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## DOUGLASS DEFEATED BY NEARLY 2,000 VOTES

### Cogitations & Aphorisms of Jodok

Not so long ago I was over to the county seat, Farwell, and spent a very pleasant day looking after some business matters and visiting among the people who were there attending court, and our county officials and many other acquaintances.

I was very much delighted with the appearance of our court house grounds, which are covered in the immediate vicinity of the building, by a beautiful sward of green grass and splendid shade trees, with water constantly spraying over portions of the lawn, which, with the shade cast by the trees, made a most inviting retreat for that warm day, and these attractive features were enhanced by the presence of many varieties of pretty flowers, all of which surely made a sight well worth beholding.

The remainder of the court house grounds has been set with Chinese elms, which are also growing nicely, and before many years, the entire grounds of several acres will have grown into one of the most beautiful parks to be found on the plains.

Among those whom I saw and had the pleasure of a few minutes visit with were my old friend, J. D. Thomas, whom I had not seen for a long time, but he did not look a minute older than when I last saw him. He had just been appointed by the court to defend a man, charged with assisting in the robbery of the Friona bank on June 29th, and Mr. Thomas thus had very little time for visiting.

Then I also met my old friend "Hop" Graham, the newspaper man, of Farwell. Mr. Graham said he had just returned from a few weeks of vacationing down in the state, which time he had spent at fishing and hunting and attending the Texas Centennial and had had a mighty good time, only he said it was hot down there. He told just how hot it was, but I have forgotten the exact adverb he used. (I might not want to write it anyhow, even if I could think of it.) He did not say whether the chiggers and "sneekers" bit him much or not, but he looked and acted as though a few more weeks of vacation would have been too much. He was genial and friendly as usual, but it just occurred to me that he was not his usually old "happy, cheerful, jolly" self at all.

Hop invited me to come across the street and visit him in his "sanctum" before I left the capital, but I did not get time to go until after dinner, and when I called, Mr. Graham had gone over to Clovis, and thus missed a wonderful opportunity for a little persecution at my hands.

But as I was leaving the Tribune office I passed the door of the Aldridge boys (Sam and John) and Mrs. Aldridge and John were there and saw me passing and gave me a most cordial invitation to stop in and visit with them for a few minutes, and since the train was a few minutes late, I accepted their kind invitation and enjoyed the few minutes, I had to spare, immensely.

There is a roomy office with plenty of light and is divided into a regular suite of rooms, each of the boys, who are attorneys, having his private office for consultation and Mrs. Aldridge having a room for her Red Cross work and supplies, while the front room serves as a kind of general office where their abstract work is done.

John Aldridge has a nice assortment of maps, which he has prepared, of the county as a whole and of the various town sites in the county, and he has my thanks for several copies of the county maps and of the Friona city map, and one large wall map of the county all of which I am quite proud of and can make much use of.

Then, too, I met almost all the county officials, including County Clerk Eric Rushing, Sheriff Earl Booth, Deputy Sheriff Wilks; Judge Walter Lander, Treasurer Ezell, County Attorney Perry T. Brown, and District Attorney Jimmy Witherspoon and there was another man there who seemed to be having quite a bit to do with the court affairs. They said his name was Jones and that he lives at Friona. I also saw a lot of

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### ALLRED BEATS HIS OPPONENTS FOR GOVERNOR

#### Nearly Million Texans Casts Votes In Primary

A rush of votes carried the total tabulated by the Texas Election Bureau to 983,408, reported from 253 of the 254 counties, with but 188 complete. Bureau officials said they expect the vote to approach the approximately 1,000,000 votes cast two years ago.

Frank S. Morris of Dallas was certain of a run-off place against Ernest O. Thompson, August 22, in the election of a railroad commissioner. Thompson is chairman of the commission.

Thompson was far ahead with 422,041 votes but could not muster a majority.

Governor Allred pushed his lead over the field in the gubernatorial race to 39,374 votes. He had 511,391; Tom Hunter, in second place, 226,423; Brooks, 31,438; Fischer, 126,483; and Sanderford, 77,673.

**Blanton Still Behind**  
Rep. Thomas Blanton of Abilene faced a run-off for the district 17 seat. He was running behind Judge Clyde Garrett of Eastland County, 18,411 to 22,828. Garrett lacked 2,142 votes of a majority.

Rep. Maury Maverick, completing his first term in Congress, won 21,703 votes in the primary. Lamar Seeligson, former Bexar County district attorney, was given 14,378.

**Blanton Faces Battle**  
Rep. Tom Blanton in District 17 was confronted with the hardest battle in his long political career against Judge Clyde Garrett of Eastland. Blanton challenged the judge to debate in 12 counties before the runoff.

Another runoff was in prospect for District 13, with Ed Gossett of Vernon trying for Rep. W. D. McFarlane's seat. Mayor Oscar Holcombe of Houston entered the District 8 runoff against Albert Thomas and, in District 12, Fritz Lanham of Fort Worth found Julian Hyer opposing him.

#### THE ELECTION

The primary election held here last Saturday, while exciting a great deal of interest, passed off very quietly, with no altercations whatever, and an almost complete vote being cast.

Friends of the various candidates and the candidates themselves, were quite active in getting out votes and seeing that every person cast a vote, who was entitled thereto.

While it appears that a large number of the people had their minds fairly well made up as to most of the winning candidates, the majorities shown by the return for many of the candidates was a surprise to man people.

E. V. Rushing's majority for district and county clerk was larger than the total vote of any other candidate with the exception of that of Earl Booth, for sheriff. Rushing received a total vote of 1192, while Booth's total vote was 1123. The total vote cast for clerk was 1499 and the total vote cast for sheriff was 1498.

In the vote for county attorney Judge Lokey received a total vote of 645 and Judge Smith received 587 votes giving him a majority of 182.

In Parmer county, Perry T. Brown for district attorney, received 425 and J. W. Witherspoon received 599 giving him a majority in this county of 147 votes.

Incomplete returns at the time of this writing, gave Clint Small 297 votes for state senator and Curtis Douglass 399, showing a majority on the incomplete returns of 102 for Douglass in the county.

#### FRIONA WEATHER

The weather locally during the past week has shown very little change from that reported last week. It has been warm not oppressively so, with the exception of an hour or so at a time when the breeze chances to die away.

No precipitation has been received during the week in any part of the Friona trade territory, so far as has been learned by the Star's weather reports.

Mrs. G. Cranfill, who has been looking after business interests near Tulla, the past three weeks, spent the week end at her home here.

### PARMER COUNTY ELECTION RETURNS

	Friona	Farwell	Boyd	Lazbuddy	Orla Lane	Black	Rhea	LAWVIEW	Totals
<b>COUNTY JUDGE</b>									
Walter Lander	328					53			381
<b>COUNTY ATTORNEY</b>									
E. F. Lokey	73	174	132	106	101	24	24	11	645
A. D. Smith	248	117	163	128	63	27	48	38	832
<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>									
E. V. Rushing	257	234	193	203	142	50	65	48	1192
Anna S. Jersig	68	61	107	35	24	3	7	2	307
<b>FOR SHERIFF</b>									
Earl Booth	227	202	217	204	145	37	52	39	1123
J. H. Martin	95	93	84	32	22	13	22	11	375
<b>FOR COMMISSIONER</b>									
J. M. W. Alexander	172					28			245
L. F. Lillard	151					25			181
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>									
Perry T. Brown	90	101	77	70	57	18	17	22	452
J. W. Witherspoon	193	153	148	125	81	30	45	17	599
<b>COUNTY CHAIRMAN</b>									
J. D. Anderson	128	166	124	102	80	14	13	20	647
J. H. Stagner	155	96	156	47	61	17	46		578
<b>STATE SENATOR</b>									
Clint Small	142		84			16	32	23	297
Curtis Douglass	151		169			33	23	23	399

#### PARMER COUNTY FEDERATION MEETING

The Parmer County Federation of Women's Clubs met Thursday, July 23, with the Study Club, of Lazbuddy. It was the sad duty of Mrs. A. H. Boatman, of Friona, to assume the responsibilities of president because of the untimely passing of the newly elected president, Mrs. Walter Lander, of Farwell. All heads bowed in silent prayer in memory of one of the most promising presidents the Federation has had.

Mrs. N. C. Smith, of Farwell, county chairman of The Beautification of Homes, Filling Stations and other property on the highways of the county, reported that at least a month will elapse before the judging and prizes are awarded. All present were urged to zing hardy flower seeds, such as zinnias, larkspurs, etc. for exchange and distribution.

