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THE BIG BANKRUPT SALE

—OF THE— Robert Lee Mercantile Co., STOCK,

Beginning Wednesday, June 30th, 1909.

DOORS OPEN AT 7 A. M.,

DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

5000 Yards of Standard Calico at per yard	5 cents.
3000 Yards of Canvasing at per yard	3 cents.
Dress Gingham, regular 10 cent kind at per yard	8 cents.
Checked Domestic	8 cents.
Checked Domestic	10 cents.

EVERYTHING ELSE IN PROPORTION.



Men's Furnishing Goods Dept.

35c mens underwear	19c
50c mens underwear	40c
50c mens ties	40c
25c ties	19c
25c mens suspenders	19c
15c mens collars 10c or three for	25c
50 and 65 mens work shirts	40c
85c mens dress shirts	45c
\$1.25 mens dress shirts	95c
\$1.50 and 2.00 mens dress shirts	\$1.00
Mens regular 10c black and tan socks 8c or 2 pair for	15c
Mens regular 15c fancy socks	11c
Mens regular 25c fancy socks	19c

Shoe Department

\$7.50 mens Edwin clapp shoe for	\$6.00
6.50 mens dress Edwin clapp shoe for	5.25
5.75 R. J. R. dress shoe	4.50
3.50 ladies queen quality shoe for	3.00
3.00 ladies queen quality shoe for	2.50
4.00 ladies queen quality shoe for	3.65

All other Shoes and Boots in proportion.

Men's Clothing Department.

\$15.00 mens suits for	\$7.50
3.25 mens pants for	2.15
4.25 mens pants for	2.75
3.00 mens pants for	2.00
2.25 mens pants for	1.50
1.00 mens overalls for65
75 and 85c mens overalls55
65c mens overalls45

Hat Department

\$3.25 mens hats	\$2.00
4.25 mens hats	3.00
1.65 mens hats	1.00
4.50 mens hats	3.25

Grocery Department

5c packages Uneeda Biscuits 4c or 3 for	10c
5c National Biscuit Co. cakes 4c or 3 for	10c
\$1.00 Cooper's 5 lb can coffee	75c
20c Cooper's bulk coffee, 15c or 7 lbs ..	\$1.00
Regular 10c straight tomatoes, 3 for	25c
corn, 3 for	25c
" 15c " " 2 for	25c
Swifts Pride washing soap 8 bars for	25c
Garretts snuff regular 25c jar for	20c
Honest snuff regular 25 jar for	20c
Liberty bell snuff regular 20c for 18c 2	35c
Giant lye 2 cans for	15c

We have only mentioned a few of our Staples. Everything in the house we will sell at exceedingly low prices. Don't forget the date. Come early and avoid the rush.

GEO. DUNNICA, Agent.

SCHOOLS IN THE CANAL ZONE

Every Town in Strip Has Its American Schools for White and Negro Pupils.

Colon.—At the present time there is a school in every town of the canal zone. There is probably no place in the world where children of so many different nationalities receive their instruction in common. In fact, this has probably been the greatest difficulty in the work. In the first place the teachers come from 16 different states. The number of pupils in the white schools is 722, of which 530 are Americans. These latter come from 39 different states or territories, and, as each state has a system of instruction differing more or less from all the others, it can readily be seen how difficult it has been to get all pupils properly graded for the advantage of all. The foreign children attending the zone white schools number 161, and represent 21 nationalities. The re-



Typical Schoolhouse in Canal Zone. main 31 pupils never attended any schools before they came to the canal zone.

The colored schools, made from 15 American children, are represented by 28 nationalities. It is true, of course, that many of these so-called nationalities are simply insular possessions of the different European countries having colonies in the West Indies, but inasmuch as the inhabitants of each island differ from all the others, even to the extent of employing different dialects, they can be classed as of different nationalities. The number of colored children in attendance upon their separate schools is 1,215. The greatest obstacle, which will never be wholly overcome, is the constant moving to and fro on the isthmus. In the first place the population here is naturally shifting, the numbers of those leaving the isthmus being nearly as great as those coming. In addition there is a continual changing of employes from one point to another as necessity demands.

MAY SUCCEED CHIEF WILKIE.

Gen. Bingham, New York Police Commissioner, Mentioned for Post of Secret Service Chief.

Gen. Theodore A. Bingham, police commissioner of New York, it is reported, will succeed John E. Wilkie as chief of the United States secret service. Gen. Bingham belongs to the engineer corps. His transfer occurred in 1904 and he was retired as brig-



Gen. Theodore A. Bingham.

adier general for disability in the line of duty. He entered the service from West Point in 1879 as Second Lieutenant of engineers. Gen. Bingham was born on May 14, 1858, at Andover, Holland county, Conn., and was graduated from the West Point military academy in 1879. The degree of A. M. was subsequently conferred upon him by Yale university.

In 1896 he married at St. Louis, Mo., Miss Lucille Rutherford. From 1890 to 1894 he was military attaché at the United States legations at Berlin and Rome. He was appointed to the custody of the public buildings and grounds at Washington upon his return from the diplomatic service abroad. In 1897 he was raised to the rank of colonel, and later was placed in charge of the engineering district of Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. He was regarded as one of the handsomest men in the army.

The beginning of excellence is to be free from error.—Quintilian.

CRIPPLED WITH SCIATICA

Caused by Disordered Action of the Kidneys.

Samuel D. Ingraham, 2402 E. Main St., Lewiston, Idaho, says: "For two years I was crippled with sciatic rheumatism in my thighs and could not get about without crutches. The kidney secretions became irregular, painful, and showed a heavy sediment. Doctors were not helping me so I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills. I improved soon, and after a while was entirely free from my suffering. I am in the best of health now and am in debt to Doan's Kidney Pills for saving my life."

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



He—There was nearly a bad fire at the theater.
She—How was that?
He—The villain lit a cigarette and tossed the match into the snow!

TORE HIS SKIN OFF

In Shreds—Itching Was Intense—Sleep Was Often Impossible.

Cured by Cuticura in Three Weeks.

"At first an eruption of small pustules commenced on my hands. These spread later to other parts of my body, and the itching at times was intense, so much so that I literally tore the skin off in shreds in seeking relief. The awful itching interfered with my work considerably, and also kept me awake nights. I tried several doctors and used a number of different ointments and lotions but received practically no benefit. Finally I settled down to the use of Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Pills, with the result that in a few days all itching had ceased and in about three weeks' time all traces of my eruption had disappeared. I have had no trouble of this kind since. H. A. Krutickoff, 5714 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., November 18 and 28, 1907."

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

Logical Reasoning.
A certain young man's friends thought he was dead, but he was only in a state of coma. When, in ample time to avoid being buried, he showed signs of life, he was asked how it seemed to be dead.

"Dead?" he exclaimed. "I wasn't dead. I knew all that was going on. And I knew I wasn't dead, too, because my feet were cold and I was hungry."

"But how did that fact make you think you were still alive?" asked one of the curious.

"Well, this way: I knew that if I were in heaven I wouldn't be hungry. And if I was in the other place my feet wouldn't be cold."

Athleticism Extraordinary.
"Why," said the first athletic boaster, "every morning before breakfast I get a bucket and pull up 90 gallons from the well." "That's nothing," retorted the other. "I get a boat every morning and pull up the river."—Universalist Leader.

