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CHAPTER IV.

MR. HARVEY IRONS HAS AN EXPERIENCE. ON the wharf facing the Kur at the town of Salain, at the river's mouth, a tall, good looking young man paced rapidly to and fro.

"Confounded bars!" he growled, shaking his hand at a disappearing steamboat. "They told me I would have four hours here, and I haven't been away three; now, I'd like to know how I am going to get to Astrakhan. I don't want to stay in this beastly place a week."

"Excellency, has something vexed you?" asked a man in the dress of a peasant.

"Yes," replied the young man in the language used by the other. "I am an American and took passage on that German boat for Astrakhan; left Astrakhan on that boat thinking it would be the quickest to reach the Volga. When she touched here, the captain told me I could take four hours to see the town. I've been only three, and they have gone. I'll be stuck here a week."

"The peasant shrugged his shoulders. It amused him to see this intense emotion over a delay of a mere week."

"But there will be other boats, and the Imp of Borbous is a good one."

"Hang the Imp of Borbous! I don't want to stay here. I'll punch that fellow's head if I get to Astrakhan in time. When does the next boat stop here?"

"It is difficult to tell. One may come in a week, or it may be two weeks."

"Pleasant, that!" muttered the American. "Fancy putting in two weeks amid this squalor!"

"Excellency, you would have time to go to Tiflis to the fair, although there are but a few days more of it."

"Hang Tiflis! It is the fair at Nijni Novgorod I want to get at. I've got some important business there."

"Then you are not a rich gentleman traveling for pleasure?"

"What the devil is that to you? But there's no use in my being a savage, and I'll tell you. My business is selling American pumps, windmills, chain pumps—all kinds. I've put a lot in some of the Persian towns. Now I want to go to Nijni Novgorod and exhibit there. The stuff is all on that boat. Oh, why did I leave it? And not a chance to make a sale in this blasted town either!"

"The boats are beginning to come down the Kur from Tiflis, and one may be going to Nijni Novgorod."

"If there is one, it will take me if I have to shoot my way on board. My name isn't Harvey Irons for nothing. I'll show them I've got an iron cheek, Harveyized at that."

"I will watch for the boats while you wait," said the peasant. "I am waiting for my sons, who went to the fair with goods to sell."

"Do they own a boat?"

"Yes, but it is not much of a boat. It could not go to Astrakhan."

Mr. Irons walked up and down the rude wharf, smoking furiously. His thoughts were interrupted by the peasant.

"A Turkish boat is coming down, excellency. I do not know where it is going. But these boats go anywhere. Shall I call them?"

"Yes. That's a good sized boat. I must get to Astrakhan."

"But it is difficult to talk at that distance. If we take one of these little boats and go to meet them, it will be better."

"Good. I'll get on board and make them take me to Astrakhan. Come on. I'll pay you for your work."

Irons and the man got into a boat, and it shot out into the stream.

"How is it that a Turkish boat plies on this sea?" asked Harvey.

"There are a few only, excellency, but the Osmanlis are everywhere. The trade here is as good as on the Black sea."

"Queer that the czar permits the Turks to compete with his own people and I am not supposed to sell windmills."

"The little father is liberal. All may sail upon the sea; but they must not commit crimes."

"You mean the slave trade? I have heard it was abolished."

"Yes, his majesty would not permit it. Many of the Circassian and Georgian people sold their daughters to be the wives of wealthy Turks."

"Hail that fellow."

"Ay-oo!" shouted the peasant. "Stop!"

"What do you want?" came a voice from the vessel.

"To Astrakhan."

"Whither are you bound?"

"To Astrakhan."

"Jumping Jehoshaphat! What luck!" shouted Irons. "Get me on board, quick!"

"A passenger for Astrakhan?" shouted the peasant, tugging away at the

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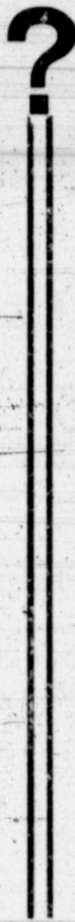
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"You cannot take passengers."

"You've got one anyway!" answered Irons, who could make himself understood in many eastern languages.

"We have no passenger on the boat!" came the reply.

"No; but you will have one mighty soon," said Irons.

The little boat was almost directly in the path of the sailing vessel. Irons pulled his wallet from his pocket and chose some pieces of gold.

"Pull in front of her; make her run us down."

"We shall be killed!"

"No, we won't be killed. Do as I say."

He placed the gold on the bottom of the boat. The peasant sent the boat under the very bows of the sailing vessel. There was a shout of "Allah!" on board, and Irons, giving the little boat a kick that sent it out of the way, grasped the rugged outlines of the figurehead and swung himself on board.

"Who are you? What do you want?" demanded the captain.

"I am Harvey Irons, an American who is going to Astrakhan on your ship. I want to ascend the Volga to Nijni Novgorod. What's your name, may I ask? I always pay well for services, especially when I compel them."

"I am Hassan. I am going to Astrakhan."

"You said you were going to Astrakhan."

"It was a mistake, excellency. I meant to say the other."

"Why not go to Astrakhan?"

"Ah, a valuable cargo awaits me at Astrakhan."

"How valuable?"

"To the value of a thousand pieces of gold."

"Well, you take me to Astrakhan and I'll give you 500 piasters in gold. It won't take you long. You won't lose that much on your cargo."

"The accused 'Glaour!' muttered Hassan to himself.

Harvey coolly watched the crew. Many tribes and tongues that bordered on the Caspian were represented, and some were from distant countries. There were about twenty of them, a mean and disreputable looking lot.

