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COUNTY LINE BOND RECORD APPROVED.

Department Finds It First on Record to Meet Legal Requirements.

In a recent letter from the Attorney General's Department of the State of Texas, County Judge C. C. Thomas was notified of the approval of the bond record for the issuance of \$11,000 bonds in McMullen-LaSalle common county line district No. 1, in which is located the new town of Fowler-ton. The bond record for both counties was prepared by Judge Thomas and he is advised by the department that owing to the intricate details in preparing such document, that the law has never before been complied with sufficiently to warrant the department's approval. Therefore the approval of this district is the first on record.

Following is a part of the letter bearing on the subject, from O. C. Funderburk, assistant attorney general: "I am pleased to advise that in my opinion this record shows a substantial and sufficient compliance with the law for the issuance of such bonds and it may interest you to know that this is the first common county line district bond issue ever been approved by me. There are so many details to be observed in the holding of such

and the entry of such a record that up to this time a number of records submitted, none of which complied with the law sufficiently to warrant our approval. I, therefore, congratulate you upon your ability to get up an acceptable record."

Methodist Church

Morning services at 11 o'clock. Evening services at 7:15 p.m. Sunday school at 9:50 a.m. Classes for all. We urge all members of the school to be present.

T. N. BARTON, Pastor.

Two Thousand Students

We have just been informed that the slogan of the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, for 1913 is two thousand students. Its record for 1912 so far passed the fifteen hundred mark, that it is now determined to make a record of two thousand enrollment in 1913.

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Miss Myrtle Rowland is spending since Thursday, a few days at the Cartright Ranch guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson.

Local and Personal.

Trade with Baine, the bargain man.

Mr. J. C. Trice was down from Devine Xmas.

Miss Stanfield returned home to San Antonio Thursday accompanied by Miss Imogene Lacy.

Baine has in a nice new lot of china and hardware.

Miss White is a pleasant visitor to Mr. and Mrs. Hargus keeping watch over the little ones.

Winter goods being closed out at K. Burwell's at very attractive figures.

Mr. Howard Guinn left for New York City Thursday where he goes to take a position.

Those potatoes are still going for \$2.00 per 100 lbs. at Baine's.

Miss Mary Baylor spent the week in Cotulla enjoying the season festivities, visiting relatives and friends.

You can still buy 16 pounds of sugar for \$1.00 at M. H. Baine's cash store.

Mrs. Edgar Keck spent the holiday season at their country home, Mr. Willie Keck being with them from the State University.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Binkley had as their guests for the Xmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of San Antonio.

Mrs. Johnson and children, of

Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Guinn.

If you still want that furniture, tell it to Baine, he will get it for you.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson returned from Devine and San Antonio Thursday, after spending the Christmas festivities with relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mann, of Waco, enjoyed the hospitality, of Mrs. Burk at the La Motta Ranch the first of the week, going on Thursday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Maltzberger.

Miss Christie Steel came from San Marcos to spend Xmas with the home folks. Miss Steele is enjoying her work very much in the school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wheeler are enjoying the home coming of Mr. Tom Wheeler wife and baby for the holidays.

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Winding and twining garlands fair;
With heartstrings, in love like care
These rosebuds, heaven made plight,
Cross our threshold, sparkling bright.
Beautiful rosebud, called E. J.—
Beautiful spirit went home today,
To blossom in the garden, love,
Heaven's garden, made above.
Cease your sighing, wipe your tears
He in perfect love, there dwells,
Weaving garlands for Mother dear,
Busy working with angels there;
Beautiful rose-chains from earth to heaven
Bringing messages to the seven.
The valley once so dark to you, seemingly
Now, is a beautiful ravine
Filled with rosepetals all the way.
One holds out to you, E. J.
Mar not his happy abode,
For with God 'is understood,
He will blossom in a brighter sphere
Whispering sweet love that's from over there.

Asleep in Jesus

Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 24, just as the clock struck four, the Angels beckoned to darling little Mary Katharine, infant daughter of W. B. and Lola Stanfield, to leave this world of sin and sorrow and come Home. "Thou art too lovely and fair to remain below. We have been watching thee for seventeen

years. Thy form is so delicate and tender to battle with earth; come, come up higher and join with us in the Heavenly chorus."

We thought we almost heard these whispers of the angels and felt their presence pervade the room as her spirit took flight to the God who gave it.

A sweeter and more peaceful death cannot be imagined. She left us as one who had fallen asleep, and surely she has fallen asleep in the arms of Jesus to awake in his likeness in the resurrection Morn.

All that could be done by loving hands was done, but the flower that God had permitted to bud on earth soared away to blossom in Heaven. We laid her beside her little brother, and, as we looked upon the two little mounds, side by side, our hearts went out in deepest sympathy for the loving parents who were called upon to give up these precious little babes. May God comfort and strengthen them to say: "He doeth all things for the best, Thy will be done."

Dear parents, your little lambs are in Heaven. They cannot come back to you, but if you are faithful, some sweet day, you may behold them in all their glory. X

Odd Fellows Elect.

The local Lodge of Odd Fellows in regular meeting this week elected the following officers for the ensuing six months: C. Wildenthal, N. G., Matt Russell, V. G., D. L. Neeley, Sec., G. A. Manly, Treas.
G. A. Manly was elected as representative to Grand Lodge and R. O. Gouger alternate.

TAXPAYERS NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given the tax-payers of La Salle county that taxes for the year 1912 are now due and must be paid before January, 31st, to avoid the penalty, and you are also notified that I will be at the following places on dates specified for the purpose of collecting taxes.
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Hunters Accidentally Shot But There Were No Fatalities.

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Price Daniel, while driving a nail in a barn wall on the Lake Grove Farm the day after Christmas, hit it a glancing blow with the hammer, the nail flying and striking him in the eye. Medical attention was at once secured and he is yet confined in a dark room. His eye is very painful and it is probable that the sight has been destroyed. The attending physician is hopeful that this is not the case.

Antonio, while hunting in the pasture of Henry Beckwith the day following Christmas shot his left arm off with a charge of buckshot. The bone was shattered from the wrist to the elbow. He was taken to San Antonio in C. B. Burwell's automobile, arriving there at ten that night. His arm was amputated above the elbow.

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Her Three Lovers

By Amanda M. Douglass.

Author of "Stephen Dane," "Claudia," "In Trust," "The Midnight Marriage," "Horse Mills," "Guilty or Not Guilty," "Larry."

She walked up Maplewood Avenue one sleepy September day, and paused at the wide flight of steps at Maplewood House. Four idle people were glancing at her, and if she had known it the small degree of courage she possessed would have oozed out, and a certain sturdy discretion led her to retrace her steps.

She was quite tall and slim, with the modern straightness of figure intensified by the fit of her tailor-made suit. She looked as if she might have stepped out of a fashion-plate. She crossed the wide porch and entered the hall, spying out the office at once. A lady clerk sat there, and she walked directly up to her.

"Miss Fordham," she announced. "My room is engaged, I believe."

"Miss Fordham! Oh, yes! The time was changed a month, I remember. Kent will show Miss Fordham her room—the corner one, already yesterday. And your baggage?"

"The expressman will bring it presently. I wanted to walk after the long journey," half in apology for not taking the shabby hack the place afforded.

Miss Fordham followed the waiter to the second floor. The halls were certainly large and airy. Just at the end he unlocked the door and ushered her in.

It was a large room for a summer hotel, clean, cheerful looking, and well furnished. Miss Fordham dropped into a comfortable cane-seat rocker.

"How queer!" she said with a little smile. "A month's rest and a lovely holiday just from a similarity of name and a whim. But I do hope she will have a lovely time. Europe is better than Maplewood, I do suppose, but this is lovely enough for a tired out copyist and corresponding clerk."

When the coast was clear there came a flutter of silk and lace down the stairs.

"Miss Connors—that wasn't that Miss Fordham?" in a quick, rather thingy voice.

"Why, yes! At least, so she announced herself."

"Well, she has renewed her youth, Miss Fordham is thirty-eight, she is a day."

"Oh, she cannot be that old!" said the other, in surprise.

