevelt and his cabinet and President Diaz and his cabinet to honor the show with their presence. A committee was appointed to extend these invitations, composed of S. B. Burnett, B. B. Padlock, Stuart Harrison, L. M. Barkley and C. E. Hicks.

Hereafter the men who have charge of the live stock on exhibition will be required to appear in uniform. There will be several hundred exhibitors, and each man in charge of the stock will be in white uniform. They will make a striking appearance

when they are brought together, the white uniforms distinguishing them from the rest of the crowd.

Invitations are to be extended to the officers, professors and students of the agricultural college of the Southern States and New Mexico.

Aside from the work of the National Feeders' and Breeders' association, there is an organization known as the Stockyards Midway company that is arranging a line of entertainments for the Cattle Raisers' convention and Fat Stock Show. Will Stewart and W. T. Barry being at the head of this movement. They have arranged for the shows that were at the Dallas Fair last fall, which will come over during the week of the convention and Fat Stock Show. Exchange avenue is to be graded west from Clinton street. The north side of the avenue will be for the amusement places, and on the south side there will be eating stands, conducted by ladies of the various churches.

Notice To Farmers

I want to finish up ginning Saturday the 16th of March.
C A Adams.

If You Have to be Sick

You want the best and purest drugs to be had. Our stock

—OF— DRUGS And MEDICINES

Are the purest and best money can buy. Our prescriptions are filled by a regular registered pharmacist and they are given the most careful attention. Our toilet articles and druggists' Sundries are well selected, and our prices are as low as it is possible to make them.

The City Drug Store,

P. D. Coulson and Son, Props.

Furniture is Good,

When it is well made and is up to the latest modern styles. We make it our special aim to carry the product of the best factories of the country. Our customers may be sure of finding at this store ALL THE LATEST STYLES in good furniture. With the very latest styles we combine quality and low prices. We can furnish you with anything in our line from a single piece to a full set. When in Angelo come and see us.

A. S. Gañtt & Son,

The Leading Furniture Dealers of San Angelo.

—Be Sure to Attend—
...TRADES DAY...

—IN—
...ROBERT LEE...

Tuesday, March 12, 1907

These Trades Days will be held the second Tuesday in each month. Don't fail to come and bring along your trading stock or any other old thing you have to trade. Let everybody in Coke county and the stranger within her gates meet on this date.

The Following Premiums are Offered.
 Best Broncho Rider, \$5.00; Best Saddle Horse 2.50; Best Driving Horse, 2.50.

Competent Judges will be Selected to award the Prizes

Attend! Be Sure!

—We are exclusive agents for celebrated Sherwin-Williams paints. See us before you paint your house. Lane Hardware Co.

Tom Childress, of Sagerton, is here visiting friends and relatives. His friends are always glad to see him.

FOR RENT—A good 4-room house, good well, hydrant, crib and sheds. Apply to C. L. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Shook of Bronte are here on a visit to their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Poppewell.

—We co-operate with land men everywhere, so it does not matter where your property is located, list it with us and we will do the rest. Robert Lee Real Estate Co.

G. N. Webb of Fort Chadbourne was in the city Wednesday and remembered the Observer on subscription.

—Big line of Queensware and Enameled ware just received at Lane Hardware Co. We have what you want at the price.

Elder D. W. White of Talpa, Coleman County, will preach at the First Baptist Church Sunday night.

—Smith and Robertson have secured J. H. Burroughs as their representative. Let them figure your lumber bill.

Henderic Hall left Wednesday morning for Duncan, I. T. where he will spend several days visiting his parents.

—Just received a big shipment of leather goods. The most complete line ever shown in Coke county. The best collar in West Texas for the money. Lane Hardware Co.

Rev. W. A. Knight of Miles, pastor of the Robert Lee Baptist church, remembered us this week with his annual donation to the Observer's general fund.

John Patteson and Caleb Barron, returned from a business visit to San Antonio Wednesday.

C. W. Day of Dublin is here on a visit to his uncle W. F. Day.

J. W. Reed, of Canyon City, is here on business and visiting his son Gray Reed.

Arch Blackwell of Edith was in the city Thursday on business.

Geo. Moore of Fort Chadbourne was a pleasant caller to our city Wednesday.

R. H. Neal, of Dallas cousin of J. H. Burroughs, is here prospecting and visiting Mr. Burroughs.

The Sunday school of the Robert Lee Baptist church have received a new book case which will be used for Sunday school literature.

Geo. Hennesey returned this week from Adamanta Arizona where he has been residing for the past four years. He will make Coke county his home in the future.

Epworth League Program.

Subject: Life Though Christ.
 Lesson: John X 10 28
 Leader: Mr. R. H. McFarland
 Opening song no. 27.
 Scripture reading—Leader.
 Song no. 49.
 Bible illustrations—by members.
 Song no. 62.
 Brief talk on subject—Bro. Simpson.
 Duet—Selected.
 Recitation—Miss Sallie Lyster
 Closing exercises.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

(at Robert Lee Baptist Church)
 Subject: Religious Liberty.
 Opening Song: I Want to be a Worker.
 Scripture Reading in Response to Roll Call.
 Song: I'll Work 'till Jesus Comes.
 Prayer by President.
 Scripture Reading: Miss Ora Collier, Acts 4-1 to 21.
 Paper by Miss Georgia Payne.
 Recitation: Miss Ruth Evans, Followed by other Recitations.
 Song.
 Talk on the Object and Work of the B. Y. P. U.: C. C. Merchant.
 Song.
 Benediction: T. D. Evans.

E. W. Escue sold his home place at Silver this week to E. W. Acton.

E. W. Acton sold his residence in South part of town to E. W. Escue at private terms. Mr. Escue also bought the old Taylor market house from W. F. Day and will move it to his property

Trades Day

Every farmer in Coke county should not fail to attend Trades Day next Tuesday. Our people are going to make the second Tuesday in each month the trades day. Come and meet your neighbor and bring along anything you have to trade. If you have nothing to trade come along and trade "yarns." You will enjoy the day and it will prove profitable to you from money points.

Look For Change in the Weather

County Commissioner Sam Sayner, of Coke county, is in Angelo on a periodical visit.

Mr. Sayner has been in the West 25 years. He was asked by the reporter of the Standard Monday if he were willing to commit himself on the question of the weather.

"Don't you know," replied the Coke county sage, "that only foolish folks and new-comers make weather prophesies? But I am willing to go on record," he added, "as saying that we can look for a change about the time of the equinox. The country is dry, but it is all right and we will have rain, and rain a-plenty to make big cotton and feed crops.—San Angelo Standard.

