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### Farmers' Union Meeting.

In pursuance of a call issued by President Barrett, the Haskell county executive committee has called a meeting of the Haskell County Union for the 15th of January, to be held in the Court house at Haskell.

Several matters of importance are to be considered, among others the collecting of the balance of the subscriptions to the cotton warehouse fund.

A full attendance is desired.  
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For any disease of the skin we can recommend Chamberlain's Salve. It relieves the itching and burning sensation instantly and soon effects a cure. This salve is also invaluable for sore nipples. Sold at Terrell's Drug Store.

### JUNIOR LEAGUE

Leader—Lela Sprows.  
Subject of Lesson—Jacob at Bethel.  
Opening Song.  
Scripture Lesson—Gen. 27:10-12:22.  
Prayer.  
Song.  
Psalm for responsive reading: CIII.  
Select Reading—Fred Alexander.  
Song.  
Benediction.

Judge Jackson made a business trip to Rule the early part of the week.

Meedames J. S. Klester and Jno. B. Baker and Misses Tommie Boone and Winnie Bevers have returned from a convention of the Y. T. C. E. Society which lately convened at Colorado City. In a conversation with Mrs. Klester we learned that the convention was a great success, and that the Haskell delegation have secured the next convention for Haskell.

Mrs. Klester is very much enthused with the progress our town has made as compared with other places. She says that Haskell's modern buildings have put her ahead of other towns, and the name and fame of Haskell was on the lips of everybody she met.

### THE RIGHT NAME.

Mr August Sherpe, the popular overseer of the poor, at Fort Madison, Ia., says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills are rightly named; they act more agreeably, do more good, make one feel better than any other laxative." Guaranteed to cure biliousness and constipation. 25c at Terrell's Drug Store.

Mr. Harry Black and Miss Beesse Watson found their way to the Methodist parsonage on last Saturday, having in their possession the necessary official document, issued by the county clerk on special occasions, and after modestly making known the object of their visit, were duly joined in wedlock by Rev. J. H. Chambliss—and may they be happy ever afterward.

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**Jeweler**  
**and Optician**  
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### THE POLL TAX QUESTION IN TEXAS AND ELSEWHERE.

Memphis Commercial Appeal: We notice that there is an extra effort being made to induce the citizen to pay his poll tax. The effort will meet with the approval of all persons who are worthy of being called good citizens, and this paper hopes that those behind the movement will not grow weary in well doing. With the view of helping in this good work, the Commercial Appeal calls the attention of the teachers of the county to the fact that the poll tax is devoted to the public school fund. This being the case, it will not be impertinent in them—in all of them—to teach the children of the county this particular duty of the citizen. These teachers could impress the children with the value and dignity of voting to an extent that would cause them to be active agents in making their fathers and adult brothers ashamed to admit that they had not paid their polls. There is a power of strength in the childish voice asking the parent if he has done his duty as a citizen: There is a world of force in the argument that runs something like this: "Father, teacher says the right to vote is the highest public prerogative of the citizen. It is valuable beyond price. Have you this priceless possession? Tommy Jones' father has paid his poll tax. Tommy is proud of it and so is Jonny Smith, whose father has also paid. Have you paid?" We think this from a man's boy will send the man to the trustee. If it doesn't, could he stand something like this the next day? "I say, dad, those boys at school are rubbing it in on me because you haven't paid your poll tax. Teacher says this tax goes toward my education, and I am get-

ting the hot end of the jeers and jokes at school. Can't you pay it, dad, so as to let me hold up my hand when the teacher asks? I think if I could hold up my hand in the school room I could hold up my head in the play ground."

This is an excellent argument in Texas as well as in Tennessee. It has with us precisely the same basis as it has in Tennessee. The poll tax money goes to the public school fund. If every voter should pay, the result will be the addition of over half a million to the public school fund. If there are any of our institutions of which we should feel especially proud is our public schools. They are not perfect, not just the sort of schools they would better be; but they are very good and are improving all the time. To educate the young is certainly one of the main duties we are here for. There is no object of taxation that should appeal to a man's sympathy, pride, patriotic impulses and sense of justice more strongly than the free education and training of the young.

The amount to be contributed is too small to be burdensome, and the object of the collection appeals to both the mind and the heart; but there is a more important consideration than any of these—it is the voter's license to vote; it is the citizen's evidence of good citizenship; it is a certificate of the willingness and fairness of the holder to do at least a little of the paying for the benefits and blessings which he, in common with the rest is permitted to enjoy.

Do not fail to pay your poll tax. Prove yourself fair-minded, progressive, philanthropic, patriotic, by attending to this little duty at once.—Dallas News.

### GOULD LINE EXTENSION.

Mineral Wells Line to West Progressing Nicely.

Mineral Wells, Tex., Jan. 5.—The work on the extension of the Northwestern to the northwest from here is progressing very nicely and at present there are several grading camps established between here and Oran, a distance of sixteen miles. This line is being built by the Gould system and it is thought now that the road will be built to Candell, southwest of Graham, to connect with some very rich coal fields.

### CURED OF LUNG TROUBLE.

"It is now eleven years since I had a narrow escape from consumption," writes C. O. Floyd, a leading business man of Kershaw, S. C. "I had run down in weight to 135 pounds, and coughing was constant, both by day and by night. Finally I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and continued this for about six months, when my cough and lung trouble were entirely gone and I was restored to my normal weight, 170 pounds." Thousands of persons are healed every year. Guaranteed at Terrell's Drug Store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

### Brothers Meet After a Separation of Forty Years.

Christmas times never fail to bring gladness to many hearts and oftentimes furnishes material for many unique experiences. Mr. J. W. Flourney related a circumstance to us the other day that is not an every day occurrence. During the holidays his father, J. A. Flourney, planned to have a family reunion at his home near town. Present at this reunion were two of his brothers who had not seen each other in forty years. One was J. B. Flourney of Goodwater, Alabama, and the other was G. D. Flourney of Goldwaite, Texas. A few years after the Civil war one moved to Texas; the other remained in Alabama, meeting again at the home of their brother after a separation amounting to the span of an average life. The most unique part of the circumstance was that in exchanging experiences it developed that neither of them had required the services of a physician since their separation forty years ago. They are both above three score and ten, hale and hearty and bid fair to live many years longer.—Rule Review.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Roberts were in town trading Wednesday.

### COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

County court was in session this week with Judge Joe Irby presiding, County Attorney Wilfong, Clerk Meadors and Sheriff Park in attendance.

Following is a brief report of the business disposed of:

State of Texas vs. P. G. Yoe, charged with unlawfully selling whiskey without license. Continued to next term of court.

The State vs. Lee Pierson, charged with threatening to inflict serious bodily injury on a human being. Tried by court, judgment of not guilty.

The State vs. D. McClinton, charged with unlawfully carrying a pistol. Continued to next term on application of defendant.

The State vs. Unknown Mexican, charged with unlawfully carrying a pistol. Nol prossed by county attorney.

The State vs. B. H. Oliver, charged with aggravated assault. Pleas of guilty of simple assault and fined \$5.

The State vs. I. P. Dunn, charged with unlawfully carrying a pistol. Two cases. Continued by agreement.

The State vs. Raymond Stuart, charged with theft of property valued at less than \$50. Verdict of guilty and assessing penalty of five days in jail and a fine of \$1.

The State vs. A. N. Cowles, charged with unlawfully selling intoxicating liquor. Jury trial, verdict of not guilty.

There were two other similar cases pending against Cowles in which no orders had been entered, but it is presumed that they will be dismissed, as they depend upon practically the same evidence. Cowles was defended by United States District Attorney Atwell, who claims to be the general attorney for the whiskey house for which Cowles is a solicitor. Mr. Atwell's position strikes a good many people as being an anomalous one for a U. S. district attorney whose duty it is to prosecute violations of the federal laws.

On the civil docket the case of Alexander Mercantile Co. vs. J. E. Fitzgerald, suit for debt, continued for service.

Pool & Martin vs. T. G. Carney, suit on account, settled and dismissed. J. E. Wooten vs. James Partridge. Suit for debt. Set for trial Saturday.

T. E. Scharff vs. K. C. M. & O. Ry. Co. Suit for damages. Set for trial 3rd week of term.

Alexander Mercantile Co. vs. H. T. Buile. Suit for debt. No order entered.

### THE USE OF CHECKS

Ninety per cent of modern business is transacted without actual money passing hands at all, and all by means of checks.

A owes B a hundred dollars and gives him his check for it. B endorses it over to C in settlement of an account. C deposits it in the bank to his own credit. The actual cash has never left the bank. In this way payments are made more conveniently and each party saves the risk of losing the actual cash. A lost check, is not endorsed, is valueless to any but its owner, and if lost to him it can be replaced with a little trouble.

Every man who wants to protect his business in a modern manner and protect himself against loss, should open a checking account in the

### FARMERS NATIONAL BANK

and then pay all his bills etc. with checks. It is not only safe but it is so convenient that once tried will never be discontinued.

### Haskell a Distributing Point for Waters-Pierce Oil Co.

Mr. W. W. Eddleman of Abilene, agent for the Waters-Pierce Oil Co., was in Haskell Tuesday and let a contract for the building of tank cars and an oil warehouse. We understand that it is the purpose of the oil company to make Haskell the distributing point for the surrounding towns.

### CARRIE NATION

certainly smashed a hole in the rooms of Kansas, but Ballard's Horehound Syrup has smashed all around as a cure for coughs, Bronchitis, Influenza and all Pulmonary diseases. T. C. H., Horton, Kansas, writes "I have never found a medicine that would cure a cough so quickly as Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I have used it for years." Sold by Terrell's Drug Store.

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Through good flour like our Big "M" Brand good bread is an assured fact. Indeed, it is almost impossible to make bad bread with it, for it is so pure, wholesome and nutritious that the bread can't help being the kind that satisfies the palate and benefits the entire system. Onesack of Big "M" Flour will reveal many virtues—today is the best time to try it.

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SEYMOUR,

TEXAS.



**EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE**

A mass meeting at Denison votes to ask council to order election on commission form of government.

The Interstate Commerce Commission investigation into the so-called man lines has been opened in New York.

The eastern continent is covered with the heaviest fall of snow in years. Railroad traffic in France, Spain, Switzerland and Belgium is seriously hampered.

U. N. Bryant, a leading farmer of the Dixie, I. T. section, was placed on trial in the Commissioners Court. He is charged with the killing of an Indian named Fraser.

Many contracts for a large tonnage of steel appeared during the past week, notably structural material for San Francisco. Railroad requirements show no abatement.

There are 35,766 rural delivery routes in the United States. Ten years ago, when the service was established there were 53 carriers, today there are 35,766.

Fire at Skiatook, I. T., destroyed the John Jarbino and Joseph Mercer buildings, the loss being between \$3,000 and \$10,000, with insurance to the amount of about \$3,500.

Thomas Hayes, a well known newspaper man, died a few days since of pneumonia. Mr. Hayes, formerly served on papers in Birmingham, Atlanta, Shreveport and Houston.

A company has been organized at Mexia and work is now in progress on a plant to cure railroad ties. It is said the plan is better than creosote and less expensive.

The Kaiser has decided to eclipse the world so far as armored cruisers to be concerned, and has decided to build a new swift cruiser of 20,000 tons displacement.

Railroad employes on many roads are intending to make fresh demands for more pay and shorter hours.

The President will probably send a special message to Congress on immigration.

Representatives of 400 commercial and manufacturing bodies, lumber, hay and grain interests, and many individual concerns met in Chicago for a two day session to try and solve the car famine problem.

In the City of Mexico, W. K. McDonald, a widely known railroad man, shot himself in the head and is said to be in a critical condition.

G. W. Moran, proprietor of a hotel at Keokuk, Ia., lies in the Tulsa Hospital with head crushed and possibly fatally injured as the result of an encounter. Jesse Stanfield, an 18-year-old boy, is now in the Pawnee jail.

Friday, as the result of the arbitration of President Diaz and Vice President Carral, the strike of the textile workers, the greatest strike Mexico ever had, was brought to a close. Monday the 25,000 workmen will return to the fifty-four factories which have been closed.

Prices of pig iron have risen close to the position of 1900, but finished products are still much lower as to standard figures.

Governor Hughes' inaugural has caused Republican leaders to look upon him as a Presidential possibility.

C. H. Dinkins, a real estate man of Vicksburg, Miss., died a raw death since, from the effects of poison which he took. It is not known whether the drug was taken by accident or not.

Postoffice receipts during the month of December, at the Dallas office reached a sum a little in excess of \$45,000.

Jonathan Hewitt, aged 85, a recent immigrant from Canada, died in Dallas Thursday.

It is estimated that 20,000 operatives in the cloth factories of Mexico are now out on strike. The trouble has extended over a long period of time, the men going out in small groups at widely separated places.

The northbound Portland Express, fast passenger train on the Southern Pacific Railway between San Francisco and Portland, was wrecked two miles north of Comstock, Oregon. Engineer Wechsler was killed and Fireman Long is missing.

The new cotton exchange in Liverpool opened Wednesday. The first transaction was the sale of one hundred bales for March-April delivery at 5.44d by the president and chairman of the building committee.

It is announced that Andrew Carnegie has given \$750,000 for the construction of a building to be used by the Bureau of American Republics. Provision for the site has already been made by the United States and the South American republics.

**FLOODS IN INDIANA AND WEST KENTUCKY.**

Stop Trains and Drive Inhabitants into the Hills.

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 5.—High water and threatened floods are reported from different parts of Southwest Indiana along the Wabash and White rivers. At Taylorsville, opposite this city, the bottoms are under water and 700 inhabitants of the town are moving out.

At the confluence of the Wabash and White rivers in Knox county, the farmers are fleeing with their families.

Fifteen schools in Gibson county have been closed by high waters. Nearly one-third of Wabash Township is under water. The pumping station which supplies Princeton with water has been closed, water having risen above the machinery.

Louisville, Ky.: The traffic on all railroads operating in the western section of Kentucky and on several lines in other parts of the State are demoralized as a result of the heavy rains during the last few days. All creeks and rivers in the southern and western portions of the State are out of their banks. In and around Henderson, the Illinois Central, the Louisville and Nashville and the Henderson Railroad tracks are under water so deep that trains cannot pass. Many trains have been annulled entirely.

**OIL FUEL FOR DALLAS AND A \$200,000 REFINERY.**

The Cullinan Texas Oil Company Has Bought a Site.

Dallas, January 5.—The Texas Cullinan Oil Company is already engaged in the work of building up an up-to-date pipe line from Tulsa, I. T., to Houston. As is equally well known, Mr. Cullinan's company will go one hundred miles out of the way in order to build the line through Dallas.

Representatives of Mr. Cullinan have purchased 280 acres of land located several miles west of Dallas and near the plant of the Iola Portland Cement company. It is stated authoritatively today that a splendid oil refinery will be built on this land and that work connected with the new pipe line will be hurried with all possible dispatch.

It is said that the refinery at Dallas will cost over two millions, and that it will be one of the most complete establishments of its kind in America. Details concerning the plant have not yet, of course, been made.

The advantages that will accrue to this city on account of the pipe line and the refinery are declared by those familiar with the matter to be almost beyond calculation. It will make Dallas a fuel oil center and will considerably cheapen the price of kerosene. Ultimately it is thought many new here because of the existence of fuel oil.

**Vargas Hanged at Baird.**

Baird: Alberto Vargas, the Mexican who stabbed a young white woman to death at a local hotel October 19, 1906, was hanged here Friday. The condemned man was brought from the county jail by Jailer Felix F. Raines, and mounted the scaffold at 1:50. Vargas faced the audience east of the scaffold and talked to the crowd in Spanish. Judge E. M. Overshiner, of Abilene, was present, and after Vargas had spoken a few words in Spanish or Mexican, interpreted Vargas' speech to the audience.

