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No. 27

RAILROAD MEETING

Colonel Spencer and Company Will Meet With Our Citizens at Court House Friday Night January 8th---Be Sure You are Present.

Col. Austin Spencer and associates will be here Friday night to see what can be done looking towards the resuming of work on the Robert Lee & Fort Chadbourne Railroad and pushing it to completion. It is the duty of every citizen of Robert Lee and Coke county to be present and do everything in their power towards completing this line of road. This meeting means something and the success of it means whether we get railroad connection or not. Come out with a full determination to have the road and we will get it. Lay aside everything and put your shoulder to the wheel. It is within our reach and a united effort means success.

INTEREST IN ROAD REVIVES

GRADING ON ROBERT LEE AND FORT CHADBOURNE LINE WILL BEGIN SOON.

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

Colonel Spencer Goes to Robert Lee Friday to Make Further Arrangements in Regard to Bonuses and Right-of-Way.

A news item from Robert Lee, under date of Jan. 3, says: "Interest in the Robert Lee and Ft. Chadbourne Railway has revived, and it is expected that work, which was suspended when the panic came a year ago, will be resumed soon. Austin Spencer, the promoter of this road, will be here in a few days to meet with the business club for the purpose of arranging a further bonus."

Col. Spencer states that he will go to Robert Lee Friday to make further arrangements with the business club at that place in regard to the bonus and the right of way and that he expects grading on the road to begin at a very early date. Negotiations are now pending for the

contract for the entire length of the road, fifty-five miles, and it is expected that it will be let within the next few days. About two and a half miles of grading was already done when the work was suspended on account of the panic in 1908. When the stringency in money matters came on, it threw those interested in enterprise in quite a strain with reference to the bonuses, and the work was abandoned for the time. Work has been done on the road to the amount of about \$5,000. Col. Spencer talks like a man who believes the prospects are now bright for a successful consummation of all matters pertaining to the bonuses and right of way, and that the building of the road is a certainty. He says it is time for the cattlemen and business men of Coke county and Robert Lee, who want to see the value of their lands and business properties increase to get busy.

After next Friday the Colonel will no doubt have some definite news in regard to the building of this road, which will be good news.—San Angelo Standard.

Dick Aaron and wife returned Tuesday from Winters where they have been for several days.

NEW RAILROAD IN THE WEST

Will Build From Plainview to The Texas and Pacific and Then Some—Angelo on The Line.

New York, Jan. 2.—It is announced here today that Frank Trumbull, president of Colorado Southern and D. B. Keeler, of the Fort Worth and Denver road, are heading a project to build a railroad from Plainview south to the Texas Pacific. The road will pass through Floydada. Several West Texas ranchmen are enroute to this city where they will decide definite on plans. The road is practically assured. Trumbull and Keeler are likely to sever their present connection.—San Angelo Standard.

Notice Note Holders.

All parties holding Masonic notes from No. 1 to 15 will present same to W. K. Simpson treasurer of Hayrick Lodge No. 696 A. F. & A. M. and the same will be paid in full by order of the lodge.

F. K. POPPLEWELL, W. M. Geo. Cowan, Secretary.

Prof. Frank Norton of Bronte has been chosen by the board of trustees to fill the position in the school made vacant by the resignation of Miss Fannie Critz. Mr Norton came in Sunday and assumed his duties Monday morning. Mr. Norton is one of Bronte's, best young men and it is with pleasure we welcome him to our midst and hope his stay with us will be pleasant and mutually satisfactory.

Anti-Knocker Club.

The Anti-Knocker Club met at the court house Friday night. The president C. W. McCutchen being absent the Club was called to order by vice president J. H. Burroughs, and the following business was transacted: On motion the president and secretary were ordered to confer with the officers of the Robert Lee & Fort Chadbourne railroad and see what can be done to have work begin on the line.

On motion the following committee was appointed to confer with the officers of the railroad and see what amount of bonus is wanted, and how paid, and report to the Club:

S. B. Kemp, A. D. Lane, J. Q. McCabe, W. F. Day, J. A. Russell and C. W. McCutchen.

No other business, the Club adjourned.

List your lands with Chas. Roe and J. E. Greer. They are prepared to handle prospectors. Mr. Roe is the proprietor of one of the best equipped livery stables in the west and J. E. Greer is a lawyer. Office north-east side public square, Robert Lee, Texas.

There were twelve marriage license issued during the month.

Petit Jurors.

The following is the list of the petit jury drawn by the jury commissioners to serve the February term of County court: I. A. Larue, J. R. Locke, Dave Martin, J. P. Walls, Jim Cobb, J. A. Powers, J. R. Smith, M. Havens, Sam Martin, Alvin Counts, B. F. Raney, and Smith Byrd.

New Phone Line.

The Yellow Wolf phone line has been completed and is ready service. Parties wishing to talk over the line, may do so without any charge. Those on the line are J. T. Rankin, A. J. Russell, Pres Walling, Jack Robinson, A. F. Daffern, John Saul and H. C. Tucker.

Messrs John Findlater, Dr. L. C. G. Buchanan and Sid Smith came over Wednesday evening to be present at a meeting of the R. A. Masons. The meeting was postponed on account of the absence of F. B. Brown.

Marriage licenses were issued this week to Mr. O. B. Price and Miss Dora Childress, Mr. Vernon Andrews and Miss Ellen Ranier, Mr. T. W. Bradley and Miss Rosa Mann.

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SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.
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SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS 170,000.00
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The REAL AGATHA

BY EDITH HUNTINGTON MASON

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SYNOPSIS.

Lord Wilfred Vincent and Archibald Terhune are introduced at the opening of the story, in England, the latter relating the tale. The pair on an outing meet their train and seeking recreation meet "the Honorable Agatha Wyckhoff." Her hand is much sought after, because of her wealth. On visiting the Wyckhoff castle they are introduced to two other girls, both known as Agatha Wyckhoff. At dinner three other Agatha Wyckhoffs are introduced and the plot revealed. The deceased step-father, in an eccentric moment, made his will so that the real Agatha, heiress to his fortune and the castle at Wye, England, might wed her affinity. Thus Mrs. Armistead, chaperon, was in duty bound to keep the real Agatha's identity unknown and suitors were invited to tryout for the hand of the heiress.

CHAPTER II.—Continued.

"They're all Americans," replied the Accommodating lady—"even my secretary. She was at my niece's boarding school, and by my arrangement chaperoned the party of girls on their trip over. When I met her she seemed such a bright, capable little thing I engaged her at once for my secretary, as my eyes are bad. As for the Agathas, one of them roomed with my niece at school, another she met while visiting her friends in holiday time, another she became acquainted with quite by accident on the train, and the others came in answer to an advertisement."

"Wonderful that so many girls could be found who were all so attractive," I said again.

"They are attractive, aren't they?" she assented; "and their frocks are pretty, too. I made them get colored things to wear this second year of mourning for my brother-in-law. I do so hate to see young girls wearing black, and every article they put on comes from New York city."

"I thought as much," I said. "I thought they seemed more like American than English girls. And how

I asked the last question because I was afraid the conversation was going to stop and I felt that in another moment Mrs. Armistead might inadvertently drop a hint as to the identity of the real Agatha. It was very exciting.

"Nearly a year. This is the last six weeks of the second year of mourning, and the first of the two years she is to spend with her girl companions at the castle. You know my brother-in-law disapproved of girls 'coming out,' as they call it, and placing themselves on the marriage market. He'd rather have the young men come to see them in their own homes, so he put off my niece's presentation as long as he could, hoping she'd be married before that time, I think."

"And have you entertained many young men as yet?"

"My dear man! I should think we had, nearly two dozen at least. And they were too funny, unobtrusively trying to discover which was the girl with the money, although that is really against the spirit of the whole thing, as it is contrary to the object of the will."

At this point I grew rather thoughtful.

"Dear, dear!" she went on, "how cautiously they did go about their courtships! They were all after the money, I fear. This is a mercenary world! All the girls have received offers, but none of them has accepted."

"What hard-hearted misses they must be!" I exclaimed. "Are they all like that in America, I wonder?" And I couldn't help thinking of that girl I met last summer.

"I don't know, I'm sure," replied Mrs. Armistead. "It's not like English girls. They're always ready and willing to marry off whenever their mamma has provided eligible parties for them. But I can understand it in this case. No one of the Agathas is more than 22 years old, and it's great fun for them, this care-free life at Castle Wyckhoff. They have everything they can possibly want that money can buy—not one of them has ever been in England before, and they are all devoted friends. What wonder that the charm and novelty of their somewhat unusual life have not yet worn off. Really it isn't strange to me that no one of them has been able to make up her mind to leave the enchanted castle—though, to be sure, I think that young Murray Bracepeth very nearly carried off one of our Agathas. She seems to fancy him, and between ourselves I think he'll win her yet."

"And if he does he'll win the twenty millions with her, I suppose?"

I said this coolly, in a matter-of-fact tone, and waited for her denial or acquiescence, successfully concealing my interest in the reply.

But she gave me neither; she began to say something, but checked herself suddenly and looked at me admiringly.

"You're a clever man," she said, instead, "but you can't get any information out of me. Lots of them have tried, but it's no use. Besides, it isn't fair."

CHAPTER III.

Disappointed and somewhat chagrined at Mrs. Armistead's answer, I rose to my feet and prepared to join the young ladies in the drawing room. I had been so interested in discussing Fletcher Boyd's will with Mrs. Arm-



AGATHA FOURTH.

stead that I had completely forgotten Vincent. At first I thought he had already left the room, but in a moment I heard him laugh and discovered him actually sitting on the floor before the fire, playing a species of mumble-the-peg with the secretary. Extremely unbecoming conduct for both of them, I thought, and Mrs. Armistead thought so, too, for she spoke sharply to the secretary, who left the room with reddened cheeks. Vincent, however, was unabashed, and after holding the door open for her, he followed me to the drawing room, without heeding my remonstrances. He seldom does heed them, I may say.