Mrs. Frazier, of Farwell, giving highlights on the Centennial at Dallas, said it was about the biggest thing she ever saw and that two weeks could be spent and not see it all. The Garman exhibit, called "The Black Forest" where ice skaters give exhibitions of their skill upon manufactured ice, and the huge cash register, built up high so everyone can see it ring up date receipts—118,000 one day—were only two of the interesting features she told about.

The Texas program consisted of:  
1. Song, "Texas, Our Texas", Lazbuddy Study Club.  
2. Roll Call Response, "Texas Pioneers."

3. "Texas, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" was a well prepared paper read by Mrs. Earl Booth, of Farwell, upon the absence of the writer, Mrs. Wilkison, of Friona.  
4. Piano Solo, "Medley of Texas Songs, by Mrs. Finis Jennings, Lazbuddy.

5. "Significance of the Civil War for Texas," was an instructive and interesting account that was given by Mrs. J. H. Martin, of Farwell. The Rhea Club members were unable to attend, but sent an invitation for the October meeting, which was graciously given by Mrs. Earl Booth, of Farwell, and accepted with pleasure by the Federation.

The thirty club members and one visitor, Mrs. Grace Bobst, of Dubois, Neb., very much enjoyed the lovely hospitality extended by the Lazbuddy Study Club.

#### UTILITY MEN HERE FRIDAY

Fred H. Oberthier Jr., and A. J. Whitting of Clovis were business visitors here last Friday.

Those men are both local officials of the Texas Utilities Company, which serves our city with electric power, and were here in the interest of the company.

#### OFF TO MISSOURI

Ruby A. Oliver local representative of the Texas Utilities Company at Friona, departed last Friday for Duck Hill, Mississippi, to spend his vacation in a two-weeks visit with his parents and other relatives and friends at his home town. Ruby has been representing the Texas Utilities here for the past several months.

C. H. Fallwell was a Farwell visitor Tuesday.

#### DIAMOND DUST NO. 5

The Friona Cardinals continue to lose for their fifth straight defeat at the hands of the Muleshoe team last Sunday at Muleshoe, by a score of 4 to 5.

The Cards had a patched up lineup, due to many of their regular players being out. However, we hope to have a strong team out Sunday for the game to be played here with the Sudan team. Sudan has a strong team, but we hope to end our losing streak, by winning from this boasted strong team. We expect to have a special pitcher on the mound against Sudan's left-handed twirler.

Carson, the Cards, new outfielder, is doing some fine play in the field as well as at the bat. We hope to have all batting averages out next week.

Come out and help the boys end their losing streak Sunday. Game begins at 3:00 p. m., at Whiteway Park.

Following is the "box score" of last Sunday's game:

FRIONA	AB	R	H	E
Williams, ss	4	0	1	1
Lea, cf	4	0	0	0
J. Barnett, 3b	4	0	0	1
Schmitz, c	4	0	0	2
Magness, 1b	3	1	1	1
Carson, lf	4	1	3	0
Truitt, 2b	3	1	1	0
B. Barnett, rf	3	0	0	0
J. Minaryard, p	3	1	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

MULESHOE	AB	R	H	E
D. Moore, ss	5	0	0	0
N. Moore, p	4	1	1	0
T. Rundell, c	4	1	1	0
Damron, 2b	4	1	3	3
Garner, lf	3	0	1	0
Kirtz, rf	1	0	0	0
Goforth, 3b	4	1	1	1
Nan, 1b	3	0	0	0
Mattenson, rf	1	0	0	0
Davenport, lf	1	0	0	0
C. Rundell, cf	4	0	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>

Geiffith batted for B. Barnett in 9th inning.

Summary of game:—2-base hits, Williams, Truitt, Minaryard and Moore. 3-base hits, Magness and Damron. Sacrifice hits, N. Moore, Williams, Truitt and Lea. Stolen base, Damron. Hit by pitched ball, Magness. Left on bases, Friona 6, Muleshoe 9. First base on error, Friona 3. 2-base on error, Friona 3. Moore 1. Strike-outs, Minaryard 2, Moore 7. Time of game, 1 hr. and 55 minutes. Umpires, McLellan and Robb.

#### VISITING D. H. COLDIRON HOME

Mrs. C. J. Carter and children, Jackie and Billie Gene, of Stinnett, and Mrs. Millard Daniel and Georgia Lee Ward of Deming, New Mexico were visitors in the D. H. Coldiron home Sunday.

#### TO ENTER INFIRMARY

Mrs. Carl Maurer and daughter, June, departed Monday for Dallas, where June will enter an infirmary for treatment for rher back.

They were driven as far as Amarillo, in the car by Mr. Maurer, where they took the train for Dallas. June's stay will be indefinite.

Mrs. George M. Baker spent a part of last week as the guest of her son, Melvin, and family at Elida, New Mexico.

#### APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF CITIZENS ORGANIZATION FOR STATE HIGHWAYS

Mrs. N. C. Smith, of Farwell, has been appointed as county chairman of the Citizens Organization for State Highway Beautification in Parmer County, by Mrs. J. Walton, district chairman, of Lubbock.

The State Highway Department, through its landscape division, proposes to make an annual award of a handsomely designed emblem, as a reward of merit to the most attractive home, school and service station located on a State or Federal highway, which is adjudged the most attractive in its particular county.

This contest will be given and judged during the last week in September. Mrs. Smith, the county chairman, urges all to enter and send entries to her at Farwell. Below is the score card for each. Score card for schools:

1. General appearance of building and grounds, 20 pts
2. State of repair, painting etc., 20 pts
3. Orderliness, 20 pts
4. Cleanliness, 20 pts
5. Planting arrangements etc., 20 pts

Score Cards for Service Stations:

1. General appearance, 10 pts
2. Cleanliness of Rest Rooms, 10 pts
3. Neatness of premises, 10 pts
4. Absence of unnecessary and unsightly signs, 20 pts
5. Maintenance of building 10 pts
6. Generous distance between station and pavement, 30 pts
7. Planting of flowers, shrubs, etc., 10 pts

Score Card for Homes:

1. General appearance, 20 pts
2. Cleanliness, 10 pts
3. Orderliness of premises, 10 pts
4. Trees, flowers, lawns etc, 10 pts
5. Display of native trees, 10 pts
6. Location of service buildings, 10 pts
7. Appearance and state of repair of gate and fences, 10 pts
8. Naming of property, 10 pts
9. Culverts where necessary 10 pts

The slogan: "Clear away all unsightliness in Texas."

Aim of the contest: To further a state wide appreciation of beauty and cleanliness along the highways of our state and bring out the attractive features to the travelers. Let "beauty" become universal throughout Texas, so as to inspire those who visit this great state.

#### METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. J. O. Haymes, presiding elder of Amarillo District, occupied the Methodist pulpit, Sunday July 26th. He brought a very fine message to a well filled house. Rev. Haymes is a very fine preacher and a very capable presiding elder. The Methodist people of Friona always welcome his presence.

The pastor, Rev. H. L. Thurston, will be away for a few Sundays, helping in meetings at Wilson, one of his former parsonages, and at Hereford. There are plans for some one to fill the local pulpit each Sunday of his absence.

Next Sunday, August 2, Rev. Hart ("Uncle Bill") will preach both morning and evening. Brother Hart is a very inspirational preacher and a very spiritual man. Everybody come and hear him.

The Methodist Young People's Church School Class is growing by leaps and bounds. If you are not attending any other church school come and be with them. Come and hear the inspiring messages each Sunday. They have selected their pastor for their teacher. A capable teacher has been asked to teach the class each Sunday during his absence.

Sunday, August 2nd, "A Real Christian," taught by Mrs. Taylor.

August 9th, "A Christian Business Man," taught by E. V. Rushing.

August 16th, "A Christian at College," taught by Mrs. J. T. Gee.

An excellent message was brought by Rev. Haymes last Sunday. His subject was "A Real God."

Come and worship with this courageous group ever Sunday morning.

#### GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The Girl Scouts had a booth at the election grounds at the Friona high school last Saturday.

They sold candy, pop corn, ice cream and soda pop, and made about \$5.00 clear, which will go for the expense of fixing up their hut in the park. The scouts will meet on Thursday of this week, July 30th.

Scribe - Jacquelyn Wilkison

Rona to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Durand, at their home in Friona, a daughter, Tuesday morning, July 28.

Mrs. C. C. Maurer and daughter Shirley were in Farwell Tuesday of last week.

### WARMEST RACE IN TEXAS WON BY INCUMBENT

#### Small Leads in 17 Counties, Opponent Takes 9

Curtis Douglass of Panhandle was defeated by fewer than 2,000 votes in his campaign for state senator last Saturday by the incumbent, Clint Small.

Figures, compiled by the Amarillo News-Globe Tuesday night, showed that 50,066 votes had been cast in the 26 counties and that Small received 25,995 and Douglass, 24,071, a lead for the former of 1,924.