**Big Fire in Newspaper Office.**

Fort Worth: Fire broke out at 5 o'clock Friday morning in the newspaper office of the Evening Telegram Building, corner Eighth and Throckmorton streets, and in a short time, before it was extinguished, had damaged every department of the building except the editorial rooms and the business department. So badly was the plant damaged that another plant had to be used temporarily.

Brownsville Wants That Farm. Washington: John Bannon, secretary of the Brownsville Board of Trade has informed Dr. Galloway that as an inducement for the establishment of the proposed demonstration farm near that city, the people of Brownsville would donate 100 acres of land to the Government, give \$5,000 and water rights. The establishment of this farm somewhere in the Brownsville country was determined on last winter, but the location has not yet been decided on.

Eufala, Ala.: A negro whose name has not been learned was lynched at Midway, Ala., Friday afternoon by a posse of indignant citizens. He was hanged to a tree and his body riddled with bullets. The negro on Wednesday night entered the room of Miss Morrell King at Midway by pushing open one of the shutters, and had grasped her hand before she awoke. Her screams attracted the other inmates of the house and the negro escaped.

**Thirty-Five Were Killed.**

Pinioned, the Passengers Are Burned to Cinders.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 3.—Four Americans, a negro train porter and about thirty Mexican laborers lost their lives, and fifty-five persons were injured, when two passenger trains on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad collided head-on, four miles west of Volland, Kan., yesterday morning.

The trains were Nos. 29 and 30, running between Chicago and El Paso, and they met on a sharp curve. Fire from the lamps in the cars and from the locomotives was communicated to the splintered wreckage and spread rapidly, consumed five cars of train No. 29, westbound, and burning several passengers.

All but three of those who perished are thought to have been Mexican laborers, who were on their way from Columbus Junction, Ohio, to Mexico.

The officials of the company place the blame on John Lynes, a 19-year-old telegraph operator at Volland, who failed to stop train No. 29, after receiving orders to hold it. Lynes was arrested.

Five minutes before the trains crashed together, the operators for

hundreds of miles along the line of the Rock Island system knew that the collision was certain, as Lynes had wired from Volland that he had set No. 29 pass, but there was no earthly means of preventing the disaster.

All of the dead, except one, were on train No. 29. As far as definitely known, only two Americans were killed—one tramp riding the blind baggage car of No. 30 and one man in the smoking car with the Mexicans. There were thirty-seven Mexican in the car. All except seven were burned to death, the officials say.

**Enthusiasm For Good Roads.**

Waco: Enthusiastic people from all parts of Texas met Wednesday to attend the State good roads convention, which assembled this morning and held forenoon, afternoon and night sessions. It was clear that the good road sentiment has permeated the State; that all classes of citizens realize that for the advancement of social life, for the furtherance of the cause of education, for the extension of rural free delivery for the sake of the farmers and for the general weal, permanently built highways have become indispensable.

**TEXAS & PACIFIC WINS**

Supreme Court Decides Law Does Not Apply to T. & P.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 3.—The judgment of the court of civil appeals of the third district was affirmed Wednesday by the supreme court in the case of the State of Texas vs. the Texas & Pacific Railway relative to the validity of the Love gross receipts law. The court of civil appeals held that the law was unconstitutional and that it was in violation of the commerce clause in the federal constitution. This decision was upheld by the supreme court yesterday. The supreme court went further, holding that as the Texas and Pacific railway operates under a federal charter, it is not subject to an occupation tax by the state

of Texas or any other tax, except upon its property. This is a decided victory for the Texas & Pacific railway company.

In the case of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway, the supreme court some time ago held that the Love tax law was an occupation tax and constitutional.

Two sections of Missouri, Kansas and Texas trains containing several hundred homeseekers arrived in Denison Wednesday evening.

Jack McConnell, one of the wealthiest operators in the Glenn oil pool, died suddenly at Tulsa Wednesday night of asthma. McConnell was on the streets in the afternoon.

**NEW RAILROAD MILEAGE.**

Nine States Show an Excess of Two Hundred Miles Each, Texas in the Lead.

The Railway Age in its issue of December 28 prints the following as part of a lengthy report on railway construction:

During the past year railway construction in the United States has proceeded on a larger scale than for eighteen years past, and 1906 will pass into history as the year of greatest railway building since 1888. The record year for the United States in construction was 1887, when 13,000 miles of new main line track were laid, and the following year witnessed the completion of 7,105 miles. Since 1888 the figures of complete road have fluctuated between 1,800 miles in 1895 and 5,786 miles in 1903. But in no year since 1887 has so much construction been under way as during 1906, and except for the delays encountered in the scarcity of labor and the difficulty in securing rails the results in track laid for the year just closing would have exceeded those of 1888.

The Railway Age has made a thorough canvass of the entire country, and while some small roads are yet to be heard from, our returns show that since January 1 last 6,067 miles of track have been laid on 388 lines in forty-four States and Territories, as indicated in the following table:

State	No. Lines	Miles
Alabama	16	80.11
Alaska	3	39.59
Arizona	4	43.49
Arkansas	20	240.93
California	19	211.61
Colorado	12	134.60

**Hogg Damage Case Settled.**

Houston: In the district court the suit of Governor James S. Hogg against the International and Great Northern railroad has been settled. The only entry on the docket is that it is dismissed, the amount of settlement not being made public. It is stated the amount paid by the railroad was considerably less than was sued for, the original petition asking for a hundred thousand dollars.

**New Head For Pennsylvania System.**

Philadelphia, Pa.: At a meeting of the directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad, James McCrea, First Vice President of the lines west of Pittsburgh, was elected to succeed the late A. J. Cassatt as President of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The first official act of the new President was an announcement that he would not make any changes in the staff attached to the President's office.

San Belg, acting for Joe Gans, and M. E. Riley, on behalf of the Casino Athletic Club, have signed articles calling for a finish fight between Gans and Jimmy Brit. The purse is to be \$25,000, sixty per cent to the winner and forty per cent to the loser.

The eleventh annual show of the Wabash Poultry and Pot Stock Association opened Wednesday morning. There are nearly one hundred entries, representing about nine hundred birds.

**Four Boys Killed by a Train.**

New York: Elmer Dunn, Clarence Bennett, William E. Casey and William Bell, all of Newark, N. J., were killed Tuesday night indirectly by the breaking of a coupling pin on a Lehigh Valley train at South Plainsfield, N. J. The boys were stealing a ride on a freight train and stepped off the train directly in front of the Chicago bound flyer of the Lehigh Valley railroad, and all were instantly killed.

**Kentuckians Get Busy.**

Lexington, Ky.: In a fight Tuesday at Pine Top, Knott County, Harrison Stone, Walter Hanks and Walter Thomas were killed and others were wounded. Stone, Hanks, Thomas and others met at a country dance and drank too much whiskey. There had been ill feeling between the Stone and Thomas families for years, and heated by liquor, the men quarreled. They were put outside, and when outside, a general fight ensued.

Reports of damage to wheat and oats by green bugs in Collin County continue to come in. Leslie Bush of Allen, one of the county's most extensive farmers, states that they have appeared in his community to an alarming extent.

After considerable delay in the work of drilling for oil in the field near Belton is in progress and the outcome is watched with intense interest not only by the residents of Belton, but all the country.

**HIS EYES OPEN**

Why There Are No Mail Order Catalogues in One Home.

**FARMER WILLIAMS' LESSON**

In Time of Adversity He Got to Understand Who Were His Real Friends—Prosperity in Standing Together.

(Copyright, 1906, by Alfred G. Clark.)  
"What y' got there, Sis?" inquired Farmer Williams, as he kicked off his felt boots and set them carefully behind the stove to dry. "That's what I thought it looked like, one of them there Chicago catylogs, though I hain't seen one clost fer quite a few years back. Me an' your ma ust to buy mighty nigh everthing we used out of them catylogs when we first come to Kansas. Land sakes, I have to laugh now sometimes when I think of the way we would get ketched on in them catylogs, an' then agin they's a lot 't ain't so cheap. Y' never kin tell till they come, an' then it's too late to send 'em back. But as I was a sayin', we hain't bought nothin' out of a catylog fer a right smart o' years now, an' the way it come about I had as well tell y', cause I don't think y' really remember much about it."

"When we come to Kansas long in the first of the '80's we got along right well. We was able to pay cash fer what we got, and we got the money fer everthing we sold. We was payin' out on the place right along; crops was purty good an' we was a feelin' like the Lord was a smilin' on our efforts, and the happy home we dreamed about when we first got married was in sight."

But they come a change in Kansas long in the last half of the '80's. Times got hard and kep a gittin' tighter. Four straight years it was so dry y' had to soak the hogs afore they'd hold swill—though I will say they was some extry reason on account of the swill bein' so thin—wheat just died in the ground fer want of rain, and the hot winds bilied the everlastin' sap out of the corn. They wasn't no pasture, no nothing. You can know we was a feelin' purty blue about that time, but we was young and strong, and thought with the chickens an' hogs we could git through anyway."

"Then one day you got to complainin' and lookin' so thin it worried us. Your ma is a middlin' good doctor, take it all around, but nothing she could think of done you any good. Well, you kep a gittin' plindler and plindler, till you got so st' y' wouldn't do nothin' but set in a chair by the kitchen stove, wrapped in your 's old shawl, an' you looked so piti' that we made up our minds to have the doctor, even if it took all the chicken on the place. Well, he come, and after he'd looked at you awhile an' felt your pulse, he shet his watch up with a snap, an' says, quiet like: 'Better fix up a warm place fer her in the front room, don't have too much light nor any drafts to strike her. Then we knowed it wasn't no small sickness we had to fight, an' when we got you fixed up in bed I follered Doc. out on the porch an' I says: 'Well, Doc,' sez I, 'what's the matter with our little girl?'"

"I don't want to skeer ye, Mr. Williams," says he, "but I'm afraid she's in for a siege of typhoid fever."

"Well, after he was gone I went out in the kitchen an' told your ma, but she says, brave as kin be: 'Well, Ezra, if the Lord has seen fit to put that much more on our load we must bear up an' fight it out doin' our duty the best we kin, leavin' the rest to him.' An' I thought so too. So we jest kep our hearts brave an' done what seemed right 't do."

"The hardest thing was to figure out where 't git the medicine, an' fruit, an' dainty things your sickness called for. We hadn't been tradin' much with the stores in Huston, buyin' mostly from the catylog folks y' know, an' so we didn't have any credit there to speak of. But I went 't Fosters', th' druggist, an' I told him how things was. I didn't have no money 't pay fer th' medicine an' things, an' the prospects fer the next year was as poor er poorer than th' last."

"Why cert'nee, Mr. Williams," he says, "jest let us know what you want an' we'll carry you along till times come better fer you. We're all in a tight pinch now, but if we hang 't each other th'gin is all goin' to come out right in the end. I have faith in th' country, an' in the people that live here, an' nobody's sick baby is a goin' to suffer if I kin help any."

"Well, it was the same thing at Harlow's grocery, an' th' coal yard, everywhere in th' town. 'Cert'nee, Mr. Williams, we'll see y' through on this.' It made me feel mean an' small some way, though I don't know why. An' often when they'd put in a few oranges or somethin' like that, sayin' in a 'pologizin' sort 'of way, 'Little somethin' fer th' sick baby, Williams,' why somehow it made a hart lump come up in my throat, an' I had a queer feelin' in my eyes, kinder achy like, y' know."

"Well, jest th' night before New Years Doc. called us outside, your

room. Oh, how my heart sunk then! 'I don't want to hold out any false hopes to you people,' he says, 'but I think with proper care from now on, your little girl is goin' 't git well.'"

Elsie, it seemed jest like a ton of hay had been lifted off my chest right there. As fer your ma, why she jest busted down an' cried as hard as she could. After Doc. was gone we went out to the kitchen an' kneeled down right there an' thanked God for the most glorious New Year's gift he ever give 't anybody in th' world—the health of our baby girl. You know your pa ain't no ranter er shouter; yer ma bein' a Baptist has furnished most of th' religion fer our house, but then I seen how it was that they cuties times in people's lives when they've jest got to have somethin' bigger an' greater than anything human 't turn to with a great joy er a great sorrow."

"Well, it was a long time yet before you was strong enough 't play out doors, an' it was a hard winter. I burned every post of the fence around the south eighty fer firewood afore it was over. But it seemed like we had so much 't be thankful fer that we was strong 't care fer any of th' smaller troubles that we come across."

"It really hain't so bad 't look back at it now after th' trouble 's over, but them hard years in Kansas drove nearly all our neighbors 't give up their land an' move away, broke in hopes an' pocketbook. Them of us stayed is purty well fixed now, but we fit fer everthing we got, an' it 'ard, too. An', O, yes, about th' catylogs. Well after you was well an' things begun 't take a turn fer th' better, one night ma brought out that Chicago book an' laid it on the kitchen table an' says: 'Ezra, what do you want 't do with this?' An' I sez: 'Les burn it, An' your ma sez: 'Jest what I was thinkin', too.' An' so we did burn it, an' what's more, we ain't never had one in th' house since, an' we never send away fer anything we can git at any of the stores in Huston, 'cause we want to deal with them as has an int'rest in the country we live in, an' in us people that live clost by."

"Why, you needn't to put yours in th' stove, too, Elsie, I didn't mean—yes, I don't know but what it's jest as well y' done it after all."

Folk Denounces Mail-Order Idea. Addressing a meeting of retail merchants in Jefferson city recently, Governor Folk of Missouri, said: "We are proud of our splendid cities, and we want to increase wealth and population, and we also want our country towns to grow. We wish the city merchants to build up, but we also desire the country merchants to prosper. I do not believe in the mail-order citizen. If a place is good enough for a man to live in and to make his money in, it is good enough for him to spend his money in."

"No merchant can succeed without advertising in one way or another. Patronize your town papers, build them up, and they will build the town up in increased trade and greater opportunities. Do not be afraid that business is going to be hurt by the recent exposures of wrong-doing in that commercial world."

Mixture of Many Nations. Louis N. Farber, the dramatist, was born in France; his father was an American, his mother an English woman; his first language was Russian and he was educated in Germany.



I Sez: Les Burn It.



"Why Cert'nee, Mr. Williams, Jest Let Us Know What You Want."

for. We hadn't been tradin' much with the stores in Huston, buyin' mostly from the catylog folks y' know, an' so we didn't have any credit there to speak of. But I went 't Fosters', th' druggist, an' I told him how things was. I didn't have no money 't pay fer th' medicine an' things, an' the prospects fer the next year was as poor er poorer than th' last."



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## ALL OVER TEXAS

A fire at Handley Thursday night destroyed three stores and stocks valued at about \$10,000.

Mrs. J. S. Chambers, of Ennis, 87 years old, fell while alighting from her buggy and her right leg was broken below the knee.

The new directory just issued gives El Paso a population of 42,117. An agitation has started for a two week's fair this fall, to be known as the Inter-American Fair.

About 125 bales of cotton were burned at Rogers Monday evening. The cotton was on the right of way of the Santa Fe, and had been signed for by the company.

The Attorney General approved and the Controller registered \$3,000 twenty-year 5 per cent school house bonds of the independent school district of Carney, Haskell County.

A. M. Garrett, a farmer living near Cobb Switch, ten miles east of Terrell, raised a mammoth beet weighing 17 1/2 pounds, which is now on exhibition at Terrell.

The old exhibition hall at the Bonham fair grounds burned Sunday. It was full of hay, which was insured for \$600. It was the property of E. D. Steger.