It was on the third day of our stay when Vincent and I had begun to feel thoroughly at home at Castle Wyckhoff, and when Vincent had begun to feel more than thoroughly at home with Agatha First, that I made an important discovery. The morning was rainy, and after breakfast there was nothing to do but to read—that is, until Agatha Sixth came downstairs. I had found her to be an unusually well-educated girl and had given her all my attention during the three days I have mentioned. So I

wandered into the library and began to explore the tall bookshelves to find something that interested me. And I found it, though it wasn't exactly for what I had been looking. On the lowest shelf I discovered three heavy but new-looking albums. From idle curiosity to look at what I supposed were pictures of the dead barons of Wyckhoff I dusted the first of the big books and began to turn the leaves. I found it full of photographic reproductions of oil paintings depicting the ladies of the family, and on the last page of the book I came upon a picture which thoroughly startled me. It was a copy of a full-length portrait of the last Baroness Wyckhoff, whose second husband had been Fletcher Boyd. The picture showed a slender little lady, with straight dark hair, an aquiline nose, and a dark complexion, the living image of Agatha Sixth!

Stunned by the importance of my find I closed the book, put back the albums where I had found them and stole from the room. I had a guilty feeling, almost as if I had done something wrong, yet it had been an accident for which no one could really blame me. Full of excitement, I went to find Vincent to acquaint him with my good news, and discovered him in the morning room playing chess with

seemed a pity to invite Vincent to enter the lists against me, for I had fully made up my mind to win Agatha Sixth. Not that I am mercenary—not at all. But it had been some time since I seriously considered marrying, and, after all, I thought, why not consider it now, and, as long as I was selecting a wife, why not pick out one of these six girls? They were all beautiful and accomplished. "And why not," I asked myself, "while I am about it, make it that one of the Agathas, whose title was the honorable, with twenty millions?" Twenty millions, when you think of it, ought to keep a careful man comfortable for life, and Vincent was smart enough—let him look out for himself.

We spent the evening of that day each according to his fancy—Vincent playing tag and blind-man's buff with four of the girls, while the fifth played on the piano, and I in the next room reading Edmund Burke's speeches aloud, while my adored Agatha Sixth did fancy-work. She really did everything very well. Finally Vincent and I took our leave, and when we were in our own rooms and Vincent had wrapped himself in my favorite bathrobe and appropriated my armchair, I was almost tempted to tell him all about it. Just as I was about to begin he spoke.

"Arch, my boy," he said—a disrespectful method of address, by-the-way, but I let him proceed—"Arch, my boy, do you know I like that girl, Agatha First? She's a true sport, and that plump little one with the blue eyes is a pace-setter."

"Agatha Third, you mean?" I asked.

"I was not aware that you had got any further than our introduction with her."

"Oh, yes," said Vincent, as though it were the easiest thing in the world; "I told fortunes with her all afternoon and played tag with her most of the evening yesterday."

"Really, Vincent," I said sarcastically, "that fortune-telling game of yours is a little old. Can't you find some thing new?"

"What's the use, so long as it works?" he replied, watching the smoke from that nasty pipe of his curl upward to the ceiling. "But I tell you what," he pursued, reflectively, "that girl with the fair hair who played the piano, Agatha Fourth, she's a stunner."

"Upon my word, Vincent," I expostulated, "where do you find time for so many of them at once? Doesn't Agatha First feel neglected?"

"I suppose so," replied the young insolent, "but I can't help that. I'm going to give them all a whirl—but Arch'bald"—he was getting sleepy and his pipe had gone out—"I really do like red hair best."

"I don't know what you are talking about," I said, impatiently—"but, Vincent, I want to tell you something. I've made a discovery."

"What is it?" he said, without the slightest interest, and I changed my mind again.

"Nothing," I said. "I've forgotten what it was."

Vincent rose, and, stretching himself mightily, went toward his own room. At the door he turned and smiled one of the smiles he does not often give to men, and I felt that this one was not meant for me.

"I've made a discovery, too, Arch," he said.

I stared at him in amazement, wondering what was coming.

"What's that?" I asked.

"I've discovered that Miss Marsh's eyes are gray, as gray as stars," he said, only half aloud, and disappeared into his room.

HERE'S PRETTY POINT OF LAW.

Full Confidence Between the Accused and His Defender.

The ethics of the difference between the professional opinion of a paid advocate and the honest conviction of a learned man were set forth by a well-known English barrister who died recently. It was a case of murder, and the client and counsel were closeted together. "Smith," said the barrister, "of course, I know you didn't murder the man, but, as a matter of fact, did you do it with the butt end of a revolver or with a stick?"

"Sir," said Smith, "I swear I am innocent." "I know that perfectly well, but you must tell me. For if you did it with a revolver I shall say to the prosecution, 'produce the stick!' and if you did it with a stick, I shall say, 'produce the revolver!'" The client paused and scratched his head meditatively. "It was the butt end of a revolver, sir." "That's right!" said the counsel; "I think I can get you off now."

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All Conventions Observed.

Wife (suspiciously)—Who is this Kitty you and your friends talk about at your club? Is it proper for a young woman to call there?

Husband (innocently)—Perfectly proper, my dear. There is an "ante" there to chaperone this Kitty.

STATE OF OHIO CITY OF TOLEDO, I SS.

LUCAS COUNTY.

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FROM THE HOUSEKEEPER'S NOTEBOOK

Why Not Have a Company Closet?

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"Yes, I would like to bring a friend home to lunch, but my wife is never ready, says she does not have things in the house for unexpected company and it is so much bother," remarked the business man.

"You ought to have a company closet like my wife has," answered B. M. number two. "I don't know how it is, but Mame always manages to get something up if I bring people home without warning. I asked how it was one day, and she said she had emergency shelves."

So I asked Mame what a company closet was. "A company closet? Oh, it's two or three shelves in my pantry that I devote to keeping goods that I can use in an emergency. You know I started in by doing light housekeeping and living with a chafing dish. This taught me how to use prepared food. Then I kept house and had canned tomatoes to make soup if any one came unexpectedly, but now I keep quite an assortment of goods ready for instant use.

"What are they? Well, to begin with, there are lots of things out of which I can make sandwiches when Bob turns up with an old friend from the place he used to live in, and my refrigerator is empty. There are all sorts of canned pates, among them chicken, wild duck, grouse, partridge and quail. Then I keep canned lobster, sardines in oil, shrimps, little neck clams and such things that vary in price from 15 to 35 cents, and are always ready to put in between thin slices of bread and butter to make delicious sandwiches. Out of the shrimps and lobster I can make salad with my bottle of salad dressing that is on the same shelf.

"On another shelf I keep all sorts of canned and bottled soups and it is astonishing how many varieties there are. What is needed is to heat them up, put in some celery salt if desired, and thicken them with a little macaroni, or one can use them without any thickening at all. Among my canned soups I have mock turtle, tomato, ox tail, consommé, julienne, chicken, celery, vegetable, tomato and okra, and beef. I buy these cans by the dozen and get them in this way at a reduction. They average ten cents a can. When I am very particular I open a can of green turtle soup or clam chowder, but these cost more. So you see I am all right as regards soup in an emergency.

"When I do not want to follow my soup course with sandwiches I can open some of my potted meats. I am

quite proud of the variety I have of these for nearly every kind of meat comes prepared in this way. For instance, corn beef comes for 15 cents a can, good roast beef is 22 cents a can, veal loaf, is a trifle cheaper. Besides these, I have ham loaf, hamburger steak, chicken loaf, cooked turkey, Vienna sausage, potted turkey and petite frankfurters. I didn't know there were so many kinds until I began to stock up my closet. But these average 15 to 20 cents a can, the most expensive is 50 cents and they are good cold or can be heated quickly.

"Of course I have shelves with jellies and preserved fruits and when I want more than I put up myself I find I can get at least a dozen varieties of jelly that are always in the market, orange marmalade, bar-le-duc jelly, guava jelly and canned pineapple, cherries, plums and peaches. So I am never at a loss in the matter of sauces. To supplement these I keep on hand different varieties of wafers such as vanilla, fruit, coconut, etc., for often I have no cake in the house. Thus you see I am provided with a soup course, a meat or sandwich course, and a dessert. At times I want side dishes and for these I keep peanut butter which I often make in sandwiches, jars of cheese, pots of made mustard, olives, cheese sandwiches, and lots of other fancy goods that are on the market. When it comes to the matter of something to drink, of course I always have coffee and tea in the house, but I also keep on my emergency shelf a can of cocoa which can be prepared easily and rapidly and various fruit juices, like grape and raspberry. These last are delicious in summer, served with ice. If I happen to have a lemon in the house I put in the juice also. I always keep in my company closet a box of nice layer raisins and two or three kinds of nuts. These I use for dessert when I do not have fruit and wafers. Sometimes I vary these with a jar of honey, figs and dates.

"Don't think we live on such canned goods all the time, but like all families we often have enough for two and not for three, and are without cake and delicacies one wishes to set before a guest. My company closet solves the problem at once. Bob thinks it is a miracle, but I know it is simply that I look ahead for an emergency. Then, too, with these varieties of goods I am always ready to serve a cup of chocolate with wafers to the afternoon guest who calls in winter, or if in summer, I have my fruit juices to serve with a thin, sweet wafer. It is really as simple as can be. The wonder is more women do not do the same and everybody does not have a company closet. The English call these 'pantry groceries,' and have stores that carry nothing else. Lots of times I am complimented on my soups and sandwiches by the men that Bob brings home to lunch, and I smile and say I am glad they like them. They little realize that I have prepared the whole meal out of my emergency closet, and as to telling them—not I. What's the good of telling all of one's domestic secrets? I tell you that you may be prepared the next time that husband of yours comes home suddenly with 'My old friend Dick, who is spending the day in the city,' and you have nothing in the house to eat."

In Justice To Xanthippe.