The Carson county man carried Ochiltree, Hutchinson, Carson, Gray, Donley, Parmer, Swisher, Briscoe and Hall counties, nine in all. Small carried the other 17 counties, ranging from 17 votes in Hansford county to 1145 in Potter county.

The Amarillo News has not published the changes in all counties in the newspaper. Corrections based on the tabulation in Monday's News shows a total of 25,814 for Small and 23,988 for Douglass, a lead of 1826 votes.

Douglass swept Carson county 1319 to 662 and lacked only five votes of getting a two to one majority. He carried his home box 553 to 101, regarded as a sweeping endorsement.

In the nine counties Douglass carried, he received 11,801 votes to Small's 9,002, a lead of 2,799. Of the 17 counties Small won, he received 16,812 votes to Douglass' 12,657, a lead of 4,155. After deducting the Potter county lead of 1145 votes, Small carried the district by approximately 561 votes.

The senatorial race was probably the hottest district race ever held in the Panhandle. The Amarillo newspaper bannered the story Sunday morning in preference to state races. The closeness of the race caused some doubt and early in the evening, it is understood that many in Amarillo were willing to concede the election to Douglass.

Returns below are said to be complete in all except Hartley, Hemphill, Parmer and Roberts counties:

	Small	Douglass
DALLAM	1136	896
SHERMAN	344	170
HANSFORD	529	512
OCHILTREE	443	543
LIPSCOMB	367	130
HARTLEY	210	111
MOORE	448	205
HUTCHINSON	1244	1644
ROBERTS	339	176
HEMPHILL	765	405
OLDHAM	265	171
POTTER	4355	3210
CARSON	662	1319
GRAY	2354	2708
WHEELER	1712	1459
DEAF SMITH	939	553
RANDALL	1164	

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## A SHORT BALLOT

(Panhandle Herald.)

The run-off primary Saturday, August 22, probably will have the shortest ballot in the history of Texas.

Apparently, the only state races will be for railroad commissioner and agricultural commissioner. Ernest O. Thompson of Amarillo lacked only about two per cent of the votes of having a majority and his opponent should default to him. That view has been expressed downstate and this newspaper agree with it.

The sweeping victory of Governor Allred over such strong opposition as Tom Hunter, F. W. Fischer and Roy Sanderford was a pleasant surprise. Seldom does a gubernatorial candidate for reelection sweep the field in the first primary.

## ALLRED'S VICTORY

(Panhandle Herald.)

The Tiny Times column in Oklahoma City Times: Perhaps you have been so much engrossed in Oklahoma politics that you have not observed the phenomenon across Red river.

Consider James V. Allred, an obscure district attorney six years ago, who arose from his vicinage at Wichita Falls to slay the Ferguson giant and establish himself in the famous old statehouse at Austin as the youngest and most popular governor Texas has had in a generation.

Allred has just finished a primary election in which he polled a clear majority over a big field of candidates in the empire that is Texas. There will be no runoff for governor in Texas and the result in November is a cinch.

My guess is that as fast as the country weeklies go to press in Texas this week, the black-haired boy from the Panhandle will be recommended to the nation as the logical successor to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Personal charm, willingness to fight for a cause, ability to get along with everybody and a boyish enthusiasm for everything that has the Texas trademark on it, is the secret of Allred's popularity.

## DOUGLASS RACE VICTORY EVEN IN DEFEAT

(Panhandle Herald.)

The wonderful race of Curtis Douglass of Panhandle for state senator against Clint Small, incumbent, is generally being regarded as a moral victory. With 59,966 votes cast, Senator Small had a lead of around 2,600 votes, while it is generally believed that a lead of 10,000 to 12,000 votes would have been required to make the victory a ringing endorsement of his administration.

The little city of Panhandle has been complimented time after time this week for the wonderful race that Douglass ran. Although the people of Panhandle rallied behind the candidacy of Douglass, many other factors had to be considered in this campaign.

The people of the 31st senatorial district were aroused as never before. Thousands were determined to have a new state senator, and a change of 1,600 votes would have made the wish a reality. So strong was this desire, there is no doubt that some candidate—and it happened to be Douglass—had to enter this race to satisfy the throng of disaffected voters.

Senator Small several times last week in his campaigning announced that he was through running for state office and did not expect to run for senator again. Gene Howe, Amarillo News-Globe publisher, this week said that he hoped the next state senate came from a county east of Amarillo.

The vast financial resources of the opposition proved the determining factor in the race. So much was at stake in defeating Douglass that large sums of money were expended by supporters of Senator Small.

The News-Globe, which goes into a road percentage of the homes of this district, never made a harder fight for a candidate. The Herald is willing to give the News-Globe credit for prejudicing a lot of votes against Douglass. The News-Globe is privately owned and that publication has the privilege of endorsing any candidate it pleases, just as The Panhandle Herald does.

This was the time for the Panhandle to change state senators, but it took the election for Small's supporters to realize that this was the year.

General opinion is that the influence of our present state senator will be greatly reduced at Austin the next four years. When a considered important enough to help Senator Small obtain efficient legislation for the 31st senatorial district will be cheerfully given.

## Sheep Importation of 1802 Nation's Largest

The largest importation of sheep and the one which had the most to do with the improvement of the flocks in this country, was the bringing in of 75 ewes and 21 rams by Davis Humphrey of Connecticut in 1802, writes Carleton M. Allen in the Boston Transcript.

After 1807 merino wool went upwards in price due to the fact that an act was passed, causing practically an embargo, and the seemingly hostile tactics of both England and France reduced the imports of woolsens by at least one-half. By the time war was declared in 1812 the supply of foreign woolsens was absolutely cut off.

The effect upon the manufacture of woolsens was immediate. Humphreys started a mill in 1808, using his own wool. Dupont, another original importer of merino sheep, opened a mill near Wilmington, Del., in 1812. One mill was erected in western Pennsylvania, manufacturing broadcloth from the clip of its own merino sheep. Another was started in Steubenville, Ohio, in 1810 approximately 24 woolen mills were in existence in eastern United States. Fourteen of these mills manufactured annually 10,000 yards of cloth, selling at from \$1 to \$10 a yard.

In 1809 and 1810 the demand for pure-blooded merino sheep was so great that rams had risen in value to \$1,000 to \$1,500, and ewes were sold at \$1,000. Pure merino wool rose from 75 cents a pound to \$2. The common wool was quoted at 37 1/2 cents a pound.

In New England and the middle Atlantic states after 1810, the wool growing industry, which had been mostly confined to this region, began to decline.

## Camel Hair Cloth Dates Back to Distant Past

There is a distinct difference in the quality and value of camel hair, according to an authority in the Boston Herald. The camel's contribution to man's comfort and luxury is a most entertaining chapter in the history of textiles. Beneath the coarse, tough outer hair of the Bactrian camel, a ponderous two-humped Asiatic beast of burden and largest of the various species of camel is found the fine, soft, luxurious underhair which is used exclusively in the manufacture of fine quality camel hair cloth. In ancient times no fabrics were held in higher esteem than those woven from camel hair. Camel's hair shawls, worn by hand and supremely soft, fine and warm, were famous throughout the whole ancient world.

For centuries the fine slender camel hair resisted all mechanical skill to adapt it to machine weaving. It was therefore blended with other fibers, and with the passing of time, production of pure camel cloth was carried on only in little villages in the far interior of India and China.

## Fate of Alexander I

The bleak stretches of Siberia cherish a weird legend that Czar Alexander I of Russia did not die, as announced, on November 19, 1825, but that he quit the throne and took up the life of a wanderer. As proof, peasants in western Siberia reported that they had often seen a mysterious stranger, who resembled the czar, pass through their villages, asserts a writer in the Philadelphia Record. Officially, however, this ruler caught a cold and died. His death was mourned sincerely, for he had encouraged education and science and had instituted other reforms. His first important act, when he ascended the throne in 1801, was to free the serfs of the Baltic provinces.

## Custom of Having Bridesmaids

The custom of having bridesmaids present at a wedding has its foundations in romantic affairs of the early middle ages, when knights rode forth to seize their lady loves by force. In those heroic days there usually developed a battle between the relatives of the bridegroom and the kin of the bride. Symbolizing the bride's defenders today are the bridesmaids. Symbolizing the bridegroom's friends are the groomsmen. The best man at the wedding in medieval times was the warrior friend who helped the lovesick swain capture the girl of his choice. Today the best man merely acts to keep the bridegroom from caving in at the crucial moment.

