

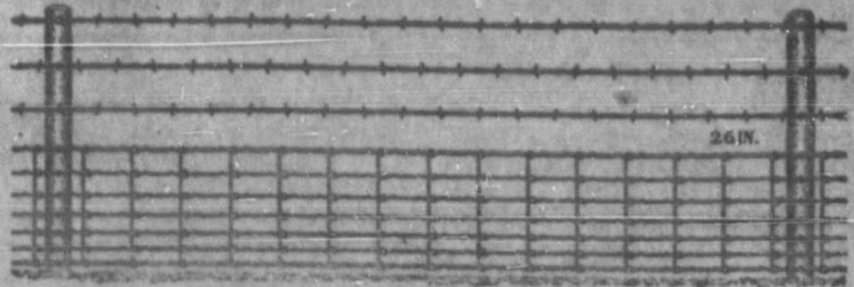
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DAL-GAL. NEWS WORKS A SCOOP

Gets a Statement From a Discharged
Negro Soldier of the
Twenty-Fifth Infantry

While the courts of San Antonio are probing the Brownsville negro soldier outrage affair, and getting a mixture of testimony as to who did the shooting that exciting night in Brownsville last August, when bullets sang through the walls of private homes and laid low a bar keeper and maimed a policeman, the Dallas-Galveston News has worked a scoop on the whole proceedings by procuring a statement from a discharged negro soldier at Galveston, who belonged to the Regiment at Brownsville.

The News of Sunday, Mar. 17, says:

The mystery surrounding the murderous midnight raid of the negro soldiers from the Twenty-Fifth Infantry upon the people of Brownsville, Texas, on August 13, last year has been cleared up. A full statement has been made by one of the discharged negroes to two representatives of the News. After seven months of investigation by the authorities of the U. S.

searching inquiry has failed to shake the testimony of the negroes that they did not commit the crime. It appears to be

practically the entire battalion knew that the soldiers had done the shooting. Many of the negroes belonging to this battalion enlisted in Galveston during the summer of 1902 and returned to the city after being discharged from the army. Knowing there was a story in some of the returned soldiers a News reporter has been working on them for two months, but with poor success because the negroes had been advised by local negro politician to avoid newspaper men. Another reporter was assigned to the story and met with success through the fact that the negro jumped at the conclusion that he was a United States secret service detective and let the secret out for obvious reasons, the chief reason being his story would insure to his individual benefit.

The man who had talked to the reporter gave his name as D. O. Gray and stated that he was formerly a private in company B of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry. He is a man apparently 29 years and is about 5 feet 10 inches in height and of copper complexion. He is a strong individual and a fine physique.

According to the statement made to the reporters, the outrage was not premeditated, but was the result of an alleged injury done one of the soldiers by a white man in Brownsville about a half hour before the raid was made. The negro, returning to the barracks, seized his rifle and announced that he was going to kill the white man. Several of the negroes promptly volunteered to go along and see the work well done and to wipe out old scores which they had against the citizens on account of injuries they claimed to have suffered. The negroes returned to the barracks after committing the assault on the town and many soldiers assisted the hurried cleaning of the guns for the inspection which followed soon after the shooting in the town ceased. Apparently the soldiers from only one company participated in the raid, although

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Old-time Boy and Girl

"What has become of the old fashioned boy who could have a good time rolling a hoop?"

Asks an exchange. He has been laid on the shelf with other things that were. Since "Buster Brown" began to set the pace for boys, they must have some more exciting past time than rolling a hoop.—Brownsville Herald.

You might also ask: What has become of the old-time girl, who was wont to play with her dolls until she was fourteen or thereabouts? Now at that age she

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begins to play with the affections of men.

The present generation is a fast one, indeed. Boys at ten smoke 'cigarettes' and some of them 'cass' it to beat the band. The men and women of a circle are wonderfully. Knickerbockers and short dresses are put away at 10 or 12 years in the case of the respective sexes. The boy at once, in his own estimation, and that of his deluded parents, becomes a little man. The girl, when she ought to be helping her mother in the kitchen, is preparing to make her "dayboo" in "sassiety."

And so it goes. There are no longer any children they are either babies or young men and women.—San Antonio Express.

Death—Life

I sat on the porch of the house in which lay the body of my dead friend. A crowd of men and women had gathered there. The hearse stood at the gate; the man of God read passages of sweet consolation from the Book of Books and lifted up his voice in humble invocation to heaven for blessings on the bereaved. Soft music arose from the chamber of death and touched each heart with its mellow strains. The widow, the son, the daughter and the gray-haired brother all looked through their tears on the dear dead

face, and I felt, Oh, how solemn is life at its close.

A joyful sound I hear, and lifting up my eyes, I see in the distance a school at play. Rosy cheeked girls are chasing each other over the lawn, while others are joining hands in a circle. Boys are striving to tangle the fingers of a mound and take in the other's hand, dashing d's of their slope at breakneck while others of their m playing at football, a beautiful is life in its Ex.

Ex. Maud Muller of his new Maud Muller raked the four 50-cent Allstrewn with yellow horse power She loved the blossoms over engine And greeted them at necessary But by and by she went to San An- wheeze. She caught hay fever, his little "That golden rod with throat And when to rattle She wears a cloth Chicago Chronicle

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gies,

Are all good and we will appreciate
your business.

Wylie Hardware Co.,

San Angelo, Texas.

In connection with the song service at the First Baptist Church Sunday at 11 o'clock there will be an extra program consisting of choice Easter recitations.

—You can now get all kinds of pipe fittings at the Lane Hardware Co.

A. J. Russell, who bought the Day ranch, instructed us to enroll his name with our family of readers this week.

A new spring and summer hat that will please you, at low cost, is what you want. See the line at the Robert Lee Millinery Co.

Rev. P. C. Schilling left Thursday for Crews, Runells county, to attend the Fifth Sunday meeting and association which will convene there Sunday.

—Do you ever wear good shoes? Then see the Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

Clerk Gardner issued marriage licenses this week to Mr. E. H. Milligan and Miss Delma McBride, both of Cedar Hill, this county.

—Ladies and men's handkerchiefs at the Racket Store.

H. H. Pearce has sold the Kindergarten School building to an association of individuals who will employ a good teacher and operate the school next session, which will begin in September.

—A full car load of furniture just received. All styles and all prices. Everything worth the money. W. K. Simpson.

Ex-Sheriff W. T. Hazlewood and Mrs. Hazlewood and children of Fort Chadbourne were here Saturday visiting friends and attending to business.

—The paid for Callan

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A. D. Lane returned Thursday from an extensive visit to Fort Worth and Dallas. He also visited his mother at Farmers vill, collin county, while absent. He says that on account of the heavy immigration to West Texas there is many acres of \$50 and \$60 per acre land idle this year for the want of renters. He tells us that he saw vacant houses everywhere and there are many good farms without tenants.

H. H. Sigman & Co., at S

You should be very careful of your bowels when you have a cold. Nearly all other cough syrups are constipating, especially those containing opiates. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup moves the bowels—contains no opiates. Conforms to National Pure Food and Drugs Law. Bears the endorsement of mothers everywhere. Children like its pleasant taste. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

W O Tubb of Sanco was in the city Tuesday on business and pleasure. He tells us that part of the lumber is now on the ground for the Sanco gin and that its erection will begin at once. The gin will be first-class in every respect and will be of sufficient size to handle the business. Cliff Creighton is also putting lumber on the ground for a new residence. Mr. Tubb will also begin the erection of a new residence at an early date. He says the rain last week was a good one and was all that was needed, and has brought smiles to the faces of the ranchmen farmers in his section.

To the Ladies.

Some line of all kinds and summer hats, both and untrimmed, have Call and make your selection. Robert Lee Millinery

The Observer.

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To The Public
bought the interest in the Robert Lee gallery. Mr. Phillips, a first class artist will be in charge of the gallery. E. Powers.

rackle at the Racket Store.
Newton and children returned Thursday from San Angelo. Miss Lena Mae accompanied them.

Evans & Lyster. issued marriage licenses to Henry Callaway and Callaway.

sizes and colors, from the little pocket tick-tocks to 8-day Seth Thomas. Prices to suit everybody at Evans & Lyster.

Mrs. F. S. McCabe, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Townsley, were in from the Divide Saturday shopping.

—A nice line of the best harness ever brought to Robert Lee. All kinds, grades and prices. Lane Hardware Co.

—J. N. Adams sold a fine milk cow and calf this week to W. B. Bessent for \$50.

How To Remain Young

To continue young in health and strength, do as Mrs. N. F. Rowan, McDonough, Ga. did. She says: "Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured me of chronic liver trouble, complicated with such an unhealthy condition of the blood that my skin turned red as flannel. I am now practically 20 years younger than before I took Electric Bitters. I can now do all my work with ease and assist in my husband's store." Prepared by Evans & Lyster. Price 50c.