"Well, I have a cousin just her age—at least they were some when I used to see them."

But the Fordhams have been living richer and more exclusively and Nell married and went West. And she's trigged up like a real young girl, sleeves large, and all that I do like to see people pay a little respect to their age.

Miss Connors thought Miss Wetmore in her lace and furbelows and crimps strove to emulate a lost youth, but it was not her business. So long as people paid their bills they might be seventeen or seventy.

The three other pairs of eyes that had studied Miss Fordham were of the male persuasion. They viewed her again as she entered the dining room, now in black silk, quiet refined, ladylike, but with a curious straightforwardness that was almost like a business air. The lace around her neck was soft illusion, and her only ornaments a silver filagree comb and ear-rings. Not even a finger ring, though her hands were pretty enough without.

When the meal was finished she went directly to her room. The two younger men and Mrs. Wetmore took the corner of the porch, while Carl Wyeth lighted his cigar and promenade up and down outside. Outdoor gossip was never any great secret.

"Well," began Mrs. Wetmore, who was going away in the morning. "what do you think of her for a rich heiress?"

"Affects simplicity and all that," said Gordon Van Santvoord. "Very becoming to her style. Rather angular, though. I remarked that as she walked up the street. What she needs is harmonious lines."

Van Santvoord was an artist, and on the strength of one furtive picture was coming up to dizzy heights—at least, they sometimes made him a little dizzy.

"Oh, that is an affectionation of youth, laughed Mrs. Wetmore. "We married people get stout and all that, and cannot so disguise ourselves. The present ridiculous styles make us look fearful. I really think of beginning a diet of anti-fat."

Mrs. Wetmore always talked about her flesh, though she had only reached a comfortable looking stage. Being married at twenty-five, in a little country town, she felt justified in setting her age back five years, and with wonderful candor always told other women's ages.

"She doesn't look a day over twenty-five," declared Ralph Bragdon. "There isn't a wrinkle in her face."

"Oh, I suppose she takes them out with hot water, the new panacea. Or perhaps she sleeps in a beauty mask."

"What is that, pray?"

"Something to wear at night, full of soft ointments, and all that. I never could take so much trouble."

"What deceivers you women are!" said Van Santvoord.

"Some women—who are still in the matrimonial market. It wouldn't pay you, you know, since our husbands can turn to the marriage register."

"And that woman has a fortune?"

"Yes; I advised you both to get your caps for her, but don't quarrel. Her father is wealthy, and awfully proud. But she has a fortune from an old aunt for her name—a queer, old-fashioned name—Aphra."

"I amused myself guessing at it when I saw her trunk," said Bragdon. "A. Fordham." I did not come within a hundred miles. Aphra! It is a queer name, sure enough. Didn't somebody write a ghostly or scandalous story whose name was Aphra something?"

"I really don't know. Some of her ancestors, doubtless."

"Money is the last thing I should marry for," said Bragdon, loftily. "especially when there were—let me see, I'm twenty-eight—seven years difference. Are you sure she is thirty-five?"

"Well, what leads me to remember so distinctly is the fact that she and a cousin of mine celebrated their twenty-first birthdays together, that is, my cousin went to Miss Fordham's party. The funny thing was that Cousin Nell came into quite a little property that day, so they were both heiresses. I wish she would come down. I'd like to ask her if she remembered Mrs. Ingoldsby."

They talked on and on. Miss Fordham did not venture into the hotel parlors. There was a crescent moon in the starlit sky, and she studied that, drawing in long breaths of such satisfaction as she had seldom known. Carl Wyeth, extending his client around this end of the house, caught sight of the clear profile against the dark background. The poise of the head, the slope of the shoulders, and the arm coming down to the window sill, were distinctly outlined and mysteriously softened. Miss Fordham was not beautiful, but she had an exquisite profile.

She was up early the next morning. How could she sleep in this magnificent scene! Then, too, she was used to walking at just such an hour. Suppose she went out for a walk? If she could have some breakfast, for she was not used to waiting until nine o'clock for hers.

A chambermaid was dusting the hall, and she made inquiries, which resulted in a dainty request being sent up. A twenty dollar boarder was considered a superior being at Maplewood House.

She did not adorn herself in her fresh traveling gear. Dresses were too much trouble for her to get to lightly use them. The gray serge was last year's gown, and had seen good service, but it would answer for an early morning ramble.

Oh, how fresh and fragrant the world was, this world of country, of green grass and branching trees, of bloom! She gathered some golden rod just out, and found a stray wild poppy in its brilliant red and black. Three weeks of this righteous delight. Ah, could she ever go back to—and for a moment she no longer wondered that men became tramps and dozed away hours at shady road-sides.

When she returned, the Maplewood hack was loaded up with two large trunks, and a lady was stepping into it. That was the last of Mrs. Wetmore, and through her the denizens of Maplewood House knew some of the particulars concerning Miss Fordham.

The boarders had rather thinned out. A few new ones came, two gentlemen, an invalid lady and nurse. It was not a place much frequented by belles; perhaps that accounted for there being five marriageable gentlemen in the house.

A rather amusing incident threw Carl Wyeth in her way, and started an acquaintance. He was two and three, and thirty, a man of considerable leisure, connected somewhat with journalism, and fond of scientific theories. His moderate fortune being a settled income, he did not need to struggle for bread, but could follow his own wayward will.

As they stood there talking he was taking a kind of mental inventory of Miss Aphra Fordham, unknown to her. Every now and then a curious, wavering light came into his eyes, and he would let the lids drop. It was so like a smile. She had a soft, pleasant voice, with rather crisp pronunciation that bore small resemblance to society's languid drawl. She was quite well informed, though she did not appear thoroughly conversant with fashionable life. She had a piquancy that was extremely entertaining.

They walked up on the porch and took the very corner where she had been dissected last evening. Van Santvoord came down the avenue with camp stool and folding easel in his hands.

"Wyeth is in a tremendous hurry," he said to himself, "making up to an heiress when he pretends not to be the fortune. Of course it is the fortune. She is not especially handsome, and she does affect youth too much, yet in some things she might pose to good effect. By Jove, how we shall miss Mrs. Wetmore! There's not a soul to compare notes with."

"I don't know but you will find Maplewood House dull," Wyeth was saying. "A month, nay, even two weeks ago, we were indulging in hops. There were three very lively girls and some entertaining married people. Mrs. Wetmore went this morning."

"I heard it was a very quiet, sleepy place; good to rest in," she replied.

"Oh, yes, if you came for that!" And he looked sharply at her.

She certainly betrayed no signs of dissipation, though her complexion had not quite the freshness one would suppose; was, indeed, rather pale.

"I hardly know what I have come for," she said, with a laugh that had a little strain in it. "Rest and recreation and change and country air, and all things. Am I extravagant? But

R. R. 'SHOWS GRATITUDE'

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Navy department officials are amused at a claim for between \$3000 and \$4000 filed by the Guantanamo & Western Railroad for the transportation of American marines in the insurrection in the Cuban republic some months ago.

It was stated that the special function of the American troops was to prevent the destruction of the railroad and to permit its orderly operation, and a high official in the department observed that the claim would have similar consideration to that accorded the proverbial snow ball in tropical regions.

The hops are a minor consideration. It is a long time since I have danced. "Have you fore sworn the amusement of salad days?"

"For three years I have really been in no society," she responded. "I have grown fond of reading, and I am a good deal alone. Then, too, I have been smitten with the new craze—art."

"Do you embroider table scarfs and lambrequins and sofa pillows?"

"I do not love to sew well enough for that. No, it has been in reading mostly. I did try some china painting, but by the time it was through I concluded it would have been cheaper to have bought the china and saved myself the bother."

"I am afraid the art craze has gone very deep, then."

"I have been trying to get at the point of what constitutes really good art," she said seriously. "Everybody seems to have a different idea. It amuses me sometimes to hear people in such raptures over an article that looks really ugly. Is it beauty, or only certain styles of doing work more or less artistic?"

"You will have to talk to Van Santvoord. We have an artist here, hiding away from the great world and honoring our humble abode. He has lately tasted the sweets of fame."