## "Grub Street" is London

"Grub street" was a street near Moorfields, London, which was inhabited by writers of small histories, dictionaries and temporary poems, and the name was applied to authors of cheap literary products. Employed in a disparaging sense by Andrew Marvell, it was frequently used by Pope, Swift and other wits. The Grub Street Journal, which ended in 1737, was one of the most entertaining of the old newspapers, and contained contributions from the partisans of Pope attacking the Dunces. The street is now named Milton street.

sure to lose a lot of his prestige in the legislature.

The Herald has little bitterness over the result. This is not the first time that The Herald has supported a loser. This newspaper did its best for Douglass. He lost. Douglass is big enough of a man to take the defeat philosophically.

With the battle over, The Herald realizes that Small is our senator. The 26 counties of the 31st senatorial district are important to us. The little aid this newspaper can do to help Senator Small obtain efficient legislation for the 31st senatorial district will be cheerfully given.

## Armed With Scythes

On the outskirts of Lwow, "City of Lions" is the Pantheon, which houses the panorama of the Battle of Racławice, part of which depicts Kosciuszko leading his army, made up of peasants armed with scythes, against the Russians. In northeastern Poland, Wilno is the cultural, political, and economic center, a short distance away in the forest of Bialowieza. Poznan, capital of Poland in the Tenth and Eleventh centuries, has a wealth of relics attesting to its ancient glory. Here, too, was held the first national exposition of independent Poland, affirming Poznan's leadership in commerce and industry.

## Artist by Chance

Francisco Goya was born in 1746 in Fuendetodos, Aragon, of peasant parents whose wretched lives he appeared destined to follow until, at twelve, he painted a pig upon a barn so realistically that he was given an art scholarship. He painted masterpieces until after he was eighty. Fame and fortune never quenched his desire to do such things as climbing to the highest point on the dome of St. Peter's, Rome, at the risk of his neck, to carve his initials there.

## The Sherman Brothers

Residents of Lancaster, Ohio, thought that John Sherman, a rough and tumble fellow as a youth, might be destined to become a soldier, and that his brother, William Tecumseh Sherman, a reserved, studious youth, might be a statesman. It was a surprise to those who knew the boys when John became the statesman and William the fighting general.

## Liberia Founded in 1822

Liberia, the negro republic on the west coast, constitutes only about one-two-hundred-and-sixty-fifth part of the whole of Africa. It was founded in 1822 as a haven for freed American slaves. In 1847 it was proclaimed an independent republic with a constitution modeled after ours.

## Using Good English

Speaking and writing good English is not a matter of geography, and those who habitually use the language in its best form are not congregated in any particular state or locality. They are persons of culture and education and are scattered all over the United States.

## Tyndale's New Testament

Tyndale's New Testament, first published more than 400 years ago, was banned in England and had to be circulated secretly. Of the first six editions, numbering about 15,000 copies, there exist no more than half a dozen copies, and these fragments of copies.

## Australia's Other Name

Australia was formerly called New Holland. Australia, from the Latin word for southern, was suggested by Capt. Matthew Flinders, an English navigator, who had explored the southern part of the island. The name came into use in 1817.

## England First With "Ain't"

"Ain't" is not strictly an American word. It was used in English literature in 1778 in a novel called "Evelina," thus giving the English a prior claim to the word, for it was 1779 before it appeared in American literature.

## Idiocy and Imbecility

Idiocy is a more marked degree of mental defectiveness than imbecility, and results from abnormal development before birth, injury at birth, or disease or injury shortly after birth.

## Greeks Venerated the Egg

The early Greeks venerated the egg as the symbol of the world and the four elements: The shell "represented the earth; the white, water; the yolk, fire; and the air cell, the air."

## Highest Caste of Hindus

The Brahmin caste is the highest or priestly caste of the Hindus. All Brahmins, however, are not priests. They may enter other professions or occupations without losing caste.

## When Smoke Goes Up

Smoke goes up from a chimney when the air is calm and dry. This is mainly because the air is then less turbulent and the smoke column less scattered and diffused.

## Kyoto Holds Unique Position

Kyoto, the former imperial capital and the center of Japan's civilization for over 1,000 years, occupies a unique position as the cradle of Japan's ancient art industry.

## Bell Called Bakers to Oven

An "oven bell" was used in former times to ring in England when the lord of the manor's oven was ready for tenants to bake their bread.

## Many Brooklyn Variants

Before Brooklyn, N. Y., standardized its name it was spelled Breuckland, Brucklyn, Brookland, Breucklyr and many other ways.

## Wisconsin's Boundary Line

Four-fifths of Wisconsin's boundary line consists of water. The state has 10,000 lakes and several hundred rivers.

## Buries Eggs in Sand

The Australian megapode is one of the few birds that buries its eggs in the sand or under decaying matter.

## Coconut Meat Used as Money

Copra, dried coconut meat, is used as money in Ontong, Java.

## Mark Antony

The Latin form of the name Mark Antony is Marcus Antonius. In English it is correctly written and pronounced Mark Antony. The second part of the name is frequently, but erroneously, written and pronounced Anthony, like the common given name. There is no "h" in the famous Roman's surname. His first name is sometimes written Marc instead of Mark. This error probably arose from the fact that in plays, such as Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" and "Antony and Cleopatra," Marcus Antonius is frequently abbreviated Marc. Ant. The correct English form is Mark.

## Maps Halted Explorers

Five centuries before the birth of Christ, explorers had reached far down the west coast of Africa. If they had not actually sailed round the continent, for no less than 1,500 years scarcely another step was taken to go farther, principally due to the geographers, who, on their maps, unhesitatingly declared that the ocean was a "green sea of darkness."

## Cross Attracts Lightning

No spot on earth, it is believed, has been struck by lightning more times than that occupied by a large wooden cross which stands on a mountain peak overlooking Oberammergau, Bavaria, the home of the world's most famous passion play. After nearly every severe storm, a new cross has to be erected.—Collier's Weekly.

## "Woman's Rights"

The first woman's rights convention in the United States met at Seneca Falls, N. Y., in 1848. The movement for equal rights with men, especially equal educational advantages, rights of suffrage and of property, was formally initiated as a national matter at this convention.

## Rabbits Born Blind

The common cottontail rabbits are born blind and with extremely short hair in nests made of dead grass warmly lined with fur from the mother's body. Several litters of from two to six young usually appear during the spring and summer.

## Red Skin Paint Theory

Prehistoric man in America used different colors to decorate his face and body. This custom is ordinarily interpreted as due to a desire for adornment, but the paint may have been used for protecting the skin against the sun's rays.

## Growth of the Trout

Unlike other babies the trout is proportionately stronger at birth and during his fingerling stages than at any other time of his life. The trout actually grows progressively weaker and less virile in relation to his size as he gets older.

## Canal's Cost \$375,000,000

At completion the Panama canal had cost \$375,000,000, including \$10,000,000 given Panama for construction rights and \$40,000,000 for the rights and property of the French company which had started the canal.

## Mansion at Arlington

The mansion at Arlington was built in 1803 by George Washington Parke Custis, who inherited the property from his grandmother, Mrs. George Washington. It came to her from her first husband.

## Most Prolific Plant

Probably the most prolific plant in the world is the acropora, one of the 7,500 species of orchids, says Collier's Weekly. This beautiful flower produces nearly 75,000,000 seeds in a single season.

## Cheek-Piece on Gun Stock

A cheek-piece on a gun stock is a pillow rest on the left-hand side of the stock, usually found now on the better shotguns and rifles but seldom on older ones and never on military rifles.

## Not Bad Idea

"A contented man," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "will sometimes pretend to be irritated by small annoyances in the hope that envy will not seek to afflict him with greater ones."

## Natural Gas

The presence of natural gas in America was known and recorded by Thomas Jefferson in 1787. It is indicated in a book brought to the attention of the American Petroleum Institute.

## Croquet Game of Ladies

Until the 1800s croquet was the only game English ladies played outdoors and village cricket elevens of women were comparatively common.

## Doing a Good Job

Uncle Ab says it is hard to find a person to do a good job, but easy to find many who will overdo it.

## Old Clothes Market

Peiping, China's so-called "old clothes market," is more properly the "Heaven-Bridge Market" to the Chinese.

## Being Hypercritical

To be hypercritical is to be extremely analytical with the emphasis usually on the negative.

## Princes and Princesses

Princes and princesses are borne only by the children of the sovereign's sons.

## Character and Conscience

Men of character are the conscience of the society to which they belong.

## Newfoundland Dog Useful

Although not a common dog, the Newfoundland is admired and used for various purposes in many parts of North America as well as in foreign countries. To see this breed at work is enough to make one appreciate its qualities and the way it can be adapted to many tasks. It truly is a working breed in every sense of the word. It can be used as a sled dog. In some parts of the north country may be seen the Newfoundland carrying small packs on his back—like a miniature pack horse. Then this breed often is asked to haul a cart, much like the St. Bernard is used by the Swiss farmers to haul milk carts to town.