The King of blood purifiers is Dr. Simmon's Sarsaparilla. It rids the system of the winter's accumulation of impurities. It makes the young feel well—the old young. Now is the time to renovate yourself. Simmon's Sarsaparilla cannot be excelled. Price 50c and \$1.00.

You can never make a woman believe that she isn't saving money when she spends ten cents in car fare in order to obtain a dollar article for 98 cents.

There is no need to suffer with soreness and stiffness of joints and muscles. A little Hamlin's Wizard Oil rubbed in will liberate them up immediately.

A girl always likes to say "no" the first time a man proposes, just to find out what he will do next.

Dysentery, Cholera morbus Cured
By a trial of Dr. Biggers Huckleberry Cordial. At Druggists 25c and 50c per bottle.

It's a safe rule to pass up two-thirds of human philosophy.

ONE THING THAT WAS CERTAIN

No Doubt in the Baggage-man's Mind as to Contents of What Looked Like Coffin.

In an emergency the manufacturer of Limburger cheese was forced to use strategy with a shipment. Ordinarily his product went in special cars, but in this instance no car was available and the order must be filled. Two hundred pounds of the fragrant comestible was put in a rough, oblong box, and taken to the railroad baggage room. Then the manufacturer bought a ticket for himself and the box, and entered the train. At the first stop he went ahead to the baggage car to see that there was no trouble. He stood by the box in a disconsolate attitude and shaded his eyes with his hand. The baggage man was sympathetic. "A relative?" he asked. "Yes," answered the manufacturer, "it is my brother." "Well," said the railroad man, philosophically, "you have one consolation. He's dead, all right."—San Francisco Argonaut.

As the Boy Saw the Lesson.
Prof. Charles Zeublin of the University of Chicago was discussing at a dinner the greatest paintings of the world.

"The legends that are beautiful and immortal," he said, "have in them truths that we all, according to our kind, take home. This is true in likeness of immortal works of art—pictures, poems, songs. For different people they have different messages. For instance, in my native Pendleton some of the mothers used to cut the children's hair. They did it with shears and a bowl. The operation was often painful, and the result was never elegant."

"In Sunday school a Pendleton teacher once told her pupils the tragic story of Samson and Delilah. Then she turned to a little boy:

"What do you learn, Joe," she said, "from the Samson story?"

"It don't never pay," piped Joe, "to have a woman cut a feller's hair."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Never Fails
There is one remedy, and only one I have ever found, to cure without fail such troubles in my family as Eczema, Ringworm, and all others of itching character. That remedy is Hunt's Cure. We always use it and it never fails. W. M. CHRISTIAN, Rutherford, Tenn.

Good to Remember.
Physical defects can be turned into incentives to success instead of drawbacks, what we look upon as handicaps in the end may prove spurs to enable us to reach the goal of desire, if we know but how to use them. We make our own happiness, we carve our own success.—Exchange.

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, Pow'd, 15c., Liq'd, 25c.
Rough on Moth and Ants, Powder, 25c.
Rough on Squeakers, agreeable to use, 25c.
E. S. Wells, Chemist, Jersey City, N. J.

Men Can Care for Themselves.
A coal company in the Hocking valley, O., employs both men and mules. One mule costs \$200, and in point of work equals six men. The company has this order standing on its books: "When the roof gets weak, take out the mules."—Vancouver Mining Exchange.

No Others
It is in a class by itself. It has no rivals. It cures where others merely relieve. For aches, pains, stiff joints, cuts, burns, bites, etc., it is the quickest and surest remedy ever devised. We mean Hunt's Lightning Oil. 50c and 25c bottles.

Succinct.
Justice O'Halloran—Have you any children, Mrs. Kelly?
Mrs. Kelly—I hov two living an' wan married!—Judy.

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

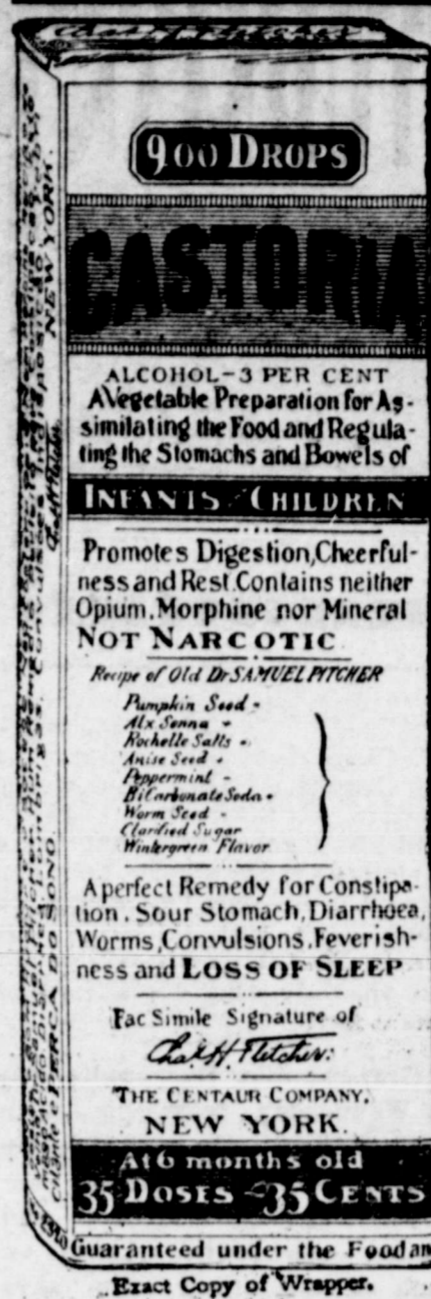
A man is praised too much when he is dead, and abused too much when he is living.

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

How to catch fish is a study. How to lie about it comes natural.

Lewis' Single Binder straight 5c cigar. You pay 10c for cigars not so good.

The way of the can't-guess-her is hard.



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in the laundry. All three things are important, but the last is absolutely necessary. No matter how fine the material or how daintily made, bad starch and poor laundry work will spoil the effect and ruin the clothes. DEFIANCE STARCH is pure, will not rot the clothes nor cause them to crack. It sells at two a sixteen ounce package everywhere. Other starches, much inferior, sell at two for twelve ounce package. Insist on getting DEFIANCE STARCH and be sure of results.

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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 Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable. SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

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Pure Sugarhouse Syrup

My No. 2 syrup contains all of the sugar. For table use, cooking beans, breads, puddings, pies, etc. Sample mailed upon request. Prices a gallon in packages of 20 gallons, \$1; 32 gallons, 25c; 55 gallons, 25c; payable at LAGO, Wharton County, Texas. B. HAMLETT.

Headache

"My father has been a sufferer from sick headache for the last twenty-five years and never found any relief until he began taking your Cascarets. Since he has begun taking Cascarets he has never had the headache. They have entirely cured him. Cascarets do what you recommend them to do. I will give you the privilege of using his name."—E. M. Dickson, 1120 Resiner St., W. Indianapolis, Ind.

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GEO. COWAN, EDITOR.

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

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

FINEST RAINS COVER COKE

A Splendid Slow Rain Fell Over Coke County Tuesday Night—It Was of Particular Help—But Every Little Bit Helps.

Tuesday evening about 8 o'clock a slow rain began falling over Coke and continued for several hours. The precipitation is variously estimated at from one half to one inch. This rain wasn't particularly needed in most places but will do great good to growing crops and grass. Our farmers are all up with their work and Coke county bids fair to deliver the finest crop this fall in her history.

