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"THE COMMERCE OF LIFE," BARTON'S SUBJECT AT SUL ROSS

"The Commerce of Life" was the subject of the commencement sermon preached Sunday to the candidates for diplomas at Sul Ross College by Rev. Henry Barton, of Marfa Methodist Church.

Rev. Barton took as the basis of his sermon the familiar parable of the Ten talents, and discussed the "Commerce of things, the commerce of ideas and the commerce of ideals."

The speaker sketched briefly the development of commerce from the simple barter of primitive times to the highly complex system of today. The commerce of ideas goes with the commerce of things, the quest of ideas—knowledge—Mr. Barton declared, has inspired some of the noblest achievements of man. By carrying on this commerce of ideas scholars are continuously widening the horizon of man's knowledge.

The commerce of things is concerned with man's material needs, the commerce of ideas is an intellectual response to life stimuli; the commerce of ideals is essentially spiritual.

"The problem of the age," said Rev. Barton, is to find a proper balance between the various types of commerce. Our civilization is over materialistic and we would do well to look within—to carry on a more active commerce in ideas."

OLDEST RANGER CAPTAIN QUILTS AFTER 18 YEARS

AUSTIN, Texas, June 3.—Resignation of Captain L. Hamer, dean of the Texas Rangers and oldest man in point of service, was accepted here late today by Adjutant General M. McGee, when the appointment of three new ranger captains and re-appointment of three captains were announced.

The new captains are: W. M. Ryan of Larado; D. E. Lindsey, of Marathon, and J. M. Fox of Corpus Christi, all former rangers. Captain R. W. Aldrich was re-appoint-

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS TO BE GIVEN AGAIN

The United States Civil Service Commission invites special attention to the fact that in examinations held recently in San Antonio and other cities throughout the country for physiotherapy aide, physiotherapy pupil aide, and physiotherapy assistant to fill vacancies in the Veteran's Bureau and the Public Health Service, applicants were not secured in the number desired and that these examinations will be held again. Receipts of applications will close June 13. The date for the assembling of competitors will be stated on the admission cards sent to applicants after the close of receipts of applications.

Persons interested in these or other examinations should apply to the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board at the local post office for detailed information and application blanks.

pointed quartermaster captain at Austin. Captain Tom R. Hickman was transferred from company D to commander of the headquarters co. at Austin. Captain Roy C. Nichols, of Marshall, was reappointed captain of company C.

The new captains succeed Captains Hamer, W. L. Wright and Jerry Gray, all resigned, and veterans of the famous state organization.

Adjutant General Mark McGee said assignments of the new captains have not been made.

Captain Fox's appointment is effective, July 1, the other appointments and reappointments becoming effective immediately.

Although the full strength of the Texas Rangers is 50 men, the force has been reduced to 30, as it was cut to that number by the thirtieth legislature, effective September 1.

With the resignation of captain Hamer, one of the most spectacular peace officers in Texas passes from the ranger service. Captain Hamer has figured in many of the greatest battles against lawbreakers in Texas, since he first entered the service in 1907.

DATE OF TEACHERS CONSOLIDATED INSTITUTE

September 1st to September 5th, inc. The date for the Teachers' Consolidated Institute to be held at Sul Ross State Teachers College has been set for September 1st to September 5th inclusive. This arrangement will enable the Public Schools of this section to complete exactly four months' of work before the Christmas holidays, beginning on Saturday December 19th.

Some of the best educators of the south will be in charge of the High school section, the primary section, the intermediate grade and the rural school section. It is very commendable that the counties of this section have decided to have one large institute. Such an arrangement makes it possible to employ some of the best talent of this country for purposes of lectures and demonstration work before the sections. It is a long distance for teachers from this part of the State to attend the State Teachers' Association in Dallas; moreover, the trip is very expensive, and many teachers cannot afford to attend. However we can have at home a substitute for this State meeting, and the teachers who attend this consolidated Institute will have an excellent opportunity to keep in close touch with the latest movements in education, and they will get many things from the classroom instructions which they can take with them to their schools. A good Institute should help solve local problems.

It is hoped that the dates selected will be satisfactory to all; if they are not, please advise us.

Let our slogan be: A Concentrated Effort for the Good of West Texas Schools.

Very truly yours,
H. W. Morelock.

Dr. Moore's little daughter has been reported very low for the last few days; the New Era has not been informed as to her condition, as the forms go on the press.

BREWSTER COUNTY'S MINERALS AND WILD PLANTS WILL BE EXHIBITED IN NEW YORK

By Mrs. W. B. Hamilton, Sec.

ALPINE, Texas, May 15.—Brewster county products will be exhibited in the Southern States Exposition, Grand Central Palace, New York City, May, 11th to 23rd. Mrs. W. B. Hamilton Secretary of the Brewster County Chamber of Commerce, has just completed collecting a large number of mineral specimens and a few samples of Brewster County's native wild plants, that are of commercial value, which will be shipped to J. I. McGregor, agricultural agent of the Southern Pacific lines, Houston, Texas, who is taking a Texas Exhibit to the big exposition.

Brewster county is sending a very varied collection of mineral specimens, among which are the following: Potash Ore, polished Iron Ore, Silver ore, Lignite Coal, Lead Carbonite and Silver (mixed) Fullers Earth, Koolin, Lead, Copper, Oil bearing rock, Oil, Caliche, a small box of miscellaneous samples, including Quartz, rare stones (semi-precious) Mica.

The wild plants of commercial value in the exhibit collection are: The Candelilla plant, and samples of the wax extracted from the Candelilla; Siempre Viva (Resurrection Plant), which grows in millions all over southern Brewster county and could be made a very paying industry as the plants can be gathered for \$2.00 a thousand, and sold for from 25c. to \$1.00 each. These curious plants can be revived by placing them in water after they have lain in the sun for many years, and cannot be destroyed only by burning—when the plant remains intact; Lechuguilla—a native plant, from which the strongest fiber known is extracted, and a small piece of rope made from this fiber.

—West Texas Today

PEACHES—Right from the tree.
BEETS—Prime and large.