"Oh," she said, "he painted a 'Too Late,' didn't he? A virgin with her lamp, just outside the door. It told a sad story. Only if I were an artist I would always make women beautiful. It is bad enough to have them plain in real life. I dare say one out of the five foolish virgins was pretty."

"Van Santvoord will be delighted that you took the trouble to visit it."

Miss Fordham would not spoil the compliment by saying it was a mere accident. She liked people to be pleased and happy, and never toned down her praises if she could help it.

Van Santvoord came sauntering along, the picture of lofty indifference. But he responded graciously to the introduction, and he, too, began to study Miss Fordham.

Of course she would begin by patronizing him, by the right of her wealth and position, and perhaps she would, she did not know. She did not, however, but deferred to him in a very agreeable manner. Some people are hard to suit, and Van Santvoord decided this was a part of her pretense of youth.

Bragdon was astonished at the dinner table to find her on such easy terms with the two, and sought an introduction immediately afterward, resolved to have his share of attention.

Miss Fordham found herself with quite devoted cavaliers. They talked with her and talked with her, brought her flowers, instructed her in art and science, and found her a really charming companion. Van Santvoord was rather critical, especially when he was alone with Bragdon. Wyeth did not particular affect either of the men, though he was friendly enough ordinarily, but never intimate, while the other two frequently exchanged confidences.

As for Miss Fordham, if she had any scruples she cast them to the winds. She had read stories of girls who had given away their hearts in a week or two at seaside or mountain resorts, and her wonder was how they could learn to trust a stranger in that brief while. She had no thought of falling in love; indeed, she was not sure if either of the young men would suit her. So far in life she had not met with her ideal.

The older men liked her very much for her sort of quaint naturalness. She was not like the girls of their youth, either—the rather sweet, sentimental, deferring misses. She had opinions of her own; she even knew a little about politics and the ultramontane question, and was interested in the national debt. There was a freshness about her really captivating, and she was so very free from posing for attention.

Two weeks had run away. In just seven days she must go back to the old room. Well, it was a lovely bit of refreshment, and she could make her life bright a long while by the delightful recollections. She had learned quite a bit of art, too, from Van Santvoord, and a great deal of society gossip from Mr. Bragdon, who seemed to have the entree everywhere.

He was one of the masculine lilies, and toiled not. His mother had an income which sufficed for both, with a good deal of management. She was extremely aristocratic, proud of her blue blood, and had trained her son to marry a fortune. Two or three times he had been on the eve of it, but the fortune had not proved satisfactory.

The early part of the summer he had been attracted by a rather dangerous siren, who had no fortune at all, and his mother was decidedly glad to have him go to Maplewood House, where he could recover from his penchant flirting with Mrs. Wetmore.

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 31.—Assistant Professor G. W. Pierce of the department of physics at Harvard has devised a new wireless telephone instrument which may revolutionize the methods of long distance communication.

Pierce was the guest of John Hays Hammond at Freshwater Cove, where experiments were conducted with the new apparatus.

The wireless power station was constructed about 350 feet above sea level. By means of the new instrument Professor Pierce got into communication with the Harvard wireless club, 350 miles away, and talked with several of the club members for a space covering fifteen minutes. Hammond also talked through the air to the students.

Had Trod the Path Before. Miller—Just as Millet and the widow started up the aisle to the altar, every light in the church went out.

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CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 31.—Shackled to his cot in the strong ward of a hospital because an interne diagnosed his case incorrectly, "Uncle Bill" Thomas, aged 61, passed into unconsciousness from which he never revived, dying from the treatment he received.

Thomas was at work in a boiler factory when he became dizzy and fell unconscious before the furnace. A doctor was summoned, and as a stimulant offered a drink of whisky. But the aged man was too feeble to partake of it, and in an endeavor to administer the liquor a quantity was spilled on the man's shirt front.

Thomas was then taken to the hospital, the superintendent of the shop going with him. The receiving physician told the superintendent that the aged man was suffering from alcoholism. Thomas was sent to the strong ward and strapped to a cot and treated for delirium tremens. His pleadings to be released from his shackles fell upon deaf ears.

When the wife of Thomas appeared at the hospital she availed herself of the services of one of the house physicians. When this doctor made a careful diagnosis he found that Thomas had been suffering from nephritis.

Plainview—A syndicate headed by Dr. F. S. Pearson of New York City has purchased 60,000 acres of land near here and plans for putting it under irrigation are now almost completed. The water supply will be obtained from shallow wells and the pumps are to be operated by electricity from a large power plant which will be erected. There is a total expenditure of about \$2,500,000.

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**HELEN GOULD FOUND
CUPID IN TRAIN-WRECK**

Heiress Who Will Wed Railroad Man Saw Him Lead in Rescue Work When Coach Left Rails.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 31.—Real romance, with the appropriate stage setting of a railroad wreck in the night, danger, and acts of heroism lies behind the engagement of Finley J. Shepard and Miss Helen Gould.

It was early in October that the incident occurred. Shepard, in Chicago on business, was about to return to St. Louis when he received a message from his superior, President Bush, of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, requesting him to return to New York and escort Miss Gould to Chicago, whither she was going with a party of her friends to attend a convention of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. The details of the journey were put in the hands of Shepard and E. B. Pryor, one of the Wabash receivers.

The party left New York in President Bush's private car. On the night of October 19 the train carrying Miss Gould and her party was wrecked on the West Shore Railroad. The engine and one coach left the rails and passengers in the other coaches were jarred and panic-stricken.

The first thought of Shepard and Pryor when the wreck occurred was for their women charges. They hurried forward, wrapped on the stateroom door, and asked if Miss Gould or any one of her party were injured. Miss Gould calmly answered no one was injured.

Shepard gave thought to those in the other parts of the train. He clambered out of the darkened car and ran through the soft mud to the overturned engine. The fireman was crawling from the wreckage, but the engineer was penioned by the tender.

Shepard seized an ax and set about liberating the engine. He was so absorbed in this work he did not observe two women who stood near by for a few minutes.

She watched his efforts. One of them was Miss Gould, who had left her car to calm some of the terror-stricken women passengers.

**TWIN WATERS PUZZLE
RESTAURANT PATRONS**

Customer Who Had Been Drinking, Hurriedly Departs, for They Look Exactly Alike.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 31.—Freddie Hauptman is a waiter in a local restaurant. His brother is also a waiter there. This statement is the most important part of the story. The other night a business man who had dined unwisely and too well entered the restaurant, and, after some difficulty, was seated on one of the stools at the counter. After mumbling an order to Freddie Hauptman he idly watched the waiter disappear into the kitchen. His head turned slowly with his interest to other fields—and he saw Freddie coming to him from an opposite direction. He winced and absently laughed to himself as he looked around to see if things were still "natural."

Dismissing the incident, he became engrossed in his order. Looking up to ask for his check, he saw two Freddie's standing in front of him. Gripping the counter, upon which he'd been polishing his elbows, he stared, then silently tiptoed out into the night, holding his head in both hands.

Daily, a comedy of errors is being enacted in the restaurant. The cast consists of twins, Freddie and Eddie Hauptman, and the victim of their joking. And easily may one be the victim, for the boys are so much alike that their father doesn't know which is which.

Enter Freddie, takes the patron's order, serves it and lingers near—like all perfectly good waiters do—while the patron eats. Often he is called to some other part of the restaurant. That's Eddie's cue. He takes the place of his brother. Having had good service, the patron feels inclined to tip. Receiving the check, he gives Eddie a tip, blissfully ignorant that his real waiter is elsewhere. That's legitimate—all waiters agree on that—so Eddie plays Freddie every time the opportunity offers. Sometimes the game is reversed.

Freddie, while "butchering" on a Texas & Pacific train, decided he needed a prolonged vacation. His brother took his place, and held it for several months, the company never learning of the substitution. The manager of the restaurant says that he had to hire one to keep from firing the other. Often he would find one eating on the patron's side of the counter and "bawl him out," only to find that he'd got the wrong one, so to solve his problem he hired both.

