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NEELY BROTHERS

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Grain and Feedstuffs of all Kinds.

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SEE US BEFORE YOU BUY OR SELL.

WINTERS WILL CELEBRATE

Advent of New Railroad Will be Celebrated July 3.

Winters, Tex., June 4.—The people of Winters are arranging to celebrate the coming of the new horse with a big barbecue and "Co-Fourth of July" picnic on July 3. The railroad gang is now within ten miles of our city and laying a mile of steel a day. Arrangements are being made for the biggest thing of its kind in West Texas. We are expecting 15,000 visitors on that day and arrangements are being made for such.

Fine rains have fallen in this territory and crops of every kind are progressing nicely. This town will do its utmost to show visitors as fine a farming country as there is in Texas.

With that advent of the railroad into this point, now the best inland town of Texas. It will be forced to give the distinction to some other point. This road will be of invaluable benefit to the people in this vicinity, as it was quite a trouble to haul 22,000 bales of cotton twenty miles to a railroad point last season.

There are now under construction eighteen rock business houses, \$50,000 cotton oil mill, a \$5,000 rock hotel, several blocks of cement sidewalks and many number of fine residences. The town is just now beginning to move, and when we are placed in touch with the outside world by railroad constructions this place will rapidly come to the front and show the nature of the country behind it.

In Railroad connections we now have figuring with us Col. Austin Spencer, of San Angelo, for a line from Robert Lee to this point, connecting here with the Abilene & Southern, which according to the statement of Col. Morgan Jones, will be into Winters with the steel by June 15 and into Ballinger by July 4.

W. E. NORTON.

Mrs. Corabell Warran, of Sweetwater is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Wilkins.

No Need of Suffering.

It is a mistake to allow anyone to suffer from rheumatism, as the pain can always be relieved, and in most cases a cure effected by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. The relief from pain which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. It makes sleep and rest possible. Even in cases of long standing this liniment should be used on account of the relief which it affords. Do not be discouraged until you have given it a trial. For sale by all druggists.

F. G. Pettibone in San Angelo.

F. G. Pettibone, second vice-president and general manager of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad in Texas, will arrive in San Angelo at 2:10 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and will remain here until Thursday afternoon.

He has sent word to San Angelo to have a good, large auto available upon his arrival for several hours' use tomorrow afternoon and has asked that George E. Webb and others of the railroad committee be notified. This seems to indicate that the Santa Fe means business, and many believe that the extension to Pecos City will start at an early date.

It is a difficult matter to foretell the plans of the Santa Fe, but it is known that the road, in order to hold its enormous business in this section of the state, will have to extend its line in some direction from San Angelo. The Santa Fe has several mil-

ARE YOU WELL?

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

THE CITY DRUG STORE

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

LET THEM TRY IT

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You Never Can Tell

just exactly the cause of your rheumatism, but you know that you have it. Do you know that Ballard's Snow Liniment will cure it?—relieves the pain—reduces the swelling and limbers the joints and muscles so that you will be as active and well as you ever were. Price 25c 50c and \$1.00 at Evans & Sturman's.

The Orient's Progress.

Five hundred feet of rails have been laid by the Orient's material yard gang south of the Santa Fe crossing. The track will be extended to the river in short order. The Orient has eighteen cars of steel rails en route for Clarence material yards now and when it comes in enough of it to lay the rest of the track south will be dropped in town and the rest will go to the front for the tracklaying there.

The gang at the front have extended the track to the last bridge before they get to Tennyson, and the 54-foot structure is being built today. This bridge is at station No. 2955, and is about half mile south of Tennyson. The rails will reach the town in a few days.

The Orient freight station across the river has grown to view from Chadbourne street, but construction has temporarily ceased because San Angelo has run out of nails. The station builders can't buy enough nails in town and have to send away for them.—San Angelo Standard.

30 Days My Limit.

All parties indebted to us for as long as 30 days please call and settle. We cannot carry you longer than 30 days.

W. H. BELL & Co.

Masonic Officers Elected.

The following officers were elected May 29th by Hayrick Lodge No. 696 A. F. and A. M. to serve the ensuing masonic year:

F. K. Popplewell, W. M.; F. K. Turney, S. W.; W. C. Merchant, J. W.; G. W. Payne, Treasurer; Geo. Cowan, secretary; M. F. Hall, Tyler; J. H. Burroughs, S. D.; Rev. Abe Long, chaplain.

The elected officers will be installed at 10 o'clock, Thursday June 24th. J. C. Newton was appointed installing officer.

R. A. Masons Elect Officers.

The Royal Arch Masons elected the following officers at their regular meeting of the chapter and council:

Chapter: B. F. Brown, E. H. P.; J. H. Burroughs, E. K.; W. C. Merchant, E. S.; A. C. Gardner, E. T.; Geo. Cowan, Secretary; Johnnie Connor, Guard.

Council: B. F. Brown, T. E. M.; J. H. Burroughs, R. E. M.; W. C. Merchant, E. P. C. of W.; A. C. Gardner, Treasurer; Geo. Cowan, Recorder; Johnnie Connor, Sentinel.

—Buy 50 cents worth of stock food of any kind and we will give you a good buggy whip worth 25 cents. Evans & Sturman.

lions to spend for extension in the next four years, according to a recent dispatch from Topeka, Kansas, and the company could put the money to no better use than by building out from San Angelo.

When Mr. Pettibone arrives Wednesday afternoon, he will be met by representatives of the railroad committee, and an auto will be at his disposal.—San Angelo Standard.

—After you enjoy it.—John Foster.

Those who keep Hamlin's Wizard Oil in the house do not have to buy any other remedy for sore throat. No other remedy will cure this trouble so quickly or so surely. Remember this.

It is a point of wisdom to be at peace with men and at war with lice.—H. C. Chapman.

Lewis' Single Binder straight 5c cigar. Made of extra quality tobacco. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

Corns are proof that nature is capable of small, mean things.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c bottle.

Go to sleep without supper, but rise without debt.

Choice rocking
Simpson's.

—Windmill oil at Evans & Sturman's.

Stomach Trouble.

Many remarkable cures of stomach troubles have been effected by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. One man who had spent over two thousand dollars for medicine and treatment was cured by a few boxes of these tablets. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at all druggists.

Trespass Notice.

You will be prosecuted if found hunting, fishing, hauling or cutting wood or in any way trespassing in the pasture owned or controlled by G. G. Odom. Running of hounds positively prohibited; permission is granted to no one.

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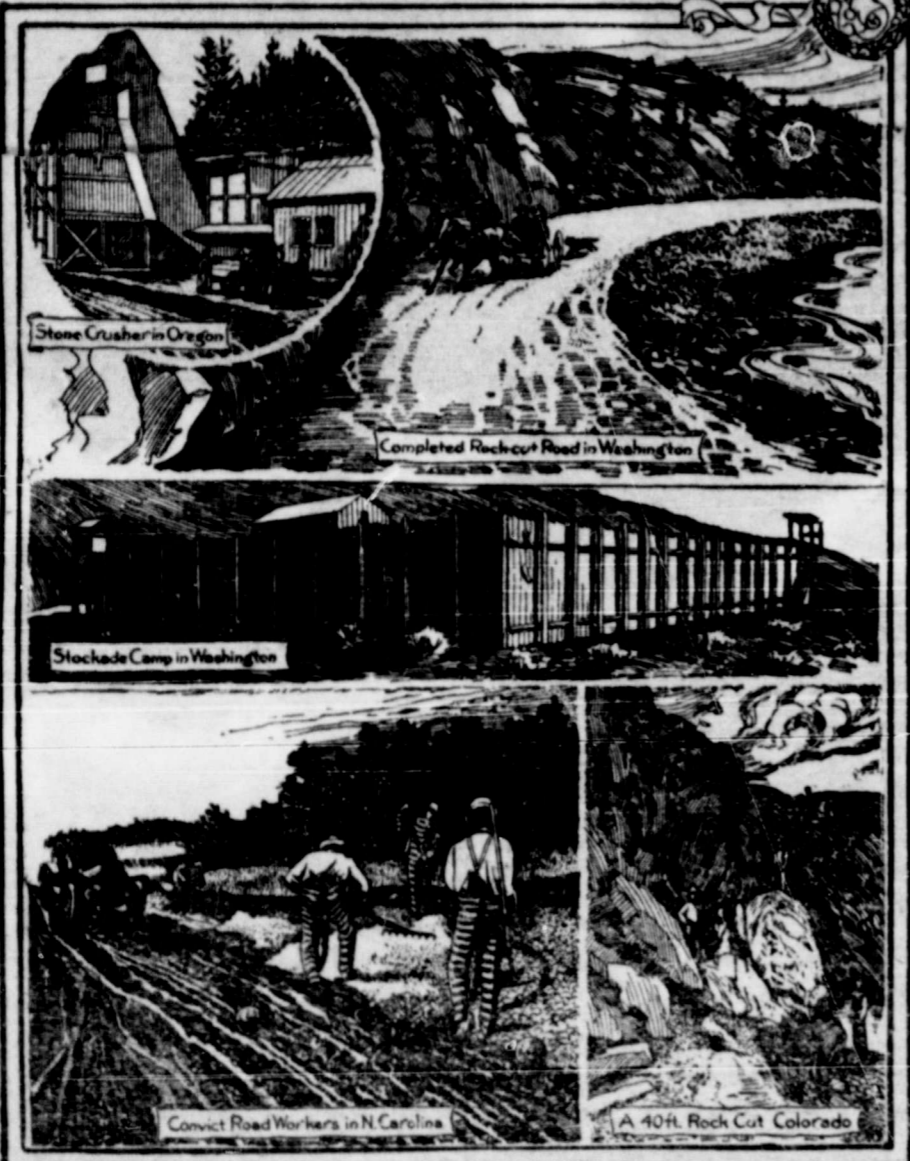
Robert Lee and San Angelo Stage Line, J. S. ROSS, Proprietor.

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.

