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For the least money, our store is the place to buy. We have just received a nice stock of Dry Goods which we will at all times be pleased to show you. Our prices on Groceries cannot be beat. We extend a cordial invitation to the public to come in and inspect our stock and give us a share of your patronage.

R. G. OLDHAM & COMPANY.

RANDOM THOUGHTS.

G. A. B.

In a Friendly Sort o' Way.

"When a man ain't got a cent, and he's feelin' kind o' blue, An' the clouds hang dark and heavy an' won't let the sunshine through, It's a great thing, oh, my brethren, fer a feller just to lay His hand upon your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way! It makes a man feel curious; it makes the tear-drops start, An' you feel a sort o' flutter in the region of the heart; You can't look up an' meet his eyes; you don't know what to say, When his hand is on your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way. Oh, the world's a curious compound, with its honey and its gall, With its care an' bitter crosses; but a good world, after all, An' a good God must have made it—lestways, that's what I say, When a hand rests on my shoulder in a friendly sort o' way."

The above touching lines by James Whitcomb Riley lead our thoughts to observation and experience of the "helping hand" and encouraging words bestowed by kind and considerate hearts upon the suffering sons and daughters of men. And who among mortals has not suffered in some degree? Verily, all have their troubles and trials; some far greater than others; it is the natural heritage of man, and all are better able to bear them or renew again the battle of life when the touch of sympathy is rightly placed and the word of courage is properly spoken.

There is a saying that "all men are born equal." This, strictly under the law, may pass for truth in favored governments such as ours, but when it refers to mental and physical possibilities it is as far from the truth as anything can be. Few, indeed, are born alike in these particulars and then the bringing up—the surroundings—the steps that lead to manhood and womanhood are so different. When these things are considered, as they should be, 'tis hard sometimes to make allowance for the short comings of some but to do so gives evidence of having that charity mentioned in Holy writ without which, "though we give all of our goods to the poor" we are to be condemned. And "charity" in feeling is not enough it must be shown in action—giving words of encouragement, lending a "helping hand." No person gets so low in this

world, either from affliction or vice, but what their hearts can be reached by kindness; thousands upon thousands in the past have been comforted or reclaimed by it and oft' times the turning point for good has been caused by just one sympathetic action or only a few kindly spoken words. What a striking illustration of this we have in Jean Valjean, the leading character in "Les Miserables." Kind words—words of encouragement; actions prompted by a charitable mind and a generous heart, what victories they have won—the cost is small—the pay ten-thousand fold.

A great many teachers will take a course in the Roberts Business Colleges at Bowie and Chickasha this spring, preferring to enter the commercial world where there are opportunities for advancement to remaining in the school room.

SELLING LANDS.

Have you property in Canyon City or land in Randall county that you really want to sell? If so come and see me—I think I can do something for you.

GEO. A. BRANDON.

News Office.

The Canyon City News came to us this week enlarged from a five-column folio to a six-column folio. This shows that the merchants of Canyon are public-spirited in tendering to their paper that patronage which makes it possible for these improvements to be made and we congratulate Brother Brandon upon his success, for the News is improving all the time.—Hereford Brand.

School land abstracts made for all who wish them by Buie & Rollins, abstracters for Randall county.

Leading Question.

"They're settling the race problem up north now."
"Yes, suh—How many dey lynched lately?"—Atlanta Constitution.

Our stock of paint is moving rapidly. You will have to hurry if you "want a go" at our high-grade Paint at low-grade prices.

CANYON LBR. CO.

Times Have Changed.

A northern authority says that eating apples will elevate the morals. Times have changed since Eve did that little horticultural stunt in the garden of Eden.—Billville Jingles.

LAKEVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

Ed. News:—

I have been away for some time and have come home for a short visit, to find out what was going on in the country. I picked up a copy of the News of March 11 and find that the farmers of the county are thinking of diversifying in the way of farming and have pledged quite a lot of land to be used in the culture of cotton. I think this is a start made in the right direction and am glad to see the people are trying to develop the county as a farming country.

I wish to place before the good people of this county another crop for trial if they see fit. Where I tried it has always made the farmer more money than cotton, corn, or wheat, and with no more labor than it takes to make a cotton crop. If properly handled, all the way through will, after the money part of the crop is taken off, save quite a lot of feed for the old cow, and that crop is nothing else but broom corn. It will bring all the way from \$40 to \$400 per ton. Good ordinary Kansas raised broom corn

is selling at this time in Kansas City for from \$120 to \$160 per ton. One acre will yield about 800 lbs.

We have a man in the county in the person of R. A. Campbell a good broom maker, as many of the old settlers can testify. I think he could give a lot of valuable information about culture, etc. I will enclose a clipping from St. Louis Republic that gives information as to culture and care of broom corn, hoping you will see fit to publish the above together with the enclosed clipping.

I am as ever for Randall county and Canyon City, S. L. LONG.

The clipping on broom corn, from another paper, referred to by Mr. Long, will come in for attention in a future issue.—Ed.