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Slayer of Eleven Dies in Jail, Poison Victim.
Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 31.—Deputy Sheriff C. Henry Cole, slayer of eleven men, died of morphine poison, self-administered, while a prisoner in the county jail. He was under a ten-year prison sentence for murder.

Cole twenty years ago was a noted desperado hunter, having killed Jim Morrison and Bart Thrasher, notorious outlaws. Cole also killed Walter Pickett for alleged insults to his wife and was alleged at the time of his death to have slain Felix Ellard, a guerrilla chief. Cole was described by his friends as a "quiet, sober man, but one who always got the man he went after."

Police Close Chapels Just as They Did Jewish Synagogues.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.—Just as the places of worship of the Jews were closed, the Holy Orthodox Synod has turned its persecutions upon the Baptists, whose chapels are being daily stamped out by the political secret police.

Pastor Fetter, head of the Baptist community in Russia, came to St. Petersburg with a remonstrance based on a ukase of Alexander II, issued soon after the liberation of the serfs, which permitted the Baptists to worship together so long as no sermons were preached and their chapels showed no sign by cross or architecture that they were sacred buildings. His remonstrance was rejected by M. Sabler, procurator of the Holy Synod, who declared roundly that any form of worship in Russia which was not under the discipline of the Orthodox Church had the same danger to the Czar as the father of his people; a revolutionary conspiracy had to his absolute government of the State.

ADMIRAL DEWEY NOW 75

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—Admiral George Dewey, hero of the battle of Manila Bay, today celebrated quietly his seventy-fifth birthday. The veteran sea fighter said he never felt better in his life and friends who called to congratulate him on the anniversary of his birth declared that he looked "like an ensign."

The admiral attributes his splendid physical condition to constant riding and to the further fact he keeps away from midnight banquets. He said he abandoned attending banquets long ago. "So should any man," he declared, "who wants to feel as young as I do when he is 75."

Admiral Dewey spent a few hours at his office as president of the general board of the navy. Later he went for a drive with Mrs. Dewey. There was an informal family dinner at the Dewey residence tonight.

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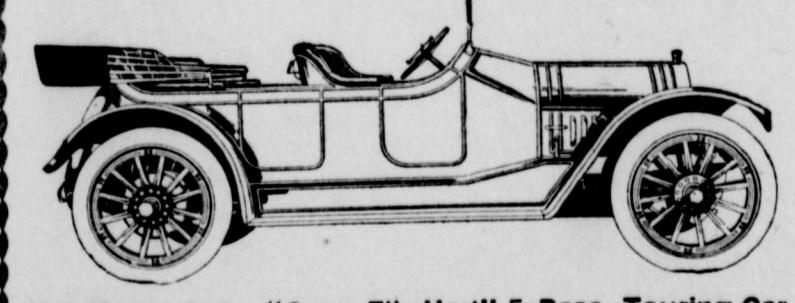
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The report of the commission shows that we now have 425,000 acres of land under irrigation in Texas today, and of this area 275,000 acres are in rice and 150,000 in general crops and the land is the most valuable in the state.

The report further states that water is our most valuable agricultural asset. According to the report of the division of irrigation investigations of the United States Department of Agriculture, there is wasted into the Gulf of Mexico through the ordinary flow of the Trinity river each year upwards of four million acre feet of water, through the Brazos two million acre feet; through the Colorado one and one-half million acre feet through the Rio Grande five million acre feet, one-half of which we claim. Through these four streams at least ten million acre feet of water is each year lost to Texas which, if conserved, would serve as a supplemental supply of water to at least six million acres of land.

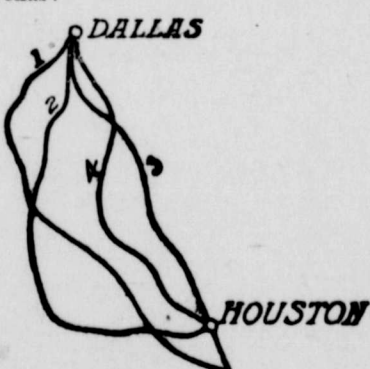
The commission finds millions of acres of fertile soil in southwest and west Texas land without an artificial supply of water that has very little value, and there is no section of the state in which the productive power of the soil will not be immensely increased if, when periods of scant rainfall occur, a supplementary water supply is available and applied. The area to be irrigated, is only limited by the extent of the water supply. This supply may be drawn from the natural flow of streams, from their flood discharges by impounding in reservoirs, from artesian and from shallow wells.

The commission suggests a unity of effort between the federal and state governments in the solution of our irrigation problems. The federal government stands ready to spend dollar for dollar in this cooperative work with the state. It is hoped that a co-operative bill along this line may be enacted at the coming session of the legislature.

COMPETITION RULES IN RATES.

Density of Traffic a Powerful Factor—Stock and Bond Issue not Considered.

Competition is the most powerful factor known in rate making. It recognizes the mandates of no court; it quickly tears to pieces the well balanced tariff sheets of every common carrier that comes under its influence and all other elements that enter into rate making yield to its power. The following map gives a practical illustration of the effect of competition in rate making in Texas:



There are four direct lines of railroad running between Dallas and Houston. The stock and bond issues on these lines vary from \$29,103 to \$45,022 per mile. The value of these properties according to the Railroad Commission's estimate vary from \$15,686 to \$29,932 per mile. The assessed values vary from \$17,863 to \$32,399 per mile. The amount expended upon them by the owners varies from \$30,000 to \$60,000 per mile; the density of population and traffic is more widely at variance; the railroad mileage varies from 249 to 367 miles, yet the rate from Dallas to Houston via all lines is the same.

The most potential element next in importance to competition in rate making is density of traffic. It is a far more agreeable personality than any of its associates among the rate making powers. It enjoys the distinction of being the only influence that is able to reduce rates without decreasing the earnings and is a welcomed guest to both shipper and carrier.

Efforts have been made by the legislatures to use the stock and bond issues as a basis for rate making, but these factors have been ignored by custom and denied recognition by the courts.

PLANS TO RE-FOREST EAST TEXAS.

Timber Supply Decreasing. Houston, Texas: Mr. Jno. H. Kirby in his report to the Texas Welfare Commission estimates that the forests of Texas will be exhausted in a period of fifteen years and recommends that plans be considered for re-foresting East Texas. The report is quoted below in part:

"There were 31,934 mills in operation in the United States in 1910 producing 40,018,202,000 feet of lumber and of this quantity 14,143,471,000 feet was yellow pine. "There are 466 mills in Texas, 20 mills operate exclusively upon hardwood timber and 70 mills operate on both pine and hardwood, while the remaining 376 operate exclusively upon pine. The average annual production of these mills is in round figures two billion feet. The consumption of lumber in Texas is about equal to the production of Texas mills. The Texas sawmills produced in 1910 an aggregate of 1,884,134,900 feet board measure which was 4.7 per cent of the total amount of lumber produced in the United States.

"It is estimated that there is about 30,000,000,000 feet of yellow pine timber still standing in Texas. I think this estimate ultra-conservative. Taking this estimate, however, as a basis, it will be seen at a glance that at the present rate of consumption, the volume of raw material will be exhausted in a period of fifteen years. I do not believe that the forests will be entirely denuded in that period. On the contrary, I think the manufacture of yellow pine will be carried on in this state for half a century at least, though it goes without saying that there will be an annual reduction in the volume of the product as well as a steady increase in the volume of consumption.

"It is unfortunate that no practical plans for re-foresting the lands of east Texas are being considered. These are the only lands in Texas to which yellow pine is indigenous or upon which forests may be cultivated at a minimum expense. It is true that the present generation of home builders enjoys a condition of cheap material which will be denied to succeeding ones. These same benefits might be preserved to our posterity if the public which is interested, would provide the means therefor by appropriating funds from the public treasury for the promotion of practical forestry plans."

TEXAS A DOUBLE TRACK STATE.

Commission Pleads for Better Railroad Service. Some Radical Improvements in Texas Roads are Needed.

Houston, Texas.—The Texas Welfare Commission in its report on Railroads and Railroad Securities makes the following plea for higher standards of service. Those who have suffered inconveniences in travel or have endured delays in movement of freight will readily appreciate the statement of the Commission:

"We are pleased to declare that the time has come in Texas when some of our most important railroads should construct second tracks.