How to Run a Newspaper.

When a good man goes astray
 Keep it out.
 When the critic roasts a play
 Keep it out.
 When two men in anger clash:
 When a merchant goes to smash:
 When the cashier steals the cash
 —Keep it out.
 When they quarrel in the church
 Keep it out.
 When a teacher wields the birch
 Keep it out.
 When nine women, fair to see
 Whisper something over tea—
 Print it? Goodness precious me!
 —Keep it out.
 When two statesmen make a deal
 —Keep it out.
 Stories thin and stories tall,
 Good and bad and big and small
 Anything that's news at all—
 Hear 'em shout
 "Keep it out!"

NEW LIVERY STABLE

We have recently bought the Blue Front Livery Stable, on the south side of the square and will re-furnish it with first-class vehicles and fresh horses. We want a share of your patronage and will treat you right.

...TWO MAIL LINES...

We have also bought the Robert Lee and San Angelo Mail and Express Line and the Robert Lee and Sweet-water Mail and Express Line, and will give careful attention to the handling of express, packages and passengers.

PERRY & MCAULEY,

Proprietors.

Preventive of Small Pox.

One of our readers recently came across a newspaper clipping containing a prescription for the prevention and cure of small pox and other contagious diseases. It was claimed that this remedy had been used by the Sisters of Charity in charge of St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, Philadelphia, for sixty years and that in all that time there had not been one case of small pox in the institution. Our friend sent the clipping to the sisters at the institution named, for verification, and has received the following reply: "The enclosed clippings are correct. We are still using the remedy, with remarkable results, and distribute it to any who may call. If the proper ingredients are used, the results will be satisfactory. The solid ext. digitalis is hard to get, but it must be used. I enclose correct recipe, as we use it. —Trusting God will bless your efforts in doing good and preventing disease.

(Signed) Sister Mary Joseph.
 Following is a copy of the recipe enclosed:

"Solid Ext. Digitalis, 1 G.
 Sulphate of Zinc, 1 Gr.
 1-2 Teaspoonful of Sugar.
 4 oz. Water (cold)
 "Dissolve ingredients separately in a little warm water, mix and add the oz.
 "DOSE—One teaspoonful every hour for twelve hours. Children under 3 years 1-2 teaspoonful every hour for twelve hours. This will prevent or cure the small pox, though the pittings are filling. It is perfectly harmless even to a weak person.

"This remedy will cure Scarlet Fever as well as Small Pox.
 "SISTERS OF CHARITY,
 "7th and Spruce St., Phila., Pa."

—Tell your lumber wants to J H Burroughs He will lay your lumber on the ground for you at low down figures.

The Sunday School Convention.

Reports come from headquarters of the Texas Sunday Association that the 32d Annual Convention to be held in Dallas on March 21-24 will be the greatest event in the history of the Sunday Schools of every denomination in Texas.

The program is teeming with the most interesting topics and helpful discussions along every line of modern Sunday School work. State President Wiggins says it is worth going thousand of miles to hear such noted Sunday School workers as will have the principal parts on the program.

Free entertainment on the Havard plan, i. e. lodging and breakfast will be provided for all accredited delegates.

Each Sunday School in Texas may send one delegate for every fifty members enrolled in addition to their pastor and superintendent. All railroads will sell cheap round trip rates to Dallas.

Delegates credential cards should be secured from W. N. Wiggins, San Antonio, or from C. B. McConnel, 419 Main Street Dallas, and these credentials should be sent in not later than March 15th, for the purpose of having homes assigned the delegates for lodging and breakfast.

Write at once for credentials. Do not delay.

The Best Cough Syrup

S. L. Apple, ex Probate Judge, Ottaway Co., Kansas, writes: "This to say that I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup for years, and that I do not hesitate to recommend it as the best cough syrup I have ever used." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

—We are engaged exclusively in the land business, and we study the land business and push the land business. List your land, your town property or your stock with us and watch it move.

OUR GROCERY HOUSE

Is filled with the best Produce, and Feed Stuffs. When in San Angelo visit us, make your wants known and get prices. Bring us your chickens, Eggs and Butter. We pay highest prices.

BRANCH & WILLIAMS.

Say? Why don't you sell your COTTON SEED C. A. Brick,

At San Angelo,
 At Cox Bros.' Store.

Don't Forget We Want Cotton Seed.

MONEY IN THE BANK

gives you a feeling of independence and security that adds to your good cheer, brings contentment, and makes your whole life easier to live. These happy results do not require a big bank balance. Every dollar saved and deposited is just that much more placed between you and the ever possible time of need. Begin with any small amount you can spare and add to it regularly from your surplus earnings of these prosperous days. We will welcome your account and give careful attention to your banking needs. We offer you every protection of modern, conservative banking.



LOCAL NEWS.

—Fresh country lard at W. H. Bell and Co.

Henry Wyatt was in from his ranch Monday.

—China ware at the Racket store.

D. B. McCallum is in San Angelo on business.

—The latest collars at the Mercantile.

W. B. Green is in the country this week on business.

—Buy your stock food from J. L. Barron.

J. A. Green visited Sterling City last week on business.

—Everything in groceries, the very best, at W. H. Bell & Co.

Mrs. G. C. Field of Edith was in the city Wednesday shopping.

—Books and novels at the Racket Store.

C. W. McCutchen was in Monday from his ranch on business.

—New Combs Bags and Belts at the Mercantile.

Ralph Harris of San Angelo was in the city on business Monday.

—Best 5 cent cigars in town at the Racket Store.

Jack West has again resumed his position with McCallum-Reed Co.

—Arm and Hammer Soda at the Racket Store.

Mrs. Hubert Fields of Edith was in the city Wednesday shopping.

—A full car of Territory corn just received at the Robert Lee Livery Stable.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Millican of Pecan were in the city shopping.

—For the freshest of eatables, phone No. 40.

—The Racket Store handles screen wire.

Misses Mae Stuart and Willie Pearson visited Graham Valley Sunday.

—Best 5 cent cigar in town at the Racket Store.

J. L. Allen, land agent of the Orient, was in the city Wednesday on business.

Joe Wilson of the Wild Cat community was in the city Saturday mingling with his many friends.

—Phone your orders for fresh groceries, best goods and lowest prices. W. H. Bell & Co.

C. L. Hughes bought 160 acres from B. A. Barnett south of town at \$10 per acre.

—Don't fail to see the latest in combs, belts, purses and collars at the Mercantile.

