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San Angelo National Bank,
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.
CAPITAL STOCK PAID UP \$100,000.00
SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS 170,000.00

M. L. MERTS, President.
CHAS. W. HOBBS, Vice. President.
R. A. HALL, Cashier.

SAFETY DEPOSIT
BOXES FOR RENT.

TEXICO TO BROWNWOOD

Texico Trumpet Explains Route of Proposed Railroad—Thinks it Will Begin in 1909—Several Surveys Made.

"So many questions are asked about the Brownwood road, where it begins, its survey, where it ends, and when it begins, that we will give you a history of it as we have it today. "Several surveys have been made, but the last one starts from Texico runs through Lubbock and Sweetwater to Coleman. Technically speaking the road stops at Coleman, as the Santa Fe now has a track from Coleman to Brownwood, but as the original intention was to connect with the Gulf by way of Brownwood it is always spoken of as the Brownwood road. Strictly speaking it probably will build on to a connection at Coleman. This new and last survey is supposed to be the reason why the Santa Fe is extending its line from Plainview to Lubbock to intersect the Gulf road. And they may commence work both ways out of Lubbock on the Brownwood road.

"Just when it begins is a somewhat puzzling question, but the announcement has been made so many times by Santa Fe officials in the last thirty days that work will commence this spring that there can not be much doubt of it. We have it on good authority that the Santa Fe has called for bids on the different sections of the road, and also that material is being shipped to the south end where work can proceed at once unhindered by any winter weather. And that in the spring work will commence out of the State-Line City.

"The Santa Fe has no other improvement or extensions along its whole system under immediate contemplation except this Brownwood road, and since the Belton Cut-off is completed it is a most probable move that they build the Brownwood road.

So under the repeated statements of minor officials it is expected that the work will commence at both ends on the Brownwood road this spring."—Texico Trumpet.

The Meanest Man in Town

is the one who always wears a frown, is cross and disagreeable, and is short and sharp in his answers. Nine cases out of ten it's not the poor fellow's fault, it's his liver and digestion that make him feel so miserable, he can't help being disagreeable. Are you in danger of getting into that condition? Then start at once taking Ballard's Herbina for your liver—the safe, sure and reliable vegetable regulator. Sold by Evans & Sturman.

For Sale or Trade—My place for sale, cash or trade for unimproved land. T. A. Moore.

The Old Reliable.

We have purchased the the A. J. Taylor Meat Market and want to serve you with nice tender Beef, Pork, Sausage and meat market products. Patronize us. We will treat you right.

BUCHANAN & TRIMBLE.

SWEETWATER MAN TALKS OF ORIENT

K. Shipman, a Former Citizen of San Angelo, Thinks Road Will Be Sure to Reach Here This Spring.

W. K. Shipman, of Sweetwater, is in the city on a brief visit to his brother, J. D. Shipman. He was a citizen of San Angelo for quite awhile, but took his residence at Sweetwater nearly seven years ago. Mr. Shipman came to Ballinger Saturday to look after a tract of land he had purchased near that city, and took advantage of the same trip to run over and see his brother and old friends. His wife is with him.

Mr. Shipman says the Orient road has done a great deal for Sweetwater, bringing lots of people and lots of business. The road will do the same for San Angelo when it reaches here. He believes the line will be completed to this city some time this spring. A crew is now at work putting in sidings at Sweetwater, and he believes the extension to Angelo will begin just as soon as the necessary work can be done on the part already in operation. The road gives Sweetwater direct connection with Kansas City, a distance of over 600 miles, running over its own track to Wichita, Kan. Mr. Shipman thinks the Orient people have done well with their work, all things considered.—San Angelo Standard.

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.

Buy a home, if you have no money, see Roe & Greer and trade them stock for one.

Indian Creek News.

As I haven't seen anything from this part of the county, I thought I would write a few lines just to let you know that the Indian Creek people are still in the land of the living.

Moving seems to be the order of the day.

H. B. Wallace is moving to C. W. McCutchen's ranch on the river.

Bob and Charlie Patterson are moving to their farm that they recently purchased from T. F. Williams.

G. E. Davis, of Robert Lee, has moved out among the Indian Creek people, yes, going to run the Henry Williams' ranch, won't Grant make the cotton fly.

B. N. Tannehill went to Robert Lee Thursday on business.

J. A. Powers went to Robert Lee, Thursday with potatoes.

Grandpa Gunnels went to Robert Lee Thursday with a bale of cotton.

W. R. McDonald, of Ballinger, is in the Indian Creek community prospecting.

The Indian Creek school is getting along nice with Prof. Brown as teacher.

C. S. Bond still has about two bales of cotton to pick.

Uncle Henry Williams made a flying trip to Robert Lee Monday.

Uncle Westfield went to Robert Lee Saturday.

UNCLE TOM.

Rank Foolishness.

"When attacked by a cough or a cold, or when your throat is sore, it is rank foolishness to take any other medicine than Dr. King's New Discovery," says C. O. Eldredge, of Empire, Ga. "I have used New Discovery seven years and I know it is the best remedy on earth for coughs and colds, croup, and all lung and throat troubles. My children are subject to croup, but New Discovery quickly cures every attack." Known the world over as the King of throat and lung remedies. Sold under guarantee at City Drug store. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Tin repairing, valleys guttering, stoves, also good clean charcoal at L. Schott.

The San Angelo Marble Works
Shipman & Izard Proprs.
Marble and Granite Monuments.
All kinds Iron and Wire Fencing.
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS. . . . Your Patronage Solicited.

Synopsis of Recommendations by Gov.

Two-cent railroad fares.

Abolition of convict lease system.

Extension of sugar industry. Thorough investigation of penitentiary affairs.

More power for executive to effect constitutional provision that he shall cause the laws to be enforced.

Removal of county officers who do not perform duties by suit in their home counties, or in Travis county, at option of Attorney General.

Provide for reimbursement of county school funds said to have been squandered in many counties.

Punish disappointed book dealers, said to be interfering with distribution of adopted books.

Enact law giving effect to school tax amendment.

Take care of present schools of State before starting new schools and schemes.

Submit two constitutional amendments immediately to validate bonds of independent school districts invalidated by court decisions.

Authorize Secretary of State to charge fees for services, for which he may not charge.

Enlarge San Antonio insane asylum and take insane out of jails.

Deal liberally with eleemosynary institutions, especially Confederate home.

Repeal pauper's oath as to Confederate pensions.

Submit constitutional amendment for wives and widows of Confederate veterans.

Provide more money for orphans' home; it has never had enough.

Establish more agricultural experimental stations.

Deal liberally with Agricultural Department and all institutions benefitting agriculture.

Revise and codify insurance laws.

Amend Robertson law so as to require deposits of securities. Cancel provision authorizing Commissioner to waive provisions of law.

Provide for guaranty of bank

deposits. Prohibit active officers of banks from borrowing funds from same or to borrow deposits to purchase stocks of other banks.

Regulate private banks and the old State banks.

Give Attorney General more money to keep up fight on trusts.

Amend anti-nepotism law so as to prevent Commissioners' Courts, City Councils, etc., from employing relatives of any member of same.

Pass a new road improvement law, to take place of defective one enacted by last Legislature.

Prohibit "frosty joints" and cold storage in local option precincts.

Make "bootlegging" a penitentiary offense.

Amend criminal procedure. Limit jury exemptions. Provide for common sense character

off exceptions made after trial and motion for new trial. Prohibit reversal for error not affecting substantial rights.

Amend civil procedure. Let nine jurors render verdict in district courts. Require charges to be submitted before argument to jury; special charges to be presented to judge before charge is read; all errors to be considered waived unless expected to upon trial or in motion for new trial; all questions of law to be settled before putting case upon trial docket.

Follow platform demand declaring for legislation to increase efficiency of Health Department.

Regulate irrigation canals and oil pipe lines.

Submit State-wide prohibition amendment.

Perfect inheritance tax law.

Tax incomes.

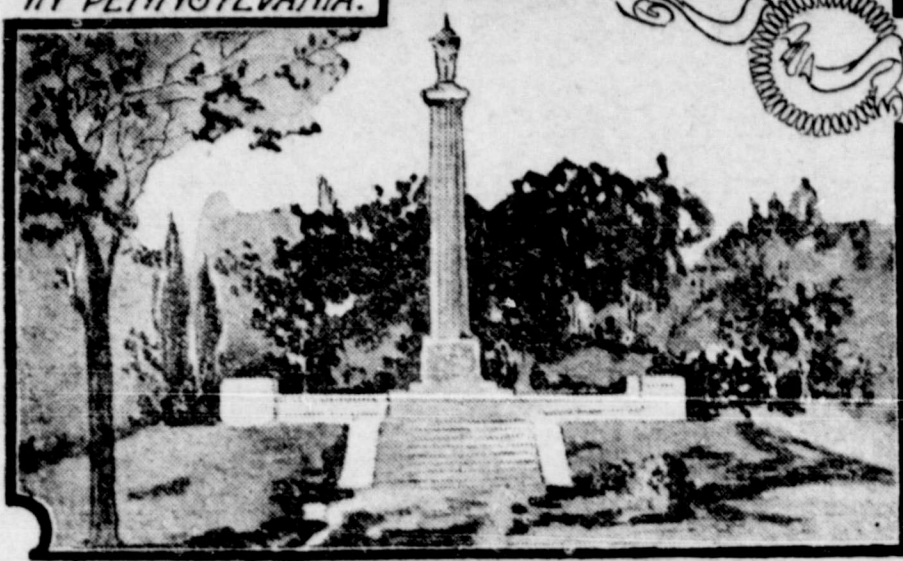
Stomach Trouble Cured.

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.

NEELY BROTHERS
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.
Grain and Feedstuffs of all Kinds.
BUYERS OF HIDES AND FURS.
SEE US BEFORE YOU BUY OR SELL.

MONUMENT FOR FIRST OIL WELL

TO BE ERECTED ON SITE OF DRAKE OIL WELL IN PENNSYLVANIA.



DRAKE OIL WELL MONUMENT.

There is nothing found in fiction to equal the wonderful story of the marvelous development of the petroleum industry in this country. Perhaps the nearest one might come to it would be found in Scheherzade's tale of Aladdin's lamp, the magic power that produced wealth and luxury beyond computation. The lamp of Aladdin was no more marvelous than that which burns "Standard, water white, 150 degrees test."

It is not yet a half century since this industry began. To be accurate, it will be 50 years on August 19, 1909, since Col. Edwin A. F. Drake completed that famous first oil well near the banks of Oil creek, a short distance below the present city of Titusville. The 49 years since that event have been of the busiest in oil development. The history of the industry is an aggregation of romances unparalleled; it is one great romance of vital and intense interest.

"Progressive Pennsylvania" has been accused of a lack of civic pride. Its monuments are few, though its notable achievements have been many and its great men legion. Oldom promises a better record. A magnificent monument to Col. E. A. F. Drake stands in Woodlawn cemetery, Titusville.