Don't Do it Again!

All persons are hereby warned not to haul any dead animals or other waste or refuse upon any of the "Block" lands. All persons doing so after this notice will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

H. Y. EVANS, Agent.

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A. D. A. I. S. Y. PARTY.

[Contributed.]

Several of the young people spent last Friday evening very pleasantly at the hospitable home of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Howell, the occasion marking another entertainment to the credit of the D. A. I. S. Y. Club.

The dainty invitations written in rhyme, were a foretaste of the pleasure to come.

The guests, having arrived and chatted a few minutes, were taken one by one into an adjoining room where amid much laughter and good natured commands to "keep still," a silhouette of each was deftly drawn.

These silhouettes were afterwards numbered and shown the guests who were to guess at and make a list of their guesses in a certain length of time.

Mr. Como Thomas getting the greatest number correct, was awarded the prize, a beautiful medalion. The consolation prize, a palmetto fan tied with the club colors, was carried off by Mr. A. S. Rollins.

All thoroughly enjoyed the progressive conversation, many amusing answers being given to the question "What do you suppose is the meaning of D. A. I. S. Y.?" The members of the club declare that none were right, and say they are going to prove that girls can keep secrets by keeping this one.

The subjects for conversation were written on neat hand-painted cards, which served nicely as souvenirs of the occasion.

Delicious refreshments were served, the guests being waited upon by the charming little ladies, Misses Edna Wallace and Earline Garrison.

The club members all wore black skirts, white waists, white collars, and ties of white and blue ribbon, white and blue being the club colors.

At 11:30 o'clock the guests bade the fair hostesses a reluctant good-night and departed wishing the club would entertain again soon.

Those present were Misses Eppie Earhart, Alice Grant, Emma Brandon, Bertha Wallace, Emily Yeary, Maud Brandon, Pearl Guilham, Vera Odell, Ella Donald; Messrs. R. A. Sowder, A. S. Rollins, B. F. Hodges, Como Thomas, Harry Howell, J. L. Howell, Jr., Earl Cobb, Stewart Odell, Travis Shaw.

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the sheriff or any constable of Randall county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon H. S. Burnham by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 47 Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 47 Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the County Court of Randall county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Canyon City, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in April, A. D. 1904, the same being the 11th day of April A. D. 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1904 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 157, wherein Canyon Lumber Company, a firm composed of J. M. Rockwell, A. A. Rockwell and C. M. Hardin is Plaintiff, and H. S. Burnham is Defendant, and said petition alleging that the Defendant H. S. Burnham is indebted to Plaintiff, by his certain promissory note for \$25.00, dated April the 1st 1903, and due November the 1st 1903, with 10 per cent interest from date, and providing for 10 per cent additional on the amount as attorney fees if collected by an attorney or by legal proceedings, alleging the same had been placed in the hands of Buie & Rollins, attorneys for collection and suit is herewith filed on same, and that said note was due and that defendant had failed and refused to pay the same or any part thereof to plaintiff's damage in the sum of the principal, interest and attorneys fees due on said note.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

J. H. GARRISON, Clerk, District Court, Randall Co., By C. N. Harrison, Deputy.

FOR SALE—A pair of hand-made Cowboy boots, size 8. Full Kanjaroo, Morocco legs—original cost \$14.50. The boots have been worn only one day. Made by one of the best boot-makers in Texas. Will sell for considerably less than first cost—a bargain. This office.

Don't compare our grade of Paint with the "Cheap John" paint claimed to be "just as good." CANYON LBR. CO.

SOMETHING NEW IN REALITY

We handle Hardware, Implements, Vehicles, Windmills, Pipe, Wire, Coal and Grain. We want to show you our goods; the sight of an article creates a desire to possess it and that desire is the demand that makes the world go round.

We carry in stock the celebrated John Deere and Oliver line of Implements. The well-known Cassidy Sulkey Plow with Lister, Planter and Sod attachments. You can use it for breaking sod with a sod base equal to any sod plow. Can also use it most successfully as a sulky Lister or Planter.

We also handle the new John Deere Disc Plows. This is the latest and most perfect construction of the mechanic for workmanship, and finish; easy to handle and will do good work. Can be changed from a single to a two, three or four discs. Regulated to raise plow behind same as in front. Discs can be set so as to cut from 8 to 14 inches each. You can turn this plow to the right as well as to left. Seeing is believing. Come in and look at this plow.

We also have all kinds of field seeds, such as Corn, Cotton, Milo Maize, Kaffir Corn, Millet, Alfalfa and other field seeds.

CANYON CITY HARDWARE AND GRAIN COMPANY.

SPRING ATTIRE THAT YOU'LL ADMIRE

THIS MORNING opens another month which marks a continuance of the policy that has produced the large increase of our business all this year. This result comes from the vigor with which we are bringing to the public seasonable and needed merchandise in the most extraordinary fashion. The cheapness with the excellence of our new spring stock of dry goods is the marvel and the power. We have most conclusively the spring attire that you'll admire.