The people of Boyce will vote on the question of incorporation for school purposes January 2. It is believed incorporation will carry with very little opposition.

About fifty residents of Fort Worth's "red light" district were arrested Friday morning and herded up Main street to the county jail. They will answer charges of vagrancy.

Shapley R. Barnard, assistant city engineer, and whose father, George Barnard, was the first white settler in McClellan County, died one day last week.

Rev. Gill, of Beeville, has accepted the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church in Waxahachie. He will move his family about January 8th.

The Farmers' State Bank of Italy has been organized with a capital stock of \$25,000. The following officers were elected: T. E. Moore, president; P. E. Wood, vice president; Whit George, cashier.

Eph Mayfield, one of the watchmen at the State Capitol, died Tuesday night. He was a Confederate veteran and had lived in Austin for many years. He has a son living in Fort Worth.

Al Daly, a 5-year-old boy, was shot in the head at Denton with a target rifle. Other boys were shooting at a box when the little fellow ran toward the gun just as the trigger was pulled. It is thought he will recover.

As a result of a crusade that has been inaugurated in Fort Worth for the suppression of resorts which exert a demoralizing influence, one of the variety theatres will close two weeks hence, according to a statement made by its proprietor, and another in the same quarter has agreed to close on January 12.

The site for the new Federal building at Denison will be decided January 15. A flood of petitions are pouring into Secretary-Treasurer Shaw extolling different sites, and letters are being rushed to Congressman Randall requesting his influence.

Right of way is being secured for the interurban electric line which it is proposed to build from Temple to Marlin and Waco via Mooreville and men are in the field daily with that object in view.

Work was commenced on the foundation for the Mineral Wells electric street railway last week. Cross-ties are being thrown off on different streets and just as soon as teams can be secured grading will be commenced.

Tuesday night Henry Ullman, of Calvert, was found in an unconscious condition and died before medical aid arrived. Justice Bergeron was called in. There were marks of violence on the head.

Articles of incorporation by the Central Texas Traction company of Corsicana have been filed. Capital stock \$50,000. Purpose, to construct an interurban line from Corsicana to Palestine, a distance of seventy-five miles.

Representative Brooks has introduced a bill for the survey of the Sabine river from Belzora in Smith county to Orange, with a view to opening the river for navigation with a six-foot channel.

# PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TAKES A HAND AND CLOSSES STRIKE.

"All Hands and the Cook" on the Southern Pacific Go to Work.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—President Roosevelt took a hand in the labor situation threatening the railroads of the country, through the strike of the firemen on the Southern Pacific and caused a conference to be held at the Palmer House Sunday with the result that the controversy is in a way of being settled.

At a meeting of the Brotherhoods of Locomotive Firemen, Engineers and Railway Trainmen, called by Interstate Commerce Commissioner E. E. Clarke Sunday night, terms of the settlement of the firemen's strike on the Southern Pacific in Texas were practically adopted.

The strike of the railway clerks over the Atlantic system of the Southern Pacific from New Orleans to El Paso, was called off Monday morning. Following a telegraphic decision by the clerks to accept the terms offered by General Manager T. Fay several days ago.

The clerks fall in the objects of the strike, i. e., recognition of the union and higher wages. However they will be given preference when vacancies exist.

## LOCOMOTIVE BOILER EXPLODES

Killing Engine and Fireman While Running on H. & T. C.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 7.—Fireman A. Gillinghouse was almost instantly killed and Engineer W. Haberlin seriously injured as the result of locomotive No. 443 exploding on the H. & T. C., about five miles north of here about 10 o'clock Monday morning.

The engine, pulling a freight, had just passed Currie when the explosion occurred. A brakeman was standing on a car back of the engine, but was not hurt further than a jolt caused by jumping off the car. When the smoke cleared away the engine was found six feet from the track, scalded and with his wrist broken. The badly mutilated body of the fireman was found off in a field about seventy-five yards away.

The brakeman who jumped from the car went to the fireman immediately and found him alive, but says he never spoke, and shortly afterward he died.

## PEELER WITHDRAWS.

A Sudden and Unexpected Movement Creates Sensation.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 8.—Last night at 9:30 Mr. Peeler's spokesman announced that he was out of the race for Speaker of the House. Following the withdrawal of Col. Peeler, both the Love and Terrell crowds claimed the victory. Each asserted that its man had caught Peeler votes in the breakaway. Unofficially it was stated that all of the supporters of Peeler had an agreement to go bodily to the Terrell camp, but the Love people were prompt to show signatures as evidence that Peeler men had come to them, and insisted that the only material effect of Peeler's withdrawal was to increase Love's vote.

## Kills Himself and a Woman.

Dallas: The dead bodies of Tucker Harris and Pearl Hooper, both negroes, were found Monday night in the vicinity of Louise and Gladstone streets. Shortly before people near by had heard the voices of a man and a woman followed by four shots. The woman had been shot three times through the breast and the man was shot through the heart. A revolver was found in the right hand of the man, was still smoking.

## To Utilize Texas Lignite.

Dallas: Representatives of the International Gas Power Company of St. Joseph, Mo., now visiting in Dallas, recently announced the intention of that company to establish a plant in the lignite fields of Texas for the manufacture of fuel gas. Headquarters of the company have already been established here in the Slaughter Building and the preliminary work will be begun at once.

## Progress of Surgery Encouraging.

Berlin: Prof. Posner, a full known surgeon, in an article in the Gartenlaube declares that surgery is making such progress that he looks forward to the time when surgeons will be able to attach an artificial arm or leg to the body. He goes even further and says that in the future surgeons will find no difficulty in attaching a beheaded trunk to the body in case the operation is carried out expeditiously.

J. Mercer Carter and associates deposited with the City Treasurer of Dallas Tuesday the sum of \$10,000. This was the final installment of the \$15,000 guarantee that the road will be in good faith and within four months more begin the construction of its tracks into and about that city.

Emperor William is sending Waldemar von Schalek to the United States to study the commercial and financial situation on which subject he has been at work in the foreign office.

# STILL THEY COME

IMMIGRATION FIGURES

FORMER YEARS ECLIPSED.

## CAN THEY AMERICANIZE

Italy, Turkey and Russia Lead in the Movement.

Washington, January 7.—The fiscal year ended June 30, 1906, produced a record eclipsing all former figures on the subject of immigration, according to the annual report of Frank Sargent, the Commissioner General. The report says the population of the United States was increased by the admission of 1,160,735 immigrant aliens and 65,618 non-immigrant aliens entered at its ports, making the total admission 1,226,353.

The increase over last year's record of 1,255,755 (1,025 aliens, plus 33,236 transient) was 106,598. During the fiscal year 1906 11,480 aliens were rejected and during the last year 12,432. Of the immigrant aliens, that is, those who intended settling in the United States, 764,463 were males and 336,272 females. Of the tendency of the immigration during the last few years, the report says:

The countries from which we formerly obtained the greater part of our foreign population, and which are inhabited by the races nearly akin to our own, supplied us with smaller numbers during last year than during 1905, as follows:

Ireland 19,950, Sweden 3,251, Germany 3,010, Denmark 1,229, Scotland 1,111.

On the other hand, the four most considerable gains are:

Italy 51,641, Russia 30,788, Greece 8,974, Turkey (in Europe and Asia) 25,165.

The immigration of Austria-Hungary amounted to 265,138; Italy, including Sicily and Sardinia, 273,120; Russian Empire and Finland, 215,665; China, 1,544; Japan 13,835, and the West Indies 13,656.

## Desperate Attempt at Robbery.

Dallas: R. E. Hall, of Merkel, was the victim of an assault with knives early Sunday morning on the Commerce street bridge over the Trinity River. He was attacked by two negroes and only his unusual strength and agility saved him. Noise of the conflict brought two fishermen out from a shanty below the bridge, and the negroes took to their heels in the Trinity bottoms. Mr. Hall's coat was in shreds from the cuts of the knives and but for an insurance rate book in his pocket and a package of papers in another, he would have sustained serious injuries. The leather-bound book, more than a quarter of an inch in thickness, was sliced in several places.

## Mineral Wells Extension Pushing.

Mineral Wells: The work on the extension of the Northwestern to the northwest from here is progressing very nicely, and at present there are several grading camps established between here and Oran, a distance of sixteen miles. This line is being built by the Gould system and it is thought now that the road will be built to Candel, southwest of Graham, to connect with some very rich coal fields.

The dead body of Jordan Holley, a well-known Red River county farmer, was found within a few feet of the front door of his own home, one mile south of Avery, Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Near the body was a shotgun.

## Negro Kills Fellow Worker.

Sherman: Ed Mason, a negro, died at Whitewright Sunday morning from what the physicians said was the effect of a blow in the head with some blunt instrument. Tom Logan, another negro, was placed in jail Sunday evening upon the charge of murder lodged in Justice Campbell's Court. It is alleged that he struck Mason with a hammer. They were fellow employes in a mill.

## Doubles in Eight Years.

Washington: A statement issued by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor announces that this country now ranks third in the value of manufactures entering the world's commerce, the amount of its exports for the past year having aggregated more than \$700,000. The exports have never even approximated these figures before in the value of American trade in the foreign markets.

## Another Narrow Escape.

Temple: Hortense Miller, a 16-year-old girl, the daughter of J. J. Miller, living one mile east of town, had a very narrow escape from a horrible death Saturday. The girl and her mother were burning trash in the yard when the young lady stepped too close to the fire and her clothing became ablaze. Prompt and heroic action on the mother's part in extinguishing the flames was all that saved the girl's life.

## Bailey Loses in Travis County.

Austin: In the special primary election held Saturday the Democrats of Travis county instructed against Joseph W. Bailey for the United States Senate. The vote was light and was closely divided, as was forecast previously. The city of Austin gave Bailey 687 and there were 800 votes against him. Nineteen country boxes gave Bailey 259 and there were 214 against him. The total from all precincts thus far heard from are: For Bailey 946, and against Bailey 1,044. It is predicted on one side and conceded on the other that the complete returns will show that Bailey lost the county by about 125 votes.

## Left a Hole in the Ground.

El Paso: Advice from Lowell, Arizona, are to the effect that the damage done to the town by the explosion of dynamite in the Arizona Company's magazine, containing 800 pounds of dynamite will be less than \$30,000, while the damage to the company's property is estimated, outside of the value of the explosive, at about \$10,000. Where the magazine stood is now sixty feet deep.

## A Cripples' Syndicate.

Houston: What is characterized as a "crip" syndicate is now said to be working Houston, managed by a well-dressed, sopry looking individual, who is said to have a dozen cripples under contract. These cripples station themselves all over the business section of the city and ply their trade. Kind-hearted people are induced to give and some of the deformed and maimed make a comfortable sum every day.

Three lives were lost in a fire that destroyed the American Hotel at Delhi, N. Y.

During a storm Sunday the Greek steambot Urania went on the rocks near Ancona, Italy. Thirteen of the crew were drowned.

The postoffice, a confectionery store and a saloon were burned at Elgin Saturday night. Loss about \$25,000; insurance light.

Three firemen were killed in a fire that burned out the interior of Hill's paper warehouse in Roosevelt street in New York City Sunday night.

The big Cotton Belt bridge which spans Saline River, twenty-nine miles south of Pine Bluff, Ark., washed away Sunday night. The Saline River was rising at the rate of two inches an hour at that time.

Twenty bales of cotton burned on the platform at the depot at Boyd. Citizens soon had the burning cotton hauled away. There is something over a thousand bales on the platform and right of way.

The eleventh annual show of the Waxahachie Poultry and Pet Stock Association came to a close Saturday night. There were not as many birds on exhibition this year as last, but the quality was much superior.

While playing with a toy pistol on Christmas day, Andrew Eastland Greene, of San Antonio, received a severe wound in the hand. Lockjaw resulted, and after horrible suffering, he died at the city hospital.

Red Manning was found dead in a room at Ben's lodging house in Mexia. He had been in the employ of McCabe & Steen for twelve years in the capacity of foreman of one of the steel gangs.

At Pheila, the independent coal mine four miles north of Bastrop, a Mexican woman was stabbed as she was entering a door. The blade of the knife broke off and dropped into the lung.

The inauguration will be Tuesday, Jan. 15, when the actual swearing in and inauguration ball will occur. The election of a United States Senator is scheduled to be considered on the next following Tuesday, January 22.

The announcement is made that the Bonnie View Ranch of T. D. Wood in Refugio county, comprising 35,000 acres, has been sold to Northern and Eastern capitalists for \$300,000. It will be divided into farms for colonization purposes.

Percy Martin has made a full confession of participation in the Sea Board Line train robbery at La Crosse, Va., about eighty miles below Richmond, on the night of December 29. He insists that Powley, now in jail at Boydton, Va., was the man who went through the Pullman car and took the passengers' valuables.

The Winona Exchange Bank has opened its vault for business, with A. F. Butler president and J. F. McClung cashier, and a capitalization of \$10,000.

A movement is on foot among the citizens of Petty to incorporate the town for school purposes. County Judge Hardison will be petitioned to order an election.

A. E. Liggett, superintendent of transportation of the Cotton Belt, died on a southbound train of the Lufkin branch of the Cotton Belt near Polock. Mr. Liggett got up from the seat he was occupying, evidently to go to another part of the car, when he fell back and expired, heart failure being given as the cause of his death.

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Many a man who prays for rain would doubtless steal his neighbor's umbrella if his prayers were answered.

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Acquiesce in the present without repining, remember the past with thankfulness, and meet the future hopefully and cheerfully, without fear or suspicion.—Diogenes.

## Woman's Important Position.

An American woman, Mrs. John Leslie—familiarly known as Mrs. Jack Leslie—who was Leonie Blanche Jerome of New York, is unofficial adviser in fashion and dress of the duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia, the former of whom she is lady in waiting.

## Artificial Flowers.

There are 430 manufactories of artificial flowers, leaves, plants and fruits in the district of Dresden. The largest manufactories employ from 250 to 1,000 persons, and the total number of persons engaged in the trade is estimated at 10,000, the larger proportion being women and girls, who earn from 8s. to 12s. a week by their work.

## Never Falls.

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W. M. Christian, Rutherford, Tenn.

## Millionaire is Generous.

Congressman John E. Andrus, who represents the Yorkers, N. Y. district, for several years has taken delight in playing the role of Santa Claus to the pages and telephone and telegraph boys of the house. This year, as usual, his gifts to the youngsters consisted of two and five-dollar bills. Col. Andrus is worth \$20,000,000, made out of the manufacture of pepsin.

## Long Lived Parisian.

M. Rouse, the oldest member of the Institute of France, who has proved by statistics that he had to city in which life is prosed the surely than in any other in France. There are enough octogenarians in French capital to form a town of their own—namely, the population of Paris was little over 2,700,000 this year, octogenarians to every 100,000. It also appears from the census of the veteran statistics Paris has 620 nonagenarians, whom are in their one hundredth year.

## Knows Whom He Can Trust.

Police Commissioner Bingham has learned one important fact that will be of aid to him in his official career. When he desires to get the exact facts about some large question that is to be brought before him he calls in the newspaper reporters located at police headquarters and has a heart-to-heart talk. As one of them says: "He gets it straight, and so straight that not all the men of the force can fool him on that one point."

## Much Traveled Sailor.

Henry Stevens, chief wine steward of a Cunard liner is now on his thirtieth trip across the Atlantic. This record, so far as is known, has never been surpassed by any other employee of the steamship lines. Stevens is 63 years old and has been in continuous service of the Cunard company for 42 years and six months. Taking 3,000 miles for the trip from Liverpool to New York as a basis for computation, Stevens has traveled 3,000,000 miles, or a distance of 12,000 times around the earth. Had he been traveling through space he would have made six round trips to the moon.

