

A Fiance by Express

By
HOWARD FIELDING

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IN the old days when a father did not wish his daughter to marry the man of her choice he locked her up in the turret chamber of the castle and kept her on a diet of bread and water until she was too weak to oppose paternal command. The method is unusual now in this part of the world, and therefore the hick of Stuart Hollingsworth may be called exceptionally hard.

Hollingsworth was engaged to Ruth Warren without her father's consent. Hollingsworth had a great reputation as a wit and had said one or two very clever but not unkindly things about Albertus Warren.

Otherwise Hollingsworth was unexceptionable. He was not so rich as Warren, but he was in a good way of business and striding on toward great success. A brisk, bright, cheery fellow he was despite the melancholy cast of his countenance and the sad, sweet voice which lent itself so well to the purposes of his unfeeling jests.

Warren was different from everybody else in the world, but most particularly from his daughter, who possessed a very amiable disposition. She was plump and pretty, exceptionally cheerful in a gentle way and quite destitute of any trait that could be called an eccentricity. It could be seen with half an eye that she was saturated with love for Hollingsworth in the way of a piece of cake dipped in wine.

Her father had done his best to make an old maid of her. She was already twenty-four. Many a suitor had been frightened away from the great, square house, with its antique iron fence and its strips of dusty lawn. But nobody could frighten Hollingsworth. He was not a tall man, and he was slenderly built, but he was armed always with the mighty weapon of invincible good humor. Not even Albertus Warren could quarrel with him, and perhaps that is why the old sinner resorted to desperate measures.

Whatever the explanation may be, this is the situation; Hollingsworth knew that the young lady was in her father's house. He had faith to believe that she still loved him, but he could neither see her nor get one word from her. The truth dawned upon him slowly. He was informed at the house two or three times that Miss Warren was not at home. He expected a note from her by mail, and it did not come. A very earnest communication from himself brought no response from her. Then he called at Mr. Warren's office and was denied.

At the end of a week Hollingsworth had a confidential talk with his friend, John Breck, who was a lawyer. Breck treated the subject with levity. He had recently been the victim of a very good joke which Hollingsworth had "put up," and he expressed a mean spirited gratification that fate should have avenged him. Coming to a more serious view at last, he said:

"There are various things that you can do. The young lady is of age. She can claim her liberty."

"That's the way I look at it," responded Hollingsworth.

Breck shook his head.

"The old man will get tired of it," he said. "He won't imprison her long."

Two or three days elapsed without bringing any new developments, and then Breck called at Hollingsworth's apartments. He looked worried.

"I've seen Albertus," he said, "and I'm afraid that the matter is more serious than I had supposed. The old villain has got something up his sleeve. What it is I don't know, but he evidently believes it to be a winner. If he didn't, Stuart, my boy, I could fix this whole matter for you. This in confidence to you: I've got a very strong hold on old Albertus Warren, and I wouldn't scruple to use it in a case of this kind. If he were merely holding out obstinately against you, with no definite plan in view, I could swing him. But he's trying to accomplish something. I'm sure of it, though I don't see what it can be unless he intends to make her marry somebody else. She is the sort of girl to mind her father."

"It is her only fault," replied Hollingsworth. "But see here, Jack. There's one thing obvious—she is being tricked. Nobody can convince me that she doesn't suppose that she has sent word to me. She has trusted her letter to some rascally servant."

"Is there anybody in the household whom you know particularly well?" asked the lawyer. "And Hollingsworth replied that he had occasionally held amicable conversations with the housekeeper, who seemed to be friendly disposed toward him.

"But," he added, "I've written to her already and have got no reply."

"Write again," said his friend, "and I'll try to deliver the note and get an answer. Ask her if she can suggest

any way by which you can get into the house without Mr. Warren knowing it. That's the point. You must have an interview with Miss Ruth—if it's in any way possible. This case is desperate. It will come to a runaway marriage before you get through with it, and if you take my advice, you'll arrange for one at the earliest possible moment provided that you get a chance to talk to the young lady."

Hollingsworth wrote the note, and Breck hurried away with it. He did not return in the course of the evening, but several other fellows dropped in. The rumor that the course of true love was not running smooth seemed to have circulated widely, and Hollingsworth received the sort of sympathy which one ordinarily gets in such case.

He telephoned to Breck's office half a dozen times next day, but could not find the lawyer in. About noon, however, he appeared at Hollingsworth's rooms.

"I've struck a desperate situation," he said. "I've given the housekeeper your note. She's a great creature and willing to act in your interest as far as she dares, but by the devil's own luck she's out of favor with Miss Ruth. The girl doesn't trust her; won't give her any message or say a word to her on the subject. So there you are. The housekeeper doesn't know what's up, but she knows that it's something serious and that old Albertus Warren regards the game as already won."

Hollingsworth's jaw dropped. He stared at Breck blankly.

"What in blazes am I going to do?" he demanded.

"I've been all over this subject," said the lawyer, "from a legal and every



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other aspect, and there's only one possible course of action. You must have a personal interview with Miss Warren; you must see her without her father's knowledge, and you must do it right away. Therefore it is absolutely essential that you get into that house."

"But I can't break in," exclaimed Hollingsworth. "I can't do anything public and make a guy of the woman I love. Extra! Extra! Holy Moses, I can seem to hear it!"