C. F. Smith left Monday for Bosque county, which place he will make his future home.

—Best 5 cent cigars in town at the Racket Store.

Mrs. R. W. Foster, of Sterling City, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Coulson.

—When in need of any groceries don't forget the number 40.

J. A. Clift, Fred McDonald, Tom Cryer, Paul Brown, R. E. Douglas and Gabe Cryer, all citizens of Ft. Chadbourne were here Tuesday.

Notice Farmers.

I am in need of money. Those who owe me for ginning will please come in and settle at once. NOAH & DAY.

The Adams gin has ginned up-to-date 2350 bales of cotton this season and Mr. Adams estimates that there will be about 50 bales more to be ginned. This runs the cotton ginned here at two gins this season close to the 5000 mark. Nearly all of this cotton was sold here to local buyers at good prices.

To the Mule Raisers of Coke County.

I have a good Kentucky Jack, 14 hands high, I am standing one mile east of Robert Lee. Insurance \$10.00. C. F. Landers.

Mrs. Osie Brown, of Foss, Oklahoma, who has been here several weeks visiting her brother, W. F. Dupree, left Monday for Brady where she will visit relatives for a few days after which she will return to her home in Oklahoma.

FOR SALE—Light Brahma eggs, setting of 16 for \$1.00, guaranteed to be fresh and pure blood. Two fine Cockrels and six hens for sale. C. A. Gates.

—Let J. H. Burroughs figure your lumber bill. He represents Smith & Robertson, and will figure your bill, either delivered in San Angelo or put on the ground.

Wylie Hardware Co

Kindly call on us when in town or send us your order for anything in the HARDWARE LINE.

Eclipse Windmills,
Fairbanks-Morse Engines,
Bain Wagons,
J. I. Case, Standard, P. & O. Implements,
Columbus and Staver Buggies,

Are all good and we will appreciate your business.

Wylie Hardware Co.,

San Angelo, Texas.

—Buggy whips at the Racket Store.

New Goods Daily

Our new Spring Stock is now coming in, and here can be found almost everything in the Dress Goods Department, which has never before been more complete than now.

---We Have a Splendid Line of---

Wash Goods, Ready-to-wear Goods Notions and Staples.

In fact, our entire stock is almost complete and up-to-date. You will find us ever ready to serve and please you.

The Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

Dr. J. O. Toliver, Judge Greer and J. D. Davis visited San Angelo on business this week.

—Best 5 cent cigars in town at the Racket Store.

Miss Nellie Lacey, the teacher at Graham Valley was here Sunday visiting relatives and friends.

Sheriff Will Hickman was at Bronte Saturday on official business. While there he captured a number of Mexicans who had stolen considerable goods from the mercantile house of Frank Keeney. The goods were recovered.

—J. H. Burroughs represents Smith & Robertson in Robert Lee. Let him figure your lumber bill.

Mrs. Dowell's and Miss Willie Pearson's music pupils will give a recital at the court house Thursday night. Both the teachers and pupils are working hard at their entertainment and it promises to be a grand success.

—Use pure Cascade baking powder and get a nice premium with each can, rocking chair, set of dishes, etc. Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

B. A. Barnett was in from his ranch south of town Monday and remembered us on subscription.

A Guaranteed Cure for Piles.

Itching, Blind, Bleeding, Protruding Piles. Druggists are authorized to refund money if pazo salve fails to cure.

For Sale—Pair of good mules well matched, 7 years old. Apply to W. R. Preslar, Sanco Texas. 34-3.

Throat Coughs

Ask your doctor about these throat coughs. He will tell you how deceptive they are. A tickling in the throat often means serious trouble ahead. Better explain your case carefully to your doctor, and ask him about your taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

We publish our formulas. We banish alcohol from our medicines. We urge you to consult your doctor.

Who makes the best liver pills? The J. C. Ayer Company, of Lowell, Mass. They have been making Ayer's Pills for over sixty years. If you have the slightest doubt about using these pills, ask your doctor. Do as he says, always.

—Made by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

I forbid anyone from hauling rock or gravel off of my place on Mountain Creek. H. P. Powers.

The Robert Lee Mercantile Co. have recently installed a new delivery wagon that is a beauty.

—The highest market price paid for hides and furs by McCallum-Reed Co.

Mrs. F. S. McCabe and her accomplished daughters, Misses Willie and Annie were in the city shopping Tuesday.

—Best 5 cent cigars in town at the Racket store.

Wylie Noah spent Monday and Tuesday in San Angelo seeing after gin machinery for his new gin.

Paint that House With



Ruckers' Durable Paint.

Covers More and Costs Less.

Used exclusively by U. S. Gov. on public works. Oils, Varnish and Painters' Supplies kept in stock.

Evans & Lyster.

Handsomest Line of Wall Paper at Lowest prices.

The Commercial Hotel

B. F. TUBB & SON, Proprietors.

Board by day, week or month. Our table is supplied with the best the market affords and our rooms are tidy and pleasant. When you visit the city stop at the Commercial.

THE HOMELIKE HOTEL.

Partners of the Tide

...By...
JOSEPH C. LINCOLN,
Author of "Cap'n Ez"

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Continued from last week.

the catboat stood about on the first leg of the homeward stretch, "what's the news down the beach? Any of the sand fleas got married lately?"

"Don't ask me for no news, Cap'n Ez!" replied Mr. Myrick. "You're the feller to have news. You ain't married yit, be you?"

"No; not yet. I'm waitin' to see which girl you pick out; then I'll see what's left."

"Well, I ain't foolin'. I thought you might be married by now. Last time I was up to the village—long in June, 'twas—I see Miss Busted, and she said 'twas common talk that you was courtin' one of the old maids."

Captain Titcomb scowled and looked uneasily at his passenger.

"She did, hey?" he grunted.

"Yes, I told her I didn't take no stock in that. 'Cap'n Ez,' I says, 'has been courtin' too many times since I can remember,' I says. 'One time 'twas Mary Emma Cahoon, 'nother time 'twas Seth Wingate's sister's gal, then agin 'twas—'"

"All right! All right!" broke in the captain, glancing hurriedly at Bradley. "Never mind that. How's the cha-haughin' nowadays? Gittin' a fair price?"

"Pretty fair," replied Peleg. Then, with the persistency of the born gossip, not to be so easily diverted from his subject, he went on: "I told Miss that, but she said there wan't scarcely a doubt that you meant business this time. Said you fetched presents every time you come home. Said the only doubt in folks' minds was whether 'twas Prissy or Tempy you was after. Said she was sure you was after one on 'em, 'cause she as much as asked 'em one time when she was at their house, and they didn't deny it."