Now, a beautiful monument, commemorating the foundation of the industry, is planned by Canadota chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to be erected at the site of the Drake well. It is desired to have this monument unveiled on the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery that gave to the world a new industry—an industry that has done much—or more—to advance civilization as the application of steam. The design of this monument is shown in our illustration and it is to be provided by the voluntary contributions of the grateful "sons and daughters of the oil country."

The crowning feature of the monument is to be a flaming torch, illuminating the globe. What a wealth of suggestion! It tells the story of how the cheap mineral oil from the earth carried the light of intelligence into the dark corners of earth! Since Drake's discovery the obscure Lincoln of the world have not been compelled to read by the light of blazing pine knots on the hearth; our Franklins have not been forced to study philosophy by the feeble flicker of sputtering tallow candles.

Illumination, however, is not the whole story of this industry. From crude oil more than 300 products are extracted. The paraffine wax, familiar to every household, the equally universal vaseline, the gasoline that has introduced a new era of power; the lubricants that make the machinery run smoothly; the naphtha that enriches to brilliancy, all manufactured gas. Brilliant color dyes, photographic developments, many medical drugs, come from the compounded fluid called petroleum.

Natural gas, the perfect fuel, its supply now an industry in itself, is but a branch of the new world opened by Drake's discovery; a world of effort and wealth developed by other geniuses, who followed after. This monument will pay tribute to every one of them, because it will be dedicated to the vast and marvelous mining and manufacturing industries of which the Drake well was the foundation. It will be a monument to the race of men who have solved more gigantic problems and met more emergencies in 50 years than were ever given in the same space of time to any other race of men to solve.

In this short time the men of "old-dom" have discovered a new product, dissolved it into its constituent elements, devised means for storage, created vast systems of transportation, delivered the product to the uttermost ends of the earth, devised new machinery, conquered physical obstacles and read the book of the rocky strata as no other men have done.

From that little beginning of Col. Drake on Oil creek, a small hole of

150 feet deep, and a few barrels of greasy fluid, has grown a world-wide industry. It employs a million men; walking beams creak in every clime; oil flows from the Gulf of Mexico to the Caspian and back again; the driller is at work in the cradle of the Aryan race, in Japan, in the haunt of the wild man of Borneo. This industry has added billions of dollars of new, clean wealth to the world's store in this marvelous half century—within the life span of men whose hearts are yet young.

It well deserves a monument and one built by the men who have helped to create the industry—the men who have rubbed the wonderful lamp and found gold in their hands. This duty should not be left to another generation. Already there are thousands enlisted in this army of modern grease who never saw the site on which the old Drake well was drilled with so much pains and patience. Annually hundreds of travelers pass the magic spot and have naught to attract their glance from the car window. But next year they may see the tall shaft and the torch that, hand in hand with Liberty, has lighted the world, literally.

The following description is given of the design of the Petroleum Memorial:

"The monument is in the form of a monolithic Doric shaft bearing aloft a bronze lantern in the form of a globe. The shaft rests upon a single block of stone, upon the four faces of which are bas-reliefs symbolical of the departments of human activity which have been most affected by the discovery of oil—heat, light, power and locomotion. The base rests upon a stylobate of three high steps. The stylobate is in the center of a paved area surrounded by a parapet having at the four corners salient masses, upon the outer surface of which are to be cut inscriptions telling of the history of the discovery of oil by Col. Drake and of the evolution of the industry. The whole monument is to be raised upon a sodded plateau and is to be approached on all four sides by flights of 13 steps.

The dimensions of the monument are as follows: Plateau, 94 feet square; platform at parapet line, 52 feet square; diameter of shaft, 5 feet 6 inches; pedestal, 8 feet square; stylobate, 20 feet square; height of plateau, 8 feet; height of monument, 53 feet; total height of monument and plateau, 61 feet.

The location of the old Drake well is on a slightly spot near the line of the Pennsylvania railroad, so that the monument when completed can be viewed by all travelers between Pittsburgh and Buffalo.

Sexes in Antagonism.

Woman suffrage has been carried to an extreme in Buenos Ayres. An Italian woman describes the situation in the Argentine city: "A sort of reciprocal fear seems to raise an insurmountable barrier between the men and women. Whether at home, in the street, at banquets and public promenades, in the theaters or schools, the two sexes, as if by a tacit understanding, keep each other at a respectful distance. What most strikes the foreigner who walks in Buenos Ayres, whether he traverse the narrow street where the traffic of foot passengers is more crowded than in either London or Paris, or saunter through the broad avenues where tram cars, carriages, automobiles pass and repass each other, is the absence of woman. . . . She acts, not as an associate of man, but as a rival, and in the same house we find an antagonism existing between husband and wife, mother and son." The social reformers of Argentina are beginning to think that women are being too highly educated. They neglect their children and household duties.

Their Handicap.

Everything depends upon the point of view, but we have noticed that some people's point of view isn't very sharp.



ELEPHANT NURSE.

Wonderful Faithfulness and Fidelity of the Great Creature.

One year when my husband was at a station in Bengal, says a writer, his work kept him out nearly all day and, being ill, I used to lie for hours in a long garden chair on the veranda, too weak to read or to enjoy any more exciting amusement than my eyes supplied to me.

We had three elephants for our tents and baggage; and one used to feed from my hands every day, and seemed as gentle as any dog or cat.

One of our government chaprasis was particularly devoted to her, and invariably shared his meal of fruit or flour-cakes with his dumb friend. On a particularly hot day, the chaprast, to my surprise, placed his little child of six months at the elephant's feet, warning her expressively that the infant was in her charge, and was to be cared for till his return.

I was an eye-witness of her wonderful sagacity. Large banana-trees and fig-trees grew around, and, to my surprise, the elephant broke off one of the former's spreading leaves, held it like a fan in her trunk, and from time to time gracefully waved it over the slumbering child, whether to temper the heat of the atmosphere or to keep off flies, I am unable to say. The



Gracefully Waved It Over the Slumbering Child.

gentle way in which she moved her feet over the child, and across to each side, astonished me. I sent for a white loaf and some oranges, and calling her by name (she was never chained), tried in vain to tempt her to my side on the low veranda. Nothing would induce her to leave her charge.

The warm air and the monotonous wave of the swinging fan overpowered me with drowsiness, to which I yielded; and, after a sleep of some duration, I was awakened by quiet, subdued snorts beside me. To my surprise, I found that the chaprast had just returned to his offspring, and that the elephant stood near the veranda beside me, patiently waiting and gently asking for the tempting dainties so bravely withstood for more than two hours.

Joke on the Joker.

"Even a policeman can't arrest the flight of time," said the funny man. "Oh, I don't know," rejoined the matter-of-fact person. "Only this morning I saw a policeman enter a side door and stop a few minutes."

Sounded Like It.

Yeast—I'm moving to-day, and my neighbor is going to move to-morrow. Crimsonbeak—What are you doing? Playing a game of chess?—Yonkers Statesman.

Also Worth More Now.

The girl who spends her time making angel cake and potato salad instead of castles in Spain will do better execution in after years.

THE BAD CHILD.

Come, Little Badness, and climb to my knee. Put your head down here and cry on my shoulder. For badness in you is like badness in me. Only my own is the older.

If you were a papa and wore a high hat, I wonder if you would be talky and bossy. And then when your little girl answered like that, Would you say she was ugly and saucy?

If you were a mamma and wore a long skirt, I wonder if you would grow weary of service. And then when you scolded and made her feel hurt, Would you say she was "naughty" or "nervous"?

If you were the strong one and I were the weak, When you punished me, then would I thank you? And when I was crying, too sobby to speak, Wouldn't I long to spank you? —Edmund Vance Cooke, in Appleton's.

Danish Proverb.

Much water runs by the mill while the miller sleeps.

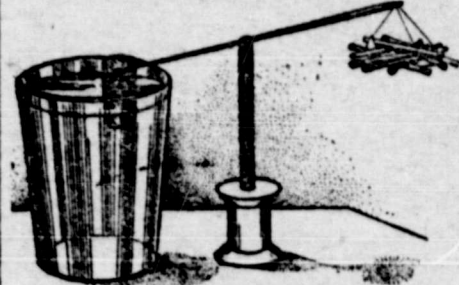
SIMPLE HOME EXPERIMENT.

How You Can Discover the Surface Tension of a Glass of Water.

Here is a charming little experiment with which you can entertain a party of friends for a good half hour and which you will find full of interest for yourself.

All you need is a spool, a pencil, a knitting needle, some thread, a cork and a tumbler of water—things which any of our readers can easily find about the house, with the possible exception of the knitting needle, which you can replace by a hatpin, if you wish, and if your big sister is not wearing hers.

Fill the tumbler with water, nearly to the brim. Stick the pencil, point



Plan of Experiment.

first, into the spool and stand the spool by the glass. Trim the top of the pencil with your jack knife, so that its top is a half inch higher than the rim of the tumbler.

Get a card or a bit of pasteboard, and from it cut a triangular piece with sides each two inches long. In each corner make a pin hole, and pass the end of a piece of thread through each hole. Now, knot the other ends of the thread together.

Stick one end of your hatpin into the side of the cork near the top, and lay the knitting needle across the top of the pencil, with the bottom of the cork resting on the surface of the water in the glass. You would better have a tiny groove in the top of the pencil.

On the other end of the knitting needle suspend the triangular bit of pasteboard as the picture shows. Now, says Good Literature, you are ready for your experiment.

Ask each of your friends to guess how many matches can be laid on the pasteboard without overbalancing the needle and drawing the cork from the water. They will guess absurdly low numbers—two, three, four, etc., for the weight of the card alone will make the cork bob up and down and look as if it might be lifted from the water at any moment.

Now pile match after match on the cardboard and you will find that a good sized pile will be required before the cork can be lifted from the water; a pile weighing much more than the cork.

This is due to a quality of the water called "surface tension," which holds on to things with a very real force, and by weighing first the cork and then the matches on a small scale you can find out just what is the surface tension of the water in the glass; it will be just the difference in weight between the cork and the matches.

The Walrus' Defenses.

A full-grown walrus will weigh as much as 2,000 pounds; a mountainous mass of muscle and blubber, says the St. Nicholas. He is armed with tusks of ivory, sometimes two feet in length, and when from his upreared bulk these formidable weapons are plunged downward upon an enemy, they are as resistless as the drop of a gullotine. Such a thick layer of blubber lies under the skin that he is practically clad in an armor impervious to teeth and claws alike. So, unless the bear is greatly favored by luck, he has little chance to overthrow his antagonist.

Opposites Meeting.

"I wonder," said the Ingenue, smiling sweetly at the villain. "What do you wonder?" asked the latter, with his stage frown. "If 'The Devil' has to have an angel, too?"—Baltimore American.

The Ferocious Equator.