J. R. Jacobs, Hillside Garden

HOWELL—WILLIAMS

Last Saturday, May 31st, Leo Howell and Miss Elbertine Williams, in the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends were married, Rev. H. M. Barton officiating. After the ceremony the young couple motored to El Paso.

The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howell. He was born and received his High School education in Marfa, and after graduating at the Marfa High School attended the University of Texas. He is now manager of the Howell Lumber Co. at Alpine. Leo Howell is a young business man of ability and promise and has always since his early youth and maturer manhood conducted himself so that everyone of his acquaintance speaks and has at ways spoken of him in the highest terms.

The bride has been for a number of years a teacher in the Marfa High School, where she stood very highly and universally esteemed for her many high qualifications and accomplishments—always entering into those things which were for the interest and advancement of the school, as well as taking a prominent place in the social and religious life of the community.

The New Era is therefore, pleased to wish this young couple much happiness as they embark on life's sea and may it prove most prosperous.

Leo Howell of Alpine and Miss Elbertine Williams, of Marfa, were united in marriage last Saturday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The ceremony took place at the Methodist parsonage in Marfa, with Rev. H. M. Barton officiating. Following a trip to El Paso, the young couple are at home in the Yates cottage, for the present.

The groom is one of the most progressive young business men of Alpine and Marfa, being the junior member of the firm of Howell Lumber Company, and the bride is a very popular and accomplished young lady of Marfa, and the two communities join in congratulations and good wishes.

DEATH OF MRS. FRANK ROSSON

Our community was grieved to learn last Wednesday morning that Mrs. Frank Rosson had passed away at 7:00 o'clock. She had not been well for some weeks, but it was not thought that her illness was of a very serious nature until later developments rendered her condition serious.

Funeral services were had at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. H. M. Barton, on Thursday evening at 5 o'clock p. m. Interment took place at the Marfa Cemetery. Next week a more extended account of her life and fine Christian womanhood will appear.

DO YOU KNOW

That 24,000 letters went to Dead Letter Office last year?

That 803,000 parcels did likewise? That 100,000 letters go into the mail yearly in perfectly blank envelopes?

That \$55,000.00 in cash is removed annually from misdirected envelopes? That \$12,000.00 in postage stamps is found in similar fashion?

That \$3,000,000.00 in checks, drafts and money orders never reach intended owners?

That Uncle Sam collects \$92,000.00 a year in postage for the return of mail sent to the dead letter office?

That it costs Uncle Sam \$1,740,000 yearly to look up addresses on misdirected mail?

That 200,000,000 letters are given this service and that it costs in one city alone \$500.00 daily?

And do you know that this vast sum could be saved and the Dead Letter Office abolished if each piece of mail carried return address and if each parcel were wrapped in stout paper and tied with string?

MORAL: Every man knows his own name and address if not the one who he is corresponding.

Put it in the upper left hand corner.

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"THINK IT OVER"

**LOVELY HATS NOW BLOOMING;
MUST BE SOFT AND GRACEFUL**

IT IS while the summer is still young that the loveliest of millinery comes into bloom. The month of roses and brides also claims the most picturesque millinery as its own; for it is in June that the midsummer hat, in all its colorful glory and its daintiness, challenges the rest of the year to make comparisons.

Nearly all the dressy hats presented for midsummer wear are made of del-

decided that we must have something more strictly feminine. Even the long-banished natural waistline is said to be "in the air" threatening to volplane down and land right in our midst. Whether it is accorded a welcome or not, remains to be seen, but we have already approved the appearance of its first cousin, the low waistline, indicated by girdles or in the shaping of the bodice. Along with it come fuller



SOME PRETTY HATS

rate braids or sheer fabrics—or both—and many of them are flower-trimmed. If flower motifs are not used then flower motifs of ribbon are substituted for them, or they are cut out from printed silks and chiffons and applied to the shape. Painted fabrics, gay with flowers, mostly in transparent weaves, are posed over shapes, some of them as transparent as the fabrics.

A group of midsummer hats shown here includes favored shapes and materials and begins with a small hat of hair braid with narrow brim. It is veiled with chiffon that extends beyond the brim edge, making a pretty shadow for the eyes. Flower motifs, fashioned of narrow ribbons and a bow of wider ribbon, provide the trimming. Below it at the right a wide-brimmed hat of hair braid has leaves cut from printed chiffon in several colors applied to it. They are outlined with a tiny cord in black—gold and silver cord are also used in this way. Printed silk covers the small hat at the left and metallic ribbon makes an odd and beautiful adorn-

skirts, uneven hemlines, floating panels, soft fabrics and laces—and what could please the June bride more, or suit her better, than the fluttering and flattering mode? Her bridesmaids will revel in it.

Here, in the picture, is a demure but dignified wedding gown of soft lace, posed over white satin. This is a time-honored combination, and it will see many generations pass before anything more beautiful outrivals it. This model is particularly well suited to youthful brides, who prefer girlish to stately styles for the wedding gown. But Paris offers more intricate designs in lace and satin, which combination seems to be in great favor with the couturiers. The long underbodice in this frock, of supple satin, follows



BEAUTIFUL WEDDING GOWN

ment for it. On the wide-brimmed hat below, velvet is cut out in irregular figures edged with straw braid and posed against the shag; colored water lilies finish it. The last hat—another semi-transparent model—has a band of velvet ribbon about the crown and a big chou of malines at the front. Favored colors are orchid, blue, tan and light green.

All at once, and with one accord it seems, Parisian style creators have turned from the straight up-and-down lines, that have reigned so long over the world of fashion, and have

the lines of the natural figure, a little vaguely and the bordered lace is posed smoothly over it. The lace skirt is laid in wide platts, starting from under a panel of satin at the front. Fine rucks in the net portion of the lace, form a border at the bottom of the skirt and at the juncture of the bodice and skirt. The sleeves are short and the arms veiled by a lace bordered veil falling from the very simplest of caps with small clusters of orange blossoms at each side.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.
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**Daddy's
Evening
Fairy Tale**
BY MARY GRAHAM BONNER

MAGGIE'S WISH

Maggie just hated to waste any time in sleeping. She had so many things she could always do and she never had time to do them all.