## Utopia and Utopian

Utopia is the name of an imaginary island described in the work of Sir Thomas More, in which was found the utmost perfection in laws, politics, and social arrangements. More's romance obtained a wide popularity, and the epithet "Utopian" has since been applied to all schemes for the improvement of society which are deemed impracticable.

## Cause of Cataracts

Cataract, the progressive transparency of the crystalline lens of the eye, can be caused by an electrical discharge, in the form of either lightning or a short-circuit flash. Usually, writes S. A. Monck, Hollywood, California, in Collier's Weekly, the length of time that elapses between the discharge and complete blindness is from a year to a year and a half.

## Locusts' Odd Markings

The adult locust resembles a harvest fly, but has red-orange markings and near the end of each of the two front wings is a mark resembling the letter "W." There was a tradition that the "W" stood for war that might be expected whenever the 17-year locusts appear.

## Allspice Trees

Allspice trees bear abundant annual crops. Often as much as 150 pounds of berries are gathered from a single tree. About one-third of the crop comes into the United States and ultimately finds its way into delectable foods.

## Our Worldly Hopes

Worldly hopes are not living but dying hopes; they die off before us, and we live to bury them and see our folly in trusting to them; but at the utmost they die with us when we die, and can accompany us no further.

## A Man-Eater

To catch whales, the Maori natives hunt them in open whaleboats. And they do catch many large enough for two men to stand far back inside its jaws upright, side by side, and there is plenty of room above their heads.

## Snowflakes Don't Copy

It is an accepted fact that one snowflake never duplicates another. According to the laws by which it is formed, a snowflake may assume any one of a number of possible forms, running into billions of billions.

## Church Roofs Painted Red

Mount Athos, the famous holy mountain of Greece which is inhabited by monks, is the only community in the world where church roofs are painted red to symbolize the blood of Christ.—Collier's Weekly.

## A Little Sympathy

A few more studies of silent sympathy, a few more tender words, a little more restraint on temper, may make all the difference between happiness and half-happiness to those with whom one lives.

## Rook Bird Flies Backward

Among birds, there is one that may be seen flying backward occasionally, the rook. In the insect world the dragonfly is the only one that has this power.

## Sea Wall Promenade

Ostend, popular Belgian resort, uses its sea wall as a promenade. The dique or sea wall is three miles long, 40 feet high and 35 yards broad.

## Brown Elephant Tusks

Although the tusks of the majority of elephants are ivory colored, thousands roaming in Africa have brown, rose or even black tusks.

## Feature of National Park

A feature of Acadia national park in Maine is the only mountain range in the East that comes directly down to the sea.

## Distilled Liqueur Old

The Chinese distilled liquor long before the Christian era and "arrack" was made in India as early as 800 B. C.

## Sets Record for Words

There are said to be more new words in Shakespeare's plays than in all the rest of the English poets put together.

## Foreign Uniform Banned

There is a federal law forbidding the unauthorized wearing of a foreign uniform, decoration or regalia.

## Idleness Is Holiness

In India, idleness is an absolutely essential ingredient of everyone's idea of holiness.

## Basil Honors Monroe

Brazil's senate house at Rio de Janeiro occupies the Monroe Doctrine.

## Tissue of Human Brain

The pineapple will not grow where the frost bites.

## Rope Long in Use

Rope has been an article of much usefulness throughout the centuries in the activities of the people of the world, says a writer in Indiana Farmer's Guide. Early man made rope as best he could by twisting many types of vegetation into a crude cordage for his hunting, fishing and possible farming needs. Later (200 B. C.) Moschion says the ship "Syracusia," built for Herod II was rigged with hempen rope. These early ropes were made by hand and were clumsy, coarse and of inferior strength compared with the smooth, even and tightly twisted machine-made ropes that we have now.

## Totem Animals

Among savage peoples it is believed that some peculiar kind of animal is the guardian of each clan or local group. This animal is the totem and must be shown proper respect. The savage believes that he is descended from his totem. His clan is named from it and identified by crude symbols or images of it. These may be embroidered on tents, carved on posts, or tattooed on the body. When a totem animal dies it is buried with the same rites accorded a member of the clan.

## Highest Falls

The Grand falls, in Labrador, are said to be 2,000 feet high. Sutherland falls, New Zealand, are 1,904 feet high. The upper Yosemite falls is 4,550 feet, the middle one 620 feet and the lower 400 feet. The falls of Savanake in France are 1,385 feet, the Takkakaw in British Columbia, 1,300 feet. Victoria and Niagara, the two most magnificent falls, are respectively 400 and 164 feet high.

## Head of Liberty on Coins

The head of Liberty has been used on American coins from the foundation of the Republic. When the law was proposed inflating coinage it contained a clause ordering that coins bear the bust of the President in office at the time the coins were struck. This met with opposition and the head of Liberty was substituted.

## Coal Mining Affects Lungs

After a miner has worked underground for a year his lungs are no longer normal. The man might look healthy enough and his coal output seems often to belie the truth that his lungs of miners have been parts of the lungs of miners have been found to be almost solid lumps of coal.

## Hereditary Deformity

One of the outstanding cases of a hereditary deformity that has bedeviled the eradicator influences of numerous generations is "Hapsburg Lip," which has been an unchanging characteristic of this famous royal family for the past 600 years.

## Term "Steam Roller"

The term "steam roller" is descriptive

### Ladysmith's Defense Was Achievement of Boer War

At the beginning of the Boer war the main effort of the Boers was an invasion of Natal and Cape Colony, observes a writer in the *Detroit News*. The number of British troops in South Africa was only about 22,000 and half of these were in Natal under the command of Sir George White, whose headquarters were at Ladysmith. By November, 1899, that city was under siege by the Boers; reinforcements from Great Britain under General Buller made repeated attempts to raise the siege but it was not until the end of February that relief came. According to one authority:

"The successful defense of Ladysmith was from a military point of view the most valuable achievement of the war, inasmuch as the loss of a garrison of 12,000 men would have been a graver disaster than any conceivable defeat in the open field; and moreover the fall of Ladysmith was to be the signal for the general rising of the Dutch in the Cape Colony and Natal."

Queen Victoria, who died on January 22, 1901, before the end of the war, was greatly interested in the campaign, visiting the wounded, hearing the reports of Lord Roberts and other generals, going to Dublin to thank the Irish people for their support, etc.

### "Giving Cold Shoulder"

#### Old, Common Expression

To give a person "the cold shoulder" means to receive him coldly, to discourage his friendly advances, or to assume a distant manner toward him, indicating that one wishes to cut his acquaintance. The origin of the expression is not known for certain.

According to one theory, which has no concrete evidence to support it, the phrase arose from a social usage in medieval France, according to a writer in the *Indianapolis News*. At that time it was customary to serve hot roasts when entertaining guests. However, if the guests overstayed their welcome, or made themselves obnoxious to the host, a cold shoulder of mutton was served instead of the customary war meal. In other words, the guest was given the "cold shoulder," indicating that he was no longer welcome. It is more probable that the word cold in the phrase is used in the sense of unfriendly, as in a cold hand-shake, and the phrase merely refers to the peculiar but very effective method that many persons employ to cut acquaintances, namely, keeping the back or at least one shoulder between them and a person whom they dislike.

### Finger Test of Fabrics

Grandma knew! When she wet her index finger, thrust it into a fabric, and peered anxiously at the result, she wasn't just being persnickety. She was utilizing what is still—even in this age of complex testing devices—one of the most effective ways for determining whether material is cotton or linen. The finger test is effective, according to an expert, because linen absorbs water more rapidly than cotton. Thus when water is placed on a mixture-cotton threads running one way, linen crosswise—it forms an oblong spot instead of the circular one characteristic of pure linen. In all cotton the spot will be circular, too, but the water will remain on the surface a long time before being absorbed.

### The Wedding Cake

The wedding cake is an institution, dating back at least as far as ancient Rome. The patrician families of Rome provided especially baked cakes for the marriages of their daughters. In later times in Europe great heaps of small cakes were baked for a wedding feast. A French baker in traveling through England noticed the inconvenience of preparing so many little cakes. He put all the dough in one big pan—thus inventing the wedding cake as it is known today. It is the traditional right of the bride to cut the first slice of the cake. Prosperity and happiness are believed to go with that first piece of cake.

### Only Park of Its Kind

Skansen, the outdoor section of the Nordiska museum in Stockholm, is the only park of its kind in the world. Its 70 acres reproduce in miniature the salient physical features of Sweden, and contain typical flora, fauna and characteristic dwellings inhabited by peasants in the picturesque costumes of the various districts.—Glenn D. McCoy, Washington, D. C., in *Collier's Weekly*.