"Ruth Warren is to be spirited away," said Breck. "The housekeeper doesn't know where nor how. But if it happens it will be fatal. The poor girl will suppose that you know where she's gone; she fancies that she's writing to you every day. If you don't follow her—and you couldn't because you would not know where she's gone."

Hollingsworth struck his dripping forehead.

"I've got to get into that house," he said, "even if I crawl in through the gas pipe."

"Precisely," said Breck, "and for that reason I've put up a job. It's queer, but the things have been done dozens of times in New York—in fact, I've managed it myself for one of my clients when there was a question of serving some papers. And you remember the case of Mrs. Wilmington, who kidnapped her own daughter?"

"Took her away in a trunk, didn't she?" said Hollingsworth. "But there's no trunk in the world that will hold me. You might bring my legs along in a dress suit case, but—"

"This is serious," interrupted Breck. "I've already arranged for the trunk. It will be here in a few minutes. It's the same one that I used in the case I mentioned just now, and my clerk lived in it for five hours without much inconvenience. By good luck, as I've learned from the housekeeper, that trunk is an exact mate for one that Miss Warren has in storage. It won't seem unusual if we have it delivered at the Warren house today. Come, Stuart. Have you got the sand?"

"Have I?" cried Hollingsworth. "Watch me. This is really the very best thing that we could do. It will settle the whole matter. And I'll remember you, Breck. You shall have \$1,000 if I live through this and \$5,000 if I don't. My gratitude will be the same in either case, but if I'm dead I can afford to be more liberal. Fix up my will. What's that?"

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"I can live in it for a week," said Hollingsworth. "If they set it on the right end."

The two men padded the inside with blankets and made experiments in the matter of the most comfortable position and the limits of movement when the lid had been closed upon the occupant. Then they went out and had luncheon, for the trunk was not to be delivered at the Warren residence before 5 in the afternoon. Hollingsworth suggested that it would be awkward if the real one should get there first, but Breck replied that he had sent a bogus message to the warehouse countermanding the order.

Promptly at 5 o'clock the expressmen whom Breck had engaged arrived at Hollingsworth's rooms. They were well bribed and carefully instructed. Hollingsworth got into the trunk, and Breck closed, locked and strapped it.

"Now, for heaven's sake," he said in a low tone to the men, "don't drop him on the stairs."

"What's the matter with the elevator?" came in anxious but muffled tones from the interior of the trunk.

"It's all right in this building," responded Breck, "but in the Warren house there are two flights, and they are pretty bad, the housekeeper says. Of course you'll go up the back stairs."

The descent to the street was easy, but the ride to the Warren house was long. The longer the ride the longer Hollingsworth's legs seemed to be, and before it was finished he would have paid any reasonable sum for the privilege of straightening them out.

"This is a singular paradox," he said to himself. "My legs are getting longer every minute and still I want to stretch 'em."

One of the expressmen, who was sitting beside the trunk, informed him of his arrival at his destination and then climbed out of the wagon. There was a long wait, then Hollingsworth felt a swaying of the vehicle, and immediately a voice spoke cautiously.

"There's a hitch somewhere," it said. "Don't speak loud. Old Warren is standing by the gate."

"What's the trouble?"

"He says it's the wrong trunk. He swears that this one is full of furs. They're hunting for the key, but the housekeeper's all right. Don't you worry. Whatever happens, you're safe. The old man won't get you. Hush!"

"Another long wait, and then the voice again:

"We'll have to take you back. You've been positively identified. You're a lot of sea-sick and stuff that belonged to Mrs. Warren when she was alive. S-s-s-sh!"

Presently the wagon swayed violently and then started. Hollingsworth felt the expressman settling himself down beside the trunk. Then came a very soft, hardly audible whisper:

"Don't speak. Don't make any noise. We'll get you out of this yet."

The wagon jolted along. It seemed to travel a thousand miles, and there were a thousand new pains for every mile. Finally the wagon stopped. The trunk was lifted out. Hollingsworth heard a confused murmur of voices. Then he felt the motion of an elevator. There followed a great bumping and dragging, followed by a stiffness and a peculiar chill, gradually but surely increasing. It seemed as if drafts of icy air were blowing through the holes in the trunk. Hollingsworth stood it as long as he could, and then in a sudden paroxysm he pounded and kicked upon the roof of his prison and yelled like a wounded elephant. It was a marvelous relief. While he was enjoying it he heard a clanking sound, and then a strange, loud, scared voice cried:

"Who's here?"

"I am, hang it!" yelled Hollingsworth. "How could I be anywhere else? Holy Moses, do you think I can crawl out through one of these holes?"

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A novelty in the way of a shipment of cattle passed through Lampasas yesterday. The car was well loaded. It contained 18 head of fat steers, which makes a pretty good car of stuff, but when these were in, the owner drove in also 35 head of calves, and all went through to market together. Those who claim to know say that they will get to market in better condition than if the steers had been shipped in one car and the calves in another, and it may be so.—Lampasas Leader.

Those of our farmers and stockmen who have ponds for watering cattle and private lakes within their enclosures and desire fish to stock these bodies of water, can possibly get them from the government by going about it in the proper way. Under the law all requests for fish from the government must be accompanied by an indorsement from the Congressman representing the district where the fish are wanted. None can be obtained in other ways from this source, and the matter is one that must be attended to in the regular way in order to get results. The News feels called upon to give this general advice upon recent inquiry made by several of our friends.