A Jolly Little Creature.

She never had time to play all she wanted, nor to read all she wanted to read, nor to talk to her friends, nor to play games and do hundreds of things.

She wished she could skip a night's sleep once in awhile. It was such a waste of time to sleep.

She had tried once going to bed with her clothes on so as to save time and so as to be ready to begin playing at once in the morning.

That hadn't worked out well at all. She had been so uncomfortable and hadn't really saved good playing time in the least.

If only about every two or three days it stayed light at night!

That would be a splendid thing. Then she wouldn't feel sleepy, but would feel nice and wide-awake.

Oh, if only that could happen! Maggie wished so hard that it could.

It was beginning to get dark one evening and Maggie was slowly getting ready for bed when Maggie leaned out of her window and said, shaking her fist at the moon:

"There is something about you that makes a person sleepy. You look so merry and yet you make a person feel like going sound asleep and having nice dreams instead of staying awake and doing lots of things.

"Why can't you let the sun shine all night for a change? And just have a real holiday of a couple of days?"

Mr. Moon's face suddenly changed and a wide, wide grin came over it.

Wider than Maggie had ever seen. It was an enormous grin. Mr. Moon's face seemed to become brighter, too, even brighter than ever.

Then a jolly little creature dressed in bright orange satin appeared on Maggie's window-sill.

"You want sunshine," said the jolly little creature, "so come with me."

He offered Maggie his arm, and she put hers in his. She was glad she had put on her pale blue wrapper. It looked quite pretty beside the jolly little creature's orange suit.

"I'm the Sun's manager," the jolly little creature said. "I am allowed to wear this bright costume because I'm a bright messenger. All the Sun's messengers are bright because we can't help but pick up bright beams from the sun. He's so bright he just scatters these bright beams about as recklessly as you please.

"How many creatures are bright enough to afford that?"

"I'm coming to ask you to go with me to the other part of the world where the sun shines while you, as a rule, sleep, and where they sleep when you are up and about."

Maggie started off at once with the Sun's messenger.

"It won't matter about my having my nightie and wrapper on?" she asked.

"No," said the Sun's messenger. "I'll explain how that happened."

Maggie had a beautiful time—just not going to bed at all—while the sun shone steadily.

Then she was whisked back with the Sun's messenger to her own room just as the sun was rising and peeping in her window.

"Dear me," she yawned, "dear me. I do wish the sun wouldn't be quite so bright. I'd like a little nap now."

But her mother was calling to her to get dressed. Her mother didn't know of her great adventure and so thought she'd be wide awake.

Oh, oh, oh, wasn't Maggie glad when the next evening came and when she could go to bed and to sleep. She was glad Mr. Moon looked as though he would be ready to help her sleep and send her merry dreams.

"I wonder," she said, as she waved "Dear Me," She a good-night to the Moon, "if the reason we all feel so sleepy in the morning anyway is because we have at least taken a little trip with the Sun in our wishes?"

"But I'll never ask for an adventure such as I had last night when I went where the sun was. Goodness, I don't see how the sun stands such hours!"

"I'm so sleepy." And she spoke the truth. In one more moment she was in bed, and in another half-moment she was asleep.

Run Down

"I've discovered why Bill's toes always go to sleep!"

"Why?"

"Because they turn in."

**Important to All Women
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Thousands upon thousands of women have kidney or bladder trouble and never suspect it.

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Taken Too Lightly

There were 22,000 persons killed and 700,000 injured on American highways last year, 85 per cent of these accidents being due to the automobile.

"The road hog is too leniently treated," said Secretary Hoover, in a discussion of traffic conditions at a banquet. "We take his crimes in too light a manner."

"A road hog in a crimson racer upset Smith, and then came back to see if he was dead."

"Are you dead, man?" he yelled.

"Smith answered with a gay laugh from the ditch where he lay with a broken leg:

"Oh, no, not dead, dear boy—only run down."

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Rural Carriers Travel Far

The army of rural mail carriers in the United States travels on an average 1,173,473 miles daily in distributing the mail of all classes that go to rural residents. The annual total is 390,256,364 miles. Fifteen and a half billion stamps and more than 2,500,000 postcards are sold yearly by the Post Office department to the American public.

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Montreal's Amphitheater

The amphitheater now nearing completion in Montreal for hockey and other indoor winter sports is designed to be one of the largest and best-equipped buildings of its kind in the world. Ten miles of pipes are laid over the arena surface and after the first ice is supplied it will take only a matter of an hour or two to make a new surface, so that after each hockey game the ice may be hardened at will.

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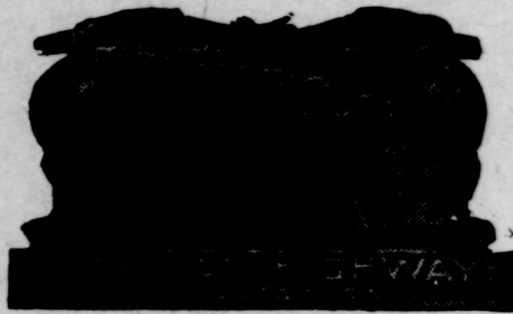
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...In Athens in the days of old, many
an earnest prayer was offered up
to Zeus: "Rain, rain, O dear Zeus,
down on the plowed fields of the
Athenians and on the plains."

In China, in days of old when the
Celestial Empire was at its height
of glory, the august Emperor in be-
half of his 400,000,000 children jour-
neyed out to the Altar of Heaven,
that magnificent marble taberna-
cle of Pekin, and offered up his aug-
ust prayers to the gods of sun
and rain and snow. In America, on
Thanksgiving day, the president of
these United States offers up a
prayer of thanksgiving to the
Father of Light for a bountiful har-
vest the gift of sun and rain and
snow.

Rain, rain the benefactor, gen-
tle, life-giving, rejuvenating rain
of springtime, the tempestuous
rain of summer, the refreshing rain
of autumn and the deliberate rain
of winter, thou art acknowledged to
be the Eve of all physical life on the
smiling face of the earth. "Sun-
shine is delicious; rain is refresh-
ing; wind braces up; snow is exhilar-
ating," said John Ruskin. "There
is really no such thing as bad weath-
er, only different kinds of good
weather."