"The passing of Texas out of the list of states characterized as capable of sustaining only single track lines will mark an epoch in her history. That time has come.

"And further the time has come when our public is entitled to and should demand higher standards in railroad service. The day for passenger trains that joggled and bumped along over high and low joint at a leisurely gait of fifteen miles an hour has passed; the day for unreasonable and unexplained delays while weary people sit in dusty stations hour after hour waiting, wondering and swearing, has passed. The day of lethargic freight handling has passed—Texas dare not content herself with a transportation system characterized by such defects while beyond her boundaries in every direction modern methods of transportation conducted on standards of efficiency, safety and speed such as the untraveled Texan never dreamed of on rates equally favorable to our own are affording to our sister states advantages in life and business that nothing in our situation otherwise will enable us to compete with.

"It is the opinion of your commission that the hour has come when in the name and behalf of Texas and for her prosperity and further progress radical changes for the better must be brought about in our Texas railroad situation. New lines must be constructed; old lines must be improved; additional yards, terminals, sidings and depots must be constructed. Safety signal devices should be installed particularly on side track lines; second track should be built; grades should be revised; wooden bridges should be superseded by steel and masonry; heavier rails should be laid.



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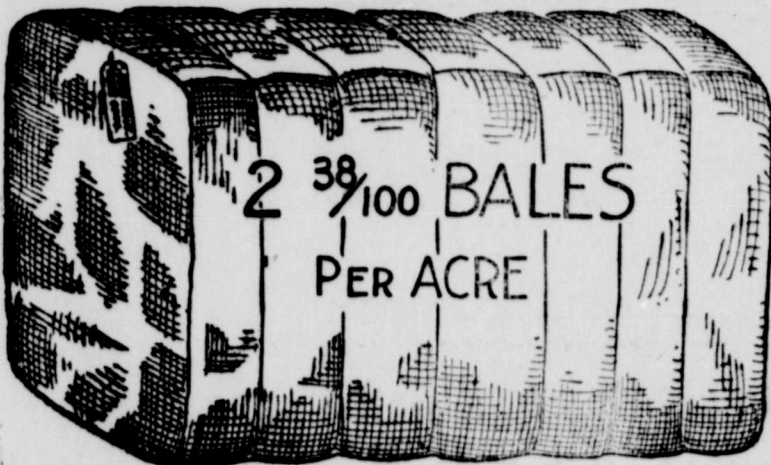
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All was joy at the home of Street Commissioner Joseph Gleason—for a time, says the Minneapolis Journal. A thirty-three pound muskellunge had been received by express from the latter's employer, Edgar H. Semple, who is on a fishing trip in northern Minnesota. No message accompanied the consignment. Gleason paid express charges on the big fish and it was taken to his home on a truck.

Neighbors were called in to look at the mammoth catch. They admired it for a time. Then it was cut up into sections. Gleason was generous. He gave huge slabs of the fish to his friends. Everybody in the neighborhood had fish for

The Gleason family had finished the delicious repast. The skeleton of the muskellunge alone remained to decorate the platter. With a sigh of satisfaction the street commissioner pushed his chair back from the table. His son did likewise. Just then the doorbell rang. A messenger appeared with a telegram for younger Gleason. The young man read it. His face fell and he passed it to his father. The latter looked worried, but not nearly so worried as his son. The telegram read: "Have big muskie mounted quickly. Finest work at any cost."

"SEMPLER."

APPRECIATIVE



"Ah!" softly hummed the mosquito, as the sleeping victim restlessly turned over in his bed. "The other cheek. He must be a good man."

And the grateful insect settled gently down again.

GETTING AT THE TRUTH.

Was he rich or poor? She wanted to find out before she gave him her answer. Thinking deeply a moment, she said: "I fear we should not get along well. You are too extravagant."

"Extravagant!" he repeated. "On the contrary, I am very economical. Why, I have to be."

"Then I can never be your wife."

"Because I am economical?" he queried.

"No," she answered; "because you have to be."

Old papers at this office

WANTED DOCTOR TO SEE HER

Not Altogether a Case for Medical Attention, but Not One to Be Overlooked.

Harry Case took the outside route from Boston to New York the other day, according to a correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star. A little storm blew up and the steamer was a bit shifty under foot. Toward the sunny part of the afternoon the waves subsided, and Mr. Case discovered a handsome young woman asleep in a deck chair. He pulled another deck chair into position and sat down to guard her slumbers. By and by the deck steward passed. "Hi, Steward," said Mr. Case, "call the ship's doctor here."

The ship's doctor came. "I am Harry Case of New York," said that gentleman, presenting his card. "I sent the steward for you, that you might look at this young

lady.

The doctor looked at her with interest. Her eyes were closed. The long, black lashes were outlined a rosy cheek. Her bosom rose and fell softly as she slept and dreamed. "What's the matter with her?" asked the doctor. "She doesn't look sick."

"Sick," said Mr. Case. "Of course she isn't sick. But isn't she a pippin?"

PLAY THE STRENUOUS GAME

Chinese Game of Football Outdoes the Most Active of American College Matches.

Our football—whether Association or Rugby—is played according to rule. Not so the football of China. "The first game I saw," says a European, "I mistook for a serious riot."

To begin with, each side was fifty strong, and as it was in northern China most of them were at least six feet in height and heavy in proportion. They had no goals, side lines or halves. The game lasted until one side beat the other, covering a period sometimes of several days.

"The idea of the game is to place a small basket, which serves as a ball, in the opponent's territory, this territory being half the town. The game is fought out in the streets, and every player has a whistle with which to call assistance when too hard pressed.

"Stealth as well as force is permitted. I know of an instance where one man placed the ball in the enemy's country by climbing along the roofs of houses. As may be imagined, a hundred gigantic men yelling and fighting all over the public streets is pretty certain to cause excitement."

MIGHT WORK WELL.

"There is some talk of abolishing the cabinet."

"What would take its place?"

"They might let each department be conducted by some good magazine."

NO CONCEALMENT THERE.

"He tried to shelter himself behind the skirts of his wife."

"And didn't succeed, eh?"

"No, her skirts are all hobbies."

WAYS OF PAYING COMPLIMENT

Many Methods, and Girl Just Entering into Society Must Be Appreciative.

One of the first things a girl has to learn is the art of receiving compliments, neither appropriating nor disclaiming them.

It is sometimes difficult, and to blush is fatal.

Oh, those youthful blushes! How distressing they are to their vexed owners, and yet what a charm they give to ingenuous girlhood.

The skillful complimenter embarrasses no one, not even the shyest girl.

He knows how to convey an expression of his appreciation without exactly saying it.

Such a man can flatter one's self-love quite sufficiently in merely saying "How well you look!"

The tone and manner are eloquent enough to supplement the necessity of the words, and their meagerness allows the recipient of the compliment to accept it without embarrassment.

A florid compliment makes a woman look—or at least feel—a perfect goose.

But they belong to a past age—Exchange.

DARK ENDS "SIGN" TALKING

When the Husband Began Explaining the Wife Simply Turned Out the Lights.

"I heard a deaf and dumb story recently that made me laugh," said W. R. Hopkins. "A deaf and dumb youth fell in love with a deaf and dumb girl. After making love for several weeks he proposed marriage and was accepted. A deaf and dumb wedding ceremony followed and immediately after the ceremony the couple started on their honeymoon.

One evening the bridegroom drank too much. He returned late to the hotel where they were stopping and staggered into the room where his wife was in bed. She sat up and turned on the electric light. Recognizing his condition, she sailed into him in deaf and dumb sign language. She called him every name a deaf and dumb woman could call a deaf and dumb man. When she had finished, the poor husband started to explain, but the wife coolly turned out the light."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

HORRIBLE EXAMPLE.

"You're too young to be thinking of taking girls to entertainments. Your mind should be on your studies instead of on girls."

"Didn't you ever think of the girls when you were my age, father?"

"Er, well, yes, I suppose I did—but you see what happened to me. I might never have married if I had taken the other course."