Hon. W. B. Ware made our citizens a talk at the court house Monday evening. He desires to succeed himself as Representative, and his address was in explanation of his official conduct as well as in the nature of a reply to the stand taken by his opponent, Col. Howard. Among other things he stated that he had frequently invited Col. Howard to a canvass of the district with him but that this gentleman had persistently ignored him in this respect. His remarks were to the point and well received.

This office with one printer, Walter Brandon, out has had its hands full this week getting out Reunion matter and the News, especially the local department, has been sadly neglected, and the paper itself is also a "leetele" late.

RANDOM THOUGHTS.

G. A. B.

Sometime ago in these columns Hon. Arthur Lefevre came in for a few thoughts on his fitness to succeed himself as Superintendent of Public Education. It is now claimed for him that his system of examination questions has materially raised the standard of teachers in Texas. Dear me! But, suppose we take a glance at some of them. Here are a few:

1. Find the lowest common multiple and highest common submultiple of 2-9, 4-3, 8-15.
2. Calculate and write in English the number expressed by the notation 1053 in a system similar to our common decimal system, but whose base is six instead of ten.
3. Prove that the product of three consecutive integers, if the first is even, must be a multiple of twenty-four.
4. Express the fractions $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ respectively as decimal and as duodecimal fractions.
5. Express the circulating decimal 2.6730730 as a common fraction.

Now, wont some kind friend of the News, a Randall county teacher, perhaps, extract the practical sense out of these examples and "fotch" it here to enlighten Random Thoughts?

"Moduli of logarithmic systems, logarithmic spirals, and the equation of a common catenary are not often seriously required in our common schools. The examinations are all right for the fellows who don't need them, but they fail to fit the fellow that does"—Thus speaks Supt. B. A. Stafford of the Mineola city schools—and this writer thoroughly agrees with him.

Judging the tree from the fruit it bears if common sense is needed at the head of the public schools of this state we undoubtedly must "go round" the Hon. Arthur Lefevre.

A TRIP WITH BRO. STEPHENS.

Sunday the Senior of the News enjoyed the pleasure of a trip with Rev. J. E. Stephens to his charges at Gil'eland and Lakeview school houses.

The grass along the route is good and stock are putting on flesh rapidly. Upon about half of the territory traveled over, rains, ranging from fair to very good had fallen within the two preceding days. The crops so far as seen from the road, are full of promise for this season of the year, and not only is this the case in the line of things sought as good for man and beast, but for weeds, which in the race for life and size appeared to the unsophisticated eyes of this writer as having the advantage. But there is no accounting for tastes and it may be that some of the farmers along whose possessions we passed are doing like our friend, Jerome Baird, did when he first came here, just planting weeds "to see 'em grow." Baird says that when he landed here, some thirteen years since, the plains was free of weeds save for the harmless variety which now grows around the edges of the lakes and wallows and that discovering two cockle burrs in the mane of an old mare of his he planted them just to see how "burrs" would do here. "They did." The very first year he says they "made trees" and that since then he has had seed to give away to all callers. His affection for them is still strong for he told us Sunday that right recently he had turned over to his beloved "burrs" an entire field of 150 acres. This may be the case with some of the owners of the fields sighted Sunday. If such is not so the dry weather of the past two weeks should have been improved in thinning

out a few of them anyway. Successful farmers follow the maxim, "kill the weeds by the time they reach the surface or just a little before."

Our first stop was made at the Gil'eland school house where we found Sunday school going on and a congregation rather over the capacity of the building. It needs enlarging to even meet the needs of the community at the present time. This, the intelligence and public spirit of the neighborhood guarantee, and at no distant date. After an excellent sermon by Pro. Stephens, he and his company, this scribe, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Craig accepted a cordial invitation to dine with Bro. Jerome Baird. At this hospitable home we had a feast of good things including strictly home grown "taters" beans, onions and cherry pie—the chickens, so Mrs. Baird said, wont be ripe until camp-meeting begins next August. After a pleasant hour or so spent with these excellent people our said Methodist parson and his said company started for the next place, Lakeview, and on the road there it rained. It was not a sprinkle or a gentle rain but a regular chip floater and we were glad to reach the friendly shelter of Mr. Craig's home until it was over. It came from the southwest and extended toward town to about one mile this side of Lee Vansant's. When the rain ceased we walked, or rather waded, over to Lakeview where Bro. Stephens delivered another fine sermon to a fair sized congregation and at its conclusion we returned home having spent a delightful and profitable Sabbath day—such at least is the experience of the writer.

Next third Sunday Gil'eland school house will have sermons by Bro Stephens morning and evening with dinner on the ground—such was the determination of the ladies present. Protracted meeting is to begin at Gil'eland on Friday night before the 4th Sunday in August. Barring the weeds, beg pardon Bro. Baird, everything is lovely in that section of Randall county. Bro. Baird has an irrigated garden of perhaps two acres and in it there is growing quite a variety of truck including about half an acre of his imported burrs. This half acre seems to be in his care—his good wife lays claim to the balance.