## French President's Double.

M. Fallieres was until recently believed to be the only president of the French republic who had no double, but his counterpart has been found. The man who most resembles him physically is a respectable merchant of the Rue Saint Honoré, who plays his part with decorum and dignity. He wears exactly the same kind of blue butterfly necktie with white dots as the president, the same kind of hat and exactly so oddly cut a beard. And on his promenades he is always accompanied by a friend who could easily be taken for the president's private secretary. Dignified and with measured steps the enviable double walks through the Faubourg Saint Honoré and feels overjoyed at being saluted on all sides.

# AN IMPORTANT CASE

Patient Cured of Ataxia Gives the Entire Credit to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Mrs. S. C. Wellock, of 114 Cleveland Avenue, Everett, Mass., the wife of an employe in the government works at Chelsea, says:

"I had been troubled with nervousness for ten years and the disease kept growing on me. Then I learned that I was suffering from locomotor ataxia. I had terrible tremblings in my right leg which would get rigid and when this happened in the street I had to stand still until it passed away to keep from falling. My right arm felt as if a thousand needles were pricking it. The sheet touching my knee in bed would nearly cause me to scream out with pain and both knees were so weak I could hardly stand.

"I had to use a cane and be helped about by my son. Then the pain began to settle in the calves of my legs and the muscles became numb and quivered constantly. The cords under my knees seemed to be drawn up tight and the terrible shooting pains in my legs would nearly drive me insane. My toes became numb and at times would prickle as if needles were being thrust into them. My eyes became dull and black spots floated before them. My heart was very weak.

"My attention was called to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I bought several boxes right away and soon felt relief. I was so pleased that I kept on taking them until they cured me entirely, and I have had no symptoms of the trouble for over a year."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists or sent, postpaid, on receipt of price, 50 cents per box, six boxes \$2.50, by Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y. A booklet, entitled "Nervous Disorders," sent free on request.

## Whine from Henry James.

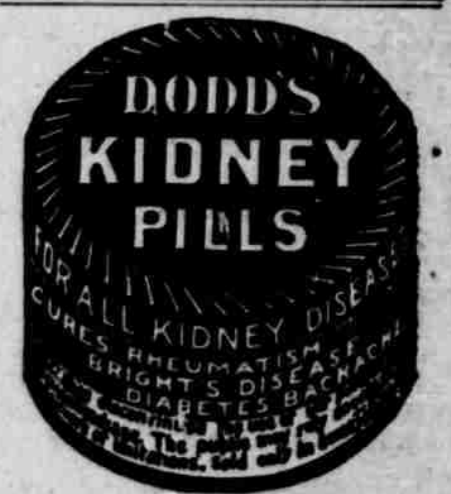
Henry James, pursuing his theme, "The Speech of American Women," speaks of a group of Boston young women, "all mumbling and whining and vocally limping and shuffling as it were together." He compares, also, to its great disadvantage, a school where parents pay so much not to have their boys taught to speak as gentlemen, with one "beyond the sea, in which the proviso that the schoolmaster shall speak as a gentleman is so absolutely vital."

## Tallest American Soldier.

The distinction of being the tallest man in the United States army belongs to Ernest D. Peck, a first lieutenant in the engineer corps. He is six feet four and a half inches in height. Lieutenant Peck is a native of Wisconsin and was graduated from the Oshkosh high school. Lieutenant Peck is now on duty at Yellowstone Park, Wyoming, and has supervised the building of a military road known as Peck's Pike. He is called Peck's Pike by his comrades in the service.

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HASKELL, TEXAS, JAN. 12, 1907.

As a general proposition, Haskell will be the town its citizens make of it, both morally and physically.

Now and for several weeks to come is the proper time to transplant shade trees, and we hope to see our people get busy at this work.

One of the very first things the Thirtieth legislature should do is to enact a law that will destroy the C. O. D. liquor business. Mississippi has furnished a safe model to go by, as its law has proven effective and has been sustained by the highest courts.

Let every citizen resolve that he or she will devote a reasonable share of his or her time, labor and money to the beautifying and improving of our town this year. We believe that a reasonable amount of time and money spent in that way will bring very profitable and gratifying results.

We used to hear something said about a ladies club taking hold of the matter of civic improvement in Haskell, especially the beautifying of the court house yard—We hope they have not abandoned the idea. Now is the time to arrange for tree planting.

Senator A. C. Hawkins is out in a published statement charging that his opponent, Mr. J. W. Cunningham, was formerly a Populist and made campaign speeches for that party in McLennan county and did other things detrimental to the Democratic party.

The State legislature convened on Tuesday and organized for business by the election of a speaker, clerks, pages, etc. Hon. John L. Peeler of Travis county, Hon. Thomas B. Love of Dallas county and Henry B. Terrell of McLennan county were candidates for the speakership. The honor fell to Mr. Love by a good majority.

Yesterday's papers brought the statement that twenty-five members of the legislature had filed a lengthy set of charges against both Senator Bailey and Atty. Gen. Davidson and demanded a full investigation by a legislative committee.

Haskell county never entered upon a new year under more favorable and promising conditions than those which prevail at this time. With the exception of a limited area in the western and northwestern portion of the county, where the worms played havoc with the cotton, the farmers made fine crops of cotton, ranging from one-half to over a bale per acre, and the grain, forage and truck crops were universally good, so that they enter upon a promising crop year with supplies to run them and in condition to make the best of it. There has never been a crop failure, especially of the early crops, in this county when there has been a good "season" in the ground at planting time. The unusually frequent and copious rains during the fall and up to this time have saturated the soil with moisture to a great depth, hence, we have the experience of the past to support the belief that 1907 will be a good year for the farmers of Haskell county and, consequently, for everybody else.

The rain Tuesday and Tuesday night put the street sprinkler out of business for the rest of the week.

## ENCOURAGING PROGRESS IN DRY FARMING.

The News gives below an extract from the Las Vegas (N. M.) Optic in regard to "dry farming," and comments thereon in connection with the short allusion to it made by Secretary Wilson in his recent annual report. The Optic is in a position to know whereof it speaks, being published in a section of country in which "dry farming" can be and is practiced with satisfactory results. As the Optic points out, the application of the system is no longer a matter of guesswork or experiment. The results following its use have already proven to be valuable, these results depending in a great measure, of course, upon the care with which the work is done. The New Mexico paper says:

"Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture in his annual report devotes less than one page to a discussion of the so-called 'dry land farming,' which has been receiving thoroughly scientific attention by Western farmers themselves in recent years, and which promises to contribute much to substantial plains development. The Secretary's discussion is decidedly noncommittal, resting as it does chiefly upon knowledge gained from the work in his department. This work has been very little, and has lagged behind private enterprise. In the Great Plains area, west of the ninety-eighth meridian, embracing approximately 330,000 square miles, Federal field and laboratory investigations are being planned; but for the present the keynote of the Secretary's counsel is a note of caution. He says in part:

"Unquestionably many settlers have gone into this section who will be grievously disappointed in the near future. In spite of the fact that the last few seasons have given abundant rainfalls, the evidence is pretty conclusive that conditions will soon resume their normal state, which is one of semi-aridity, and these conditions must be met in a way for which few farmers of the section are now prepared."

This caution obviously overlooks the fact that "dry land farming," rightly understood and rightly practiced, is exactly adapted to success under "normal" conditions of semi-aridity. These methods have given their most striking results under "normal" conditions. The lack of thorough scientific training for one's work, of course, imperils success on the high plains, as elsewhere; but exact knowledge of methods has proven to be an insurance against failure. Experience shows that by the proper care of the land and by economic use of available moisture the staple crops may be grown with much less than the "normal" annual rainfall. The farmers of the plains know this well enough. Carelessness and ignorance in the practice of dry land farming will entail failure; but the new system puts a high premium on intelligence by practically insuring success. The results achieved during this one year on the plains are proof enough. The Agricultural Department seems to be about ten years behind the times in the understanding of high plains development."

It would be well for the Department of Agriculture to investigate this work closer and conduct some experiments itself. By so doing it would be able to give more satisfactory information as to its possibilities, as well as to the best methods of applying the "dry farming" system. Those who have been keeping up with the experiments that have been made with this system know what has been done, and therefore have a better idea of what may be expected from its application. They have been "shown," and the demonstrations have been sufficiently productive of favorable results to

warrant them in believing that in "dry farming" has been found another great help in making lands for a long time regarded as unfit for agricultural pursuits "blossom as the rose," thus furnishing homes for thousands of industrious and happy people.

After a careful selection and breeding up of varieties peculiarly adapted to semi-arid sections has been accomplished it is not too much to believe that the application of "dry farming" methods will make almost any good soil bring forth to a profitable degree.—Dallas News.

We are pleased to congratulate the Abilene Reporter upon its enterprise and the success which has enabled it to take the Associated Press telegraphic reports, which it began publishing in its daily the first of the year. The Reporter has always been a good paper; has kept abreast, if not in advance, of the times, and grows better with age.

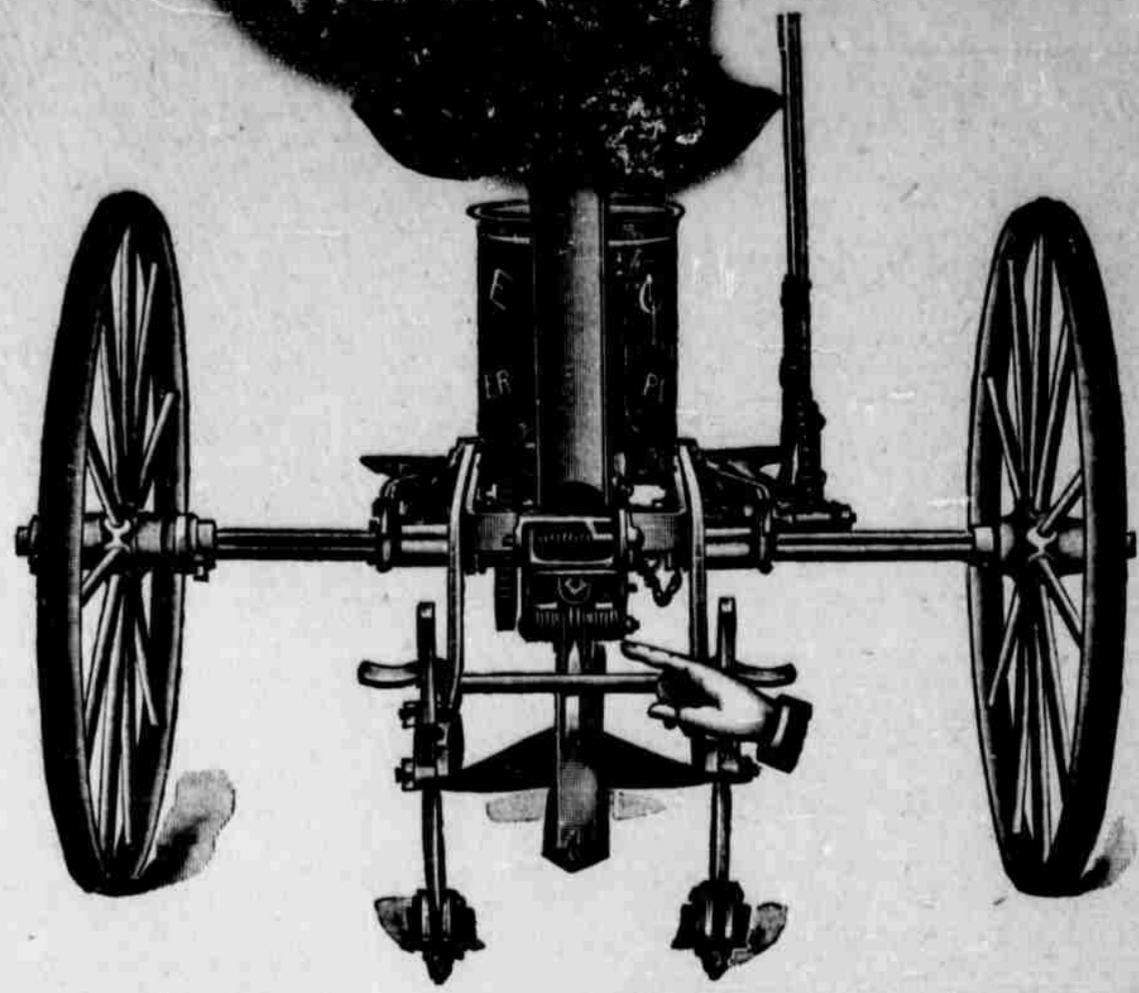
The Dallas News broke the record New Year's day with a 120 page—full size—edition of the Morning News. It was a great achievement in journalism, even with the facilities of the best equipped modern printing establishments, and reflects credit upon the management and its trained corps of assistants as well as upon the city of Dallas and the State at large. In its showing of what Dallas is today commercially and from a manufacturing standpoint the paper was a revelation to the writer and, we believe, to seventy-five per cent of the people of Texas. This being true, then what a surprise it must carry to people beyond the big river who have but hazy ideas about this "half civilized" (?) part of the American Union? The paper was profusely and handsomely illustrated with half-tone pictures of the business district, various manufacturing plants, public buildings, etc., accompanied with descriptive text, and any one who wants to know anything about Dallas can do no better than secure a copy of the paper. The people of Dallas should see to it that it goes abroad by the thousands.

There is a good deal of talk around town, and more or less well founded suspicion, that a certain place in the town is selling whiskey, or, at least, some concoction that produces intoxication. The FREE PRESS knows nothing about the facts and brings no accusation, but wishes to say that it does not believe that the people of Haskell and Haskell county will submit to violations of the local option law. So much were they in earnest in bringing this law into effect in Haskell county that two or three elections were held and they fought the matter through the courts until they finally succeeded. Now that they have it, we believe that they will defend it to the farthest limit. Although all laws are theoretically of the same binding force upon the people and officials, we believe that this law stands upon a more sacred footing than an ordinary statute, not alone on account of its moral character but because it is one called into use by the directly expressed will of the people.

All good citizens will, we believe, join in support of the officers and otherwise aid in the enforcement of this law, regardless of whether or not they approved its adoption prior to the election.

It is a fact that a number of those who did oppose it said to the writer after its adoption that while they had opposed it as long as there was a prospect of defeating it they wished it understood that they were law-abiding citizens and they wished to see the law respected and enforced.

Tuesday's rain and the slush following it made more votes for incorporation.



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When the great stocks of Stamford and Haskell are thrown out to the people.

## THE VERY WALLS OF THE CITY WILL SHAKE

from center to circumference; we are going to pour cannon balls into these war price vets as big as barrels. It is not necessary to dream of what is going to happen. No matter what D. EGGER & SON have done, this call for cash is here. We are over stocked for this season of the year and the goods must go. We must have the money. It is to be a Clearing Sale, and the greatest you ever attended. To all the people we send the news. We shall out-do the wonders of modern times in the low selling of merchandise.

### COMMENCING THURSDAY, JANUARY 10th

and ending Saturday, February 9th at midnight, we are going to plow deeper for the masses than was ever plowed by any set of men before. The people of Avoca, Anson, Leuders, Aspermont, Sagerton, Carney, Rule, Munday, Funston, Abbie, Dickens, Dee, Mattie, Nugent, McCauley, Lingo, Leavitt, Hamlin, Clipper, Cliff, Oriana, Double Mountain, Nienda, Gatling, Luzon, Rayner, Pinkerton, Hissop, Rochester and all around will keep the roads leading to Stamford and Haskell black with traveling humanity. For 30 days the shells will fall in the enemy's camp until you can "hear 'em" holler for miles around. We will sweep them off the face of the earth if they get in the way of the big guns.