William was considered the brightest boy in his grade; upon hearing a lesson recited in class once or twice he knew it quite well. Thus, while the other fellows were compelled to study hard he scarcely found it necessary to open a book. At the expiration of the term one of the questions in the written geography test was: "What is the equator?" William, always to be depended upon, wrote without delay: "The equator is a menagerie lion running around the center of the earth."—Success Magazine.

Must Have a Drink.

"Mamma, please give me a drink of water; I'm so thirsty." "No, you are not thirsty. Turn over and go to sleep." (A pause.) "Mamma, won't you please give a drink? I'm so thirsty." "If you don't turn over and go to sleep, I'll get up and spank you." (Another pause.) "Mamma, won't you please give me a drink when you get up to spank me?"

COUGHS AND COLDS.

I Took Pe-ru-na.



Mrs. JOSEPH HALL CHASE, 804 TENTH ST. WASHINGTON, D. C.

Peruna Drug Co., Columbus, Ohio. Gentlemen—I can cheerfully recommend Peruna as an effective cure for coughs and colds.

You are authorized to use my photo with testimonial in any publication. Mrs. Joseph Hall Chase, 804 Tenth St., Washington, D. C.

Could Not Smell Nor Hear.

Mrs. A. L. Wetzel, 1023 Ohio St., Terre Haute, Ind., writes: "When I began to take your medicine I could not smell, nor hear a church bell ring. Now I can both smell and hear."

"When I began your treatment my head was terrible. I had buzzing and chirping noises in my head."

"I followed your advice faithfully and took Peruna as you told me. Now I might say I am well."

"I want to go and visit my mother and see the doctor who said I was not long for this world. I will tell him it was Peruna that cured me."

Peruna is manufactured by The Peruna Drug Mfg. Co., Columbus, Ohio. Ask your Druggist for a Free Peruna Almanac for 1909.

WHY WELLS WAS WRATHY.

All Things Considered, He Had Some Excuse for Anger.

Charles E. Wells, who has been called the groundhog senator of West Virginia, because he once introduced a bill advocating the changing of groundhog day from February 2 to July 4, was staying over night at the Grand hotel of a budding West Virginia village not long ago.

He was awakened in the morning by heavy pounding on his door, and the voice of the old man night clerk saying "Five o'clock! Better get up or you'll miss your train."

Mr. Wells didn't intend to catch a morning train and hadn't given any instructions that he should be called at the unearthly hour of five o'clock, so he paid no attention to the old man's early morning greeting and was asleep again almost immediately.

In about 15 minutes he was again awakened by the pounding on his door and heard the voice of the old man saying apologetically: "Don't get up. I rapped on the wrong door."—Lippincott's.

"CALLING" THE PITCHER.



The captain—See here, you've give seventeen men bases on balls! Dis here's a ball game, not no six-day walkin' match!

THEN AND NOW

Complete Recovery from Coffee Ills.

"About nine years ago my daughter, from coffee drinking, was on the verge of nervous prostration," writes a Louisville lady. "She was confined for the most part to her home."

"When she attempted a trip down town she was often brought home in a cab and would be prostrated for days afterwards."

"On the advice of her physician she gave up coffee and tea, drank Postum, and ate Grape-Nuts for breakfast."

"She liked Postum from the very beginning and we soon saw improvement. To-day she is in perfect health, the mother of five children, all of whom are fond of Postum."

"She has recovered, is a member of three charity organizations and a club, holding an office in each. We give Postum and Grape-Nuts the credit for her recovery."

"There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read, "The Road to Wellville," in *ix* pgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

The KITCHEN CABINET

WHEN MOTHER'S OUT OF SORTS.



Nothing in all the house goes right. When Mother's out of sorts; The sun don't seem to shine so bright. In all the world no life, no light. When Mother's out of sorts;

Fa says the plow will jerk and bump. When Mother's out of sorts. It strikes on each founded stump. And on his ribs the handles thump. When Mother's out of sorts.

The children are too blue to stir. When Mother's out of sorts. The very cat's afraid to purr. All in the dumps, we mope with her. When Mother's out of sorts.

But Mother's cheerful, usually. Not often out of sorts. And that's the reason why, you see. The house is doleful as can be. When Mother's out of sorts.

A Tablet Dinner.
"Eggs"—"Fresh Eggs"—"Strictly Fresh Eggs."

How often do we see these signs and wonder! It but serves to show the gradual concentration of modern life, which, from the old idea of the necessity of eggs being "new-laid," has been educated by just such signs, to the calm acceptance of this latest departure in the hen's product—dried eggs. For such is the latest news from the navy department at Washington, that dried eggs are to be considered one of its staple food supplies.

This looks like a step in the "tablet" direction, when, as has been prophesied, food is to be used only in concentrated form. Indeed, modern man lives too strenuous a life to permit the time necessary for the old-fashioned three meals daily. Perhaps the day is not far distant when, instead of a seven-course dinner, we will hurriedly swallow the concentrated essence of soup, fish, meat, etc., in pre-digested, tablet form; a sort of vest-pocket dinner. A snap for the housewife who dislikes domestic things, and voluntarily takes her meals "out." But there are a few of the "homey" sort who will still savor the cosy teatable—the after-dinner chat, and for whom a "tablet dinner" is an evil sign of the artificiality of modern life.

Rapid Cooking.

Since water cannot be heated above 212 degrees Fahrenheit, it is easily seen that violent boiling is unnecessary. A small gas flame or moderate fire which will make water simmer is as effective as if the water bubbled like that in the witch's cauldron. Indeed, there is wisdom in the rhyme of the witches:

Double, double, toil and trouble,
Fire burn and cauldron bubble.

For it is double toil and trouble if the pot bubbles, when a gentle simmer would cook the food as well, with less danger of burning, and less fuel. It is also, a waste of the food values, as rapid boiling dissipates the flavor, and takes from its character and palatability.

Cheap Traycloths.

Take oilcloth, white is better, and cut to desired size and shape. Bind the edges, and you have serviceable cloths, easy to wash (with a damp rag), and warranted to protect the table.

Bridget's Beatitudes.

Blessed is the teaspoonful of vinegar put in the candy to keep it from being sickly sweet.

Blessed is the bit of milk spread at the last minute on any baked meat or chicken. It enriches the loaf, and makes it brown well. This applies especially to turnovers and loaves of cooked meats.

SOUVENIR SPOONS.

OWN a collection of all sorts of spoons, Dessert, soup, some large and some small; But the spoons that we bought on our honeymoon trip Are my favorite ones of them all.

We got one, of course, in the first town we stayed.

After that, I was daff as a loon. At each little town, at each city we stopped I wanted a souvenir spoon.

Now Henry was mightily pleased with the spoons.

With each monument, boulevard, view, I was blind to all else but those souvenir spoons—

"Buy this pretty one, dearie, please do."

At last a young impudent clerk in a store. Looked us over and said with a wink, (I don't know how he guessed we were bridegroom and bride).

"You two need more spoons—I don't think!"

Oliver Barton, Author.

HURT IN A WRECK.

Kidneys Badly Injured and Health Seriously Impaired.

William White, R. R. man, 201 Constantine Street, Three Rivers, Mich., says: "In a railroad collision my kidneys must have been hurt, as I passed bloody urine with pain for a long time after, was weak and thin and so I could not work. Two years after I went to the hospital and remained almost six months, but my case seemed hopeless. The urine passed involuntarily. Two months ago I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills and the improvement has been wonderful. Four boxes have done me more good than all the doctoring of seven years. I gained so much that my friends wonder at it."



Sold by all dealers. 50c a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

IN SELF DEFENSE.



"Why, professor! Why are you wearing ear muffs on the street on a hot day like this?"

"O, I forgot to take them off! Our baby makes such a noise all the time at home!"

HANDS RAW AND SCALY.

Itched and Burned Terribly—Could Not Move Thumbs Without Flesh Cracking—Sleep Impossible.

Cuticura Soon Cured His Eczema.

"An itching humor covered both my hands and got up over my wrists and even up to the elbows. The itching and burning were terrible. My hands got all scaly and when I scratched, the surface would be covered with blisters and then get raw. The eczema got so bad that I could not move my thumbs without deep cracks appearing. I went to my doctor, but his medicine could only stop the itching. At night I suffered so fearfully that I could not sleep. I could not bear to touch my hands with water. This went on for three months and I was fairly worn out. At last I got the Cuticura Remedies and in a month I was cured. Walter H. Cox, 16 Somerset St., Boston, Mass., Sept. 25, 1908."

Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

Royalty on Exhibition.

In the eighteenth century the Londoner could look at royalty on Sunday for a modest fee. In a guide to London, published in 1767, it was said: "At St. James' chapel royal by knocking at the side door and slipping a shilling for each person into the hand of the verger who opens it, you may have admittance and stand during divine service in presence of their majesties; and for one shilling each person more, you may sit in their royal presence, not in pews, but in turn-up seats on the side of them."

An Eye Opener.

DR. MITCHELL'S EYE SALVE is white in appearance, odorless. A positive and ready cure for sore, weak, inflamed, swollen, smarting eyes and granulated lids. Just apply to the eye lids and rub in well. At all stores. Price 25 cents.

Like an Army.

Patience—She keeps an army of domestics, doesn't she?
Patrice—Well, yes; they seem like an army; they're always fighting!—Yonkers Statesman.

Wait! The delicious fragrance of WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT will soon fill the air everywhere!

Love your country, tell the truth, and do not dawdle.—Lord Cromer.

ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE" That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

Many a man with wheels thinks he is the whole political machine.

Happy smiles! White teeth! What a delicious perfume! WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT!

The girl who smacks of freshness gets a good many smacks.

LAME BACK PRESCRIPTION

The increased use of "Toris" for lame back and rheumatism is causing considerable discussion among the medical fraternity. It is an almost infallible cure when mixed with certain other ingredients and taken properly. The following formula is effective: "To one-half pint of good whiskey add one ounce of Toris Compound and one ounce Syrup Sarsaparilla Compound. Take in tablespoonful doses before each meal and before retiring."

Toris compound is a product of the laboratories of the Globe Pharmaceutical Co., Chicago, but it as well as the other ingredients can be had from any good druggist.

Mean Insinuation.

He was a brand-new milkman, and, lacking the wisdom of more experienced members of the species, knew not that on certain subjects he should at all times maintain a frigid silence. "It looks like rain this morning, mum," he said pleasantly, gazing skyward, as he poured the milk into his customer's jug. "It always does," was the curt reply. And the milkman was so dissatisfied with the remark that he strode away and savagely kicked a lamp post.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

A Distinction.

When Bill Burns first struck Washington he stopped at one of the hotels. Finding the expense would not be so great at a boarding house, he packed up his belongings and set forth.

A couple of weeks afterward, Murphy of the Athletics said he heard he was living at a boarding house.

"You heard wrong," replied Bill. "I'm boarding in a boarding house."—Washington Star.