Go to Hawaii for liquid sunshine
a fine mist of rain shot through
and through with golden sunlight,
one of the joys of the Hawaiian
climate. Go South or East for torren-
tial showers drenching the earth
with vehement energy and go to the
northwest for all varieties of rain
the benefactor. "The Sound region,"
said John Muir, "has a fine, fresh,
clean climate well washed both sum-
mer and winter with copious rains
and swept with winds and clouds
that come from the mountains and
sea." One can have almost any
kind of weather he chooses in any
bonnie corner of Uncle Sam's 3,000,
square miles of territory. Almost
the entire country revels in rain
and snow one-third of the year.

The majority of us have a blind
way of taking our blessings for
granted and among the greatest
of these is rain. When the clouds
march across the sky we gasp: "Is
it going to rain?" and we dash out
with our umbrellas fearful of trit-
ing consequences and unmindful
of dusty roads, parched fields, thir-
sty trees and plants pleading farm-
ers and weary travelers. We ap-
preciate rain a thousandfold more
after experiencing a drouth, when
the sky turns yellow, the rivers run
dry to the sea, the streams shrink
into nothing the "sun sucks the
earth's blood like a vampire," the
ground under one's feet "turn to
dust and is slippery as an eel, the
parched grass and trees shrivel up
and turn white and the fields, no
longer fertile, are desert-dry, the
smoke from forest fires obscures
the vision and the air scorches the
cheek morning noon an dnight like
the breath of a furnace. 'Tis then
that one appreciates the first soft
and dlicious raindrops full of hope
and promise for the future. They
are music to the ear, heavenly per-
fume for the nostrils, joy to the eye
warm life-giving, "sundistilled, far
traveling, "vapor-born" raindrops,
healing refreshing the air and the
earth refreshing humanity, spong-
ing off leaves of grass, one's rose

bushes, as well as Walt Whitman's
"slumbering and liquid trees," the
mighty cedars and giant firs. Trees
are like sponges waiting to be di-
vinely filled.

It is estimated that the whole
earth would be covered with a
blanket of snow twenty inches
thick if all the water vapor float-
ing of the atmosphere falling to the
precipitated in the form of snow.
Rain is the product of an ordinary
cloud carried to a certain point of
saturation, the condensed vapor
of the atmosphere falling to the
earth in drops, any one of which
would be as dangerous as a bullet
were it not for the resistance of the
air. As the drifting drenching clouds
leave their breeding heights in the
west and southwest, they march
forward to their destiny constantly
recruiting young and lusty clouds
from the atmosphere as they ad-
vance.

The earth never smiles with the
same gladness or purrs with the
same satisfaction when one uses the
garden hose or the sprinkling can.
All the mysterious "skyeey influen-
ces," the happy benefaction, the
electrical energy the ozone and the
ammonia are absent in such a sprin-
kling process. But let the dull gray
cloud do the sprinkling and the
earth opens up her pores that she
may drink deeply of the bounty of
nature. All the thirsty throats of
all the fields are eager to be quen-
ched and all the tree loads and in-
sects slide out to wet their jackets.
The gentle vernal showers with
their quickening spirit, the gift of
warm, tropical vapors, charged
with the essences of spring, greens
the grass, make the robins and
hark more intently for stirring
worms and insects, and coaxes all
Nature to don her loveliest frock
and her winsome smile for the com-
ing carnival. The spring rain is
impulsive and capricious with many
jolly surprises up its sleeve, a dash-
ing spur to action one minute and
a leisurely pitter-patter, gentle as
the quality of mercy, the next min-
ute.

The health of men and women
and little children depends upon
the life-giving, rejuvenating rain
that causes the water to flow under
the bridges the year round in the
Pacific northwest. It brings
sweet relaxation; relieves intense
action, eases taunt muscles and tired
nerves. A gentle gray sky is full
of soothing influences and a good
rain delivers those happy influen-
ces at the front door of humanity.
The tension of all Nature relaxes.
"Seven-tenths of man himself is
water," said John Burroughs. "Sev-
en-tenths of the human race rained
more probable that Alexander will
down but yesterday. It is much
flow out of a bung hole than that
any part of his remains will ever
stop one. Our life is indeed a vapor
a breath, a little moisture conden-
sed upon the pane." Rain is just
as necessary to the mind of man as
is to vegetation.

What one among us does not
cherish the weather saws and re-
vel now and then in signs of the
weather? If the smoke clings to the
ground, noises become loud, win-
dows and doors stick, the leaves of
plants begin to freshen, the leaves
of books begin to stick together, od-
ors grow stronger, stones begin to
sweat, fiddlestrings begin to length-
en, swallows fly low, sheep lie
around in the pastures and refuse
to nibble, hogs grow restless and
grunt, roosters flap their wings,
hens flutter in the dust, bees cling
to their hives, 'tis well to keep a
weathered eye out for rain, the be-
nefactor.

Even in the inspired Psalms of
the Bible, the weather received
honorable mention: "He causeth
the vapors to ascend from the ends
of the earth; He maketh lightn-
ings for the rain; He bringeth the
wind to come out of His treasures."

HIS LAST REQUEST

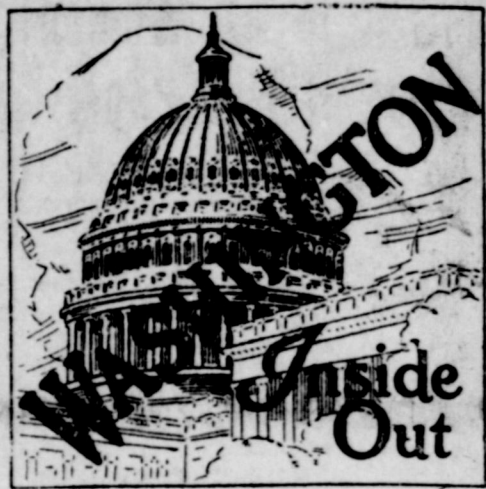
Judge (to the prisoner just con-
demned to death) "You have the
legal right to express a last wish
and if it is possible it will be grant-
ed."