To speak ill of one who is dead and cannot defend him or herself is generally conceded to be a disgraceful deed. Yet from generation to generation this has been done in the case of Mrs. Socrates (nee Xanthippe), says Katherine Smith, who undertakes a defense of that much-abused lady in the Smart Set.

Xanthippe's parents were poor but proud when Socrates sought her hand in marriage. She began life hampered with many drawbacks. There was her name, long, and beginning with that rarely heard consonant, X. She was the youngest of a noble family, and the rest of the alphabet had been exhausted in providing for her 23 brothers and sisters.

What could be her endearing nickname? Was it Xannie? Could it be Thippe? Not at all. The modest, shrinking child grew up to womanhood as Xanthippe, lived as Xanthippe, died as Xanthippe. Centuries after her death the word is used to illustrate the alphabet as one of the few words beginning with the mellifluous, but seldom encountered, letter X. She has, at least, that individuality, poor woman.

Socrates was an old man when he married, and far from a beauty. Xanthippe, much younger, would probably have taken pride in the comeliness of a husband, but Socrates went for the most part barefoot, was ungainly and dressed poorly. That his wife was of tender heart is evinced by her naming her first child Lamprocles. It will be seen that her object was to find a name capable of a pretty and endearing diminutive. Here was a woman who, even if she felt inclined to use an endearing name toward her fat-nosed, thick-lipped husband, would be obliged to call him Soc or Ratty,

is it any wonder then that she longed for some euphonious nickname for her first-born? Lammie it was, but tradition hath it that this petted and spoiled son repaid Mrs. Xanthippe's kindness by saying that though she had been a good mother to him—"did not kick him, did not bite him—yet her tongue was worse than her teeth."

High Praise for Maeterlinck.

Maurice Maeterlinck, who, it is announced, is to receive the Nobel prize for literature this year, has been called "the Belgian Shakespeare"—a title he is by no means averse from holding. As he is now only 46, it is probable that he has not yet given of his best. Last year he purchased the ancient abbey of Saint Wandrille, in Normandy. This historic retreat was in ruins, but the poet set about having the place repaired, so that he can entertain his friends amid picturesque surroundings.

Students Wear Mustaches.

At the University of Pennsylvania mustaches have again come into style, according to the Philadelphia Record. "Yes, a fellow isn't in it this fall without a mustache," said a varsity senior. "You see, a great many of the boys have been over in Europe this summer, and the hirsute adornment is all the rage among the swells on the other side just now. Of course, we college boys have to keep in the swim, so that is why you see all this sprouting down on the campus."

Was Prepared.

"Was Will frightened at the stage hold-up in the west?" "Oh, dear, no! He had attended too many charity bazars."—Baltimore American.

The KITCHEN CABINET

A PLEA FOR MOTHER EVE.



HEY say Eve was responsible for woman's evil-doing. But it's hardly fair to blame her for all the trouble brewing. Think, if the snake had not been doomed to lie flat on the ground. The horrid things might, to this day, get up and walk around!

And the apple, everybody knows, is mighty wholesome diet. Where would we be if Mother Eve had not essayed to try it?

For, if she hadn't eaten one, and scattered seeds and core. It's possible the apple-trees would ne'er have sprouted more!

Then, think of all the apple pies "like mother used to make." We'd miss if Eve had not bestowed upon that tree a shake. So, to our common mother, let us be fair and true. Grant her at least as much as that which Satan gets—her due.

The Abused Oyster.

Everybody knows the story of the boy who spelled August with an R, because he wanted to eat oysters in Orgust. And this was a true picture of the popularity of the oyster when that old joke was new. But times have changed; the bivalve has fallen into disrepute. It is declared to be lacking in nutritive value and correspondingly long on germs. Indeed, so strenuous has become the opposition that Uncle Sam himself took up the cudgels in behalf of the oysters, and the department of agriculture of the government has made a thorough investigation of their cultivation, marketing and food value. The result is satisfactory to the lovers of this food of the sea, and promises to reinstate it in its former high place.

The alarmists tell us that the greenish tinge in oysters is due to the presence of copper. Study has proven that while this is sometimes so, the greening is more often because they have been fed on green water plants and the coloring matter of the plant has been taken up by the oyster juices. The color is said to be harmless.

Condensed, the report says: "A quart of oysters contains about the same quantity of nutritive substance as a quart of milk, three-fourths of a pound of beef, two pounds of fresh codfish or a pound of bread. They come nearer to milk than almost any other common food material, both as regards the amount and proportion of nutrient."

This is indeed praise and daunts only the oyster lover whose purse is slim. For until the price of the oyster more nearly corresponds to that of milk, there is no danger that he will prove a formidable rival.

"Don'ts" for Meat.

Don't put salt meat on to boil in hot water. If cold is used the salt will be extracted while cooking.

Fresh meat, boiled, to be served with sauce at table, should be put on to cook in boiling water; when the outer fibers contract, the inner juices are preserved.

Meat put on to cook for broth should, on the other hand, be set to cook in cold water that the juice may enrich the soup.

Marion Crawford Dessert.

Make a syrup of two pounds of sugar, the juice and outer peeling of a lemon, one-half pound preserved ginger and a glass of water. When it thickens add four pounds of hard pears (cut small); cook until transparent.

Olivia Carter Strohm.

Sour Milk and Soda.

Many cooks, especially southern ones, think this the only good "raisin." But better still is the combination of sour cream and soda, not only because of its richness, but because of the chemical action arising from the combination of its acid with the soda, which gives a lighter texture than sweet cream and a richer compound than milk. One even teaspoon soda (well sifted) to a pint of thick sour milk is the correct proportion.

Bridget's Beatitudes.

Blessed is the sunshiny day on which to make jelly. It makes a vast difference in the stiffening of the fruit.

Blessed are the apples eaten before meals; the acid has a bad effect on digestion if taken on a full stomach.

Blessed is the mince meat which is cooked very slowly, at least a whole day.

Blessed is the cake frosting which is rather thin. Never make it so thick that it will have to be made smooth with a wet knife. If too thick, add a little cold water.

Catarrh and Headache.
Mrs. Z. E. Goforth, 2119 Holly Street, Kansas City, writes: "After using a samp's bottle and two 25c bottles of Hunt's Lightning Oil, I am almost well of Catarrh. It stops my headaches. It is the best medicine I ever saw and I just can't keep house without it." She is right.

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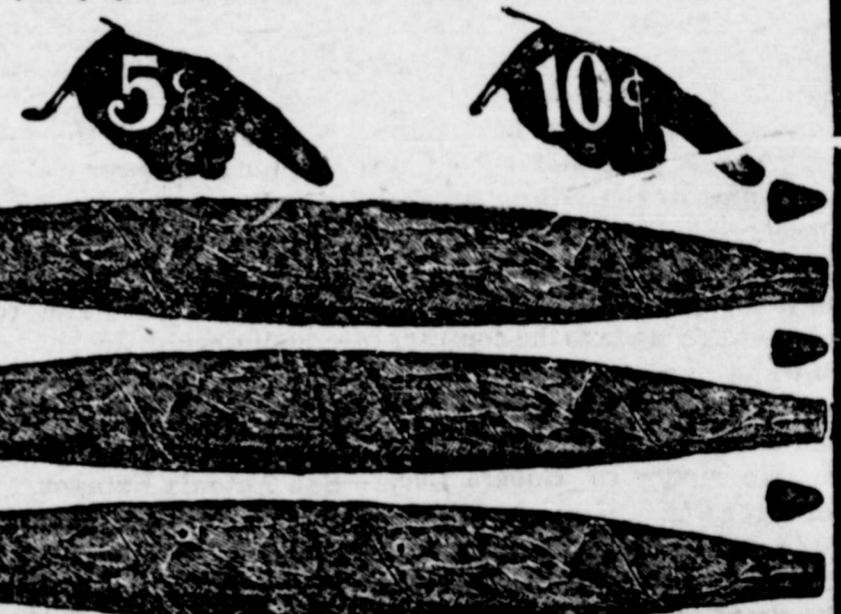
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Hayrick News.

The new year has come in with a spring like appearance, and found the Hayrick people in good cheer and fully prepared to start out on the tide of time for another year going towards he great beyond.

The Hayrick people have a right to be in good cheer, as last year was one of prosperity. Good crops were made, the health of the community was never better than the last year and it continues to be good.

The crops are about all gathered and brought fairly good prices, the preacher was paid off in full and we all have a little something to begin the new year on, the neighbors all have a brotherly feeling for each other and for God. The prospects for another year was never better, why not, then be cheerful and happy. There has been but one disappointment of much importance to happen here during the past year and that was the failure of the editor of the Observer to be on hand Christmas day to play Santa Claus, as he was expected, and no arrangements were made to the contrary so when we thought everything was ready he failed to show up, and the community had to dispatch a runner to Robert Lee, for a regalia, however he returned in due time and the Christmas tree was properly disrobed to the gratification of all present.

We have had but few weddings out here the past year, in fact, the boys were not old enough, and it being leap year and the girls of Hayrick are so timid that they could not put the question, but the new year has brought a change and I am sure the most of them will be married before spring if the boys have their way.

We have had several visitors

in the neighborhood during the holidays, but they have all returned to their homes, except Mr. — ? I will not call his name as everybody knows he has decided to stay until the old man gives his consent. Hoping you may derive much pleasure from the above communication I am as your friend,

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The Pure Food Law.

Secretary Wilson says: "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by all druggists.

MORGAN JONES BUYS RAILS

Sixty Miles of Rails Secured for Road from Abilene to Ballinger.

All steel for sixty miles railroad to connect Ballinger and Abilene has been purchased. The last seven miles has just been contracted for with J. R. Cohen, representing the Block-Pollock company of St. Louis, who arrived at the Menger hotel yesterday. Grading is progressing favorably and construction is being pushed.

Morgan Jones is the principal promoter of this road and it is generally accepted as an extension of the Whichita Valley road now extending from Whichita Falls to Abilene. The road is gradually being pushed toward the Gulf of Mexico and ultimate construction through San Antonio is thought to be pending. —San Antonio Express.