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It may truthfully be said that several things combined brought about the tumble in stock prices. The last decline, the end of which in the opinion of the News, we are now reaching, began in south Texas in the spring of 1900, and traveled northward until prices everywhere became affected. Down, down went the prices of stuff until fully one-half of cattle values, gauged by the market quotations prevailing at the opening of 1900 were wiped out. It was not a loss by one stockman and again by another as is sometimes the case, but a clean sweep all through the cattle interests. Both great and small suffered. Not only was the seller, at a greatly depreciated price the loser, but the buyer was in the soup also. And then along came drouth and panic conditions prevailed. Many cattle, not considered worth high priced feed have been allowed to perish. Many stockmen went out of the breeding business altogether; others did a lot of spaying, and nearly all glutted the markets with the cattle of every description. "No money in cattle," came to be the common talk and many men, a larger number of them got out of the business as best they could. As already stated it became a panic and the bottom fell out of the markets. One of the results of these conditions is already in sight—a shortage. A shortage in any staple crop is always followed by higher prices and such are already visible. In the North beef on foot has recently advanced something like \$1 per hundred pounds and this advance, owing to the excellent condition of the ranges almost everywhere, is going to stay and perhaps go much higher.

As predicted in this paper early in the spring the cattle interests of Texas, for a season at least, have crossed the slough of despondency and the future, for several years to come, has in store for the cattle raiser living prices, bringing in its train, as it always does, another era of prosperity.

Redburn, the jeweler, says he is having a novel experience in the sewing machine line of his business. A tramp repairman will come along and, as is usually the case, he will leave the machine in a worse condition than when he began to repair it. As a consequence the man who stays with the town and does honest work is at last called to the rescue. Why not place your work in his hands first? Would it not profit you to do so?

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A. S. Rollins Esq., and bride, arrived Saturday going from the train to Judge Buie's at which place that night they were given a reception, by the Epworth League. Monday they moved into one of Geo. C. Long's houses in the west end, where they are now at home to their friends. Albert is a first class young fellow possessing a good warm heart and a sound clear mind, and those who claim to know say that his wife is even better in general goodness than he is. The News has no doubt of this for the great majority of women are built that way—far ahead of the very best of men, when it comes to moral soundness. This paper voices the sentiment of a host of friends when it wishes for them a long, happy and prosperous journey through life.

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RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$168,921.20
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	9,027.77
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	3,059.15
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	9,809.88
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	2,615.47
Due from State Banks and bankers	1,799.09
Due from approved reserve agents	26,025.50
Checks & other cash items	137.70
Notes of other national banks	200.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	144.74
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	3,824.45
Legal-tender notes	1,213.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% of circulation)	2,500.00
Total	279,278.01
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	11,160.75
National bank notes outstanding	50,000.00
Due to other nat'l banks	7,285.91
Due to state banks and bankers	29.81
Individual deposits subject to check	63,401.54
Time certificates of deposit	28,400.00
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	44,000.00
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What the Champion says of the boy problem in Amarillo, is equally applicable to most all Texas towns—Canyon City not excepted. A notorious outlaw once made a brief speech on the scaffold, as follows: "My friends, take me as a mark; keep your children off the street, and above all but of the saloons. Bad raising and bad company is the direct cause of my downfall." This confession was made by Harry D. Egbert, in Salem, Oregon. Parents, save the boys!

The Fair and Immigration

In the way of exhibits at the World's Fair showing what mother earth produces, the great Southwest leads all. This cannot fail of getting the attention of an excellent class of citizens whose homes at present are in the states of the North and East. The natural outcome of this will of course be an immigration coming this way. Texas is justly entitled to a big share of this influx of new citizens and awakening to this fact she is entering her bids, by making her exhibits at the Fair worthy of her size; her variety of climate, and her all told tremendous resources.

It is too early now, perhaps, but later on we trust that the Panhandle will show to World's Fair visitors what she has to offer in the way of inducement for immigration. The News hopes and believes that our people will see this great opportunity in its proper light and grasp it while it may be had.

The Beacon informs the world that Lockney will have a "head-end collision and a jaw-bone crusher" along with a grand old fashioned barbecue on July 8 and 9th. Ten heaves and five mutton were signed at one inning together with considerable cash.

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Local.

WILSON has Racket goods, look through.

Mrs. A. N. Henson went up to Amarillo Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Boyles, of Tulia, was the guest of Mrs. J. A. Grundy Wednesday.

Fletcher Rogers and sister of Hereford, spent Wednesday here visiting.

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Mrs. J. N. Donohoo left Tuesday for Plainview where she will visit friends and relatives for a time.

Col. Baillio, the genial representative of the Western Newspaper Union was with us yesterday.

Ladies wanting Ironing Boards will send their husbands to BURTON-LINGO'S.

Looks like a buggy-house that Jack Campbell is putting up, or rather having put up, this week.

Misses Vera Odell and Columbia Redfearn left Wednesday evening for Clarendon, where they will attend the summer Normal.

A \$10 dress hat is to be given away by the Canyon Mercantile Co. Read their display ad for particulars.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, of Dahlart, parents of Charlie and Comer Thomas, spent yesterday with their sons.

Wednesday morning just before day a fine rain fell in town and all over the county as far as heard from.

Come to our store if you want Lace Curtains. Prices 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 per pair.

THOMAS BROS. FURNITURE
Read the Canyon Mercantile Co's., display Ad on second page. They have some special news for the ladies.

Mrs. D. A. Park and children went up to Amarillo Tuesday evening to visit friends and relatives for a short time.

Misses Belle Shotwell and Ona Long left for Clarendon Tuesday. They will attend the Summer Normal at that place.

No puff is necessary to sell our goods. Those who see them are satisfied they're all right.

THOMAS BROS. FURNITURE.