Prisoner (a barber) "I should like
once to be allowed to shave the dis-
trict attorney."

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in the next ten days.

J. E. Doddridge president of the
company, stated Monday that he is



William A. Oldfield, Arkansas
Congressman and minority whip in
the House of Representatives, is
slated to succeed Clem C. Shaver
of West Virginia as Chairman of
the Democratic National Commit-
tee. It is understood here that
Shaver will step down within the
next month and that the election
of Oldfield is assured. Oldfield is a
ready chairman of the Democratic
congressional campaign Committee
and probably will combine both
jobs in the next congressional cam-
paign. Under this leadership the
Democrats will make a supreme ef-
fort to wrest control of the House
from the Republicans. As the demo-
cratic party is now broke, Oldfield
will also be charged with the re-
sponsibility of raising enough money
to finance the campaign. Shaver
has expressed a desire to continue
in the Chairmanship until the debts
incurred in the last national elec-
tion are paid off. This he is now en-
gaged in doing.

President Coolidge has been ur-
ged by some of his friends to take
drastic measures against Americans
in Europe, who, for their own glori-
fication, have been advising the
French people that the United
States has no intention of forcing
the payment of the billions of dol-
lars of war debts owed by European
nations. The President's attention
has been called to an old federal
law, enacted in the early days of
the Republic, to prohibit Ameri-
can citizens from meddling in any
activity with foreign powers which
might obstruct the policies of the
United States. The penalty is \$5,000
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son. The Coolidge Administration
is determined to collect foreign
debts and much dissatisfaction has
been aroused by the attitude of
Americans abroad who have set
out to hinder the government.

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est in oil circles in Brewster county
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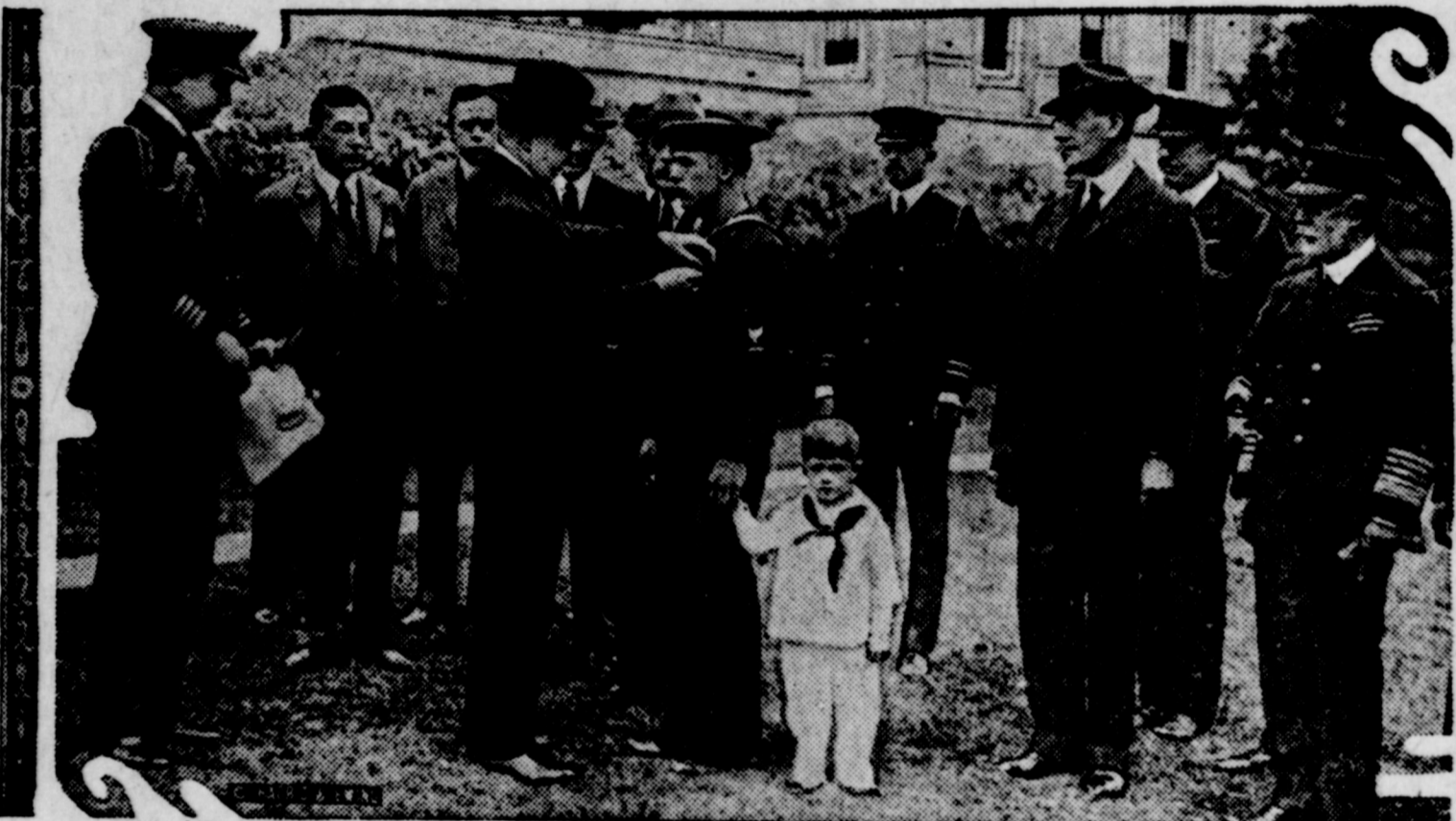
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Soldiers to Stage Fine Show for the Middle West



The Middle West is focusing its attention on the big war show which the regular army will stage in the Grant Park stadium, Chicago, on May 22, 23 and 24. This is part of the War department's program to stimulate interest in national defense and speed up enrollment in the citizens' military training camps. Our illustration shows the cavalry and artillery at Fort Sheridan practicing for the event; and, at right, Maj. Gen. Eli Helmick, inspecting general, and Gen. B. A. Poore, in command at Fort Sheridan.