"I am going to Astrakhan," he said to himself, "even if I take possession of the old tub against the law. The Russian government would not object. There isn't a real Russian on board."

"You must leave the vessel," said Hassan.

"No, I will—at Astrakhan," answered Harvey. "Now, look here, Hassan, my friend. It's no use. I must get to Astrakhan because I've got a lot of valuable stuff there that I must overtake. No use growling; you've got to go to Astrakhan or put me on board of a boat that is going there."

"And will you pay me for that?"

"Of course."

Hassan looked at his men, then at

Harvey. Certainly this dog of an unbeliever looked as if he could pay well. It would do no harm to let him remain on board. After disposing of his concealed passenger he had no objections to making a little more ready money.

Out upon the Caspian shot the vessel, and Harvey watched the lazy methods of the sailors. Five good men could have handled the boat in a storm. It took all twenty of them to do it in calm water.

Hassan thought to earn the money by placing Harvey on another boat. He stood in the bow and scanned the horizon. But all that day he saw none and began to get uneasy.

"It seems he expects a boat to overtake him," thought Harvey.

Hassan had been looking ahead for a boat. Now he cast his eyes astern. He was looking for the Russian gunboat he knew would follow if it were suspected that Koura had been taken away in his vessel. All night they sailed, but saw nothing. In the morning a cry broke from Hassan. Then, ahead lay a long, low hull, with sails that seemed capable, if properly han-

ded with this man, who seems to be in command, to take me to Astrakhan or put me aboard a boat that was going there."

"Is that true, Osmanli?" asked the officer.

"It is true, O great representative of the greatest ruler on earth except the padishah."

"Then tell me why you left Tiflis in the night?"

"O great one, I will tell you what happened. It is a strange tale that I can scarcely believe myself. Perhaps it is not known to thee, O great one, that I brought a cargo of goods to Tiflis, which I sold to the bazaars. I had been waiting for a cargo to take to Astrakhan, for there awaits me a valuable cargo for Astrakhan. I discovered some of the finest linen, and as I wished to sail early in the morning I went to the bazaar of Ismat Bartekis and told him what I had found. He and his lovely daughter at once returned with me to the boat. I placed some wine before them and went to get some of the linen. I was seized and knocked down and some cloth was stuffed in my mouth. I heard the merchant speaking and also the girl scream, but I was bound secure and could not go to the relief of this young lady. I did not know what her father was doing, but I could hear him speaking loudly and harshly. In the morning two strangers came to me and said they had taken command of my boat. They did not permit me to go far from them, and through me they gave orders to the men. We sailed from Tiflis, and at a small place just before we reached Salain these men left the boat. But they ordered me to take the girl to Astrakhan. They also said that at Salain a Glaour was set on board and that he would go to Astrakhan also, but I believed that something was wrong and refused to take him. At Salain this man did come out from the wharf and came on board at the risk of his life and insisted upon being carried to Astrakhan. He asked if I had the young lady, and I told him no. I was about to put them on board that boat when I saw your smoke and believed it was wisest to wait and tell you the truth."

"Is that true? Could you understand?" the officer asked of Harvey.

"That part concerning me is all true except that I asked for no young lady. I have heard of no young lady since I came on the boat."

"Where is this young lady?" asked the officer.

"I will bring her to you," said Hassan.

He went into the cabin and soon returned with Koura, who gave a scream of delight when she saw the Russian officer.

"Oh, my father! What have they done to him?"

"He was to be learned. He was attacked by two men who remained on

the boat until it nearly reached the Caspian. What do you know about this strange matter?"

"So little! So little! We went to see some linen."

"Did you see Hassan struck?"

"I saw nothing. I was blindfolded."

"What did your father say?"

"Nothing. I did not hear him speak."

"There seems to be some truth in this story. Do you swear you tell the truth, Osmanli?"

"I swear by Allah!"

"And you, my friend? Who are you?"

"I am an American. If I had known there was a young lady here to trouble, I would have assisted her. Looks like a game of kidnap to me."

"Never mind what it looks like to you. Explain your presence."

"I am going to Astrakhan. I want to get to the big fair at Novgorod to exhibit some windmills."

"And you did not go to the big fair at Tiflis?"

"No, I just came from Astrabad."

"How?"

"On board a German steamer."

"I think you are a liar. At any rate, you are arrested in the name of the czar."

"On what charge do you dare arrest an American citizen?"

"On the charge of abducting one of his majesty's subjects. This matter will be settled at Tiflis. Follow me."

"Here's luck!" exclaimed Harvey. "I've got to go to Tiflis a prisoner, and \$10,000 worth of windmills waiting at Astrakhan!"

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ON THE GAD.

A PANHANDLE CROP.

The first of this week the writer had the pleasure of driving out to the stock farm of our nearby neighbor, W. F. Taylor, 3 miles north of town. On this stock-farm, which comprises a holding of two sections, this scribe saw the first real demonstration of farming in the Panhandle, though in justice to what this country has done along agricultural lines in the past, it would be well to add that as yet we are comparatively strangers in this new country, as the readers of the News know. And, too, it is not the purpose of this article to limit the numberless acres of rich soil which is fairly bubbling with exuberant growth of crops to this one sketch but will deal with it because of personal observations, believing from creditable reports that there are many others of alike nature to be found in the country.