Business beginning to get good, everybody is happy and the people have been greatly blessed.

Masons Install Officers.

The following officers were installed Thursday morning by Hayrick Lodge No. 696 A. F. & A. M.: F. K. Poppowell, W. M., F. K. Turney, S. W., W. C. Merchant, J. W., Geo. Cowan, Secretary; M. F. Hall, Tyler; J. H. Burroughs, S. D., J. A. Green and T. J. Rankin, S and J Stewarts.

J. C. Newton was the installing officer.

John D. Halimes, at one time on the editorial staff of the Mobile Register, died at his home in Mobile, Ala., June 20. He was a Confederate veteran and was wounded three times during the war.

NEELY BROTHERS

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Grain and Feedstuffs of all Kinds.

BUYERS OF HIDES AND FURS.

SEE US BEFORE YOU BUY OR SELL.

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?

Granger Jim Burroughs was in Wednesday from his farm west of town. He says if began raining at his farm about sundown Tuesday afternoon and rained all night. About an inch of rain falling. Jim says his pumpkin vines have already crossed the field on a mad rush for the capital city and before long he will have a bountiful supply of pumpkins right on the square. His water melons are being some what injured from dragging over the ground, but he says he thinks there will be a bountiful supply, but that they will be flat on one side. He says he could just see the top of his corn when he went in to his dugout Tuesday afternoon and that it is still growing. Note—you can hear the shoots plainly from Robert Lee.

If warm weather makes you feel weary you may be sure your system needs cleansing. Use Prickly Ash Bitters before the hot weather arrives; it will put the stomach, liver and bowels in order and help you through the heated term.—Evans & Sturman special agents.

E. M. Dozier Dead.

Mr. E. M. Dozier, who lived in the south part of town died Tuesday afternoon and was buried in the Robert Lee cemetery Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Abe Long conducted the funeral services. Mr. Dozier has been a resident of Coke county for the past three years. He was a good citizen and had many friends who with the Observer extend sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Insure your health in Prickly Ash Bitters. It regulates the system, promotes good appetite, sound sleep and good cheerful spirits.—Evans & Sturman special agents.

The route of the flag to flag auto race has been changed so as to traverse Texas from Texline to Eagle Pass. The distance traversed is 2500 miles. The cars will pass through San Angelo, en route. There will be 100 entrees in the contest which will start from Denver Col., October 16.

The Badge of Honesty

In an every wrapper of Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery because a full list of the ingredients composing it is printed there in plain English. Forty years of experience has proven its superior worth as a blood purifier and invigorating tonic for the cure of stomach disorders and all liver ills. It builds up the run-down system as no other tonic can in which alcohol is used. The active medicinal principles of native roots such as Golden Seal and Queen's root, Stone and Mandrake root, Bloodroot and Black Cherrybark are extracted and preserved by the use of chemically pure, triple-refined glycerine. Send to Dr. R. V. Pierce at Buffalo, N. Y., for free booklet which quotes extracts from well-recognized medical authorities such as Dr. Bartholow, King, Scudder, Coe, Ellingwood and a host of others, showing that these roots can be depended upon for their curative action in all weak states of the stomach, accompanied by indigestion or dyspepsia as well as in all bilious or liver complaints and in all "wasting diseases" where there is loss of flesh and gradual running down of the strength and system.

The "Golden Medical Discovery" makes rich, pure blood and so invigorates and regulates the stomach, liver and bowels and through them, the whole system. Thus all skin affections, blotches, pimples and eruptions as well as scrofulous swellings and old open running sores or ulcers are cured and healed. In treating old running sores, or ulcers, it is well to insure their healing to apply to them Dr. Pierce's All-Healing Salve. If your druggist don't happen to have this Salve in stock, send fifty-four cents in postage stamps to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., and a large box of the "All-Healing Salve" will reach you by return post. You can't afford to accept a secret nostrum as a substitute for this non-alcoholic medicine of known composition, not even though the urgent dealer may thereby make a little bigger profit. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules, easy to take as candy.

Silver News

Mr. Jess Pool was in our community this week.

Mr. Tom Powers and wife went to Edith, Saturday.

Miss Mattie Walker spent the day with Miss Annie Tubb, Wednesday.

The Sand Spring Literary society met Saturday night and was a success.

Singing at Mr. Conner's Sunday was well attended. Mr. John Powers was leader.

Mrs. W. R. Walker, Mr. Sam and Miss Mary Walker, went to Robert Lee, this week.

L. D. Rodgers and family spent last Saturday night with G. W. Tubb and family.

Mr. Will Matthews, of Sanco, attended singing at Silver Sunday.

Aunt Betsy.

Estray Sale.

In compliance with the law, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder at C. E. Barker's ranch on the Divide in precinct No. 3 on July 17, 1909, at 2 o'clock p. m. the following described animals:

One 2 year old bay horse, unbranded. One 1 year old horse, unbranded.

C. M. Barger, Commissioner Precinct No. 3.

A special from Memphis, June 20, show cotton backward on account of too much rain in all the states east. Oklahoma and Louisiana crops are reported good.

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Nothing but pure goods sold at lowest prices.



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SUNNY BROOK is unsurpassed as a wholesome pleasant stimulant or an invigorating healthful tonic. Every drop is distilled, aged and bottled under the direct supervision of U. S. Government inspectors and its absolute purity and wholesomeness make its use perfectly safe and free from harmful effects. The "Green Government Stamp" over the cork of each bottle states the correct age, proof and quality.

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SHIPPED IN PLAIN BOXES. SEND REMITTANCE WITH YOUR ORDER. NO GOODS SHIPPED C. O. D.

Women who are Envied.

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.

DIED

On Sunday 13th, inst., at the home of her brother, W. F. Latham, Mrs. Lydia Barron, wife of J. L. Barron, aged 33 years. She is survived by a husband and two little children. The remains were interred at the Montvale cemetery the following day.

Deceased was almost raised here—being the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Latham—and there are many sore hearts over her demise. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved relatives. — Sterling City News Record.

A Vital Point

The most delicate part of a baby is it's 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.

Subscribe for the Observer.

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.

A Waterspout at San Martine on the T. & P. June 20. Three miles of track was under water and several bridges washed away.

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 J.L. (connected) on hip 4 or five years old, white spot in forehead.

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

When you buy a bill of groceries from us you are certain they are fresh and of the best brands.—R. Hickey & Son.

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.

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.

Farmers of Coke.

If you are in need of Farm Implements of any kind we can supply you. We have a good supply of

Lone Star Cultivators.....

Also a big lot of Cultivator Sweeps, Buggies, Standard and Leader Wind Mills, Pumps and Pipe, Sewing Machines, Cook Stoves and everything in general Hardware. Come to see us.

Lane Hardware Co

HAMMOCK TALKS OF ROBERT LEE ROAD

Says Prospects are Highly Favorable to the Building of the Robert Lee-Fort Chadbourne Line.— at an Early Date.

E. G. Hammock, now connected with the Robert Lee and Fort Chadbourne railroad project, is a guest at the Landon hotel today.

A Press-News reporter who called at the Landon to see Mr. Hammock last night was royally received at the gentlemen's suite, and in reply to inquiries from the reporter regarding the new road Mr. Hammock said:

"I have not looked over the proposition fully as yet, but if everything is as favorable as it appears on the surface, it is very likely that my associates will at once take the proposition in hand and rush it through. Of course this depends considerably upon the action of the towns along the line, but you may state to your readers that the chances are very favorable."