Mrs. Ernsberger left Tuesday evening for Ft. Worth, where she will join her husband for a trip to the World's Fair.

F. M. Brown, who sold his place north of town last week, has purchased a cotton gin at Topaz, in Erath county, and will move there at once.

Every 50 cents' worth of goods purchased at the Canyon Mercantile Co's. during the month of July will entitle the purchaser to a vote in the hat contest.

Charlie Thomas returned Tuesday from a trip to the south plains country where he has been taking some handsome orders for his furniture business.

We do not attribute the amount of business we are doing to our popularity, but to the attractive prices we are quoting. Let us quote you.

CANYON LBR. CO.

Rev. Robinson goes to Hereford Saturday to assist in a protracted meeting. Rev. Bounds of Hereford, will fill Bro. Robinson's appointment at Umparger Sunday.

Will Cantrell, of Tulia, who was taken to Ft. Worth to be operated upon for appendicitis, is reported as having passed through the trying ordeal admirably and will soon recover.

Rev. Jesse B. Haston, a minister of the First Christian church, will preach in the Presbyterian church building on Sunday, June 26th, at 11 a. m. Mr. Haston is a scholarly man of wide experience, and the public is earnestly and cordially invited to come out to hear him.

Our paint is the best—our price the lowest.

CANYON LBR. CO.

The Best Candies at Wilson's.

Lockney is to have a 4-stand cotton gin. 'Rah for Lockney!

Coal tar, 1x16 clear & in poplar at Burton-Lingo's.

Rev. J. B. Riddle arrived Wednesday to assist in the Baptist meeting now in progress.

It is rumored about town that L. T. Lester had either lost his money and railroad tickets or been robbed of same on arrival at St. Louis. This is all a mistake as nothing of the kind happened.

F. Vanderburg has disposed of his half interest in the Hereford Brand to Charles B. Googer and T. S. Barnett. The firm is to be known as Ray, Googer & Co.

DIED—Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ballard, their youngest child, a boy about one year old. Measles contracted some three weeks ago, and from which the child never fully recovered, is assigned as the cause of death. After services at the Baptist church Thursday evening, its earthly tenement was laid away in the cemetery south of town. The parents are prostrated with grief and the sympathy of our entire citizenship goes out to them in this sad moment of their lives.

The Live Stock Champion and Amarillo Star are no more. Both of these offices have been purchased by The Amarillo Publishing Co., and the outcome is to be "The Amarillo Herald," the first number of which is promised with the advent of July. Its headquarters will be the Russel building, its editor and manager, F. L. Vanderburgh, formerly of the Hereford Brand, and its secretary and treasurer, L. B. Russell.

A church at St. Charles, Mo., gave a strawberry festival Tuesday night to aid in paying a debt against the building and at which the head-eating Igorrotes were used with effect. To induce these savages to appear in this new role the church furnished a special car for their journey to St. Charles, also baked dog for their part of the menu. The Igorrotes appeared in full evening native costume, dined on dog, danced and cut other didoes to the satisfaction of all and proved themselves a drawing card of large caliber.

Democratic Convention Call.

I hereby call a Democratic county convention to convene in the court house in the town of Canyon City, on July 16, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to represent Randall county in the State Democratic convention to be held in the city of Houston, on the 2nd day of August, 1904—also for the purpose of selecting delegates to the various other Democratic conventions, Congressional, Representative, Judicial etc., in which Randall county may be entitled to representation, and for the transaction of all other business that may properly come before said county convention.

R. A. Campbell,
Chr'm. County Dem. Ex. Com.

\$5, Amarillo to Ft. Worth and return for train due to arrive at Ft. Worth Sunday morning, July 26, at 7:25 a. m. and returning on Sunday night or Monday morning at 9:25 a. m. Professional baseball games, City Park free Band concerts—excursion to Handley and return, 20 cts round trip, and many other attractions.

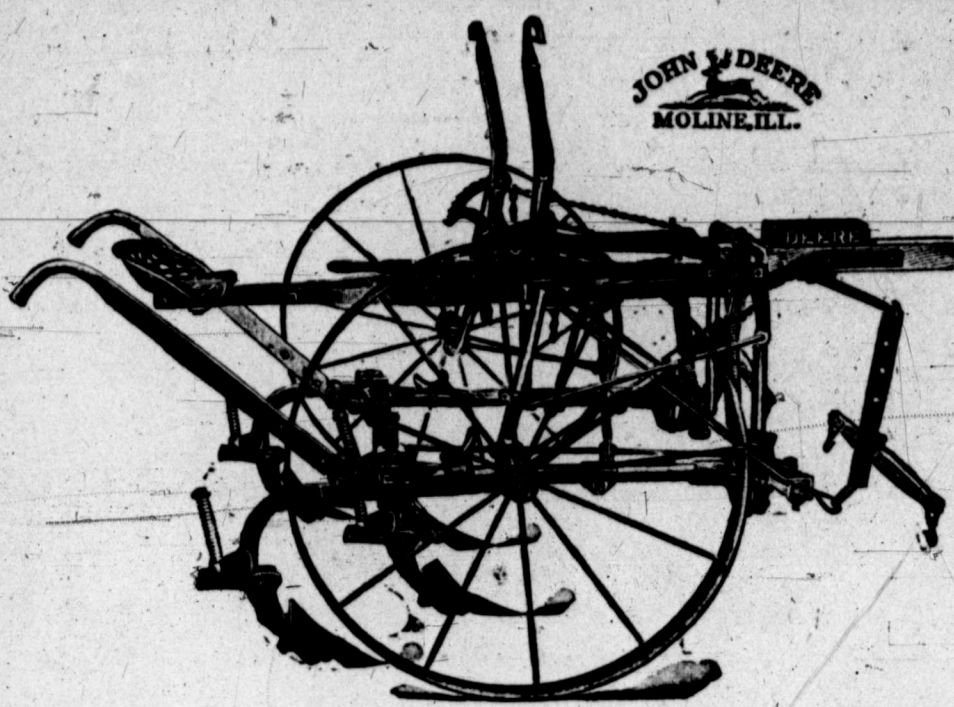
Bargain in Registered Hereford and Shorthorn Bulls.