Mr. Taylor has in cultivation some 110 acres, parceled out in different amounts to kafir corn, milo maize, Indian corn, sorghum, cotton, and various kinds of garden truck. The milo maize is in the assured state of maturity and comprises the prettiest expanse of feed stuff we have ever seen. To those who are acquainted with this article of food for beast it is hardly worth while to dwell on the value of this one crop alone. The kafir corn has advanced to the stage where nothing short of an unforeseen calamity will check its assurance for a bumper crop. The Indian corn, being a staple with which we are well acquainted, has every assurance of making a fair yield,

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and the cotton is just "whooping'er up," seeming to rise in majestic growth and bid defiance to the East Texas boll weevil as it grows in leaps and bounds in its native element. It may be well to add that the cotton, as did all of the crops on this farm, suffered materially from the hail a few weeks ago which fell in a scope of country about six miles square, extending north to a point just beyond this.

Mr. Taylor says the secret of his success in having good crops is due largely to his unceasing labors in keeping it well cultivated and free of weeds and grass. And here is the keynote to the ultimate success of the Plains as a farming country. To thoroughly convince our own mind of this opinion, we were driven to a nearby farm that had evidently been tended in a haphazard, listless manner. Here was to be found crops, 'tis true, but it was a race of nip and tuck between the crop of weeds and grass and the field crops to gain supremacy and acquire possession, with the weeds and grass head and shoulders the tallest. Many of us no doubt would make just such farmers as the latter used for illustration, but never one who would succeed in his avocation in the highest sense of the term. We are indeed happy to say that the farmer used for the subject of this article does not belong in this class of half-hearted experimenters, but does things and does it now. It would be a wise policy for some of the "croakers" and "knockers" who unfortunately inhabit some of the towns in this undeveloped, virgin soil to make a visit one of these cool days to a farm that has been cultivated by a good farmer and either quit "croaking" or leave the country, or, better still, go to plowing.

As mentioned in the beginning, there are many just such crops to be found in the county as that of Mr. Taylor's and many farmers just as progressive, and the News would gladly take each and every one of them by the hand and add words of encouragement to their future success in all they undertake, for, on the shoulders of these horny-handed sons of toil rests the destiny of the greatest coun-

try that has ever been bequeathed to man as an heritage. Abide with it unceasingly, cultivate it and nourish it and the fertility of her bosom will amply repay you for your endeavors.

Partly in search of something to match the Taylor crop, on Tuesday a News reporter went South. Getting out about six miles in this direction the country looks dry and continues that way as far as our reporter went, almost to Happy. The grass is turning yellow and the crops are firing in places. From six miles south of here on to the county line a good rain was needed Tuesday and is yet unless it has fallen there since. It rained in that course Tuesday night and maybe it fell there. On account of the drought in that portion of the county our reporter can't brag much on the crops—even the weeds mixed about with the stuff don't seem to be doing as well as they should—but as Mr. C. N. Caler says, "with lots of rain all will do well yet." The stock however, both horses and cattle are doing nicely; many of them are ripe for beef. Among the News readers our reporter struck up with on this trip were L. W. McClure and G. F. Ames, Sr. Mr. McClure was painting the Ames residence, a comfortable looking two-story frame which he, McClure, built for Ames sometime last year. McClure talks of leasing out his two sections and moving to Canyon City for the benefit of our school. Our reporter also called on other News subscribers, among them Geo. Black, Sr., and Lee Vansant, but Black was on a visit to a son-in-law near Shamrock and Lee Vansant and the others were gone fishing or hid in the weeds, "one or tother" he don't "ken" which.

Wednesday, the course of the News man was bent toward and around Umbarger.

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Under present conditions a new committee having authority to take hold of the situation, and thus make a success of it, is absolutely necessary and every one of us should take special pains in seeing that the right men are put on this committee.

Don't forget the day, tomorrow, Saturday, and the time, 2 p. m. at the court house—upstairs.

J. A. COFFEE

The News is authorized to announce J. A. Coffee as a candidate for County Commissioner of the Umbarger precinct. Mr. Coffee is now serving in that capacity by appointment, filling out the unexpired term of Joe Service, who resigned. The job, county commissioner, is a place full of responsibility calling for a clear head, good business judgment and a stout heart, all of which Mr. Coffee seems to possess as his course thus far proves and if elected there is no doubt but that his part of the county will be well represented in the next new commissioners' court.

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RANDOM THOUGHTS.

G. A. B.

The San Angelo Carnival executive committee has cut out the roping contest as a relic of barbarism and this action is meeting with the hearty indorsement of the stockmen of that section. The entire range country can well afford to follow this good and humane example.

Of the three proposed amendments to the State constitution, published in this paper, perhaps the one which is the least understood among the voting masses is that pertaining to State Banks. Many of our sister states have provisions in their constitutions permitting these institutions and the purpose of this proposed amendment is to place Texas on the same plane. Why not do this?

Ever since money came into being it has, sad to say, been the controlling force among the nations of the earth. When this thing called money has been plentiful times have been 'good,' but when the reverse has been true opposite conditions have always resulted. It has been well said that high priced money means a cheap man and money is always high priced when the interest it commands exceeds the income from other legitimate lines of business. There is always something radically wrong with money conditions when other forms of property wont with judicious management yield equal revenues with money "out at interest." You may safely put it down that the law of supply and demand rule here as elsewhere; that high interest nearly, if not always, means scarce money. The great body of the people are always benefitted when money is plentiful. Of course, good money is meant, and any plan that will increase this volume of good money should receive the indorsement of the voters. The chances are that under the prevailing gold standard coupled with a likelihood of the retirement of our good old green-back currency and the stoppage of further coinage of silver dollars, that our money supply will rather decrease than increase. And this is all the more proba-

ble than otherwise when we consider the vast increase in population that is taking place in this country. To guard against this impending calamity therefore would it not be well—the part of wisdom—to adopt such remedies as the present offers?