GOOD ROADS IN GEORGIA

PROBLEM OF PRISON LABOR SOLVED



The problem of good roads, a cause championed for many years by the people of the rural and outlying districts of the United States, often with misdirected zeal, and the problem of prison labor, in which organized free labor has been arrayed in a bitter fight against state and prison officials, would not have seemed to have a close and vital connection a few years ago. But a general movement, now well launched in many states and steadily growing in strength means that the solving of the one problem will be the partial solution of the other, says a prominent authority in popular mechanics. This movement is the building of good roads by convict labor.

The movement has not been devoid of strife, nor has the opposition come only from "convict" brokers and contractors. Criticism has come from public officials, and even from voters, who, although demanding better roads, fought the convict labor proposition strenuously. In the state of Alabama, for instance, the use of convict labor upon roads was, and still is, being fought with bitter opposition and the severest criticism, but opposition cannot long stand before the reasons in favor of the movement.

According to experts who have studied the problem of good roads and the problem of prison labor jointly, the building of public works which could not otherwise be undertaken is the sole occupation in which convicts can be employed which will not encroach upon free labor, and which will actually immeasurably increase the demand for the services of free labor, benefiting at the same time the criminal and the free man. No influence more destructive upon human character can be imagined than enforced idleness, while to allow the activity of the convict to be employed in making products for sale at prices below the normal market is degrading to American labor. Not only are these assertions made by those who have studied the subject, but also that there is no branch of public improvement of such general importance to all the people as the making of improved highways. The activities of the convicts in the United States constitute in the aggregate an enormous force, and how to use these activities most effectively in constructing highways is a vital question.

The list of states now using convict labor on the highways is too long to mention in detail, but Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming are using such labor to construct a great highway which will run through the three states, and Washington, Oregon, North Carolina and Georgia, as well as several other states, have gangs at work. Illinois is using a number of her convicts in crushing stone for the roads, believing this one of the most practical ways of employing such labor in road construction, although not as beneficial for the prisoners, perhaps, as actual road work.

The fact that it takes prison-confined men, be they petty or hardened criminals, into the open country where they gain a closer companionship with nature, is not the least important phase of the problem.

The convict road-gang at work in the southern part of Colorado toll peacefully through a magnificent valley near the New Mexican line, and the glorious beauty of their surroundings makes it almost inconceivable that among them are criminals whose names have been bywords in the criminal history of Denver, Pueblo and other towns in Colorado. Still more incongruous is this fact when it is realized that these men wear no distinguishing badge in the way of clothing, and that no armed guards are to be seen anywhere. If a man wishes to escape from such a camp it is conceded that he can easily do so, but that he may be overtaken elsewhere follows as a matter of course, and the penalty—one which is dreaded by any convict who has a taste of open work—means that activities will from then on to the end of his term be confined within the prison walls. Only five officers are in charge of the camp, which is composed of tents. The convicts sleep in one big tent, and during the day are divided into five gangs, each officer having charge of a gang. Eight hours of road work constitute a day's labor, and the men must go to bed promptly at nine o'clock every night except Saturday, on which they are allowed an additional hour. Amusement is allowed to all in the camp. Some of the convicts own and are able to play musical instruments. Cards are also allowed. Some spend their time pitching quoits, and a baseball game is usually played every evening before darkness sets in.

The method of guarding the convicts working on the roads in the state of Washington is a little more strict, but amusements are just as numerous. The work selected to be done there was the building of a wagon road along the face of a nearly perpendicular bluff, the work involving the handling of a large amount of dynamite by the convicts. The character of the rock encountered was extremely hard, making drilling very slow. Nevertheless, the average daily work accomplished by each man amounts to 2.42 cubic yards of solid rock moved and 1 cubic yard of earth and loose rock moved. As the lowest bid received for moving the rock was \$1.50 per cubic yard and for loose rock and earth 4 cents, the average daily work of a convict was valued at \$4.03. The camp established for the care of the prisoners consisted of a stockade, 8 by 125 feet, inside of which was erected a barracks, 18 by 48 feet. On the outside of the stockade and adjoining it, was built the guard-house.

The building of good roads in Georgia by convict labor was brought about not because of an irresistible popular sentiment for good roads, but because of the recent overthrowing of the "convict lease" system. There had developed in Georgia a system whereby the convicts were leased to "convict brokers" at a nominal sum. The brokers, in turn, leased out the convicts to the owners of mines, but the abuse of this system became so pronounced that an influential Atlanta newspaper started a crusade which resulted in an extra session of the legislature and the annihilation of the statute.

All Who Would Enjoy

good health, with its blessings, must understand, quite clearly, that it involves the question of right living with all the term implies. With proper knowledge of what is best, each hour of recreation, of enjoyment, of contemplation and of effort may be made to contribute to living aright. Then the use of medicine may be dispensed with to advantage, but under ordinary conditions in many instances a simple, wholesome remedy may be invaluable if taken at the proper time and the California Fig Syrup Co. holds that it is alike important to present the subject truthfully and to supply the one perfect laxative to those desiring it.

Consequently, the Company's Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna gives general satisfaction. To get its beneficial effects buy the genuine, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, and for sale by all leading druggists.

VENGEANCE.



"I wonder at your allowing Hix to marry your daughter. I thought you were mortal enemies."

"That's just the reason. Now he will have my wife for his mother-in-law."

A Boomerang.

At a small country boarding-house sort "down in ole Virginie," this past summer, the girls decided to give a dance in the town hall on the mutual benefit plan, so to speak. Half of the expenses of the hall, music and refreshments, it was planned, should be borne by them and the other half by the men. The fair chairman of the refreshment committee, in exhorting the prospective dancers to make no mistake in the details agreed upon, wrote:

"The girls will furnish the sugar and the men will bring the lemons."

Little Tuberculosis Among Jews.

Dr. Maurice Fishberg is authority for the statement that the number of deaths from tuberculosis among the Jews is one-third that observed among the non-Jewish population around them and living in the same urban environment. Dr. Fishberg attributes this remarkable vitality of the Jews, and their immunity to sickness in general, to the fact that they have been for over 2,000 years dwelling in the city and are thus able to withstand more than their neighbors.

What Kind of an "Office."

Once upon a time a child who was asked on an examination paper to define a mountain range, replied: "A large-sized cook stove." The same method of reasoning seems to go with older growth. A recent examination paper at the Sheffield Scientific school at Yale contained the question, "What is the office of the gastric juice?" And the answer on one paper read: "The stomach."—Everybody's Magazine.

LIGHT BOOZE

Do You Drink It?

A minister's wife had quite a tussle with coffee and her experience is interesting. She says:

"During the two years of my training as a nurse, while on night duty, I became addicted to coffee drinking. Between midnight and four in the morning, when the patients were asleep, there was little to do except make the rounds, and it was quite natural that I should want a good, hot cup of coffee about that time. It stimulated me and I could keep awake better."

"After three or four years of coffee drinking I became a nervous wreck

ANOTHER TERROR.



Frightened Pup—Gee! I always heard that women were going into everything; but I never knew there were lady dog catchers!

It's Everywhere.

The Huts of the poor, the Halls of the rich,

Are neither exempt from some form of itch;

Perhaps a distinction may be made in the name,

But the rich and the poor must scratch just the same,

O, why should the children of Adam endure

An affliction so dreadful, when Hunt's Cure does cure?

All forms of itching. Price 50c. Guaranteed.

Who Said Them?

The golden text was "Suffer the little children to come unto me," and it had been recited to the class by a cherub on the front bench. Later in the afternoon the teacher, in the course of the lessons, had occasion to refer to the text.

"Now, children," she said, "who said those words?" and she repeated them. A hand went up from one of the larger boys on the back bench, and receiving permission to answer, he said, pointing to the cherub: "That little feller down there."

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

An Obstacle to Mutual Esteem.

Natives who grow fat and muscular on a chunk of pineapple or the fin of a haddock can never enter into perfect brotherhood with us who live to eat, while they merely eat to live.—Singapore Straits Budget.

Realism.

Artist—This picture I call "Pigs in Clover."

Critic—I see the pigs, but where is the clover?

Artist—The pigs ate it.

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 Main Thing.

Poeticus—What age do you think most charming in a woman?

Cashit—A rich heritage.

Lewis' Single Binder cigar—richest, most satisfying smoke on the market. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

Fly time and baseball are very properly contemporaneous.

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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 Biliary Disorders, such as Biliousness, 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.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature. *W. D. Carter* REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

Insomnia "I have been using Cascarets for Insomnia, with which I have been afflicted for twenty years, and I can say that Cascarets have given me more relief than any other remedy I have ever tried. I shall certainly recommend them to my friends as being all that they are represented." Thos. Gillard, Elgin, Ill.

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THE TEETH Paxtine excels any dentifrice in cleaning, whitening and removing tartar from the teeth, besides destroying all germs of decay and disease which ordinary tooth preparations cannot do.

THE MOUTH Paxtine used as a mouth wash disinfects the mouth and throat, purifies the breath, and kills the germs which collect in the mouth, causing sore throat, bad teeth, bad breath, grippe, and much sickness.

THE EYES when inflamed, tired, ache and burn, may be instantly relieved and strengthened by Paxtine.

CATARRH Paxtine will destroy the germs that cause catarrh, heal the inflammation and stop the discharge. It is a sure remedy for uterine catarrh.

Paxtine is a harmless yet powerful germicide, disinfectant and deodorizer. Used in bathing it destroys odors and leaves the body antiseptically clean.

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Conquered at Last. SHARP'S BLOOD AND NERVE TABLETS. Does it. Write for Proof. Advice Free. Dr. CHASE, 224 N. 10th St., Philadelphia.

MAY BE A FALLEN METEOR.

Mountain Near Durango, Mexico, Said to Be Largest Deposit of High-Grade Iron Ore in Existence.

Mexico City.—The famous iron mountain, or "Cerro de Mercado," as it is called by the Mexicans, situated close to the city of Durango, Mexico, is said to be the largest deposit of high-grade iron ore known at this time to exist in the world. This great iron mountain was the incentive which led the late Collis P. Huntington to build a road from a point on the Southern Pacific railway in Texas to Durango. This road, which now is a part of the



Famous Iron Mountain in Mexico.

Mexican government system, traverse long stretches of desert country in order to reach this iron mountain.