Mr. Hammock's home is in Little Rock, Ark. He is an old railroad man, having at one time been president of the Arkansas, Louisiana and Gulf railroad. He is a pleasant gentleman and talks strictly business.—San Angelo Press-News.

We received a phone message from T. B. Lyster, at Winters, Thursday morning stating that Col. Spencer met with the people of Winters, Wednesday night in regard to the proposed road but that nothing definite was done for the reason that Mr. Hammock, who was due there from Sweetwater, did not arrive on account of the high water. He informed us that they would have another meeting on July 3rd, when something definite would be done.

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

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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.

Miles-Point Rock Road.

Austin, Tex., June 19.—R. A. Love of Miles, first vice president and general manager of the Concho, San Saba and Llano River railroad, was here yesterday on his way to buy steel rails for the enterprise now under construction from Miles to Point Rock. Mr. Love declares that the company has not yet decided to build to San Antonio or to Austin. He intimates that it will probably choose between these two points for its southern terminal. The only definite points along the route are Miles and Point Rock, between which construction is now going rapidly on, with prospects of the twenty miles being in operation by September 1. San Angelo is still a prospective point, but it is possible that the road will tap the Orient at a point north of San Angelo. These matters are still undetermined.

26 Million Bond Issue.

A New York dispatch says: An issue of 26 million dollars in 4 per cent gold bonds was authorized by the directors of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad company. Stockholders were invited to subscribe to this issue to the extent of 12 per cent of their holdings of stock at 104 and accrued interest. The bonds will mature in 1955 and are convertible prior to June 1, 1918, at the option of the holders. The directors announced that the company has on hand ample cash for all current capital requirements, but it intends in the near future to make important extensions and betterments.

Rev. W. H. Rosser will be in Robert Lee, Sunday accompanied by Rev. Kellom, pastor of the First Baptist church at Oak Cliff. Rev. Kellom will preach at the Robert Lee Baptist church, Sunday morning and night.

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

Trimble & West.

John Sauls and family passed through the city Monday morning in their auto en route to San Angelo.

W. C. Barron came over from San Angelo, first of the week and is branding on his ranch north of town.

WOMAN'S WOES

A Certain Cure for Female Trouble and That Tired, Nervous, Depressed Feeling That Makes Household Work a Dreary Burden.

Work, work;

Nothing but work;

Tiresome drudgery!

Work used to be a pleasure, but now a few minutes effort leaves you weak, discouraged and irritable with a feeling that everything has gone wrong.

The liver and bowels are responsible for this.

The symptoms are, heart palpitation, faintness, suppressed, excessive or irregular periods, bad digestion, bearing down pains in the side and back, nervous weakness, poor appetite, costiveness.

Prickly Ash Bitters sweeps away these troubles like magic, because it strikes at the root of the disease—the stomach, liver and bowels.

Women who take medicine for female troubles that does not benefit these organs are wasting money and valuable time. The liver is diseased because the stomach is unhealthy, and both have produced a constipated habit. This stoppage of healthy action in the liver and bowels has filled the system with impurities which have brought on irregularity in the female organs; it follows therefore, that a medicine which will correct the liver, strengthen the stomach and promote healthy bowel operations is the remedy for menstrual difficulties.

The poor, tired, discouraged woman who has suffered silently and so long with the ailments of her sex soon feels the strengthening and exhilarating influence of Prickly Ash Bitters. It does its work thoroughly, beginning with the stomach and extending its purifying and stimulating influence to the liver and bowels. When the stomach, liver and bowels are active and working in harmony, there must be health and regularity in the female organs. As a result of this improved condition the patient takes a renewed interest in her household duties. Appetite and strength return, the eyes are brighter, the complexion clears, and before long she is transformed into a bright, happy woman with rosy cheeks and cheerful spirits.

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S. Smith, of Divide, was in to see us Monday and renewed his subscription to the Observer and Dallas News.

Mrs. J. A. Clift and little son, returned Wednesday from San Angelo, where Mrs. Clift went to have her eyes treated.

Col. H. H. Hayley, who recently returned from the Confederate re-union at Memphis, was in the city Thursday.

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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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W. H. Rogerson, well-known to almost all the print shops in Texas, was in Valley Mills for a few hours last Sunday. To the best of the editor's recollection, Will Rogerson was the first printer we ever saw—nearly 35 years ago.—Valley Mills Tribune.

The above paragraph calls to mind an incident which occurred some two years ago, in the wanderings of Mr. Rogerson. At that time the present editor of the Advance was editor of the Hanlin Herald, and Rogerson applied for work. He was given a "sit" and it was explained to him that the first time a printer on the Herald got drunk he would be fired without ceremony. Rogerson worked well for two weeks, but one Monday morning a notice was found pinned on the office door with these words on it: "Drunk all day Sunday and Sunday night—still drunk this morning. Please accept my resignation. —Rogerson. However it can be said to his credit that he is thoroughly honest and a skilled workman, in fact far above the average of journeyman printers of his age.—Rotan Advance.

It will be remembered that Rogerson worked on the Observer several months, about three years ago and for that reason we give the above space—not to advertise that he got drunk—something very common with printers. He is a splendid workman, honest and thoroughly a gentleman with all his faults, and should he perambulate this way again there is a job waiting for him.

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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Our family were all born and raised in Iowa, and have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy (made at Des Moines) for years. We know how good it is from long experience in the use of it. In fact, when in El Paso, Texas, the writer's life was saved by the prompt use of this remedy. We are now engaged in the mercantile business at Narcoossee, Fla., and have introduced the remedy here. It has proven very successful and is constantly growing in favor.—Ennis Bros. This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

An Indiana woman killed herself because her husband neglected to kiss her as he left for work. Possibly in his haste he may have absent-mindedly kissed the cook.

Crime has its social degrees and its aristocracy as well as virtuous and law-abiding society. The footpad nowadays is but a despised worker by the side of the auto burglar.

American suffragists in England do not approve entirely of the strenuous British female methods. American women are unaccustomed to march for their rights via the jail route.

The professor who asserts that all children under 12 are liars evidently has been investigating children governed by fear. The fearless child is no more a liar than is the fearless man or woman.

According to the acting Turkish consul general in New York that country within five years will be among the first of the cotton producers. That means a pretty radical change in selection of seeds.

As we read from this time forth the frequent announcements of aeroplanes much better than the Wright brothers' machine, let us remember that Columbus' caravels, which showed the way, were but clumsy vessels.

The Illinois man who says the Creator never intended that woman should supplant man probably meant nowhere except when the baby gets the colic at 2 a. m. Man is a helpless piece of humanity at that time.

As the earthquake in Lisbon's principal damage was to upset some members of the house of lords and their dignity, it would not be a bad thing if a similar upheaving of the earth could occur in London occasionally.

France will hold for a tax all German ball airships crossing the frontier. The enforcement of this measure will necessitate the addition to the French police force of that peculiarly American institution—the "fly cop."

A company has been formed to establish aerial travel from Europe to America over the ocean. A project like this may advance its travel progress, crab fashion, by coming on swimmingly for a goodly percentage of passengers.

The Canadian parliament has been asked to pass a bill to set the clock back an hour for six months in the year, after that plan which has been adopted in England. But why ask the people to fool themselves after such a silly fashion?

Five magnificent Alpine chamois from the Bernese oberland, a present from the Swiss government to the government of the United States, are on their way across the Atlantic. These will be the first chamois skins ever received in this country with chamois in them.