THE BUSINESS of the month just past is store history. A delightful retrospect. What interest has the public in all this? Much in many ways. It is evidence of soundness and prosperity in general business. It shows that push and enterprise is appreciated. It is the assurance that as the past has been so the future will be

FULL OF PROMISE AND PROFIT FOR ALL WHO TRADE WITH US.

WRIGHT, GAMBLE & COMPANY.

CANYON CITY NEWS.

GEO. A. BRANDON, Prop.
WALTER R. BRANDON, Editor.

A Weekly newspaper devoted to the interests of Randall county and published at office on West Evelyn St. Canyon City, every Friday.

Papers sent out of the county promptly discontinued at expiration of time paid for.

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Announcements.

COUNTY TICKET.

For County Judge—
J. M. VANSANT,
JOHN ROGERS,
G. G. FOSTER
A. N. HENSON,
(For Re-Election)

For County and District Clerk—
L. J. SCOTT,
J. A. TATE,
G. N. HARRISON

For Tax Assessor—
C. H. HITCHCOCK,
P. H. YOUNG,
J. T. JOWELL,
S. H. HEYSER.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector—
G. C. LONG,
E. A. UPFOLD,
(For Re-Election)

For County Attorney—
ALBERT S. ROLLINS.

For County Treasurer—
R. G. OLDFAM,
JOHN BOWAN,
R. B. REDFEARN
(For Re-Election)

For Inspector—
R. E. FOSTER
(Re-Election)
W. A. JENNINGS
G. R. STRATTON

The Roberts Business Colleges, Bowie, Texas and Chickasha, I. T., offer the best in everything that a school of that character can offer.

The News office can supply you with visiting cards in blank or printed, also with Linen type writer paper, white or colored. You can also get STAR envelopes

While on the train last Saturday from Roswell home, the News reporter met R. L. Faulkner, brother of L. M. Faulkner, the local telephone manager. He said that he might inform his many friends here that he will have a man here in the very near future to talk up the merits of a new town down in New Mexico by the name of Russell, which Mr. Faulkner and others are booming.

Influence is Felt.

That C. L. Tailmadge, with his large number of prospectors coming into this section, is helping Heretford in more ways than one is evidenced by the fact that a large number of Hereford eggs were eaten here by his first party of prospectors and they were so pleased with the quality and size of the same that the attention of the same was brought to the egg dealers of Chicago, who have, since that time, purchased over 3000 dozen of this staple article, and would have purchased more had they been obtainable. That our farmers can raise chickens and eggs goes without saying and with what profit depends upon the manner in which they go into the business.—Hereford Brand.

Now that Canyon City has a permanent market for poultry and eggs, it might be well that our stock farmers look into the matter of getting a settin' of eggs from our esteemed neighbors down the road. However, great care should be exercised to see that no rooster eggs are included in the required number.

W. M. Williard, one of our most practical and substantial citizens, says that the next best move Canyon City should make would be to erect a new, modern brick court house, to go hand in hand with the improvements of town and county.

No reason why a purchaser of school land should not have an abstract of his title, when Buie & Rollins can make them on short notice. 2-3ts

A charter has been granted to The Amarillo Publishing Company of this city. The new concern will take over the Star and will probably assume charge by or before the first. W. S. Maddrey, H. E. Hume and J. J. Holt are the incorporators. Just who will manage the new paper has not yet been determined.—Amarillo Star

Not the cheapest—don't claim to be; not the biggest, but we will be; but the best in the line that we are and the best is always the cheapest.
CANYON LBR. CO.

D. N. Redburn, Jeweler and Optician, has permanently located in this city, second door east of Bank, and is prepared to do all kinds of high grade watch repairing, glass fitting and everything in this line and will be pleased to talk it all over with you. Prices reasonable.

Now You Have It.

We would like to have a good rain now, but will take it when we can get it. At any rate, it will come in the fullness of time and all our worrying about it will be of no avail. Pretty soon the spring showers will fall and the Panhandle will look like a green picture from a Japanese fan. In the language of the "devil," our rural poet,

"Providence it never fails
Man's way in life to show him;
But I'd rather split a hundred rails
Than write a long spring poem."

P. S.—The News' rural poet has been indicted on the charge of writing poetry several times, but never convicted.

If you wish to learn something about the most practical Business Colleges at Bowie and Chickasha, address Roberts Business College, Bowie, Texas, or Chickasha, I. T.

News Roll of Honor.

Under this heading will be found the amounts received on subscription to the News during the past week, and names of the parties paying. This will serve as a receipt to those of our subscribers forwarding money by mail.

Lee Shifflett \$1 00
Mark Foster 1 00
Geo. Long 2 50
John Houser 50
T. B. Ketner 23
M. F. Slover 1 00

In this issue appears the announcement of U. N. Harrison for the office of County and District Clerk. Mr. Harrison is a man of integrity, industry and business ability. He has been acting as deputy clerk for the past 18 months, during which time he has thoroughly familiarized himself with the records and workings of the office, and if elected will give the County competent and efficient service.