### Making One's Opportunity

If you want to succeed in the world you must make your own opportunities as you go on. The man who waits for some seventh wave to toss him on dry land will find that the seventh wave is a long time coming. You can commit no greater folly than to sit by the roadside until some one comes along and invites you to ride with him to wealth or influence.

### Contentment in Work

Without work, the average man is lost. Give him love, health, and companionship to compete his happiness. In work, he finds the contentment for which he yearned. To be up and doing; to contribute something to the world; to provide for his loved ones; these are the ambitions of the true man, and through work he finds the means of achieving his dreams.

### Narrow-Minded George III

George III, the English king chiefly responsible for the bitterness which led to the American Revolution, was so narrowminded and selfish that he would permit none of his six daughters to marry. The eldest was allowed to marry at thirty-one; the second and best looking of them was the "official" virgin of the family, and lived to reach the age of seventy; the third tried many times to marry and was allowed to do so at forty-six; the fourth was over forty before allowed a husband; the next, a most passionate girl, created enough scandal, but never married; and the last, being the youngest and most favorite, was, of course, never allowed to marry.

### Invented Linoleum

Frederick Walton, an Englishman, is credited with the invention of linoleum, in 1853. He coined the word as well, deriving it from "linum," flax, and "oleum" oil. From its crude beginning he helped it to develop toward its present almost perfected state. He worked for five years alone on a single machine that would produce inlaid linoleum, cutting the blocks from colored sheets and fitting them together according to pattern.

### Odd Metal

Mercury—also known as quicksilver—is an odd metallic element which differs from other metals in that it appears in a liquid state at ordinary temperatures. It does not attain a solid state until the temperature is—39 degrees Fahrenheit or colder.—*Pathfinder Magazine*.

### Largest Temple in World

The largest temple in the world is probably the Temple of Ammon in Karnak, Egypt, which is now in ruins. Erected 4,000 years ago, there is comfortable standing room for as many as 90 people on the top of many of the columns still erect.

### Weight of Elephant Calves

The average weight of elephant calves at birth is from 160 to 200 pounds. Young elephants mature very slowly and do not gain very much in weight during the first week. They live entirely on milk for several months.

### Dancing Spain

The Romans imported their dancers from Cadiz, and Spain is the dance-land of the Mediterranean with castanets, rhythmic hand-clapping and stamping of pretty feet. Spanish dancers cast a spell over all visitors.

### Southern States

The states usually included as Southern states are Virginia, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Maryland, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky.

### Gaelic

As a living language, Gaelic reached its acme of perfection in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth centuries. Then a law against its use was passed. It is now the official language of the Irish Free State.

### Basic English

Basic English is the selection of 850 basic words in which everything may be said in English for all the purposes of everyday life, particularly designed for the use of foreigners learning English.

### Varnish Once a Secret

Half a century ago varnish making was a secret art, the details of which were jealously guarded. Now it's a highly skilled science employing thousands of competent paint chemists.

### Mail Boats Carried Guns

The mail boats that plied the Ohio in the early days carried cannons, muskets and ammunition as a protection against the gangs of outlaws that hid in caves and ambushed the vessels.

### Caverns Unexplored

It is estimated that not more than one-third of the great Carlsbad caverns in New Mexico have ever been explored. Some authorities say that the caverns extend for 60 miles.

### "Father of History"

Cicero gave Herodotus the title of "father of history" because he was the writer who so unified the record of events as to raise historical narrative to the level of literature.

### Age Weakens Hearing

In general, the sensitiveness to high-pitched sounds weakens with age; it is quite usual to find that old people cannot hear the shrill squeak of a bat.

### Statue of Hippocrates

The statue of the historic physician Hippocrates is in the court of the new laboratories of the University of Athens.

### Where Camel Came From

The camel, native of Arabia and Africa, is believed to have come originally from North America.

### Cherries Native to Europe

Cultivated cherries are native to Europe and were introduced into England by the Romans.

### What Man Needs to Live

The average human needs 3½ pounds of food a day, 4 pounds of water, and 34 pounds of air.

### Greater

Discretion of speech is more than eloquence.—Bacon.

### Color Blindness Traced to Variety of Causes

Color blindness, also called achromatopsia and daltonism, is the inability to distinguish certain colors or shades of color. Total color blindness, in which there is no perception of colors as such, but only of gradations of light and shade, is rare. The most common form, states a writer in the *Indianapolis News*, is that in which some bright colors, different in different cases, are confused with each other, though other colors are correctly perceived. Color blindness may be congenital (i. e., present from birth) or acquired. It is said frequently to be transmitted from grandfather to grandson, and is more common in males than in females, in the proportion of over three to one.

Acquired color blindness may be caused by a diseased brain or by a diseased or wounded optic nerve; but it appears to be unconnected with defects of sight and with retinal diseases generally. It is sometimes temporary, but even in such cases is usually recurrent in increasing acute forms. The average eye distinguishes six spectral colors; an acute sense of color distinguishes seven.

Color blindness, affecting one eye or both, has no known remedy. It must, however, be distinguished from mere ignorance of color names. A case of color blindness was mentioned in 1684, and others were noted in 1777 and 1779; but the most famous early instance—from which the defect was known as daltonism—was that of the English chemist, John Dalton, who in 1794, described his own case. Investigations during the Nineteenth century established the importance of color blindness, especially in the mercantile marine and railway service; and tests were devised for applicants for such positions.

### Homer's Troy Seventh on Same Site to Be Ruined

Homer's Troy which the Greeks burned in 1183 B. C., after smuggling some of their men inside the city in a wooden horse, was really the seventh city to be destroyed on the same site, according to calculations made by University of Cincinnati archeologists.

There were altogether nine Troys which flourished over a period of 3,200 years, archeologists have declared.

The first was a crude settlement made at this crossroads of the ancient world in the days when mankind first began domesticating animals and crops. The last city perished with the collapse of the Roman empire.

Ruins of the seventh city show it was destroyed by fire. The sixth city, which was formerly believed to be the one described in Homer's great epic, "The Illiad," was probably destroyed by an earthquake.

### Memorial to C. Columbus

No man, probably has as many memorials erected to his memory in the western hemisphere as has Christopher Columbus. But the distinction of being the first country to honor the discoverer of America by a statue goes to Mexico, states a writer in the *Philadelphia Record*. In the middle of the beautiful Paseo de la Reforma, the tree-lined boulevard in Mexico City which extends two miles to the Hill of Chapultepec, stands the first statue to Columbus. The statue represents Columbus drawing aside the veil that hid the New World. Around its base are figures of famous Mexicans and Spaniards, one of whom is the distinguished Spanish Dominican friar, Bartolome de las Casas, who defended the Mexican Indians against their cruel conquerors.

### Semi-Tropical Climate

The term semi-tropical climate is usually applied to the type of climate found principally along the western coasts of continents, between latitudes 28 degrees and 40 degrees, in the seasonally shifting marginal belts between the tropical or trade winds region and the temperate or prevailing westerly wind region. It is characterized in general by abundant sunshine, dry summers and moderate winter rains and is free from extremes of temperature, typical examples are found in the Mediterranean countries and in southern California. Popularly the term may be used to describe any mild climate of low latitudes, intermediate between a tropical and a temperate climate, as that of southern Florida.

### "Never! I Am Still Lafayette"

In the course of the French Revolution the Jacobins dismissed Lafayette from the army, declared him an exile, and offered a reward for his capture. While attempting to escape to America, he was taken at Liege and was then imprisoned in Germany. When he fell ill in prison, he was offered freedom on condition that he would join in a plot against France. His heroic reply, which brought him long confinement in an Austrian prison, was, "Never! I am still Lafayette."

### Pelican, Expert Fisherman

The brown pelican, one of the numerous species of aquatic birds that inhabit our Atlantic coast, is an expert fisherman and is frequently seen by persons aboard ships many miles out at sea. Its easy, lazy flight allows it to sail and soar for hours without apparent fatigue and when it spots a fish near the surface of the water it becomes all action and swiftly plunges down and scoops up the meal in its large pouch underneath its bill.

### Canine Grace and Speed Displayed by Greyhound

Through many important eras the greyhound has been cherished for his graceful appearance, strength and agility. His antiquity dates back over 7,000 years, in which time he has remained almost unchanged in conformity to his early progenitors. He has lost the heavy feathered tail and silken fringed ears, that likened him to the Arabian Saluki, but the lithe, delicate outline, intelligence and good disposition that endeared him to the Egyptians, Pharaohs, kings and emperors alike, remain unchanged, asserts a writer in the *Los Angeles Times*.