It would be a rude jolt to Prof. Pickering and Flammarion to learn, on opening up communication with Mars, that the inhabitants of that chesty and exclusive planet had long been picking our secret thoughts off the interplanetary wireless at every vernal and autumnal equinox.

Let the Young Turks begin to show their capacity for enlightened rule in Turkey by ending at once and forever the horrible atrocities in Asia Minor. An example of activity in that direction will raise them higher in the estimation of the world than all the promises they can make in a year.

As a joke on his mother, an Oklahoma kid advertised in the name of said mother for a husband. He stung himself. Now he has a "husky" stepfather who is equally expert with his hand, his foot, a hoop pole or a green sprout of any tough variety. Practical jokers are likely to get what is coming to them.

The good housekeeper would not think of sweeping her dust, dirt and rubbish into a corner of her front hall and leaving it for some kind neighbor to gather up and cart away. There is no more reason why the rubbish of house-cleaning time should be dumped in the public streets until the public teams come around to remove it. Let the spirit of house-cleaning time extend to public as well as private places.

Many farmers in Michigan have in recent years thought little of raising wheat in competition with the big farms of the west, but with the grain soaring to \$1.38 a bushel—a price actually obtained recently for the real article—this year's acreage devoted to wheat is likely to greatly increase. Then the price obtained next year will demonstrate how a few million bushels extra can make the figures once more gravitate around the 80-cent mark.

SEEN and HEARD NEW YORK

Autos to Replace the Last Horse Cars



NEW YORK.—It really begins to look as though New York intended to follow the lead of every western village and discard its horse cars. Frederick W. Whitridge, receiver of the Third Avenue and Union railway companies, intends to test two automobile cars soon, and if it is found they can be operated economically enough it may prove the end of the entire horse-car service in the city.

Receiver Whitridge operates two horse-car lines—the Dry Dock, East Broadway and Battery, and the horse-car branch of the Forty-second street, Manhattanville and St. Nicholas avenue line.

Besides these, the Metropolitan company has the Avenue C line, the line from the Grand street ferry to the Desbrosses street ferry, the Canal and Grand street line, the line that runs from Fifty-ninth street and First avenue to the Battery. Cars are also occasionally run on two other lines.

The cars that Mr. Whitridge intends to experiment with are an electric storage battery and gasoline motor car. There is no question about their practicability, the receiver says. It is simply a matter of deciding which form can be operated the more economically.

The new experimental, self-propelling cars will seat about 23 persons. They will be for purpose of comparison, about the size of the cars which the Metropolitan street railway operates on its Eighth street cross-town line. These are 32 feet in length.

Some form of automobile car is also looked upon as the possible solution of the traffic problem on West street, where the Metropolitan street railway has always asserted that owing to tidal effects and the possibility of short circuits therefrom, the underground trolley has been impracticable.

In addition to all this promised reform the public service commission has granted the Interborough company an extension of 30 days in which to experiment with side-door trains in the subway, so that the center side door, train, which the Interborough officials consider superior to the side-door train which has been operated experimentally for some weeks past, may be tried.

Soldier of Fortune Forms Fight Trust



CAPT. MELVILLE BOYNTON, the well-known soldier of fortune, has announced the formation of a "revolution trust" in New York. He says it will be incorporated. It purposes to provide fighters, dictators and presidents in any southern American republic that needs a rebellion to raise its taxes, or for any North American corporation that needs a rebellion to secure concessions.

Capt. Boynton it was who a year ago organized rebellion against Castro of Venezuela, and had a lot of counterfeit Venezuelan money coined here to finance his project. He was ready to start for South America with 50 soldiers when the

United States treasury authorities had him arrested.

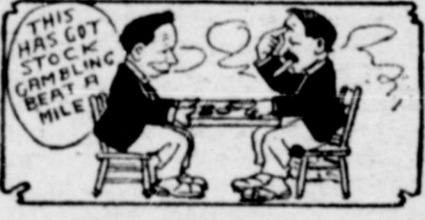
No less than 200 soldiers of fortune are behind Capt. Boynton in the present war trust. It is to be incorporated under the name of the "Imperial Soldiers of Fortune Dragoons," with offices in New York.

"I have just returned from Canada, where I have organized a Canadian brigade, consisting of 500 war veterans," said the captain.

"Out of the United States we will get 3,200 more—the standing army of the 'revolution trust.' Then when a leader of the opposition in Venezuela or Paraguay or Chili or Colombia wants to put through a revolution and be sure to win, he'll come to me and say how much he'll give to be made what he wants to be.

"If he offers enough we'll put our fighting men on board a boat and go down there and overthrow the government. He can take the job and pay us off, and we'll come back and look out for another contract."

Checkers Quiet Nerves of Pit Brokers



AS a steadier of nerves made ragged by the turmoil of the wheat pit and a relaxation from the grind of the work on the floor veterans in the grain trade on the Produce Exchange in New York city take to the good old-fashioned game of checkers. In the library, otherwise known as the reading room, just abaft the grain pit, one cosy corner is set apart for these devotees of the ancient pastime, and at almost every hour of the day there is something doing at one or more of the half dozen boards.

Most of the men are staid and middle-aged and some near the three-score mark, but once in a while one of the younger generation essays his hand—usually to his cost, however, for there is considerable talent represented in the "regular" contingent.

Of some of the men it is said that they do not allow business to interfere with checkers, but a reliable authority upon things doing on 'Change stated recently that this was a canard, and that, on the contrary, whenever anything that looked like a deal comes in sight the checker enthusiast, devotee or expert at once goes and does it, with as much expedition and despatch as possible, returning to the board for the contest. Sometimes it is chess, but most of the regulars prefer checkers.

Grandson of Former Mayor Corrects Error



AIDED and abetted by Chairman Willcox of the public service commission the municipal art commission of New York city has been able to put a stop to one of the most flagrant cases of masquerading that has come to light in this city for years.

A few days ago an excited person rushed into the office of John Quincy Adams, secretary of the commission, and shouted: "Come with me!" Rather bewildered, Mr. Adams followed the perturbed one into the lower corridor of the city hall, where he was halted before a painting hanging between the two doors of the mayor's reception room.

"That's not my grandfather," he was informed. The secretary surveyed a portrait of a rosy, light-complexioned,

blue-eyed gentleman in a high stock, seated in dignity at a table. He was apparently slightly gray, and was smooth-shaven. Under the picture was the inscription: "Andrew Hunter Mickle, 1805-1863. Mayor of New York, 1846-1847."

"And his name wasn't Hunter, either," continued the excited individual. "It was Hutchins."

Mr. Adams then proceeded diplomatically to investigate and found that the person who had him in tow was the grandson of ex-Mayor Mickle.

They then started out on a tour of the lower floor of the hall, the walls of which are covered with the pictures of dead and gone mayors. Finally, in the office of the bond and warrant clerk, Mr. Mickle stopped suddenly, and, pointing to a portrait of a dark, side-whiskered veteran, he cried ungrammatically: "That's him!" This picture bore the inscription: "Mayor Havemeyer, '45-6, '48-'9."

The matter will be straightened out and the dead mayor's portrait will henceforth be properly identified.

HE PUZZLED THE BRITISHER

Evidently Doorkeeper Had Never Heard of the Lord That American Minister Served.