One remedy proposed is the adoption of the constitutional amendment authorizing State Banks. This, is perhaps, the only opportunity which the people of Texas will have on the money question for years to come, and if they look to their own interests and to the welfare of their posterity they will above all things vote at the coming election, "For the amendment to section 16, article, of the constitution, permitting the incorporation of State Banks."

On the proposition to increase the present pitiful allowance, called a pension, to the Texas "old Confed," if in destitute circumstances, to an amount not exceeding eight dollars per month, much could be said. Surely they are entitled to this small consideration at the hands of the citizens of this great State, for only a little while and they will have left us—less than a generation hence the tax will cease for the debt provided for by this proposed amendment will have been paid.

The Internal Improvement amendment is a thoroughly Democratic proposition and should like all the other proposed amendments to State constitution receive the careful and considerate attention of every voter. It speaks for itself. Read it in this paper and not only it but read all the others and be prepared to act for the best interests of the whole country when you come to the polls in November.

COTTON NEXT DOOR.

George W. Curtis, special agent of the United States department of agriculture, spent Monday and Tuesday of this week in the vicinity of Hereford, gathering statistics and information relative to the present cotton crop. It will be remembered that Prof. Curtis was here during the two-days Farmers' Institute held at the college building last winter and delivered an address on the practicality of raising cotton in the Panhandle of Texas. At that time many of our farmers agreed to plant a specified number of acres and cultivate same under his directions; so the object of this last visit was to ascertain with what success they had met.

Instead of taking some-one-else's word, Mr. Curtis went out into a number of the fields where cotton is growing and made a careful and accurate investigation. Among those whose places were visited is C. S. Cardwell south of town. After returning to town, Mr. Curtis informed a Brand representative that, with conditions as favorable as they have been thus far this season, Mr. Cardwell will make all the way from one-third to one-half bale per acre. Other crops visited were just as good. It is said the stalk is generally well formed and is putting on fruit at a very rapid rate.

When asked by a Brand representative if he had made sufficient investigation to enable him to pass upon the probability of this becoming one of the leading cotton producing sections, Mr. Curtis unhesitatingly expressed in emphatic terms his earnest belief that the Panhandle is already beyond the experimental stage in the production of this crop and that under the proper cultural methods, cotton is the surest crop to be planted here, since it will grow and mature with less rain than almost any other crop—Brand.

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Best teams and rigs always on hand. Drummer's Rigs a Specialty.

Stray Notice. Taken up by W. F. Taylor and estrayed before W. J. Redfearn, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, Randall County, Texas, on April 30, 1904, one chestnut sorrel horse, about 3-years old, 14 hands high, unbranded and without flesh marks. Appraised at \$10.

The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 23 day of July, 1904.

J. H. Garrison, Clerk County Court Randall Co.

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.

AND they will want a house, and that is Burton-Lingo Co's BUSINESS.

By reason of special arrangements which have been perfected it is practically conceded in many quarters that to and from California either one or both ways via "The Denver Road" will be the choice of those attending both the Triennial Conclave of the Knights Templar and the Sovereign Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. to be held in San Francisco during September and on account of which round-trip tickets will be on sale August 15th to September 10th, inclusive, at rate of \$45.00 from nearly all points in Texas and the Southwest.

Earn an Outing.

With Kodak or Pen, Earth, the new journal of the Southwest, generously offers \$3,000 worth of railroad fares for the best photos of Southwestern scenes, and the best letters about that region written by those who live there. Why not enter the contest? You may win one of the many prizes. Write today for circular to THE EARTH 1118 Railway Exchange, Chicago.

SLOVER & MAY, THE BLACKSMITHS.

We do all kinds of repairing; Farming implements, wagons; buggies and guns made like new. First-class material, good workmanship. Give us a trial HORSE SHOEING A SPECIALTY.

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff of any Constable of Randall county greeting: Whereas, the State of Texas, through her County Attorney, did on the 12th day of July A. D. 1904 file in the District Court of Randall county, in the State of Texas, her petition in suit No. 278, on the civil docket of said court, being suit brought by the said State of Texas, as Plaintiff, against the unknown owner of the within described lands as Defendant and the nature of the Plaintiff's demand as stated in the said petition being an action to recover of the Defendant as the owner of the lands returned delinquent (or reported sold to the State) for the taxes due thereon for the year 1903; and, Whereas, the said name of said owner is unknown and upon the affidavit of Bern Wilson having been made, setting forth that said owner is unknown to the affiant, as the Attorney for the State of Texas, and after inquiry not ascertained. These are, therefore, to command you to summon said unknown owner by publication of the following notice:

The State of Texas and County of Randall: To the Unknown Owner of the within described land and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the State of Texas and County of Randall, for taxes, to-wit: Surv. No. 197 Original Grantee John H. Gibson; 320 acres delinquent; Which said land is delinquent for taxes for the following amounts: \$1.85 for State taxes and \$4.22 for County taxes, and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the State for the collection of said taxes, and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the August term of the District Court of Randall County, and the State of Texas, being the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house thereof, at Canyon, on the 29th day of August, 1904, and show cause why judgment said land (or lot), and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes

mand you to summon said unknown owner by publication of the following notice: Whereas, the State of Texas, through her County Attorney, did on the 12th day of July A. D. 1904, file in the District Court of Randall county, in the State of Texas, her petition in suit No. 290 on the civil docket of said court, being suit brought by the said State of Texas, as Plaintiff, against the Unknown Owner of the within described lands as Defendant and the nature of the Plaintiff's demand as stated in the said petition, being an action to recover of the Defendant as the owner of the lands returned delinquent (or reported sold to the State) for the taxes due thereon for the year 1903; and, Whereas, the name of said owner is unknown, and upon the affidavit of Bern Wilson having been made, setting forth that said owner is unknown to the affiant, as the Attorney for the State of Texas, and after inquiry not ascertained. These are, therefore, to command you to summon said unknown owner by publication of the following notice:

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Local

The best Bakers' light bread at Wilson's. Fresh and good. 19 tf
Dunlap and Rector Lester returned Wednesday from St. Louis.