Mr. Huntington died before his plans for the establishment of a great iron and steel plant at the base of this wonderful deposit could be put into effect. Preparations are now being made to extend the railroad which he built from its present southern terminus at Durango to the port of Mazatlan on the Pacific coast. The iron mountain has been owned by Americans for a number of years, and its ore has been used in a furnace at Durango.

The iron mountain at Durango was visited by Humboldt and was pronounced by him to be one of the wonders of the world. The ore outcropping rises to a height of several hundred feet out of the plain and covers a big area. The deposit extends into the earth to an unknown depth. The remarkable position and location of this mountain of iron causes some scientists to believe that it is a giant meteor which fell to the earth ages ago.

APPOINTED MINISTER TO CHILI

Thomas C. Dawson, of Iowa, Transferred from Colombia to Succeed John Hicks.

Des Moines, Ia.—Thomas C. Dawson, the new American minister to Chili, succeeding John Hicks of Wisconsin, who resigned recently, has been in the diplomatic service since 1897, when he was appointed secretary of the American legation at Rio de Janeiro. He is now minister to Colombia. He was born in Hudson, Wis., July 30, 1865, and was graduated from Hanover college, Indiana, in 1882. He studied law at Harvard and at the Cincinnati law school, from which he was graduated in 1886 with the degree of bachelor of laws. He was admitted to the bar in Iowa in 1886 and practiced law in Des Moines.



Thomas C. Dawson.

Moines. In 1891 he was assistant attorney-general of Iowa. In 1904 he was appointed minister resident and consul-general to Santo Domingo, and negotiated the agreement under which the United States has administered for several years the customs affairs of Santo Domingo. He was promoted in 1907 to be minister to Colombia.

Love Finds a New Way. Lord Reginald Widdleton-on-Waddleton loved Hortense de Alaincourt, beautiful daughter of an Irish washerwoman, and desired her hand.

"My lord," moaned the lovely Hortense, "I cannot marry you."

"Why is this?" asked the nobleman, weeping into the water bucket.

"Bertha M. Clay is dead," she wailed; "Laura Jean Libby writes no more. Who will marry us?"

"Oh, fudge!" drawled the haughty Britisher. "Look at Graustark and Zenda. Any publisher will fix it up."

With a whoop of joy the glad beauty kissed him on his monocle.—Puck.

NEW LIFE AND STRENGTH

Obtained Through Proper Action of the Kidneys.

Mrs. Josiah Straw, 526 N. Broadway, Canton, So. Dak., says: "I suffered for some time with rheumatic pains in my limbs and was weak and languid. The irregularity of the kidney secretions also caused much annoyance. After using Doan's Kidney Pills I did not have these troubles. They seemed to put new life and strength into my system and helped me in every way. My husband had an experience almost the same, and it is with pleasure that we both recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."

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Mr. Henpeck—It's no use. We can't agree on a single subject.
Mrs. Henpeck—You're wrong, dear. I always agree with you on the weather.

SKIN TROUBLES CURED.
Two Little Girls Had Eczema. Very Badly—in One Case Child's Hair Came Out and Left Bare Patches.

Cuticura Met with Great Success.

"I have two little girls who have been troubled very badly with eczema. One of them had it on her lower limbs. I did everything that I could hear of for her, but it did not give in until warm weather, when it seemingly subsided. The next winter when it became cold the eczema started again and also in her head where it would take the hair out and leave bare patches. At the same time her arms were sore the whole length of them. I took her to a physician, but the child grew worse all the time. Her sister's arms were also affected. I began using Cuticura Remedies, and by the time the second lot was used their skin was soft and smooth. Mrs. Charles Baker, Albion, Me., Sept. 21, '08." Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

Standing Fad.
The wandering agent who was selling cigar-bands found Remus sitting on the porch mending his fishing lines.

"Do you have any fads down here in Dixie?" asked the agent.
"What am them, mister?" inquired Remus, curiously.
"Why, take the collecting fad. Do you make any collections of anything down here?"

Remus laughed.
"Oh, yeas, sah," he chuckled, "de same collections we've always made. De collection of pickaninnies en dogs, sah."

Saved Him.
"It didn't kill me, but I think it would if it had not been for Hunt's Cure. I was tired, miserable and well nigh used up when I commenced using it for an old and severe case of Eczema. One application relieved and one box cured me. I believe Hunt's Cure will cure any form of itching known to mankind." CLIFTON LAWRENCE, Helena, O. T.

A Quandary.
"A necklace of diamonds has been stolen from me!" said Mrs. Cumrox. "Aren't you going to notify the police?" "I don't know what to do. It does seem rather classy to be robbed of jewelry; and yet I hate to have people think I'd ever miss a little thing like a necklace."

Important to Mothers.
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Williams* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Thoughtless.
Husband—"You must marry again, dearest, when I am gone, and that will be very soon." Wife—"No, Edward. No one will marry an old woman like me. You ought to have died ten years ago for that."—Penny Pictorial.

BRIGHT IDEA.



Miss Citykid—Oh, Willie, wouldn't it be lovely if we could catch one and take it home and tame it?

Never Disappoints.
"Many extensively advertised remedies are failures when put to the test. Hunt's Lightning Oil is an exception. Confidence in it is never misplaced—disappointment never follows its use. It is certainly the greatest emergency remedy now obtainable. For cuts, burns, sprains, aches and pains I know no equal." GEO. E. PADDOCK, Doniphan, Mo.

Hear! Hear!
The city beautiful movement if properly pushed will help not only the individual, but the entire community, and especially the property owner and the householder. The public health is also more or less involved. Are you contributing to the movement? If not, where is your public spirit and civic pride?—Birmingham News.

Work for the Young Man.
There is a place for you, young man, and there is a work for you to do. Rouse yourself up and go after it. Put your hands cheerfully and proudly to honest labor. A Spanish maxim runs: "He who loseth wealth, loseth much; he who loseth a friend, loseth more; but he who loseth his energies, loseth all."

Rough on Rats, unbeatable exterminator.
Rough on Hen Lice, Nest Powder, 25c.
Rough on Bedbugs, Powder or Liquid, 25c.
Rough on Fleas, Powder or Liquid, 25c.
Rough on Roaches, Powder, 15c. Liquid, 25c.
Rough on Moth and Ants, Powder, 25c.
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Hypocrisy.
Dr. Cook—Briggs, what is a hypocrite?
Briggs, '12—A hypocrite is a student who comes to freshman English class with a smile on his face.—Wisconsin Sphinx.

Ask Your Druggist for Allen's Foot-Ease.
"I tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE recently, and have just bought another supply. It has cured my corns, and the hot, burning and itching sensation in my feet which was almost unbearable, and I would not be without it now.—Mrs. W. J. Walker, Camden, N. J." Sold by all Druggists, 25c.

Two Ways.
"Does Mrs. Gabby disseminate circumjacent information?"
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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.

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All pleasure must be bought at the price of pain. For the true, the price is paid before you enjoy it; for the false, after you enjoy it.—John Foster.

Those who keep Hamlin's Wizard Oil in the house do not have to buy any other remedy for sore throat. No other remedy will cure this trouble so quickly or so surely. Remember this.

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A Slight Misunderstanding.
The personally-conducted tourists were viewing the ruins of the Alhambra.
"How inspiring!" rapturously exclaimed Mrs. Windfall. "Who built that castle?"

"The Moors," explained the guide.
"The Moors?" repeated the near-cultured lady, "oh, yes (turning to her husband), some of their descendants are particular friends of ours, aren't they, George?"—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Yakes Hold and Lifts Up.
"If you wish to grow fat, strong and healthy, get rid of the impurities in your system by using Simmons' Sarsaparilla. It lifts you up—keeps you well, and makes the old world look cheerful."

The Appropriate Place.
"That ship carries a big cargo of eggs."
"Do they carry eggs in a ship or in the hatches?"

Pigmentary Pleasantries.
He—As I first gazed into your eyes the blue of the sky faded.
She—When I met you the grass appeared less green.—Harvard Lampoon.



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When thousands of women say that they have been cured of their ailments by a certain remedy, does this not prove the merit of that remedy?

Thousands of women have written the story of their suffering, and have told how they were freed from it by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—for thirty years these reports have been published all over America.

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Wireless Across Sea.

The government will call for bids this week for the construction of the greatest wireless station that the world has ever known, to be built around a tower of concrete that will be one of the tallest structures on earth and will stand in a class by itself, says a Washington dispatch.

The station is to be guarded to send out wireless messages to a distance three times as great as that reached by the plants at present in existence and to deliver those messages to any station within its radius with the same degree of certainty that the old system of wires delivers its yellow ships.

The whole thing is being brought about through the Navy department because of its desire to reach ships at sea. Some months ago the department advertised for the machinery for a station that would be on a scale that compared with the best stations of the present as a Dreadnaught does with Old Ironsides.

The machinery must be guaranteed to deliver to all instruments keyed to receive it within a radius of 3,000 miles. Today wireless can be depended on to reach no further than 1,000 miles and the deliveries are uncertain. The government was willing to pay for a big plant if it could get the desired results.

There were a number of firms that bid to furnish the machinery and agreed to forfeit \$100,000 if they failed to produce these results. A Pittsburgh firm was awarded the contract and the machinery has already been built.

Then the government found it necessary to build a tower that was in proportion to the machinery. In the light of the recent development of the efficiency of concrete it was decided to make the tower of that material. The dimensions called for a height of six hundred feet with a base of fifty feet diameter tapering to eight feet at the top.

This is the structure for the construction of which the bids are to be asked this week.

The station is to be in Rock Creek park in the District of Columbia. It will be the tallest structure in America outside of New York, there being two buildings in that city that are taller, and only the Eiffel tower in Paris that surpasses it and this is merely a skeleton structure. It will tower forty-five feet above the Washington monument and wrest from that structure the distinction it has so long enjoyed.

From this station the Navy department expects to be able to reach its ships at any point in the North Atlantic ocean without the necessity of a relay. It can reach Gibraltar and San Francisco. Until other nations have constructed similar stations the United States will have a very material advantage over them all in the transmission of messages. Yet the wireless people all agree that this thing is possible and they could have done it a year ago but for the fact that it required such a great outlay of money and promised on the other hand no adequate returns on the investment. The expense of the installation will be about \$300,000.—San Angelo Standard.