Mr. Myrick talked steadily on this and other subjects all the way to the wharf, but Captain Ezra was silent and thoughtful. He shook hands with Bradley at the gate of the Traveler's Rest and said goodby in an absent-minded way.

"I s'pose you'll be 'round to dinner Sunday, Cap'n Ez?" said the boy.

"Hey? Sunday? Well, I don't know. It might be that I shall be called back to the schooner sooner than I expect. Can't tell."

Sure enough, the next day the sisters received a note from their expected guest saying that he was obliged to leave at once for Portland and could not, therefore, be with them on Sunday. The ladies were disappointed, but thought nothing more of the matter at the time. It was nearly six months before the captain visited Orham again, and during this visit he did not come near the big house. He waylaid Bradley, however, asked him all about himself, how he was getting on at school and the like, but when the boy asked if he, the captain, wasn't 'comin' round to see the folks' pretty soon the answer was vague and unsatisfactory.

"Why, I—I don't know, I'll have time," was the reply. "I'm pretty busy, and— Give 'em my regards, will you, Brad? I've got to be runnin' on now. So long."

It was the same during the next "shore leave," the following November. Captain Titcomb saw Bradley several times, gave him a six-bladed jackknife and took him for a drive over to the big cranberry swamp owned by the Ostable company, but he did not call on the old maids.

Three more years of school and vacations, with "chores" and sailing and cranberry picking, followed. Bradley was sixteen. His voice, having passed through the squeaky "changing" period, now gave evidence of becoming what Miss Tempy called a "beautiful double bass, jest like father's." He was large for his age, and his shoulders were square. He was more particular about his clothes now, and his neckties were no longer selected by Miss Tempy. To be seen with girls was not so "sissified" in his mind as it used to be, but he still stuck to Gus and she was his "first choice" at parties, and he saw her home from prayer meeting occasionally.

As for the "dog girl" herself, she, too, paid more attention to clothes, and her pets—though still numerous and just as respectable in appearance—were made to behave with more decorum. Her dresses came down to her boot tops, and Miss Tempy grudgingly admitted that "if 'twas anybody else, I should say she was likely to be good lookin' when she grows up."

The "last day" came, and Bradley

and Gus were to graduate. In Orham there is no graduation day. The eventful ending of the winter term is the "last day," and all the parents and relatives, together with the school committee and the clergymen, visit the school to sit stiffly on the settees and witness the ceremonies.

That evening after the "last day" exercises at school Bradley sat at home reading in the dining room. Miss Tempy, in the sitting room, was going over, for the fortieth time since it was written, the wonderful argument in favor of a "republican form of government," which Bradley had composed and had read at the school that day. As her sister entered the room she dropped the roll of paper in her lap and said solemnly:

"Prissy Allen, it's my belief that when that boy first came here and I said that I wanted him to go to college and be a minister I was inspired. I declare I do! I've jest been readin' that piece of his again, and it beats any sermon I ever heard."

Miss Prissy seated herself in a rocker and looked solemnly at her sister. For a minute she gazed without speaking. Then suddenly, as if she had made up her mind, she rose, gave the dining room door a swing that would have shut it completely had not the corner of a mat interfered, and, coming back



"Tempy, we've hardly got any money left!"

to her chair, said slowly, "Tempy, I'm afraid we'll never be able to send Bradley to college."

The precious manuscript fell from Miss Tempy's lap to the floor.

"Why—why, Prissy Allen!" she exclaimed. "What do you mean?"

"I mean we can't do what we've hoped to do. Oh, dear! I—I don't know what we'll do. Tempy, we've hardly got any money left!"

CHAPTER V.

FOR a moment Miss Tempy made no reply to her sister's speech. Instead she sat there with her eyes fixed upon Miss Prissy's face and her thin fingers picking nervously at her dress.

"Haven't got any money?" she repeated after a pause. "Haven't got any money left? Why, then—why, then, we'll have to take it out of the savin's bank up to Boston. Of course, Bradley must go to college. You know he must, Prissy."

But Miss Prissy shook her head.

"You don't understand, Tempy," she said. "I ought to have talked with you about it long ago. I can see now that I ought to; but, oh, dear, father always said you was too delicate to bother with money matters, and I've been used to takin' all the care myself, and so I've jest gone on and on, worryin' and plannin' and layin' awake nights until I can't go on any further. Oh, Tempy," she cried, and the tears rolled down her cheeks, "you don't understand. The money in the Boston bank has all gone too. We haven't got more than \$500 left in the world, and when that's gone— She waved her hands despairingly."

But still Miss Tempy did not comprehend.

"Why, all of it can't be gone!" she said. "All of the insurance money and everything! Why, it was \$5,000!" She mentioned the sum reverently and in an awestruck whisper.

"Yes," said Miss Prissy, trying hard to keep her voice steady. "It was \$5,000 and father died over ten years ago and we've been livin' on it ever since."

"But \$5,000, Prissy! Five thousand!"

"Oh, my soul and body! Anybody'd think 'twas a million. Jest think, now, jest think! We've lived on it for per-

ty nigh eleven years; paid for our clothes and livin' and havin' the house painted six years ago, and—"

"But it needed paintin'!"

"Needed it! I should think it did! But it cost more'n we'd ought to spend. Jest the same. Oh, it's more my fault than anybody's. Long's father lived the place was kept up, and you and me was used to havin' things as good as our neighbors, and I went on and on, never thinkin' we was too extravagant until all at once the money that we first put in the Harniss bank was used up. And then it come home to me, as you might say, and I realized what we'd been doin'. Oh, I've tried and tried; scrimped here and pinched there. What do you s'pose I sold the wood lot for? And then the cran'by swamp?"

"Why, you said we didn't need 'em, and it was too much trouble to run 'em."

"Said! Oh, I don't doubt I said all sorts of things to keep you from knowin'. But I sold 'em to help pay the bills. And then you was took down with the typhoid, and there was that big doctor's bill, and then Bradley came, and he had to have clothes and a little money to spend, like the other boys. And now!"

Miss Prissy choked, tried to go on, and then broke down and cried heartily and without restraint.

In all the years since the death of Captain Allen Miss Tempy had never seen her common sense, practical sister give way like this. The sight alarmed her much more than the story of the financial situation had so far done. She didn't fully understand the latter yet, but every one of Miss Prissy's sobs was to her a call for help that needed an immediate answer.