Many Women Praise This Remedy.

If you have pains in the back, Urinary, Bladder or Kidney trouble, and want a certain, pleasant herb cure for woman's ills, try Mother Gray's AUSTRALIAN LEAF. It is a safe and never-failing regulator. At all Druggists or by mail 50c. Sample package FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

Good Work.

"His brains earn him his living." "Rats! I've read his stuff in all the magazines, and there's no sense in any of it."

"I know it, but think how smart he is to get it in all the magazines?"

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.

The Probable Reason.

"Papa, why do brides wear long veils?"

"To conceal their satisfaction, I presume, my son."—Smart Set.

Spear isn't anything! Mint isn't anything! Spearmint isn't anything—unless it's WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT.

As a result of marriage a woman always loses her maiden name, but a man frequently loses his identity, too.

B.B.B.

Pimples, Itching Humors, Rheumatism, Blood Poison, Eczema, Bone Pains.



B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm) is the only blood remedy that kills the poison in the blood and then purifies it—sending a flood of pure, rich blood direct to the skin surface. Bones, Joints and wherever the disease is located. In this way all Sores, Ulcers, Pimples, Eruptions are healed and cured, pains and aches of Rheumatism cease, swellings subside. B. B. B. completely changes the body into clean, healthy condition, giving the skin the rich, red hue of perfect health. B. B. B. cures the worst old cases. Try it. \$1.00 per large bottle at Drug Stores with directions for home cure. SAMPLE FREE by writing BLOOD BALM CO., Atlanta, Ga.

LEWIS' SINGLE BINDER STRAIGHT 5¢ CIGAR EXTRA QUALITY TOBACCO

Another Instance.

Hazing has been forbidden in the University of Nebraska. So was apple eating in the Garden of Eden.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Quick as Wink.

If your eyes ache with a smarting, burning sensation use PETTIT'S EYE SALVE. All druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

It is better to desire the things that we have, than to have the things that we desire.—Henry van Dyke.

It'll soon begin! But it'll never stop! You'd be sorry if it did. WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT.

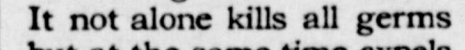
You may be just as happy as you like to see anybody else.—Robert Burns.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Schaap's Laxative Chill Cure

was really a Chill Cure and Liver Regulator combined.

It not alone kills all germs but at the same time expels them by acting on the Liver and Bowels. It does not contain any Quinine, Strychnine or Arsenic and is perfectly safe to take.



If afflicted with sore eyes, use Thompson's Eye Water

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature

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SICK HEADACHE

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER.

They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable. SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature

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TOWERS' FISH BRAND WATERPROOF OILED GARMENTS

are cut on large patterns, designed to give the wearer the utmost comfort.

LIGHT-DURABLE-CLEAN GUARANTEED WATERPROOF

SUITS \$3.00 SLICKERS \$3.00

BE SURE THE GARMENT YOU BUY BEARS THE WATERPROOF SIGN OF THE FISH.

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There is scarcely any limit to the possible improvement in seeds, but it takes time and energy. We have been improving flower and vegetable seeds for over 20 years. More than 2000 people are working to make Ferry's seeds suit you. Try the best—Ferry's. For sale everywhere.

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KNOWN SINCE 1878 AS RELIABLE TRADE MARK

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SUPERIOR REMEDY FOR URINARY DISCHARGES ETC. DRUGGISTS OR BY MAIL ON RECEIPT OF 50c

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Readers of this paper desiring to buy anything advertised in its columns should insist upon having what they ask for, refusing all substitutes or imitations.

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You Look Prematurely Old

Because of those ugly, grizzly, gray hairs. Use "LA CREOLE" HAIR RESTORER. PRICE, \$1.00, retail.

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We have moved our stock of Fresh.....

Groceries

to the building recently vacated by Taylor's meat market where we have more room and can better serve you. Everything good to eat and its fresh.

W. H. Bell & Co.

The Observer.

GEO. COWAN, EDITOR.

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.00 PER YEAR.

Official Organ Coke County F. E. & C. U.

Entered in the postoffice at Robert Lee, Texas, as second-class mail matter.

ADVERTISING RATES—Single column, 12 1-2 cents per inch each insertion. Locals 5 cents per line.

LOOK AT YOUR LABEL. The new postal law requires that all names in arrears one year be dropped until settlement is made. The month and year opposite your address is the time to which your subscription is paid.

All papers subscribed for and sent out of Coke county must be paid in advance and will be discontinued at expiration of time paid for.

Anti-Knocker Club Met.

The Anti Knocker Club met at the court house Friday night in regular session. The president C. W. McCutchen being absent, vice-president J. H. Burroughs presided. S. B. Kemp reported that negotiations were still pending with officers of the Robert Lee & Fort Chadbourne Railroad Company and that while the committee had nothing to report just yet, they hoped to have considerable information to give out in the near future.

The right-of way committee had no report to make, except that everything looked bright along this line and they hoped to report the balance of the right-of-way wanted, secured at a very early date.

C. W. Merchant made a good talk on good roads—setting out their many advantages to the trade of a town and good to the county.

On motion the Club adjourned.

The Club meets every Friday night at the court house. It is the duty and privilege of every citizen to come to these meetings.

Come out and exchange ideas on matters of public improvement. It will do you good and do the town good.

The San Angelo Hide and Fur Company,

FORMERLY J. W. CALDWELL & BRO.

Market Prices Paid For Hides and Furs.

361 Concho Avenue, San Angelo.

Why We Need a Railroad.

There are many reasons why Robert Lee and surrounding country needs a railroad. First it would be a great convenience as everybody knows in the transportation of our products to market, such as cotton, cattle and feedstuffs, and the cheaper transportation of our needed supplies to us. Everybody knows that goods of every kind as a rule are cheaper at a good railroad town than in a country town far from the railroad. And consequently the purchaser will naturally go to the cheapest market for their supplies and spend their money there and deprive the home town of that trade. Have you ever thought what kind of effect it has upon our country when we lose the trade of our own people? It kills our home town, we have little or no competition among our merchants, business in general is dull and real estate decreases in value, the channels of trade are blocked and money fails to circulate. Then our business men are accused of being a sorry set and our town the sorriest town known and if the matter was thoroughly investigated, it is our people who bring such conditions to bear, by patronizing the railroad town.

Secondly, the construction of a railroad would give employment to many of our citizens and the bonus subscribed by us would again be thrown into circulation in paying the laborers for their work, and the very presence of the working crew on the railroad line would enhance the value of our property all over the country. Why is the property so high in San Angelo, Ballinger and Bronte and surrounding countries? Because they have a railroad or the prospects for one. The very appearance of the railroad grade at Bronte, and Blackwell has caused their lands to double in value and in some instances more than double in value. If Robert Lee had a railroad, the land within a radius of five miles would be enhanced in value at least \$3 on the acre. This radius would embrace an acreage of 64000 acres and an advance of \$3 per acre would be \$192,000. It is true the lands close in would be more valuable, but the lands out for 10 miles would be increased in value at least \$1 per acre which would amount to an additional sum of \$192,000 making a total of \$384,000.

A large per cent of the lands would be soon sold to home-seekers which money received for said lands would be dumped into the live channels of trade thus giving life to the land business, the mercantile business, the stock business and would give rise to many new enterprises and industries that we have not yet dreamed of. We would have large mercantile establishments with full supplies for every need. Then our citizens would come to our town to trade and hundreds of new citizens would move into our community and give their support to our home town.

Thirdly, If we had a railroad it would diminish our taxes and help us to pay our county indebtedness. In the first place the Orient, Robert Lee and Ft. Chadbourne railroads would have to pay their prorata share of Taxes.

We all know that railroad property is very valuable and the assessed value of them would constitute a very large percent of the values of Coke county. Then if the railroads are built as contemplated the population of our country will be greatly increased by new people coming in and they will have to help us bear the burden of taxation, so you see that our taxes would finally be decreased and indebtedness paid. Railroads have helped sister counties in the middle and eastern part of the State to pay their necessary taxes and have helped them to make all necessary improvements besides and some of them have money in the treasury.

You see when we had only a few people in Coke county our rate of taxation was placed to the highest limit, and as the

MEAT MARKET MOVED.

I have moved my Market to the building formerly occupied by the City Drug Store. I am prepared to furnish you with the choicest tender meats. Your patronage solicited and appreciated.
JACK WEST.

country settled up our rate has been reduced and the more people come to our county and the more valuable property that is placed within the limits of our county subject to taxation the more the tax rate will be reduced.

We can not see why any thinking man will contend that a railroad will not be a paying proposition for Robert Lee and Coke county. We think it is safe to say that the town and surrounding country will be benefited at least One half Million Dollars by enhancement in values to say nothing of conveniences and taxes.

A Citizen.

Trespass Notice.

All parties are warned not to hunt, with fire-arms, or dogs or otherwise trespass in my pasture near Silver. W. R. Walker.

The many friends of Dr. J. O. Toliver will be pleased to learn that he is greatly improved from his recent illness and is now on the rapid road to recovery.

—New furniture, matting, art squares, window glass, paint. Now is the time to buy. Fall stock at lowest prices. W. K. Simpson.

John F. Goodson, one of Fort Chadbourne's best citizens was in the city Monday and remembered the Observer with a year's subscription in advance.

—Bell & Co., wants your grocery orders, they guarantee to send you fresh goods at lowest prices every time.

G. W. Moore, of Fort Chadbourne, remembered us with a year's subscription to the Observer the past week. He was here on business Monday.

—R. Hickey & Son have had a phone installed in their store and put on a delivery wagon. They are now ready to deliver fresh groceries to any part of the city on short notice.

Hilda Rabb, the little six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rabb was very sick with membranous croup Wednesday, but is now out of danger.

Commercial printing of every kind on short notice.

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.

Lame Shoulder.

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.

Notice Assignee's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Coke, By virtue of a certain deed of assignment on file in the County Clerk's office of Coke county, Texas, wherein the Robert Lee Mercantile Company, a corporation, having its place of business and office in the town of Robert Lee, Coke county, Texas, conveyed to M. E. Trimble all its real and personal estate of whatsoever kind and whereoever found or situated, for the benefit of its accepting creditors, said deed bearing date December the 8th, A. D. 1908, recorded in Book 22 on pages 297, 298 and 299.

Wherefore, I, M. E. Trimble, assignee of said Robert Lee Mercantile Company, duly qualified as such, will proceed to sell for cash to the highest and best bidder, on the 15th, day of February, A. D. 1909, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. before the doors of said Mercantile Company's place of business in said town of Robert Lee, Coke county, Texas, all the remaining stock of goods belonging to said Company, consisting of general merchandise, invoicing about \$7500.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand this the 21st day of January, A. D. 1909,

M. E. Trimble, Assignee of The Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

Petit Jurors.

The following is the list of the petit jury drawn by the jury commissioners to serve for 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.