Women who are Envid.

Those attractive women who are lovely in face, form and temper are the envy of many, who might be like them. A weak, sickly woman will be nervous and irritable. Constipation or kidney poisons show in pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. For all such, Electric Bitters work wonders. They regulate stomach, liver and kidneys, purify the blood; give strong nerves, bright eyes, pure breath, smooth, velvety skin, lovely complexion. Many charming women owe their health and beauty to them. 50c at the City Drug Store.

Hard to Fix a Value.

A neighboring county man took his wife to a physician. The doctor put a thermometer in the woman's mouth, and after two or three minutes, just as the doctor was about to remove the instrument, the man, who was not used to such prolonged silence on the part of his wife, said: "Doctor what'll you take for that thing?"—Masonic Globe.

Trouble Maker Ousted

When a sufferer from stomach trouble takes Dr. King's New Life Pills he's mighty glad to see his Dyspepsia and Indigestion fly, but more he's tickled over his new, fine appetite, strong nerves, healthy vigor, all because stomach, liver and kidneys now work right. 25c at the City Drug Store.

The Knock-out Blow.

The blow which knocked out Corbett was a revelation to the prize fighters. From the earliest days of the ring the knock-out blow was aimed for the jaw, the temple or the jugular vein. Stomach punches were thrown in to worry and weary the fighter, but if a scientific man had told one of the old fighters that the most vulnerable spot was the region of the stomach, he'd have laughed at him for an ignoramus. Dr. Pierce is bringing home to the public a parallel fact; that the stomach is the most vulnerable organ out of the prize ring as well as in it. We protect our heads, throats, feet and lungs, but the stomach is utterly indifferent to, until disease finds the solar plexus and knocks us out. Make your stomach sound and strong by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and you protect yourself in your most vulnerable spot. "Golden Medical Discovery" cures "weak stomach," indigestion, or dyspepsia, torpid liver, bad, thin and impure blood and other diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition.

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Silver News

We have been having plenty of good rains for the last month and crops are looking fine.

The Silver school closed last Tuesday, after a term of six months. The last week was devoted to examinations. At the first of school it was agreed that the pupil in each grade doing the best work, was to be awarded. The prizes were distributed as follows: 7th grade—Maydee Batton; 5th grade—Albert Smith; 4th grade—Elva Batton; 2nd grade—Silas Batton. Many visitors were present the last day of school. The morning was spent in a review of all work accomplished during the term. In the afternoon a short program was rendered. At the close of the program, the entire school and several visitors united in an old-time spelling match. The sides were well chosen and the result was a tie. All the patrons present were everjoyed with the progress the children have made this year and dedicate the results to our excellent teacher, Miss Bertie Dickey, who it seems has put forth every effort to up-build the school, and has certainly succeeded.

The musical entertainment given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Allison, Tuesday night was enjoyed by all.

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The Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News makes a specialty of Texas news. Outside of this, it is unquestionably the best semi-weekly publication in the world. It gives news from all over the world, but particularly an unsurpassed news service of the great Southwest in general. Specially live and useful features are the Farmers' Forum. A page for the Little Men and Women. The Woman's Century. And particular attention is given to Market Reports.

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Estray Sale.

In compliance with the law, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder at the residence of J. W. Davis, in precinct No. 2, on July 3rd, 1909 at 2 p. m. one red and white spotted steer, branded JL (connected) on hip 4 or five years old, white spot in forehead.

S. W. Gaston, Commissioner precinct No. 2.

Notice to the Public.

I have purchased the drug accounts of T. B. Lyster. All settlements in the future should be made to A. D. Lane, at the Lane Hardware Co.

For a Sprained Ankle.

As usually treated, a sprained ankle will disable the injured person for a month or more, but by applying Chamberlain's Liniment and observing the directions with each bottle faithfully, a cure may be effected in many cases in less than one week's time. This liniment is a most remarkable preparation. Try it for a sprain or bruise, or when laid up with chronic or muscular rheumatism, and you are certain to be delighted with the prompt relief which it affords. For sale by all druggists.

A newspaper, if it has any brains, conscience and muscle back of it, must continually, decide between doing its duty and injuring its pocket. In any position but that of editor the public is able to separate the individuals from the collective citizen. But if an editor does not please them it is at his pockets they aim. Thus it is the newspapers learn who their friends are. The man who reads a newspaper and admires it all the year round, yet gives his business support to some other concern, is not a friend to the former newspaper. There are too many men who expect an editor to slave in defence of their pet notions and hobbies, advocate their views against the strongest opposition, and coolly with-hold their business support by which alone a country newspaper can live.—Venus Times.

Sore Nipples.

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by all druggists.

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

Subscribe for the Observer.

PEOPLE WILL TALK.

You may get through the world, but 'twill be very slow,
If you listen to all that is said as you go;
You'll be worried and fretted, and kept in a stew,
For meddlesome tongues will have something to do,
For people will talk.

If quiet and modest, you'll have it presumed
That your humble position is only assumed;
You're a wolf in sheep's clothing or else you're a fool,
But don't get excited, keep perfectly cool,
For people will talk.

If generous and noble they'll vent out their spleen,
You'll hear loud hints that you're selfish and mean;
If upright and honest and fair as the day,
They'll call you a rogue in a sly, sneaking way,
For people will talk.

And, then if you show the least boldness of heart,
Or a slight inclination to take your own part,
They will call you an upstart, conceited and vain;
But keep straight ahead; don't stop to explain,
For people will talk.

If threadbare you dress, or old-fashioned your hat,
Someone will surely take notice of that.
And hint rather strong that you can't pay your way;
But don't get excited, whatever they say,
For people will talk.

If you dress in the fashion, don't think to escape,
For they criticize then in a different shape;
You are ahead of your means, or your bills are unpaid,
But mind your own business, there's naught to be made,
For people will talk.

Now the best way to do is to do as you please,
For your mind, if you have one will then be at ease.
Of course you will meet with all sorts of abuse,
But don't think to stop them; it ain't any use,
For people will talk.

—The Trestle Board.

Robert Lee Firm is Sold.

The Robert Lee Mercantile Company, which was thrown into bankruptcy last March on account of its overwhelming debts, was sold by Deputy Sheriff W. D. Simmons Saturday, in front of the court house.

The concern was recently appraised at \$6,716.09. Saturday it was sold to the Bernham, Hannah, Munger Co., Kansas City, for \$3,950. There were several bidders, among them Walker-Smith Company, which started the bidding at \$3,300.

The Kansas City concern was the highest bidder, and none of the others offered a raise over the price at which the concern was bought. The purchaser is a big firm handling all kinds of goods. It is thought the stock will be used in some other field.

It will be remembered that the company's stock was sold some time ago for a consideration around \$3,000. This was considered too cheap by some of the parties concerned, and the action of Mr. Simmons in selling the property was rescinded.—San Angelo Standard.

G. W. Dunnican and G. L. Odom arrived in the city Tuesday and have opened up the stock. They state that the stock will be replenished both in the dry goods and grocery line and will continue to do a general merchandise business.

Could not be Better.

No one has ever made a salve, ointment, lotion or balm to compare with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Its the one perfect healer of cuts, corns, burns, bruises, sores, scalds, boils, ulcers, eczema, salt rheum. For sore eyes, cold sores, chapped hands its supreme. Infalible for piles. Only 25c at the City Drug Store.

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A Thrilling Rescue.

How Bert R. Lean, of Cheney, Wash. was saved from a frightful death is a story to thrill the world. "A hard cold," he writes, "brought on a desperate lung trouble that baffled an expert doctor here. Then I paid \$10 to \$15 a visit to a lung specialist in Spokane, who did not help me. Then I went to California, but without benefit. At last I used Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me and now I am as well as ever." For Lung Trouble, Bronchitis, Coughs and Colds, Asthma, Croup and Whooping Cough its supreme. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by the City Drug Store.

Many a young woman who deserves a good man for a life companion has jumped in at a tender age and married a Johnny, and gone through life embarrassed the rest of her days. Johnny is all right as an ice cream boy and as a slot machine, with which to get chewing gum and bon bons, but when it comes to measuring up in after years with the men who do things and whose wives make up the budget of satisfied ones, he is down and out before the race starts. Girls, if you must marry—and you must if you would be happy—be sure and marry a man, or at least what is going to be a man.—Hamilton Rustler.

The Big Head

is of two kinds—conceit and the big head that comes from a sick headache. Does your head ever feel like a gourd and your brain feel loose and sore? You can cure it in no time by acting on your liver with Ballard's Herbine. Isn't it worth trying for the absolute and certain relief you'll get?

Good appetite and cheerfulness follows the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It purifies the blood, liver and bowels and makes life worth living.—Evans & Sturman Special Agents.

Hurry and Dispatch.

No two things differ more than hurry and dispatch. Hurry is the mark of a weak mind, dispatch of a strong one. A weak man in office, like a squirrel in a cage, is laboring eternally, but to no purpose, and in constant motion without getting on a jot; like a turnstile, he is in everybody's way, but stops nobody; he talks a great deal, but says very little; looks into everything, but sees into nothing; and has a hundred froes in the fire, but few of them are hot, and with those few that are, he only burns his fingers.—Colton.

A Vital Point

The most delicate part of a baby is its bowels. Every ailment that it suffers with attacks the bowels also endangering in most cases the life of the infant. McGee's Baby Elixir cures diarrhoea, dysentery and all derangements of the stomach or bowels. Sold by Evans & Sturman.

When Chicago Got a-Going.

In 1833 Chicago went almost mad over the fact that lots on what is now La Salle street sold for \$3,000, which had sold for only \$80 but a year before. When Chicago's taxes totaled almost \$400 in 1832 the town uttered a whoop of jubilation, and when in 1834 settlers began to arrive at the rate of 100 people in two weeks, bringing the total population up to 4,000 before 1837, Chicago's hopes went mildly mad. She took out a city charter, did Chicago, and the pace she has kept since that all the world knows.—Outing.