### \$45,079.00 of the Highest Grade of Merchandise

in Stamford and Haskell has got to go out to the people in the next THIRTY DAYS for cash, at prices that would make the sheriff ashamed if he were in charge. We'll pour the shot and shell into them at a fearful rate. The sale opens Thursday morning, January 10 and closes in the midnight hours of February 9, 1907.

No ten days, no fifteen days, no indefinite sales for us. We do not sell some goods put out as a leader one hour a day; we sell them every minute, every hour and every day for thirty days, and we've got the goods to sell. D. EGGER & SON are directing the big guns themselves and they'll have the other fellows thinking that balls of fire are falling on them. They are right, for it's the hottest battle these towns ever saw. Thousands will be here to attend this sacrifice sale. Others will have sales, others will make signs, but they will only be signs of distress. We will open the ball and we will set them the liveliest pace they ever followed.

The reputation of these houses has stood at straight one hundred per cent since the houses were built and has been won on honest shoes. They must all move now if prices will do the work. One big lot at 95c for women that are worth \$1.50 and would be considered cheap in any of the war price stores. All Hamilton Brown shoes will be sold at prices far below their real value. American Lady shoes that sell for \$3.00 the world over, go now for \$2.45. Hamilton-Brown own make \$2.50 shoes for \$1.95. One lot ladies shoes always sold here for \$1.75 regular \$2.00 value for \$1.45. One lot ladies shoes worth 1.75 for 1.20. One lot men's shoes worth from 1.75 to 3.00 for 1.49. Hamilton-Brown 2.50 shoes for 1.95, Hamilton-Brown 4.00 patent shoes for 3.25. 3.50 shoes for 2.95; 5.00 shoes for 3.95. Our special 3.50 patent shoe for 2.75. Plow shoes for 1.25. One lot children's shoes sizes 3 to 8 for 15c pair.

You can fit the whole family out now at prices far below the real value of the goods and we believe the people will accept the golden opportunity that is before them. It is sure they will if they will only come in and see the prices before them. All dry goods, all clothing all shoes, all hats, all caps, all skirts, all jackets, all dress goods, all carpets and rugs at the most ruinous prices you ever heard of. Nine are in notious will absolutely do the work of twenty elsewhere. Come see for your lives. All our laces and broderies must go—you make a saving on them of from twenty-five to fifty per cent.

**UNDERWEAR GALORE** for all mankind and thousands of pairs of hose cheaper than you ever saw them sold. Ladies wool pants and vests that were \$1.75 now go for 1.33; all 1.50 garments for 1.10; all 1.25 garments for all 1.00 garments for 79c. **SPECIAL**—all ladies and men's vests and pants, union suits, etc. that were 50c now for 39c; all 35c ones for 26c; all 25c ones for 19c. A heavy fleece lined and derby ribbed underwear that we have been selling for \$1.00 per suit all season goes now for the suit. Boys' 25c and 35c garments go now for 21c. We advertise what we can show you. Hear the other way roar, but he will be breathing hard before this sale is over.

Calico will be 4c per yard, and you can buy the best check gingham for 6c the yard. All outings and tablets have been cut and go now at prices less than the real value. Every article in the house has the mark of action on it. 18c and 20c outings and fancy kimona go for 15c; all 15c ones for 12c; all 12c ones for 10c; 10c ones for 8c; all 8c ones for 6c and all 5c outings for 4c is the greatest sale you ever saw, and every one will take advantage of this golden opportunity. The all clothings for 15c the yard. A. F. S. Dressinghams at made for 9c. Mercerized gingham that we sold for 10c yard go now for 9c. French striped madras 25c yard now only 18c.

**DRESS GOODS**—Nothing in our entire stocks has been left uncut for this great sale. Our dress goods department will feel the cut as much as any department in the house. Everything in Dress Goods from this and foreign countries at prices never made before by mortal man. Silks will cost but little more than cotton elsewhere. All 12c and 15c dress goods for 9c; all 25c suitings for 18c; all 50c dress goods, blacks and all go for 35c; all 65c for 48c; all 75c for 59c; all our \$1.00 dress goods including broadcloths worth \$1.25 go for 85c; all \$1.50 dress goods for \$1.05; all \$1.75 and \$2.00 goods for \$1.35. One lot silks ranging in length from 2 to 12 yards for 35c. Belding's yard wide satin always sold for \$1.00 for 79c. We want the money and not the goods and therefore we are making this great sacrifice. It is truly the greatest sale this country ever saw. All heavy goods must go and the prices must make them go. Table linen will cost but little more than oil cloth and napkins go in the same low way. All our 75c towels for 59c. We do not want to carry over a yard of winter goods if it can possibly be helped. 50c wrinkle down for 39c; 35c eider-down for 29c; 25c eiderdown 20c. All our 40c colored wool flannels for 31c; 35c for 27c; 30c for 23c; 25c for 19c.

### We Want Cash and Want it Quick.

All shawls and fascinators must be disposed of, the \$2.00 ones go for \$1.60 the 1.50 ones for 1.20 the 1.00 ones for 75c; the 50c ones for 35c; the 25c ones for 18c. Ladies sweaters in both the plain and Norfolk style must go, in fact everything is included in this sale. Infants cloaks for less than you can buy the material and make them.

**ALL CLOTHING MUST GO**—You will buy men's suits at the price of boys' suits elsewhere. All our \$25.00 suits go now for \$19.95; \$22.50 suits for \$17.95; \$20.00 suits for \$15.95; \$16.50 and \$17.50 suits for \$13.95; \$15.00 suits for 12.95; 13.50 suits for \$11.95; 12.50 suits for 10.95; 10.00 suits for 8.95. One lot men's suits priced specially at \$3.95 to \$6.45 includes all our suits from 6.00 to 9.00. We are offering you a saving here greater than you ever had offered you before. Boys' and children's clothing all go at a sacrifice. 15 per cent discount on every pair of men's odd pants in the house.

**OVERCOATS**—at the prices we are offering them to you you can afford to buy one if you do not use it until next winter. Our \$20.00 overcoats for \$14.95; 15.00 ones for 11.95; 12.50 ones for 9.95; 10.00 ones for 7.95; 8.50 ones for 6.95; 7.00 ones for 5.95; 4.50 and 5.00 ones for 3.45 and all 3.75 and 4.00 ones for 2.95. Union made overalls the best on the market for 95c. The whole story in a nutshell is that these stocks must be reduced \$15,000 in the next thirty days. Will you help us? All Gent's furnishing goods must be sold. \$2.50 and

3.00 wool shirts now 2.00; 2.25 ones for 1.75; 1.00 ones for 85c. \$1.25 sweaters for 95c; boys' sweaters 50c quality for 25c. Men's all wool red underwear for 75c the garment. Cotton flannel drawers fleece lined for 43c. Favorite shirts made by Stern & Son sold for 1.00 now 85c. All Monarch shirts for 95c. Cluett coat shirts regular price 1.75 now 1.50. One lot men's shirts worth regularly 50c and 65c go now for 43c. All our 3.00 Tiger hats for 2.65; all 2.25 and 2.50 hats for 1.95; all 2.00 hats for 1.65; all 1.50 hats for 1.25.

### Everything Goes—Nothing Reserved.

**BLANKETS AND COMFORTS**—there is very likely plenty of cold weather coming yet and you will have plenty of use for blankets, any way you cannot afford to pass up the values we are offering you along this line, note the prices. All \$12.00 blankets for 8.95; 9.00 blankets for 6.95; 7.50 blankets for 5.45; 6.00 blankets for 4.80; 5.00 blankets for 3.95. 3.00 blankets for 2.40; 2.00 blankets for 1.55; 1.00 blankets for 80c and all 50c blankets for 43c. All comforts go in the same low rate of reduction. We must get rid of the goods.

**LAP ROBES**—We are showing one of the finest assortments of heavy winter lap robes you ever had the pleasure of looking at, and like on all other goods the price has been greatly reduced. All \$25.00 robes for 17.85; all 15.00 robes for 11.95; 10.00 ones for 7.95; 7.50 ones for 5.95; 5.00 ones for 3.95; 3.50 ones for 2.95 and so on down the line. Every article in the house from the highest to the lowest priced has been reduced, and it is the greatest opportunity you have ever had for saving money on your purchases.

**Ladies Jackets, Skirts, Cloaks** and all other ready to wear goods have been cut in price until it is almost like finding them at the prices we are selling them. We will sell you a ladies rain coat as low as \$2.50. All walking skirts, all dress skirts, all furs must go now and they go at a saving to you of from 2.00 to 5.00 on most of them and on some as much as a \$10 bill is saved if you will only come during this great thirty-day clearing sale.

**20 per cent discount on all Trunks, Suit Cases and Traveling Bags.**  
All our 25c Matting goes now for 18c the yard. All 30c and 35c Matting, now 20c.

We are closing out our entire line of carpets, mattings, linoleum, etc., as we are going to quit the line.

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is a battle royal, one the farmer and the working man enjoys. When he comes to town he wants to go to a store where they keep the goods they advertise. They will be here while D. Egger & Son's sale lasts, that's a certainty. Remember the dates January 10 the battle commences and continues until Feb. 9. We are going to show the people that we will pay them to leave the plow and the fields and come to this sacrifice cash getting sale. It's truly a "Hot time in the old town now." No matter what you want, it will cost you less at Egger's. Our prices are on the inside for the people. One Dollar here will nearly do the work of two dollars elsewhere.

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have 50 per cent discount  
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you own one of them  
worth \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00  
\$1.50 ones for \$1.00, \$1.00  
for \$0.75, \$0.50  
and reduction rates, see  
our advertising.

This sale will be held from Thursday, January 10, and end Saturday, Feb. 9,  
at midnight, extra people will be here to wait on you. COME, be with us.

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going to give you the benefit of the  
greatest cut price sale you ever at-  
tended if you will attend this one.  
Cash we must have, and this sale will  
do the work. Come every day of the  
sale IT WILL PAY YOU.



SERIAL STORY

Lavender Creighton's Lovers

By OLIVIA B. STROHM

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CHAPTER XIII.—CONTINUED.

And Gerald had muttered an abject apology. The sum was not trifling to him; he could not obtain it if luck should turn through the means which had lost it. "I am very sorry, Senator, but I cannot confess a gambling debt to my father; nor has he the money to pay it. Give me more time, and the cards will win for me; my luck will turn; it must." There was a feverish light in his eye—embarrassment clogged his tongue.

But he interrupted. "The gown is only the added charm—the color of the rose its perfume, its beauty, is there, no matter in what petals. So it is not the dress, it is you. At sight of you I am transported to a rare old past, the ugly present dies. You are a jewel in a leaden setting, you are—" "Hush, senator, or I shan't begin to fancy myself a great lady; indeed—perhaps the spell will break, and I shall vanish along with the dreams and glories of that golden time. You only imagine me—I am not here," and she made a few passes of her hands, laughing lightly at the mock spell.

lacked but a half hour of midnight; unless his plans had miscarried, they must be at the tavern soon. He was in a fever of impatience; would Winslow obey the note? Would he be there tonight? Would he—Gonzaga—have a chance to tumble this idol from his pedestal? Hiding anxiety for the success of his plan under a polite concern, he said: "Perhaps your brother has preceded you to the boat. It is moored some distance down; shall we find it?" Together, in silence, they walked the sandy road to the "Sign of the Hat."

CHAPTER XIV. Meanwhile, around a curve in the Missouri, slipped a boat, its keel making ivory circles in the black water. With eyes scanning the shore, the man in the stern pointed to the lights ahead. He spoke low to his companion: "See, Owatoga, the tavern is probably there; I suppose we can find a landing." It was toward midnight of the fifth day of the voyage that Winslow, now free, having received a mysterious letter purporting to be from the octoroon, bidding him come thither to aid some one in trouble, came in sight of the town of St. Charles. He had so timed the last few hours of the trip that he might reach the town at the moment when, according to the letter, his presence would be needed.

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NOTICE! If you have EYE TROUBLE and wish to know plain facts about your condition we will frankly tell you without charge what we can do for you. We do not claim to CURE THE INCURABLE, though we have cured many who were blind for years and had BEEN TREATED AND PRONOUNCED INCURABLE. We do not ask you to take our word, but invite investigation. Glasses Accurately Fitted and Guaranteed to give Satisfaction. Dr. DALY will be in Haskell JANUARY 25 and 26th OFFICE AT THE WRIGHT HOUSE

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"YOU WOULD BETTER NOT TRY ME TOO MUCH, MISS CREIGHTON."

me too much, Miss Creighton, or I may put my words to proof." She was stung by his manner and returned with spirit: "I fear no proof you can bring." "Not even against the admirable Winslow?" "Least of all against him, senator." Then, half ashamed of her strong defense of one who had never asked her championship, she continued less seriously: "We must ever think well of the absent."

"Absent?" he echoed; "then your friend is still in St. Louis?" "Yes, and we have his promise to come and see us on his first day of freedom." "His promise? He will keep it?" Gonzaga stood quite still, facing her as she asked the question, a smiling sneer on his full, red lips. She returned the look defiantly. "Let us go back and find Gerald," she said, ignoring the question, and swept past him. Gonzaga followed to the dancing-room. Gerald was nowhere to be seen. The Senator consulted his watch; it

PULLED HIM THROUGH.

But It Was Not a Difficult Task in View of What He Had Taken.

A physician had a hurry call one night to a pretty flat on the south side of Fort Worth, where a forlorn man was taking care of himself as best he could while his wife was visiting in the east, relates a Texas paper. The doctor arrived a little after midnight, to find a pale and agitated man walking the floor and clutching in one trembling hand a small vial marked "Morphine."

Valued His Bride Highly.

"A minister often has a hard time convincing a young man who he has just married that there is no regular price for the ceremony and yet leaving such an impression that he will be sure to get a liberal donation," said Rev. C. P. Smith, pastor of the North Side Christian church, in Kansas City, Kan., "and we often have some amusing experiences in connection with the matter."

The Only Tools He Wanted.

"Why don't you go to work?" said a charitable lady to a tramp, before whom she had placed a nicely-cooked meal. "I would," replied the vagrant, "if I had the tools."

A Junketing Trip.

"I thought he had gone on a junketing trip in his spirit?" "So he did, and he ran into a wall and made junk of the machine before he had gone a mile."—Houston Post.

FREE.

The demand for clerks, teachers, in fact, laboring people of all professions, for home study courses in Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Writing and Telegraphy became so great that two years ago, we installed in our institution, a regular home study department. This department has grown rapidly and the success of its students has been something wonderful, under our new original and practical methods of teaching, and the use of the famous Byrnes Systems. To show our faith in our methods, we have for the past year agreed to refund every cent of tuition at the completion of a course, if it is not satisfactory and as required. We have only been asked for one instance. In this case, the student had not received the instruction promptly, due to an error in our mailing department.

NOTICE!

If you have not given mail course instruction the thought and careful study we have, you may doubt our ability to teach you successfully. Write us; state what course you desire to pursue; ask many questions as you like, and receive our answers promptly sent to the point, explaining everything in your entire satisfaction. Be progressive; investigate. A postal card or a letter will bring you information that may prove the turning point in your life for a greater success. Earn while you learn; utilize in developing brain power the idle moments you have been wasting. If you are prepared to enroll with us for personal instruction, do so. If not, do the next best thing—take a course by mail. You can do right. Our work is guaranteed, and we assure you that at completion you would not take ten times the cost of your scholarship for the knowledge obtained. \$16 pays for a life scholarship in any course, paid at any time. You can pursue your work at your own time and place—in the comfort of your home. Don't think I get our method of instruction is like that of other institutions. It is entirely different. It is thorough, practical and efficient. TYLER COURSE



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### Locals and Personals

Mr. A. C. Foster spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Munday.