PARVENUS AT HOME.

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James J. Hill Entertains Wanderer on Christmas Day.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 31.—Few boys had a happier Christmas than Walter De Barrow, 17 years old, a wanderer who lost his legs in a recent Great Northern Railroad accident, for he was the guest of James J. Hill, the railroad magnate. While recuperating at the poor farm at Seattle, Wash., De Barrow wrote to Mr. Hill, taking all blame for the loss of his legs and asking if there was not some railroad work he could do. A reply from Mr. Hill came offering the youth artificial limbs, an education if he wanted it and the promise of a life job on the railroad. De Barrow has been a waif all his life and has no knowledge of any parents.

Carnegie Leads and Morgan Donated Much Art—Rockefeller Has Fallen Off.

Three hundred and twenty-seven million dollars for philanthropy is the record of 1912, the beneficiaries exceeding those of 1911 by about \$152,000,000.

Educational works were the most popular channel for the distribution of this money; hospitals and the care of the aged came next, with gifts for religious enterprises a close third. Besides the known amounts there were innumerable donations by persons whose identity was not disclosed, or disclosed to only a few.

Andrew Carnegie leads among the givers. He announced that he had placed all of his fortune except \$25,000,000 in the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Other donations made by Carnegie ran to more than \$10,000,000.

The gift of J. P. Morgan in art treasures valued at about \$50,000,000, was made to the Metropolitan Museum of Art on condition that an addition to the Museum would be built for housing them. In addition, a large sum was paid to have them brought to this country. This large donation, coupled with other benefactions, marks Morgan as one of the leaders among the givers of the year.

John D. Rockefeller has fallen off considerably in the matter of giving during the past year. In 1910 his gifts totaled \$17,000,000, and in 1911 about \$5,000,000. In the last twelve months the amount of his benefactions was about \$3,000,000, of which \$1,500,000 went to the University of Chicago for a chapel.

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Beekeepers Notes

By E. G. LeStourgeon

At this time of the year most changes are made in locations of apiaries and in ownership. Many bee men are now for one reason or another seeking to sell their bees, and others are preparing to venture into the field of apiculture. A great many of both classes write to me because I try to keep in touch with these conditions. Should any reader desire either to buy or to sell, please write me and I will take great pleasure in bringing buyer and seller together wherever possible. When writing it would be well to give number of colonies wanted or for sale.

Beekeeping in Texas is growing by leaps and bounds. I feel it in the demand for competent hives. In the last two weeks no less than three large apiaries have asked me if I could find them efficient help. Any young man who will apply himself to the study of beekeeping and keep abreast of modern methods can find ready employment in this field.

Now is a good time to clean up that apiary. There is a fall in farm work and nothing to do for the bees, provided they are prepared for winter with sufficient stores. But you were many times inconvenienced last summer by the weeds and underbrush about your beehives. A few hours work will remedy this, and if nothing but appearances were at stake, you would be well advised. There is more involved, however, than mere appearances. Weeds and grass and brush are the natural harbor of the bee moth. The cleaner we keep the surroundings of our apiary the less we will have to combat the wax worms.

Be sure your bees have enough stores for winter. If it is too cold

to open the brood nest it would be well to go through the apiary and left the bee ends of the hives to see if they are heavy enough. To winter well a hive ought to weigh, gross, about fifty pounds. On lifting them those that feel like they are "nailed to the ground" do not need to be further disturbed, because they are the better off if left alone. Those that feel light in weight should be marked and on the first warm sunny day should be given further stores.

Very weak and queenless colonies should be united at the last round of apiary work, and a good simple way to do this is by Dr. C. C. Miller's plan, that of placing a single sheet of newspaper over the stronger colony, and setting the weaker colony on it. The bees will do the rest by tearing away the paper between the two. I tried this plan last season. It gave good results. It is a poor plan to leave weak colonies scattered through the apiary, for they will dwindle down by next spring, and the robbers will clean them out and cause much excitement among the bees.

Bees Besiege Honey Thieves.
When J. M. Cornelius, of Sterling, Colo., a honey producer, awoke one morning, he found that during the night fifteen beehives had been looted of fifty pounds of honey. He followed the dispossessed bees to the home of two brothers by the name of Bennett, living a mile away. There he found the bees swarming about the house, while the Bennetts, besieged, had closed the doors and windows, and were afraid to go out. Mr. Cornelius swore out warrants for the arrest of the Bennetts. They admitted the theft.—Exchange.

BOY CONVICT PLAYS IN IDAHO PRISON

Seek to Learn the Cause of High Death Rate.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—In an effort to discover the cause of the high mortality among children in the United States, the children's bureau of the Department of Commerce and Labor will begin the new year with a nation-wide house to house canvass. The information gathered will be carefully scanned with the hope that a means may be found to overcome the mortality, which is higher than in many other countries.

Mothers will be questioned concerning the housing and feeding of their children, the sanitary conditions of the neighborhood and other conditions that cause illness and death. Women investigators will be employed for the most part.

CHILD MORTALITY QUIZZ ON

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 31.—Scarcely 11 years old, James Whitaker, is serving a fifty-year term in the state penitentiary for the murder of his mother. His sentence may be commuted after he has been in the big prison ten years, by if governors so decree he will be set free.

BOY CONVICT PLAYS IN IDAHO PRISON

The young convict is not allowed to associate with the convicts in the prison yards, but is kept in the library, where, under the direction of the warden and the librarian, the little fellow daily studies and recites his lessons in much the same manner as he did before he was taken from the schoolroom. The librarian, who is known as a "brave," is the only prisoner with whom the boy is permitted to associate.

Whitaker has been a prisoner at the institution only two months, but he has unusual privileges. Although he is a prisoner, he has been taken and he has been photographed and numbered "1943," the warden and guards do not believe for a moment that the boy prisoner will try to escape.

Plays With Warden's Children.
The ordinary prisoner must have served the greater part of his sentence before receiving the freedom of the prison grounds outside the walls, but Whitaker's case is a singular one, and when the boy is not studying or reciting his lessons, he may be seen about the outside walls playing hide and seek with the warden's children, or amusing himself by testing the blood hounds.

Not every liberty has been granted to the boy, however, for at 5 o'clock, when the gong sounds, he flies through the great iron gateway. In a clear, shrill voice he gives his number to the turkey, who counts him as one among the 260 prisoners.

Young Whitaker, in August, 1912, shot and instantly killed his mother on a ranch near Sarilda, Fremont county. The mother was doing the family washing. She did not have sufficient strength with which to turn the wringer. She asked her son to help her. He refused.

His father spanked him and ordered him to do the work. He did not turn the wringer fast enough to suit his mother, so she spanked him. Shortly afterward she left the house. When she returned the child had procured his father's shotgun. Without saying a word he pointed the weapon at his mother and fired.

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BRINGS A HUNDRED SKULLS

New York, Dec. 31.—Prof. Tiram Bingham, archeologist at Yale, has returned from Peru, bringing 100 human skulls, thirty human skeletons, eighteen bronze tablets and a thrilling account of his experiences. The professor spent almost six months excavating the prehistoric Inca city of Machu Picchu, and collecting what remained of folks who lived there some 60,000 years ago. He undertook to climb Mt. Pololu, but his twelve mules deserted him at the snow level—6000 feet up—and stampeded. A thousand feet higher his Indian guides lost heart and descended the mountain as he slept. He had been without food for three days, and had made preparations to die when he was discovered by an Indian boy.

LYNCH IN BLEASE'S NAME

Refer to Governor in Note Explaining Why They Killed Black Debtor.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 31.—Arrested because he refused to pay a note and put in jail at Norway, Orangeburg County, Henry Pitts, a negro, was taken from prison by a mob and shot to death. The men rode into town before dawn, stormed the jail, took the prisoner a short distance from the town and lynched him leaving a note pinned to the negro's body saying: "Negroes must pay their debts," and signed, "Friends of Governor Blease."

So far as is known the negro's only offense was his refusal to pay the note. Governor Blease refused to comment on the lynching.

BLOWS GREET A PRODIGAL

Instead of Getting the Expected Fat-ted Calf, He Finds Himself Thrown Into Street.