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J. H. BURROUGHS, Local Representative.

—This is the time of year to prepare to keep out the pesky flies. We have a full line of screen wire. Lane Hardware Co.

Miss Nettie Barnett, the accomplished teacher of the Olga school, was in the city Saturday visiting many friends.

—We still have a few guitar sets and one violin set which we are offering at a bargain. Evans & Lyster.

—Fishing poles at the Racket Store.

Rev. Warren Graham left Thursday for Miles, where he goes to attend the Baptist Association which meets Sunday in that city.

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.

J. F. White a new citizen, who recently moved here from Cherokee county, had us enroll his name on our list of readers this week.

Notice.

Parties who are due me for professional services will do me a great favor to call and settle with Chas. Escue. I am needing the money to complete my studies. F. K. Turney, M. D.

Chas. Crawford, a stockman, and Mr. Ayers, an attorney, both of Sterling City were here Tuesday, having a civil case in justice court.

Mrs. D. A. McGuire received a letter from her husband Rev. D. A. McGuire, who was called to Comanche Saturday by a message announcing the serious illness of his father, that his father died Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. McGuire and family have the sympathy of our entire city in their sad loss.

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.

—Don't fail to inspect our stock before you purchase your Easter hat. Robert Lee Millinery Co.

To My Patrons.

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.

For bran, hulls, meal, chops, hay and grain go to Neely Bros., San Angelo.

Prof. H. S. Van Burkelo has returned from north of Fort Chadbourne where he went to teach the New Hope school. Measles was such an epidemic that it was decided best not to open the school.

Invaluable For Rheumatism.

I have been suffering for the past two years with a severe attack of rheumatism and found that Ballard's Snow Liment was the only that gave me satisfaction and tended to alleviate my pains. March 24, 02: John C. Degnan, Kinsman Ills. 25, 50c and 1.00. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

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OUR AUSTIN CONTRIBUTOR

By John E. Berk

Austin, March 18.

What the Railroads Want.

It is the belief among a great many of the Legislators that the railroad attorneys are doing all they can to promote the passage of measures to increase the ad valorem taxes on farm lands and town and city property with the hope that the passage of such measures would finally result in the repeal of such laws as the Williams Intangible Asset Tax law and the Love gross receipts tax law, as well as to make it unnecessary for laws of similar character affecting them to be passed by future Legislatures. No intimation is given or suggestion made that they are trying to improperly influence any Legislator, nor is it known for a certainty that they are quietly using their influence to push these measures, but the opinion seems at least a plausible one.

Wants Long Sheets.

Senator Griggs of Harris County has introduced a bill to compel all hotels, boardinghouses, rooming houses, and all other houses by whatever name which receive guests for sleeping purposes and receive pay therefor, to renovate and disinfect all bedding and bed-clothing at least three times per year; to change towels and bed linens before offering the room, bed or apartment to another guest, and to require the upper sheet to be nine foot long so that it may tuck back over the ends of all coverlets, blankets, quilts, or other covering upon bed, bunk or cot. Representative Blanton of Cooke County introduced a similar bill in the House. Messrs. Briggs and Blanton have been up against a strong opposition on the part of these things should be done, the spread of disease.

No More "Unanimous Consent"—Bigger Than the Platform.

Representative Brown, of Wharton, sticks to his word, and he has given every evidence that he will, no more bills will be taken up in the House out of their regular order by unanimous consent. A few days ago one of the members scored Br. Brown for objecting to and thereby preventing the consideration of a local bill with the result that Mr. Brown, who earned last session the sobriquet of "Sunny Jim," rose in his seat and announced that he would object every time hereafter when unanimous consent was sought. He also created a mild sensation by exclaiming that platform demands ought to be "chucked" out the window. He said he wasn't elected by the State Convention which made the platform, and that he would support a platform demand when it suited him and oppose it when it did not.

Data About Members of the House.

Of the one hundred and thirty-three members of the House of Representa-

tives, seventy-five are lawyers by profession, twenty-two farmers, ten are newspaper men and ten are merchants. The balance are cattlemen, physicians, ministers, etc., no other profession having more than five representatives. Seventy of the members were born in Texas. Tennessee comes next, as seventeen were born in that State and thirteen are natives of Alabama. Two are natives of Germany, one of Bohemia, one of England and one of Ireland. Representatives I. A. Patton, of Johnson County and John T. Currey of Van Zandt County are the oldest members of the body, each of these gentlemen being sixty-nine years of age. Representative W. A. Nelson, of Hopkins County, bears the distinction of being the youngest member, being only twenty-three years of age. Capt. A. T. McKinney, of Walker County, and Representative L. P. Wilson, of Gregg County, have served in more sessions of the Legislature than any other member, both of these having served in five previous sessions.

Platform Demands.

Perhaps a stronger effort has been made during this Legislature to enact into law the Democratic platform demands than was ever done before, but it is safe to say that all of them will not be written on the statutes by this Legislature. In close States platforms are built for the main purpose of attracting the voters, but in Texas about the only purpose they serve is to indicate the wishes of the people and they do that. In a close State the managers are very

of the platform desired by the people, however, but represent did not get scheme of certain politicians or delegates to the State convention and were railroaded through while the delegates were wailing under the effects of a July sun.

The Election Law.

A question that the Legislature will find hard to settle is the nomination of candidates in primary elections. The three propositions up for consideration are the majority plan, which would necessitate two primary elections; the plurality plan and the preferential ballot. The matter was discussed to a considerable extent last week and the good features of each plan shown up but no action was taken and the matter will go over to the last of this week or possibly until next week.

State Politics.

Aspirants for State offices usually let their wants become known during the session of the Legislature next preceding election year, and while there is not as much talk of that kind as usual, nevertheless political matters

are beginning to shape themselves for the campaign that will take place next year. Governor Campbell and State Treasurer Sparks are now serving their first terms and it is not at all probable that either of them will have opposition. Lieutenant Governor Davidson is also serving his first term, and he will probably make the race for re-election without opposition, though some of those who heard Senator Bailey score the Lieutenant Governor in a recent speech delivered in the Hall of the House of Representatives, believe that he will use his influence to induce some friend of his to make the race against Mr. Davidson, though I do not believe he will. Attorney General Davidson, it is understood, will not be a candidate for re-election, and Speaker Thomas B. Love of Dallas and Senator S. P. Skinner of Waxahachie are being groomed for the race for Attorney General. Comptroller Stephens is understood to be a candidate for re-election, and Senator D. A. Paulus of Hallettsville is an avowed candidate for that office. Land Commissioner Terrell, it is said, will retire at the expiration of his present term, and it is reported that J. T. Robinson, the present Chief Clerk in the Land Office, will make the race, and it is probable that former Representative W. H. Marsh of Tyler will also be a candidate for that office. While no announcement, so far as I know, has been made to that effect, the prevalent opinion is that State Superintendent of Education R. B. Cousins will not seek re-election and that F. M. Bralley, the present Chief Clerk in the Department of Education, will be a candidate to succeed Prof. Cousins, and it is also reported that Representative J. M. Alderdice of Waxahachie may be a candidate for that office. Representative Huling P. Robertson of Bell County will probably be a candidate for Speaker of the next House of Representatives, and while he may have opposition, no other candidate has developed up to this time.

Convicts on Public Roads.

The sentiment throughout the State, and especially in North Texas, is strongly in favor of the working of short term State convicts on the public roads and is against the convict lease system. The two powerful influences that have accomplished its defeat in past Legislatures and which appear to have gotten in their work in this one, is the penitentiary management and the business interests that profit

from it. It is known that the writer worked better for \$2 per day than they did for \$5; that the usual rule was that the better paid a man was, the more work he did.

No Summer Vacations.

The action of the general appropriation committee in the House in inserting a clause in the general appropriation bill requiring all clerks in the various departments to work eight hours each day and all days in the year, excepting Sundays and legal holidays, has caused considerable comment among the clerks. This action means nothing more or less than cutting out the two weeks' vacation usually given the clerks in the various departments.

Daughters of Confederacy Win Out. For several years the Daughters of the Confederacy have been urging the passage of a resolution providing for the submission of a Constitutional amendment permitting the State to grant aid in the establishment of a home for the wives and widows of Confederate soldiers. Such a resolution has been offered in every Legislature for several years, but always failed of passage. This time, however, it has been passed by the Legislature and approved by the Governor. As is known, there is in Austin a State home for disabled or indigent Confederate soldiers but there has been no provision made heretofore for the wives and widows of Confederate soldiers.