King Solomon, in his appreciation of the smooth, clean, symmetrical muscular conformation of the dog records the fact in his mention of four things that "go well, yet, are comely in their going. A lion, which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away from any. A greyhound; an he goat, also; and a king against whom there is no rising up." (Proverbs 30:31). Evidences of his existence are portrayed in ancient Egyptian writings and sculpture; in coins and gems, as well as mural decorations, pottery and other handicraft bearing effigy of the greyhound.

Brought to England the dog was employed solely in the sport of coursing, which was instituted there in 1776.

### Dolls Aided Witchcraft

Dolls had a close connection with witchcraft. Among African negroes, a doll is supposed to have magical powers, and may be used to ward off evil, or offered up as a sacrifice.

Not so many years ago it was believed that to overcome an enemy it was only necessary to fashion a wax doll resembling him and melt it slowly before the fire, when he, too, would waste away with illness.

Toy animals, like those in Noah's Ark, miniature picks, shovels, and household articles such as a miniature tea service, were buried with the dead or were offered to the gods as imitation sacrifices. Thus a farmer would present at his temple little wooden sheep or horses; the housewife would offer small reproductions of household utensils.

Mechanical toys, such as trains, dancing dolls, and swimming ducks, had quite a different origin. They were produced as scientific wonders, by the great experimenters of long ago, and were regarded as playthings fit for a king. The more ignorant people believe them to be miraculous and sometimes the makers had narrow escapes from execution as wizards.

### Early "News" Sheets

The word "news" is commonly supposed to have reference to the adjective "new." But its origin is also traced to the custom in the early days of news sheets, of placing the initial letters of the four points of the compass to the head of the sheet. This custom, says the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, indicated that the sheet contained information procured from all the four quarters of the globe. Finally, according to this explanation, the reading of these letters from the top down to the right, gave birth to the word "news," from which the term newspaper has been derived. The Chinese lay claim to the distribution of block-printed newspapers long before the invention of printing. But the earliest news sheets circulated in Europe were manuscript papers.

### An Early U. S. Bank

With \$400,000 capital, the Bank of North America, first modern commercial bank in the country, opened for business in Philadelphia in 1782, with Robert Morris, the richest American of the time, and Haym Salomon as principal backers. It took over the business of the Bank of Pennsylvania, which 100 subscribers had organized two years earlier to supply the Continental army with rations, and it was the prime factor in restoring order to government finances after the Revolution, with its loans and issuance of notes. Earlier banking institutions in the colonies had failed because of lack of stabilized currency. Morris, America's first big banker, died in debtors' prison, and Haym Salomon died a bankrupt.

### Extinct Animals

A list of all extinct animals would involve the inclusion of those which became extinct in the prehistoric period—many thousands of species. The outstanding species which have become extinct in the last century or two are the quagga, a South American wild ass allied to the zebras and similarly striped, exterminated during the Nineteenth century; the Arctic sea cow, exterminated at the end of the Nineteenth century, and the following birds: The dodo, solitaire, great auk, passenger pigeon, heath hen, Carolina parakeet, Labrador duck and Eskimo curlew.

### Flower Characters

Flowers, like the rest of us, have their several characters, good, bad, and indifferent. Betony is a much-praised wild flower. Our ancestors used to say, "Sell your coat and buy betony." A Spanish proverb says, "He has as many virtues as betony." The plant was praised also by the "hermit"—old "Doctor" Bell, who was turned out of Halmatt forest—and it is still used in medicine.—*Montreal Herald*.

### Vegetable World Source of Life of All on Earth

All life is dependent upon the vegetable world for its existence. Though there are plants that can destroy life the great majority are life sustainers. It has been said, "No grass, no life." which is indeed a fact. The grass-eating animals, the cattle, sheep and others, are entirely dependent upon vegetation for their existence, and the flesh-eating animals are dependent upon the herbivora for their existence. There is also a group of animals that use both animals and vegetables in their diet—yet all are primarily dependent upon the vegetable world, asserts a writer in the *Rural New-Yorker*.

How the plant collects the crude food material from the soil and spreads it out among the leaves to be acted upon by the sunlight is fairly understood; how the different substances are selected is not known; how it is that one plant is poisonous and another along side is wholesome is unknown.

The chemical substances collected with the water, which forms the sap is carried to the leaves and there exposed to the sunlight. Here mysterious changes take place, the crude materials being converted into starch sugar and other substances capable of sustaining the life of the plant and animals. How these changes are effected is entirely unknown; many investigators are trying to discover the secret.

### Cartagena Is About Same as in Spanish Conquest

When the Spanish Capt. Pedro de Heredia founded Cartagena on the northeast coast of South America in 1533, it was with the idea of establishing a base for the operations of the conquistadores. He chose his site well.

Heredia, however, did not rely on the protection provided by nature, but threw up fortifications all around the city including walls almost 50 feet thick topped by guard towers. These fortifications, which are said to have cost about \$50,000,000, were called upon almost immediately to meet the assault of attacking forces, for the vast treasures passing through Cartagena lured freebooters and corsairs from all over the world.

Despite the fact that Cartagena is in close touch with her more modern neighbors, she has changed little since the time four centuries ago when Spain sent over royal architects to design the city's palaces and engineers to lay out its streets.

Churches and convents fashioned in the style of old Seville rise from Moorish plazas and winding streets flanked with Spanish dwellings. On the Parque Bolivar stands the Palace of the Inquisition, and around the city are the old fortresses.

### Charge Postal Accounts

There was a time when it was not necessary to pay cash for stamps used for postage. The postmaster of the United States and of other offices extended credit and sent bills to patrons at the end of the month as our merchants do now, at one time in the early history of the post office. One such bill cherished by a philadelphian reads: "H. Farnum & Co., to the Philadelphia post office, to postage for the month of August 1845—\$27.57." The bill carried a memo which said: "It is confidentially expected that bills of postage will be paid by the tenth of the month, and it will greatly facilitate the delivery of letters from the boxes if gentlemen will have the goodness to pay their bills between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m."

### Romans Used "X" Chairs

The simple construction of "X" chairs is of great antiquity and their use was known in Europe at a very early date. They somewhat resemble an X if you give your imagination free rein and gracefully curve this letter of the alphabet and place it on its side. It is reputed that Henry VIII introduced this type of chair into his Palace of Nonesuch when he brought over continental craftsmen. Some of these chairs were essentially Italian in design, but were undoubtedly made in England, possibly under the direction of Italian craftsmen. A large variety of "X" chairs belong to the Tudor period though they show evidence of strong foreign influence.

### Statues of Americans in London

A statue of London faces Westminster abbey and within the famous edifice is a bust of Longfellow and a window and tablet to Lowell. In St. Margaret's church Americans installed a window to the memory of Phillips Brooks. Pocahontas is commemorated by a window in a small Gravesend church where she was buried. Christ church has a Lincoln tower, with the Stars and Stripes cut in the stone. In Westminster abbey a tablet was erected in 1923 in memory of Walter Hines Page, American ambassador to Great Britain during the years of the World war.

### Heads Toward Locomotive

Passengers lie with their heads toward the locomotive in berths on trains. This position was originated in the earlier days to eliminate drafts and soot, notes a writer in the *Kansas City Star*. Many persons complain of illness if lying with their feet toward the front of the train. When patients are placed in ambulances, however, the head is toward the rear of the vehicle, which is said to be more restful.

### Gateway of St. James Is

#### All Left of Old Palace

The gateway of the palace of St. James, London, is all that remains of the old palace of St. James. Its name is derived from a religious house dedicated to St. James, situated upon this site before the conquest, notes a writer in the *Indianapolis News*. After Westminster was burned, Henry VIII obtained an act of parliament which secured all the land between Charing Cross and Westminster as a royal manor. This gave him York palace, the residence of Cardinal Wolsey, and St. James'. He changed the name of York palace to Whitehall and connected it with St. James' park. This was the town residence of royalty from Henry VIII to William III (1599-1702).

After the burning of Whitehall, William III bought Kensington, the fourth royal residence, but St. James' was retained as the court palace. All state ceremonials have taken place here since the reign of William and Mary (1688-1702). Hence the English government is called "the court of St. James'." Any Englishman who has been presented at St. James' is entitled to a presentation at any other court of Europe.

Charles I resided at St. James' here his three children were born, and here he walked across St. James' park to the scaffold in front of Whitehall. Queen Victoria was proclaimed queen and was married at St. James'.

### Saba Island Is Oddest

#### Bit of Earth Near U. S.

Saba Island is the strangest bit of earth between Florida and South America, writes the Havana correspondent of the *Detroit News*.

A rampant mountain peak, Saba rises sheer from the sea between Puerto Rico and Trinidad. Its people dwell in the clouds, their huts tremble on the edge of Saba's cliffs. On Saba there is no way to go but up—or down.