A Wreck

is the only fit description for the man or woman who is crippled with rheumatism. Just a few rheumatic twinges may be the forerunner of a severe attack—stop the trouble at the start with Ballard's Snow Liniment. Cures the rheumatism and all pain. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

Bean Milk.

"There actually is a bean milk," said a milkman. "It is drunk, put in tea and coffee and even frozen for ice cream. The Japs are its inventors. 'This milk is made of the Soja bean. The bean is first soaked, then boiled in water. After the liquid turns white, sugar and phosphate of potash are added, and the boiling is kept up till a substance of the thickness of molasses is obtained. 'Nobody could tell this bean milk from condensed milk, and when water is added, it can't be told from the fresh. The Japanese poor use nothing else.'—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Indian Creek News.

Uncle Tom failed to gather any news last week, from the fact that he was trying to get his crop planted.

It is very late, but the long looked for rain has come and we think if it continues to rain, we will make good crops yet.

The Indian Creek Literary Society is moving along nicely. J. R. Smith, of Mineral Springs, passed through this community Friday en route to Robert Lee.

B. A. Taylor, of Tennyson, passed through the Indian Creek country, Friday.

C. W. McCutchen was in this part of the country last week on business.

Henry Williams went to Robert Lee, last week on business.

Mrs. C. S. Bond is reported very ill this week.

Farming is the order of the day. Everybody seems to be very busy in their crops.

Uncle Tom.

American Wives of Foreign Noblemen.

Altogether there are 26 American princesses, six American duchesses, 72 American baronesses, 36 American countesses, 14 American marquises, 18 American viscountesses, 82 American wives of baronets and more than two hundred American wives of knights, chevaliers and other small fry of the European aristocracy. This makes nearly five hundred American wives of foreign noblemen. Of the 500 more than two hundred have been divorced from their husbands or live apart.

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ROBERT LEE, - - - TEXAS

Perhaps a little benzene of soda would help in preserving the peace in the Balkans.

Just about the time a man gets a woman's waist line comfortably located, she moves it.

Here is where the baseball language begins to be substituted for less picturesque vehicles of expression.

What fun our grandchildren will have looking back at the hats their female ancestors wore!

If dogs save more lives than they eat short, what kind of a protective measure is it to kill the dogs?

The south pole crossed its fingers just as the Shackleton explorers started on the last dash of 111 miles.

A poet has just died in Denmark leaving \$1,000,000. We presume he dabbled with the Muses as a side issue.

"Preachers," says the Brooklyn Eagle, "are not infallible." Why, no. They contradict each other frequently.

The preacher who insists that women shall take their hats off in church is dooming himself to slim congregations.

Camille Flammarion's heat-producing well is a mighty fine idea, but the chesty coal men still decline to be stampeded.

While we are condemning the man who rocks the boat, why not include the nervous woman who trails her hand in the water?

The man who kills another through reckless auto-driving has committed as serious a crime as though his weapon were a knife or gun.

Now that a fertilizer trust is being organized, of course something ought to be said about such an organization probably being in bad odor—but let it pass.

A New York paper publishes an editorial on "Why Girls Leave Home." In the majority of cases they go because they are invited by young men to do so.

It isn't going to be any easier for a gentleman leaving a banquet at 2 a. m. to call for a "tetrahedral kite" than it is for him to say that he wants a "taxicab."

It is not worth while to speculate concerning those canals on Mars until the astronomers have agreed among themselves whether or not they really are canals.

A lemon famine is threatened. This is not alarming, however. The fruit has been too freely handed out of late to make its scarcity a subject of general regret.

A speedy and highly satisfactory way to wreck an aeroplane seems to be to send it up without an occupant. We are making scientific progress, locally, every day.

No doubt, when some Chicago or Wall street financier has perfected a way to corner the oxygen in the atmosphere we shall be permitted the luxury of protesting, at least.

The truth is the hats only look like peach baskets; if they really were peach baskets they could be bought for 11 cents a dozen, instead of costing an average of \$15.33 each.

Down in Mexico there are some people who do not want Diaz for president again, but they take the precaution to come north of the Rio Grande before giving expression to their sentiments.

Diaz started in to be president of Mexico away back in 1877, and, with the exception of one intervening term, has been president ever since. The grand old man has made some history during those years.

Rev. Dr. McPherson may be right in asserting that the man who fails to pay his street car fare because the conductor has overlooked him is acting a lie, but there is another side to the matter, as one passenger found out when he tendered a fare that had been missed and was privately "called down" by the conductor for the proceeding. "When you do that," the latter said, "you may be calling the attention of an inspector or spotter to my carelessness and will get me a reprimand. Don't do it again."

Those who looked beneath the surface, into the heart of things, will readily perceive that it was not Cervantes who was beaten at Santiago. It was the unreadiness and inefficiency of Spain and her incompetence to guard her own possessions. He was the commander not of a forlorn hope, but of a hope which was doomed in advance. In desperate circumstances he acted like a hero. Had the Spanish naval equipment been commensurate with his spirit he should not so easily have won that fight.

NEWS FROM The CAPITAL

Uplift Plan Among Girl Workers Fails



WASHINGTON.—Efforts to uplift the business women of Washington, 25,000 of whom earn their livelihood at service in the government departments, have received a setback.

Some time ago it occurred to a group of well-meaning society women in New York that it would be nice to uplift all these working women. About the same time the National Civic Federation of Women began busy itself with the women in the Washington departments. It took on the great bureau of engraving and printing, in which women are employed, and proceeded to look for things that needed to be improved.

The bureau of engraving and printing is the place where the money is made; hundreds of hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of treasury notes and bank notes are turned out

there every year.

When the Civic Federation of Women sent a committee to do some uplifting these money manufacturing women doubted whether they really needed any charity. They earn comfortable livings, have their own places in society, go to the theater, and never before thought of themselves as in need of any uplift from the Manhattan direction.

The federation committee worked away earnestly, and finally the explosion came. The committee found 50 of the women in the bureau would have to be dropped out of the service before the moral average would be raised to the point where contact with the federated benefactresses could be established at all.

That settled it. Every woman and girl in the bureau resolved herself into an indignation meeting. It was what all had been expecting, they declared. Those society women who wanted to convert working women into butterflies, of course, couldn't understand. Why should they be expected to? They had meant well enough, but really they could hardly be commended for tact and diplomacy.

Agricultural Experts Make Discovery



IN the midst of the throes of the tariff fighting and the uprisings in Turkey and Persia, Uncle Sam's staid and placid department of agriculture at Washington hurled a bombshell to the center of the world's stage the other day in an official bulletin—"Fishy flavor in butter." Yes, there it is in all its fearful portent.

For four years, according to the bulletin, Uncle Sam's bureau of animal industry sleuths have been on the trail of the microbe which gives to butter "a peculiar oily taste suggesting mackerel or salmon."

But they have not caught the microbe yet.

"Although there are very few references to this subject in literature," announces the bulletin, "the trouble is widely distributed."

"It is known to occur in various parts of the United States, but is es-

pecially prevalent in the newer dairying sections of the middle west. In one region this trouble occurs so frequently that it is spoken of among commission men as the fishy belt."

The immediate cause is generally ascribed to the presence of trimethylamin in the butter," continued the experts, so the sleuths got on the track of this and found it "not guilty." Next they tackled old maid nectis, and this, too, proved an alibi. Then they inoculated the butter with the third suspect, bacterium lactis aerogenes, and it, too, was proved innocent. The bulletin finally concludes that the cause is as about as follows, to-wit:

"Fishy flavor is caused by a slow, spontaneous chemical change, to which acid is essential, and which is favored by the presence of small amounts of oxygen. Its immediate cause is a particular substance produced by the oxidation of one of the combinations of the acid developed in the ripening of the cream. The substance oxidized may be the result of a hydrolysis of the cream."

And here is the climax:

The remedy: Fishy flavor may be prevented with certainty by making butter from pasteurized sweet cream.

Aldrich to Quit Senate at End of Term



NELSON W. ALDRICH, senior senator from Rhode Island, has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election when his present term ends. His fifth term as senator of the United States will expire March 3, 1911, and in the meantime Mr. Aldrich hopes to see enacted a tariff bill which will be a credit to his leadership and a financial bill which will completely reorganize the finances of the nation and which will consti-

tute a monument to his service in the upper house.

The part which Mr. Aldrich is taking in the tariff legislation is well known. While the tariff bill is under consideration, the financial legislation, in charge of the national monetary commission, is making little apparent progress, although considerable work is being done by experts employed by the commission to gather data for its use.

Next autumn Mr. Aldrich will make a trip through the country, delivering a number of speeches, or addresses, as he prefers to call them, explaining the work of the monetary commission, its plans for the reorganization of the monetary system, consulting with bankers and business men and explaining his views.

Secretary Latta Startles Congressmen



THE uplift has had another setback in Washington, they say. It comes about through the remissness of Assistant Secretary to the President Latta. Mr. Latta is the official messenger from the White House to the houses of congress. He lugs up all the messages of the president and solemnly presents them when the houses are in session.

The first time Mr. Latta delivered a message to the senate is an occasion well remembered. He is about six and a half feet tall, and when he appeared at the door of the chamber with a bundle of documents from President Roosevelt he got slightly rattled. He was duly presented and he formal reception by the vice-pres-

ident came off; but Mr. Latta suddenly lost his voice and had a hard time unloading his impedimenta and the proper formal speech. He managed to get through it, and in time—by reason, of course, of the constant practice during the Roosevelt administration—acquired a commendable nonchalance about it.

But he never dreamed of appearing in any other costume than the long and dignified black frock coat of statesmanship. It was supposed that garb was as necessary for him as the flowing robes of black which add something to the terror with which the supreme court judges inspire a lawyer appearing before them for the first time. What, therefore, was the astonishment when he appeared the other day in a natty sack suit and delivered his message with the ease of a telegraph boy with a message?

One explanation offered is that Mr. Latta has to make the trip so seldom nowadays that he can't arrange always to have the long skirted coat handy.