Judge D. I. Durham and John Burroughs went to San Angelo Wednesday.

Robert Lee and San Angelo Stage Line,

ROSS & CASTLEBERRY, Proprietors.

Fare one way \$2; Round trip \$3.50

Special attention given to handling express, and packages. Hack leaves Robert Lee at 6 a. m., arrives at San Angelo at 12 o'clock. Phone 27. San Angelo 424.

B. C. ALEXANDER & CO.

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OF SAN ANGELO

WANTS YOUR TRADE.

Look for the Gray Horse.

Silver Pebbles.

For the last week the weather has been so pleasant that we feel like spring is almost here.

The farmers are all busy clearing or plowing and preparing to make a good crop this year.

Messrs Luther Holman and Alsie Stepp made a business trip to Colorado last Thursday returning Saturday.

Rev. Matthews returned Friday from a weeks visit to Coleman and Runnels.

Miss Cora Padgett left Monday for El Paso where she will remain till summer with her sister.

Mr. Jewel S. Dickey visited Silver last Thursday and carried home with him his sister, Miss Bertie, who returned late Sunday evening.

Mr. Lonnie Wilkinson, who was badly hurt some time ago by a horse falling with him, is fast recovering and this week is visiting among neighboring friends.

Mr. Luther Holman returned last week from San Angelo where he has been for eight weeks under treatment of Dr. Marberry.

J. N. Padgett who recently returned from Mineral Wells, visited the school last week and reports work progressing nicely under the management of Miss Bertie Dickey.

Mr. Whitt Thompson left Sunday for his home near Rosco.

B. Jackson has sold his place here and will move to Colorado next week. Mr. Jackson has made us a good neighbor and we, one and all, regret to see him leave.

W. A. Stepp is on the sick list this week but is some better to day.

The young people of the Redrick and Silver communities have organized a literary and debating society. The time for meeting is each second and fourth Saturday night.

Mr. Lon Henry has completed his new house and is moving in this week.

Rev. Matthews preaches each second Sunday and Sunday School is held every Sunday morning at Silver.

A Subscriber.

Deeded Right-of-Way.

J. F. Byrd deeded something over eleven acres of right-of-way through his place near Hayrick to the Railroad Company. He looked the right-of-way committee up and executed the deed. Every citizen of Coke county is under obligations to Mr. Byrd for this generous act. It takes just such men as this to build towns, populate counties enhance the value of lands. Mr. Byrd saw that his neighbors and friends intend to have railroad connections with the out side world, and put Coke county in the front ranks and he lined up with them. The committee state that about all but two through whose land the road runs have agreed to sign up without any cost for the land and it is thought that perhaps the entire line will be secured in the next two weeks. On the securing of this right-of-way depends a great deal and the earlier it is secured the sooner the building of the road will be a certainty. As soon as the right-of-way is secured the bonus committee will begin work of raising the additional bonus wanted. They have several promises of large sums on bonus as soon as they are in position to receive them.

Petit Jurors

List of petit jurors for first week.

- O. D. Spoons, J. D. VanZandt, T. J. Sneed, J. A. Baldwin, L. H. Spencer, F. D. Copland, R. B. Ross, C. H. Whitiker, Sam Chumly, Ed Merchant, W. J. H. Rogers, J. W. Meek, M. T. McCleskley, R. Whiteside, A. Teneycke, C. N. Stubblefield, M. B. Sheppard, W. O. Tubb, L. A. Jackson, I. G. Adams, Morgan Modrall, Bob Harwell, W. P. Walling, Ira Bird, S. N. Walker, Sam Kykedall, Wesley Meek, J. M. Brannon, F. S. McCabe, J. D. Couch, W. T. Hazlewood, W. H. Wyatt, Joe Schoot, J. H. Hardin, M. G. Reed, Jas Blanton.

Alvin Hayley, of Pride is here on a visit to his parents, Col. and Mrs. H. H. Hayley, of Hayrick. He says the plains country is in excellent condition and everybody prosperous.

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Coke county, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon C. G. Owen and C. L. Owen by making publication of this Citation once each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 51st Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 51st Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Coke County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Robert Lee, on the 3rd Monday in February A. D. 1909, the same being the 15th day of February A. D. 1909, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 20th day of January A. D. 1909, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No 534, wherein S. M. Conner is plaintiff, and G. W. Tubb, J. B. Robertson, A. D. Lane, C. G. Owens and C. L. Owens are defendants, said petition alleging Suit to recover amount of principal, interest and attorney's fees, and to foreclose vendor's lien to secure payment of one note dated 18th February 1904 and executed by defendant G. W. Tubb to plaintiff as follows: for the sum of \$235.50 due three years after date above note being credited with all interest to February 18th 1907 and \$35.50 on principal and bearing 10 per cent interest per annum payable annually, said note having been given in payment of a tract of land situated in Coke county, Texas conveyed by S. M. Conner and W. B. Conner to G. W. Tubb by deed dated 18th February 1904, being 94.2 acres of land out of the West part of the W. F. Benson homestead survey about 20 miles N. 60. W. from Robert Lee. That said note is past due and unpaid and that defendant Tubb though often requested has refused to pay said note or any part thereof, except the amounts above set out as credits thereon, to plaintiffs damage in the sum of \$500.00. Plaintiff says that it has become necessary to place said note in the hands of attorneys for collection and to institute judicial proceedings to enforce the collection thereof and that he has placed same in the hands of Merchant and Kemp for collection and has contracted to pay said attorneys the 10 per cent in said note stipulated as attorney's fees for their services. Plaintiff prays for judgment for the sum of said note, principal interest and attorney's fees, against defendant G. W. Tubb and the foreclosure of its Vendor's lien to secure the payment of said note as against each and all of said defendants herein who are claiming some character of interest in said land, and for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, J. S. Gardner, Clerk of the District Court of Coke County. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Robert Lee this the 20 day of January A. D. 1909.

J. S. GARDNER Clerk. District Court, Coke County.

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.

Mr. Rankin, representing the Hazie Bridge Co., was here first of the week. He stated that it would take the entire bond issue to erect the two bridges wanted.

W. M. Copeland, of Big Springs, was in the city the first of the week on business. It is very probable he will locate here again.

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

SAN ANGELO

Don't Take The Risk.

When you have a bad cough or cold do not let it drag along until it becomes chronic bronchitis, or develops into an attack of pneumonia, but give it the attention it deserves and get rid of it. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you are sure of prompt relief. From a small beginning the sale and use of this preparation has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. Its many remarkable cures of coughs and colds have won for it this wide reputation and extensive use. Sold by all druggists.

Notice Masons.

There will be a regular meeting of Hayrick Lodge 696 at the Hall Saturday night. There is two regular meetings in January All members should be present.

F. K. Poppowell, W. M.

L. J. Cowart, who has for the last few months been collector for the Robert Lee Mercantile Co., left Thursday for his home at Holt, San Saba county. Mr. Cowart made many friends while here.

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.

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L. C. Clevenger, the Sanco merchant was a caller in the city Monday. He remembered the Observer an subscription while here.

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The latest "universal" language is called "Ido." But does it?

Cranberries and apples are up. You can't keep a good thing down, somehow.

There is going to be an airship trade journal published. Why not call it a fly-paper?

A Chicago burglar stole several hundred dollars' worth of soap. Cleaned out the place, as it were.

Now they want to put the probe into the cable trust. This is like really diving deep into trust secrets.

America lacks poets, says a French critic. What do you know about that? Why, we're overstocked.

Mr. Pierpont Morgan has 30 shelves full of Bibles, but it is not believed that he will be able to corner the supply.

King Edward orders that "God Save the King" be played in quicker tempo hereafter. He appears impatient for salvation.

Illinois woman hasn't taken a drink of water for 40 years, and is in excellent health. Don't cheer—she drinks buttermilk.

Among those jumping all over the comic supplement is Prof. Brander Matthews, who can get all the fun he wants out of phony spelling.

A Chicago paper has a story of a spoon that ate a biscuit. We fear some one has been misleading an innocent and confiding reporter.

Italian newspapers refer to America as "a nation of snobs." And if we should retort by calling Italy "a nation of slob" we suppose they'd get mad.

Great Britain has just had one more fit on the subject of air navigation and it likes the thrill so much that it is thinking of having them regularly.

"Shall we annex Canada?" naively asks the Charleston News and Courier. That editor knew that he was beyond shooting distance from the dominion.

There are 413 species of trees found within the limits of the United States, the wood of 16 of which when seasoned are so heavy as to sink in water.

Admiral "Bob" Evans has squelched a proposition to give him a house in California. His give and take are confined to the high seas and to time of battle.

Canon Fleming handed over the whole of the money he received for copyright of certain sermons to the British Hospital for Incurables and the Gordon Boys' home.

An eminent geologist has given warning that the coal supply in the Pittsburg district will be exhausted in less than 50 years. It is about time to develop that substitute fuel.

"In Maine a hunter was shot for a squirrel, in Wisconsin for a deer, and in Montana for a bear," says the Philadelphia Inquirer. By and by the hunter will begin to imagine he's a whole zoo.

Now that society is taking up equal suffrage, it seems a little contradictory to make a stronghold of equal rights with men in a phase of life where women are practically dictators and autocrats.

The Harvard expedition has returned from its trip to hunt for Spanish gold. All of the treasure which they found has been invested in castles in Spain, and the hunt for the nimble, commonplace American dollar will for the present absorb the treasure-hunters' energies.

Simplified spelling has its advocates in France, for the minister of public instruction has lately ordered that the public schools shall teach the spelling of a number of words in the form recommended by the French academy. The reforms include the suppression of the "h" in words like "rhinoceros" and the substitution of "i" for "y" in such words as "analyze," and of "r" for "ph" in "phenomena," and similar terms.

Mr. Taft, in his address at the dedication of the prison-ship martyrs' monument in Brooklyn the other day, dwelt on the heroism of the revolutionary patriots who endured the suffering on board the ships anchored in New York harbor rather than abandon the colonies and obtain comfort and freedom by enlisting in the British armies. It has been customary to dwell on the cruelty of the British in treating their prisoners inhumanly; but Mr. Taft wisely and truly called attention to the fact that these prisoners were dealt with in the way that was customary at that time. Prison reform is a modern philanthropy.



GATHERED SMILES

REGULATING THE COOK.

"Maggie," said Mrs. Hartford sharply, "this meat is not properly cooked. My husband says it is not fit for a pig."

"But, Mrs. Hartford—" "Now do not answer back, Maggie. I do not care to argue with you. I went to the butcher myself yesterday and bought the steak, so I know it is all right."

"If you—" "Do not be impudent with me. I have warned you several times about trying to correct me. You have made a dismal failure of to-day's dinner. Mr. Hartford is thoroughly disgusted with your cooking and just left for the cafe to get something to quiet his appetite."

By this time poor Maggie was in tears.