Want Cheap Men. Representative McGregor of Harris County, who is now helping to save the State on \$2.00 per day, believes that \$25,000 a year is enough for the president of any life insurance company and that any higher salary means an extra expense and a higher rate to the policy holders, and he has presented a bill in the House which provides that no insurance company which pays its president an annual salary in excess of the amount named above shall be permitted to do business in Texas.

May Adjourn April 6th. The House has adopted a resolution providing for sine die adjournment on April 6th, but the Senate has taken no action. It is believed that the general appropriation bill can be passed

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by that time and if the Legislature should pass that necessary measure and adjourn on that day it is not believed, that the Governor will call an extra session, though some members think he will if certain platform demands are not enacted into laws before the adjournment.

Saved Her Son's Life.
 The happiest mother in the little town of Ava, Mo., is Mrs. S. Ruppee. She writes: "One year ago my son was down with such serious lung trouble that our physician was unable to help him; when, by our druggist's advice I began giving him Dr. King's New Discovery, and I soon noticed improvement. I kept this treatment up for a few weeks when he was perfectly well. He has worked steadily since at carpenter work. Dr. King's New Discovery saved his life." Guaranteed best cough and cold cure by Evans & Lyster Druggist. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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A.C. Boyd who has been with the Observer for the past six months left last week for San Angelo, where he will spend some weeks visiting relatives.

Notice Land Owners.
 I now have my instrument repaired and in good condition and am ready to do your surveying.
 W. P. Graves,
 Surveyor of Cooke county.

Tom Hennesy is now a full fledged painter-contractor. He has the contract to paint Caleb Barron's new fence around his home place.

—Ladies! of course you will want a new Easter hat. Our stock is one of the handsomest ever brought to this section. Call and inspect it. The Robert Lee Millinery Co.

The little two year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Hull died at the family home west of town Monday night. The Observer extends sympathy to the bereaved parents in their sad loss.

—Call and look at our handsome Millinery. Our low prices and handsome line will interest you. Robert Lee Millinery Co.

Ben Anderson, a prominent stockman from the south line of the county was in the city Thursday on business.

Cotton Seed For Sale
 The genuine Storm proof and woodall Five Lock. This cotton has averaged a bale to the acre the past year. C.A. Gates.

Miss Bessie Newton secured first prize of \$60 cash for securing the largest list of subscribers to Farm and Home, a farm paper published at Chicago. A number of prizes were offered to the one securing the largest list. Miss Bessie is one of our most energetic young ladies and the above is quite a compliment to her especially owing to the fact that the offer was for every section of the country and no doubt there was enthusiastic solicitors in many dense populated sections. The number of subscribers turned in by her was 181.

..GENERAL REPAIRING..

We have recently opened up a blacksmith shop north of the Robert Lee Real Estate Co., and are prepared to do your repair work.

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 My Mammoth and Maltese
JACK
 This season at my place 8 miles North of Robert Lee.
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We Want Correspondents.
 The Observer would like to have a correspondent in every town and community glad to furnish stationery stamps to anyone who will write us the local happenings of their section.

FOR SALE—3-quarter Steel Dust Stallion. His Sire in an old Virginia 1 mile horse. Price \$200. Call on Thad Green.

W. E. Noah has returned from Dallas, where he purchased a complete gin outfit for his new gin, consisting of four gin stands, one 80-horse power boiler, 70-horse power engine and other equipment necessary for a first-class gin.

Jno. Barnet went to San Angelo Monday to carry his little daughter for medical treatment. She is suffering with throat trouble.

—When anything is wanted in tinwork, roofing, valleys, guttering and tank building—see us. Lane Hardware Co.

—Each 50c cash purchase entitles you to a coupon, one of which gets the \$35 buggy now on exhibit at our store. Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

J. D. Collier sold to W. T. Hazelwood his bunch of 60 head of Durham cattle at \$25 per head and his Durham Bull Jim Hogg at \$100. Mr. Hazelwood will move the cattle to his ranch at Ft. Chabourne.

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 If you want to sell your land notes or borrow money on land, see me at once. J. E. Greer.

We deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Weeks in the death of their little infant, which occurred at the family home on the San Angelo road Friday afternoon.

FOR SALE—BROWN Leghorn Cockerels at \$1.50 a piece. Also have eggs for sale 16 for \$1. My chickens scored 92 to 94 points at Temple Fair, winning first prize. Call on me at my poultry yard 6 miles West of Robert Lee or address me at Robert Lee. S. S. Wolf.

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Continued from last week.
CHAPTER VIII.

BRADLEY asked Captain Titcomb, creating the morning paper into folds and tossing it on the bed, "what are you plannin' to do now that our late lamented owners have committed financial suicide by cuttin' you off in the matter of your berth, so to speak?"

It was late the morning of the third day after the captain's return from his flying visit to New York. They had said goodbye to the Thomas Doane the previous forenoon and were now occupying a room in the United States hotel.

Bradley, who was sitting by the window, looking down upon the hats of the people in the narrow street, answered slowly: "I don't know. I've been waiting to find out what you intended doing."

The captain crossed his legs and tilted back in his chair.

"I callate," he observed, "that I could walk out of this gilded palace of luxury and run steam at another skipper's berth inside of an hour. Not at say old wages, of course, but a pretty fair berth, all the same. But, fact is, Brad, I've had a kink in my main sheet for a considerable spell. I've had a notion that some day I was goin' to cut loose and cruise on my own hook. You know I've hinted at it for over a year. Now, it looks as if this was my chance or never. Brad, how'd you like to be a wrecker?"

"A wrecker?" Bradley's face showed his absolute astonishment.

"Oh, I don't mean the line of wreckin' that is makin' your eyes stick out at this minute. Do you know Caleb Burgess, Cap'n Jerry's cousin?"

Yes, Bradley knew him. He owned a little schooner that fitted along the Cape Cod coast, picking up floating wreckage when it was of value, dragging for anchors, dredging for chains and ironwork lost by vessels in trouble.

"Well," went on the captain, "Caleb's gittin' old, and he'd like to sell out. Most folks think he's scratched a bare livin' from the shoals, but I happen to know that he's done a good deal better than that. The old man told me how much he had in the bank, and it won't be assessed at. Now, I could buy that schooner of his cheap. She isn't much, and money would have to be spent on her, but she'd do for a start. You understand, the wreckin' business I'd do wouldn't be another derrick alone. There's money in a low class wreckin' plant on Cape Cod. Wreckers! Why, they pile up there three deep every winter. Now, listen a minute, while I rise to blow."

Bradley listened, and the captain talked. He had evidently given much thought to this proposition, and his plans were ambitious. He believed that if a capable man bought the Lizzie—that was the name of the Burgess schooner—added to her equipment and sailed her himself he could build up a profitable business. The salvage of cargoes of stranded schooners and of the schooners themselves played a large part in his plans. One or two good sized jobs of this kind taken on a commission basis would bring in capital enough to warrant the purchase of a bigger vessel, fitted with auxiliary power, fitted with a diving equipment, derricks and the like.

"But wouldn't that take capital?"

"Martin sure. But let me—us—prove that the profit's there and the capital'll be donated, like frozen potatoes at a minister's surprise party. Oh, I've thought it out! Now, here!"

The captain's plan for Bradley's co-operation was, briefly stated, just this: He (Captain Titcomb) would provide the money for buying the Lizzie and whatever else was immediately necessary. Bradley would contribute his services to the pile. They were to be partners on equal shares, but Bradley was to pay from his share of whatever profits might come from time to time the amount necessary to make his investment the equal of the captain's. No new move was to be made without the consent of both partners. It was a very generous offer, and Bradley said:

"No generosity about it," protested Captain Ezra. "I'm lookin' out for myself, and need you, as the tippy max would to the lamp post. I tell you, honest, I sha'n't go into this thing unless you go in with me. Maybe it's a fool notion anyway. Well, there," he concluded, "now that I've unloaded my mind, we'll go down to the Cape this afternoon. I'll look round, and you take a week to think things over in. At the end of the week you can

say 'Yes' or 'No'."

They caught the 4 o'clock train for Orham.

The "old maids" were washing the supper dishes when Bradley surprised them by walking into the dining room. When the first shock was over the sisters were the most delighted pair in Orham. They insisted on preparing a brand new meal for their "boy," and no amount of protestation on his part could change their minds.

They were very curious to know why Bradley had come home so unexpectedly, and when they learned that he had left the Thomas Doane and not only that, but that the captain also had left, they asked one question after another. Bradley simply said that the captain had other plans and that he couldn't tell what they were yet.

After supper they adjourned to the sitting room. Bradley was uneasy and several times glanced at the clock. After awhile he said that, if they didn't mind, he should like to go out for an hour or so. Of course, the sisters said, they "didn't mind," and he put on his hat and went.