President Pins Medal Upon a Hero of the Navy



While a member of the crew of a seaplane which crashed in Pensacola bay last January, Augustus Butler Rowland, mechanic in the naval air service, despite a broken arm and other severe injuries, saved the life of an unconscious and injured shipmate. The photograph shows President Coolidge pinning the Treasury Life-Saving medal on Rowland in the presence of many high government officials.

WINS BEAUTY TITLE



Miss Elsie Bishop of New London, Conn., is so pretty that she was awarded first prize in a contest carried on by a Boston newspaper, was given the title "Miss New England" and received a diamond and sapphire bracelet.

PANCHEN LAMA



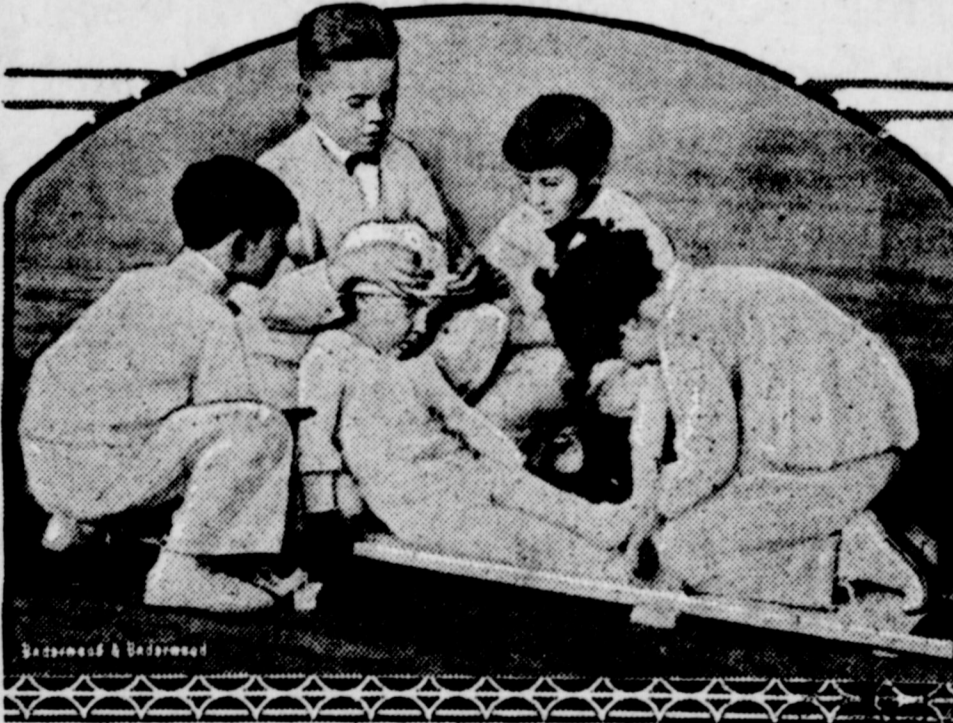
This is the Panchen Lama or Living Buddha of Tibet, photographed in Peking, which city he reached recently after nearly a year of travel in mule litter or sedan chair.

King Alfonso and Prince of Asturias



King Alfonso of Spain and his eldest son, the prince of Asturias, heir to the throne, reviewing the "Regimiento del Rey" or King's Own, First Spanish Infantry regiment, of which his majesty is colonel and the prince a subaltern officer.

First Aid Team of Little Children



Team of youngsters demonstrating first-aid methods taught them by Red Cross instructors, the youngest entry in the recent first-aid contest in Buffalo, N. Y., staged by the American Red Cross and the New York Telephone company. These tots showed remarkable proficiency in modern first-aid methods.

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK

Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

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WOMEN'S SMOKING

I CAN see no reason why a woman should not smoke if she wants to, or chew tobacco provided it does not interfere with her efficiency, or ruffle her temper or irritate her nervous system. The woman who smokes is not quite the type that I admire or think most charmingly feminine, but that's just a matter of personal opinion, and is neither here nor there.

I do not believe that many women really enjoy smoking, or at least many whom I have watched doing so. There is a certain self-consciousness about their performance that suggests the young fellow for the first time un- easily wearing evening clothes.

Most women smoke nervously, hec- tically, rapidly, as if it were a task to be accomplished as quickly as pos- sible, a duty, not wholly agreeable, to be done at once and then forgotten.

Men are quite different. A man gets a book in his hand or the morning paper, and a pipe between his teeth and settles down to an hour of com- plete enjoyment. He smokes delib- erately, slowly, with a long-drawn-out enjoyment of every in-drawn breath. Not until women take to the pipe will there be any real enjoyment for them in smoking. Every true smoker has a pipe which has been his comfort for years.

When Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Wright, two old women who lived in the community in which I was born, settled down for an afternoon of gos- sip and neighborly enjoyment, they got out the pipes. Clay pipes they were, with hollow reed stems, and home-grown tobacco they used. There was no toying with a cigarette with them for a few unsatisfactory puffs; no flourishing of the wrist to show off a jeweled bracelet or a collection of rings. It was solid comfort, it was unalloyed enjoyment which they de- rived from smoking. They went at it as a man would do, for the quieting effect of the narcotic, using the fire- place as a convenient cuspidor. They didn't smoke because it was the vogue, they were no slaves of custom; they smoked because they liked it, and they knew that a pipe is the only real smoke.

If women must smoke they should give up the idea of making smoking a delicate and a refined practice. It is a coarse masculine pleasure at best, and if they are really smoking for pleasure, the pipe's the thing. Ciga- rettes and corn silk are only for little boys playing at the game. If women are going to smoke let them get out the pipe; it need not be a cob pipe, but it's the only sort of smoke that gives satisfaction.