Mr. Jones contracted for the ties and other material for this road some time ago, and same is now being shipped. It is expected that grading will begin on the Ballinger end of the line by the middle of January. —Ballinger Banner Ledger.

Notice.

January is the last month in which to pay your special school tax without penalty and costs. See S. C. Wilkins at the Robert Lee Mercantile Co., for your receipt

From New Mexico.

Richland, N. M. December 27 1909—Hello old Coke, how are you all getting along this Christmas without your humble servant? I come only to show the appreciation of my old friends and associates of Robert Lee and Coke county. We have the biggest country ever populated by a people, while I am here to late for any crop this year but have gotten me 160 acres of fine land where there is nothing to break the wind of the wintery bleak except here and there a bunch of mosquitoes about knee high and the sage grass and hills, and you can imagine the hills extreme highth for you can stand in my door and see a neighbors house in an adjoining county, 15 miles away. And also see the growth of a country that has been populated in two years to the increase of 4 to 1. For miles to the north there is not a single quarter to be had that has not been filed on and your humble scribe had to take a location with scores of others on the unsurveyed portion of Chaves county 6 miles south of the line of Roosevelt county.

Just one word concerning the country. Anything that has been planted other than cotton does well here, but for the cotton the seasons are too short. Corn will average about 35 bushels per acre. Now for the old time enjoyment, such as was the use on the front in Texas 30 to 40 years ago was enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Renfrow of Nabe, there being about 100 of their relatives and friends present. The ceremony was short, only a short invocation at dinner by A. J. Shropshire being the oldest man present who enjoys the fulness of the Grace of God. And after dinner a very enjoyable time was spent forming an acquaintance with all present and the happy Christmas crowd parted, hoping to meet again next Christmas.

A. J. Shropshire.

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The Earth Continuing to Rock.

Paris, January 2.—Figaro today publishes the following dispatch from Rome: "As each day goes by, the disaster appears more horrible, terrifying and immense. It is without precedent in the history of the world. It is now conservatively estimated that two hundred thousand persons perished miserably in this catastrophe and the worst is not yet known. The scourge has not yet done its final work. The trembling earth continues with sinister rumblings and at times jets of boiling water surge from the crevasses."

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To all persons interested in the above entitled suit:—

Notice is hereby given that J. W. Irvine, plaintiff, has filed interrogatories in a certain suit pending in the District court of Coke county Texas, wherein J. W. Irvine is plaintiff, and W. L. Pettitt, T. J. Pettitt M. O. Pettitt and Ida Rogers are defendants, No. 504, to A. J. Pettitt who resides in Tom Green county Texas, the answer to which will be read on the trial of said cause, and has filed an affidavit in said suit that T. J. Pettitt, one of the defendants in said suit, cannot be found so that notice and copy of interrogatories can be served upon him for the purpose of taking depositions, and such party has no attorney of record upon whom they can be served; and that a commission will issue on or after the thirtieth day after the publication of this notice to take the deposition of said witness.

J. S. Gardner, Clerk of the District Court Coke County Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in the town of Robert Lee this the 12th day of Dec. 1908.

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And of this precept, and how you have executed the same make due return.

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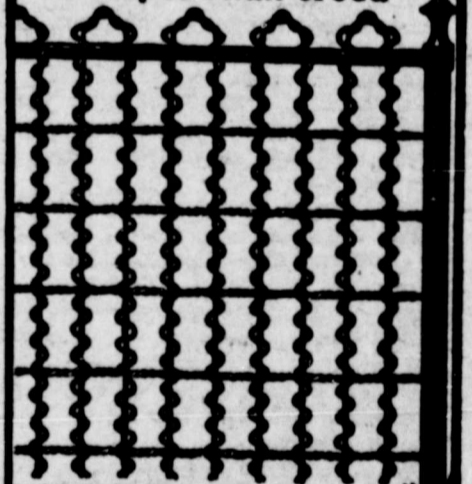
Simple Rule That If Followed Will Save One a Great Amount of Worry.

A little joke floating around in the press is that of a man who had consulted a doctor and was doubtful of his skill because he did not forbid him eating everything he liked. Its opposite, said to be true, is of a doctor who writes much for the public on the subject of what to eat, or, perhaps, more accurately, on what not to eat, says the Homeopathic Envoy. He had written the usual patter about hot-weather diet, sticking to fruit, "a little cereal," vegetables and water, and the like, and then was observed on one hot day with a big dish of ham and cabbage, sausages, lobster and ale, which he was stowing away as if he thought it good for him. The average adult is the best judge of his own diet; he very soon learns what does not "agree" with him, and, knowing this, the consequences of eating it serve him right. If anything does "agree," eat it if you like it.

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School Notes.
After two weeks school reopened Monday December 28th, and all the old pupils and twenty new ones, were present, seeming eager to resume their school work.

The Robert Lee High School is one of the best schools in West Texas, both teachers and pupils manifest great interest in school by their earnest work.

One advantage our school has is in penmanship. Prof. Bodenheimer who has the reputation of being one of the best penmen in the United States, is teacher of penmanship and the pupils are fast improving in penmanship under his instruction.

Miss Fannie Critz has resigned her position as second assistant, and Prof. F. E. Norton, of Bronte, who has been elected by the board of trustees, assumed the duties of that position, Monday January 4th.

The Philisophian Literary Society, which I must not fail to mention is still climbing. The society is growing more interesting with every meeting. But one meeting of which I give special notice is the meeting held on Friday December 11th, which was the last meeting held before the Christmas holidays, and it was unanimously declared by all present to be the best meeting that has ever been held by the Philisophians.

The house was called to order by President Wayne Overall and the minutes of the last meeting read, after which a very interesting program was rendered. As this was the regular time for election of officers, the election came next. The following officers were elected: President, W. E. Lockhart; Vice President, Chas. Day; Secretary, Georgia Payne; Assistant Secretary, Annie Crawford; Owl editor, Myrtle Sturman; Press reporter, Jessie Newton; Marshal, John Byrd; Critic, W. H. Bodenheimer. The society not only teaches us how to appear in society and to speak in public, but it is also a recreation to the student who has studied hard all week.

As physical exercise is necessary for students, we are also provided with out-door games as tennis, foot-ball and

basket ball. We have a very good school indeed, and the citizens of Robert Lee should ever feel proud of it.

Discipula.

Caught in the Rain

then a cold and a cough—let it run on—get pneumonia or consumption that's all. No matter how you get your cough don't neglect it—take Ballard's Horehound Syrup and you'll be over it in no time. The sure cure for coughs, colds bronchitis and all pulmonary diseases in young and old.

Quite a number of the young folks enjoyed a sociable given at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hall, on last Saturday evening. All present report a most pleasant evening, and hope this pleasure may soon again be repeated.

Ed Passo, wife and grandfather, of San Angelo, were here the first of the week on a visit. Mrs. Passo will remain here for several days visiting friends.

J. P. West sold his interest in the Meat Market, last week to J. I. Murtishaw. Mr. Murtishaw has secured the service of G. A. Harmon to serve the public as meat cutter.

Mrs. J. F. Elder, children and Miss Pearl Lemmons, a sister of Mrs. Elder, returned Saturday from Brady, where they enjoyed the holidays visiting relatives and friends.

Jim Vestal who has been here the past year visiting his brother J. J. Vestal, left Wednesday for his home in Okla.

Ralph Harris, a prominent stockman, of San Angelo, and who owns extensive interest in this county, was in the city Tuesday on business.

Stomach Trouble Cured.

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by all druggists.

THE COWBOY'S LONG HAIR.

"It ain't no affectation," said the cowboy, "what makes me and all us plainmen wear the hair long. It's necessary to our health."
"You see, we are out in all weathers. Often hatless, the hot sun beats on our heads like fire, and but for our hair we'd get sunstroke. Often we sleep on the ground at night, and him that ain't got long hair to cover his ears in sleepin' out invariably gets deaf in the ear what is slept on. Often in winter storms the hair protects the face from being friz."—Minneapolis Journal.

WISE AUSTRALIAN SYSTEM.

There is a movement on foot among the club women in the west to adopt measures to prevent the separation of children from their mothers on account of poverty. The leaders in this movement point out that in Australia if a widow with a family of children is left destitute the state, instead of taking them away from her and paying their board in an institution, or in a strange family, board them with the mother and so keeps the family together.

C. M. Barger and G. W. Peay, of the Edith community, were attending to business here Monday.

Your Hair Contrary?

Is it inclined to run away? Don't punish it with a cruel brush and comb! Feed it, nourish it, save it with Ayer's Hair Vigor, new improved formula. Then your hair will remain at home, on your head, where it belongs. An elegant dressing. Keeps the scalp healthy. Does not change the color of the hair.

Ayer's

Formula with each bottle show it to your doctor. Ask him about it, then do as he says.

We certainly believe this, or we would not say so. Ayer's Hair Vigor, as now made from our new improved formula, is a great preparation for the hair and scalp. Stops falling hair. Cures dandruff. Promotes the growth of hair.

J. E. Greer has moved his law office to the office formerly occupied by Judge Jowers on the north side of the square.

Fred McDonald the genial merchant of Fort Chadbourne, was in the city Monday on business.

L. J. Morrow, a collector for the Rock Island Plow Co., of Dallas, is here this week on business.

Dick Collier left Saturday for Brownwood, to enter Howard Payne College for the remaining part of the session.

M. B. Sheppard, a prosperous farmer of the Edith neighborhood, was circulating among his many friends here Saturday.

Frank Walker, one of Valley View's progressive farmers was doing business in the city Saturday.

Arthur Sturman left Monday to return to Baylor University, after having spent the holidays with homefolks and friends.

Miss Emma and Johnnie Jones, of Sherwood, came in Saturday to visit their grand parents and friends.

A Higher Health Level.

"I have reached a higher health level since I began using Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Jacob Springer, of West Franklin, Maine. "They keep my stomach, liver and bowels working just right." If these pills disappoint you on trial, money will be refunded at City Drug store, 25c.