Miss Prissy's shrewd guess wasn't far wrong. Bradley passed out of the Allen gate only to open the one of the yard adjoining. His knock at the side door apparently started a canine insurrection, for there was a tremendous barking and growling inside, and when old Mrs. Baker answered the knock the heads of Tuesday and Winfield, the only survivors of Gus' troop of pets, protruded from either side of her skirt. Both dogs and old lady were surprised and glad to see the visitor.

"Why, Bradley Nickerson!" exclaimed Mrs. Baker. "How do you do? Come right in, won't you? No, Pesty ain't in jest now. It's prayer meetin' night, and she thought she'd go. Well, I'm sorry you won't step in and wait."

The Bakers attended the Baptist church, and thither Bradley went, his hands in his pockets and his head full of the wrecking scheme.

It was nearly 9 o'clock, and the fence in front of the little church was ornamented by a row of Orham young men who were waiting for the meeting to come to an end.

Bradley joined the fence brigade and was hailed by half a dozen acquaintances, mostly old schoolfellows. He heard all the news and a lot more that might become news if it ever happened.

"Sam Hammond was down this month," so Hart Sears informed him. "Talk about dudes! Say, Snuppy, wa'n't he a lulla-cooler?"

"I should smile if he wa'n't," replied "Snuppy" Black. "Gold watch—and clothes! You never saw such clothin' Sam's working for the Metropolitan Wrecking company, and he must be getting rich. And he has a good time in New York. Member those yarns about the girls, Hart?"

Sears laughed and winked knowingly. "Sam's a great feller for girls," he observed. "He was chasin' 'em down here, I tell you. Gus Baker was the one he chased most, but Gus can keep him guessin'. He ain't the only one that's been runnin' after her—hey, Snup?" Then the whole row laughed uproariously.

Bradley somehow didn't enjoy the rest of the conversation. In the first place, he didn't relish the idea, so said



She came out and stood on the step, and, leaning on the gate under the big silver leaf tree, Bradley again went over the details of the new plan. Gus

A big chap he was, handsome and well dressed in a rather loud fashion and with a boastful knowledge of life about town. Bradley was not a prig, but saloons and after theater suppers had little attraction for him, even if his salary had been large enough to pay the bills. He had wondered idly how Sam could afford the "fun" he was always describing.

The melody in the vestry struck up "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and the loungers on the fence began to move over toward the door. He went with them, standing a little way back from the entrance. The final verse of the hymn died away in dear Mrs. Piper's tremulous falsetto. Then there was a hush as the benediction was pronounced, the door swung open, and, with giggles and a rustle of conversation, the worshipers began to emerge.

Bradley looked for Gus, and at last he saw her. She was talking to Mr. Langworthy, and the light from the bracket lamp in the entry shone upon her face. Again he decided, just as he had when he left her before going to sea, that she was pretty, but now he realized that here was not a doll-like prettiness, but that there was character in her dark eyes and the expression of her mouth.

She came out and stood on the step, buttoning her glove. Two of the young fellows stepped out of the line toward her. She spoke to both of them and laughed. Then she caught sight of Bradley, who also had moved into the lamplight, and, brushing past the rival pair of volunteer escorts, she held out her hand.

"Why, Brad!" she exclaimed. "Where on earth did you come from? I'm ever so glad to see you. How do you do?"

Bradley shook hands and said, "How do you do?" There was no earthly reason why he should be embarrassed, but he was, just a little. He stammered and then asked if he might have the pleasure of "seeing her home."

"Why, of course you may!" she said.

"That's what you came here for, isn't it? I hope so, at any rate."

Bradley laughed and admitted that he guessed that was about it. Gus took his arm, and they moved down the path and down the rough stone steps to the sidewalk.

"Why, I haven't seen you for an age!" said Gus. "And you haven't written for nearly three weeks! Why did you come home now? You didn't expect to come home so soon, did you?"

Bradley — home, Cap'n Thomas left with reason of dissatisfied head off. "Well," she high school, keepin' house for grandma. I guess that's about all."

"What's been going on in town? Any dances?"

"Yes; a few. I went to the Washington's birthday ball, but it wasn't much fun. Most of the floor committee were old, married people and about every other dance was 'Hull's Victory' or a quadrille. Round dances, you know, are wicked, especially if you don't know how to dance them."

"You wrote me you went to that. Sam Hammond's been home, hasn't he?"

"Oh, yes. I went to the ball with him. He's a lovely dancer, and we waltzed whenever they played a waltz tune, no matter whether the rest were busy with a quadrille or not. But why don't you tell me what you are going to do now that you've given up your position?"

Bradley told her of Captain Titcomb's idea concerning the purchase of the Lizzie and the offer of partnership in the wrecking business. As he talked his growing interest in the plan became more evident, and he spoke of it as something already nearly decided upon. "What do you think of it?" he asked in conclusion.

"Why, I don't know," replied Gus. "If it all works out as the cap'n hopes it will be a fine thing. But isn't it rather risky? It means staying at home here in Orham, where people's ideas get into a rut, it seems to me. The cities seem so big and to have such chances for a man! You know yourself, Brad, that you've improved a lot since you went away."

"I haven't got a gold watch yet or any fine clothes, and my dancing wouldn't draw a crowd, I guess."

"Don't be silly. Sam is a good waiter, and he has improved in his manners and in other ways. I shouldn't want you to settle down into nothing but a longshoreman. I guess I'm like Miss Tempy, I hoped you'd be captain of an ocean liner some of these days."

"Well, I don't mean to cramp myself to longshoreman size just because I stay in the village. It looks to me like a chance—a good chance—to be my own boss and make something of myself. I hoped you'd see it that way."

"Perhaps I shall when I get more used to it. Tell me more, please."

They had reached the little house, and, leaning on the gate under the big silver leaf tree, Bradley again went over the details of the new plan. Gus

was interested and asked many questions, but to both of them the interview was not entirely satisfactory. The old boy and girl, whose hearted exchange of confidences seemed to be lacking. To Bradley in particular as he turned away after saying "Good night" the consciousness of a difference in his relation with his old time "cousin" was keen. She was interested in him and in his hopes and plans, but she had plans and hopes of her own, and perhaps he was not so much the central figure as he used to be.

Next day Bradley called on the captain. The latter had seen Caleb Burgess, and the Lizzie could be bought for a very reasonable sum. Captain Titcomb was also preparing a long table of figures showing the cost of what was needed to fit her up. They talked for over an hour, but Bradley was not yet ready to decide. He would take his full week, he said.

But by the end of the week his mind was made up. He was ready to take the chance that the captain offered. He told Gus so, and she agreed that perhaps he was doing right. He told the old maids and so knocked Miss Tempy's air castles into smithereens in one tremendous crash.

The partnership articles were signed. Bradley drew his money from the savings bank, and the Lizzie changed hands. The next month was a very busy one, for they were at work on the schooner every day refitting and rigging. One noon of the fourth week the captain came down to the wharf with a Boston paper in his hand.

Bradley took the paper and saw on the page indicated the words: "Wreck on the Long Island Sand Bars. The Schooner Thomas Doane Lost. All Hands Saved." He glanced over the article, which briefly stated that the three masted schooner Thomas Doane, Burke master, had struck on the shoals off Long Island and would be a total loss. The crew, after trying in vain to save the vessel, had taken to the boats and reached shore in safety.

"I didn't believe they'd dare do it!" exclaimed Bradley. "We know, and they know we know."

"Who'll tell?" asked the captain shortly. "Not me, for I was in it as bad as the rest. Not you, for they know you and me were thicker'n flies on a molasses stopper. No; 'twas 'Goody, Susan Jane,' so far as the old Doane was concerned, and I've been expectin' it. Well, I wasn't at the funeral, so let's forget it."

And apparently Captain Titcomb had forgot it. A good man to pass be—

dragging."

The two dories moved slowly down the edge of the shoal, separated by a distance of perhaps a hundred yards. The line between them, weighted with a lead sinker at each end, was dragging along the bottom.

They were dragging for an anchor lost by the coasting schooner Mary E. a month before. She had been caught by the tide, and the chain had been let go with a run. One of the hands aboard—Eldredge by name—was an Orham man, and he had had the presence of mind to take the "range," which information he had sold to Captain Titcomb for a five dollar bill.

Bradley and the captain began rowing once more. They had gone but a little way when, slowly but surely, the dories began to draw nearer to each other. Bradley, looking over the side, saw that the "drag line" no longer hung straight down, but, tightly stretched by whatever was holding it on the bottom, led off diagonally astern.

They kept on rowing easily, and in a few minutes the pressure on the line had brought the dories side by side. Then Bradley passed his end of the rope to his partner, who began hauling in with care. By this operation the skipper's dory was soon brought directly over the spot where lay the hidden object. Bradley rowed his own boat alongside.

"Now, then," said Captain Titcomb, "let's see if she's got the right complexion."