Miss Lula Palmer left Monday for her home at Canadian.

J. N. Donohoo and family are visiting relatives and friends in Roswell.

Travis Shaw returned from Tulia Monday.

Miss Carrie Jordan is visiting in Amarillo this week.

Mrs. O. C. Davis returned home yesterday from a visit to her mother at Panhandle.

J. C. Pipkin left Sunday for St. Louis, where he will angle in the dry goods market.

W. D. Kirkland departed last week for Yuma, Arizona, where he hopes to secure carpenter's work.

B. L. Gardner, wife and babe, of Tulia, visited relatives here Sunday and Monday.

Those cold-drinks at Wilson's makes it a resort of the least-resistance, "Meet Me There." 19 tf

Regular term Commissioners' Court this week, proceedings next issue.

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

Ed Harrell's father and mother arrived here Tuesday from their old home in Georgia and will visit relatives here for sometime.

Mrs. J. P. Crawford and little son Fred, left last week for Denton to visit relatives and old friends for some time.

Such ice cream and cold drinks as can be had, at Wilson's makes one want to sing "In The Good Old Summer Time."

In the representative convention held at Amarillo, July 30, Hon. W. B. Ware had 21 of the 24 counties in the district.

Several delegates and visitors came in yesterday to attend the Amarillo Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at this place, which begun last night.

Mrs. L. T. Lester and daughter, Miss Blanche, returned from Ft. Worth yesterday. Mrs. Hightower, Mrs. Lester's mother, returned with them.

Ceta is to have a Sunday school picnic on Saturday, the 20th of this month and several of our county candidates are getting ready for the occasion.

G. E. Anderson and J. B. Johnston, from Austin, and from Santa Anna, Coleman county respectively, were in town prospecting yesterday.

Mrs. D. H. Gardner's mother, Mrs. A. E. Foster, returned to her home in Collin Co. Monday, accompanied by her little granddaughter, Carrie Gardner.

Mrs. King, of Greenville, a sister of R. G. Oldham, and Miss Beulah Winn, who have been visiting here for some time, returned to their homes last Monday.

Mrs. J. M. Black left Wednesday for a visit to her old home in Hunt county. Miss Hagnah George who has been visiting here for some time, returned with her.

Four-room residence, good well of water, outbuildings, corner lot, near new college building—will sell at \$425, or rent to good tenant. This wont be on the market long at this price. This office.

Born—July 21, to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hauter, a boy. The News may get a little behind on reporting births but each one counts in the population statistics of the county just the same.

Hénry Bradford, of Chilicothe, brother-in-law of J. D. and Oscar Gamble, has purchased C. M. Pattillo's interest in the mercantile firm of Wright, Gamble & Co. and will move his family into the house vacated by Dr. Tadlock.

T. J. Webb and wife were passengers on Wednesday mornings train to Embarger, where they will stop and visit their son-in-law J. L. Perdue. It will be remembered by readers of the News that Mr. Webb was a citizen of our town several months last year.

Mrs. Bradley, of Memphis, daughter of Mrs. I. W. Scott, who has been here visiting her mother and brother for some time, returned home Wednesday, accompanied by Miss Grace Reynolds, a niece of George Reynolds, who has been visiting her uncle and family since Reunion week.

J. M. Gibson this week purchased the house and lot and float business, including team, harness and wagon, from "Pete" Jones, for a consideration of \$550. Mr. Gibson and family just recently moved here from Jack county. Mr. Jones moves into the Dr. Crawford house.

H. E. Wesley, W. B. Walters, A. N. Woodward and Harry James were in town Monday from the Ceta community. Mr. James brought in a fine specimen of Indian corn for the subject of his friends in town. The sample consisted of a stalk, two suckers and two well-filled ears of corn. All the growth of one grain of corn. Mr. James said that he and his neighbors had good prospects for a bountiful yield of all crops.

Citezens Meeting Called
As announced last week, the citizens of Randall county are urgently requested to come together in mass meeting at the Court House at 2 p. m., tomorrow, Saturday, for the purpose of hearing the report of the Reunion executive committee and also for the purpose of selecting a new executive committee.

B. Frank Buie, Chm. executive com.

The Place To Buy the best Coal



The Genuine Maitland,

The Genuine McAlester,

Rugby, "Niggerhead" and

Piedmont Smithing Coal.

Now is the time to get your winter's supply of coal while the weather is good. Why not now? Our prices are right.

Our stock of Corn, Oats, Bran, Corn chops and Hay is fresh and good.

Don't forget that our stock of Shelf Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Implements, Wagons, Buggies, Harness, Saddles, Windmills, Piping, Casing, Cylinders, all kinds of Water Supplies, Wire and Nails is second to none on the Plains in point of quality, cheapness and quantity.



Give us a chance to save you money on such articles.

We pay the highest market price to hides.

CANYON CITY HARDWARE AND GRAIN COMPANY.

W. J. REDEARN

Places his name in the News' announcement column this week as a candidate for re-election to the offices of Commissioner and Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1. Mr. Redearn is well and favorably known throughout this precinct as a man attentive to the best interests of the county and his constituents and with a fair knowledge of the law which he brings to his assistance when necessary. The "Squire" says he needs the office and has done his utmost to merit the customary practice of allowing a man a second term. He is willing to risk his case with the voters.

The Panhandle Christian College.