"A FREE FOR ALL."

The Democratic executive committee on Saturday decided against county nominations.

The vote was close but the result is likely to remain final for the race now on foot unless conditions materially change between now and July, after then of course it will be too late.

No action was taken at the Saturday meeting looking to a settlement of national, state and district tickets in so far as this county is concerned but then there is plenty of time for that.

As a matter of course there is some dissatisfaction among Democrats on this "free for all" decision, but the regular authorities have so decreed it and all good Democrats should and will abide thereby.

HOFFMAN PARAGRAPHS.

We are glad to welcome Prof. J. W. Moseley back in our midst again. He is an efficient teacher and a good moral man among children. He will open our school Monday.

Rev. J. T. Burnett and family visited B. T. Johnson and wife Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Miss Nettie Hitchcock, who has been teaching school near Amarillo, is at home for recreation.

Relus Potter and wife, of Amarillo, visited Mrs. H. S. Burnham Sunday last, who has been quite sick with measles. We are glad to state she is improving rapidly.

J. M. White and wife, of Amarillo, B. T. Johnson and family and J. T. Burnett's family composed a fishing party that explored Nature's beautiful hills and scenery of Tierra Blanco last Tuesday. They report a good time, caught 36 fish, had lunch and fried fish for dinner and supper.

F. Hoffman, Miss Bertha Holtzer and Miss Annie Hoffman went to Amarillo Saturday.

Mr. Hand went to Canyon Tuesday.

J. R. McClain and son went to Amarillo last week on business.

Claude Haley of Murphy, is in our midst prospecting.

Well, we were lucky to winter very well, but grass is so short on account of no rain, we were backward about coming out.

TASSIE.

Card of Thanks.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to the good people of Canyon, and especially to Mrs. Robt. Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Benton and the Brick Masons of that town for their assistance and efforts in rescuing the body of my husband and for their sympathy in my great trouble.

Respectfully,
Mrs. C. R. Bundy.

Coffee Bros. finished the carpenter work on the new furniture house of Thomas Bros., Tuesday. The building is 24x100 feet; is of corrugated iron on the outside, except the front, and is celled, canvassed and papered on the inside. Tom Cochran is doing the papering. The front of the building is glass. When painted up it will vie in appearance with any store in town. Thomas Bros. with their stock of furniture will be found "at home" there next week.

NOTICE TO BREEDERS OF FINE HORSES!

TOM HAL, the thoroughbred Tennessee Stallion, will make the season at Rowan's Livery Stable, in Canyon City. This is the best Saddle and Harness Stallion in West Texas. He is the greatest combination horse ever brought to the South. He is a dark Blood Bay, a model of beauty and the crowning type of modern horses. Sixteen hands high, weighs 1200 pounds. Terms: \$5, \$10 and \$15. If any time the mare is traded or moved from the county, the money is due.

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Golden Oak, Genuine Leather Seat, Top and Center Quartered Oak. Arms 11 inches high and iron rodded. An excellent chair; good looking and one that will stand service. We have many other styles at prices to suit. Come in and look at our stock.



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Fence Stays,
Lumber, Post, Doors,
Lath, Sash, Shingles,
Building Blocks and Mouldings.

Local.

J. I. Campbell visited Amarillo yesterday.

Farm and Ranch—sample copies at this office.

Dave Auld spent Sunday night in Amarillo.

The store vacated by Thomas Bros. is now occupied by the Thompson Drug Co.

Mrs. Jim Burrow, of Amarillo, spent Sunday here with relatives and friends.

Candidate or any other cards, round cornered or square, at prices to suit.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will have a special Easter service Sunday morning.

J. L. Perdue was in from Umberger yesterday buying new farming implements.

Tree planting is general about town and a good rain is now required to give them a good start.

J. A. Wahsley left Wednesday evening for Fort Worth, and other points down in that part of the state.

W. F. Heller went down on Wednesday evening's train to Memphis. He will return Sunday.

We may not have the very cheapest paint in price, but considering the quality we are the cheapest.

CANYON LBR. CO.

M. A. Iamkin, the man who is always ready to fit you up with life insurance, took a visit to Dallas the latter part of last week.

The Commercial Course in the Roberts Business Colleges is full and up-to-date and is practical book keeping from start to finish and includes Banking and Corporations.

There will be a special Easter service at the Methodist church Sunday night given under the auspices of the Epworth League.

Every purchaser or owner of land should have a complete abstract of his title and he can get same by applying to Buie & Rollins, abstractors for Randall county.

At a recent meeting the Potter county Medical Society declared Amarillo to be in a "deplorable sanitary condition" and suggested a sewerage system.

Bro. Jno. A. Wallace falls in line this week with a new windmill for his home. Tom Cochran also finds the need of such a convenience and has also put up a mill.

A. E. Brown has entered into a partnership with J. W. Cummings, the butcher. A pretty good team and their working together is sure to please their customers.