He leaned over the side and, taking one end of the line in each hand pulled them tight and saved vigorously back and forth, thus drawing a section of the rope again and again under the treasure trove below. Then he paid out one end of the line and hauled by the other until this section came to the surface. It was marked with a dull red stain—iron rust.

The smaller end of the "way line," a stout rope tapering from one inch to three inches in thickness, was spliced to the "drag line" and drawn down, and under the supposed anchor until the latter was looped by it. Then the "messenger," an iron shackle or collar fastened by a bolt or pin, was clamped about the upper parts of the loop. To this "messenger" was also attached a small cord.

The "way line" was drawn tight, and the heavy "messenger" plunged out of sight beneath the water. It slid down to the end of the "way line," thus holding with a tenacious grip the submerged object. They tested with the "messenger," pulling it up with the "drag line" and letting it drop again. It held and with the tingle of wet metal.

Bradley and the captain worked down the Lizzie. Barbed canvas enough to barge way, and the little dories alongside of the captain's. When the ropes were rigged, Bradley and Barney fitted in the blocks in the fore rigging. Bradley and Barney fitted in the blocks of the clumsy hand windlass, while Captain Titcomb stood by the bulwark.

"H'ist away!" commanded the skipper.

The windlass creaked, the cable tightened and the blocks groaned as a heavy weight was lifted from the bottom. A minute or two more and the captain signaled to ease up.

"Look at that," said Captain Ezra, pointing. "What do you say to a bell-boy frame?"

"Why, sure!" Bradley's tone was a disgusted one. "Well, we've had our work for nothing. That framework isn't worth anything."

"Tain't the stockin' that counts anyway; it's what Santa Claus puts inside of it. I have a notion this feller may be a spruce package. H'ist away!"

More of the wet rope came aboard. Captain Ezra chuckled.

"I guessed pretty nigh that time," he muttered. "Now, Brad, come here."

The iron frame, green with seaweed and trimmed with kelp and shells, hung half out of the water. At its base, just above the battered and crushed cone that had been the buoy, a big bronze bell glistened and dripped.

"And I can git \$25 for that bell," crowed the captain, "which in the pres-



"Get out of the channel, Winfield." Continued next week.

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The climate is invigorating and healthy. The county is blessed with first-class public schools throughout, the graded school or class system being in practice in all schools of the county. Her inhabitants are a law abiding, thrifty and sociable people. Churches of all denominations abound.

The county is watered throughout with the Colorado river and its tributaries, and surface wells which can be had from 20 to 200 feet.

Along the streams are pecans and other tall timber, with mesquite throughout the county in sufficient quantity for posts and fire wood.

Peaches and other fruits, so far as have been tried, do especially here. The Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad will soon be in operation through the Eastern part of the county, and there is a strong move on foot to extend a railroad from Kerrville to Colorado City on through the Panhandle country which will come through Robert Lee, the same being in a direct line.

If you want to live in a healthy and productive country, and among law abiding people you would do well to stop with us. Perhaps you can find something in the

following list which suits you, if not, tell us just what you want and we will send that to you.

1. 640 acres, one-half tillable, 75 acres in cultivation, two wells, one windmill and cistern, 4 room house with chimney, 8 miles west of Robert Lee, price per acre \$10.
2. 320 acres, 9 miles west of Robert Lee, 60 acre farm, new 2-room house, well and windmill, 2 miles from Paint Creek school house. Price per acre \$7.50.
3. 160 acres good land and very well improved, 4 miles north of Robert Lee, 400 yards of school. Price per acre \$19.
4. 560 acres, one-half tillable, well improved. Price per acre, \$10.
5. 328 acres near Robert Lee, 60 acres in cultivation, per acre, \$6.50.
6. 160 acres of land, very well improved, one mile from school. Per acre \$19.
7. 200 acres one and one-half miles from Robert Lee, 60 acres in farm, 10-horse power irrigation plant on farm, new. Price per acre, \$25.
8. 640 acres 3 miles northwest of Robert Lee, unimproved. All cash except \$560, on which amount good time can be had. Price per acre \$5.
9. 320 acres, mostly tillable, good soil, and creek, plenty of water, 1/2 mile cash, balance land notes at 8 per cent interest. Price per acre, \$25.
10. 240 acre tract, 75 tillable, 33 under irrigation, general improvements very good. Price \$3500, \$2500 in cash or trade that can be used. \$1000 to be assumed by purchaser.
11. 640 acres good land, Pecan Creek runs through this section, school on joining place, 1 mile from church, third cash. Per acre, \$8.
12. 620 acres, all fine tillable land, 225 acres in cultivation, 3 sets of houses, one has 7 rooms, one 4 rooms and one 3 rooms. Barns, buggy house, good pens, 8 miles of cedar post wire fence on place, good well, cistern and phone line to Robert Lee, plenty of wood. Half cash, the rest to suit purchaser at 8 per cent. Per acre \$20.
13. 2 sections, one in Coke and one in Mitchell county, 800 acres tillable, very good improvements near Silver. \$2000 cash, ten years time on balance, at 8 per cent. Per acre, \$11.
14. 160 acres, 90 acres tillable, 72 in cultivation and very good house, etc., will take some trade and give terms on part. Price per acre \$8.
15. 320 acres near Valley View, 5 miles south of Robert Lee, nearly all fine, level land, 160 acres in cultivation, 5-room house, good barn, at per acre, \$25.
16. 160 acres, 100 acres tillable, 75 in cultivation, 2 sets of houses, well and

17. windmill, cistern, barn and lots, in one and one-half miles of school, one-fourth mile of post office. \$800 to be assumed by purchaser. Will take Robert Lee property in part payment. Per acre \$12.50.
18. 980 acres, 320 tillable, 80 acres in farm, 35 head of stock cattle, 8 mares, 1 good stallion, 1 good jack, good outfit of farming tools, well and windmill on the place, all for \$7000 cash, the purchaser to assume \$640 due the state.
19. 640 acres, 75 acres tillable, 25 in farm, well and windmill, plenty of wood and water, 2 sets of houses. \$2,640, \$1,000 cash, balance easy.
20. C. A. Adams' Gin property. Will sell half interest for \$2,600. Will take property in part payment. Gin situated on 5 lots. All been overhauled and machinery new. Owing to the fact that I have more than I can attend to, without a partner, am compelled to sell.
21. 160 acres, 125 acres good land, 50 acres in farm, four room house with hall and galleries, at \$250 per annum, one mile of Robert Lee. Price per acre \$25.
22. 387 acres, 200 acres fine land, 75 acres in farm, good two room house. Price \$6000, \$4000 cash, arms on balance.
23. 365 acres, 150 good land, 100 acres in farm, balance in two pastures, tank on one three room house with gallery, well with room about 18 miles N. W. of Robert Lee, half mile of school, 4 miles from Robert Lee, balance on good time. Will take wagon and team for first year. Price per acre \$5.
24. 320 acres, 175 acres tillable, 90 acres in farm, three room house, with gallery, well, storm house, etc., part cash, good terms on balance. Price per acre \$8.
25. 825 acres, 700 acres tillable, 310 acres in farm, three houses on place. This is a well improved place in reach of Robert Lee school, one third cash, plenty of time on the rest at 8 per cent. Price, per acre, \$20.
26. 302 acres, 200 acres good land, 110 acres in farm, one three room house, and one house well and windmill, three and one-half miles of Robert Lee. \$2000 cash, balance on good time. Price per acre \$14.
27. 4 sections; one section in Nolan county, is grazing land. Price on this section is \$1.50 per acre bonus and \$1 per acre due the state, to be assumed by purchaser, 3 sections in Coke county, all joins, 1000 acres tillable, two farms, 55 acres in one with two room house, corals, sheds, etc., 35 acres in other body of land, cut up into four pastures each, being watered by large tank, 2-room house, 17 miles N. W. of Robert Lee, half cash, three years time on balance. Price per acre \$7.
28. 320 acres, 240 acres tillable, 95 acres in farm, 3-room house, 2 wells, 2 tanks, one acre in orchard, 8 miles west of Robert Lee, two miles of school, all cash except \$312 due the state. Will take two wagons and two teams on this. Price per acre, \$11.
29. 640 acres, 80 acres tillable, unimproved, purchaser to assume \$675 due the