PRESIDENT TAFT ATTENDS CHARLOTTE CELEBRATION

Three Days' Carnival in the North Carolina City Marks the Anniversary of the Famous Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Charlotte, N. C.—With three days of military drills, band concerts, speeches, athletic contests and other kinds of entertainment, the one hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary of the Mecklenburg declaration has been celebrated, and all North Carolina is happy in the knowledge that its pet legend has been recognized by the president of the United States; for Mr. Taft gave the occasion the official sanction of his presence and was the chief feature of the celebration.

The carnival began Tuesday noon when the Charlotte fire companies gave an exhibition of their skill and speed. At three o'clock there was a drill by a body of United States cavalry and a band concert at the fair grounds, followed by a league ball game. The evening was given up to a drill by the Charlotte drum corps and a concert by three bands.

Governors' Day Program.

Wednesday was designated as governors' day and the main event was the delivery of addresses by Gov. Kitchin of North Carolina and the chief executives of several other states, at the fair ground. These were preceded by a big athletic meet and followed by a cavalry drill, military maneuvers and band concerts, with another ball game thrown in for good measure.

Two events made the evening notable. The first was a May musical festival at the Auditorium which enlisted the services of a number of excellent soloists and a large and well illuminated parade given by the Order of Red Men.

President Taft Arrives.

Just at ten o'clock Wednesday morning the booming of a 21-gun salute by the Charlotte artillery notified the people that President Taft had arrived on his special train. Nearly all the inhabitants and the thousands of visitors were at the station, and as Mr. and Mrs. Taft alighted from their car they were greeted with a mighty roar of applause. A special reception committee took the distinguished guests in charge and conducted them to the Selwyn hotel, where they were welcomed by Gov. Kitchin, Senators Simmons and Overman and the mayor of Charlotte.

After meeting all the committeemen and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Taft, together with Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, the governor and mayor and other distinguished visitors, were escorted by a guard of old soldiers to a reviewing stand and witnessed a great parade of all the military and civic organizations that could take part in the celebration.

Mr. Taft Speaks Twice.

A second installment of the music festival in the Auditorium was graced by the presence of the city's guests, and then all returned to the reviewing stand, where President Taft delivered an address. His words were listened to with close attention and frequently elicited loud applause.

Later in the afternoon the president made a speech to the colored people and the students of Biddle university.

From 8 to 9:30 in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Taft held a public reception in the parlors of the Selwyn hotel and shook hands with thousands of people.

Military drills, band concerts and other entertainments were provided for the crowds all Wednesday afternoon and evening, and the great celebration closed in a blaze of glory.

Old Controversy Renewed.

The people of North Carolina, whose proudest boast has been that their ancestors were the first Americans to throw off the yoke of British rule, now rejoice in the feeling that President Taft has recognized the justice of their claim, but the century-old controversy has broken out afresh. Many historians refuse to accord to the pioneers of Mecklenburg county the honor that is thus accorded them. These historians allude to the story as "the Mecklenburg myth," and thereby arouse the anger of North Carolinians.

According to those unbiased investigators who have looked most deeply into the matter, the Mecklenburgers did hold a public meeting on May 31, 1775, and did adopt resolutions quite abreast of the public sentiment of that time, but not venturing on the field of independence further than to say that these resolutions were to remain in force till Great Britain resigned its pretensions. In 1793, or earlier, some of the actors in the proceeding endeavored to supply the record from memory, unconsciously intermingling some of the phraseology of the Declaration of July 4, which gave the resolution the tone of a pronounced independence. Probably through another dimness of memory,

they affixed the date of May 20, 1775, to them.

Case for Mecklenburgers.

The case for the Mecklenburgers is set forth as follows: In 1818 there arose a great rivalry between Massachusetts and Virginia as to which commonwealth should receive the credit for the Philadelphia document, and the controversy was brought up in congress. It was at this time that Davidson, a representative in congress from North Carolina, announced that Mecklenburg county had declared her independence 13 months before the promulgation of the document in Philadelphia.

While the statement created some surprise it resulted in an investigation into the facts as to the Mecklenburg declaration. This inquiry was made by Nathaniel Macon, who presented North Carolina in the senate, and through Gen. Joseph Graham and Representative Davidson, Senator Macon received from Dr. Joseph McKnitt Alexander, the son of John McKnitt Alexander, a full account of "the event," which Dr. Alexander said he had "copied from papers left by his father." This statement, which included the May 20th declaration, Senator Macon sent to Raleigh, N. C., and it was published in the Register on Friday, April 30, 1819.

Dr. Alexander's Story.

Dr. Alexander related at length how the farmers of Mecklenburg county in the spring of 1775 had called a convention to be composed of two delegates from each settlement in the county to meet May 19 to devise means for the assistance of the "suffering" people of Boston and to extricate themselves from the impending storm. "Official news, by express, arrived of the battle of Lexington," according to Dr. Alexander's report to Senator Macon, and the influence of the news from Lexington, he added, resulted in the unanimous adoption of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence.

The declaration, as written by Dr. Brevard, and approved by the convention on May 20, 1775, reads:

"1. Resolved, That whosoever directly or indirectly abetted or in any way, form or manner countenanced the unchartered and dangerous invasion of our rights, as claimed by Great Britain, is an enemy to this country—America—and to the inherent and inalienable rights of man.

"2. Resolved, That we, the citizens of Mecklenburg county, do hereby dissolve the political bands which have connected us to the mother country, and hereby absolve ourselves from all allegiance to the British crown and abjure all political connection, contract or association with that nation, who have wantonly trampled on our rights and liberties and inhumanly shed the innocent blood of American patriots at Lexington.

Declared Themselves Free.

"3. Resolved, That we do hereby declare ourselves a free and independent people, are, and of right ought to be, a sovereign and self-governing association under the control of no power other than that of our God and the general government of the congress to the maintenance of which independence we solemnly pledge to each other our mutual co-operation, our lives, our fortunes and our most sacred honor.

"4. Resolved, That as we now acknowledge the existence and acknowledgment of no law or legal officer, civil or military, within this county, we do hereby, by ordain and adopt, as a rule of life, each and every one of our former laws, wherein, nevertheless, the crown of Great Britain never can be considered as holding privileges, immunities or authority therein.

"5. Resolved, That it is also further decreed that all, each and every military officer in this county is hereby reinstated in his former command and authority, he acting conformably to these regulations. And that every member present of this delegation shall henceforth be a civil officer, viz., a justice of the peace, in the character of a 'committeeman,' to issue process, hear and determine all matters of controversy, according to said adopted laws, and to preserve peace and union and harmony in said county, and to use every exertion to spread the love of the country and fire of freedom throughout America, until a more general and organized government be established in this province."

"Blind Tigers" Even in China.

For retailing intoxicating liquors without a license at 389 Chapoo road on the 29th instant, F. Ziffenbug was fined ten francs at the French consular court yesterday. He was also ordered to take out a license or close his establishment at once.—Shanghai Times.

The SMUGGLER

BY ELLA MIDDLETON TYBOUT

ILLUSTRATED BY RAY WALTERS

SYNOPSIS.

Three girls—Elizabeth, Gabrielle and Elise—started for Canada to spend the summer there. On board steamer they were frightened by an apparently demented stranger, who, finding a bag belonging to one of them, took enjoyment in scrutinizing a photo of the trio. Elise shared her stateroom with a Mrs. Graham, also bound for Canada. The young women on a sightseeing tour met Mrs. Graham, anxiously awaiting her husband, who had a mania for sailing. They were introduced to Lord Wilfrid and Lady Edith. A cottage by the ocean was rented by the trio for the summer. Elizabeth learned that a friend of her father's was to call. Two men called, one of them being the queer-acting stranger on the steamer. The girls were "not at home," but discovered by the cards left that one of the men was Elizabeth's father's friend. The men proved to be John C. Blake and Gordon Bennett. The party was told of the search for smugglers in the vicinity of the cottage. Elise visited Mrs. Graham to find that her life was not the happiest. She learned that the Grahams and Lady Edith were acquainted. A wisp of yellow hair from Mr. Graham's pocket fell into the hands of Elise. Mrs. Graham's hair was black. During a storm the young women heard a crash in the basement of the cottage and a moment later Mary Anne, their woman servant, entered, her arm bleeding. To assure them there was no danger, Mary Anne descended to the basement alone and quieted their fears. Lady Edith told the girls of a robbery of jewels at the hotel. Fearing for the safety of her own gems, she left them in a safe at the cottage. Mr. Gordon Bennett was properly introduced, explained his queer actions, returned the lost bag and told of mysterious doings of a year before connected with the cottage. Exploring the cellar, one of the girls found a sphinx cuff-button, the exact counterpart of which both Gordon Bennett and Lady Edith were found to possess, also. Elise, alone, explored the cellar, overhearing a conversation there between Mary Anne and a man. He proved to be her son, charged with murder. The young women agreed to keep the secret. Lady Edith told a story of a last love in connection with the sphinx key. Elise and Gordon Bennett discovered Lady Edith and Mr. Graham, the latter displaying a marvelous baritone voice.

CHAPTER X.—Continued.

"It is all very well for you to laugh," she remarked, "but you don't even know whether there is as much as a cracker in the house. I'll have to go to the village and see what I can find."

I really sympathized with Elizabeth and tried to show it in a practical manner.

"Suppose I do the marketing. I love poking round in those queer little shops."

"You'd buy whatever they told you," she returned, ungratefully, "and probably come home with a leg of mutton and a head of cabbage for a picnic supper. No—I'll send Mary Anne; that will be best of all."

Mary Anne, as usual, came nobly to the rescue.

"It's not the first supper I've spread on the rocks," she said, "and most likely it won't be the last. So rest easy, Miss Elizabeth, for well I know how to purvide and there's nothin' to worry yerself over at all. Though why folks should want to do sich things when they might set up at a table and eat like Christians, I can't fur the life of me make out."

Gabrielle repeated this speech as we sat around our fire that night and watched the waves break against the rocks, sending up little fountains of foam that sparkled in the moonlight. Her hands were clasped about her knees, and her hair glistened here and there where the spray had touched it.

"Of course," said Lord Wilfrid, "one could not expect the lower classes to understand the subtle fascination of an evening like this."