"There is no use crying about it," continued Mrs. Hartford without the least display of sympathy. "I have remonstrated with you about your neglect of duty long enough. Remember now, if this occurs again I shall certainly discharge you without a moment's notice."

But Mrs. Hartford awoke with a sudden start and shaking her husband violently said:

"George, I just had the most impossible dream."—New York Herald.

Important.

The man was suing a southern railroad for damages, owing to a delay which made him miss an appointment, and the ordinary preliminary questions were being put to him.

"Age, please?" asked the judge. "Well, your honor," said the plaintiff, "do you want my age when I got on the train or when I got off?"—Yonkers Statesman.

NOT MUCH.



"Hello, old chap! What are you doing in a drug store?"

"I want something for my head."

"H'm. How much do you think you'll get?"—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Mortifying.

She began, dutifully enough, with hating man very bitterly indeed. But man, with characteristic obstinacy, omitted to reciprocate, and this made her position difficult. Indeed, it was no long time until the best she could do for her cherished principles was to hate the Providence which had made man so wretchedly indispensable.

After that she hated herself for a while.

Then, greatly to her chagrin, she discovered that she hated nobody, which left her no alternative but to live happily ever after.—Puck.

Always Available.

"What is the trouble?" asked the wife of the brilliant essayist.

"I have received an offer of \$300 from the editor of one of the magazines for a 2,000-word article on any subject I may choose, but there isn't a thing I can think of to write about. Every matter of any consequence seems recently to have been thoroughly gone over."

"What's the matter with Napoleon?"

"By jove! Of course. Why couldn't I have thought of him myself?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

How to Tie Him Up.

Mrs. Eze—Good-by. I'm sorry my husband isn't in. I wish I knew some way of keeping him at home a little more.

Mrs. Wye—Let him buy a motor car.

Mrs. Eze—Why, he'd be out more than ever then.

Mrs. Wyo—Oh, dear, no! Mrs. Dasher tells me her husband bought a motor a few days ago, and the doctor says he won't be out for six weeks.

CHARGE OF THE FAIR BRIGADE.

(With apologies to the shade of Lord Tennyson.)

Half a step, half a step,
Half a step onward!

Over there the bargains lie
On the counters piled so high,
Luring the unnumbered.

Forward the fair brigade!
"Charge through the aisles!" they cried,
(Three know what they want to buy—
Anxious unnumbered!)

Bargains to right of them;
Bargains to left of them;
Bargains in front of them,
There to be plundered.

Storm they with right good-will;
Boldly they push and well;
Into the jaws of death,
Where the best bargains sell,
Push the unnumbered!

When will their courage fade?
Oh, the wild charge they made!
All the men wondered,
Yet "honored" all the charges made,
As off before they'd paid
For their wives' plunder.

Forward the fair brigade!
Happy unnumbered!

—Myrtle Conger, in Judge.

ROME AND ROM.



"Do all roads lead to Rome, Weary?"

"Well, I never see one that led me to do anything else."—New York Herald.

Something Saved.

"Can you help me, ma'am?" asked the itinerant at the door. "I was burned out last night, and lost everything."

"Lost everything?"

"Yes, everything, ma'am."

"Well, you don't seem to have lost your nerve. You were around here last week and told me the same story!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Comparisons Are Odious.

Mrs. Crimmonbeak—This paper says that about twice as much power is required to stop an express train as to start one.

Mr. Crimmonbeak—Very likely, but that does not give us any adequate idea of the additional power needed to stop a woman talking as compared with what is required to start her.—Yonkers Statesman.

PROOF.



"He's kind to his wife; when she gives him cold coffee in the morning he warms it over himself."—Chicago Journal.

Wifey Cooked.

Bacon—Do you have any trouble with your cook?

Egbert—I certainly do.

"Does she talk back to you?"

"Indeed, yes."

"I shouldn't think you'd allow it."

"You couldn't help it if you were married to her, as I am!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Sad.

Hippi—They tell me Tortoise has passed away. What was the trouble?

Boa—He died of chagrin. After holding the speed booby prize for years with unquestioned supremacy, some envious rival inveigled him into a match race with a government contract.—Puck.

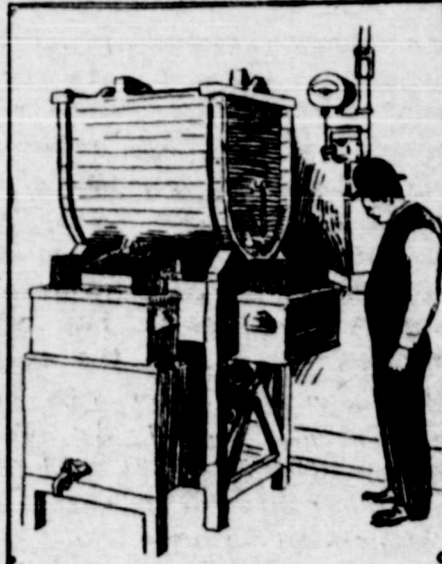
THE ELECTRICAL WORLD

BLEACHING CLOTHES.

An Electric Machine Which Will Do Away with Chloride of Lime.

The problem of bleaching clothes in laundries without rotting the cloth has always been a serious one, but a machine is now on the market which is expected to do away with the use of chloride of lime bleach, says the Popular Mechanics. It is a device for producing bleaching liquor electrolytically from an ordinary salt brine. This liquor or chlorine is claimed to be harmless to clothes, and in fact is considered equal in this respect to the old grass bleach.

The machine, or electrolyzer, occupies a floor space of three by four feet,



Whitens Clothes Without Harming Them.

and has a capacity to take care of a laundry business of \$3,000 per week. It holds 85 gallons of water, into which 35 pounds of the cheapest salt is poured. The salt water runs slowly into an electrolyzing vat, and a current of electricity is thrown on. It travels through the water, which circulates between carbon plates, thus making the bleaching fluid. The fluid flows into another tank, where it is drawn when needed. By means of recording instruments attached to the machine it is possible at all times to determine the strength of the chlorine produced.

TO OPERATE HIGH LIGHT.

Contrivance Which Makes It Easy to Switch Current On and Off.

Electric globes are sometimes placed so high that they are not easily reached by hand.

Turning on and off the current may be effected by an arrangement as shown in the sketch. Remove the hard rubber thumb piece on the lamp socket and supply a common spool in its place. Fasten a strong cord with extending ends to the spool, giving each end a few turns around the spool in opposite directions, explains the Popular Mechanics. Pulling one string will turn the current on, and pulling the other will turn the light out.

Spilled Mercury. Spilled mercury may be collected by rolling a piece of tin foil tightly to the size of a lead pencil and touching the end to the scattered globules. When as much mercury is gathered as the tin foil will hold, squeeze the amount collected into a suitable receptacle.

Destroying Giants' Causeway.

The devastation of the Hudson river palisades, now happily averted by law, finds its counterpart in the threatened destruction of the famous Giants' Causeway. Americans are usually branded as unsentimental, money-making despoilers of nature. Gully as we have unquestionably been, it is doubtful if we have ever outdone the despoliation of the Giants' Causeway, which is now occurring at the hands of a British syndicate. The basalt of which the Causeway is composed is an excellent road-making material, and to be trodden under foot seems now its ultimate fate. This latest bit of vandalism is in large measure due to the automobile. The advent of the high-speed motor car has brought about a necessary improvement in the macadam road, and the best possible road is made by the Irish basalt of which the Giants' Causeway is constituted.

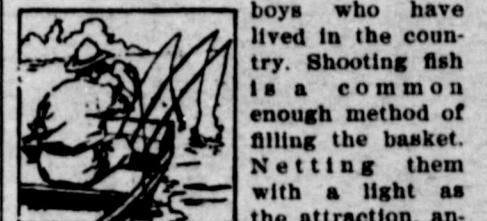
Prefers Jail to France.

Charles W. Morse is credited with saying that if he had to choose between spending 15 years in France and 15 in jail, he would prefer jail.

FISHING BY TELEPHONE.

Novel Use Being Made of the Microphone by Norwegian Fishermen.

The sport of "tickling" trout and landing them is well known to most boys who have lived in the country. Shooting fish is a common enough method of filling the basket.



Netting them with a light as the attraction, another. Now comes the telephone process, which does not mean, however, that the fisherman telephones to any particular fish that it is required to come and adjust itself to the remorseless hook. It is true, nevertheless, that Norwegian fishermen use a small telephone, or rather microphone, when engaged in sea fishing.

The microphone is dropped, like a sounding lead, into the water, and therein it faithfully records all submarine sounds, which are transmitted to a sounding-box or recorder fixed to the fishing boat. The patient fisherman is surrounded with several rods, some baited for herring, others for trout, one for cod, and a cable for larger fry. He is informed by microphone which rod he may be expected to use when the finny one approaches.

The herring, it is recorded, makes, as he draws near the boat, a hissing sound; the trout marks his approach with a puffing noise; the cod with a grunt of delicious joy, and large fish, like sturgeon or small shark, with an ecstatic snort. The fisherman knows what rod or line to turn to and acts accordingly.

The use of the invention, quite a recent one, adds considerably to the captures made by the fisher folk. It is cheap, and the poorest are invariably equipped with the instrument. The electric light has proved also the doom of many a submarine monster. The night fishers of southern coasts of this country have long since discovered its attractiveness for the eye of fish, especially the tarpon and coast shark. Many a good specimen of which has sacrificed his life to his curiosity for investigating luminous effects—even as the silly moth.

FERTILIZATION OF EGGS.

How Electric Current is Utilized to Perform Remarkable Function.

The conviction of some of the earlier experimenters with electricity that it was identical with "vital force" would have been greatly strengthened by the recent investigations of M. Yves Delage on the fertilization of eggs in which he calls an "electric bath." The modern biologist does not believe in "vital force," and his explanation of how the electricity acts is of quite a different sort, which shows how far science has traveled in the last century.

Delage takes salt water or some other liquid that may conduct an electric current and places it in a shallow tray, the bottom of which is made of mica, covered on the outside with tinfoil. The tinfoil and the liquid are connected respectively with the opposite poles of a battery, which, since the two are separated, throws the mica bottom between them into a state of electric tension. On this mica bottom are spread in a thin layer the unfertilized eggs of a marine organism. After the liquid has been joined with the positive pole of the battery for 30 minutes the poles are reversed for 75 minutes more, after which, when placed in ordinary sea water, some of the eggs develop and hatch precisely as if they had been fertilized in the ordinary way.

Cleaning an Injector.

An injector that is scaled up inside may be cleaned by soaking until the scale is soft or dissolved in a solution of one part muriatic acid and 9 to 12 parts water.

A Rich Country.

A report for the calendar year 1907, just issued by the United States geological survey, contains the startling announcement that the total production of our mineral resources is valued at more than \$2,000,000,000. This means an increase ranging from 5 to 40 per cent. The largest contributions to the mineral wealth of the year were made by coal and iron, which together represented considerably more than half of the total. The value of the coal mined showed a gain of about 15 per cent. on 1906. The increase in iron was somewhat less.