"There, there, there, dear!" she said, running to the other rocker and putting her arm around her sister's neck. "You poor thing! You mustn't cry like that. You've jest worried yourself sick. You're all worn out. I shouldn't be surprised if you've got a little cold, too, in that drafty schoolhouse. Let me make you a good, big cup of pepper tea right away; now do."

Miss Prissy turned a sob into a feeble laugh.

"Oh, dear me, Tempy," she said, laying her hand on the other's arm. "I b'lieve you think pepper tea'll cure anything, even an empty pocketbook. I wish 'twould pay bills; then, I don't know but I'd drink a hoghead. But it won't, nor cryin' won't, either. Set down, and I'll tell you jest how things are."

So Miss Tempy, reluctantly giving up the "pepper tea" idea for the present, went on to say, "I've jest read that Prissy continued."

"The money in the Boston savin's bank is gone," she said, "and a year or more ago I wrote to the broker folks that bought the bond for us when father died, and they sold it for me and got a little less than a thousand dollars for it. I put the money into the bank at Harniss, and, though I've tried my best to be economical, there ain't but five hundred and eighty left. That and the place here is all we've got."

In a bewildered fashion Miss Tempy strove to grasp the situation.

"Then we're poor," she said, "real poor, and I thought we was rich. Well, I shall give up that new bonnet I was goin' to have next spring, and I s'pose I hadn't ought to subscribe to the Comforter either. I did think so much of it."

"I'm afraid we'll have to give up more than the Comforter, Tempy. I've thought and thought till my poor head is nearly worn through. We might sell the place here, but 'twould be like sellin' our everlastin' souls—if 'tain't unreligious to say it—and, besides, property at Orham is so low now that we'd only get half what it's worth, and when that money's spent there wouldn't be anything left."

"Sell the place! Father's place! Why, Prissy Allen, how can you talk so! Where would we live?"

"Well, we might hire a little house down at South Orham or somewheres."

"South Orham! Where all those Portuguese and things live? I'd rather die!" And it was Miss Tempy's turn to cry.

"You needn't cry for that, Tempy. We won't sell yet awhile. Not till there's nothin' left. But we can't have the barn shingled, and as for Bradley's goin' to college, that, I'm afraid, is out of the question."

"Oh, dear, dear! And the barn looks awful. Mellissy Busted was sayin' only last week that folks was wond'rin' when we was goin' to have it fixed. And poor Bradley! My heart was set on his bein' a minister. I don't know but I'd live in the poorhouse to make him one. They say Mr. Otis keeps a real nice poorhouse, too," she added.

Miss Prissy smiled dolefully. "It hasn't got to the poorhouse yet," she said, "and I hope we can send Bradley through high school anyhow. But we'll have to scrimp awful, and we must try to earn some money. I was talkin' to Abigail Mullett at the church fair last August, and she spoke about those aprons and one thing another that she made and said she never saw such hemmin' and tuckin'. She said she'd give anything if she could get somebody to do such work for her in the dressmakin' season. I've been thinkin' maybe she'd put out some of

her work to me if I asked her to. She does more dressmakin' than anybody around; has customers 'way over to Ostable and keeps three girls sometimes. And you know how the summer folks bought those knit shawls of yours, Tempy. Well, I don't doubt you could get orders for lots more. We'll try, and we'll let Bradley start at high school and see how we make it go."

So Miss Tempy brightened up, and in a few minutes she had in her mind sold so many shawls and Miss Prissy had done so well with her hemming and tucking that she saw them putting money in the bank instead of taking it out. In fact, she was getting rich so fast in her dreams that her sister didn't have the heart to throw more cold water at this time. And even Miss Prissy herself felt unwarrantably hopeful. She had borne the family burdens so long that to share the knowledge of them with another was a great relief. They discussed ways and means for a half hour longer, and then Miss Tempy insisted on getting that "pepper tea."

"I honestly believe," she said, "that if I hadn't took pepper tea steady for the last four or five years I shouldn't be here now. That and Blaisdell's emulsion has given me strength to bear most anything, even the prospects of the poorhouse. Thank goodness, I've got a new bottle of emulsion, and pepper tea's cheap, so I shan't have to give that up even if we are poorer'n Job's turkey."

"All right," sighed Miss Prissy. "If it'll make you feel any better to parboil my insides with hot water and pepper, fetch it along. Don't say anything to Bradley about what we've been sayin'. 'Twon't do any good and will only make the poor child feel bad."

But Bradley was not in the dining room. The book he had been reading was turned face downward on the table, but he was gone, and so was his hat.

"Why, I never!" exclaimed Miss Tempy. "He never went out an evenin' before without sayin' anything to me or you. What do you s'pose is the matter?"

"You don't think he heard what we said, do you?" anxiously asked her sister. "I thought I shut the door."

"You did shut it, but, now you speak of it, seems to me I remember it was not latched when I come out jest now. I hope he didn't hear. He's such a sensitive boy, jest like all the Allens."

The "pepper tea" was prepared—a double dose this time—and the sisters sat down to it. Miss Prissy, with many coughs and grimaces and Miss Tempy with the appreciation of a connoisseur. After a moment's silence she said:

"Prissy, do you know what I've been thinkin'? I've been thinkin' what a blessin' 'twould be if we had Cap'n Titcomb to go to for advice now."

"Humph! If I've thought that once I've thought it a million times in the last year," was the decided answer.

It was after 10 o'clock, and only Bradley's absence had prevented the ladies from going up to bed, when the outside door of the dining room opened, and the missing boy came in.

"Bradley Nickerson, where've you been?" exclaimed Miss Tempy, running to meet him. "We've been pretty high worried to death. Why don't you shut the door? Who's that out there? Why—why, Cap'n Titcomb!"

"What's that?" cried Miss Prissy, hurrying in. "You don't mean— Well! Good evenin', Cap'n Titcomb. Won't you step in?"

The captain accepted the invitation. He was as much embarrassed as the old maids, even more so than Miss Prissy, who immediately, after a swift sidelong glance of disapproval at her agitated sister, assumed an air of dignified calmness.

"How d'ye do, Prissy?" stammered the captain. "Tempy, I hope you're well. Yes, I'm feelin' fair to middlin'. No thanks. I ain't goin' to stop long. It's pretty late for calls. Fact is, Bradley here's got somethin' to say. Heave ahead, Brad."

The boy, too, was embarrassed, but as the two looked at him expectantly he fidgeted with a button on his jacket and said:

"Miss Prissy, I didn't mean to listen, but the door wasn't shut tight, and I couldn't help hearing what you and Miss Tempy were sayin' a little while ago."