WEBSTER, Mass., Dec. 31.—The return of Joseph Salus to his home here after an absence of twelve years was marked by a reception different from that of the Biblical prodigal. Salus desired to surprise his people and there had been no forewarning of his presence when the door was opened by his sister, now Mrs. Salk.

Overjoyed at seeing her, Salus embraced the woman, who screamed, bringing her husband to her side. Salus was floored with a left hand swing. Before he could recover, the angry husband seized the supposed intruder by the neck and dragged him down a flight of stairs, threw him into the street and called the police.

When the time for explanations arrived Salus established his identity and received his welcome home and first aid for his injuries.

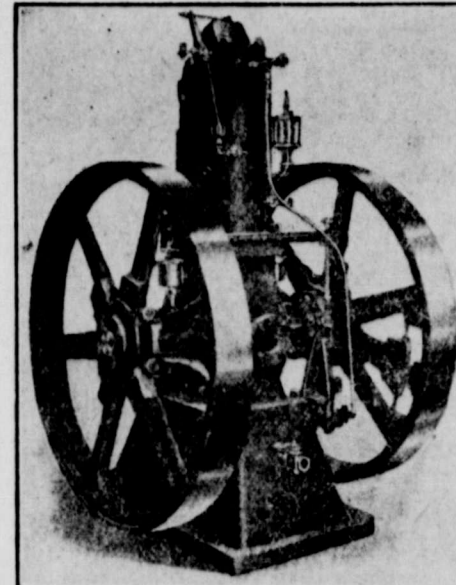
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MINISTER WINS DIVORCE

Episcopal Officer Says Wife Was Not True to Him.

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FARM NOTES

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Silage made from kaffir excels corn silage as a feed, as the percentage of grain and leaf to stalk is much higher in the Kaffir. The same thing is true in regard to Kaffir fodder and corn stover.

Some of the farmers over the state cut their Kaffir with a corn binder. They then cut the heads off with a knife, similar to a tobacco cutter, only much larger, which is attached to the side of a wagon box. The heads are allowed to fall into the wagon box and are then threshed. The fodder which is left is excellent food. Some persons have advocated the feeding of this fodder to horses suffering from heaves, but Dr. C. W. McCampbell, assistant professor of animal husbandry at the Kansas Agricultural College, says that it has no more value for this purpose than any other similar feed.—The Kansas Industrialist.

SAVE THE DEAD LEAVES.

Don't waste the dead leaves; don't burn them. They are excellent material for composts and leaf moulds. Every leaf fire you've smelted this month, was destroying something that every gardener should save.

A compost is a mixture of bulky fertilizing material, useful to the gardener for enriching the soil. It is made of coarse manures, weeds, dead leaves, and all rubbish available. The materials are piled together in a big flat heap and allowed to rot. This requires about two years. Chemical fertilizers may be added to make the compost richer, if desired. The mass must be forked and spaded occasionally and moistened with water or liquid manure during decay. The final product is a homogeneous mass that can be applied to the soil in large or small amounts and without danger to it.

The plant food in composts is easily assimilated by the plants. Garden plants, usually, must make their growth in a short time, and any material from which they can assimilate food easily is what they need.

Leaf mould is used in potting tropical plants, as ferns. It does not contain much plant food, but it is very good to open up the soil and make it porous. The best way to make leaf mould, according to M. F. Ahern, assistant professor of floriculture at the Kansas Agricultural College, is to dig a hole or trench in the ground and pile the leaves in it. The mass must be watered frequently and turned over. Two years are required for complete rotting. The mould is mixed with the soil before it is applied. Usually, one part mould to three or four parts of soil is the proper proportion.—The Kansas Industrialist.

THE DIGNITY OF FARMING.

Many benefits could be enumerated as a direct result of boys and girls agricultural clubs in the southwest, but none is more far-reaching than that these clubs dignify agriculture as an occupation for man. The idea has prevailed that farming is the occupation for those who could not practice law, roll pills, open a store or run for office. For many years the farmer was supposed to be a man not qualified for any occupation, not even for tilling the soil. Nothing has done more to suppress this feeling among boys and girls than corn clubs, hog clubs and gardening clubs.

The fact that some of the most distinguished people in the country take an interest in these boys' and girls' clubs does much to exalt the farm. It is used in potting tropical plants, as ferns. It does not contain much plant food, but it is very good to open up the soil and make it porous. The best way to make leaf mould, according to M. F. Ahern, assistant professor of floriculture at the Kansas Agricultural College, is to dig a hole or trench in the ground and pile the leaves in it. The mass must be watered frequently and turned over. Two years are required for complete rotting. The mould is mixed with the soil before it is applied. Usually, one part mould to three or four parts of soil is the proper proportion.—The Kansas Industrialist.

Not the least of these benefits to our young people is the opportunity the contests give for associating with the leaders in agricultural progress. A trip to the A. & M. College, an institute conducted by some of the most successful farmers, stockmen and fruit growers; a lecture by some distinguished agriculturist has often opened a new field to a boy and perhaps broadened his horizon for success and a competence on the farm.

The yields of these boys' corn clubs are far enough above that of the average farmer to convince anyone that intelligent farming pays. Those who make large yields, whether they win or not, are convinced that the farm has vast possibilities, and that it is worthy of the best talent and industry. By these clubs the dignity of farm life is exalted and the business of producing the world's food and clothing is realized by those who had thought that "any fool can farm."

THE FARMER'S CREDIT.

The lack of capital is responsible for much of the poor farming, poor live stock and poor equipment found on American farms at the present time. Modern methods of improved agriculture mean more capital. The high price of farm lands calls for more intensive methods, but this means the investment of more capital. The drainings, improved live stock, new buildings, silos and improved farm machinery require more capital. The investment in the land is only the beginning of the outlay in capital necessary for the equipment and operation of a modern farm. The above statement is made by Professor H. C. Price, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Ohio State University. He says further: "The last census shows that the total investment of American farmers in land, buildings, live stock and equipment is over forty billion dollars. The best statistics and estimates combined show that their indebtedness on this investment is over six billion dollars or about one-seventh of their total assets. While American railroads manufacture and merchants pay 1 1/2 to 6 per cent for their borrowed capital, and German and French farmers pay 4 to 5 per cent, American farmers pay 6 to 8 per cent on their borrowed capital. On the average the rate of interest paid is at least 2 per cent more than it would be under a well organized credit system. This would mean an annual saving of \$129,000,000 of interest or the equivalent of an annual saving of \$20 per farm for each of the 6,000,000 farms in the United States." Professor Price argues that farmers should organize themselves on a co-operative basis as is done in the European countries. There the agricultural credit institutions are managed by farmers and are under the direct control of the government.

One of the greatest mistakes fruit growers of the southwest make is poor packing. Better fruit must be grown and it must be packed better.

POVERTY IN LACK OF MANURE.
 The need of more manure is apparent on most farms. Travel over the country, through lanes and by prosperous looking homes and you will find that the soil on most of the farms is not producing what it should. Even near the barn where you would expect to be rich in the use of manure, you are likely to find that the land is comparatively poor. Men are poor because they cultivate too much land and get too little from it. Five acres highly enriched with barnyard manure and supplemented with acid phosphate will often produce more than 20 under conditions that are common in the Southwest. Yet by keeping livestock and feeding them properly one could soon have five acres of such rich land.

SUCCESSFUL FARM MANAGEMENT.
 Organization is very essential in any business; without it all business must fail. The railroads and other corporations could not exist without organization. The same is true with respect to farming. Every farm must be organized, that is, it must have the system of farming reduced to a general scheme of operation definitely decided upon.

Then when there is organization there will be correlation. The crops must be decided upon to sustain the animals and the animals must be kept to consume the crops and contribute to salable products. Likewise the implements must be used so as to be profitable; the teams must perform service in the general scheme. The farm hands must have employment during the entire year and there must be profit upon the labor of both teams and men. The rotation must be planned so that the fertility of the soil will not deteriorate, but with the use of manure, fertilizer and leguminous crops the yield of the farm will be increased.