(Successor to The Add-Ran College) HEREFORD, TEXAS. Above institution is conducted by some of the best literary and commercial educators of the Southwest. Board and tuition cheap.

Another Railroad.

Prepare in advance for the coming boom, which is assured by prominent railway authorities, by having Burton-Lingo Co. furnish you with material for a new house. It'll be money in your jeans!

Why take a trip away from home when Thompson Drug Co. can supply you with any quantity of Carlsbad Springs Mineral water at a reasonable cost delivered to your house.

NOTICE—I will be at Silvertown for the next ten days. Parties wanting repair work done and can hold same until my return will greatly oblige Redburn, the jeweler.

Ottis McQuatter, brother of Mrs. T. M. Laster, has purchased the White barber shop. Mr. McQuatter came here from Hubbard City a short time ago for the benefit of his health.

Special Notice to Ladies.—Ironing boards at Burton-Lingo's for 30c, 16 inches wide, 6 feet long. A limited number at above price. Come today.

Are you Going to the World's Fair.

If so, you should take along a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The hot weather, fatigue and change of drinking water and diet are almost certain to produce diarrhoea, and when you have this remedy at hand you can check it at once. If you wish to buy it while there you can get it at any drug store in St. Louis, and at the Inside Inn Drug Store. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

WORLD'S FAIR VISITORS.

The pavillion erected by the Frisco Rock Island Systems at Main Entrance of the World's Fair is surely a place of no little interest. In fact, it is one of the many attractions. Visitors to the World's Fair are cordially invited to inspect the Frisco-Rock Island System building. Here will be found a place of rest, courteous attention, besides, there will be distributed, free of cost, souvenirs and descriptive literature of the Great Southwest. The reader will, undoubtedly, overlook a very important attraction in case of failure to visit the Frisco Rock Island System pavillion. Remember, Main Entrance World's Fair.

HEREFORD HAS IT BAD.

"For the past twelve months there has been much said and little done concerning the construction of a railroad to the south plains country. Amarillo has been basking in silent contentment in her belief that the road, when built, would lead out from there and occasionally, Canyon City would bubble up with shadows of hopes which would soon die away. Hereford has remained quiet for the simple reason that her most vigilant and far-seeing citizens did not think the time had come for the road to be built, but thought best to reserve their energies till the time when their expenditure would be of some avail. Believing that that time has arrived, there is now a unit of action on the part of our citizens to secure the road and to that end they have begun work with the firm belief that they will not have to wait long till success will be theirs.

"To those who have not seriously considered the matter, we wish to say that Hereford is the only feasible point from which the road could start. Our reason for believing this is that the road, if built, will eventually become a Santa Fe property and since this company already has an outlet to the north from Amarillo and there being no outlet in any other direction from that town, since the territory is already occupied by other roads, they would be compelled to build into Amarillo and make that the terminus of the road forever. This, the Santa Fe people are too smart to do.

"To fully appreciate and understand the situation, we must continually bear in mind that the above named company has under consideration the construction of another line which will connect with the Pecos Valley line at some point and also with the main line of the Santa Fe system at Belen, New Mexico. If the map is referred to, it will be seen that from Hereford to Belen by the way of Santa Rosa on the Rock Island is a direct line and one that cannot help but interest railroad men when they get ready to build. If the road should be built from Hereford to the south plains, and become a Santa Fe property, they would then have a direct outlet to the Pacific coast and we would be on the main line.

"We need these roads and there will be a desperate effort put forth to get them, for Hereford would then become the city of the plains—the hub about which other towns would rotate."—Hereford Brand.

Contractors Scott & Roland who have under their supervision the construction of the new school building, have of late been subjected to numerous petty depredations presumably the maliciousness of the small boy. Some one a few weeks

past scratched and defaced the cement walls in one of the upstairs rooms and left several crude letters made with a pencil. Last Sunday the lock on one of the large doors was broken. The breaking of the lock must have been the work of an older person or persons, though the guilty party has not yet been ascertained. And this is not the only place where boys have been allowed to commit vandalism. Several instances of boys filling up wells, breaking out window lights, and using the vacant houses for a general rendezvous where all kinds of meanness is indulged are some of the things that come to our ears every day. The boys in this town are no worse than those of other communities, but if we would save them from the result of such early training of destruction of other people's property the time for such reform is now. During vacation is the trying time for a boy. Unless he has employment of some kind for his mind and hands at this crucial moment serious trouble in the future may arise. The thing to do is, not to talk about neighbor-ness and so's children being the worst in town, but look after our own nest.

It is our intention to quit the fence post business—we have only a small lot now on hand—be sure to see us before buying.
CANYON LUMBER CO.

HAPPY ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Knox, of Amarillo, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Cater, parents of Mrs. Knox. Misses Annie and Joe Foster and brother, Earl, and Fred Foster, of Canyon visited T. F. Gilleland and family Saturday.

Mr. Yeary, of Canyon, is putting down a well for Frank Ames. Stark Foster and family left Monday for East Texas.

School commences Monday, Miss Lena Parker being our teacher.

Mr. Knox, of Whitewright, is visiting his son, Jim Knox. Buford Steen is "broncho busting" for Mrs. Jinks Curry and Gilleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Baird of Canyon, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Cater, and Mr. and Mrs. Baird, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Curry and children of Ceta, and Mrs. Summers of Dallas, visited Tom Gilleland and family, Tuesday.