DOUBLE STAMP
CORN WHISKEY.

(Pure Goods)

Send three dollars (\$3.00) to Eddie Maier for a gallon and see if it isn't the best you have ever bought; the same as in Grandpa's days.

EDDIE MAIER
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This is a common form of muscular rheumatism. No internal treatment is needed. Apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely twice a day and a quick cure is certain. This liniment has proven especially valuable for muscular and chronic rheumatism, is sure to give quick relief. Chamberlain's Liniment is also most excellent for sprains and bruises. Price, 25 cents; large size 50 cents. For sale by all druggists.

Misses Bertha McCabe and Ora Collier left Saturday to return to the Howard Payne College, at Brownwood, after having spent the holidays here with homefolks.

Quite a number of the young people enjoyed a dance Friday night at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Sauls. All report a splendid good time.

The City Drug Store finished moving its stock, Wednesday to the house formally occupied by the grocery department of the Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

Mrs. and Mrs. Sam McClain, who have been here visiting Mrs. McClain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Coulson, left Sunday for their home at Sheffield.

Mr. Albert Lamb and mother, Mrs. H. Lamb, of Cedar Hill, were in the city Monday shopping, and while here made the Observer a pleasant call.

Mrs. Williams, of Dallas, came in Monday afternoon to visit her daughter, Miss Gussie Williams who has charge of the Wild Cat School.

Hill Laird, who formerly lived here but now of Harris County, is here on a visit to relatives and friends.

A Cure For Misery.

"I have found a cure for the misery malaria poison produces," says R. M. James, of Louellen, S. C. "Its called Electric Bitters and comes in 50 cent bottles. It breaks up a case of chills or a bilious attack in almost no time; and it puts yellow jaundice clean out of commission." This great tonic medicine and blood purifier gives quick relief in all stomach, liver and kidney complaints and the misery of lame back. Sold under guarantee at the City Drug store.

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Trespass Notice.

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.
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ARE YOU WELL?

There are times when all persons need medicine. The wise man keeps about his house many of the ordinary remedies. He buys them where he can get what he wants, accepting no substitutes.

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can furnish you anything in drugs, medicines, stock food, soaps, perfumes, combs, brushes, toilet articles, in fact whatever a drug store supplies.

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ROBERT LEE, - - - TEXAS

The surgeon general of the navy wants a dental corps. Is this to be on duty in the teeth of a gale?

An Illinois man got a bride on an election bet, and will know in a few years whether he won or lost.

Yale may build a stadium. There it will be more than ever a matter of Greek meeting Greek.

That is an old saying about good digestion waiting upon appetite, but ever appropriate to the occasion.

It is difficult to see how an expert can find enough work to keep him busy under the stringent game laws prevailing in Africa.

Now a theorist insists that life can be prolonged forever. The idea opens up a terrible prospect in some cases for the world's welfare.

People who used to denounce "Camille" as an improper play are too dazed to submit any comments on some of the stage performances now presented.

An Arkansas editor disposes of the whole big subject by saying that Emperor "Bill" is "too devilish gabby," the finding possibly having other merits than its brevity.

A movement was started in Paris recently to tax tourists, but the scheme has fallen through, Frenchmen being satisfied to continue to soak them as before.

A famous French chauffeur who has just arrived in this country rejoices in the name of Szisz. When his employer wants to call him he will only have to make a noise like a soda fountain.

Europe should never again make fun of American wealth. The respect for it has been too obvious in various matrimonial negotiations to permit any affectations of supercilious indifference.

Gypsy Smith has converted several Cleveland ministers, according to the clergymen themselves. This gets us so mixed up in our minds that we can't think of anything to say about it.

China's ancient law compelling the new emperor always to be of the next generation must have been put through some ages ago by a lobby of would-be regents and kept in operation by similar interests.

If the German invasion scare keeps up in England it will not be long before the Britons will be dreaming that they see fleets of Zeppelin airships sailing out of the storm clouds when it's raining over the North sea.

A supreme court judge out in Iowa has decided that the football season ends with Thanksgiving day. He says also: "The remainder of the year of the university student may be devoted to the study of football, but the football season proper ends appropriately with a general Thanksgiving." That judge must have been sent to the bench—or to the sidelines—a long time ago.

In France Mons. Dufour has succeeded in making thermometer tubes of pure quartz. Not only are these tubes exceedingly transparent, but their resistance to heat and other advantages make them superior to glass for thermometers intended to measure high temperatures. In such thermometers melted tin takes the place about 465 degrees Fahrenheit up to over 1,000 degrees. It could be run up to 1,800 degree, for quartz does not soften below that temperature.

At a recent meeting of scientists in Dublin Prof. G. Elliott Smith, the Egyptologist, said that the earliest known human remains found in the Nile valley, when compared with those of later times, demonstrated the fact that at a very remote period Egypt and Nubia were inhabited by the same race which had existed in Egypt with people, the average height of the men little or no change in physical characteristics throughout the intervening 6,000 years until the present day. They had been, and still were, a small of mercury, and the scale reads from being about five feet three inches at every period of their history.

When the prince of Bulgaria, after declaring the independence of his principality, took the title of tsar rather than that of emperor, he used the word common in the Slavonic languages to describe the ruler of a country. The Bulgarian spelling of the word is "car," "c" having the sound of "ts." The word first came into the English language through the Slavonic spelling of "czar." The form which gives the Russian pronunciation most nearly is that which the Youth's Companion uses, namely, "tsar," although if a final "e" were added it would more nearly indicate the sound of the term as spoken in St. Petersburg.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

NEW NAVAL ASSISTANT



Herbert Livingstone Satterlee of New York, son-in-law of J. Pierpont Morgan, assistant secretary of the navy, is a member of the law firm of Ward, Hayden & Satterlee of New York city. He is not identified with any of the enterprises with which his father-in-law is connected. He is a director in the India Rubber and Gutta Percha Insulating Company, but beyond that is not interested in any corporation.

He was graduated from Columbia in 1883, and distinguished himself in the School of Political Science, where he received a degree. He was admitted to the bar in 1885, and entered the law office of Evarts, Choate & Beaman. In the following year he became secretary to Senator Evarts. He was active in the organization of the naval militia, and when he became a colonel on the staff of Gov. Morton he was appointed the navigating officer of the First naval battalion.

Mr. Satterlee married Miss Louisa Pierpont Morgan November 15, 1900. The wedding was the most noted social event of the year. The alliance was presumed to mark a closer business relationship between the brilliant young lawyer and the leader of the financial world in America, but Mr. Satterlee followed the path he had laid out for himself and depended on his own capabilities for success; although this was questioned when, as a director of the Trust Company of the Republic, he was concerned with the plan to relieve that corporation of its underwriting obligations with Louis Nixon's ship-building trust, which had been controlled by Mr. Morgan ever since its organization.

Mr. Satterlee's most conspicuous place as an organizer was taken when he became one of a committee formed to reorganize the Knickerbocker Trust Company. The committee became known as the Satterlee Committee and was the representative of the depositors. Mr. Satterlee devised the plan opposing a permanent receivership and advocated resumption to avoid a sacrifice of assets. The temporary receivers were discharged March 25 last and the doors were reopened the next day.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER



Daniel J. Keefe of Detroit, the new commissioner-general of immigration, holds one of the most important federal offices in the gift of the president and the most important of its kind in the world.

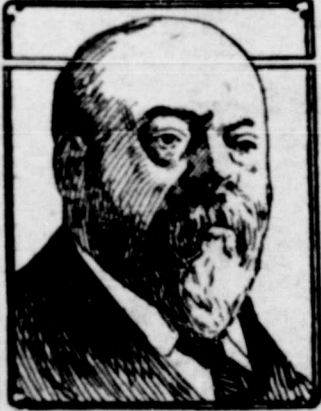
Less than 25 years ago this same Daniel J. Keefe was a Chicago dock-walloper, using his rugged strength to shove lumber. Recently the term dock-walloper has come into reproach, for it suggests now unsteadiness in habits. "Big Dan" Keefe—or O'Keefe, as he spelled his name then—was never that kind of a laborer. He was always the best type of longshoreman and, while the massive strength of his squat frame was being used to load and unload the vessels of the Chicago port his busy brain, endowed with some of the same virile characteristics that

marked his physical self, was planning and scheming for the advancement of himself and his co-laborers.

Strong, almost rough and brutal in his methods, and with the tenacity of a bulldog, "Big Dan" fought for the organization of the longshoremen, and he not only won out, but, with the aid of others, formed an international organization which, including other branches of vessel workers, became one of the biggest labor trusts on record and eventually forced a tight clamp on maritime commerce.

Mr. Keefe has been the president of the International Longshoremen, Marine & Transport Workers' association since its formation in 1892, and he has been president of his local for 20 years. He has been holding office for nearly 27 years. During that time he has been one of the principal forces in perfecting the organization of the huge body. He was recently one of the industrial peace commission of nine men of international reputation.

KNIGHTED BY KING EDWARD



Sir Thomas Barclay, the well-known British philanthropist and peace advocate, was made a baronet by King Edward on the occasion of his majesty's birthday anniversary. The compliment extended to Sir Thomas is one that is handed out in lots of a dozen or so by the British ruler on each birthday, much as other and earlier rulers have made it a point to open up the prison doors to certain classes of convicted political and civil offenders upon smaller occasions.

In the present instance, however, the world will agree that the royal honor was well bestowed. Sir Thomas has been one of the most prominent citizens of the United Kingdom for his work in behalf of international arbitration, not less than for his own legal and general learning. He has visited several different countries to urge the adoption of an international peace and arbitration agreement that would result in gradually eliminating war. He was in the United States for some weeks a few years ago urging with great persuasiveness a new treaty with his own country in the furtherance of fraternal comity and peaceful settlement of all disputes.

YOUNG BRITISH SUFFRAGIST



No woman on the American continent is attracting so much attention as Mrs. Phillip Snowden, the beautiful young British suffragist, who has come to the United States to tell American women how to secure their "rights."