Judge George F. Lawton of the Middlesex probate court told me a story the other day of an American minister who was spending his sabbatical year traveling abroad. Arriving in London, he made every effort to get an intimate view of the two branches of parliament in session. Of course no stranger is allowed on the floor of the house of lords, but the minister not knowing this, and with the usual amount of American push, tried to make his way in. There is a rule, however, that servants of the various lords may be admitted to speak to their ministers. Seeing the minister walking boldly in, the doorkeeper asked:

"What lord do you serve?" "What lord?" repeated the astonished American, "the lord Jehovah!" For a moment the doorkeeper hesitated and then admitted him. Turning to an assistant standing near, he said: "He must mean one of those poor Scotch lairds."—Boston Record.

WESTON, Ocean-to-Ocean Walker. Said recently: "When you feel down and out, feel there is no use living, just take your hat thoughts with you and walk them off. Before you have walked a mile things will look rosier. Just try it." Have you noticed the increase in walking of late in every community? Many attribute it to the comfort which Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder to be shaken into the shoes, gives to the millions now using it. As Weston has said: "It has real merit." It cures tired, aching feet while you walk. 30,000 testimonials. Order a 25c package to-day of any Druggist and be ready to forget you have feet. A trial package of ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

The Captain's Repartee. The captain of a trans-Atlantic liner, having become irritated as a result of some minor troubles in the ship's management and the unusually large number of ridiculous inquiries made by tourists, was heading for the "bridge" when a dapper young man halted him to inquire the cause of the commotion off the starboard side of the ship. Being on the port side, the captain politely replied, with some sarcasm, he was not certain, but thought it possible that a cat fish had just had kittens.—What-to-Eat.

Continual Doubt. "How many children have you?" said the tourist, affably. "I dunno exactly," answered the tired-looking woman. "You don't know?" "Not for certain. Willie's gone fishin', Tommy's breakin' in a colt, Georgie's borrowed his father's shotgun to go hunting an' Esmeralda Ann is thinkin' of elopin'. I never know how many I've got till supper time comes, so's I can count 'em."

A Plea for Bachelors. There are few people in the community more generous, according to their means, more unselfish, and more self-denying than the much-maligned bachelor class. Why, then, should it be taxed? If a tax is required, let it be levied on the pampered, petted, over-indulged, usually ungrateful married man.—London Daily Graphic.

A Poor Memory. "Have you forgotten that you owe me seven dollars?" "Dear, dear, I had forgotten. My memory is miserable—but wasn't it only \$6.39?"—Filegende Blaetter.

OPERATION HER ONLY CHANCE

Was Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Adrian, Ga.—"I suffered untold misery from a female weakness and disease, and I could not stand more than a minute at a time. My doctor said an operation was the only chance I had, and I dreaded it almost as much as death. One day I was reading how other women had been cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and decided to try it. Before I had taken one bottle I was better, and now I am completely cured."—JENA V. HENRY, Route No. 3, Adrian, Ga.

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TENDER, BUT NOT LOVING.



Waiter (to customer, who had complained that his steak is not tender enough)—Not tender enough! D'you expect it to bite you?

Household Hint. "Do you know how to use a chafing dish?" "Yes," answered Mr. Sirius Barker. "I have some novel ideas on the subject."

"What are they?" "The best way I know of to use a chafing dish is to punch a hole in the bottom of it, paint it green and plant flowers in it."—Washington Star.

Her Blue Kitchen. "You are always talking about your lovely little blue kitchen," they said, "but we see you dining out every night. Do you never cook in it?" "Not enough to get tired of it," she said, "and that's the reason I like it so."

A man ought to know a great deal to acquire a knowledge of the immensity of his ignorance.—Lord Palmerston.

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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. A wisp of yellow hair from Mr. Graham's pocket fell into the hands of Elise. Mrs. Graham's hair was black. 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 lost love in connection with the sphinx key. Elise and Gordon Bennett discovered Lady Edith and Mr. Graham, the latter displaying a marvelous baritone voice. At a supper which was held on the rocks Elizabeth rather mysteriously lost her ring, causing a search by the entire party.

CHAPTER X.—Continued

After a moment's indecision I crept across the room and looked out from behind the drawn curtain. There was nothing in sight. In the clear moonlight I could see quite as distinctly as by day, and the white stillness was wonderfully comforting. It was rather awesome, too, and while I felt the fascination of the rather creepy sensation one experiences when the world sleeps, leaving one wakeful and alone with nature.

Out before me stretched the path leading to the village and my eyes followed it unconsciously until it turned sharply and disappeared. As I looked two shadows fell across it, seeming very black against the surrounding whiteness. One was short, fat, and shapeless; the other long, thin, and somewhat like an elongated pair of tongs—a very specter of a shadow. They moved, merged themselves into an indiscriminate mass, separated and came together again, a black streak marking their progress around the corner.

I clung to the window frame, deriving some comfort from contact with the solid wood. A pricking sensation ran up and down my spine and I was incapable of moving or uttering a sound.

In a second I was glad I had not spoken, for the shadows again detached themselves. I heard the crunching of gravel, and a familiar figure appeared around the turn of the path. It was Mary Anne, a red shawl held over her head, and no words can express the relief and comfort at seeing her ample figure prosaically proceeding toward the kitchen door. I was rather indignant, too, and went down to ask her what she meant by such nocturnal rambles.

I found her collapsed upon a kitchen chair, breathing heavily. Upon seeing my white-clad form close beside her she uttered a stifled scream, then immediately stole my thunder by reproaching me for prowling around the house in the dead of night and frightening people out of their wits.

In fact, she became so eloquent that instead of the dignified rebuke I had intended to administer I found myself apologizing for my presence and promising to be more considerate in the future.

"But, Mary Anne," I ventured to remark, "where have you been? I was frightened to death."

Mary Anne at once became propitiatory and sympathetic.

"Poor child," she exclaimed, "of course you was upset! It was Miss Elizabeth's ring—I got to thinkin' about the best way to find it. So I went to my brother Dan, 'im as lives in the little 'ouse jest below the bluff (which you know is gospel truth, miss). And I begged 'im to take 'is boat and go round them rocks early, miss, and see what 'e could find. Fur I wanted to give it to 'er fust thing when she wakes—"

Mary Anne paused for breath and I felt a thrill of compunction, for, after all, she had been out on our account and solely to do us a service.

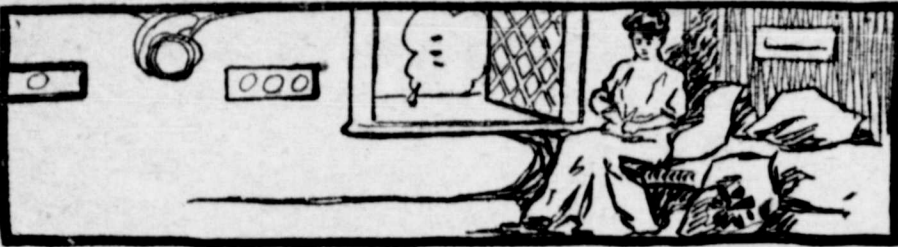
"And that was your brother with you, I suppose," I remarked. "Does he think he can find the ring?"

She looked at me a moment without replying, then walked to the door and bolted it.

"Yes, miss," she said; "Dan 'as 'opes. Not that they're very 'igh 'opes, fur Dan ain't much at lookin' at the bright side. But 'e'll do 'is dooty, miss, and I think Miss Elizabeth may find her ring, though of course I can't be sure—no more can Dan. Now you'd better go to bed, Miss Elise, fur you need your sleep and I need mine."