I have some good individuals, both Hereford and Shorthorn, from one to four years old that I will sell or exchange for other cattle. Time will also be given if required. Bulls can readily be seen.

J. I. Campbell,
Canyon City, Texas.

Grass and crops of all sorts, cotton included, are doing first rate, thank you.

The Famous John Deere Cultivator



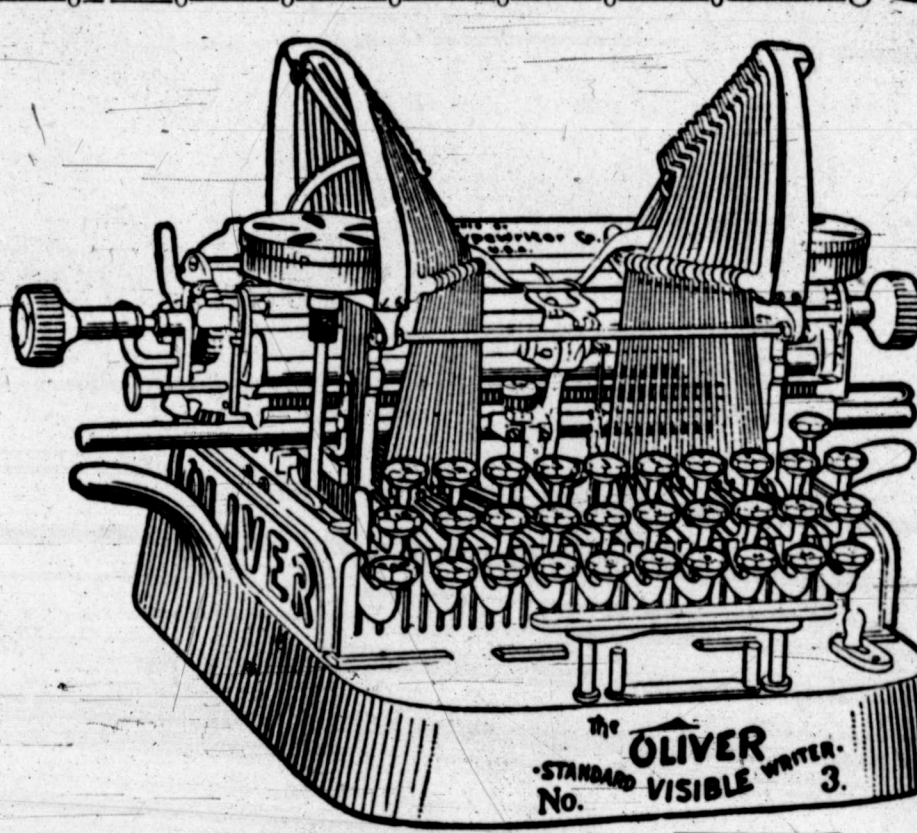
IS THE BEST for all practical purposes, it being the strongest, longest life and the easiest to handle of any Cultivator on the market. It is made from the very best material, with all modern improvements, and with a frame so balanced that the tongue will not raise up when tipping the plows out of the ground. Nothing has been spared to make this the best Cultivator on earth. If it was not the best Cultivator made, competitors would not make such an effort to get a few of them for customers who know what they are and want no other kind.

Our stock is complete and we can supply you with

shelf hardware, Implements, Wagons, Buggies, Harness, Saddies, Wire, Nails, Piping, Casing, Cylinders, and all kinds of water and windmill supplies.

We also handle the genuine Maitland, genuine McAlester, Rugby "Nigger Head" and Piedmont Smithing Coal. All kinds of grain and field seed. We pay the highest market price for Hides.

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Of Typewriters**

"The Proof Of The Pudding Lies In Its Tasting" Following are the expressions of some who have tasted it and pronounced it entirely to their liking:

W. R. BRANDON,
Local Agent Oliver Typewriter Co.,
Canyon City, Texas.
DEAR SIR:—I have been using the Oliver Typewriter now over a year and am MORE than well pleased with it. I have never been out one cent for repairs. I much prefer it to any other machine on the market.
Very Truly Yours,
C. R. BURROW,
Canyon City, Texas.

W. R. BRANDON,
Local Agent Oliver Typewriter Co.,
Canyon City, Texas.
DEAR SIR:—You request my opinion of the "Oliver." I think it the best typewriter on the market, its light touch, small keyboard, accurate impression point, heavy manifolding qualities and general excellence make it the machine par excellence for lawyers. I have used almost all the standard makes and find it far superior to any other.
Yours Very Truly,
R. A. SOWDER,
Canyon City, Texas.