Endowed with a power of oratory and eloquence which would be even remarkable in a man, possessed of a personal magnetism that can sway tremendous throngs of either sex, and possessing a physical beauty that makes her noticed in any assemblage, the young advocate of suffrage for the gentler sex has found no difficulty in making her mark in this country during the few weeks she has been in the western hemisphere.

Before a brilliant audience of New York's most prominent men and women a few nights ago, Mrs. Snowden made her first American speech, and Carnegie hall rang with her praises.

On first seeing Mrs. Snowden one is simply impressed with her overpowering beauty. A mass of fair, wavy hair surrounds a face at once placid, gentle, and humorous, while every line denotes sincerity and power.

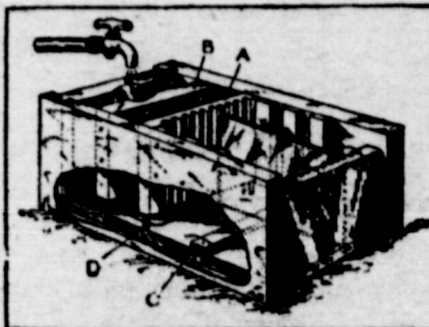
She has had a remarkably active life, and although she has spoken in practically every English industrial center and for ten years has been a potent factor in the British labor movement, she is well on the sunny side of 30 years.

INDUSTRY AND MECHANICS

FOR AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER.

How You Can Make an Adjustable Negative Washer.

The sketch herewith shows a wash-box for negatives made from an ordinary wooden box. As can be seen, the grooved partition, A, is removable, and as several places are provided for



The Washing Box.

its insertion, the tank can be made to accommodate any one of several sizes of plates, says Camera Craft. The other stationary partition, B, which does not reach quite to the bottom of the tank, is placed immediately next to the end of the tank, leaving a chan-

nel between the two for the inflow of the wash water. A narrow, thin strip, C, is fastened to the bottom of the tank to keep the plates slightly raised, at the same time allowing a clearer flow of the water from the bottom upwards to the discharge.

The water enters the narrow partition at the end, flows under the partitions B and A, then upward between and parallel to the surface of the plates, escaping at the opposite end over the top of the tank end, in which the upper part has been cut away for that purpose. The depth of this cut, in the upper part of the tank end, should allow the overflow to be a trifle higher than the width of the largest size plate for which the tank is fitted. Partition B being stationary, can be nailed in position permanently, allowing the bottom edge to clear the bottom of the tank the desired distance. Partition A being movable should have attached to its bottom edge a couple of nails, D, or better still, wooden pegs, which will keep it also above the bottom of the tank at the desired height.

A coat of paraffin paint should be applied, and, just before it sets perfectly hard, any rough spots trimmed down with a knife or chisel and a second lighter coat applied. If the wood is very dry and porous a preliminary coat of the paint should be applied and allowed to soak into the pores. It is also well to apply a coat of the paint to the joints at the corners and around the edge of the bottom before nailing together.

NEW USE FOR AUTOMOBILES

Canal Boats Towed in a Unique Manner in France.

A new solution of the problem of mechanical traction in canals, depending upon the use of automobiles for towage, on an ordinary tow path, has been proposed by a French engineer, Ernest Lorin of Doullaincourt. A writer in La Nature (Paris) notes that among the present systems of mechanical propulsion on canals some use electricity applied directly to the boats themselves, and some through the intermediary of trolleys. Lorin's plan is of a different type entirely. Says the writer:

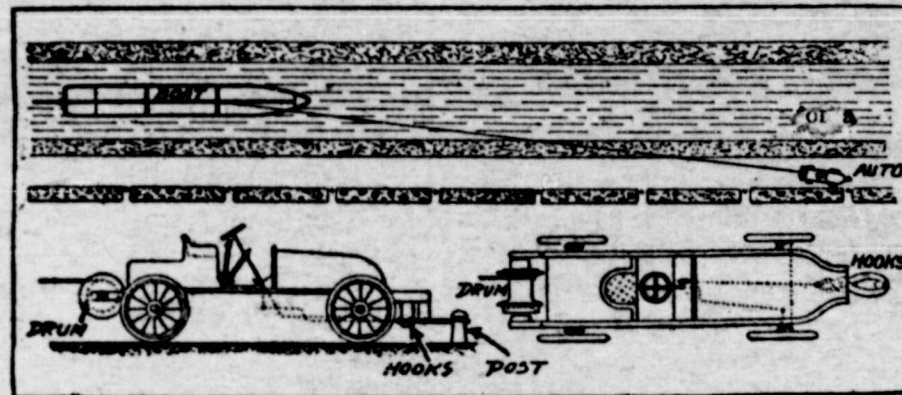
"He utilizes an automobile tractor, built precisely like an ordinary motor

during a time sufficient to allow the tractor to leave its post and to run forward to another one, to be moored there. The boat's progress is thus very nearly continuous.

"The inventor has also another plan in which the drum is placed on the boat itself and rotated by a motor using alcohol, naphtha or steam. The part played by the automobile is then reduced to that of carrying forward the cable from mooring to mooring.

"Again, the motor on the boat may be used to drive a dynamo whose current is transmitted to the tractor, which is then operated by electricity.

"It will thus be seen that various combinations may be made by the use of this autotractive device, whose chief advantage is the realization of a speed



Mechanical Tractor for Canals.

car, but provided in the rear with a drum mounted on a special frame and bearing devices intended to limit the force of traction and to follow the direction imposed upon it by the cable joining it to the towed boat. Along the edge of the canal are arranged, at intervals, posts to which the tractor is moored by means of hooks like antennae, which it bears in front. The motor serves alternately as a means of progression and to apply a tractive force to the cable through an appropriate system of gears.

"The working of such a system may easily be understood. The boat being connected by its cable with the drum, the autocar sets out toward one of the mooring posts, the cable meanwhile unrolling from the drum. The tractor being moored to its post, the drum is then geared to the motor, and the cable is rolled up, drawing to it the boat at a speed that is easily regulated. When it has caught up with the tractor, the boat continues its motion by reason of its acquired velocity,

much greater than those hitherto at our disposal."

Home Work.

"If we are to retain your services you must take considerably more care of your appearance," said a bank manager to one of his clerks. "You look as if you hadn't been shaved for a week."

"But, sir, I am growing a beard," the man protested.

"That's no excuse!" was the response. "You must do that sort of thing out of business hours!"

Learning the Points of the Game.

Girl in Grand Stand—Harry, who is that man everybody is cheering? Her Escort—That's Grabsey, the right tackle.

Girl—I see—and the fellow he threw down and jumped on is the wrong tackle, is he?—Chicago Tribune.

Franklin: Rebellion against tyrants is obedience to God.

A COSTLY TASK.

Dome of Philadelphia's City Hall to Be Covered with Gold.

The entire dome of Philadelphia's great city hall is to be covered with gold, and more than 10,000,000 sheets of gold leaf will be used before the task is completed. So that as little of the precious metal as possible shall be wasted, each workman will be inclosed in a screen adjusted about his waist as he puts the metal in place, leaf by leaf, hundreds of feet above the streets.

The gold leaf to be used is being manufactured especially for the city in book form, each book containing 25 leaves, 3 1/2 inches square. These are delivered in packs of 20 books. To allow a single leaf for every 3 1/2 inches of space to be covered will necessitate the use of 20,461 packs, which makes 409,220 books, or 10,230,000 leaves.

The work of preparing the dome for its covering of gold is also stupendous. The metal part must first be cleaned with steel brushes to remove all rust

and scale, and gone over with emery cloth adjusted to wooden blocks, until the cast metal is thoroughly cleaned. After this task is completed the metal will be treated to clear benzine, followed by a rust preventive composed of red paint. The portion to be gilded will then be covered with a solution of varnish and turpentine, and when this becomes hard the gold size (a preparation used in laying gold leaf) will be applied.

When completed the dome will shine like the sun, and the gilding will be so storm proof that the ravages of time and climatic changes will not tarnish it.

Sometimes Full of 'Em.

Q.—"There is only one sparkler in a motor car, is there?" A.—"Not necessarily. The number frequently varies with the number of couples carried."—Kansas City Times.

"My washerwoman," Mrs. Lapsling was saying, "used to lose ever so many of my sheets and pillow cases, but she doesn't now. I mark them all with intelligible ink."

MIDWINTER SHOOT

RIFLEMEN OF BRITAIN AND AMERICA WILL CONTEST.

Australia May Decide to Enter Her Riflemen—Country Winning the Highest Score to Hold Trophy for One Year.

An international rifle match of unusual interest will be shot this winter under the auspices of the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs of Great Britain and the National Rifle Association of America. Each country will be represented by 50 men who will shoot ten shots each at 25 yards with a miniature rifle.

The Americans will doubtless use the .22 caliber, as under the terms of the challenge the caliber of the rifles is limited to .23, which is comparatively unknown in this country. The ten shots are to be fired on what is known as a double decimal target, which is really two targets joined together, each with an inch sighting bull and an inner half-inch bull counting ten. Ten concentric circles one-quarter of an inch apart divide the count from one to ten. Five shots are to be fired on each target, the ten shots constituting the string allowed each competitor.

One hundred targets will be sent to the National Rifle Association by the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs, bearing the signature of the latter. The indorsement of the American Association will be added and 50 of the targets returned to Great Britain. After the shooting the two sets of targets will be collected and exchanged to verify the scores which will be sent by cable.

It is possible that this unique match will be a three-cornered affair and that Australia will be drawn into it. The British society has provided a handsome trophy to be held for one year by the winning country and each participant will receive a commemorative medal. Considerable preparation will be necessary for the match which will likely not take place until mid-winter.

The National Rifle Association will shortly begin selecting the 50 shots to represent this country and as it is desired to secure the best it is probable that all the rifle clubs affiliated with the association will be invited to compete for the honor of supplying members of the team. After the "try-outs," a team will be selected, and when the match is shot the men chosen will shoot their strings on the range belonging to their own clubs.