THE OLD GRAVE YARD

MOST of us cling to the thought of immortality. It is not so much, per- haps, that we dread the thought of what may be beyond death—even suf- fering and disappointment we have learned to endure in life—as that we cannot bear the thought of not count- ing any more, of being entirely for- gotten. The granite stone at the head of the grave is only an attempt on the part of frail humanity to prolong the memory of the individual, but even that may have little enduring quality, and may pass within a lifetime.

We went to church regularly until I was seven at a little brick church that was planted in the midst of a simple rural community. Maple trees shaded the racks where the horses were tied; cedars bordered the walk that led up to the front steps; and back of the church was the graveyard where they laid away those who had finished their earthly race.

I got my first contact with death here. It was Stephen Barnes, I think—poor Stephen, who had never known what youth really is, nor health, nor the joy of running about upon strong limbs—it was Stephen whom I had seen put into the dark hole in the ground. I didn't understand it then; I'm not sure I do now.

Sometimes before church or while the older men were gossiping after the services were over, mother would lead me about the graveyard, and I learned to spell out the names on the funny old stones.

I visited the old graveyard last summer. It was fifty years or more since I had wandered down its narrow paths. Not a brick was left of the old church. They had been carted away to furnish the foundation for a barn across the road. Even the founda- tion stones were gone. The fence sur- rounding the graveyard had disap- peared and most of the markers at the graves were broken or standing askew or gone entirely. Cattle grazed over the spot where the graveyard had been or rubbed themselves against the remnants of the stones that once marked the graves. Broken and half buried in the soil was the pretentious gravestone of Adam Ferris, the name still faintly discernible. He and all his silent neighbors had been forgot- ten. Even the flinty granite could not keep his memory green. Only the sub- stantial house that he built and the trees that he planted a hundred years ago on the farm near by remained, like good deeds, to celebrate his vir- tues.

Famous Forts in U. S. History

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

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Past It Ran the Historic "Road to Oregon"

To write the history of the great West without mention of Fort Laramie would be like playing Hamlet without the melancholy Dane. Few posts have played a more stirring part in the story of the frontier than it. From the date of its establishment in 1834 by Robert Campbell, who named it Fort William in honor of William Sub- lette, his partner in fur trading, down to the end of the Sioux wars, Fort Laramie was always an important center of activity in the northern plains.

The American Fur company re- named it Fort John, in honor of John Sarry, one of the partners in that company. But even before they dis- mantled the post and moved it a mile further up the North Platte, some time in the middle 40's, it became known as Fort Laramie, thus helping perpetu- ate the memory of a certain La Ramie, an early French-Canadian trapper who had lost his life in an encounter with hostile Indians near there.

Although Fort Laramie was one of the best known rendezvous of the old- time mountain men, the most impor- tant era in its history began in 1849 when the government purchased the fort from the American Fur company, and it became the military sentinel at the eastern foot of the Rockies. As such it saw that epic migration, the long trains of "covered wagons" go winding past along the Oregon trail, bound for Oregon or California.

The Fort Laramie of a later period was fully as important as it was in the fur trading and emigrant days. Here in 1851 gathered 10,000 Indians of the plains to make a treaty guar- anteeing safe conduct for the emi- grants, a treaty which was soon re- duced to a scrap of paper; from Fort Laramie in 1865 was begun the road to the new Montana gold fields which brought on the Red Cloud war of 1866-67, and the next year Fort Laramie saw the signing of another treaty of peace in which the great Indian leader achieved his greatest triumph by forcing the commissioners to grant him virtually everything he asked.

When war broke out again in 1876, Fort Laramie was the center of ac- tivity for the military expeditions sent against the hostile Sioux and Chey- ennes, but when that war was over the principal reason for Fort Laramie's existence ended, and from that time on its glory and importance waned.

The Fort on the Great Inland Sea

The story of Fort Ashley, Utah, is the story of a Ashley-Smith explora- tion, of two great men to whom history has given but small measure of the credit due them—William Henry Ashley and Jedediah Strong Smith. That story goes back to 1822 when Ashley organized the Rocky Mountain Fur company and set out upon a trading and trapping expedition up the Missouri. In that company were men whose names were to loom large in western history for the next half century—Andrew Henry, David Jack- son, William Sublette, Milton Sub- lette, Jedediah Smith, Robert Camp- bell, Thomas Fitzpatrick, James Brid- ger, Samuel Tulloch, Etienne Provost (for whom the city of Provo, Utah, is named) and James Beckwourth.

The 1822 expedition went up the Missouri to the mouth of the Yellow- stone. The next year Ashley led an- other to the Arikara villages on the Upper Missouri. In 1824 his company penetrated to the Green river valley and the next year to the great Salt lake on whose banks he built the little stockaded post which bore his name. The next year he made an- other trip to his post, bringing with him some small cannons on wheels, the first time in history that artill- ery of any sort ever penetrated this wilderness.

Although Fort Ashley in itself never became as important as a number of other fur trading posts in the Rockies, Utah can take pride in offer- ing it as her most important fort solely because of its connection with the name of Ashley and his men, es- pecially Jedediah Strong Smith, the "American Ulysses" whose explora- tions much more richly deserve for him the title of "The Pathfinder" than do those of Gen. John C. Fremont.

Here are some of the achievements of Ashley and his men: They were the first white men to travel the cen- tral overland route to the Pacific in the winter, the first to use that varia- tion of South pass, named Bridger's pass, after one of their number; they were the first Americans to in- vestigate the mountains of northern Colorado; they were the first to en- ter the Great Divide basin; the first to cross almost the entire length of southern Wyoming; and the first to navigate the dangerous canyons of the Green river. When Jedediah Smith pushed on to California from Fort Ashley he was the first Ameri- can to reach California by land and he was also the first to traverse the full length of California and Oregon by land. With such a list of "histor- ical firsts" to the credit of the men who founded Fort Ashley, it can well take its place in the front rank of American forts.

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Glorious Gettysburg

ALL those who have visited the battlefield of Gettysburg know its fascination. First, as one drives about the forty square miles of battlefield, his interest is in the monuments, the beautiful markers and statues erected by the various states of the Union in memory of their dead on this battlefield. Then, the extent of the field impresses one and he endeavors to reconstruct the battle lines of the Union and Confederate troops.