Wanted—All the turkeys, chickens and eggs in the county in exchange for cash—Lee Shifflett, just east of the bank, Mch 11-14

We see in the Hale County Herald that R. A. Campbell, the livestock auctioneer, will conduct a Hereford sale of 23 head at Emma, Texas, for Thornton Jones, April 25th.

The brick work on the new school building has proceeded slowly owing to the high winds. It is expected, however, that the walls will be completed inside of two months anyway.

Missing the genial countenance of our real estate man, L. G. Conner, for several days, inquiry brought out the unwelcome tidings that he was "laid up" with a severe attack of grip.

Lee Shifflett, the poultry and egg dealer, shipped to the Denver Market this week 42 cases of eggs, each case containing 30 dozen eggs. Pretty good showing for a newly established market.

The gold heart locket that was lost and advertised in the News several months ago, was found Monday by Valcor Steen and returned to its owner.

Mrs. H. E. Hume and children were down from Amarillo the latter part of last week visiting their many friends here. They returned home Sunday.

County Court begins a week from next Monday. There is on the docket but one case that is likely to be tried. No jury has been summoned for this term—no use for any—so say the authorities.

Miss Minnie Donohoo returned last week from Sherman, where she has been attending the North Texas Female College. Her many friends are glad to have her back with them.

Major Gordon and C. B. Pash, of Amarillo, came down Wednesday and were joined here by J. N. Donohoo on another trip south in the interest of the Amarillo & Plainview Southern Ry. project.

L. P. Webb, a representative of the Fort Worth Record, was in town yesterday talking up his paper. He is a pleasant gentleman and the Record is second to none as a Texas newspaper.

If you cannot go to the World's Fair, do the next best thing, subscribe for the Twice-a-week St. Louis Republic. It is better than ever for this year. One dollar at this office gets it, or it and the Canyon City News—both for one year \$1.80.

A. W. Callahan and J. L. Crawford, editor and associate editor respectively of the Tullia Standard, were passengers from here to Amarillo Sunday evening, where they make regular visits in quest of advertising patrons for their paper. They also secured some patronage from our advertisers at this place.

Walter Parvin and wife, who came here several months ago for the benefit of Mr. Parvin's health, left last Friday evening for their home at McKinney. Mr. Parvin has asthma trouble and this climate has been of such benefit to him this winter that he will in all probability return here again to remain permanently.

Jim Grant, wife and baby, together with Tom Grant, came in last Saturday from California. They are cousins to our townsman W. W. Merrill. Tom Grant and sister, Miss Alice, came here only a short time ago from Tennessee, he leaving a month or so ago for California to see his brother with the result that all returned for a prospecting tour on the Plains.

Miss Ona and Bunk Long returned Wednesday from White Wright, where they have been attending college. The term has not yet closed though since the college building was burned scholars have been so inconvenienced that many of them have returned to their homes.

Milton Burrow came up from Hereford Friday evening and stayed over until Monday with his brothers. Milton is getting to be quite a little "ladies man" and we are told that the Hereford young ladies are beginning to vie with those of this, his home place, in diligent effort to convince him of a supremacy of charms.

La Grippe Cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

The great danger from la grippe is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be avoided by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Among the tens of thousands who used this remedy during the epidemic of la grippe of recent years no case has ever been known to result in pneumonia which shows conclusively that it is a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. Price 25 cents; large size, 50 cents. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

For Sale.—A good family carriage horse and harness—also an almost new full leather top and leather trimmed buggy. At the News office.

Just A Word About Hardware!

To those who have traded with us during our many years of successful business here, no words of introduction are necessary. Perhaps you do not know that we are offering in our line of Farm Implements the products of some of the most reliable manufacturers of Agricultural Implements in the world. Our business as it is today is too extensive to admit of our offering a cheaply made or inferior article in order to make a sale. Hence in dealing with us you will always find that our implements are new, modern, and of the Standard make and exactly as represented. Many of them are the very choicest and best that are manufactured. We invite your especial attention to our

Windmills—A good windmill is a faithful and reliable servant upon which you can depend for steady work every day of the year, requiring no labor and very little attention. A poorly constructed windmill of cheap material and indifferent workmanship, constantly requiring repairing, etc., is a very unsatisfactory article on any farm. None of our farmer and stockmen friends appreciate this better than we do, and although there may be low priced mills offered for sale, yet there is none that will cost less after 10 years of service than our well-known, well-tried "Eclipse" and "Star" mills. It is no experiment with us, but are the same mills that we have handled for years, with changes made from time to time to strengthen, simplify and improve in every way possible each and every piece and part. INVESTIGATE TODAY!

Harness and Saddles—We have been selling Harness, Saddles and Horse Furnishings so long that we know what our customers want and we always guarantee that the buyer will be satisfied with what he gets. When we say it is hand-made, it is. A general repair shop in connection with our Leather Goods Department—Investigate!