If possible the dates will be arranged so that the shooting will be done in both countries, or all three.

If Australia comes in, on the same date though necessarily there will be some difference in actual time.

The challenge provides that any rifle not exceeding .23 caliber may be used, with any sights not employing glass, any ammunition and that any position may be assumed. The Americans will probably request that the latter provision be changed and that the position be restricted to off-hand. It is believed the challengers will agree to this.

While .22 caliber rifle practice both in and out of doors is growing in favor in this country with great rapidity, the sport has not yet the popu-



CAPT. K. K. CASEY, DELAWARE. Best Long Range Shot in the World.

larly or the support it receives in England.

Some of the greatest men and women of the latter country give it their hearty encouragement and patronage. For example, the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs is under the patronage of H. R. H., the duke of Connaught, while the two trustees are the duke of Norfolk (the premier duke of England), and the duke of Westminster (the wealthiest peer of that country).

The only organization in this country which approaches the support given the English society is the National Rifle Association, which includes among its life members President Roosevelt, Secretary of State Root, Judge Taft and a number of senators, representatives and governors, as well as the leading men in the regular military service and in the National Guard.

ARE REAL DIAMONDS

STONES PICKED UP IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Discoveries May Make of the United States a Strong Rival of the Kimberley Mines in South Africa.

In Arkansas, which has hitherto been noted for little else than its hot springs and its Arkansas Traveler, to become a rival of Kimberley and break the monopoly which the South African mines have maintained over the world's diamond supply? It would seem so if the reports are true of the finding of diamonds in the southern state. Experts who have examined the Pike county field, where one John Huddleston, a farmer, picked up a glassy pebble two years ago, are said to have intimated that some day this country will not be importing diamonds worth \$30,000,000 or \$40,000,000 a year, and may even send a few abroad.

In advance of mining operations on a large scale in Arkansas, 400 diamonds, the largest of 6½ carats, have been found there. The colors range from white and yellow to black. Drs. George F. Kunz and Henry S. Washington, well known experts, say that the field is a diamond bearing volcanic pipe, like the mines of Kimberley. Near the surface of the 60-acre crater, nature's laboratory for the manufacture of diamonds, there is a mass of decomposed peridotite which can be easily worked. The hard rock lower down offers a problem, since the process of crushing is likely to destroy precious stones.

A serious difficulty in commercial production is declared to be "the prevention of the loss of diamonds through theft by the laborers. With the class of labor employed at the South African mines a system of detention in compounds, thorough physical examination for hidden diamonds and other methods for the prevention of theft or the recovery of stolen stones can be carried out, but in the United States it might be impossible to employ safeguards of this character." The Kaffir diggers in South Af-

rica are imprisoned in walled yards, covered with wire netting, so that they cannot throw the stones to confederates outside. Stones are smuggled in tobacco pipes, concealed in wounds and swallowed. One native swallowed diamonds worth \$5,000, which the company doctor managed to recover. Could such methods of safety be employed in Arkansas?

The largest diamond weighs 6½ carats and is of an absolutely pure, pellucid white, free from inclusions. Another stone weighs 6¼ carats, several 5, 4 or 3, and from this they run down to 1-64 carat, the average being probably about one carat. The largest diamond yet found in form, color and effect somewhat resembles the well-known "butterfly twins" of calcite from Cumberland. It is crescentic in shape, flattened in one direction of the twinning plane and elongated obliquely to it on either side. Several of the diamonds show rough and irregular indentations, as if they had formed or been attached to surfaces that were not smooth, while a very large proportion, possibly one-half, are fractured. While most of the diamonds have been found on the surface of the igneous area, a few have been discovered among the concentrates derived from washing the decomposed peridotite which much resembles that of Kimberley, and one diamond was found imbedded in the decomposed peridotite itself. This stone is apparently a distorted and elongated hexoctahedron with much rounded faces, grayish in color. To the investigators the evidence seemed conclusive that the diamonds found are derived from the peridotite and, if so, this is evidently the first occurrence of diamonds in place on either the North or South American continent.

Diplomacy.

"I'm surprised at you."
"What's the matter now?"
"Why, your wife tells me you've invited the grocer and butcher to your party to-night."
"Well, what of it?"
"Think of what you owe society."
"Yes, but think of what I owe my grocer and butcher!"



GATHERED SMILES

FAIR BUT WOMAN DEFIANT.

The American Society of Modistes and Milliners had gone into executive session. The majestic chairman arose.

"We will now have the report of the committee named to consider the telegram from the Y. M. C. A. of Scranton, Pa., demanding reforms in the back-button arrangements of woman's dress; the resolutions from the American Ministerial association requesting a reduction in the size of spring hats; the protest from the S. P. C. A. regarding the use of boblinks in millinery; the order signed by the Metropolitan police board prohibiting the use of hat-pins; and the miscellaneous protests against the director's gown, the divided skirt, etc., etc."

The committee reported: "We your committee recommend that for the coming season all gowns and dresses be fastened in the back, with at least 23 invisible pin-pointed hooks and eyes; that the official spring hat of the association be the Marie Antoinette, elephantine model, size 29, with eight raking plumes; that a fringe of boblinks, snowbirds, bats, orioles and hoot owls be used on all new hat models; and that the new hatpin be of Harveized steel, two feet long, poison-tipped and self-repeating."
Erect and with defiant eyes and ringing cheers, the association adopted the report of the committee.—Puck.

Faint Heart.

When for a kiss I pleaded,
In dear days long ago,
Encouragement I needed;
When for a kiss I pleaded
Your "No" I weakly heeded—
You did not mean it so,
When for a kiss I pleaded
In dear days long ago.
—Simon Pure, in Puck.

HEATHEN HOSPITALITY.



Cannibal Chieftain (to his chef)—
Put on your largest kettle.
Chef—May I be so bold as to ask the reason?

Cannibal—I think, if I am lucky at the raffle, that I shall bring the new missionary home for dinner to-night.

Twinkle, Twinkle.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are.
Earthy diamonds you surpass,
Yet you may be only glass.
If by any chance you fell,
There's an Uncle who could tell.
—New York Herald.

The Bending of the Bough.

"You must have had some very narrow escapes from death during your eventful career," I said to the great detective.

"I have had a few," he admitted, modestly. "Probably the closest was when a band of South American outlaws hanged me, and went away without noticing they had strung me up to a rubber tree."

Red.

"You don't ketch no automobilists these days," complained the rural J. P.

"No," explained the constable; "it's becuz they see my black beard sticking out from the shrubbery."

"Well, Peleg, I reckon we'll hafter hire somebody with whiskers to match the foliage."—Puck.

Hopeless Case.

Dill—I lost my silk umbrella yesterday at the club.

Pickles—Too bad! But you'll get it back, won't you? Aren't your initials on it?

Dill—Well, come to think of it, there are some initials on it, but they aren't mine.

Explained.

She—How do you make a Maltese cross?

He—By pulling his tail.—Judge.

Their Use.

The college with the football team
No proposition begs;
When a chap hasn't any brains,
They educate his legs.
—Houston Post.

IN THE SUBWAY.

In the subway, oh, my darling,
When the rush-hours swiftly go,
When the people all go smashing,
Madly crashing to and fro;
When we all are watching, waiting,
For our cars, in deepest woe,
Will you blame me if I leave you,
As I did not long ago?

In the subway, oh, my darling,
Think not bitterly of me,
If I left you in the turmoil,
Hastening wildly to be free;
For my car came round the elbow,
And I had to get it. See?
It was best to leave you thus, dear—
Anyhow, 'twas best for me!
—Somerville Journal.

AND SO HE QUIT.



"Why did you leave your last place?"

"The boss said something I did not like."

"What was it?"
"He told me I was fired."—New York Herald.

His Strenuous Job.

"I lately passed through Nutwood, N. J. Say, but that station agent has a lot to do! When the train comes in he's got to sell tickets, attend to the mail, shift the express, check the baggage, fix the signal lights, put the danger lantern at the street crossing, post the trains on the bulletin board, operate the telegraph instruments, and carry the messages."

"Heavens! was he doing all that?"
"No; he was asleep."—Judge.

Some Sinister Secrets.

Look before you sleep.
'Tis never too late to end.
The proof of the stove is in the heating.

Songs without words are good, but dinners without speeches are better.

When poverty comes in at the window friends pass by the door.

No man is as clever as his fiancée thinks he is.

Taffy.

A little taffy
Now and then
Is what the women
Like from men.
—Yonkers Statesman.

A VEGETARIAN.

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"He's in clover now!"
"Yes, but he made it in oats!"

In the Days of the Past.

Hand in hand, with the march of time
Come many sweeping changes.
The stoves that prehistoric man once used
Were simply mountain ranges.
—Judge.

Where He Learned.

She—You don't act as if I was the first girl you ever kissed?
He—Well—er—you see—I used to play those kissing games when I was a child.—Yonkers Statesman.

LEWIS' "SINGLE BINDER."

A hand-made cigar fresh from the table, wrapped in foil, thus keeping fresh until smoked. A fresh cigar made of good tobacco is the ideal smoke. The old, well cured tobaccos used are so rich in quality that many who formerly smoked 10c cigars now smoke Lewis' Single Binder Straight 5c. Lewis' Single Binder costs the dealer some more than other 5c cigars, but the higher price enables this factory to use extra quality tobacco. There are many imitations; don't be fooled. There is no substitute! Tell the dealer you want a Lewis "Single Binder."

Still Safe.

Hicks—You were dreadfully indiscreet to mention that important deal of ours to your wife.

Wicks—Oh, it's all right. I didn't tell her it was a secret.

Good Eye.

Mitchell's Eye Salve was first compounded in 1848 by Dr. Mitchell, a noted eye specialist of Missouri. It is a clean, white, odorless salve with wonderful curative properties. Simply apply to the eye lids, that's all. Sold everywhere. Price 25 cents.