I was very willing to follow this advice, and felt hopeful that morning would bring good news to Elizabeth, for Mary Anne's brother had inspired me with a feeling of confidence. Gordon Bennett's diver had not produced. As I lay thinking dreamily of him and wondering whether he would get his boat out early and go to work a sudden recollection of his appearance overpowered me.

We were all familiar with Mary Anne's brother. He was a short, stockily built man, with very broad



A Familiar Figure Appeared.

shoulders and short bowed legs. It seemed improbable that he could cast a shadow like a pair of tongs, but then as every one knows shadows are not to be depended upon.

CHAPTER XI.

"I don't like suppers on the rocks, do you?"

"No, I think they're beastly."

It was the next afternoon and Gabrielle and I were sitting on the veranda. I was pretending to read, while she was frankly doing nothing.

The day had dragged heavily. My confidence in Mary Anne's brother had been misplaced, for he had not appeared in triumph with the ring and we felt rather aggrieved in consequence.

Of course we had all visited the rocks many times, separately and collectively, but had returned empty-handed and rather cross. Even the Canadian sun is hot at midday in summer, and continued ineffectual stooping among rocks and loose stones would have its effect upon the most angelic disposition. Then, too, Gordon Bennett had not appeared with his diver, nor had we heard further from Lord Wilfrid on the subject, so our faith in mankind had suffered accordingly. I also wished something pleasant would happen and agreed with

Gabrielle that the afternoon was endless.

A diversion was here created by the appearance of Mr. Graham, who carried a bunch of long-stemmed white roses that certainly were never the product of the island. Mrs. Graham had sent them with her love and apologies for her hysterical outburst of the night before, which, he was careful to explain, was solely the result of her physical condition. He hoped we had not allowed their departure to break up the party.

We told him about the lost ring and he listened with interest. I thought his expressions of regret and offers of assistance were unnecessarily effusive, but then, as Gabrielle said afterward, Mr. Graham always went a little too far in everything.

After a while he took his departure, saying he did not like to leave Mrs. Graham long alone in her present nervous condition. Gabrielle lifted the roses and laid their heavy perfumed heads against her face.

"They are beautiful," she said; "but what shall we do with them?"

"Do with them?" I echoed.

"Yes, that's what I said. You know if Elizabeth ever gets one sniff she'll have hay fever, and I'm sure I don't want to add that to her afflictions, poor dear."

After a little consideration we decided to transfer the roses to Lady Edith, and Gabrielle volunteered to take them to her at once.

"For they must not go into the house," she said, "and if we keep them out here any longer some enterprising germ might drift through the window

Our paths separated here. Gabrielle, with her arms full of roses, went on to the village while I picked my way carefully along the shore to the rocks.

It was useless to look again, as I well knew, yet I searched conscientiously for some time, then sat down to rest beside the ashes of our last night's fire. I really do not know of anything more depressing than ashes when one is rather tired and inclined to be introspective. They seem to typify so remorselessly the inevitable outcome of human desires and ambitions.

So I sat watching the glow of the sunset, and thinking of many things in a disconnected sort of way. I thought of Gabrielle and Elizabeth, and of their friendship which seemed so wonderfully satisfying; I also remembered the shadows of the previous night and my unnecessary agitation over them. Then I recalled Gabrielle's parting words with something akin to a sigh. Perhaps, as she said, I did not understand, but I thought I did and envied them heartily.

I confess to being foolishly blue as I sat on the rocks listening to the wash of the waves, for I was sure no one was speculating whether they loved me more than I did them, and I felt very lonely in consequence. The tide was low and the ocean calm and uninteresting, so I turned my back to it, preferring to watch the sun reluctantly surrender the world to the moon, which would soon come up out of the water just as it had done last night.

Therefore I did not see two figures walking along the shore and not until I heard my name in Mr. Blake's even voice was I aware that I was no longer alone, but that he and Gordon Bennett were standing beside me, both looking rather amused.

"A penny for your thoughts," said Mr. Blake, producing it.

"Nonsense," interrupted Mr. Bennett; "they are worth more than that. What will you take for them?"

"They are not even worth a penny. I really don't believe I was thinking of anything."

"Has the ring been found?"

I replied that it had not and that we feared it must be in the ocean, after all. Here I paused significantly, for I did not like to ask outright what had become of the promised diver, yet considered a hint permissible under the circumstances.

I thought he looked ill at ease as he somewhat formally expressed his regret for the accident. His manner was certainly very different from yesterday, and I decided that the incident had begun to bore him. Mr. Blake wandered down to the water's edge, but Mr. Bennett seated himself beside me.

"The world is out of joint," he remarked; "what's the matter?"

"I'm cross," I admitted, "and awfully blue. Please don't ask me why, for I don't know myself."

He was wise enough not to pursue the subject, but began to talk upon impersonal matters, and after a while I became quite cheerful and even wondered secretly what I had found to be melancholy about, for it was certainly a very nice world after all.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

FOR THE USERS OF TOBACCO.

Assertion That Plant Was Certainly Placed Here for Good Purpose.

It is passing strange that, with all the experience at command, the physiologists are never in agreement as to the effects of the smoking habit. Even where lay opinion has been fairly well established by the apparently well digested views of the scientists with respect to certain phases of the whole problem, they are wholly liable to upsetting by the latest opinion. For example, two considerations have long been thought to be determined—that moderate indulgence in tobacco need not be denied, and that the lad not out of his 'teens would better abjure tobacco altogether. It may be asserted that man is not a smoker by nature; and certain effects of tobacco seem to indicate, without especial argument, that the longer the acquirement of the habit is postponed the better for the human system. At the same time the remote antiquity of the tobacco plant suggests that it is one of nature's unassisted growths; and, if it were not designed for man to enjoy in security, neither is it at all clear that it is to be classed with nature's productions.—Providence Journal.

Knew Meat from Carrion.

Tennessee bred two great orators in the olden days—Andrew Johnson, a Democrat, once president of the United States, and Gustavus A. Henry, a Whig, known as the "eagle orator of the South."

They ran against each other for governor and when a long series of joint debates had reached its close Johnson addressed the Whigs in the audience. "I have spoken with the boasted eagle orator from the Mississippi river to the Enaka mountains, and as yet I see no flesh in his talons or blood on his beak."

Quick as a flash Henry was on his feet, saying: "The American eagle is a proud bird and feeds not on carrion."—Nashville Banner.

RHODE ISLAND DAY

State Beginning to Observe Anniversary of May 4, 1776.

Act Passed by Assembly Which Constituted an Abjuration of Fealty to King—Previous Acts of Rebellion.

Providence, R. I.—The first official observation of the anniversary of what is coming to be known as Rhode Island's declaration of independence occurred on Tuesday, May 4, last. The state celebration was confined to a salute of 100 guns. Individuals and one or two historical associations celebrated more extensively, and it is likely that within half a dozen years Rhode Island's own Independence day will be generally observed.

The Rhode Island declaration of independence took the form of an act passed May 4, 1776, by the general assembly in the old state house in Providence, where the Citizens' Historical association held the chief celebration of the day.

This act, while not specifically a declaration of independence in the strict definition of the term, constitutes an abjuration of fealty to Great Britain. With a full understanding that its adoption must be interpreted as an act of rebellion, the upper house of the general assembly was unanimous for it, while in the house of deputies only six members voted against it.