"Wilfrid knows so little of the lower classes," interposed Lady Edith; "wouldn't it be better, dear, to give them the benefit of a doubt? They may enjoy the beauties of nature in their own way, you know, although it is, of course, quite different from yours."

It was a very innocent little speech, laughingly uttered, yet Lord Wilfrid's face darkened disagreeably and he pulled his cap down over his eyes in a manner distinctly irritable. Evidently he brooked no criticism, however slight, and I wondered whether this was the effect of his illness or his natural disposition. His sister looked at him a moment, then turned to Elizabeth with a perfunctory remark about the beauty of the night. She never noticed his sulky moods, although they occurred quite often, and was always ready to respond with a smile or a cheerful word when he deigned to be pleasant again.

Elizabeth laid her hand on Lady Edith's with a caressing gesture. She said afterward that she was glad she had done it, for at the moment she quite hated Lord Wilfrid and knew from the way his sister's hand clasped hers that she needed sympathy.

They sat together upon a large flat rock with their backs against a higher boulder, while Mr. Blake and Mr. Graham sat at their feet, feeding the fire with bits of driftwood and

casting appreciative glances at the picture just above them.

I thought Mr. Blake looked as though he envied Elizabeth and would have been quite willing to be sympathetic himself. I could not see Mr. Graham so distinctly, for his face was in the shadow, so I leaned forward a little that I might get a better view. As I did so I noticed that Mrs. Graham also was looking toward him and beyond him to the sea, her dark eyes widely opened and her lips slightly parted.

The fresh salt air had brought no touch of color to her face, which seemed even paler than usual in the white light as I followed the direction of her gaze, past the blazing fire, over the rocks, and out where the ocean stretched undulating into space. A broad silver path was spread directly opposite us, quivering with the in-



We Continued to Talk for Awhile in a Desultory Way.

coming tide and sparkling here and there where the billows broke into little white-capped waves.

"It is lovely, isn't it?" I said, thinking I understood her abstraction.

She turned toward me with a quick nervous movement.

"I beg your pardon, I'm afraid my thoughts were wandering."

I repeated my remark with the inane feeling such repetitions cause, and she replied with a repressed vehemence which the subject scarcely seemed to warrant.

"Lovely? Oh, no—not to me. Look beyond the little path of light to the interminable darkness, and think what lies beneath."

"Don't think," interposed Mr. Graham, with his light laugh, "and don't look too far. There is where Mrs. Graham and I differ. She is always looking into and beyond—though she's awfully afraid of what she may discover. As for me, I prefer not to go below the surface; I'd rather float on those jolly little waves, for instance, than dive beneath them."

"And I," said Elizabeth, "would rather sit here and watch them than do either."

"I'm afraid you are not ambitious, Miss Elizabeth," said Mr. Bennett; "one must dive a bit if one considers the future."

"Who cares for the future?" interrupted Mr. Graham; "it is the present we live in, isn't it? The past is gone and not worth worrying about; the future will look out for itself; but the

present—where we live and breathe, love and hate! Ah, that's the time for me, and I think I make the most of it. No one can accuse me of crying over spilt milk, or taking undue thought for the morrow, eh, Juliet?"

"No," she returned; "no, Harry."

She spoke dully and immediately lapsed into silence in a manner that provoked me. Mr. Graham frequently made such little jocular appeals to his wife, and always endeavored to include her in any merriment or general conversation that interested him. I thought she should respond, sometimes at least, and could understand what Gabrielle meant when she said she often had to resist an inclination suddenly to shake Mrs. Graham and see if she would then be roused from her usual apathetic indifference.

We continued to talk for a while in a desultory way, but as the moments passed we lapsed into silence and watched the water dash noisily over the rocks, for the surf was wonderfully fine that night. So we sat around our fire looking out upon the restless moonlit ocean and listening to the roar of the breakers as wave followed wave in quick succession, each thinking our own thoughts and no doubt carried by them beyond the distant horizon of our most cherished hopes and ambitions.

Of course I cannot answer for the others, but I know that I was at first oppressed by a sense of my own insignificance and then blissfully happy,

straight from the mines without alloy; and perhaps, Miss Elise, it may bring you the elixir of eternal youth. Would you like that?"

I had a quick vision of Gabrielle and Elizabeth wrinkled and palsied by age, while I was still quite young and kittenish.

"No," I said, "I do not want eternal youth."

"But I want it for you. I should like to think you would always look as you do to-night."

"Where has it been?" I chose to ignore the implied compliment.

"The ship? To the Land of Dreams, of course; and deep down in the hold beneath the jewels, I think it is bringing you—"

"What?"

"Ah, that is not for me to tell you. You must discover it yourself."

"Suppose," I remarked, "it happens to be your ship, not mine. What then?"

"It isn't my ship, Miss Elise. Mine is somewhere on the black water, but it has not reached the light as yet. I sent it out long ago, and sometimes I have thought it was lost."

"Wrecked?"

"So I feared. But just lately I have begun to believe it will come safely home. Sometimes I have even dreamed I could see it coming into port and bringing me—"

"What?"

"My heart's desire."

I wanted very much to ask him what it was, but something prevented. So I looked out over the rippling silver path and wished my ship was really coming home laden with treasures from the Land of Dreams.

I wondered, too, what I might discover hidden in the hold and whether I would be able to find it without assistance. The little boat, however, merely sailed on and I saw that it was going steadily away from me, taking with it my unknown treasures.

Gabrielle also had been watching it and presently voiced her theories.

"There goes the smuggler," she announced, as one having authority in such matters.

"He is taking Mrs. Bundy's emeralds," supplemented Elizabeth, "we ought to hope he will be wrecked."

"Do you wish it?"

"Why, no," Elizabeth hesitated; "no, Mr. Blake, I'm afraid I don't."

"Nor I," said Gabrielle; "somehow I can't help taking an interest in him. Every time I hear of a new lot of things being smuggled in I feel quite a thrill of relief. But I can't forgive the emeralds; he might have let the poor old woman alone."

"I suppose he could not resist them," said Lady Edith. "I have read some-

where that there is an irresistible impulse."

"Could you understand such an impulse?" inquired Mr. Blake.

She considered a moment before replying.

"No, I cannot understand it. I do not wish to be intolerant, but some things are inconceivable."

"Try," he insisted; "put yourself in his place and remember the temptation. Human nature is weak, you know."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

BY THE LIGHT OF SPLINTERS.

Religious Meeting Under Peculiar Circumstances a Great Success.

Elder J. W. Cook, in his "Forty-Five Years a Minister," relates this incident: "I remember one time up in Clair county, Missouri, I arrived at my appointment just at night. It was raining, but the people turned out just the same. The schoolhouse was of logs, and inside it was dark as a dark night could make it. A brother said: 'Will someone please light the candle?' But there was no candle to light, no grease, no oil of any kind. The little cabin was crowded and the rain was pouring down. It was a good half mile to the nearest house where a candle might be procured. But a resourceful brother relieved the situation thus: 'We must have a meetin'; that's sartin. The boy's traveled 'way over here to preach for us, and he's goin' to do it. Now we'll tear off some planks from the platform and light 'em and take turn about holdin' 'em so he can see his Bible. I got matches.' That meeting under the flickering splinter light was an astonishing success."

A Side Light.

The fortune teller, whose specialty was restoring lost and stolen articles by her powers of divination and spirit help, was perturbed.

She had missed a wallet full of bills and a diamond ring from her bureau drawer.

"Maria," she cried to her assistant, "have you taken the most effective means to get those articles back?"

"Yes'm," said Maria. "I reported it right off to the police."

Knew One of the Firm.

Attendant (showing him through the structure)—This house is built on what is known as the "slow combustion" plan.

Mr. Paucritch—Ah, yes; I think I know Slocum. I have seen him at the club; but I have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Ruston.

NEW TURKISH RULER

Mohammad V. Said to Be Broad in His Views.

No Experience in Government, Says Acting Consul-General at New York, But His Sound Sense Will Guide Him.

New York.—Pretty nearly everybody in New York that knows anything about Mehmed Reschad Effendi, the prisoner of the Yildiz Kiosk, who has suddenly found himself elevated to the position of sultan of the Ottoman empire, were assembled the other afternoon in the editorial rooms of the Syrian newspaper Al Hoda.

There were Reouf Ahmed, the first secretary of the Turkish legation in Washington, who has been acting consul-general in New York since Mundji Bey departed under a cloud some weeks ago; M. A. Mokarzen, the editor of Al Hoda, himself a Syrian; two representatives of the Syrian society of New York and two of the most vigorous proponents of the Young Turks in America. The consul-general gave a few facts, the editor gave a few more. The Young Turks and the Syrians nodded gravely over their cigarettes and said little for publication.

"The new sultan has of course had no experience in diplomacy or the ways of government," said the acting Turkish consul-general. "He has been practically prisoner in the Yildiz Kiosk since Abdul Hamid succeeded to the



Mohammad V., New Sultan of Turkey.

place of power. We know little about him except that he is a man of broader and more liberal tendencies than his elder brother. We believe that he will come to remedy the mistakes that Abdul Hamid made, that he will be a repairer and not a destroyer, and that all of his attention will be given to placing Turkey in the place she deserves among the nations of Europe."

Acting Consul-General Reouf Ahmed would have it understood that once and for all time the American newspapers and all others in the English language should get the title of the new sultan straight. Reschad-Effendi should be started right in that regard at least.

He will take the title of Mohammad V., said the consul-general. His real name is Mehmed, which means glorious. Mohammad, the title which has been held in the line of the Ottomans four times before, is translated glorified, or the man who is praised.

Mohammad V. is the thirty-fifth in male descent of the house of Othman, the founder of the Turkish empire in 1299, and he is the twenty-fifth to rule since Constantinople fell. By the Turkish law of succession obeyed in the royal family, the headship over the state is inherited according to seniority by the male descendants of Othman sprung from the imperial harem.

The deposed sultan, Abdul Hamid, would be succeeded by his eldest son, Mehmed-Selim, were it not that Mehmed-Reschad, the ex-sultan's oldest brother, is living, and by the Turkish law of succession in line for the occupancy of the high seat of power.