Saved the Trouble.

"Your wife has eloped with your chauffeur."

"I don't care. I was going to fire him, anyway."

Try It Once.

There is more actual misery and less real danger in a case of itching, skin disease than any other ailment. Hunt's Cure is manufactured especially for those cases. It relieves instantly and cures promptly. Absolutely guaranteed.

The one absolutely permanent and vital power in the world is the power of love, which wins victories over every evil we can name.—Benson.

For Colds and Gripp—Capudine.

The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

As soon as a man begins to love his work, then will he also begin to make progress.—Ruskin.

Worth Its Weight in Gold.

PETTIT'S EYE SALVE strengthens eyes, tonic for eye strain, weak, watery eyes. Druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

Sober second thoughts are always best for a toper.



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Is a modern scientific preparation which kills the germs of Malaria and LaGrippe and as it acts on the Liver and Bowels, expels all morbid matter from the system. It is warranted to cure or money refunded. Price 50 cents. For sale by all first class druggists.

You Are Entitled to Know

That your money is deposited in a safe place. We court investigation as to our individual responsibility, our method of doing business, our sworn statements to the government. We meet competition and would appreciate your account.

The First National Bank,

Robert Lee, Texas.

LOCAL NEWS.

J. M. Eubanks visited home folks at Bronte, Sunday.

W. A. Stepp, of Silver, was here Tuesday on business.

Millage Gartman, of Sanco, was in the city Tuesday.

W. T. Caraway was here Saturday on business.

Capt. Barnett was circulating among friends here Monday.

Louis Tucker, of Yellow Wolf, was here Monday on business.

W. C. Barron, of San Angelo, was over this week on business.

S. S. Craddock, of Sanco, was attending to business here Monday.

Everything in groceries for Christmas at lowest prices. W. H. Bell & Co.

R. Smith was here Saturday from his stock farm near Han Creek.

J. J. Gartman paid San Angelo, a business visit the latter part of last week.

Roy Conner, of the Cedar Hill community, was here Wednesday on business.

Mrs. E. Ramin and daughter Miss Minnie, were shopping here Monday.

R. Hickey and W. H. Hall paid San Angelo, a business visit Wednesday.

J. H. Hall bought, this week, the barber shop formerly owned by J. S. Haney.

Col. John Patteson, of San Angelo, was over this week on legal business.

Dr. W. J. Adams is having his house moved this week to the north part of town.

Miss Willie Green has resigned her position as saleslady with the McCallum-Reed Co.

The U. D. C. will hold their next meeting January 12th at Mrs. J. C. Cunningham.

M. K. Sheppard, of the Olga neighborhood was attending to business in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans came in Saturday from Loraine, to visit their parents and friends.

J. W. Ashurst a prominent stockman, of the Divide, was in the city Monday on business.

Luther Bean returned Sunday from San Angelo, where he has been for several days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Lyster Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Lyster entertained a few friends Tuesday evening, at progressive forty-two in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans, of Loraine. After playing forty-two, the guests were given a sheet of paper upon which was written the title of a song and it was required of each one to draw a picture on the reverse side representing that song. After all had been drawn, the pictures were pinned to the wall, but the name of the song invisible, and being known only to the one who drew it, and the hostess. The contest was to see who could get, correctly, the greatest number of song titles from the pictorial representations, and Mrs. J. H. Hall won the prize, which was a beautiful hand made collar.

At an appropriate time the guests were assembled in the dining room where delicious refreshments were served.

All present declare Mrs. Lyster a most pleasing and entertaining hostess, and look forward with pleasure to the time when they can have the opportunity of again spending another such a delightful evening at this hospitable home.

Those present were Mesdames Lyster, Hall, and Evans; Misses Lemmons, Martin, Elsie and Jonnie Toliver; Messrs Lyster, Hall, Evans, Bean, McFarland and Toliver.

Miss Fannie Critz who was the first assistant teacher in the school here, left Saturday for Sherman, where she will enter Kidd Key College. Miss Critz was one of our most esteemable and popular young ladies, and gave entire satisfaction in the school room. Her numerous friends regret much to see her leave and hope she will be satisfied and prosper in her new work.

Every Mother.

is or should be worried when the little ones have a cough or cold. It may lead to croup or pleurisy or pneumonia—then to something more serious. Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure the trouble at once and prevent any complication. Sold by Evans & Sturman.

Bob Patterson and wife who have been living in Sterling county the past six months, returned to Coke, this week and will again make this their home.

Friday night was one of great pleasure to all the young people who were fortunate to attend the New Year party at the beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Adams in the east part of town. Music and games were the features of the evening and it seemed all were intent upon having the time of their life and joined heartily into the spirit of the evening. And when the time came for the departure of the guests, they reluctantly bid their hostess good night having spent a most enjoyable evening for Mrs. Adams is unexcelled when it comes to making the young people enjoy themselves.

The Observer would like very much to have a local correspondent in each community to write us the local happenings regularly each week. We will gladly furnish anyone with stationery and stamped envelopes, who will send us a letter of local happenings each week. We want to give the local news of the entire county as well as Robert Lee.

Bad Symptoms.

The woman who has periodical headaches, backache, sees imaginary dark spots or specks floating or dancing before her eyes, has gnawing distress or heavy full feeling in stomach, faint spells, dragging-down feeling in lower abdominal or pelvic region, easily startled or excited, irregular or painful periods, with or without pelvic catarrh, is suffering from weaknesses and derangements that should have early attention. Not all of above symptoms are likely to be present in any case at one time.

Neglected or badly treated and such cases often run into maladies which demand the surgeon's knife if they do not result fatally.

No medicine extant has such a long and numerous record of cures in such cases as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. No medicine has such a strong professional endorsement of each of its ingredients—worth more than any number of ordinary non-professional testimonials. The very best ingredients known to medical science for the cure of woman's peculiar ailments enter into its composition. No alcohol, harmful, or habit-forming drug is to be found in the list of its ingredients printed on each bottle-wrapper and attested under oath.

In any condition of the female system, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription can do only good—never harm. Its whole effect is to strengthen, invigorate and regulate the whole female system and especially the pelvic organs. When these are deranged in function or affected by disease, the stomach and other organs of digestion become sympathetically deranged, the nerves are weakened, and a long list of bad, unpleasant symptoms follow. Too much must not be expected of this "Favorite Prescription." It will not perform miracles; will not cure tumors—no medicine will. It will often prevent them, if taken in time, and thus the operating table and the surgeon's knife may be avoided.

Women suffering from diseases of long standing, are invited to consult Doctor Pierce by letter, free. All correspondence is held as strictly private and sacredly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser (1000 pages) is sent free on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps for paper-covered, or 31 stamps for cloth-bound copy. Address as above.

The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Morrow, was thrown open to the young folks of the town on new years eve, and the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner, as various games were played and some beautiful music given which added greatly to the pleasure. At the appropriate time, the guests were invited into the dining room which was tastily and beautifully decorated in holiday colors, where delicious chocolate and cake was served after which fruits were passed. All those who had the pleasure of spending this delightful evening at this hospitable home, say they never enjoyed a more pleasant evening, and that Mrs. Morrow is a most excellent hostess and hope she will soon extend to the young people another invitation to a reception at which she will be hostess.

J. W. Reed and wife left Sunday for Blackwell, to make their future home, and it is with sincere regrets we lose these good people as there is no family here who are better known and more universally liked than J. W. Reed and his esteemable wife.

Dr. PRICE'S CREAM Baking Powder

Awarded highest honors by the great World's Expositions, and proved of superior strength and purity by the official tests.

No alum, no lime phosphates

Food officials, state and national, with physicians, condemn the use of alum in food, and deplore and pronounce the dishonest methods by which alum baking powders are imposed upon the public.

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Mr. E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Maine, says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "Is does the business; I have used it for piles and it cured them. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind." 25c. at the City Drug store.

J. W. Reed and Roy Hamilton left Monday for Blackwell, where they will begin to invoice a small stock of groceries which they have bought preparatory to putting in a large general mercantile business. Mr. Reed was one of the first business men of our town was one of the main promoters of the McCallum-Reed Co., and has been connected with this business every since. Mr. Hamilton is a young man and has been with the McCallum-Reed Co. for about three years, and is known as a sober and enterprising business man, and it is with regrets we lose these splendid people, but congratulate Blackwell, upon its valuable acquisition in numbering Messrs J. W. Reed and Roy Hamilton among its citizenship, and we heartily recommend this firm to the people of Blackwell and surrounding country, as being composed of men who believe in the square deal.

Fever Sores.

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by all druggists.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Franklin who have been here several days visiting Mrs. Franklin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Stroud left Monday for their home at Sherwood.

The vital statistics for the month of December show twelve births; seven males and five females, with only two deaths recorded.

J. E. Johnson, of Bronte, was transacting business here Monday and Tuesday.

To Much Face.

You feel as if you had one face too many when you have Neuralgia don't you? Save the face, you may need it; but get rid of the Neuralgia by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. Finest thing in the world for rheumatism, neuralgia, burns, cuts, scalds, lame back and all pains. Sold by Evans & Sturman.

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Lumber, Sash, Doors, Coal, Cement and Brick.

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A private institution built and equipped especially for the care of patients requiring surgical attention. Contagious and infectious diseases not admitted.

The main building is a substantial brick structure, steam heated, floors doubled and rendered noiseless, and inside walls plastered with cement and enameled with many coats of hard paint. Electric call bells, electric fans and telephone connection are a part of the general equipment of each room.

The operating department consists of six magnificently lighted rooms, with tiled floors throughout. The main operating room is tiled with non porous white glazed tiling, which covers ceiling and side walls.

The surgical equipment in these rooms is the best and most modern to be had anywhere. The institution has a capacity for fifty patients. Twenty-five trained nurses in attendance. Mrs. A. H. Parsons, Miss Wilma Carlton, Superintendent of nurses. Sprindendent. TEMPLE, TEXAS.