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST—We have always lived the motto: THAT NO ONE CAN UNDERSELL US, QUALITY FOR QUALITY, in any line. By buying in such enormous quantities, we secure only the very best goods. Always improving, always growing, always giving our customers a little more for their money. Come in, get our prices and carefully inspect our goods.

STRINGFELLOW-HUME HDW. CO.

Don't Fool With a Cold.

From the New York Sun. We must repeat our warning against pneumonia, the most dangerous disease that prevails in this city, and which is extraordinarily prevalent at this time. Be on the guard at all times against taking cold. Look out for it if you take it. Gladstone used to go to bed and send for a doctor whenever he had a cold, and consequently he got well in a very short time.—The "Sun" is right and their warning should be heeded. For colds there is nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It prevents any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. It always cures and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

Bee Hitchcock came in Tuesday from Chillicothe, whither he went only a few weeks ago in quest of work. He now thinks this country presents as good opportunities for a laborer as any part of Texas. He informed the News that E. W. O'Rear, with whom he left here, had put in a stock of merchandise at Hawk, a town some ten miles from Chillicothe, in Wilbarger county.

Jim Earhart, brother of Miss Eppie Earhart, one of our teachers in the public school, came in last week from a five years ramble through Old Mexico and other mining regions of the West. He says he has struck a paying streak from which he and other parties hope to derive the sum of \$10,000. He is well known to many of our citizens here.

Lee Shifflett has engaged the building just east of the First Nat'l. Bank, for buying poultry and eggs and preparing same for shipment to market. He has had the News Job Office print him some stationery for carrying on his business and is making the enterprise hum. A good, steady local market for the farmers' poultry and eggs makes for a town its most substantial friends.

The Spring millinery opening at the Canyon Mercantile Co's. emporium last Saturday attracted large crowds of ladies both from the country and around town. Miss Delia Wilkinson, the popular milliner, was kept very busy showing the season's latest styles in hats and other articles of ladies' wear for Eastertide. So many of the ladies availed themselves of this opportunity to fix up for the new Easter surprises that, in the language of the old negro who couldn't buy herself a new bonnet for this occasion consoled herself with the thought that "De only folks dat'll attract attention on dat day is the people what don't look new."

Married—At the residence of W. J. Redfearn, last Monday afternoon, Newman Lofland to Miss Maude Long, W. J. Redfearn Esq., officiating. Young Mr. Lofland is the younger son of W. T. Lofland, well known to Randall county citizens. Miss Maude Long is the daughter of our worthy citizen, Sam Long, of the Lakeview community. The happy young couple left Monday evening for Rockwall county, where Mr. Lofland's parents now reside. The News extends congratulations.

The Baptist Young People's Union rendered a special program to a large audience at the Baptist church last Sunday night. Those who furnished the entertainment of the evening did admirably well as evidenced by the close attention of the entire audience. Several papers were read that would do credit to famed authors, which reminds us that very often, we unknowingly, perhaps, have in our midst talent that can dazzle the world. "Distance lends greatness," and many worshippers of by-gone sages of wisdom have lived and died, never realizing that they had in their own circle of friends, and acquaintances diamonds that would glitter only for their polishing. Miss Columbia Redfearn and Mesdames Thompson and Brandon were on the program for papers.

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THE MYSTERY OF GRASLOV

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SYNOPSIS OF The Mystery of Graslov

CHAPTER I.— Prince Neslerov wants to marry Frances Gordon, the daughter of an American who is building the Transiberian railroad. Frances is interested in the fortunes of Valdimir Paulpoff, a stalwart Russian blacksmith. She asks Neslerov to use his influence for Valdimir.

CHAPTER II. THE BLACKSMITH AND THE PICTURE.

On a road leading from the city of Perm toward the forest on the south there stood a rude cluster of buildings, all of them old and in a poor state of repair. This collection of huts was the home and forge of the Paulpoffs, ironworkers.

Here worked old Michael Paulpoff and his son Valdimir, and it had been to this uninviting place that Frances Gordon had come to make the chance acquaintance of the young giant.

The huts and the surroundings were rapidly growing even less inviting, for nothing was being done now to keep anything in repair.

A collection of household goods, over which old Mamma Paulpoff watched carefully, gave evidence that the family were about to remove themselves and their belongings to another place.

But still the old man and the young one were at work. The blows that Valdimir struck were tremendous. The iron under his hammer bent and flattened as the sparks shot like fireworks to the far corners of the place. There was a gay laugh on his handsome face—a face that was almost childlike in its simplicity and guilelessness.

"Oh, that will be a happy day, Papa Paulpoff," the young man said gleefully, plunging his tongue into the white fire and withdrawing a bar of iron.

"What will?" asked the old man, looking aside at his son, but continuing his work.

"The day I can take you and the little mother to a better home."

"We have been happy here," replied old Papa Paulpoff, looking round at the dingy interior.

"Yes, we have been happy—we shall always be happy, for we are simple and require little. But with greater comfort and more money greater happiness ought to come. It is fine to feel yourself growing to be somebody in the world—to feel yourself expand, broaden. It is study that does it, and work. I think the knowledge gives me more pleasure than the wealth." But we also need the wealth."