Lacking any sort of harbor, beach, port or inlet on their island, the men of Saba have every natural reason to turn their eyes to the crags and the fertile volcanic slopes of their mountain and live by husbandry. The sea would seem the last place from which they might bring a livelihood.

But the men of Saba are boat-builders. Transplanted Hollanders, they fashion ships, as their forefathers fashioned ships, long before the first Dutchman looked on Saba. The boats are built halfway up the mountain, and gravity takes care of the launching. When they are ready for the sea they are lowered with ropes down the cliff to the water.

### Use of Word "Climb"

The verb climb is correctly employed when used in reference to an ascent made with difficulty, as by the use of both hands and feet. One speaks correctly in saying, "He climbed the Alps." A feeble person or child climbs the stairs if he grasps the hand rail to assist in raising himself from step to step. A strong person walks, or goes, up the stairs. Climbing is the present participle of the verb climb. The idiom, to climb up, to climb down, to climb over, have all been accepted usage for many years. In each, the act of raising oneself or lowering oneself with difficulty is implied. These expressions have been in the language for centuries. "To climb up" dates from 1123; "to climb down" from 1300, and "to climb over" from 1550. They are so well established in the language that they are recognized as correct.—*Literary Digest*.

### The Oriental Cockroach

The Oriental cockroach is a large, dark brown, almost black, shiny insect. It has been found all over the world. It is very gregarious in habit; many individuals, large and small, living together in colonies on friendly terms. The female deposits about 16 eggs in two rows, in a large brown sac, which is carried about for awhile and then dropped into a safe warm spot. The young roaches escape unaided, and to enable this, they discharge a fluid that softens the cement along the suture of the egg capsule. The young are white at first; and very active, like their parents, feeding on starchy food. This species is never seen during the day time.

### Use of Yeast

Yeast is such an essential constituent of bread that it is difficult to realize that it is a comparative innovation—that man ate wheaten loaves for thousands of generations before anybody thought about it. The use of yeast was one of the trade secrets of Paris bakers about 250 years ago, the bread chemists explain. There was a big scandal when the secret leaked out. The bakers were accused of poisoning the public. The College of Physicians of Paris went on record opposing yeast-leavened bread on the ground that it was not wholesome.

### Smashed Precedents

In her reign Queen Victoria broke many precedents. She installed central heating, telephones and electric lights at Windsor. Edward smashed precedent when he set the sacred portable tin which Englishmen used to use in the world with them, and the royal palaces with bathroom modern plumbing. Henry VIII not slow to discard the old, he bows and arrows and battle equipped his fighting men with

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Above is the display built by the six oil and gas counties of the Panhandle for exhibition in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Building at the Fort Worth Frontier Centennial Celebration. The display features the outstanding industrial opportunities of the North Panhandle due to the oil and gas field, and in addition visualizes the agricultural advantages of the area.

Large photo murals of striking industrial and agricultural views furnish definite proof of the facts cited. According to Centennial officials, thousands of visitors from all over the United States are certain to inspect this Panhandle advertising, due to the fact that it is being placed directly opposite the Will Rogers Memorial.

**Tadpole Breathes Through Gills**  
A tadpole breathes by means of gills. As it changes in form the gills disappear and lungs develop. Its food consists of aquatic plants, the most popular item in a tadpole's diet being the green algae or scum on and in ponds.

**Demurrage Charges**  
Demurrage charges are charges made on cars or vessels held by or for a consignor or consignee for loading or unloading, for forwarding directions, or because of other reasons not within the control of the carrier company.

**Carroll House at Baltimore**  
The historic Carroll house at Baltimore, which was built in 1801-1813 by Charles Carroll of Carrollton for his son, is one of the finest examples of architecture in America. It is owned by Johns Hopkins university.

**Larvae of Sphinx Moth**  
The larvae of the sphinx moth is a grotesque looking creature and carries a series of "S's" along its sides. The usual specimens are light green spotted with brown with the side markings of white.

**Enemy Guns Located**  
To locate the position of enemy guns in warfare is an art calculated either from observation on the sound of the shell as it passes, or on the sound of the firing of the gun itself.

**Rapid Transit 8 1/2 M. P. H.**  
Use of mail coaches was started in England 150 years ago. They traveled at the rate of eight and one-half miles an hour and the journey from London to Edinburgh required 18 days.

**Happiness and Experiences**  
"As the years go long," said Uncle Eben, "we has all kinds of experiences, pleasant and unpleasant. Happiness will depend on which kind you chooses to remember."

**Bell Serves People**  
The ancient "common bell" of one English municipality bears the appropriate inscription: "I wear myself out in the service of the people of England."

**Must Have the Knowledge**  
"What you don't know don't hurt you," said Uncle Eben, "except when you tries to act on knowledge dat you hasn't yet acquired."

**Highest Mean Elevation**  
Colorado has the highest mean elevation in the Rocky mountains, 6,900 feet. Wyoming is second at 6,700 feet.

**Animal Odors for Perfumery**  
Odors of animal origin used in making natural perfumery are musk, ambergris, civet and castor.

**Charity**  
To ease another's headache is to forget one's own.

Mrs. Eric Rushing and son, Eric Jr., of Farwell, spent Saturday here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McFarland are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Tuesday morning, July 21.

Mrs. Shelby Jersig and daughter, Shelby Ann, of Bovna, spent the week end here with relatives.

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other candidates besides these officers.

There was something which impressed me very much when I boarded the train to come home and that was the fact that in the large and elegant coach which we entered there was but one lone passenger, a man, and there were two other fellows entered when I entered, which made only four passengers in the coach, and when we got off at Friona the man was again left alone.

I am wondering whether people are too poor to travel, or whether they travel by buses, or are they traveling in their own automobiles and thus depriving in some one or more of these was, the railroads of their passenger traffic. It was the first time I had ridden on a railroad for nearly two years, and I was surprised to find so few passengers thereon. I have to stick so closely to my street corner that I do not get to travel much, but when I do, I sure like to travel by rail.

Well, well, and well judging by what I have gathered from the returns of the primary election last Saturday, the people sure do not believe in "stopping to swap horses in the middle of the stream" since they seem to have returned most of our state and county officers to their posts of duty for another term.

I do not know exactly just what stream we are crossing, unless it is the "depression," and I sure do hope we are past the middle of that. But, anyway, the people have called most all of their officials servants back to serve them longer, which, according to my cogitations, is an indication that they must be regaining a little confidence in something or somebody. I am just egotistical enough to believe I know the reason for this apparent returning of confidence, but I am just too modest to tell.

I always like to see all the candidates get a goodly amount of the votes in an election, and it just makes me feel rather sad and despondent when all the people seem to be trying to vote for the same candidates and leaving their opponents almost without any votes. As I have said before in this column—"My sympathies always seem to be with the 'under dog.' I just seem to have a kind of 'feeler-feelin'" for him.

Thus, as I listened to the people talk on the streets, I made up my mind that I knew who were going to be the "under dogs" in this election, especially as to our state officers and candidates, and I just told the mayor and some others that, as it would make no difference with me personally as to who was elected, I was going to vote for the men, whom, it seemed to me, were going to get "23," and imagine my surprise when I found that I had lost but three of my votes.

So far as the Parmer County campaign was concerned, if there was any "mud-slinging" I did not hear of it; but, believe me, there was a plenty of it in the campaign for state offices. I believe Governor Allred is about the only one whom I did not catch at it. I had the opportunity to read a lot of the literature sent out by the various candidates and I heard several of them speak over the radio, and it just occurred to me that they were handing it out in profusion. Well, anyway, the campaign for the nominations, (which practically means election in our state) is—

All at once, and all o'er,  
With a mighty uproar,  
Just like the water comes  
down at Lodore.

### International Sunday School Lesson By DR. J. E. NUNN

For Sunday August 2  
General Topic: Philip's Missionary Labors.  
Scripture Lesson: Acts 8:26-40.

26. And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

27. And he arose and went; and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship.

28. Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

29. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readeest?

31. And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

32. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

33. In his humiliation his judgment was taken away; and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

34. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

35. Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

36. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37. And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

kept on going on his way rejoicing") his Lord in baptism. "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." (Ver. 37). The scriptures say that both Philip and the eunuch "went down into the water" and later we find the expression they "came up out of the water."

**CONCLUSION**  
When the baptism was over, two significant things happened. The eunuch went on his way to his land with a new joy in his heart ("he

Very suddenly and without warning Philip was snatched away from his friend and was carried away. It is a choice thought that the eunuch went back to his land, Ethiopia, to take the gospel of Christ to a people who had never heard. He became the first great missionary to the heathen world. He knew how to interpret Isaiah to others who would be as eager to hear as he himself had been.

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