30. state, balance cash. Price per acre, \$2.75.
 31. 297 acres fine land, one and a half miles north of Bronte. Will cut this into three tracts or will sell altogether at half cash and good terms on balance. Price per acre \$30.
 32. 335 acres, all good land, 125 acres in farm, one good 5-room house, well finished, 2 good tenant houses, a good store house now rented to McCallum, Reed & Co., who are running a general merchandise business in it. Edith postoffice in the store. Well, windmill and cistern, \$1000 cash, good time on balance. Per acre \$16.
 33. 160 acres, all good land, 150 acres in farm, 2 houses on this place, good terms. Price per acre \$16.
 34. 540 acres nearly all tillable land, 140 in farm, 2 4-room houses on place, two good wells, one cistern, well improved in every way, \$6000 cash, 6 years on balance. Price per acre, \$20.
 35. Eight sections and a half in Nolan county, six sections in one pasture, two and a half in the other, well improved for farm and ranch purposes, \$12000 cash, balance easy time. Price per acre \$25.50.
 36. 1200 acres, mostly tillable, will sell altogether or will cut it as follows: Will sell 320 acres including improvements as follows—a good 3 room house, barn, stock pens, well and windmill, etc., at \$16 per acre, and will cut the rest up at \$13 per acre, terms half cash, good time on balance.
 37. 2 sections, ten miles south of Robert Lee, a fine body of land. We will sell one section of this with their improvements consisting of a 5 room house, good barn, farm, etc., at \$12 per acre and cut the other section at \$8 per acre, or will sell all together, one third cash, good time on balance. Price per acre \$10.50.
 38. 2240 acres, six miles southwest of Bronte, 300 acres good farm land, the rest is good pasture land, two good tanks on the place, two room house, plenty of wood and posts for fencing, part cash, good time on balance, at 8 per cent interest. Price per acre \$16.
 39. 800 acres, well improved with two sets of houses, two wells, with windmills, two farms, plenty of wood and grass, 12 miles from Robert Lee, good terms, price \$8500.
 40. 15 sections, well fitted up for ranch and farming, 9 sections owned, rest leased, this place is a bargain. Price per acre, \$4.
 41. 25000 acres between San Angelo and Robert Lee, \$10 per-acre, or will cut off any size tract from 100 acres up, at \$15 per acre, one third cash, balance in five annual payments. We can sell you railroad land at from \$1.25 up to \$4.50 per acre, one-fifth cash, rest in four annual payments.
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Or in fact do you need anything kept in a well regulated drug store? If you are sick we want to fill your prescriptions day or night or sell you preparatory medicines of any kind. If you are well and want anything in

Toilet Articles or Jewelry

we have them. If you want to paint that house we can furnish you with paint, brushes, etc.,

Evans & Lyster,

Successors to Evans Drug Co.

Notes From First Baptist Church.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock was well attended. The lesson on the subject "Woes of Drunkenness" was very interesting and instructive. The young people met at 3 o'clock p. m. and organized a chorus class with the following officers: W. B. Green, President; J. F. Williams, Vice-President; Miss Olive Pearce, Secretary; Miss Jewell Pillans, Organist; J. Madera, Leader and Conductor of music; H. P. Powers, Assistant Leader.

The following committee were selected: Committee to select new song books, Misses Leola Reed and Jewell Pillans, Messrs J. F. Williams, H. P. Powers and J. Madera. Committee to solicit membership, Misses Olive Pearce, Eather Reed and J. F. Williams. Class decided to meet every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

We extend a hearty welcome to all who love music to come and be with us. The class will, as announced, meet next Sunday, March 31st at 11 o'clock a. m. Will begin singing immediately after Sunday School is dismissed. The time and place for afternoon singing will be announced at the morning session. We are expecting a number of singers and leaders from other places. Let everybody come and enjoy a good old musical feast.

The B. Y. P. U. will not hold its regular session next Sunday on account of the singing that has been announced. At the last meeting of the B. Y. B. U. there were several new members received, making its membership about one hundred.

Let us press forward and continue to carry on the good work.

In 1897 I had a stomach disease. Some physicians said Dyspepsia, some Consumption. One said I could not live till spring. For four years I existed on boiled milk, soda breads, and doctors' prescriptions. I could not digest anything I ate; then I picked up one of your Almanacs and it happened to be my lifesaver. I bought a fifty-cent bottle of Kodol and the benefit I received all the gold in Georgia could not buy. In two months I went back to my work as a machinist and in three months I was well and hearty. May you live long and prosper.—C. N. Cornell, Roding, Ga., 1906. The above is only a sample of the great good that is daily done everywhere by Kodol For Dyspepsia. It is sold here by Evans Drug Co.

The Robert Lee Livery Stable,

POSEY & ROE, Proprietors.

Hay, Corn, Bran, Oats and All Kinds of Feedstuffs

My horses are all good drivers and my vehicles are the very best. I want to serve you.

A Double Wedding

Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock an interesting event took place and four lives were made happy when to the strains of a beautiful wedding march, rendered by Miss Floye Richard, Messrs M. A. Gideon and L. E. Eider, led to Hymens altar, Misses Mollie and Mat tie Good, Rev. J. M. Roden officiating.

It was a quiet home wedding, witnessed only by relatives and a few friends.

The brides are the charming and popular daughters of our highly esteemed townsman, I. J. Good. They are devoted church workers, and will be greatly missed in the church and in society.

The grooms are worthy young men, of high standing. Mr. Gideon is a bookkeeper for a business firm in Bronte, in which he also holds an interest.

Mr. Eider is well known to the people of Stanton, having been in the drug business here for several months, but has recently moved to Merkel.

The brides wore handsome costumes alike. The grooms wore conventional black.

Among a shower of rice and good wishes the happy couples left on the six o'clock train for their future homes, Mr. and Mrs. Gideon for Bronte, and Mr. and Mrs. Eider for Merkel. The Reporter offers congratulations.—Stanton Reporter.

Plow and Wagon Work.

I am ready with plenty of good material to do your plow work or make any repairs to your vehicle or fix up any kind of machinery. Horse shoeing on short notice.

J. J. VESTAL,

AT ROCK SHOP.

New Fur

Write to T. San Angelo, Tex.

The Masonic Banquet.

The ladies of the order of the Eastern Star and the Masons held a banquet in the Masonic temple Saturday afternoon between the hours of 5 and six o'clock. The banquet was attended by the Masons and their friends and was quite an enjoyable affair.

The tables were loaded with things to eat and the hours were spent in feasting and socially. There are no better cooks than good housewives of Coke county and they fully demonstrated their ability in this line on this occasion. Many friends were invited who attended and every one pronounced the occasion a grand success.

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.

J. B. Briscoe of near Sanco has sold his ranch and has moved with his family to Sweetwater. We hate to see such good people as Mr. Briscoe and his family leave the county for it takes such people as these to build up a good citizenship. Nevertheless we wish them abundant prosperity in their new home. —We have in transit which will arrive in a few days a complete line of sporting goods, consisting of Base Ball good Tennis and Croquet sets. Get ready to enjoy the long summer afternoons. Evans & Lyster.

Uncle Johnny Connor of Silver was here Saturday attending the Masonic lodge and greeting friends. Uncle Johnny is one of the oldest masons in the county.

The Peoples Bank

We make an earnest effort to accommodate all classes. Our aim is to make this in every respect the Peoples' Bank; a bank where all may feel at home; a place where those of moderate means may expect the same treatment as those more favorably situated.

The First State Bank,

BRONTE, TEXAS.

B. Y. P. U. Program

(Robert Lee Baptist Church)
Subject—Missions.
Leader—Miss Daisy Simpson.
Song—No. 120.
Scripture Reading—by Leader
Romans 1: 8-23.
Prayer—J. B. Etheredge.
Paper—The Christian Principle Essentially Missionary—Mrs. Jessie Walker.
Recitation—Sallie Lyster.
Scripture Reading—Monnie Merchant.
Song.
Paul a Missionary—W. Merchant.
Recitation—Miss Eula Bean.
Song—No. 491.
Voluntary Remarks.
Business—Reading minutes Report committees.
Benediction—C. C. Merchant.

Take your hides to H. H. Sigman & Co., San Angelo.

A Splendid Horse.

In another column will be found an announcement of the celebrated German lion, "Lubin Feli" has been

League Program.

Subject—"The Resurrection"
Lesson—Cor. XV 35-38.
Leader—Miss Lydia Roe.
Opening Song 162.
Scripture Reading—Leader.
Song 159.
Opening Sentences—members
Song 61.
Paper: "Our League Flower"
—Lutie Blackwell.
Song 113.
Recitation—Miss Jonnie Toliver.
Song 38.
Closing Exercises.

Strayed or Stolen.

From the Lyster pasture, 12 miles Southeast of Robert Lee, four head of stock, to-wit: One bay mare 14:3 high, wire cut on back. One blood bay horse, 5 years old, 14:3 high, wire cut on fore leg. One bay horse 2 years old. One bay yearling colt. All unbranded. A liberal reward will be paid for any information as to their whereabouts.
T. B. LYSER.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine
Let druggists refund money
if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves
is on each box. 25c.

Grand Miss Eva Havens married last Sunday noon at the residence of Warren Graham at Graham Valley, Rev. Graham officiating. Both are well known young people of Valley View community, which place they will make their future home. The Observer wishes them a happy wedded life.