R. M. Craig, practical watchmaker, north side of square.

Miss Stella Couch was down from Munday this week and spent a few days with Haskell relatives.

Mr. Lennis Jones left Tuesday to enter the Agricultural and Mechanical college at College Station.

See or write the Texas Land Co. if you want a farm or town property.

Judge Jackson left Thursday for Comanche to bring his family to Haskell.

Mr. C. Sears of the south side, who recently moved to this county from McLennan, was in town Wednesday.

When you want to go to the depot ring No. 25 for Simmons' Wagonette.

200 cords of wood for sale at my farm nine miles northeast of Haskell. J. D. Roberts. (4)

Mr. D. W. Fields of the Marcy community was doing business in the city Wednesday.

Miss Ida Maxwell has returned from Cisco, where she spent the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Hon. P. A. Martin of Graham was here Wednesday and Thursday in the interest of Mr. Crawford's candidacy for the legislature. Mr. Martin is the district attorney in the Graham district.

Take your jewelry to Craig, the jeweler, for repairs.

When you want a wagon weighed, drive on my new scales, in front of my store. J. N. Ellis. (2)

Mr. L. Mauldin, one of our tonorial artists, is visiting his parents near Fort Worth.

Mrs. D. B. English returned Sunday from a visit with relatives at Kaufman.

Mrs. J. T. Hunt and daughter, Mrs. H. E. Fields, are visiting relatives at Merkel this week.

We have bargains in cheap homes in Haskell. See us, north side of square. West Texas Development Company.

Drs. J. D. Smith and T. A. Pinkerton and Messrs Ollie Henderson and G. W. Andrus went over in Stone-wall county bird hunting the early part of this week.

Mr. J. L. Malone, a recent settler in the southern part of the county, from Palo Pinto county, was doing some trading in Haskell Wednesday.

Mrs. Rebecca Phillips is having a nice residence built in the southwest part of town.

Mrs. J. S. Kiester invites the C. W. B. N. Society to meet with her Monday the 14th at 8 p. m.

Misses Flossie Parsons, Addie Haswell and Hattie Wilfong made a flying trip to Knox City last Sunday, over the Orient from Rule.

For small sandy land farms cheap, see the Texas Land Co., Haskell.

Mr. G. J. Miller left Thursday for Sabinal, Uvalde county, where he will stay with his son Gus for the remainder of the winter.

Mr. R. L. Tankersley, tax assessor of Young county, was in Haskell Wednesday.

Our co-operative men are getting busy and will soon be here with the buyers. List your bargains with us quick. West Texas Development Company.

Our abstract books are complete and up-to-date. Get your abstracts from Sanders & Wilson.

New wagon scales at my front on the south side. J. N. Ellis. (2)

Mr. Guy Speck a prominent merchant of Carney, was in the county capital Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Mamie Meadors returned last Saturday from her holiday visit to relatives in Arkansas.

Bring me all repairing on saddles, harness, buggy tops and shoes. W. J. Evers, Haskell.

We still have plenty of money to loan at 8 per cent on land and to buy Vendor's Lien notes. Sanders & Wilson.

I have taken the front chair in the Haskell Barber Shop, where I will be pleased to meet my old friends and customers. C. R. Peters.

Messrs. Press and Frank Baldwin returned to Waco Monday, where they are attending the T. C. U.

Dr. E. E. Gilbert and two little sons, Morris and Carl, returned the first of the week from Kentucky, where they spent the holiday season with relatives.

Take your jewelry to Craig, the jeweler, for repairs. North side of square.

When you want a well, cistern or storm house dug, see Alfred Leavitt, Haskell, Texas. (5)

Messrs. A. C. Foster and F. G. Alexander visited Monday this week. The former to assist in some Chapter work in the Masonic lodge and the latter to look after business matters of his firm at that place.

Mr. S. B. Street of Graham, a member of the Alexander Mercantile Co. of this place, Monday and Rule, spent two or three days in Haskell this week.

Take your jewelry to Craig, the jeweler, for repairs.

More saddles and better saddles is the pass-word at Evers' new shop in Haskell.

Cut this out and take it to Terrell's Drug Store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. These tablets are far superior to pills, being easier to take and more pleasant in effect. They correct disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels.

Begin the new year with a new saddle or set of harness from Evers' shop, south side of square, Haskell. His goods and workmanship are the best.

### THE SCHOOL SITUATION.

Building and Teachers Overcrowded, a Problem for Solution.

When our handsome school building, containing eight large school rooms and a commodious auditorium, was erected a little more than a year ago the people of Haskell thought they had solved the school house problem for several years to come. Not so, however. The increase in population has been so rapid and great that the building is now overcrowded and the eight teachers have all, or more, than they can do. The entrance of seventy-five new pupils on the opening of the school after the holidays ran the total enrollment up to 450 and crowded every room. The most serious situation obtains in the primary department, which, with only one teacher, is swamped with 125 pupils. The trustees have no money at their command with which to employ another teacher without cutting down the length of the school term and, were they to do this, there is no room available for another teacher. They have solved the problem the best they could under these circumstances by having half of the children in the primary department attend in the forenoon and the other half attend in the afternoon. Of course this is not very satisfactory to any one, but it seems to be the best and really the only thing that can be done under the circumstances.

The trustees say that the only way they see out of the difficulty is to issue more bonds and build an addition to the school house, and so it seems to be the FREE PRESS.

It will require an election by the voters of the school district to authorize the issuance of bonds, then it may require considerable time to issue and dispose of the bonds for cash. Then the procuring of bids, contracting for and erecting of building will probably consume several months. For these reasons the matter ought to be taken in hand and acted upon at once so as to be sure of having the building ready for the next term of school the coming September.

The FREE PRESS does not apprehend that there will be any objection of moment by the people of the town and district to the plan suggested, as it seems to be the only one, and more room is an imperative necessity.

Mr. C. L. Mistrot, the head of a great mercantile firm who have some thirty-odd stores in as many different cities and towns in Texas, was in Haskell Tuesday and Wednesday accompanied by Mr. H. C. Wilton of Stamford. The Mistrots purchased two lots in Haskell last fall, situated on the northeast corner of the square, and were told that the present visit was to look into the situation here with the view to determining whether or not the firm would erect a building and establish a store here. Our informant stated that Mr. Mistrot expressed himself as well pleased with the improvements made in Haskell since the advent of the railroad and with the general prospects of the town, but did not, so far as he knew, announce definitely his intentions.

List your bargains with us for quick sales. That is our long suit. West Texas Development Co.

Mrs. E. E. Gilbert and daughter, Mrs. Willis Buchanan, returned the first of the week from Eastern Texas, where they spent the holidays with relatives at Cooper.

Capt. A. C. Martin and wife of Atlanta, Ga., who spent the Christmas holidays with Capt. Martin's son and daughter, Mr. Oscar Martin and Mrs. J. L. Lones, of this place, left Tuesday on their return home. Capt. Martin is a veteran of the Confederacy and went through the memorable campaign in Virginia and was wounded in an engagement near Atlanta. He was a member of the first constitutional convention held after the war to frame a constitution for his state.

For bargains in Haskell city property see Johnson & Davis.

Misses Annie Lyda Hughes, Docia Winn and Vera Neathery and Messrs O. F. Harland, Sam Egger and Ollie Henderson attended a grand ball at Stamford Thursday night.

We have some bargains in farms for cash. See us. West Texas Development Co.

The FREE PRESS is indebted to Mr. Keithley for a copy of the Christmas edition of the Troy, (Mo.) Free Press. It contains 44 pages in magazine form on book paper. Besides a good local department it is filled with stories and other matter appropriate to the season.

FOR SALE. 7,000 acre ranch, 2,500 acres of this land is good farming land. All in good grass. Price \$6.00 per acre, terms 1/3 cash, balance on long time. Johnson & Davis.

Over Collier-Andrus Dragstore. Their holiday visit over, Messrs. Wilbur Camp and Buford Long returned last Saturday to the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

### VITAL STATISTICS.

Deaths, Births and Marriages in Haskell County During 1906.

Under laws now in force in Texas every birth and death must be reported to the county clerk and a record made of the fact. In the case of deaths the date of death, age, name and cause of death must be given.

Believing that the facts contained in these records would afford matter of considerable interest to many of our readers, we spent considerable time and work in going through the records and tabulating them, and present the results below.

#### DEATHS.

DATE	AGE	SEX	CAUSE
Jan. 6	30	m	Blood poison
do 24	53	m	Pneumonia
do 31	15	m	Malignant malaria
Feb. 8	62	m	Congestion stomach
Mar. 6	inf.	f	Abcess of brain
do 7	12	f	Measles
do 20	18	f	Pneumonia
do 23	3	f	Peritonitis
do 25	22	f	Peurp. sclampsia
Apr. 7	0	m	Catarrhal pteum's
do 10	86	f	Heart failure
do 10	20	m	Peritonitis
do 16	8	f	Lagrippe
do 22	2	m	Inanition
do 22	22	m	Cerebral congestion
do 28	2	m	Heart failure-pne.
do 30	2	m	Dysentery
May 11	inf.	m	Cholera infantum
do 12	57	m	Consumption
do 27	55	f	Paralysis-heart
do 29	29	m	Congestion of bow.
do 29	inf.	m	Prenatal birth
June 6	45	f	not given
do 8	7	f	Congestion
do 16	6 mo	f	Dysentery
do 20	2	f	Enteric Colitis
do 20	36	m	Enteric fever
do 28	21	m	Abcess of liver
do 30	21	m	Slow fever
July 3	76	m	Pneumonia
do 24	6 m	f	Typhoid fever
do 28	2	m	Congestion of stom.
do	inf.	m	
Aug 13	2	f	Exhaustion
do 14	14	m	
do 22	21	m	Inter Croatitis
do 31	29	f	P-excitement
Sep. 22	3	m	Typhoid fever
do 30	3	f	do do
Oct. 5	33	m	do do
do 7	46	m	do do
do 14	46	m	do do
do 27	4	f	do do
Nov 30		m	Old age
Dec 12		m	Pneumonia

Total deaths 45, of which 28 were males and 17 were females.

In a population conservatively estimated at 8,000 this shows a very low death rate, being only 5.5-8 to the 1000.

#### BIRTHS.

NO.	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
January	12	9	21
February	15	14	29
March	10	16	26
April	12	7	19
May	8	15	23
June	16	11	27
July	17	11	28
August	14	15	29
September	13	14	27
October	12	8	20
November	12	11	23
December	5	4	9

Totals, 146 135 281

Reports for December have not all been filed by physicians and to add 15 to December and thus make it average with the eleven other months would give a total for the year of 296. Figuring the births on a basis of 8000 population, the same as we have done with the deaths, gives a birth rate of 37 to the 1000, which is a very high rate. Subtracting the 45 deaths from the 296 births gives the county a net gain in 1906 of 251 from natural causes.

#### MARRIAGES

The record shows 111 marriages in the county during the year.

Crawford Elected Representative.

Reports by telephone yesterday indicated that Mr. Crawford had carried this district for representative by about 150 majority over Mr. Condon. It appears that the former carried Young and Knox counties and the latter the counties of Throckmorton, Haskell, Baylor and Archer, in which the vote was very light.

#### EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Subject—Selfishness in Prayer.  
Lesson—Mr. Hester.  
Lesson—Matt. 6:5-7.  
Song.  
Responsive Reading—Psalms 45 and 46.  
Lord's Prayer in concert.  
Topic 1. God does not answer selfish prayer—Miss Graham.  
Topic 2. Prayer may be demoralized by selfish life habits—Cora Lemmon.  
Song.  
Topic 3. Illustrative material—Fannie Cummings.  
Duet—The House of Prayer.  
Leader's address on topic.  
Open session.  
Song an Collection.  
League Benediction.

If it's plow gear you want, Evers at Haskell has them.

It has gotten so that an ordinary rain makes our main streets muddy and slippy and extremely disagreeable to pedestrians.

We have a large line of

## House, Roof, Barn and Buggy Paints

—ALSO—

## Varnishes, Stains and Enamels

which we are going to sell out between now and JANUARY 1st at a very low price. Don't fail to call on us and get our prices before painting. We will save you money.

## Collier-Andrus Co.

North Side Square - HASKELL, TEXAS.

### YOU CAN HELP.

Let Us All Work Together for Haskell County.

The FREE PRESS has from time to time invited correspondence from the different neighborhoods throughout the county and it again extends that invitation. A great many people throughout Texas and in other states who have been hearing something about this part of the state want to know more; they want detailed information as to the various kinds of crops, times of planting, acreage yield, value, etc., as to the church and school facilities, social conditions in the country, etc. If these people could get information which they believed was reliable and which was satisfactory to them, many of them would come and make good citizens among us. The FREE PRESS, it is true, has published write-ups of the county from time to time giving such information in a general way, but not with the detail as to planting, culture, yield, value, etc., that a farmer would give in describing his individual experiences and which a farmer who is thinking of moving to a new country would like to have. We are quite sure that every neighborhood in Haskell county would like to have more good citizens to help strengthen and build up its school, church and society, and in every neighborhood there is one or more farmers who could tell an interesting story of his farming experiences and achievements in this country, and we believe that such information coming direct from first hands would be far more satisfactory and effectual in producing results than are the editorial write-ups, therefore we urge you to write us such letters for publication. We know that many hesitate to write through a false sense of modesty or from a fear of using bad grammar or spelling. Never mind that, write us the letters and we'll try to straighten out the grammar and spelling before printing them.

When homeseekers start out on a prospecting trip they go and look at some country they have heard something about that suits their ideas or fancy and if you get them interested about your neighborhood or county there is the place they will investigate first and are most likely to settle in if they find the facts bear out the favorable representations.

The FREE PRESS goes every week to several hundred persons in various parts of the state and a hundred or so copies to subscribers in other states, so that what you have to tell through its columns will reach a good many people—far more than the actual number of copies, that go out—for we have been told by a number of subscribers, who have subsequently moved to the county or have come on prospecting trips, that their neighbors always wanted to see the Haskell paper and read about this country.

Surely this appeal will reach at least one person in each commu-

nity who has enough public spirit and feels enough pride in his community to write us a letter. Then let those who will not write, or think they haven't enough to write about to make an interesting story, call at our office when they come to town and give us a personal interview; they will generally find that they have more to tell than they think they have.

Now, if you feel half as much interested in the settlement and development of our county as the FREE PRESS does, you will not pass this unheeded. By taking hold of the foregoing suggestions in the right spirit and with a little energy you can help to make the FREE PRESS a power in the development of Haskell county, to your own and the general good.

### THE VALUE OF ADVERTISING.

Thousands of people have been induced to try Harts' Honey and Horehound from reading what it has done for others, and having tested its merits for themselves are now its warmest friends. Our readers may rely on Harts' Honey and Horehound to cure a bad cold more quickly than any other medicine. For weak lungs and bronchial troubles no other remedy can compare with it. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold at Terrell's Drug Store.

### Dr. Hester's Accounts.

All of Dr. Hester's medical accounts have been turned over to me for collection and all persons knowing themselves indebted to him will please call on me at Haskell and arrange settlement of same. T. J. Lemmon.

### THE GRIP.

"Before we can sympathize with others, we must have suffered ourselves." No one can realize the suffering attendant upon an attack of the grip, unless he has had the actual experience. There is probably no disease that causes so much physical and mental agony, or which so successfully defies medical aid. All danger from the grip, however, may be avoided by the prompt use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy, not one case has ever been reported that has resulted in pneumonia or that has not recovered. For sale at Terrell's Drug Store.

### LETTER TO

W. N. MEREDITH,  
Haskell, Texas.

Dear Sir: Some people get disappointed in painting; it doesn't come out as they thought it would.