"There!" exclaimed Miss Tempy. "I was afraid of that door. You remember I said so, Prissy."

But Miss Prissy didn't answer. She merely looked at Bradley.

"I heard what you said," he said, "and when you told about what you was going to do so's I could go to high school, I—I thought first I'd come right in and tell you you mustn't. But then I thought you wouldn't believe I meant it or wouldn't pay any attention to it if I did, so I went outside to think it over by myself. And then—then I went right up to see the cap'n."

"I hope," said Miss Prissy, "that you didn't repeat our talk to Cap'n Titcomb without tellin' us you was goin' to."

"No, no; he didn't," hastily broke in the captain. "He didn't tell a word. You've got a pretty fair kind of boy here, if you want to know," he added,

with more than his usual enthusiasm.

"Hum!" was Miss Prissy's only comment. "Go on, Bradley."

"All I told him was," said Bradley, "that I didn't think it was right for me to go to school and college when I ought to be earning some money. I'm going on seventeen now, and lots of fellows I know are going to work. I don't b'lieve I'd make a very good minister," with a look of appeal at Miss Tempy, "and I'd a good deal rather go to sea. All our folks have been to sea—my father and my grandfather. Yes, and your father, too, you know." The last as a happy inspiration.

"Don't you think that we know best what"—began Miss Prissy, but the captain again interrupted her.

"Let him spin his yarn, Prissy," he said. "Nothin' is settled yet, so don't worry."

"So I went to the cap'n," went on Bradley, "and asked him if he'd take me on board his schooner. I ain't a sailor, but I know a lot about boats, and I don't get seasick even when it's mighty rough. Do I, Cap'n Ezra?"

"No," replied Captain Titcomb gravely. "You manage to keep your cargo from shifflin' pretty well for a green hand."

"And he said he'd take me as a kind of cabin boy. Didn't you, cap'n? And learn me things and get me advanced as soon as I was fit for it. And he'll pay me wages, too, right away. There! And I won't cost you a cent more. Please let me go."

The captain did not again visit the Allen home, although next day Bradley called on him at his room in the hotel.

They talked of the proposed plan, of course, but Captain Titcomb did not urge its acceptance. On the contrary, he spoke very plainly of the disagreeable features of a sailor's calling and hinted that being aboard a vessel was like being in jail. "Only," he said, "there's always a chance for a feller to break out of jail."

At the end of the interview he said: "Brad, I ain't askin' any questions, 'bout what made you take this sudden fit, but I'd like to know this: Do the old maids know 'bout that Sampson fund for sailors' children? They could git over a hundred a year out of that if they applied for it, you understand."

"I don't believe they'd take a cent if it was anything like charity," replied the boy. "Miss Prissy especial. She's awful down on folks that she says are livin' on charity."

"Um, hum! I see. Well, I know a feller that's one of the head cooks and bottle washers of the Sampson crew. Maybe I could rig it so's— Well, never mind. Don't say nothin' yet."

Three days later it was settled. Bradley was to go to Boston the following Monday with Captain Titcomb and ship with him as the combination "boy and roustabout" for a period of three months. Really, it was settled when the captain suggested it, but it took some time for the old maids to formally make up their minds to the decided change.

Monday morning Bradley's trunk was packed, and Barney Small called to take him and it to Harniss. The old



The old maids wept over him.

maids wept over him, and Miss Prissy told him to be a good boy and write once a week. "Remember, Bradley, you're an Allen now, and you must live up to the family. Oh, Prissy, don't it seem jest like it used to when father was goin' on a voyage? Bradley's growin' to look so like him!"

And the sisters went into the house to cry together.

CHAPTER VI.

THE Thomas Doane, seen from the wharf in the faint light of the street lamp, was a mere shape of blackness, with masts like charcoal marks against the sky and a tangle of ropes running up to meet them. The windows of the after deckhouse were illuminated, however, and as Bradley and the captain stepped from the wharf to the

deck a man came up the companionway from the cabin and touched his hat.

"Howdy, cap'n?" he said. "Glad to see you back. Everything runnin' smooth down home?"

Continued next week.

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I was riding along the other week near a small city when a hard shower came up suddenly.

Just before me I noticed two ladies driving a very spirited horse to a buggy. They were evidently just from the town.

Instead of putting up the top or drawing out the rain cloth when the shower came up, they each gave a little feminine shriek and both grabbed at once an umbrella, paying no attention whatever to the lines, and bent way over holding it over the rear end of the horse, the rain pouring down on them all the time. I followed them, looking on them in amazement—there they were bending over the dashboard catching a hard rain on their graceful backs and well fitting new gowns and holding an umbrella half way over the southern half of a horse who was going along well enough and perfectly indifferent to the weather. For a mile they drove thus, and I followed, wondering. Finally, as I rode up to them, my curiosity was so great that I asked:

"Ladies, pardon me, but will you tell me why you are holding that umbrella over your horse and not protecting yourselves?"

"Why—yes," one of them faltered. "We are scared nearly to death. You see it is a hired horse, and we don't know much about him, and when we hired him the liveryman told us to be careful not to let him get the rain under his tail or he would kick us out and run away!"—*Bob Taylor's Magazine.*

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These were the questions a prominent citizen asked several local physicians Saturday evening, as he showed them the remnants of the skeleton of some old Indian who whooped a war dance in the past and gone, when the buffalo ran rampant up on the picturesque plains of West Texas.

While digging holes Saturday afternoon for the purpose of planting trees about his place in San Angelo Heights, a citizen here, who requests the reporter not to mention his name, was startled to find the skeleton of something that resembles the bone frame of a man.

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First Baptist Church Notes.

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Mr. J. F. White is a new comer who is one of the brethren, and was with us during the services.

Elder P. C. Schilling has accepted the work of supply pastor, for one fourth time, at the unanimous request of the church. He has returned from a missionary tour of Nolan and Taylor Counties.

The services Sunday and Sunday night were well attended and the singing and preaching was good. An interesting feature was the B. Y. P. U. on Sunday afternoon, and Misses Leola Reed, Bertha McCabe, and Messrs. J. E. Greer, J. Madera, F. K. Popplewell and D. L. Bishop all rendered excellent numbers during the exercises.

Miss Bertie Dickie, an accomplished pianist, has recently attached herself to the Church, and is doing some valuable service in the work.

Quite a number of the members attended services at Hayrick last Sunday and some of them climbed the Mountain after dinner, which was a treat to some of them who had never been so high up in Coke before.