Rhode Island had previously committed acts of rebellion against the British authorities. In her waters occurred one of the most flagrant of the early attacks upon the ruling power.

This was in July, 1769, when the British armed sloop Liberty brought into Newport two Connecticut vessels charged with illicit trading. On the evening of July 17 the sloop's captain



Old State House at Providence Where Rhode Island's Act of Independence Was Adopted.

when on the wharf at Newport was forced to order all of his men, with the exception of the first officer, ashore, after which the citizens took charge of the Liberty, ran her on the rocks and scuttled her and burned her small boats.

The Rhode Island merchants, too, entered into the same agreement in force in other colonies to abstain from importing goods upon which Great Britain had imposed the obnoxious duties, and three months after the Boston tea party of December, 1773, the citizens of Providence engaged in a similar diversion.

The battle of Lexington found the Rhode Islanders ready to lend their actual assistance in the patriot cause. When the general assembly gathered in the old state house at Providence in May, 1776, it was ready for any radical step.

Why Rhode Island has allowed so many years to elapse before claiming all the glory there is in this performance is not clear. It is possible that even this year's official tribute of gun power might not have been paid but for James S. Slater.

Mr. Slater is town clerk of North Smithfield, and is an amateur historian. For several years he was in the habit of unfurling to the breeze on May 4 as large an American flag and as handsome a state flag as he could get, and when some of his neighbors asked the reason he would explain that it was Rhode Island's Independence day.

This custom did not appear to make much of an impression outside of Mr. Slater's immediate neighborhood until one year when a reporter happened to learn about it. That was four years ago. The next year the Rhode Island Citizens' Historical association of Providence got busy early on plans for a celebration of its own. It had an orator and the usual fixings.

Two years ago this program was amplified. The governor and the speaker of the house of representatives were present and the "Declaration of Independence" was read. Last year there was a similar celebration. Then the General assembly passed an act ordering a salute of 100 guns on every May 4.

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

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LOCAL NEWS.

—Nice line of fancy candies at W. H. Bell & Co.

Ralph Harris was here Sunday on business.

Fine Bon Bon's and chocolate candy at R. Hickey & Son.

Jas. Eubanks went to Bronte, Wednesday.

—Go to R. Hickey & Son, the candy men for fresh candy.

T. J. Barton went to San Angelo, Wednesday on business.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Noah, Friday June 18, a son.

—Safes and Typewriters sold by F. Probandt, San Angelo.

Rev. Warren Graham, of the Divide, was in the city Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vestal, Monday June 21, a daughter.

—For everything good to eat for man or beast see R. Hickey & Son.

Tom Robertson, of Yellow Wolf, was in the city Tuesday on business.

Ott Mobley has returned from Big Springs, where he has been since January.

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

G. W. Dunnica returned last of the week from a business visit to San Angelo.

Chas. Taylor left Monday morning with the Harris Bros., for the Pecos.

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

W. C. Barron, killed a fat beef Saturday and divided it out between his neighbors.

Mrs. G. T. Cain and children, of Indian Creek, were shopping in the city, Monday.

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

Mr. Brown, of Sonora, is here on a visit to his grandfather, W. T. Caraway, at Hayrick.

John Patteson came over Monday from San Angelo, on a few days visit on business.

—If you want to live well at a nominal cost, let us furnish you your groceries. R. Hickey & Son.

The Honorable Commissioners court are meeting as a board of equalization this week.

The Methodist Sunday school will give a picnic to the Sunday school children July 3rd.

—New feather pillows and a shipment of new furniture at W. K. Simpson's.

J. T. Hamilton, the Blackwell banker and stockman, was in the city Saturday on business.

W. T. Hazlewood, of the Fort Chadbourne country, was here Saturday on business. He reports good rains and everything on the move in his section.

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. Infallible for piles. Only 25c at the City Drug Store.

Oscar Clift, one of Fort Chadbourne's progressive merchants was here Tuesday on business.

S. N. Walker, of Silver, one of Coke county's most prosperous farmers, was here Saturday on business and remembered the Observer with a year's subscription.

Mrs. G. A. Beeman and daughter, Lena Mae were over a few days the past week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Newton.

Prof. J. M. Skinner and son, John, of Bronte, were in the city Saturday on business. Prof. Skinner is superintendent of the Bronte High school.

—Come before it is too late, we want to close out our summer line of milliner stock. Everything now in our house goes at cost. Martin Co.

Mrs. P. A. Westbrook and granddaughters, Misses Lela and Alya Morrow, of Sterling City, are here on a visit to Mrs. Westbrook's daughter, Mrs. Dr. S. J. Ramsey.

J. J. Clark, one of Sanco's, most successful farmers, was in the city Tuesday on business. He remembered the Observer while here with a year's subscription.

Mrs. Newt Graham received a message the first of the week from Estilene, announcing the death of her brother. The Observer extends sympathy to the bereaved one.

Walter Robertson, the San Angelo insurance man was here Friday and Saturday on business.

ARE YOU WELL?

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

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

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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.

Miss Dora Faubion is here from San Angelo, on a two weeks visit to her mother, Mrs. T. D. A. Faubion. Miss Faubion is one of the valued clerks of the Baker-Hemphill Co., one of the largest dry goods establishments of San Angelo.

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.

Dr. J. O. Toliver and daughter Miss Johnie, returned Friday from Memphis Tenn., where they went in attendance to the Confederate reunion. They report a pleasant trip.

We received a letter from Col. H. H. Hayley this week, post-marked Memphis, Tenn., telling us that he had just returned from a trip through Mississippi, and would start for home the next day.

Judge P. D. Coulson and Dr. J. O. Toliver, who recently returned from the re-union at Memphis, say the crops in Coke county are as good if not better than any they saw on the route except over a small era.

—When in San Angelo, don't fail to call at the Beeman Studio. We do all kinds of high grade portrait work. 3 doors north of Baker-Hemphill Co.

G. A. Beeman,
Manager.

Messrs W. B. Harrison, A. K. Landers, Claud Landers, Eli Austin, Lon Jenkins, E. H. Winans, M. B. Patteson, M. E. Trimble and attorney S. B. Kemp left Tuesday for Brownwood, to attend court.

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.

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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. Fore sale by all druggists.

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Land for Sale

320 acres 2 1-2 miles north of Tennyson on public road, and just east of the K. C. M. & O. Ry. If sold within 10 days will take \$7 per acre and will take \$2 per acre of this in trade, balance cash. This is a bargain. For full particulars call on, write or phone to Merchant & Kemp, Robert Lee, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Clubb, returned Sunday from a visit to relatives and friends at Waco. Mr. Clubb says crops are good around Waco. He stopped on his return at Zephyr to see the destruction wrought by the cyclone there. He says it was a terrible sight, that everyone not in storm cellars were killed or crippled and that nearly every storm house had the doors blown off but the occupants were unhurt.

Mrs. D. B. McCallum and sister, Mrs. D. A. Moss who is visiting her, went to Fort Chadbourne, Tuesday to visit relatives.

Our New Hair Vigor

Ayer's Hair Vigor was good, the best that was made. But Ayer's Hair Vigor, new improved formula, is better. It is the one great specific for falling hair. A new preparation in every way. New bottle. New contents. Ask your druggist to show it to you, "the new kind."

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Frank Robbins returned home last Thursday from Georgetown, where he attended the Southwestern University the past term.

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.

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