Mohammad V. is the third brother to take the throne in the Yildiz Kiosk. Murad V., eldest son of Sultan Abdul Hamid, was deposed because of insanity on August 31, 1876. Then Abdul Hamid succeeded. A sister, Djemile Sultana, was the next in age to Abdul Hamid, but because of her sex she is passed over in the selection of a successor to the one who so long held the position of the sick man of Europe, and Mehmed Reschad, the next elder son of Sultan Abdul Medjid, has the unenviable throne.

The present sultan was born November 3, 1844. The next in succession to the Turkish throne is not one who bulks large in the public eye over there. Inevitably his brother, or uncle, as the case may be, sees to it that the people know nothing more about a possible successor than that he exists,

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LOCAL NEWS.

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Jeff Davis went to San Angelo, Sunday.
—New bedsteads and furniture at Simpson's.
Sheriff Will Hickman visited Bronte, Sunday.
—Plow oil at Evans & Sturman's.
Jimmie Barron went to San Angelo, Wednesday.
—Lamp globes at Evans & Sturman's.
W. W. McCutchen was in from his ranch Wednesday.
—Linseed oil at Evans & Sturman's.
E. Menelle was in from his ranch Tuesday, on business.
Black-eyed peas for seed at Evans & Sturman's.
Jas. Tunnell is attending the Hill Business College, at Waco.
New stock of matting to arrive at Simpson's.
Miss Gussie Williams was in the city Wednesday shopping.
—Go to R. Hickey & Son, the candy men for fresh candy.
T. D. Kornegay, of Tennyson, was in the city Tuesday on business.
—Legal blanks of all kinds at Evans & Sturman's.
Louie Morrow, of San Angelo, is here working on the court house.
—Oil for buggies and wagons at Evans & Sturman's.
J. T. Shook, of the Hayrick section was here Tuesday on business.
—Fine Bon Bon's and chocolate candy at R. Hickey & Son.
W. A. Stokes, of Cedar Hill, was in the city Wednesday on business.
—Nice line of fancy candies at W. H. Bell & Co.
J. R. Finch and wife of Eden, were here the past week visiting relatives.
—Car of ball-bearing buggies at The Lane Hardware Co.
Miss Ollie Green has accepted a position with the Robert Lee Mercantile Co.
—Safes and Typewriters sold by F. Probandt, San Angelo.
Rev. W. K. Simpson will preach at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 o'clock.
—Typewriter paper and carbon paper at Evans & Sturman's.
Rev. and Mrs. John Reed returned Sunday from a few days visit to San Angelo.
—Carbon to kill prairie dogs and ants at Evans & Sturman's.
Uncle Johnnie Connor and son, Silas, were in from their ranch near Silver Wednesday.
Plain and Fancy Job Printing neatly done on short notice.

Roped Fish.

Silas Connor the jovial stockman and irrigation farmer was down from his ranch near Silver, Wednesday and told us of a fishing job in the Colorado on his ranch recently. A rise came down which caused the fish to come to the top. Messrs Grover Brown and John and Tom Powers rode into the river and rounded up a bunch of cat fish and roped a number of the largest.

Miss Willie B. Bowen left Wednesday for her home at San Angelo, after a months visit to her grandmother, Mrs. M. A. Ramsey and the editor's family.

A Good Hair-Food

Ayer's Hair Vigor, new improved formula, is a genuine hair-food. It feeds, nourishes, builds up, strengthens, invigorates. The hair grows more rapidly, keeps soft and smooth, and all dandruff disappears. Aid nature a little. Give your hair a good hair-food.

Does not change the color of the hair.
Formula with each bottle
Show it to your doctor
Ask him about it, then do as he says

You need not hesitate about using this new Hair Vigor from any fear of its changing the color of your hair. The new Ayer's Hair Vigor prevents premature grayness, but does not change the color of the hair even to the slightest degree.
—Made by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

Tuesday Night's Rain.

A very good shower fell at Robert Lee and surrounding country Tuesday night, which will do great good to the growing crops. The clouds were very heavy and there was a great display of lightning. Sterling City, reports a good rain.

Subscribe for the Observer.

Notice Public.

We have purchased the Robert Lee Mercantile stock and will be ready the last of next week to serve the public with a full and complete line of dry goods and groceries. A fresh stock of seasonable goods have been ordered which will arrive in a few days.

G. W. Dunnican,
Manager.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to express my gratitude and esteem to our neighbors for their sympathy and services during the recent illness of my wife.

J. F. Sturman.

J. J. Yarbrough, of the Valley View community, was in the city Wednesday. He happened to quite a painful accident Saturday. He was shooting a short, 22 caliber target gun, and in some way got his fore finger of the left hand over the muzzle. The ball went directly through his finger, breaking the bone. He came in Wednesday to have the wound dressed.

Rufus Burney is now holding a position with the new firm which purchased the Robert Lee Mercantile Co., stock.

CONSTIPATION.

Its Cause and How to Cure it.

Eat too much,
Stomach feels bloated,
All out of sorts,
Don't feel like work to-day. Guess I've another case of biliousness.

"Take anything?"
"Yes; some pills, but no results; suppose I'm getting ironclad. Sometimes I double the dose, then they physic me so hard I'm too weak to work. Think I'll have to try something new."
"Ever try Prickly Ash Bitters?"
"No; I've heard a good deal about it, but never tried it."

"Well, you'll be pleased, with the results."
The purgative action of Prickly Ash Bitters not only removes hard impactions, gas and impurities, but it strengthens the muscular action of the bowels which causes them to move regularly.

Prickly Ash Bitters is a bowel tonic and regulator in the truest sense. It promotes daily evacuations, establishes healthy movements and is the best known remedy for disordered digestion, flatulence and a constipated habit.

D. M. Blackwelder, of Litchfield, Ill., says in the Litchfield News: "I am perfectly willing, in fact glad to testify to the value of Prickly Ash Bitters as a medicine for the kidneys, stomach and bowels. I have used it whenever I needed anything of the kind for the last fifteen years and it has always given satisfaction."

Get the genuine with the figure "3" in red on front label.

Sold by druggists. Price \$1.00.
Sold by Evans & Sturman.

Col. H. H. Hayley and party left Friday morning for the Confederate re-union at Memphis.

—On stock sulphur we will meet San Angelo prices. Evans & Sturman.

Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Sisk and children, left Monday for Sweetwater, for a week's visit to friends.

—Gasoline, window shades and linoleum new line at W. K. Simpson's.

Mrs. J. O. Toliver left Saturday for San Angelo, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Boykin for a couple of weeks.

—Our can and bottled goods compose the best brands and they are fresh. W. H. Bell & Co.

Oma Russell returned Saturday from the Bar S ranch near Sherwood, he has been the past three months.

—We feed man or beast with fresh, choice groceries, grain and hay. W. H. Bell & Co.

Mrs. T. D. A. Faubion is visiting her daughters, Mrs. A. A. Wynn and Miss Dora, at San Angelo, this week.

—You want to live well and live cheap, then let us furnish you groceries. W. H. Bell & Co.

Mrs. Lora Smith and little son, of Temple, are here on a visit to Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hall.

F. K. Popplewell and W. F. Day, left Tuesday for Aransas Pass, on a prospecting trip and to enjoy the sea breeze for a few days.

Rev. T. A. Moore has just returned from a visit to Paint Rock. While absent he went pearl fishing and found several valuable pearls.

Judge P. D. Coulson left Saturday for San Angelo. He left Monday over the Santa Fe for Memphis, to attend the Confederate re-union.

The W. O. W. held decoration services and decorated the graves of the deceased sovereigns at the cemetery Sunday afternoon.

John and Pruett Green, returned home Friday. They have been traveling with Booger Red's show as musicians. They left the show at Eden.

At The Big Racket Store.

More New Dry Goods and Notions

For our increasing and steady growing trade. We buy for cash and sell for cash and are able to make you Rock Bottom Prices. Our line of Men and Boys Pants, Shirts, Etc., are also new stock. We can fit you. Our line of gents tailor made suits are the best and latest styles. We guarantee to fit you. Our Chinaware is the best and latest patterns ever brought to this city. We will appreciate a call from you. No trouble to price and show our goods.

WATCH OUR BARGAIN COUNTERS.

Dupree & Day, Proprietors.

Ice and Meat are Cash.

We have adopted the strictly sash system and in the future no beef or ice will be sold except for spot cash.

Trimble & West.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Puett entertained the young people with a delightful social at their home south of town Friday night of last week. Those present enjoyed delightful music furnished by Messrs John, Pruitt and T. Green. All who attended enjoyed a most delightful evening in this hospitable home.

Quite a little fire scare occurred at the residence of M. E. Trimble, Monday afternoon. Aside from some clothing being burned, there was no damage done. The origin of the fire is not known, but could have started from their little child striking a match close to some clothing that burned.

"A Bargain in a Home."

I have for sale in Robert Lee house and lot, house comparatively new and close in, price \$80.00 cash and \$80.00 per year for 5 years 8 per cent interest on deferred payments, will deed for first payment. This is cheaper than renting, ask Mr. Lane for information.

Sidney Smith,
San Angelo.

Mr. D. C. Clubb's little two-year-old child was severely burned about the feet and hands, Tuesday. Mrs. Clubb was washing and the little fellow fell in the fire. Medical aid was at once secured and the little fellow is getting along all right.

Dr. J. O. Toliver and daughter Miss Johnie, left Friday for Memphis, Tenn., to attend the Confederate re-union. They will also visit other prominent points in that state before returning.

No man can work well with a torpid liver or constipated bowels. A few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters will quickly remove this condition and make work a pleasure. — Evans & Sturman Special Agents.

An amusing and hotly contested game of base ball is scheduled for Saturday afternoon on the local diamond, between the "Fats and Leans." If you miss it you loose something.

Mrs. Addie McClain, of San Angelo, who is here visiting her parents, Judge P. D. Coulson and wife, has been quite ill the past few days but is now much improved.

Judge D. I. Durham, wife and daughter left Saturday for Sweetwater, and will go from there to visit the Judge's old home in Alabama.

J. D. Jowers, of Divide, was in the city Wednesday. He has just returned from a business visit to Dickens City.