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The bones crumbled and evaporated quickly, and it was with difficulty that the tree planter preserved some of them.

This recalls the fact that some old Indian bones were dug up about three years ago near Twin Mountain, and it was thought at the time, as those bones were found at a shallow depth below the surface of the earth, that the burial of the Indian was a hurried one.

Perhaps, then, in the dim long ago, San Angelo was the happy and picturesque home of the Indians; war dances were indulged in by the Redskins about where this account is being written. Perhaps, where the Landon hotel building now stands, the old warriors participated in Indian festivities; per-

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The Robert Lee Baptist Meeting.

The Robert Lee Baptist church began a protracted meeting Saturday night Feb. 23rd, which closed Sunday night Mar. 3rd.

The Pastor was ably assisted part of the time by W. P. Pledger, pastor of First Church San Angelo Tex.

A sweet spirituality pervaded all the services and the church was greatly lifted and strengthened. There were six additions, two by experience and baptism.

Over seventy-five dollars was raised for all purposes during the meeting.

On last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock a meeting was called and a B. Y. P. U. was organized with about 30 members, under the auspices of the Robert Lee Baptist church.

The following officers were elected: W. Sammons President, Miss Willie Green Secretary

There is one good thing about West Texas weather which we should appreciate more than we do and that is its not the same old thing all the time, one day its warm and the next day its cold and the next day as likely as not it will be hot. But a little further up on the plains they say its still more changeable and one man who is very sensitive to cold and heat wore out a good overcoat in three weeks putting it on and off at each change of the weather.—Merkel Telegram.

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We are told by a good citizen from the Pecan neighborhood who was here last Saturday and went home Saturday night that he found every gate open between Robert Lee and his home. There was an entertainment at Pecan Saturday night and the young people who traveled the road failed to close the gates. Parties going through pasture gates should always close them whether found open or shut as it is a great loss of time and annoyance to a farmer to find his gates left open.

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I have adopted the cash system for the future, and all work done at my shop will be cash hereafter. I appreciate the patronage received the past year and desire a continuance of your patronage and friendship. TOM CROSS.

A cross and peevish child is not natural. There is something wrong. Usually it's the stomach. Use Cascasweet and put the stomach right, and the sunshine will return to the baby's face. Cascasweet is best for babies and children. 50 doses 25 cents. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

An exchange says that in New Mexico Johnny Gosh and Jenny Dern were married recently.

The local editor could not resist the temptation to head it "Gosh-Dern." He has been living in the desert ever since, feeding on cactus and sand.

He prefers that to facing the blushing bride and a furious husband.

—We have a nicely improved 81-acre farm near Buckholt, Milam county, Texas, valued at \$2,000, and \$1,000 cash to pay on section in Coke county. Call on or address Robert Lee Real Estate Co., Robert Lee, Texas.

A double team of horses and buggy belonging to J. A. Card was sold under execution Tuesday. Durham & Merchant bought the team for \$290 and later on sold it to Prof. W. H. Bishop at private terms.

—Biggest line of enameled ware in the West at the Racket store.

W. C. T. U. Contest.

The W. C. T. U. Contest at the First Baptist Church, to be given Friday night of this week by Miss Mattie Carder, State contest worker, for the W. C. T. U. will be an interesting entertainment.

There will be six contestants from among the young people, and the after program will consist of a good selection of interesting numbers, among which will be a Concert Quartette, entitled "The Auctioneer" which will be rendered by Messrs Williams and Madera, and Misses Winnie Clift and Bessie Carder. This will be the first time this number has ever been rendered in Coke, and it alone will be worth the small admission fee.

Other readings, impersonations, and declamations will make the evening enjoyable and profitable.

The public is invited.

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The Butchers.

OUR AUSTIN CONTRIBUTOR

By John E. Davis

Austin, Feb. 24th. **Anti-Tipping Bill Reported Favorably.** The House does not regard Thomas' anti-tipping bill as a joke is evidenced by the fact that the bill has been reported favorably by the committee to which it was referred. The author of the measure is very much in earnest about it and says it will pass. If it does become a law it will probably force hotel keepers and the Pullman Car Company to pay their porters a reasonable salary, it being a well established fact that they now have to practically depend on the tips for compensation.

Proposed Banking Bill Has Good Features.

A few weeks ago I referred to Blanton's banking bill as a very dangerous measure. The bill provides that every State banking institution shall pay one-tenth of one per cent of its average daily balances for the preceding year to the State Treasurer to constitute a fund to reimburse the depositors of any State bank for losses sustained by the failure of such bank. It occurred to me that it would be a dangerous measure in that it would encourage the formation of wild-cat banks, the purpose of whose promoters would be to fraudulently fail. However, a study of the bill discloses the fact that it has some good features, one of which is that it would afford absolute protection to every depositor in any State bank and the friends of the bill claim that by reason of the protection it would afford the depositors of all State banks would be increased to such an extent that they could afford to pay their part of the fund for the protection of depositors in banks which might fail.

House is Livelier Than Senate.

Anyone cannot remain long in Austin during a session of the Legislature without observing the great difference in the House and Senate. The Senate pursues a very dignified course and its sessions are as a result much tamer than those of the House. One reason for the great difference is the fact that the membership of the latter is so much smaller than that of the House and the members of the House do not feel called upon to maintain the same degree of dignity that a Senator does. As a result of this the House is much the livelier body and visitors find it more interesting. Very often the House holds night sessions for the consideration of local bills only and they nearly always wind up by having a lot of fun. At a recent session of this kind a member offered an amendment to a local road bill for one of the counties in the State, the amendment providing that "nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to mean that the Japanese shall be excluded from the public free schools of said county." I remember that during the Twentieth Legislature a local road bill which provided among other things that hands warned out to work on the roads should bring an axe, hoe, shovel or other tool designated by the over-

seer, an amendment was actually adopted adding to the list of tools, a gun, pistol, sword, knife, etc.

Probable Changes in Election Law.

So far the Legislature has made little progress in changing the election law of the State, commonly known as the Terrell Election Law, though several bills with that purpose in view have been presented. The principal question at issue seems to be as to whether a plurality or a majority vote shall be necessary to nominate without the intervention of a convention. The preferential ballot, by means of which the voter can express first, second and third choice, and so on according to the number of candidates for any one office, has been suggested, but meets with considerable opposition. It looks now like the dominating sentiment in favor of having two primaries, the last one for candidates for offices where no one received a majority in the first primary.

Sunday Base Ball and the Legislature.