This is what is meant by farm management. As Professor Spillman defines farm management it is the "what," the "when" and the "how much" but the "why." It is the organization and correlation of the various branches of agriculture into a successful system of farm administration.

It may be explained that while there are general principles underlying successful farm management, every farm has problems largely its own. Every manager must work out a system of management for his own farm. His neighbor's plan may be applicable to his farm and it may not be. To evolve a profitable system of farming on your own farm you must take the farm as a unit and organize it, correlating every feature into a profitable system of farm management.

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Social and Religious

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NEW YEAR AWAKENING

Christmas has come and gone with its joys and sorrows alike, reeking some home, others leaving the brighter by its coming. The heart is now open to new hopes and fond anticipation which are awaiting us all, as the advent of the New Year enters. We are all glad to forget the past, [associated with the dismal tide of sorrow] and shall press forward with a determination to make each day be a day of determination of the supremacy of good over evil. New prospects in business relations; new friendship formed means a friendship given, and new love messages will be spoken that are bound in heaven.

Traversing down the ages these resolutions have been made each year, many lightly spoken, as the impulses are freshened by seasons festivities, and when adversity knocks at the door they are so easily broken. To hold out faithful to the end is when the reward is given. The anchor of hope reaches out to us all, and lifts the veil of oppression, leading into the light of a blessed reliance. So with this new year.

May every awakening joy attend. Thy footsteps, thru this coming year.

Health and wealth thy portion send, With this New Year, drying every tear.

MISS BESSIE STANFIELD ENTERTAINED.

Monday evening found the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lacy in the gayest mood for the season festivities had not died out in this hospitable home. The occasion was the bringing together the friends of Miss Stanfield of San Antonio, who was the household guest. Miss Bessie has made several visits in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lacy, and has formed many friends by her charming personality.

The decorations were confined to the Christmas colors, green and red, which were lavishly placed over the entire lower floor with a touch of the pearly mistletoe, which found a resting place where oftentimes warranted the forfeit. The beauty of the scenery gave the guests a charming impression of the artistic touch of Mrs. Lacy and her daughter Miss Imagine.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy, Misses Stanfield and Lacy gave the

cordial welcome after which a thoroughly enjoyable evening was in store for all.

The entertainment was ushered in with a progressive conversationalist game, in which the vote la'd the trophy to Miss Elsie Gardner. Awarded Mr. Lee Daniels was the honor of the best descriptive power of feminine beauty.

The spirit of the Yuletide seemed omni pleasant so enjoyable was the hour. Misses Lauretta Binkley and Elizabeth Kerr poured chocolate to forty guests who passed the season greetings to the charming hostess when the hour was growing late.

DINNER HOSTESS

Mrs. M. P. Thompson opened her hospitable home on New Year day to a select number of friends for dinner. Beautiful white damask covered the table, in the center a fruitstand bespoke of the good cheer of plenty in waiting.

Those surrounding this festive board were, Mr. and Mrs. Hodges Mr. Charley Hodges, Miss Kate Burwell, Mrs. Thompson and Frankie Thompson.

MRS. GILMER HOSTESS TO DINNER.

Mrs. Gilmer was twice hostess during the Christmas tide, having as her guest on Xmas day for dinner, Miss Chevalier, Trice, Miss Kate Burwell, Messrs. J. C. and J. B. Trice. The New Year gathering was of older friendship ties, which was most fitting in its appointment, having as guests Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Copp, Mrs. Fisher and children, and Mr. Willie Copp.

WHEELER-TUTTLE.

Christmas day when all was the merriest Mr. Clyde Wheeler and Miss Ella Tuttle joined in happy bond of wedlock at the home of the bride at Big Wells. Mr. Wheeler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wheeler and is in business with his father at Big Wells. Miss Tuttle, the daughter of Mr. Tuttle who is in the merchandise business in Big Wells, is known for her sweet pleasant manners. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler came to Cotulla on Thursday to receive the congratulations of their parents Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wheeler who reside on East Heights.

The Record extends good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler in this happy event of their life.

MISS PEARL POWELL ENTERTAINED AT DINNER.

New Year day Judge and Mrs. Wilson entertained Miss Powell of Chester Texas, their old home town with a dinner party. The table decorations expressed the good cheer that is so evident in this hospitable home, reminiscences were recounted since the presence of Miss Powell imbued this company of thoughts away back home. Those at place were Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Peters, Mr. Strawn, Miss Powell, Judge and Mrs. Wilson.

DECEMBER 26

As the Christmas festivities were on and the spirit of good cheer prevailed, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Talbott invited guests to celebrate a birthday dinner, for Mrs. Talbott, with them as well. The usual yule tide color scheme filled the accustomed place, making merry the festive board. To enjoy this invitation were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. Cohenour, Dr. Talbott, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Talbott, Mrs. Woldridge of Wichita Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Swisher.

BOY SCOUTS

Mr. Frank Rock who is general Scout Master has secured the assistance of Rev. Barton to act as assistant Master, also Prof. Taylor has promised his untiring interest along this line. Results that will be pleasing to parents and the community at large are earnestly hoped to be derived, and we feel sure such will be the case as each boy recognizes the importance of being loyal to his pledge. The following names have agreed to act as scout counts, Reverends Rowland, Hamilton, Messrs. H. C. Fullerton, W. A. Tarver, H. B. Stedham, J. H. Gallman, Prof. Taylor, P. A. Kerr, T. R. Keck, L. W. Gaddis, N. C. Windrow, R. A. Gouger. With this corps of assistant's shows Mr. Rock means business, and the work will broaden out until the scout boys will be recognized on every corner—those who do not enlist will loose out—so get in line boys.

CHRISTMAS AT ROCKWOOD

Christmas eve the entire neighborhood assembled at the school house to commemorate our Lord's birthday. As we lingered among our friends and loved receiving their smiles and happy greetings, and as we listened to the merry laughter and prattle of the children, we could hear ringing down the ages, "Glory to God in the highest, good will toward men." The ever green tree from our own wood stood in glittering splendor, laden with good things for all. Each child

who attended Sunday school was presented with a beautiful gift or toy, the officers of the school also, received handsome gifts. Each teacher was remembered by their classes with gifts expressing love and appreciation. The first part of the evening was filled by a program, arranged by Miss Madie Daniel, each child showing evidence of careful training, readings, songs and drills forming the pleasing variety—all felt it was good to have been there.

ONE PRESENT.

The ladies of the Baptist Aid for their last meeting of the year at the church, on Tuesday. A most fitting place it was for their consecration service. Prayers and songs with heart felt talks were made by a number of members. Counting the blessings that had been theirs they resolved to forget the deeds that might have been done, and resolved to press forward to greater victory. The next meeting will be with Miss Dossia Shaw next Tuesday.

Mr. Joe Cotulla enjoyed the pleasant reunion of his entire family with the absence of one, Mr. Ed Cotulla of Laredo, for both Christmas dinner and New Year's day. The homecoming is always associated with pleasant anticipations realized, and Mr. Cotulla's family always take advantage of these reunions.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Cohenour had as their Xmas guests Misses Love, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Johnson and daughter of San Antonio.

TO THE SORROWING HEARTS

With all the sorrowing members of the stricken families this Christmas we sincerely and deeply sympathize. To Mr. and Mrs. Stanfield in the loss of their dear little ones. To Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wheeler in the loss of their dear little boy E. J. and to all others who are bowed in grief we say, "Suffer it to be now."

BUSINESS NOTICE.

This is to notify all persons that the partnership heretofore existing between J. R. Black and W. H. Millikin, under the name of Black and Millikin, was dissolved on January 1st, 1913. And in the future neither will have the right to contract any debts or obligations on behalf of said firm.

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DEATHS.

Little E. J. Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wheeler, died Sunday last and was buried Monday. The little fellow had been an invalid for nearly a year and endured many days of suffering.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stanfield died Dec 24th. at their home eight miles West of Cotulla.

WORD OF THANKS

To our friends who have been so kind to us during the illness of our baby, E. J. Wheeler, and his little play mates who contributed flowers for the funeral.

We return our sincere and heartfelt thanks.

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