The old man sighed.

"Yes, that is good, that knowledge. But you will grow away from us. You will perhaps marry that American girl, and she would not like our simple ways."

The hammer in Valdimir's hand came down with redoubled force.

"What is that you say—our Valdimir talking of marrying?" asked the tremulous voice of Mrs. Paulpoff. "I came to say that the meal is ready, and I find—what do I find?"

"Oh, Papa Paulpoff is dreaming one of his dreams," said Valdimir, with a gay laugh.

"But is it not so, old woman?" asked Papa Paulpoff. "Is it not quite possible that our Valdimir may marry that handsome American girl?"

"I have seen it so," answered the old woman. "It seems that no young woman would take this interest if she did not love."

"Oh, nonsense!" cried Valdimir. "We are friends—she is good—I admire. Why, I could almost worship her, but I am a peasant. She is!"

There came the sound of cursing outside and the fall of a horse's hoofs. A shout took the old man to the door.

"Curses upon this beast!" came an angry voice as a man about thirty-five, clad in a neat riding suit, entered the room striking his high boots with his whip. "I have just been thrown in some mysterious manner my horse, who never stumbles, caught his foot in something, tore loose his shoe and buried me to the ground. The horse is uninjured, but he has lost the shoe. I heard the sound of a smithy and came to you for assistance. I must reach Graslov tonight, and the delay is serious."

"It is long since we were mere horse-shoers," said the old man. "The railroad—"

"But surely you can make a shoe and put it on. I must go forward, and I do not wish to lame this valuable horse."

"Certainly, we will shoe the horse," put in Valdimir, whose kind heart could never refuse any request that was reasonable and proper. "I will attend to it at once."

"But the meal is waiting," said the old woman.

"The meal is but a short distance, and Graslov is far," said Valdimir. "I will shoe the horse and permit the prince to proceed."

"How did you know that I was a prince?" asked the stranger, looking about him with a keen eye that was full of inquiry.

"The horse is of the herd at Graslov, the seat of the Neslerovs," was the

answer. "I know the herd and think I have shod this very horse before."

"Good! That is better than putting him into the hands of a stranger," said the rider. "Is your name Paulpoff?"

"It is. I am Valdimir Paulpoff. The little father here is Michael."

"Ah, I have heard of you. You have guessed correctly. I am a prince. My steward, who has charge of my estate while I am away in Siberia, has told me of the giant who is growing rich working for the railroad. It is said that you can bend an iron bar with your hands."

Valdimir in response picked up an iron bar about four feet long and an inch thick and bent it double with no apparent effort.

"Good God!" exclaimed the prince. "Are you that powerful?"

"We acquire muscle in this work," Valdimir answered, "and I was born powerful."

A look of wonder had spread over the face of the prince. He sat upon a rude stool while the other two began to pre-

pare for shoeing the horse. The fine animal was brought inside, and he, like his noble master, seemed surprised at his surroundings.

The old woman, patient now under the rebuke of Valdimir, stood waiting.

"This is not much of a place for successful men," said Neslerov, looking around him.

"Ho!" chuckled the old man. "You have come too soon. See, nothing is being done. We are about to leave this place for a spot nearer the railway."

"Business is not good, then?"

"Oh, is it not?" said Valdimir. "When one has a powerful friend to send the ironwork to him, it is easy to get along. We shall have a fine shop and ten men employed in the work. Instead of this hovel my father and mother shall live in a fine house, and my father shall work no more. I shall make money for all."

"Ah! Then I suppose you will be getting married?"

"That is something I have not thought of. I do not know."

"Somebody else knows," chuckled the dotting Papa Paulpoff. "There is an American girl who thinks well of our—"

"Hush!" exclaimed Valdimir impatiently. "You are speaking of some one whose name must be sacred."

His face was flushed, and Neslerov looked at it scorchingly.

"You are very fortunate," said Neslerov jokingly. "I can get no one to marry me."

"You but jest. Any one would be pleased to marry one of Russia's wealthiest princes."

"But such a one!" continued the indiscreet old man. "She is beautiful, she is rich, and she sends him books."

"Good! She is educating you. She must love you," said Neslerov.

"Oh, as to love, that is different. Her acts are kind, and I feel grateful. But for marrying—it will require a fine man to make her happy."

"He will make any one happy," put in the old woman, with a glance of pride at the young giant. "Any girl, even though she might be a princess, would get no better for a husband. Look at those—"

"They could fell a bull!" said Neslerov. "How do you pass the time here? Do you go to the nearest village or to Perm and play?"

"Not he," said the old man, pausing long enough in his work to add his tribute to this son they loved so well. "That young man spending his time at a village! I think not, your excellency. With his books he spends his nights. He studies or he paints."

"What's that? Paints?"

"Aye, indeed yes. He is a born painter."

"And shoeing horses?"

"One gets a kopeck or two for shoeing horses. One must paint for the pleasure of it, unless one is well-known. It will come in time," said Valdimir.