Representative Ray of Denton, the author of the bill to prevent the playing of base ball on Sunday, says he has taken a poll of the House and that a large majority of the members have promised to vote for his bill. He also says that there are only Senators who will oppose it. Speaking of bills to prevent base ball reminds me of the fact that a member who introduced a similar bill in the last Legislature was seen at a Sunday base ball game in Dallas shortly after the adjournment of the Legislature. This is not intended, however, as a reflection on Mr. Ray, as he appears to be perfectly sincere. Strong objection to the bill has come from the cities of the State, and it is urged that in the larger cities base ball games are among the least objectionable Sunday attractions. Nearly if not quite all the members from the cities are against the bill, but as one member significantly remarked a few days ago, most of the members are from country districts.

Status of Anti-Pass Bill.

The anti-free-pass bill recently passed finally by the Senate, came over to the House last week and was considered by that body for several days. The bill was amended by first substituting the House bill for the Senate bill after which numerous amendments were tacked on to that, one of which was to the effect that the law should not go into effect until January 1, 1908. It is an undeniable fact that a great many members voted for the bill who would like to have voted against it if they felt that they could do so from a political standpoint. As it was they went on record as being opposed to knocking out the passes they already have until said passes expire. This feature of the bill is said to be very objectionable to the Governor and it is rumored that there is a possibility that he may veto it on that account.

How Laws Are Made.

It is doubtless a fact that only a small per cent of the people know just what course a bill has to take to become a law. To become a law a bill has to travel a very uncertain course which is briefly outlined as follows: When a bill is introduced the member presenting same sends it to the reading clerk who reads the caption of the bill at the proper time in the day. It is referred by the Speak-

er or President to the proper committee and cannot be considered by the House or Senate, as the case may be, until it is reported by that committee. If the bill is reported adversely by the committee it is thereby killed, unless there is also a minority report favorable to the measure by members of the committee which they will have to have adopted by the Legislative body to whom report was made, if the bill is to be considered any further. If a measure is reported favorably it goes to the printer and comes back to the calendar of the presiding officer and by him submitted to the body for consideration in its regular order. Then when the measure comes before the body the caption is again read and if the vote is favorable to the measure it is passed to engrossment and if the vote is against the bill it is killed. If it passes to engrossment it will have to come up again on third reading and final passage, at which time the members have another chance to kill it. If finally passed by one branch of the Legislature it goes to the other body where it must take the same course as where first presented. If passed finally by both branches of the Legislature it goes to the Governor for his approval and if vetoed by him will have to be passed again by a two-thirds vote before it becomes a law.

The Capitol Building.

Of all the State or other buildings in Austin, or for that matter in Texas, none can compare in grandeur with the magnificent State Capitol building which is a source of pride to every Texan and elicits the admiration of every visitor who comes here. It is a massive building, constructed of what is known as red Texas granite, though it presents rather a grayish appearance. It was dedicated in 1888 and cost \$3,000,000. It is the largest State Capitol building in the United States and the second largest building in the United States, being second only to the Capitol of the United States at Washington. It is the seventh largest building in the world, being 556 feet and 6 inches in length, 288 feet and 10 inches wide and 311 feet high. It is situated on a beautiful elevation in one of the highest points in the city and looms up grandly to the view from any point in Austin or surrounding country. The dimensions given above are authentic, being taken from statistics on file in the office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds.

Side Lights on the Capital City.

The chief claim of the city of Austin to the attention of the public, is, of course, the fact that it is the capital city of the State. The truth is that outside of the fact it has little to attract attention to it. The city is made up of hills and hollows and presents, especially in the spring and summer, a very picturesque appearance. Of course, there are some pretty streets and a great many pretty homes, but that is true of every town of any size in Texas. Compared with other Texas cities, however, its business district is positively shabby, the business houses being nearly all two-story structures, and none of them being over three stories high. The population of the city was 22,750 at the last census, and the estimated population at this time is about 30,000, though as a matter of course, a great many Austin people claim more than that. It is not considered a good business point, generally speaking, but of course a great deal of the money paid out by the State to State officials and members of the Legislature finds its way into the coffers of the Austin tradesmen and boarding-house keepers. The people here are very clever, but almost every man, woman and child in the city is a natural born politician. Early in the session I was considerably amused by the remark of a certain lady who wanted a position in the House. She had heard there was a probability that she might not get the appointment and she remarked that ex-Governors and ex-everybody else lived in Austin and were her friends, and that if Mr. Love (the Speaker of the House) did not appoint her he would be ruined politically.

Propose State Printing Plant.

Representatives Gilmore and Thomas, editors respectively of the Wills Point Chronicle and Leonard Graphic, believe that the large amount of printing which the State has done would justify the owning and operation by the State of its own printing establishment. The Constitution of the State provides that the printing shall be let by contract and to cure this Messrs. Gilmore and Thomas have presented a resolution providing for the submission of a Constitutional amendment to that effect.

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It is understood here that applications for Confederate pensions are much more numerous than ever before, due perhaps to "open door" policy toward the old soldiers advocated by Governor Campbell in his campaign. So numerous are the applications that it is probable that it will become necessary to cut down the amount allowed to each pensioner in order to make the appropriation for Confederate pensions go around.

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A story has recently found its way to San Angelo that will come highly amusing to those who have horses that are easily frightened by the chug-chug of the merry automobile.

A prominent ranchman, who lives on the Texas and Pacific, about ninety or ninety-five miles northwest of San Angelo, recently came to the Queen City, passed an old freighter, whose horses cavorted strenuously at the sudden intrusion of the big machine. The automobilist quickly passed the freighter and thought it was all over.

Upon his return from San Angelo a few days later, however, the automobilist ascertained to his regret and discomfort that the old freighter had not forgotten the incident. As the automobile approached the freighter, the latter whipped out a big, bad looking Winchester rifle and deliberately ordered the automobilist to trail, calmly advising that otherwise, the Winchester would be given opportunity to speak for itself.

And, what could the poor automobilist do!

The freighter was trailed until a turning point was arrived at when the automobile gave a chug-chug-chook-chook and sped for the turn in a hurry.

The old Concho Country horses, especially the freighter's teams, are unaccustomed to the peculiarities of the horseless wagon, and cut up terrible capers whenever they see one upon the plains.

In the instance cited the automobilist, after turning down the nearest lane, found a more pleasant route, thereafter met with no similar incidents reached his home in due time.

The ranchman, who is well-known throughout the Concho Country, has requested that his name be omitted in this report.

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