A most enjoyable time was had by those present at the Lakeview and Happy Sunday School picnic, last Saturday, just east of Canyon. Some of the Canyon people, (mostly candidates) drove down and joined our merry throng. A large supply of fish had been fried for dinner and the ladies had brought cakes, pies, pickles, salads, and many other good things to eat, too numerous to mention. After dinner, ice-cream was made and served, which was the most enjoyable part of the programme. Recitations by Misses Bessie and Cleo Bradley, and Gertrude Luna were real nice and enjoyed by all. Boat rides were taken by the boys. All departed for home, thinking of another pleasant day past and gone. DOT.

= A Great Reduction In Lawns =

We quote you a few cash prices on our line of Summer Goods:

25-cent Lawns, now - 17 1-2c

20-cent Lawns, now - 15c

15-cent Lawns, now - 12 1-2c

12 1-2 cent Lawns, now - 8 1-3c

15-cent Organdies, now 10c

All Bolt Goods at greatly reduced prices. We have a large stock of Shoes and Hats which, for the next 30 days will sell at a very low price. Our stock of Groceries is always Up-to-Now.

No goods will be charged at the above prices. Come in and see us.

R. G. OLDHAM & COMPANY.

STRINGFELLOW-HUME HDW. CO.

Stringfellow-Hume Hardware Co.

Dealers In

Hardware, Implements, and all kinds of Farming machinery, Wagons, Buggies, Harness and Saddles. Eclipse wood and Steel Star Windmills, Pipe, Casing and Cylinders, Barb Wire and Nails. In fact everything that is kept in a first-class hardware store. Best line of Queensware and Glassware ever brought to Canyon.

IN SHELF HARDWARE

Our stock is complete and we can supply your wants at a saving to you. Call for what you want in this line—we have it. We can't enumerate the whole line, but suffice to say we are setting the pace for the great Plains country, especially in Price and Quality. What you need to do is to come into our place and let us convince you.

Now is the time for you to think about putting your home in order for the spring and summer. If your house is not fitted with screen doors and windows, you are not in a position to enjoy the balmy breezes, free from the molestation of the flies and hailstorms. We have 'em, in green and galvanized.

The time for farming is near at hand—let us fit you up with the machinery that will make it a pleasure to work. We will take pleasure in showing you our stock.

STRINGFELLOW-HUME HDW. CO.

A THUNDERBOLT AT SEA

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This was the situation at 10 o'clock of a fine June morning many years ago: A big English sailing ship called the Kangaroo, one of the last of the Australian packets, was lying becalmed off the African coast to the south of St. Helena and three miles away was a rakish brig, also without movement. The brig had crept out from the coast during the night under the influence of a light breeze to flare a candle. As was afterward known, she was a Spanish rover called the Celeste.

The Kangaroo would not have been put in a state of derelict but for the passengers. Many of them became nervous at the sight of the brig, and to quiet them and at the same time exercise the crew the guns were cast loose, small arms served out, and the peaceful packet was turned into a man-of-war.

There was a providence in it. When the stranger saw that he was suspected he threw off all disguise. Of a sudden his decks were all with men running about, and later on four boats were lowered and filled with armed men. They were coming to attack the Kangaroo. They must have known that she was armed and had a strong crew aboard, but the pirates of old were men to take long chances. When the boats left the brig's side we counted fifty-two men in all, and it seemed as if as many more were left behind. The black flag was hoisted, and there could no longer be a question as to the sort of men we had to deal with.

The passengers of the Kangaroo to a man volunteered to assist the crew, and we were presently prepared to give a good account of ourselves. We could not long before the pirates reached us that they comprised several nationalities and that they were a desperate lot. The boats divided as they came on, and when within a mile of us the fellows began cheering.

Our first shot was from one of the big guns and could not have been better. It struck one of the boats fair on the stem and split her open full length, and of those not killed outright only two or three were picked up. The disaster only made the rascals the more desperate. Raising a yell, the three remaining boats dashed at us and were soon so close that the big guns were of no further use.

We met them with bullets and buckshot, and we have cold shot into their boats as they hooked on, and no gang of pirates ever got a harder drubbing. Although we lost two men killed and several wounded, not an enemy got aboard, and only two boats and eighteen men remained to the brig.

That night the damaged spars were replaced, shot-holes plugged up, and there was no reason why we should not safely make the Cape.

When daylight came we congratulated each other over our victory, and the captain had just decided to make a sort of holiday in honor of the event when a thunderstorm came racing up behind us, and in the midst of the black cloud was the pirate brig. Instead of falling away in search of a haven or other prey when she had repaired damages she had picked up our trail and was going to give us another brush.

Such firm persistency at first brought a feeling of fright, but this soon gave place to one of grim determination to fight her to the death and show her no mercy. When she had crippled the night before we could have destroyed her, but Captain Wilson simply sailed away. He now promised the crew to sink her if he could, and there was cheering as the men went to the guns.

Down came the black cloud, and with it down came the pirate, with his black flag flying, and as he ranged up on our port quarter at half-ride shot he opened fire. His first shot struck a gun and killed three men, and his second wounded five men. Then the storm broke, the sea increased, and although the firing continued, no great damage was done on either side.

Daylight was turned into evening by the storm. There was heavy rain, with gusts of wind and the loudest of

lightning and the loudest of thunder. Our decks were ankle deep, but every man stood to his gun and continued to fight. As the darkness increased the brig crept closer to us, and during the last ten minutes of the light one could have heaved a stone aboard of her.

One saw her in the play of the lightning and for an instant could almost look into the eyes of the men aboard, and then for a few seconds she would be lost in the darkness. So terrific and continuous was the roll of thunder that the reports of the guns were unheard. You felt the concussion along the deck, but the report was lost in the roar of the elements.