Afflicted With Rheumatism.
"I was and am yet afflicted with rheumatism," says Mrs J. C. Bane, editor of the Herald, Addington, Indian Territory, "but thanks to Chamberlain's Pain Balm am able once more to attend to business. It is the best of liniments. If troubled with rheumatism give Pain Balm a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. One application relieves the pain. For sale by Evans & Lyster.

Joe Turney, Lou Morrow and Paul Childress left Tuesday for San Angelo where they will be employed on the new residence of J. C. Johnson.

—Marbles of every kind at Evans & Lyster. We have agates at 5c each and other marbles as low as 20 for 5c.

Take your hides to Neely Bros., San Angelo. They pay highest prices.

Junior League
Leader—Jewel Sims.
Subject—Easter.
Song.
Lesson—Luke 24. 1-10.
Prayer—by Pastor.
Song—by Choir.
Scripture—Reference by members of the League.
Recitation—Willie Barron.
Duet.
Talk by Pastor.
Song and Benediction.

—We are always in it when it comes to shoes. Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

—We always have good shoes at the right prices. Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

It Is Unlawful To Ship Whiskey C. O. D.

SEND \$3.50 TO Eddie Maier, San Angelo,

And get the best gallon jug of Whiskey you ever bought for the money

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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.

THE ROBERT LEE BANK

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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

LOCAL NEWS.

All Key of Edith was in the city Wednesday.

—Fishing tackle at the Racket Store.

Pres Walling was in from the ranch Wednesday.

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

M. C. Jones is making some new additions to his home place.

—New line of bibles and testaments at Evans & Lyster.

The grocery firm of R. I. Rushing made an assignment last week.

Don't fail to see old Mr. Wolf at the court house Friday night.

Roy Easter of Johnson county is visiting his uncle, T. J. Rankin, this week.

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

J. Q. McCabe of the Divide was here Tuesday.

—All kinds of tin repair, guttering, valleys, also a line of stoves. L. Scho

Mrs. J. D. Davis has a position with the Robert Millinery company.

—Fishing tackle at the Racket Store.

Alvin Hayley paid San Angelo a visit Monday, returning Tuesday.

—Violin bows at Evans & Lyster.

George Hennesy who has recently returned from Montana was in the city Tuesday.

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

W. B. Fletcher of the Bronte country was in the city Tuesday on business.

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

S. J. Chapman of Bliss, Sterling county, was here Saturday on business and to attend the lodge.

—New line of books, latest novels and other periodicals at Evans & Lyster.

Dr. J. O. Tolliver returned Tuesday from a business trip to San Angelo.

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

T. D. Copeland of the Ft. Chadbourne country was here Saturday greeting friends.

The Blue Front Livery Stable.

We have bought the above named stable on the south side of the square and have refurnished it with good

Fresh Horses and New Vehicles.

We also own the Sweetwater and Robert Lee Mail Line and this end of the Robert Lee and San Angelo Mail Line. Besides a general stable business we will give special attention to handling passengers and express over the mail lines and want your patronage.

PERRY & McAULEY, Proprietors,
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

—New line of hose any lengths just received at the Racket store.

Tom and Andrew Buchanan of Erath county were here last week on business and visiting relatives.

—New line of good screen doors just arrived at the Racket store.

Cotton Weigher Harmon tells us that this year's crop of cotton is nearly all in. Only a few scattering bales left and the total number of bales weighed at the yard was 4867.

—See the wolf at the court house Friday night.

R. I. Rushing left the first of the week where he has a contract to build a residence for Rev. J. O. Johnson at San Angelo.

—If you miss attending the entertainment at the court house Friday night you will miss a treat.

Rev. D. A. McGuire received a message Saturday while at Bronte announcing the serious illness of his father at Comanche and left at once to be at his bedside.

—Windmill and pump pipe fittings of all kinds at the Lane Hardware Co.

W. T. Baker, who recently sold out here has purchased land on Oak Creek near Maverick, where he will make his future home.

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

—Big stock of cook stoves at Lane Hardware.

J. C. Lock, of the Divide was in the city Tuesday on business.

—Fishing tackle at the Racket Store.

T. C. Baldwin, Wm. Clift, R. I. Kirkland and H. T. McPeters, all prominent citizens of Fort Chadbourne, were here Saturday.

—Mrs. J. S. Haney has one of the nicest lines of Easter millinery to be found.

Miss Winnie Clift, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clift of Fort Chadbourne, was here Saturday visiting her sister, Mrs. D. B. McCallum, and friends.

—Fishing poles at the Racket store.

W. G. Pendergrast, the painter and paper hanger, is repapering the drug store for Evans & Lyster.

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

—Phone your orders for fresh goods and lowest prices at Evans & Lyster.

We are not satisfied with the mere buying and selling of goods. We want to handle the best. Therefore we have taken great care in the selection of our goods for the present season. You will find our stock replete with everything that goes to make up high-class Dry Goods establishment.

Do You Need Good Shoes?

We can serve you just right if you do. We have never had a better stock of Shoes than we now have.

We Have Goods For Everybody

Space forbids a description of our stock here, but you can find with us the best of everything the market affords.

Your Patronage Will Be Highly Appreciated.

The Robert Lee Mercantile Co.,

Rev. G. C. Fields of Paint Creek was in the city Saturday greeting his many friends and attending the masonic banquet.

Rev. A. T. Watkins will preach at the M. E. church Friday night, Mar. 29, and also Saturday at eleven. Conference will convene at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

—When in need of cutlery, razors, knives, or scissors inspect our stock. Our line is not large but well selected. Evans & Lyster.

J. D. Jowers has installed a new 8-horse power gasoline engine on the river near his place or irrigating purposes.

WANTED—Person to travel and collect in home territory; weekly salary of \$1072 per year and expenses. Address, Joseph Alexander, Robert Lee, Texas.

Closing Out Sale Of Patent Medicines H. D. PEARCE

Dr. Griffin's Female Tonic, regular price \$1.00	50
Dr. Griffin's Numatic Compound	1.00 50
Gerstle's Female Panacea	1.00 50
Whitney's Danderine	1.00 50
St. Joseph's Chill Tonic	.50 25
St. Joseph's Quick Relief	.25 15
St. Joseph's Horse and Cattle Powder	.25 15
Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic	.50 25
Bain's Tasteless Chill Tonic	.50 25
Bak-Ake Specific	1.50 75
Dr. Dunlop's Cascara Compound	.50 25
" " " "	.25 15
Dr. Dunlop's Bromo Nervine	.50 25
Dr. Dunlop's Liver Pills	.25 15
" " Quick Relief Tablets for Throat	.25 15
Monaster Pile Cure	.50 25
Merit Blood Tablets	1.00 50
" " " "	.25 15
Iron-Ox Tablets, Blood Purifier	.25 15
I Cura Headache Tablets	.25 15
Cold Remedy	.25 15
Loring's Liver Pills	.25 25
Loring's Cer. Cough Tablets	.05 05
Quinine Pills	.25 15
Hooe's Pills	.25 15
Carbalets Stomach and Liver Pills	.25 15
Kingsley's Magic Corn Cure	.25 15
Comstocks Dead Shot Worm Pellets	.25 15
Ivory Tooth Polish	.25 15
Tonkawa Blue Powder for Wire Cuts in Stock	.50 25
Nesee's Death on Insects	.25 15
Kashola Tablets for Indigestion	.15 10
Simmons Liver Regulator	.25 15
Dr. Fowler's Liver Regulator	1.00 50
Simmons Stock Powder	.25 15
Ready Made Gold Paint	
Peppermint (Leaves)	.5c 2 for 5
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Pansy	" " " "
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We banish alcohol from our medicines
We urge you to consult your doctor

Ask your doctor, "What is the first great rule of health?" Nine doctors out of ten will quickly reply, "Keep the bowels regular." Then ask him another question, "What do you think of Ayer's Pills for constipation?"

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

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For weak kidneys and lame back use DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. Best for lumbago, rheumatism, bladder and other troubles arising from bad blood. They cleanse the kidneys and clear the system. Indorsed and sold by Evans & Lyster.

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OUR AUSTIN CONTRIBUTOR

By John F. Davis

Austin, March 11.

The first sixty days of the present session expired last Friday and the members are now receiving only \$2 per day. This will, of course, have a tendency to hurry matters along toward adjournment. As the Legislature can raise the pay of its members back to \$5 per day by adjourning and forcing the Governor to call an extra session, it remains to be seen how long they will be content to work for \$2 per day. The pay of the officers and employees remains the same, ranging from \$2 per day for pages and porters to \$4 for some of the clerks and \$5 for the greater number.