A cloud possessed the hollow field. The gathering battle's smoky shield: Athwart the gloom the lightning flashed. And through the cloud some horsemen dashed. And from the heights the thunder pealed.

Above the bayonets, mixed and crossed. Men saw a gray gigantic ghost Receding through the battle cloud. And heard across the tempest, loud The death cry of a nation lost!

Even better than Will Thompson's famous poem does Bret Harte's "John Burns of Gettysburg" paint the picture of the battle:

And it was terrible. On the right Raged for hours the heady fight. Thundered the battery's double bass. Difficult music for men to face.

While on the left—where now the graves Undulate like the living waves That all that day unceasing swept Up to the pits the "Johnnies" kept— Round shot plowed the upland glades. Sown with bullets, reaped with blades; Shattered fences here and there Tossed their splinters in the air; The very trees were stripped and bare.

And then, above the roar of battle, the immortal words, "The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

Surely the sight of this battlefield and of Valley Forge, of Lexington, of Ticonderoga, should help in the making of good Americans!

Patriotic Lesson

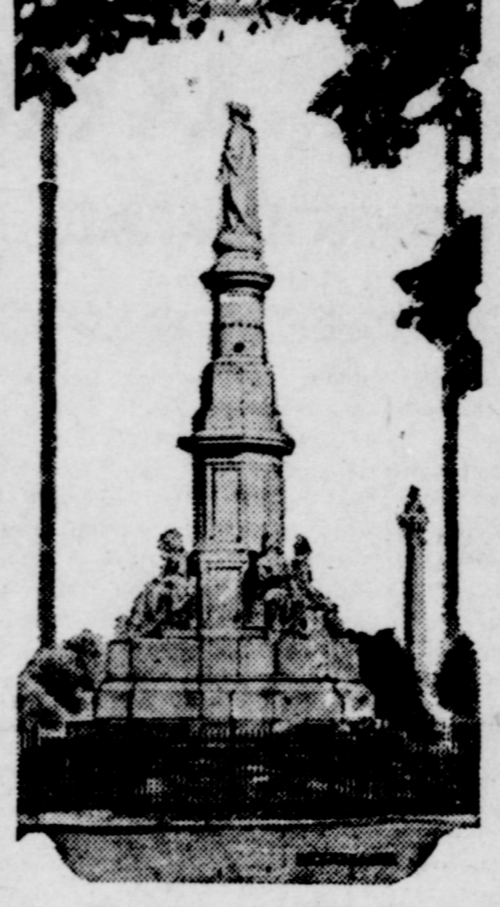
As long as the graves of our soldier dead are so cherished by the nation as to claim a day set apart for their decoration in a spirit of proper gratitude and reverence, there need be little fear that a life spent for the country is spent in vain.

"The Spirit of '61"



Charles S. Stone, fifer, and George R. Merrill, drummer, members of the same fife and drum corps in the Civil war, still whooping it up on the same instruments. They both live in Boston, and are seventy-nine years of age.

Spot Forever Famous



On November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln stood on the battlefield of Gettysburg, just where the shaft of this national monument rises. On this spot the "Great Emancipator" made his immortal speech.

"Proud and Unafraid"
Through the Years

The Boston folk last year were disposed to weep at what they thought a pathetic spectacle as they saw the splendid rearguard of the Grand Army marching in pouring rain through their streets. In point of fact the last thing these boys of Civil war days want is sympathy. They do not belong to the sob-stuff brigade. Like their Southern antagonists, they were men from the crowns of their heads to the bottom of their feet, and they still march on proud and unafraid to the last "rendezvous with death," says the Baltimore Sun.

Splendid old men are these on both sides of Mason and Dixon's line. Army life did not enfeeble them. Perhaps if they had not marched so much in youth they would not have been so hale and hearty now at an age when most men must do their marching in a rocking chair if they have been so fortunate as to live so long.

Three cheers and three times three for these sturdy survivors of both grand armies. They are of the salt that never loses its savor. Could some potent magician of life sprinkle them with the elixir of youth and set them before us in the radiant and splendid manhood that was theirs in the '60s, would the picked corps of any armies of the present rival them in dauntless courage, in unselfish devotion to principle? Of such are the eternal kingdoms of spiritual glory, of such the human sublimity that shines forever like the stars.

Lesson of Memorial

"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori"—a sweet and proper thing it is to die for one's country; thus reads the eternal epitaph of the hero dead, in Arlington's great bivouac as elsewhere. But the sweetest and best time to die for one's country is when life has been fulfilled and the fruits of the task are ripe for the enrichment of that granary of ideal and achievement we call the nation.

Memorial day is a day of experience; it is a good thing to be thoughtful of the past; better still to learn from it.—Detroit News.

PRESIDIO
By Howard W. Peak, Sr. Fort Worth, Texas

Have you never been to Presidio, Way down in the Big Bend of Texas, Where the cactus grows on towering hills, That rear their crests so grand; Where the prairies are all covered, With flowers and grasses high, Where the sunshine's always brilliant, And the breezes are so soft; And the passing clouds look pleasing, With the deep blue vault aloft. Have you never seen this country, Shaped out by God's own hand; This lovely land of pleasure, Down on the Rio Grande?

Down where the Southern Pacific Speeds on her western way; To the "Glorious Land of Sunshine" So poetic writers say. Where the prairie dog and the rattler, And the lonesome whippoorwill, Keep your eyes always a watching— Sending through your frame athrill. Where the bob cat and the panther Are bold to seek their prey; And the coyote is fiercely howling On the hillside o'er the way; And the wild deer is disporting On the crags of the upland; Down in the Mexico country, On the lovely Rio Grande.

Never been to Presidio County, Out on the Southern way; Where the fish and game are plenty And the mocking birds sing gay? Where on the mountain the sheep are grazing At the rising of the sun; And the shepherd drives them homeward, When the long day's work is done. Where the perch and bass are sporting In the rippling waters pure; And the huntsman seeks the campfire, To rest and dream secure. Then quit your toiling brother, Take rod and gun in hand; And shape your course southwestward, To the lovely Rio Grande.

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