W. R. BRANDON,
Local Agent Oliver Typewriter Co.,
Canyon City, Texas.
DEAR SIR:—We have been using the "Oliver" for the past six months and take pleasure in recommending it to anyone wanting a machine that will do good work, and stand hard usage.
Respectfully,
D. A. PARK,
Cashier First National Bank,
Canyon City, Texas.

A LOVE STORY.

When a young man makes love to a girl, that's his business.
When the girl reciprocates, that's her business.
When they are engaged to be married, that's their business.
When they get married they want a preacher to marry them; that's his business.
When they are married they will want Furniture, Carpets, Linoleum and Window Shades. That's Thomas Bros. business; see them for anything in the Furniture line.

Commissioners' Court notified 75 tax payers to come forward and show cause why they should not be raised.

Reunion Envelopes.—You can help advertise the Reunion by using specially printed Envelopes telling the tale. Also by putting a Reunion dodger inside of every letter you write. These dodgers will cost you nothing—the Envelopes, this office will print for you, adding your business card, at fifty cents per hundred. Call and get the dodgers and leave us your order for the envelopes and do it NOW.

Lost—Within the last ten days a pair of gold frame riding bow spectacles. Finder please return to this office.

A Visit to the Old Home.

W. R. Brandon, of the News force, returned Tuesday from a week's stay with friends and relatives in Burnet and Coryell counties. It was with pleasure that the writer found the people in this part of the state enjoying a prosperity incident to good crops of last year and a prospect of bounteous harvests this year. The corn, and other grain crops have already reached the stage of assurance and the immense cotton crop is full of promise. The boll weevil has not infested this section of the state to any material extent. As a matter of fact the people down there are fairly sweltering in the oppressive heat usual at this time of year and this together with the constant clawing of the innocent little "chigger" made our stay rather interesting—for the "chigger." As for the heat, no inconvenience is suffered other than an inability to navigate very rapidly, due principally to the obstructions of bursted thermometer shells which are laying around under the shades of the trees, as thick in some places as tomato cans around a chop house. The tall fat editor of the News will spend this summer on the Plains, thank you.

"Judge Parker calm and unruffled," says the Ft. Worth Record, and it might be added—his mouth still closed.

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.

W. W. Stephenson.....\$1.00
J. W. Turner.....\$1.00

"Denver Road" Excursion

June 24 and 25, the "Denver Road" will sell round-trip tickets to Houston and Galveston, for trains due at those points evening of the 25 and morning of the 26. Ticket will be good to return leaving Galveston night of June 27th. Rate:
Amarillo to Houston \$14.55.
Amarillo to Galveston \$14.80.
Rates from other points in proportion.

RE-UNION PRIVILEGES.

Our Next Reunion Will be on July 26, 27, 28 & 29, 1904.

Ground privileges are now for sale and bids will be received at any time.
Call on or write
Geo. A. Brandon } Privilege
or } Com.
W. C. Baird, }
Canyon City, Texas.

The Higgins News has again changed hands, the owner and publisher now being W. M. Orr.

And now it is said that the much despised red ant is a specific—a dead shot—for the boll weevil. To the News it looks very like swapping the witch for the devil.

Steffen-Bretch Co. Cream is best, Wilson keeps it.

Time to Learn.

One of the latest stories of the strange reasoning of negroes comes from J. H. Stoddard, the veteran actor, and is of an incident he witnessed in Louisiana on a tour through that part of the country. "I had an afternoon lay off in this Louisiana town," said the actor, "and with nothing to do roamed about the place. Finally I got to the courthouse and went in. A negro trial was on, and a typical old ducky was one of the witnesses. He was fixing the time of the occurrence of the trouble and said it was half past 3 in the afternoon. "How do you know it was half past 3?" demanded the lawyer for the other side. "Why, I—I knowed it was half past 3 by my watch. I knowed it," stammered the ducky. "Can you tell time?" demanded the lawyer. "Sure, I can tell time," answered the witness. "What time is it now?" demanded the lawyer, pointing to the clock. "The ducky studied the clock for a minute; then he said he did not know what time it was. "But I thought you could tell time," said the lawyer, with anger. "Well, I can tell time, boss, by my watch," said the ducky, "but I can't tell no time by no clock."

ARE YOU GOING TO THE FAIR?

If so now is the time to decide what you intend Wearing!

We have tried to anticipate your needs and we believe that an examination of our stock will convince you that we have succeeded. For the next month we have decided to place on sale seasonable merchandise at prices that you can't afford to overlook. This month's bargain story will be one to interest every buyer of Dry Goods and wearing apparel. With the closing day of May the Spring season ended. We are determined to close out all Spring stock in order to be ready for the Summer campaign, which opens with the early days of June. Examine carefully the following:

DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT

Oxfords for waists, worth 15c, at..... 12 1/2c
 Poplin Rayee for waists, worth 25c, at..... 20c
 French Flaked suiting, worth 50c, at..... 40c
 French Flaked Suiting, worth 40c, at..... 30c
 Pongee Silk, worth 85c, at..... 75c
 Ladies' Waists, carried from last season, slightly damaged, worth 50c, 60c and 75c, at..... 25c
 Ladies' Waists, carried from last season, slightly damaged, worth 75c to \$1.50, at..... 65c
 25 per cent off on all dress trimmings.
 25 per cent off on all Torchon and Valenciennes Lace.
 Ladies' Collars, worth 50c and 60c, at..... 40c
 Ladies' Collars, worth 35c, at..... 25c