C. B. Edwards, of Edwards & Broughton, printers, Raleigh, N. C., painted his house Devoe three years ago; he had used 80 gallons paint before and bought 80 gallons Devoe. Had 16 left.

Paste paint is extra-thick—with white-wash.

Mayor W. W. Carroll, Monticello, Florida, says: My painter said he would take 85 gallons to paint my house; it took 80 gallons Devoe. My house is the best paint job in town, and he says Devoe is the whitest white of all white paints.

Jones & Rodgers bought 5 gallons Devoe to prime Mr. Pratt's house at Merkel, Texas. It painted two coats. The reason for nobody guessing little-enough Devoe is; they guessed in a bad school; other paints.

Yours truly,

F. W. Devoe & Co.  
New York

P. S. McNeill & Smith sell our paint.

Mr. R. E. Lee of the south side was in town Wednesday. He said the rainfall was heavier here than it was down on Palo Pinto.



## IN THE CLOAK ROOM

GOOD STORIES THERE TOLD BY THE CONGRESSMEN.

**How Bob Cousins Came to Be Dubbed The "Knight of the Garter"—Hair-Raising Experience of Gentleman from Missouri.**

In each cozy corner of the cloak room, members of congress gather to relate a new lot of stories; for whatever distinction a congressman may win in legislative circles, if he is a good story teller, he will certainly add lustre to his glory—in the cloak room at least.

It is said that Congressman Bob Cousins, claims he has attained the dignity of a Knight of the Garter. It happened this way. He was invited to Shaanay's, a fashionable place in New York, and as he stepped out on the pavement, all ready for the fray, the glare of Broadway reflected the radiance of his evening broadcloth, his spotless linen and evening necktie. When he reached his destination, there was a wide stretch of red carpet for the guests to pass over. Mr. Cousins is a handsome man, tall, dignified, every inch the ideal congressman, and he was walking along that carpet with all the majesty suited to the occasion, when, lo and behold, it was discovered that behind his patent leather there trailed a long "something white!" The horrified congressman turned to look upon his recalcitrant garter, while the fashionable guests hid their faces in their napkins. With all the solemnity befitting so dreadful an occurrence, the congressman remarked:

"Well, I'll be darned! I never knew my garters were so long."

He bowed in silent majesty to the smiling guests, and since then has been dubbed the "Knight of the Garter."

When I heard the story told, I laughed, of course; but one old crusty congressman who hailed from Missouri, said, "That's nothing! How would you feel if you ventured to be gallant and tell a lady that she was trailing three yards of tape up Broadway? How would you feel if you happened to step upon it, and she turned around and crushed you for four 'impertinences'—A Broadway 'cop' saved me," he added reflectively.—Exchange.

**"Guide" Branches Out.**  
J. H. Williams, an old and well-known city guide, whose headquarters are around the White House, some time ago came to the conclusion that the word guide was too common and vulgar, and now he wears a badge bearing the inscription, "City Delineator, No. 1." All the other guides are green with envy, while Mr. Williams is having his hands full of business.

"I have been asked time and again whether delineator is a good word as applying to my business," said Delineator Williams, "and I have answered that it is better than any other word that can be used. The dictionary gives the word delineator as meaning to describe so as to present a picture to the mind; to set forth in lively manner. That is what we try to do. Besides, there are so many men who wear badges bearing the word guide that it has gotten to be common, and I don't like it."

White House and other guides of Washington are not required to wear official badges, and are really under no restrictions as to their manner of doing business.

**Cockrell in Ill Health.**  
Francis Marion Cockrell, formerly United States senator from Missouri and now a member of the interstate commerce commission, is in a somewhat precarious condition, not having recovered as rapidly from his partial breakdown of a month ago. He is compelled to remain closely in his Washington residence and at the recent election, for the first time in 39 years, was unable to cast his vote. For more than 20 years he probably has been the hardest worker in public life. Several years ago his physicians warned him to perform less labor, but he disregarded this admonition, and even now his family has a hard time to keep him from overworking himself. He has not gone to the offices of the interstate commerce commission for a month, but insists upon doing a certain amount of official work at his residence every day, including Sunday.

**Draft Animals Unnecessary.**  
Senator Cullom came out of the capitol and signaled for his carriage. As the driver came up the senator looked at his horses critically. "John," he said to the coachman, "we have got to do something for these horses. They are too thin. They are out of condition. Why, I was noticing Secretary Taft's horses the other day, and they are nice and big and glossy and fat—"

"Dead, boss," broke in the coachman, looking at the thin figure of Senator Cullom. "We don't need no such horses to haul us as Mr. Taft does, now."

**Speaker Cannon a Runner.**  
Speaker Cannon, who is nearly 71 years old, ran half a block for a street car. He caught it and, climbing aboard, was met by Senator Carter of Montana.

"That's pretty good for an old man," Senator Carter said.

"Oh, I'm good for a run any day, notwithstanding Mr. Gomper's," said the speaker.

## ADDITION TO DIPLOMATIC SET.

Daughters of South American Minister Are an Acquisition.

The official Diplomatic List, a booklet issued monthly by the state department for the guidance of those having social or business relations with members of the diplomatic corps, will in its next issue contain three new names, the Misses Marie Angelica, Anna Christina and Marie Teresa Carbo, daughters of the recently accredited minister from Equator and Mme. Carbo. The Misses Carbo are more than temporarily newcomers, for their father represented the Quito government at this capital during their childhood, and the family has since resided in New York, except for brief intervals, when they were in Paris for study or recreation.

They were initiated into the ways of Washington society last week, when Miss Grace Bell gave a tea in their honor, inviting as her assistants the debutantes of this and last season. Miss Bell, by the way, is a member of the family of Bell telephone fame, and is the youngest of the trio of Bell sisters, whose entertainments are so unique as to keep all Washington laughing and guessing during the season made memorable by the presentation of a White House debutante. Her cotillon plans for the winter will be carried out by those associated with her in the initial arrangements, made before the friends with whom she will tour the Mediterranean cities decided to leave America in December.

## MRS. ROOT SANITARY EXPERT.

Wife of Secretary of State Has Very Pronounced Views.

Mrs. Root, wife of the secretary of state, who will be the next chaine of the Morton house, is known as the most ardent germicide in the higher social set of Washington. Mrs. Root has made a study of germs, and it is her knowledge on these points which has made her such a difficult person to please when it comes to choosing a residence. She has likewise a reputation of moving more than any other official hostess.

Her home must be absolutely and thoroughly sanitary, and before taking possession of any house, or room in a hotel for that matter, she makes a test of pipes, etc. Like all believers in hygienic principles, Mrs. Root relies on air and sunshine, and the selection of the Morton home was because the entire house sits on a high terrace at the juncture of four streets. Mrs. Root, under the guidance of the surgeon general of the army, has studied the standard works relating to the destruction of germs, bugs and bacteria, and she therefore puts her hobby into force under scientific directions.

**Senators Who Rise Early.**  
People who have an idea that senators do not work like common people should observe some of them going to the capitol early in the morning. A few days ago Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, went into the building and to the rooms of the committee on pensions, of which he is chairman, before 8:30 o'clock. Very few departmental employees were at their desks at the time he began looking over his correspondence.

Senator Knute Nelson, of Minnesota, is probably one of the earliest risers, as he is one of the earliest men in the senate to get down to work. It is not unusual for him to be at his committee room before eight o'clock, and sometimes he reaches the capitol before the elevators begin running.

Some of the members of the supreme court of the United States are early workers. More than one of them finds that his thinking machine when dealing with knotty problems of the law works more readily in the early dawn and rises in order to get in the best work at that hour.

**Listen to Youthful Lawyer.**  
The youngest lawyer that ever appeared before the supreme court of the United States the other day argued in favor of the constitutionality of the North Carolina statute prohibiting the running of "bucket shops" in that state. He was Walter Clark, Jr., son of Chief Justice Clark of the supreme court of North Carolina, and has just passed his twenty-first birthday. The rules of the supreme court require that an applicant shall have had three years' practice before the highest court of his state before being eligible to admission and as young Clark necessarily could not have this experience a special motion was necessary to enable him to appear. Young Clark, beardless and in appearance only a youth, seemed not the least embarrassed before the highest tribunal in the land.

**Simple Explanation.**  
Representative Wharton of Illinois was telling Speaker Cannon how he came to be defeated for reelection. "I was beaten by a man who never made more than \$10 a month in his life—a telegraph operator," said Wharton, who was once a guide in the stockyards.

"Um!" commented Uncle Joe, smiling. "He must have had the dots on you; dash it!"

**Why Williams Was Absent.**  
"I see you were not in for prayers to-day," Gen. Grosvenor said to Representative John Sharp Williams.

"No, I was not," Mr. Williams replied. "I am afraid if I am always in while the chaplain is praying for the majority I may be accused of investigating him to pray for the public enemy."

## The House in Session.



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Legislative body which makes laws for eighty millions of people. This photograph was taken while the house was meeting in committee of the whole.

## GAME SURELY VANISHING.

### HUNTERS IN AFRICA BECOMING CONCERNED OVER DECREASE.

Gradual Disappearance of Wild Prizes Once Found in Large Numbers Leads to London Movement for Establishment of Preserves.

London.—The gradual disappearance of big game in Africa has stirred the English authorities to take some steps toward its preservation, and the idea of constituting reservations on the lines of Yellowstone park in the United States, has been proposed.

A report that was issued recently by the game commission in the English possessions in East Africa shows the remarkable number of big game hunters nowadays, as compared with a few years ago.

Brig. Gen. Swayne, reporting on the reduction of game in Somaliland, says that in one place in 1891 he estimated some 10,000 animals, where now he finds only a dozen at a time. It was not an uncommon thing 15 years ago, he says, for a hunter to go and kill a couple of lions before breakfast.

The Uganda district, the commission says, nets big game hunters a revenue of \$100,000 every year. Elephants are becoming so scarce in this district that it is proposed to restrict the sale of cow ivory or tusks below a certain weight. An effort was made to train African elephants for such work as the Indian elephants do, but it was found to be impracticable. It is a curious fact that the African elephant has a concave back and the Indian animal a convex, the latter being much more easily loaded.

In certain parts of British East Af-

rica, however, lions are as plentiful as ever. An average of 50 a year are killed. When a lion kills a native in Somaliland, the young men of the village go out on horseback, locate the lion, and then gallop round and round him. As the lion turns swiftly around in the cloud of dust he becomes dizzy and is then shot with poisoned arrows.

### ODD THINGS IN ANIMALS.

Eye of the Owl and Mouth of the Frog Have Their Limitations.

Washington.—Unlike most animals, horses have no eyebrows and hares are minus eyelids, says a naturalist. Consequently the eyes of the latter cannot be shut and a thin membranous substance covers them when asleep. The eye of the owl is also peculiar, seeing that it is immovably fixed in its socket and cannot stir in any direction. To compensate for this seeming disadvantage it can turn its head almost completely around without moving its body.

If you were to keep a frog's mouth open many minutes it would soon die, as, owing to its peculiar construction, it can breathe only with the mouth closed. On the other hand, fishes are compelled to keep opening and closing their mouths in order to give their respiration organs full play.

A curious fact about the eel is that it has less life in its head than in its tail, consequently when killing an eel the fisherman smashes the tail; it also has two hearts. Snakes usually have their teeth in the head, but one variety in Africa, whose principal food is eggs, is provided with a substitute for them in its stomach.

## Electric Spanker the Latest.

Inventor Comes Forward with Novel Corrective Machine.

Chicago.—Following the suggestion made by one of Chicago's school principals a few days ago that the most urgent necessity in the public schools of this city to-day is a spanking machine, Charles E. Gregory, president of an electric company, comes forward with the announcement that he has under construction an electric machine for this purpose, which he will exhibit at the January electrical show at the Coliseum.

It is described by Mr. Gregory as having the appearance of an inverted electric fan, connected with a wall fixture and usually placed in some convenient bedchamber where the noise from the "soothing" effect will not be heard by the neighbors and give the parent the reputation of being a brute.

The paddles on the device will be

manufactured in various shapes. The inventor, however, is of the opinion that the style resembling a No. 12 slipper will be the most effective and popular.

The electrically rocked cradle will also be a center of great interest by the heads of families where there are infants. By this invention the proud father turns on a switch when the youngster yells at two a. m. and the electric current immediately produces an unlabored soothing rocking of the crib, which continues until the youngster is asleep.

**Queen Helena is an Artist.**  
Naples.—Under the guidance of Sig. Casiasco, the artist, Queen Helena has perfected herself in the execution of water colors and pastels. Some of her pictures will be sent to an exhibition at Venice, but under an assumed name, as the queen wishes to keep her identity secret.

## 333,000 CROWS ROOST THERE.

It Takes Three Hours for All to Get Away Each Day.

Mitchell, Ind.—A great roosting place for crows is to be seen at a point two miles east of this place. Three hours are required for the crows to leave and an equal length of time to return, and a mathematician, taking the number passing every minute, figures out that 333,000 crows are resting in close quarters.

The crows have been roosting in this vicinity for seven years and more, and their numbers seem to increase rather than decrease. It is known that they fly as far as Kentucky to find good feeding ground, and they also prey on the farmers' corn in the Ohio river valley, but the birds always return before nightfall.

Recently farmers attempted to drive them out of their roosting place, but the crows showed fight and caused the farmers to retreat, but not all hundreds of the birds had been killed. The crows begin leaving their roost at break of day, and by nine a. m. very few are to be seen. About

three p. m. they begin returning, and the sky is thick with them till dusk. They have not changed their roost more than a few miles in several years. Formerly they could be seen near the Monon railway. Now they are roosting near the B. & O. S. W.

**Christmas Trees for Pet Dogs.**  
Baltimore.—At the suggestion of her manager, Miss Nellie Sloan, a popular young lady well known in social circles, had a Christmas tree on her estate at Fairlee, near Lutherville, for the especial benefit of pet dogs. Instead of the usual decorations, the tree was hung with pieces of chicken, turkey, sausage, cake and all manner of delicacies that appeal to dog fancy.

**Dividing the Spoils.**  
The train robber had just entered the front end of the car. He looked up and saw the porter busy at the other side. "Stop that!" he cried. "What are you doing down there?" "I'm workin' this end of the car, sah," the porter replied, with much dignity.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Good Jokes

### PROUD OF HIM.

The young man felt that he was in love, and wisely decided to consult his father in the matter.

"She's beautiful, of course?" said the old gentleman, after hearing his son and her's confession.

"Oh, father, she's—"

"Never mind that," interrupted the old gentleman. "I know it all. Good family?"

"One of the best in the city," exclaimed the young man. "Why, her father, when he was alive, was—"

"Father dead?" interrupted the old gentleman again.

"Yes. She's an orphan."

"Um—well, that's no fault of hers. Have you stopped to think how you will provide for her?"

"Oh, but she's rich, father!" exclaimed the young man, joyfully. "She's worth \$100,000 in her own right."

The old man shook his head doubtfully.

"Never marry a girl for money, my boy," he said. "You'll be sorry if you do."

"But, father—"

"Never marry a girl for money," repeated the old gentleman, meditatively. "It makes more trouble in this world than anything else. But," he added, suddenly brightening up, "if you can love a girl who has money, do it, my son, do it!"

"I can, father, I can!" exclaimed the young man.

"My boy, I am proud of you."

### A NATURAL QUERY.



Author—I have here an essay on the decline of the drama.  
Editor—How many have you had declined?—Philadelphia Press.

**Same Old Complaint.**  
The melancholy days have come, as they have come of old, When every blessed man you meet Has a sure cure for your cold.  
—Chicago Daily News.