Efficiency of Wireless.

The efficiency of wireless telegraph for communication between the earth and balloons or airships was recently tested near Brussels. Messages were successfully transmitted to a balloon, which also received signals from the Eiffel tower, in Paris. One of the objections to wireless apparatus in a balloon is the danger of igniting the gas with sparks generated by the apparatus.

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 tale. The pair on an outing miss 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. An attempt by Terhune to gather a clew from the chaperon fails. Vincent shows liking for the chaperon's secretary, Miss Marsh. Terhune finds old books containing picture of a former Baroness Wyckhoff, which is exactly like Agatha Sixth, whom he is courting. Vincent entertains them all and while riding with Agatha Fifth she confesses her love for him and also that she is the real heiress. He spurns her proposal.

CHAPTER IV.

For some days after that I was in a quandary. Here, in the face of my discovery in the library, was Vincent's positive information that Agatha Fifth was the heiress. Reluctantly I determined that the likeness between Agatha Sixth and the picture of the baroness was accidental, and began to devote myself to the unfortunate Agatha Fifth. She seemed much inclined to discourage me, but I persevered and we soon became great friends. I found she was only 18, and drew my own conclusions from this fact. At 18 one's convictions are never very deep-rooted, neither are one's love affairs, and I thought it likely that the girl would soon forget her ill-prospered attachment for Vincent's handsome face, and might begin to think of someone else. Surely this was a very natural belief! So the first two weeks of our stay at the castle sped by and I saw to my satisfaction that I was gaining ground with the Honorable Agatha every day, while poor Vincent wasted his time flirting with each Agatha in turn (he had taken up Agatha Sixth since my desertion) or in assisting Miss Marsh to write up a lot of old dead barons who were much better left to a decent and dignified obscurity.

One day, toward the close of the two weeks, I met Vincent hurrying through the hall toward the stairs. He had on an old velvet coat covered with paint daubs, his luncheon basket was over his shoulder, and I guessed that he was going on one of his sketching tours in search of fresh woods and pastures new.

"Where are you going, Wilfred?" I asked, as he stopped, "and where's Agatha Second?" She usually accompanied him on his sketching expeditions.

"Painting," he replied, concisely, ignoring my second question; "and where may you be going?"

"For a walk with Agatha Fifth," I answered, smiling at him—a little pityingly, perhaps. He had lost such a chance!

Vincent chuckled and his eyes looked wicked. "Wish you luck, Arch," he said. "I've been watching your charitable efforts to cut me out and be a father to my little friend, Agatha Fifth, with great admiration—but I forgot to tell you"—he lowered his voice, for we could see Agatha Second on the veranda talking to Agatha Fifth—"I forgot to tell you that what Agatha Fifth told me isn't true!"

"Isn't true?" I repeated in consternation.

"No; she confessed to me about a week ago that she only said she was the real Honorable Agatha to make me marry her. She thought, the foolish little girl, that she only had to tell me she was the heiress to make me love her. And she said she was sorry and wouldn't do it again and cried like a child, and I forgave her and comforted her. She'll get over it all right!" and laughing hilariously the young rascal ran upstairs.

I was really vexed with Wilfred about this. I thought it was very unkind of him to keep me in the dark for so long about Agatha Fifth's confession. What a lot of time I'd been wasting! I resolved that I would return to Agatha Sixth at the first opportunity, and I felt glad, even justified, that I had not told him about that album which had betrayed the secret to me. At this moment Agatha Second appeared in the doorway.

"Hullo, Mr. Terhune," she said, "where's Lord Wilfred?"

"He went upstairs," I said; "I don't know for what." I could hear him in

the distance singing at the top of his lusty young voice—

"Gentlemen rankers all are we-e-e—" till an ear-splitting shout from Agatha Second drowned the song completely.

"O-h-h-h, Freddy," shrieked the young lady, with a lung power that equaled Vincent's.

I shivered with indignation at the liberty. "Freddy!" indeed!

At the third shout he heard her and stopped singing to rend the air with an answering cry.

"For goodness' sake, what are you so long about?" she called. "Do hurry up!"

"Coming!" roared Vincent, clattering down the two flights of stairs like a wild horse, and I hurried out to



AGATHA SIXTH.

join Agatha Fifth, my hands over my ears. Young people are so noisy nowadays.

Several evenings later Agatha Fourth had arranged to give a progressive dinner party. She was to be the hostess and the rest of us were her guests. It was an evening-dress affair, and I must say as we sat down to dinner I never saw a prettier group of girls.

Then the fun began. Agatha Fourth's idea in having a progressive dinner party was for each of the girls to move up one place with each course so that they could all have turns sitting by us. It was delightful; really, I don't know that I ever attended a jollier dinner party. Vincent kept quoting from the Mad Tea Party in "Alice in Wonderland," and the girls laughed at every single thing he said. Mrs. Armistead, I am ashamed to say, was not present; her head ached and she had dined in her room. I am not naturally noisy or riotous, but the laughter and jokes of those six girls were so infectious that I was obliged to join in with them. Vincent sat at one end of the table and I at the other, with three girls on each side of us. The secretary, of course, was not present.

Agatha Fourth had decorated the table with some of the yellow roses and wild fern that grew near the castle. Agatha Sixth and I had found them many times in our wanderings and, by the way, she was looking es-

pecially lovely that evening. The girls all wore shimmering white gowns, similar in design, with silver ornaments, but Agatha Sixth's gown was cream-color with ornaments of gold, and well did it become her dark beauty.

We had reached the very end of the dinner, and had just made the last change of places, which left me with my favorite Agatha Sixth on my right and Agatha Third on my left.

Suddenly, as the talk died down and a certain contented silence fell upon us, Vincent rose to his feet, and bowing to us formally, began to speak:

"Ladies and gentleman," he said, making the last word pointedly singular, while the girls all laughed, "I think you are all with me when I propose a vote of thanks to—to—er—our hostess"—(I felt that he had nearly said "Agatha Fourth!")—"our hostess, for giving us so delightful an entertainment." He bowed to Agatha Fourth and went on:

"If all progressive tea parties are termed mad I hope I may attend many such. But as I look around me, gentleman and ladies fair, across the red glow of the candle that turns the roses to redder gold, and as I gaze upon the youth and beauty here assembled, the like of which I have never before looked upon"—he made a courtly inclination of his head that included every maid at the table, and they all

orable, without a doubt. There can be no two ways about it!"

"How keen you are!" he said; "and I tell you what it is, Arch'bald"—Vincent always calls me "Ach'bald" with the "i" left out and the emphasis on "bald" when he's particularly affectionate or sleepy; he was the latter just now—"I'm just as keen about marrying this heiress as you are; the only difference is that I insist upon being in love with her into the bargain, and you don't. For I'm hard up, fearfully hard up, you know, and the governor's so awfully good, I hate to ask him for another month's allowance just now. I'm 'way behind as it is, and I owe Jack Gordon for that prize polo pony of his. I offered him £100 for her the day of the Hurlingham games and he sold her to me on the spot. Jack's as hard up as I am—poor fellow. And then, you know, it's all perfectly fair. If we only had the time, that's all. It's pretty quick work to expect a man to find out the heiress, learn to love her and teach her to love him, all in six weeks, and propose on the last day of—"

"But that's just it," I interrupted, "you're not expected to find out the heiress first. That's just what old Fletcher Boyd wanted to prevent when he made the will."

"Nevertheless, you yourself mean to find out first, don't you, Arch?" was Vincent's facetious response. I was disgusted and made no answer.

"Of course," he went on, "I wouldn't propose to any girl I didn't love, but I'd like the chance to learn to love this particular lady, the Honorable Agatha. I feel that there would be no trouble about her learning to love me!"

Vincent has few really serious faults, but I don't attempt to deny that he is conceited.

"The trouble is," he said, "they're all so attractive I could love one as well as another. I wish, though, I could just naturally fall in love with one of them, and I'd propose to her on the last day and take my chances. Who knows? I'm sometimes lucky. I might win the prize!"

"So you might," I said, "but as it is, we haven't even discovered the heiress as yet—"

"And I can't fall in love with any of 'em," finished Vincent, "because I'm madly in love with the whole six, and there you are!" and he shook his head hopelessly. "Come, let's to bed," he added.

"Not just yet, Freddy," I said. I never call him that, as I have before stated, but his hair was all ruffled up and his face flushed and I felt warm toward him because he was so dense. "Surely with a rival as unobscuring as he is," I thought, "I am not heavily handicapped." For I had made up my mind that Agatha Third was indeed the real and only Agatha. That involuntary rising of hers was proof positive.

"I say, Vincent," I called after him, "was that a master stroke of yours, giving the toast that way? Did you intend to try to surprise one of them into betraying herself?"

Vincent laughed sleepily.

"Good old Arch'bald," he drawled, "you're always looking for master strokes, but 'pon my honor I never thought of such a thing." And I might have known that he wouldn't.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

TRAGEDY OF TURF RECALLED.

Owner's Sudden Death Just as His Horse Won a Great Race.

Half an hour before the race for the Two Thousand Guineas of 1883 Prince Batthyany, who bred St. Simon and who was one of the most popular racing men of any time, was talking with Lord Cadogan in the luncheon room of the Jockey club stand at Newmarket when he suddenly reeled and fell, says the Westminster Gazette.

He was carried to Weatherby's office and doctors were summoned; but the prince was beyond all human aid, and just before the bell rang for the race for which his colt Galliard, brother of St. Simon, was first favorite, he breathed his last.

War is Evil

War suspends the rules of moral obligation, and what is long suspended is in danger of being totally abrogated. Civil wars, strike deepest of all into the manners of the people. They vitiate their politics; they corrupt their morals; they pervert even the natural taste and relish of equity and justice. By teaching us to consider our fellow creatures in a hostile light, the whole body of our nation becomes gradually less dear to us. The very names of affection and kindred, which were the bond of charity while we agreed, become new incentives to hatred and rage when the communion of our country is dissolved.—Edmund Burke.

Not That Brand of Breakfast Food. "Walter," said the guest in a non-fashionable hotel, "have you table d'hote here?"

The waiter considered. Then the fever against warning the "do-not-accept-of-a-substitute warning is issued, seized upon him.

"We haven't any of that, sir," he replied, "but I can bring you some corn-flakes."

For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine.

Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's Liquid—pleasant to take—Effects immediately. 10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

Diogenes was a wise man for despising little worldly customs, but a fool for showing it. Be wiser than other people if you can, but do not tell them so.—Lord Chesterfield.

Spearmint! Spearmint! What's that? Nothing—unless it's WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT.