"See, he is not so simple as he looks," said Papa Paulpoff, nodding his head toward the big boy.

"Very far from simple, I should say," answered Neslerov.

"Old woman!" shouted Papa Paulpoff suddenly, so suddenly that she started in alarm. "Go get the picture."

Let the prince see the face of her who is so kind to Valdimir."

The old woman obeyed and ran out. "Her picture! You have her picture painted," stammered Neslerov.

"Yes, I, and the good part of it is that she knows nothing of it. I shall give it to her when she comes again to see us," said Valdimir.

"But I do not understand. How could you draw a face without having it before you?" asked the prince.

"Ha! It is never from my sight. The most beautiful face! A face that one could not forget. I drew it—I painted it—two—three and four times—from memory, and always alike."

At this juncture the old woman returned with a picture in a frame. Silently she handed it to Neslerov. He sat with it in his hands, gazing down hungrily upon the features he knew so well. It showed two things—first, that there was, undeveloped in the young man, a talent that would make him famous if it ever got a chance; second, that he must have the picture of the girl indelibly in his mind to paint so true a picture from memory. And, knowing Frances Gordon, Neslerov knew that this man was a most dangerous rival for her hand.

"But that is not all he has done," said the old woman exultingly.

"Pshaw!" exclaimed Papa Paulpoff. "He has done nothing else worth mentioning."

Valdimir looked up in surprise and caught a swift look of warning flashed from Michael's eyes to those of his wife. The warning flash was also seen by Neslerov, and his curiosity was whetted.

"Surely this cannot be all," he said. "Such a talent must have an outlet. There must be something else. Come! I will look at all you have and buy what I want."

"But not that," replied Valdimir. "I could not sell that."

"But another of the same face?"

"No, I could not sell that face."

"Then let me see something else—something as good as this—and I will buy it."

"There is another woman's face"—began Mamma Paulpoff.

"Yes, and as beautiful a face as this, but a Russian," added Valdimir. "It was a picture. Papa Paulpoff had it. I found it one day and painted one from it."

"Show it to me," said Neslerov.

His eyes were fixed on the face of Valdimir with something like fear in them now. He glanced from one to another of the group.

Papa Paulpoff showed evidences of nervousness, but Valdimir was eager to satisfy the prince. He sent the old woman for the other portrait.

She brought it and placed it in the hands of the prince. At the first glance his face went white to the very lips. His hands shook. His frame trembled.

"Good heavens!" was breathed under his mustache. The words were not heard, but the manner of the man did not escape Papa Paulpoff.

"Who is this—it is a beautiful woman—but her name?" asked Neslerov, and his voice had turned suddenly hoarse in spite of the effort to control himself.

"I found a small picture one day after a party of nobles passed by," answered Papa Paulpoff.

A swift glance of suspicion shot from the eyes of Neslerov to the face of Papa Paulpoff. But the old man's face was perfectly impassive.

"I will buy this. Name your price," said the prince. "And I will buy the other, the one you found."

"Alas, it is lost," exclaimed Papa Paulpoff. "It was in a small house we had years ago, and it burned down."

"And the picture destroyed?"

"Alas, yes. It was so pretty, a noble woman, perhaps even a princess," said Papa Paulpoff. "I wept like a child when it was lost."

Tears came into his eyes now at the remembrance of it.

"I will buy this. How much do you ask for it?" he asked of Valdimir.

"On second thoughts, it is not for sale," Valdimir answered.

"I do not wonder," he said. "It is a beautiful face. We do not have them in this part of Russia. In St. Petersburg, perhaps."

He shot a glance at Papa Paulpoff as he spoke, but the old man was bending down putting the hot shoe on the horse's hoof.

The job finished, there remained nothing but to pay the Paulpoffs and depart. The prince did this, bade them a pleasant farewell, mounted his steed and rode away.

"Explain the mystery!" cried Valdimir. "You have not lost the picture! You commanded me never to lose it! Why the lie about the fire?"

"The picture," replied Papa Paulpoff, turning white under his thick beard, "is that of a noble lady who was a friend of my family and whom we as children worshiped as a saint. I do



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to know who she was, and I did not want him to get the picture, so I lied. Old woman, what about that dinner?"

"It awaits," said Mamma Paulpoff.

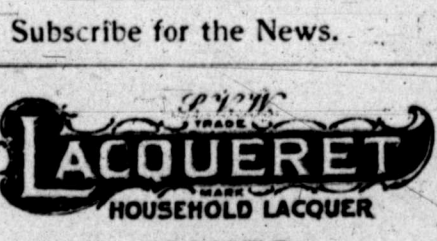
"Then come. I am famished. If one speaks to me to disturb me eating, I will use my foot."

Once at the table, Papa Paulpoff attacked the meal with the rude manners of the uneducated Russian, and the old woman sat with downcast eyes eating her own meal.

Valdimir, though devoured by curiosity, knew the peculiarities of the old man and ate in silence.

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