GROCERY DEPARTMENT

Be sure to look over the following prices in groceries:
 Clipper Corn at..... \$2.15 case
 Meadow Corn at..... 2.30 "
 Apples, 1 gal. can..... 30c
 Peaches, 1 gal. can..... 30c
 E. J. Peas, 3 cans for..... 25c
 2 lb cans Ochre and Tomatoes 3 cans for..... 25c
 Uwanta Tomatoes, 3 cans for..... 25c
 3 cans of all kinds of California fruits for..... 50c
 18 lbs Y. C. Sugar, the best, for..... \$1.00
 Dry Salt Bacon, per lb..... 9c
 Grape Nuts, 2 packages for..... 25c
 Sioux Soap, 7 bars for..... 25c
 Remember, these prices are for June only.

WRIGHT, GAMBLE & COMPANY.

CONDENSED STORIES.

How Bishop Potter Got the Best of a Treasured Joke.

San Francisco is still repeating and laughing over the bonmots Bishop Potter let drop on the occasion of his visit to that city two years ago to attend the Episcopal convention.

At that time the citizens were very much astir because the famous eastern bishop was to be a visitor within their gates, and they vied with one another to honor their guest. The bishop was kept busy declining the invitations that he had not time to accept. But one invitation that he did avail himself of was to occupy the magnificent residence of William Crocker, one of the millionaire families of which Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison and Mrs. Alexander are eastern representatives.

The house is a showy one, situated upon Nob hill, where the early California millionaires built their homes, so it is a "show place." It came to have a double interest when it was occupied by the bishop. One day a San Franciscan was showing the group of residences to a friend who was visiting in the city. As they approached the "Will Crocker" home he sprang the treasured joke which he had been saving for the right moment. "This," said he, with a flourish, "is Mr. Crocker's Pottery."

He did not recognize the gentleman who was at that moment descending the steps. It was the bishop, who could not help overhearing and who had a twinkle in his eye. "I beg pardon for correcting you," he said, "but you are mistaken: This is Bishop Potter's Crockerery."—Washington Star.

Just The Thing for Biliousness.

"I took a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets last evening after dinner and want to say that I feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks. The Tablets are certainly a fine article for biliousness."—J. J. Firestone, of Firestone & Hinkley, publishers of The News, Allegan, Mich. These Tablets strengthen the digestion, promote a healthy action of the liver and produce an agreeable movement of the bowels. Price 25 cents. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

Self Respect.

Maintain your self respect as the most precious jewel of all and the only true way to win the respect of others, and then remember what Emerson says, for what he says here is true: "No young man can be cheated out of an honorable career in life unless he cheats himself."

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 47th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 47th 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 July A. D. 1904 the same being the 11th day of July A. D. 1904 then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 7th day of May A. D. 1904 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 163, wherein Guber, Hume & Kenyon, a corporation is Plaintiff, and H. S. Burnham is Defendant, and said petition alleging that "on divers occasions from January 3rd 1903 to May 14th 1903 the defendant herein bought from the plaintiff herein in numerous articles of coal and feed-stuffs amounting to \$207.59. Plaintiff would further show to the court that at divers times and occasions from July 8th 1902 to August 28th 1903, the defendant herein bought of Wright Gamble & Co. numerous articles of merchandise amounting to \$45.58 which last account for a valuable consideration has been duly sold and transferred to the plaintiff herein. Both of which accounts are owned by the plaintiff, which accounts are both long past due and unpaid to plaintiff's damage in the sum of \$253.17 as shown by verified accounts filed in this cause, and prays for judgment of the court for said amount for costs and for general relief.

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

Witness, J. H. Garrison, Clerk of the County Court of Randall county.

Given under my hand, and the seal of said Court, at office in Canyon City this 7th day of June A. D. 1904.

J. H. Garrison, Clerk, County Court, Randall county. By C. N. Harrison, Deputy.

Stock shippers all say that the Texas railroads are now giving better service in the handling of live-stock shipments than for the past two years, and there is much satisfaction over the improvement. There are still a few complaints heard but they are getting rare.

STOP AND THINK!

Before you purchase your tickets for Points North, East, South or West.

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Write your friends in the East to ask their local railway agents regarding homeseekers' rates to the Panhandle and Pecos Valley via the Santa Fe System.

A full line of descriptive literature of the Panhandle and Pecos Valley always on hand which may be obtained free by application to this office. DON A. SWEET, TRAF. MAN. AMARILLO, TEXAS.

Notice!



I am offering the services of a cross Black Hawk and Mammoth Jack at my barn. Terms: \$7.50 season, or \$10 insured. This Jack can show up some of the best mules on the Plains today.

T. H. ROWAN.

Do Not Wait Until You Need It.

The season is again at hand when diarrhoea and dysentery are prevalent. Do not wait until some of your family is taken with a violent attack, but be prepared. A bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand when needed has saved many a life. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

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A. A. GLISSON, Gen'l Passgr. Agt. INQUIRE ABOUT THE NEW TRI-ANGLE TICKET VIA ST. LOUIS! "THE DENVER ROAD," FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

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Call in and see me and let me tell you what I propose to do.

GEO. A. BRANDON, Office—Canyon City News Building.

List your land, if in Randall county, with Brandon at the News office. He will have some purchasers here before long. See him about this.