Notes About the Senate.
From the data compiled for the Legislative Manual, is gathered the following facts about the members of the Senate. The oldest members of that body is Senator Joseph Faust of Tarrant county, and Joseph Braufels of Comal county. He is two years old but is a hale and hearty old gentleman. The youngest member is Senator E. B. Mayfield of Meridian, Bosque county. The digits used to tell the age of the oldest member have to be reversed to tell the age of Senator Mayfield, as he is only twenty-six years of age. Senator G. W. Glascock of Georgetown, Williamson county, has had more service in the Senate than any other member, having served in the 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd Senates. Of the thirty-two men comprising the Senate, including the Lieutenant Governor, twenty-four are lawyers, three are merchants, two are farmers and there is one civil engineer, one cowboy and one banker. The nativity of the members represents twelve States, as follows: Born in Texas, 12; Arkansas, 4; Tennessee, 3; Georgia, South Carolina, Kentucky and Mississippi, 2 each; Missouri, Virginia, Louisiana and Prussia, 1 each. There are twenty-nine employees exclusive of the pages and porters. Of these twenty are men and nine ladies. Of the twenty men employed a majority of them are newspaper men and professional stenographers. With the exception of the postmistress and one general clerk, the ladies employed are all stenographers.

Made a Day Forty-eight Hours Long.
Since the days of Joshua no record exists of any one being able to have the sun stand still, but the Texas Legislature sometimes takes a step that reaches practically the same end. Monday of each week is suspension day in the House and the rules permit the suspension of the regular order to take up other measures by a majority vote, whereas it takes two-thirds to suspend the regular order on any other day. Last Monday at the completion of the day's work the House refused to adjourn but took a recess in order that suspension day might be extended with the result that the work of the following day appeared as a part of the work done on Monday, and as far as the House is officially concerned there was no such day as Tuesday.

Mr. Bryan is Coming.
Hon. William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska, who was invited by the Legislature some time ago to come to Austin and address the Legislature, has wired the Governor accepting the invitation and fixing the date for Friday, March 29. Preparations for his coming have already been begun and he will be given a royal reception.

is a State's Rights Man.
Governor Campbell has made it clear that he is a strong State's rights man by his positive statement that he would never agree to turning over the border quarantine stations of Texas to the Federal government. The Governor is a very firm man and this declaration may be taken to mean that he will stick to that position.

Speaker Love Has Hard Fight.
Thos. B. Love of Dallas, Speaker of the House, led a hard fight on the floor of the House several days last week to secure an amendment to the McGreggor-Baskin saloon regulation bill, to provide for uniform high license for saloons of \$1,200 per year. The amendment as applying to all cities and towns was defeated but Mr. Love succeeded in having an amendment adopted providing for uniform high license in cities in Texas situated in counties which had 80,000 or more population at the last census. This applies only to Dallas county and if the bill is passed finally by both houses with this provision Mr. Love believes that a test of the law in Dallas will bring about a sentiment in favor of its adoption for all the cities of the State.

Christian Scientists Lose Out.
The narrow margin by which the Christian Scientists' amendment to the medical bill was defeated in the Senate, the Lieut. Governor casting the deciding vote against it, as was told last week, encouraged them to carry the fight into the House with a vigor. Large delegations of the adherents of that belief overrun the Capital City during the week and there were many ladies in the crowd. The amendment, however, was voted down by a big majority—about two to one, and their hard fight was therefore in vain.

To Make the Fast Train Stop.
Representative Lively of Dallas County believes that the railroad companies discriminate against some towns in this State by running certain trains through them without stopping, and he has introduced a measure to compel railroad companies to stop all passenger trains for the discharge and taking on of passengers at all incorporated towns. This will be strongly opposed by the railroads as they claim it would seriously affect the time of their fast trains which are run especially for through or long distance passenger traffic.

Lieut. Governor Springs a Surprise.
For many years there has been a rule in the Senate whereby a minority could engage in filibustering tactics for the purpose of defeating or delaying legislation. The rule was that under a call of the Senate a two-thirds vote was necessary to excuse the absentees. Under this rule if there were twenty-nine Senators present and ten of them were opposed to the pending bill they could have a call of the Senate and prevent the execution of the absentees, thereby tying up the Senate. Last Thursday these tactics

were resorted to to prevent a consideration of House bill No. 14, giving city and town councils the right to regulate and control light and power companies. Lieut. Governor Davidson exploded a bomb by holding that the Constitutional provision which says that two-thirds of the Senate shall constitute a quorum to do business means all business and that a majority could excuse the absentees; that rule requiring a two-thirds vote to excuse them was in conflict with the State Constitution and therefore void. Several Senators took issue with him but he remained firm. If he is right, and it seems to me that his position is well taken, then his ruling is certainly in the interest of sound public policy.

Interurban Bill Approved.
The governor has approved the bill giving Interurban Electric railways the same right of eminent domain now given steam railways. There was some objection urged to the act, to which the Governor gave a patient hearing. In conversation with Gov. Campbell a day or two before he signed the act, he told me that he saw no serious objection to the measure but on the other hand that he thought it would encourage the building of interurban lines.

Flood of Bills Ceases.
Up to date about 850 bills have been introduced in both branches of the Legislature but the daily flood of bills has ceased. The near approach of the close of the session and the crowded condition of the calendar are such that bills introduced at this late date would have little chance of passage, hence the decrease in the number presented.

Census Will Be Taken.
The resolution by Representative Lane of Tarrant, making it the duty of the several tax assessors throughout the State to take the census of all living Confederate soldiers, their wives and widows and file same with the Comptroller, has been approved by the Governor and the census will be taken next year. This measure was pushed by the Confederate Veterans Association.

Uniform Text-book Bill Includes Cities.
The re-enactment of the uniform text-book law by the Senate passed that body in such a shape that it applies to large cities which have heretofore been exempted from its provisions, though a majority of the members of the House do not favor its application to Corporations.

The Hon. Cherokee Candidates for Office.
The Hon. Cherokee candidates for office to file a statement showing the extent of their connection with any and all corporations before their names can be placed on the ballot. If this bill should pass it would not affect any now holding office, but would make some now holding office ineligible for re-election unless they severed some present connections.

Stamp Tax Proposed.
Representative Kennedy of Limestone has introduced a bill providing for stamp tax as a means of raising revenue, similar to the one enforced by the Federal government to defray the expenses of the war with Spain. It provides a tax on deeds, deeds of trust, mortgages, transfers of stocks of bonds of corporations, notes and other legal instruments, the minimum tax to be 25 cents and the charge to be increased according to the consideration or amount involved.

"Ghost Bill" Passed to Engrossment.
The bill commonly known as the "Ghost Bill" which has been offered at every Legislature for the past ten years, has been passed to engrossment in the House. The bill provides for the turning over to medical colleges of the unclaimed corpses of non-payers. Heretofore the opposition to the bill has been strong enough to defeat it and it is very probable that it will again, notwithstanding the fact that it has passed to third reading in one branch of the Legislature.

To Defeat Robertson Insurance Bill.
A strong fight is being made by the insurance men to defeat the Robertson insurance bill. The most objectionable feature of the bill is that provision which seeks to compel insurance companies doing business in this State to make certain investments in Texas. The author of the bill thinks two good purposes, one of which is to force the foreign companies to do something for the State that does so much for them and to protect the Texas policy holders in said companies.

Theatre Trust Bill Approved by the Governor.
If the bill introduced by Senator Griggs of Harris County, passed by both branches of the Legislature and approved by the Governor, accomplishes its purpose, theatrical companies in Texas can no longer secure free advertising by the claim that the theatre trust denies them the use of the opera houses throughout the State, as the law seeks to prevent discrimination against any company.

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Herbine is a boon for sufferers from anaemia. By its use the blood is quickly regenerated and the color becomes normal. The drooping strength is revived. The languor is diminished. Health, vigor and tone predominate. New life and happy activity results. Mrs. Belle H. Shriel, Middlesborough, Ill. writes, "I have been troubled with liver complaint and poor blood, and have found nothing to benefit me like Herbine. I hope never to be without it. I have wished that I had known it in my husband's life time." 50 cents. Evans & Lyster.

Notice Trespass.

Notice is hereby given that I own and control every acre of land in Grape creek pastures situated in Coke and Tom Green counties, and that all trespassers for hunting, fishing, hauling wood, gathering pecans, working stock or any other trespass will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. N. M. March San Angelo, Texas

Always Keeps Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in His House.

"We would not be without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is kept on hand continually in our home," says W. W. Kearney, editor of the Independent, Lowry City, Mo.

That is just what every family should do. When kept at hand ready for instant use, a cold may be checked at the outset and cured in much less time than after it has become settled in the system. This remedy is also without a peer for croup in children, and will prevent the attack when given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, which can only be done when the remedy is kept at hand. For sale by Evans and Lyster.

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