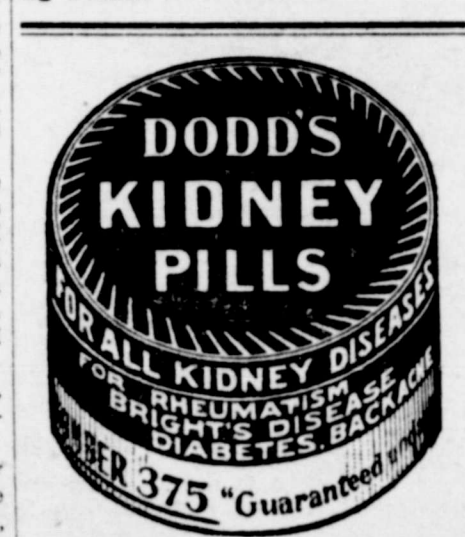
To plead that anything is excusable is to admit that it is wrong.—Tissot.

FILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS. RAZOR SHAVENING is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Pruritic Files in 10 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

You may guess what a woman is, but that's your limit.

Foot Ache—Use Allen's Foot-Ease. Over 2,000 testimonials. Refuse imitations. Send for free trial package. A. S. Gossard, Le Roy, N. Y.

It's always the open season for hunting trouble.

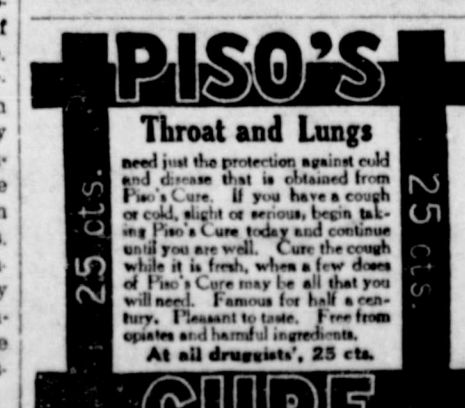


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The Reason I Make and Sell More Men's \$3.00 & \$3.50 Shoes Than Any Other Manufacturer is because I give the wearer the benefit of the most complete organization of trained experts and skilled shoemakers in the country. The selection of the leathers for each part of the shoe, and every detail of the making in every department is looked after by the best shoemakers in the shoe industry. If I could show you how carefully W. L. Douglas shoes are made, you would then understand why they hold their shape, fit better, and wear longer than any other make. My Method of Tanning the Soles makes them More Flexible and Longer Wearing than any others. Shoes for Every Member of the Family, Men, Boys, Women, Misses and Children. For sale by shoe dealers everywhere. CAUTION! None genuine without W. L. Douglas name and price stamped on bottom. East Color Eyelets Used Exclusively. Containing no lead. W. L. DOUGLAS, 167 Spark St., Brockton, Mass.

WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT



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.

—Legal blanks of all kind at Evans & Sturman's.

G. W. Tubb, of Silver, was a visitor to the city Tuesday.

Jeff and John Cole, of Sanece, were in the city Wednesday.

—Good cook stoves at W. K. Simpson's.

E. Menelle and little son were in from the ranch Wednesday.

—Nice line of candies at Evans & Sturman's.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bessent, Sunday January 24, a son.

—The choicest fresh groceries to be had at W. H. Bell & Co.

Judge and Mrs. H. L. Adams visited the John Saul ranch Wednesday.

—Nice line of fine apples, bananas and lemons at Evans & Sturman's.

Arch Blackwell, of Edith, was in the city Wednesday on business.

—Valuable from one cent to the handsomest \$2.50 kind at Evans & Sturman's.

Rev. P. C. Schillings is now holding a position in Evans & Sturman's drug store.

—When it is something good to eat, and always fresh, you find it at W. H. Bell & Co.

Braxton Toliver will leave Friday for a business visit along the T. & P. for a few days.

—Nice serviceable furniture, wall paper and all kinds of paints at W. K. Simpson's.

J. Q. McCabe and W. F. Day went to San Angelo Monday, returning Tuesday.

—Perfumes fresh from California, most popular odors, at Evans & Sturman's.

W. T. Hazlewood and Chas. Copeland, of Fort Chadbourn, were in the city Wednesday on business.

—Full line of the most delicious soft drinks in bottled goods at Evans & Sturman's.

Clerk Gardner issued marriage license on the 22nd to Mr. V. M. Box and Miss Amanda McLaughlin, both of Bronte.

—Never leak oil cans, something new. They are supplied with a pump for pumping oil out. Lane Hardware Co.

Rev. John Reed and H. D. Pearce left Thursday morning for Norton, to attend the B. M. A. Fifth Sunday meeting.

Slept With Abe Lincoln.

H. C. Fancher, of Stephens county, was in the city Monday. He is spending the winter with his son, H. P. Fancher near Fort Chadbourn. Mr. Fancher paid the Observer a pleasant call while here. Mr. Fancher bears the distinction of not only being one of the pioneer citizens of Texas, but in his boy-hood days was a friend and associate of Abraham Lincoln. He stated to us that he had spent the night at the Lincoln home and slept with Abe on several occasions.

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.

A Jolly Party.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Rankin entertained the young people with a social gathering at their ideal country home, three miles west of the city Friday night.

The attendance was large and all enjoyed them selves to the greatest extent at games of different amusement. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin know how to make everyone feel at home, and this evening spent was one of the most enjoyable in a great while.

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.

A Delightful Party.

A number of the young people enjoyed a most delightful social gathering at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lewis, Friday night. Those attending report a most delightful evening spent in this pleasant home.

We are Thankful.

We wish to thank our many friends and customers for their patronage during the years we were in the butcher business. We assure you your patronage and friendship was appreciated. A. J. TAYLOR.

Mrs. N. A. Vowell Dead.

Mrs. N. A. Vowell died at her home south of the city Monday and the remains were interred in the Robert Lee cemetery Tuesday afternoon. Rev. W. K. Simpson conducted the funeral services at the grave.

In the death of Mrs. Vowell, a good christian mother has gone to her reward. She was loved and honored as a splendid christian lady by our entire population. Her illness had continued over a long period of time and she suffered greatly but bore it all with christian fortitude.

Mrs. Vowell had been a resident of our county, for a number of years, she was born in Mississippi, in 1842 and married in 1858. She joined the Methodist church in 1863. Besides a loving husband and a number of children, to mourn her death she leaves a great host of friends. The Observer in common with the many friends extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Back at The Old Stand.

I have moved my chili and short order business back to the old stand and am ready to serve the public with good hot chili and nicely cooked meats.

G. A. HARMON.

When You Take Cold

One way is to pay no attention to it; at least not until it develops into pneumonia, or bronchitis, or pleurisy. Another way is to ask your doctor about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. If he says, "The best thing for colds," then take it. Do as he says, anyway.

Ayer's
We publish our formulae
We banish alcohol from our medicines
We urge you to consult your doctor

When the bowels are constipated, poisonous substances are absorbed into the blood instead of being daily removed from the body as nature intended. Knowing this danger, doctors always inquire about the condition of the bowels. Ayer's Pills.

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

Woodmen Installation.

The Woodman of the World have installed the following officers for the ensuing term: John Fry, C. C.; J. C. Rabb, A. L.; Tom Cross, Clerk; Jess Buchanan, Banker; B. B. Steffey, Escort; T. A. Steffey, Watchman; A. D. Lane, Sentry; Dr. F. K. Turney, Physician; M. F. Hall, long term manager.

—Money to lend on vacant and improved town real estate and on farms and unimproved lands. Interest 6 per cent, no commission. Agents wanted. Address First State Mortgage & Bond Co., 409 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas.

Rebekah Installation at Bronte.

Chas. Roe, J. F. Elder, W. J. McFarland and J. E. Greer attended the joint installation of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges at Bronte, Friday night. Deputy Grand Master, W. J. Brewer was the installing officer. After the installation the two lodges enjoyed a feast at the Russell hotel. Those attending report a most enjoyable visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McFarland entertained the young people with a delightful social at their home Saturday evening. Different games of amusement were indulged in and all spent a most pleasant evening in this hospitable home.

WHEN THE KIDNEYS STOP WORK

The point where the kidneys cease to do their duty properly is the beginning of Bright's Disease or some other life-destroying ailment.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

Is the Remedy Needed.

This great kidney tonic brings to bear an influence that quickly controls the disease, strengthens the weakened kidneys and by stimulating the bladder and bowels to greater activity, drives out of the body the impurities which brought on the disorder.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label. Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

School Notes.

School is progressing nicely, all are taking an interest in their work.

Next week is the time for quarterly examinations, we all hope to make good grades.

Quite a number of pupils are out of school on account of sickness.

Several new pupils have been enrolled this week, we give them a hearty welcome to the school and society.

Our school is now affiliated with some of the best colleges in the state and it is Mr. Bodenheimer's ambition to raise the standard of the school so that it may be affiliated with the State University. We will then rank with the best schools of the state, and will not be satisfied until we reach the goal of our ambition.

Last Friday being the regular day for electing new Philosphian officers, and the following were elected: President, Rufus Burney; Vice President, Richard Barton; Secretary, Bonna Murtishaw; Assistant Secretary, Sibbie Graves; Marshal, James McCutchen; Owl editor, Wayne Overall; Press reporter, Georgia Payne; Critic, W. E. Lockhart. The program committee, the assistant press reporter and the assistant editors were appointed by the President.

We have this week received three dozen song books, which will be a great help to us, both in the Chapel exercise and Philosphian society.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy met in the school house Tuesday, January 19th, and presented to the school the pictures of Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee. These pictures were much appreciated, and will be an incentive to patriotism and love of the Southland, to the boys and girls.

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,
N. M. MARCH,
San Angelo, Texas.

Notice to Bankers

In compliance with the law, I hereby give notice that on the 8th day of February 1909, at a regular term of the Commissioners' court of Coke county, Texas, bids will be received by said Court from any Bank Incorporation Association or Individual Banker as the depository of funds of Coke county.

Any Bank, Corporation, Association, or Individual Banker desiring to bid for said depository shall deliver to me on or before the first day of said term of said Court a sealed proposal, stating the rate of interest, said bidder offers to pay on the funds of Coke county, for the ensuing two years. Said bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one half of one per cent of the county revenues of the preceding year as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder.

The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

P. D. COULSON,
County Judge Coke county Tex.

There will be a special election Saturday January 30, for the purpose of issuing \$30,000 in bonds to erect two bridges across the Colorado, one on the Edith road and one on the San Angelo road leading from Bronte, and for general road improvements. Vote as you please, but be sure you vote. You have it coming to you.

It Does The Business.

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.

Rev. W. H. Rosser, of Bronte, preached to a large congregation at the Robert Lee Baptist church last Saturday night and Sunday. He will in the future preach here regularly on the fourth Saturday night before and Sunday in each month.

THE TEMPLE SANITARIUM

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. Suprintendent.

TEMPLE, TEXAS.

The Alfalfa Lumber Company

San Angelo, Texas.
"Wants to see you"

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

Estimates carefully given. You will make a mistake not to let us figure your bill.