Loading and firing every gun which would bear as fast as possible, the Kangaroo rushed forward on her course and, hanging to her quarter like a bullock to his prey, followed the Celeste. Of a sudden there was a great crash aloft, and down came fore and main topmasts together. The men were called from the guns to clear the wreckage, and the ship was in danger of broaching to and being swept when there came such a flash of lightning as seemed to burn the eyeballs. This was followed by a thunderclap which seemed to lift the ship out of the water, and then fifty pairs of eyes saw a great spout of flame shoot up out of the sea. In the midst of the flame were masts, yards and sails and flying objects.

The brig had been struck by lightning, and her magazine had blown up. There was a puff, a boom, a gust of red flame, and that was the end. She was blown into matchwood, with her black flag whipping in the gale and her crew working at the guns, and the last pirate craft to ply the south Atlantic was no more. M. QUAD.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution.

Relating to Pensions for Confederate Soldiers.

House Joint Resolution to amend Article 3, Section 51, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the pensions of Confederate soldiers and sailors.

Section 4. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Article 3, Section 51, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public money to any individual, association or individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever; provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors, who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1880, and who are either over sixty years of age or whose disability is the proximate result of actual service in the Confederate army for a period of at least three months, their widows in indigent circumstances, who have never remarried and who have been bona fide residents of the State of Texas since March 1, 1880, and who were married to such soldiers or sailors anterior to March 1, 1880; provided, said aid shall not exceed eight dollars per month and provided further, that no appropriation shall ever be made for the purpose hereinbefore specified in excess of five hundred thousand dollars for any one year. And also grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, under such regulations and limitations as may be provided by law; provided, the grant to all said homes shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars for any one year, and no inmate of said home shall be entitled to any other aid from the State, and provided further, that the provisions of this section shall not be construed to prevent the grant of aid in case of public calamity.

Section 2. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Texas at the next general election, for State and county officers.

J. R. CRAWFORD, Secretary of State.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution.

Authorizing legislation in Aid of Internal Improvements.

House Joint Resolution authorizing the submission to a vote of the people of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing legislation in aid of certain internal improvements.

Section 1. Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That at the next general election of the State of Texas, or at any previous election in case an election for the State shall be had or ordered by the Governor for other purposes, there shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Texas, for their approval or disapproval, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, as provided for in Section 1, Article 17, of said Constitution relating to proposed amendments thereto:

Section 2. Be it resolved that Section 52, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 52. The Legislature shall have no power to authorize any county, city, town or other political corporation or subdivision of the State to lend its credit or grant public money or thing of value in aid of, or to any individual, association or corporation whatsoever, or to become a stockholder in such corporation, association or company; provided, however, that under legislative provision any county, any political subdivision of a county, any number of adjoining counties, or any political subdivision of the State, or any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined within the State of Texas, and which may or may not include towns, villages or municipal corporations, upon a vote of a two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers voting thereon, who are qualified electors of such district or territory to be affected thereby, in addition to all other debts, may issue bonds or otherwise lend its credit in any amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such district or territory, except that the total bonded indebtedness of any city or town shall never exceed the limits imposed by other provisions of this Constitution, and levy and collect such taxes to pay the interest thereon and provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof, as the Legislature may authorize, and in such manner as it may authorize the same, for the following purposes to-wit:

(a) The improvement of rivers, creeks and streams to prevent overflows, and to permit of navigation thereof or irrigation thereof, or in aid of such purposes.

(b) The construction and maintenance of pools, lakes, reservoirs, dams, canals and waterways for the purposes of irrigation, drainage or navigation, or in aid thereof.

(c) The construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof.

Section 3. The Governor is hereby authorized to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this proposed amendment to the electors of the State, as hereinbefore indicated, and to further direct said election in its details, as is usual and customary in such cases.

Section 4. That the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as is necessary is hereby appropriated out of the Treasury of the State of Texas, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the necessary cost and expenses of the proceedings hereunder to be had and done.

J. R. CRAWFORD, Secretary of State.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution.

Relating to Incorporation of State Banks.

Joint Resolution to amend Section 16, of the constitution of the State of Texas providing for the incorporation of corporate bodies with banking and discounting privileges, prescribing the liability of stockholders in the same; providing for the regulation of such corporate bodies, and prohibiting foreign corporations with such powers from doing business in this State; and providing for the submission of such proposed Constitutional Amendment as required by law.

Section 1. Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Section 16, of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be and the same is hereby so amended that the same shall hereafter read as follows:

Section 16. The Legislature shall by general laws, authorize the incorporation of corporate bodies with banking and discounting privileges, and shall provide for a system of State supervision, regulation and control of such bodies which will adequately protect and secure the depositors and creditors thereof.

Each shareholder of such corporate body incorporated in this State, so long as he owns shares thereof, and for twelve months after the date of any bona fide transfer thereof shall be personally liable for all debts of such corporate body existing at the date of such transfer, to an amount additional to the par value of such shares so owned or transferred, equal to the par value of such shares so owned or transferred.

No such corporate body shall be chartered until all of the authorized capital stock has been subscribed and paid for in full in cash. Such body corporate shall not be authorized to engage in business at more than one place, which shall be designated in its charter.

Nor foreign corporation, other than the National banks of the United States, shall be permitted to exercise banking or discounting privileges in this State.

Section 2. The Governor is hereby required and directed to make the proclamation and give the notices required by law for the submission of the foregoing resolution to the people of the State of Texas as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, at the next general election; at which election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on the ballots the words, "For the Amendment to Section 16, Article 16, of the Constitution, permitting the incorporation of banks," and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the Amendment to Section 16, Article 16, of the Constitution, permitting the incorporation of banks," and the sum of five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to discharge the expenses of publishing the notices of the said proposed amendment as required by law.

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