**In Old Rome.**  
After the feast of peacock tongues Nero ordered his hilarious guests to partake of the flowing bowl. "Ye gods of Greece," exclaimed one old senator, after his seventh cup, "this Roman punch is the limit. Why, it makes a man feel funny!" The wicked emperor laughed. "Funny?" he chuckled. "Well, I should say it does. It makes him feel even funnier than London punch." For even in those days Britannia was known for her wit.—Chicago Daily News.

### WILLING TO HELP HIM.



He—I told your father I couldn't live without you.  
She—And what did he say?  
He—Oh, he offered to pay my funeral expenses.

**Wages the Object.**  
"So you want a job, do you?" said the boss. "What can you do?" "O, nothing in particular. As a matter of fact it doesn't make much difference to me as long as I get good wages."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

**It's an Ill Wind, Etc.**  
Patrick—The paper says sleeve-extenders is going out of fashion, Biddy. Biddy—O'm glad av it. Now they'll soon be out the dump-grounds, an' the poor goat will get a square meal.—N. Y. Weekly.

**Uplifting the Public.**  
Tim—There goes a man who has done much to arouse the people.  
Bim—Great labor agitator, I suppose?  
Tim—Naw; alarm clock manufacturer.—N. Y. Times.

### Faith.

In the far future, men will look back at us, their ancestors of twentieth century, and smile, particularly, they will be amused, and astonished, by our robust faith.

"To think," they will exclaim, "that there ever lived rational beings who could believe that through and through, and tough spelled, respectively, thru, and thro and tuf! Incredible!"—Puck.

### SO DID HE.



Edith—I do so admire a man who says the right thing at the right time.  
Harold—So do I—especially when I'm thirsty.

### Obstacles.

What kept those loving twain From kissing as they sat?  
The maid exclaimed: "My goodness!"  
But of course it wasn't that.  
—Puck.

**A Reporter Checked Out.**  
Reporter (breathlessly)—The people say there has been a suicide here.  
Landlady—Yes; a young woman—Ann Bank.  
Reporter (rapidly writes)—"Miss Annie Blank, the young and beautiful daughter of—." Who was her father?  
Landlady—Mr. A. Z. Blank, of Chicago.

Reporter (continues writing)—"A. Z. Blank, of Chicago, killed herself at her boarding house, No. 1234 909th street, yesterday, because—." What did she kill herself for?  
Landlady—Because she was so homely.—N. Y. Weekly.

### IRRESISTIBLE.



The Lounger—But, I said, though all the world should forsake me when I'm in need, I've always got dear old Brown. (Brown couldn't resist that).  
—Pick-Me-Up.

### Alas!

A kid stood musing on the ice, With an expression hapless.  
Because the skating was so nice And his old bucklers strapless.  
—Judge.

**Old Story Revised.**  
St. George was observed to be retiring at full speed.

"What?" gasped the excited multitude; "running away from the dragon?"  
"Yes," panted the great man; "I can slay ordinary dragons, but when they have flashing eyes that blind you, shrieks that stun you and odors that suffocate you, it is time to take to the road. And St. George just cleared the road before another racing automobile shot past and vanished in the gloom."  
—Chicago Daily News.

**As to An Acquaintance.**  
Blanche—Well, he likes to hear her sing. Music is the food of love, I suppose.  
Belle—Hm! I should think love would be more or less in danger of dyspepsia.—Puck.

**She's a Brunette.**  
"If your husband should die how long would you wear mourning for him?"  
"I don't believe in wearing mourning. It is a senseless custom. I look ten years younger in pink than I do in anything dark."  
—Chicago Record-Herald.

**No Need to Go Now.**  
"Going to take the family abroad this winter?"  
"No; we have given up the trip. Our cook has decided to stay."  
—Judge.



## RISES TO PROTEST.

### FAMILY CLOCK MAKES KICK WITH ITS USUAL TICK.

Tired of Continually Being Made Scapegoat, Timepiece Threatens to Go on Strike—Dismal Recital of Woes.

"I'm getting nervous prostration," remarked the family clock to the Japanese vase. "Just observe how jerky my hands are; and I shake so I can't keep my tick on straight. I'll have to go to a sanitarium for rest and repairs soon or I shall be completely run down.

"No, it isn't age, nor overwork, nor even the 24-hour day that is doing it; it's the strenuous excitement of family life. You cannot imagine what a jar it is on my nervous system to be forced to live a constant lie. That is what I am doing. For instance, the other morning, about two o'clock, I was jogging quietly along, almost dozing, when suddenly I heard the click of a key in the hall door and stealthy footsteps creeping along the corridor. All at once the lights flared up and I saw the master of the house blinking at me—me! As though I were responsible for his troubles and sins. Then we both heard a stir in the other room. Quick as a flash he had rushed at me, jerked open my glass case and thrust my hand back two hours. Think of it! Two solid hours—and all that tight work to be done over again to say nothing of the mortification I felt at having to lie to his wife.

"The next morning, very naturally, the lady having slept all night and gone to bed early was awake hours before her husband. When she tried to get him up for breakfast he blinked at me again and declared he wouldn't stir until half-past nine. He had scarcely dozed off when his wife tipped over to me, set me carefully at 9:30 and turned back and waked her husband up. I tell you I was disgusted. It appeared to me that I had been chosen as the scapegoat to do all the family lying.

"That afternoon the old came in from school with a fresh appetite. 'What time ye want to have dinner, ma?' he asked, and when he was told that that repeat would be served as usual at 6:30 I quaked in my case, for I saw his eyes steal toward me. He said nothing, but waited until his mother left the room. Then he crept over, shook his fist in my face and deliberately jerked me up a full half hour.

"The strain was beginning to tell on my nerves, you can imagine. But the worst was yet to come. That evening the daughter of the house was expecting a caller—the one she always takes longest to dress for and never misses. It seems it must have been about time for him to come up to the family expectations, for she ordered the small boy to stay out of the library. Then her eyes rested on my face. 'My, how that clock does run,' she murmured. Well, he did appear, and he did propose, and afterward—say I wanted to turn my face to the wall. They kept it up until 12 o'clock. Then her mother called her from the other room.

"It's only half-past ten, mother," she said.

"But the old lady wasn't to be deceived. They heard her getting up and fumbling around for her slippers. At the sound the girl looked guilty. Then her eyes lighted on my face and without a word she stole over and set me back an hour and a half.

"And now I'm to be sent out to be regulated! They think I'm not reliable. I don't tell the truth about the time. But it's not I that needs regulating—it's the family. Oh, well, a little rest cure will do me good—but who will do their lying while I'm gone?"

**The Bird in Hand.**

Instead of getting angry, Clarkson was rather amused at the actions of his pet waiter. For two years he had dined at the same restaurant almost daily and August knew his every wish and had always been liberally tipped, says the New York Press. That day, however, Clarkson was shamefully neglected. He had to ask for butter, his napkin was damp and soggy, the particular sauce he liked so well was not on the table and, in fact, August was the antithesis of a devoted servant. All his attentions seemed concentrated upon a man at an adjoining table. August hovered about him like a bee around a flower, anticipating every wish and bringing him sundry little extras.

The customer was evidently a stranger. Clarkson could not recall having seen him before, and from his long patronage of the place he had come to know all the regular customers by their faces at least. His curiosity got the better of him and as he was leaving, after bestowing the customary tip, he asked:

"Why is it, August, that you have been so attentive to that man and so neglectful of me? Is he in the habit of giving extra large tips?"

"Oh, no, m'sieu," said August. "He is a stranger. He has never been here before." Then he added apologetically: "And I am sure of you, m'sieu."

**The Game Ahead.**

"I suppose," said Acum, "you took in all the automobile races while you were in France?"

"Of course," replied Skorcher.

"What's new in the way of motor-ing over there?"

"Oh, nothing; just the same old pedestrians and chickens and things that we have here."

## ANIMALS THAT SHED TEARS.

### Travelers' Observations Have Proved That Weeping is Common.

Travelers through the Syrian desert have seen horses weep from thirst, a mule has been seen to cry from the pain of an injured foot and camel, it is said, shed tears in streams, says a writer in Harper's Weekly. A cow sold by its mistress who had tended young soko ape used to cry from vexation if Livingston didn't nurse it in his arms when it asked him to. Wounded apes have died crying, and apes have wept over their young slain by hunters. A chimpanzee trained to carry water jugs broke one and fell a-crying, which proved sorrow, though it wouldn't mend the jug. Rats, discovering their young drowned, have been moved to tears. A giraffe which a huntsman's rifle had injured began to cry when approached. Sea lions often weep over the loss of their young. Gordon Cummings observed tears trickling down the face of a dying elephant. And even an orang-outang when deprived of its mango was so vexed that it took to weeping. There is little doubt, therefore, that animals do cry from grief or weep from pain or annoyance.

## ALMOST A SOLID SCOR.

### Skin Disease from Birth—Fortune Spent on Her Without Benefit—Cured Her with Cuticura.

"I have a cousin in Rockingham Co. who once had a skin disease from her birth until she was six years of age. Her father had spent a fortune on her to get her cured and none of the treatments did her any good. Old Dr. G— suggested that he try the Cuticura Remedies which he did. When he commenced to use it the child was almost a solid scab. He had used it about two months and the child was well. I was there when they commenced to use your Cuticura Remedies. I stayed that week and then returned home and stayed two weeks and then went back and stayed with them two weeks longer, and when I went home I could hardly believe she was the same child. Her skin was as soft as a baby's without a scar on it. I have not seen her in seventeen years, but I have heard from her and the last time I heard from her she was well. Mrs. W. P. Ingle, Burlington, N. C., June 16, 1905."

## MANY SOURCES OF SALT.

### That from Natural Springs is Generally Most Nearly Pure.

The purity of salt depends upon the source from which it is obtained and the sanitary conditions under which it is prepared for the market. The supply of common salt, the most indispensable of all the seasoning substances both as a relishing condiment and a well-nigh universal food preservative, is exhaustless, yet even so there is salt and salt, says the Pictorial Review.

Formerly salt was obtained by evaporating ocean water, a process that left many impurities in the residuum, to say nothing of its exposure to all kinds of dirt in its shipment from seaports. The Turk's island or rock salt, which is still largely used in pork packing and in the manufacture of ice cream, comes to the United States in holds of vessels continually subjected to dirt and foul odors. Upon its arrival it is again handled, then packed in coarse burlap bags, permitting dust to sift into the salt. In this condition it reaches the consumer.

Latterly, however, the product of salt springs has largely taken the lead in this country not only for table salt but for meat packing. The annual production from this source in the United States reaches more than 40,000,000 bushels, the state of New York in the vicinity of Syracuse furnishing a large proportion of this important supply.

## NEVER TIRES

### Of the Food That Restored Her to Health.

"My food was killing me and I didn't know the cause," writes a Colo. young lady. "For two years I was thin and sickly, suffering from indigestion and inflammatory rheumatism.

"I had tried different kinds of diet, plain living, and many of the remedies recommended, but got no better.

"Finally, about five weeks ago, mother suggested that I try Grape-Nuts, and I began at once, eating it with a little cream or milk. A change for the better began at once.

"To-day I am well and am gaining weight and strength all the time. I've gained 10 lbs. in the last five weeks and do not suffer any more from indigestion and the rheumatism is all gone.

"I know it is Grape-Nuts alone that I owe my restored health. I still eat the food twice a day and never tire of it." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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## BLOATED WITH DROPSY.

### The Heart Was Badly Affected When the Patient Began Using Doan's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell, of 415 West Fourth street, Olympia, Wash., says:

"For over three years I suffered with a dropsical condition without being aware that it was due to kidney trouble. The early stages were principally back-ache and bearing down pain, but I went along without worrying much until dropsy set in. My feet and ankles swelled up, my hands puffed and became so tense I could hardly close them. I had great difficulty in breathing, and my heart would flutter with the least exertion. I could not walk far without stopping again and again to rest. Since using four boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills the bloating has gone down and the feelings of distress have disappeared."

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## HE WANTED LIVE NEWS.

### Correspondent Had No Time to Waste with Vice President.

Vice President Fairbanks stopped a newspaper man the other day, and good-naturedly asked explanation of an incident which happened years ago. On that occasion Mr. Fairbanks and the correspondent were chatting pleasantly, when suddenly the latter moved away to meet Senator Chandler of Maine. The vice president said: "I have always had great curiosity to know why you deserted me that day." The newspaper man hesitated for a moment, and then replied: "To tell you the truth, Mr. Vice President, you are a mighty dry source of news. You may have a nose for news, but I don't; at any rate, you never give up any. When a newspaper man is gunning for big, live news he hasn't got time to stop and exchange small talk with a man, even if he be a senator, who would not know the price of news if he saw it." Mr. Fairbanks smiled. "I thank you for your frankness," he said. "I see I shall have to cultivate a nose for news."

## Comment That Stung.

The marquis of Lansdown, leader of unionist peers in the British parliament, speaks rarely but always with effect. He revels in grave sarcasm. On one occasion Lord Crewe, the liberal leader, made a speech on a subject which he desired to leave a matter for open voting among his followers. Lord Lansdowne congratulated his friend on his eloquent speech. "I have followed it," he said, "with earnest attention not only on account of the importance of the subject but also on account of the noble lord's judicial attitude. I admired his earnestness and eloquence, but what impressed me most was his impartiality." A pause. "Yes, until the last minute I did not know on which side of the fence his lordship was coming down."

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## Oldest Chief Executive.

Gov. Harris of Ohio is the oldest chief executive of any state in the union, but is a very lively and potent integer in the politics of the buckeye state. He is 71 years old and has the distinction of having twice been lieutenant governor before being elevated to his present position by the death of Gov. Pattison.—Chicago Chronicle.

## Don't Delay.

The season of coughs and colds is not yet past—they will be prevalent for some months to come. Do not neglect or experiment with them. Use the safe and sure remedy—Simmons' Cough Syrup. It heals the soreness and stops the cough.

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## Somewhat Pointed, but It Denoted Quick Intelligence.

Pierce Jay, the commissioner of banks of Massachusetts, at the American Bankers' association's convention in St. Louis, advocated a better accounting system.

"But above all," said Mr. Jay, in a discussion of his idea, "we want intelligence, if embezzlement is to be thoroughly put down. Systems are good, but intelligence is better, and in cashiers and tellers and book-keepers and note clerks we want the same keen, quick intelligence that characterized old Capt. Hiram Cack, of Gloucester.

"Cack lay very ill. One day he got down-hearted, feeling that his case was hopeless.

"I fear, doctor," he said, "there isn't much hope for me."

"Oh, yes, there is," the doctor answered. "Three years ago I was in your condition precisely, and look at me now."

"Cack, intelligent and alert, said quickly:

"What doctor did you have?"

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**A LADY HUNG.**  
It was reported that a lady was hung, an investigation was made and the lady was found hanging on her husband's arm begging him to get that carpenter Reavis to fix up their old house or build a new one.

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**DOING DOUBLE DUTY.**

Last week a whiskey peddler was convicted here in the local court on a charge of vagrancy. In a day or two Hon. Will H. Atwell, the U. S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, turned up as the representative of the peddler. There were several other charges against the peddler, and Atwell began to try to make terms to relieve the situation. He stated while in town that he was the attorney for the whiskey house represented by the peddler, and was employed by the year. In nearly every case where liquor is sold by a scab of a peddler the revenue law is violated, and it would become the duty of Atwell to prosecute him. But how can he consistently do so when he is employed by the house to defend the criminal employes in the state courts? This is Joe Baileyism and graft with a vengeance. Why was he employed by the house? It was not because he is a good lawyer, for the bar places him about on a parity with Bailey. Then it must be on account of the fact that he has "influence" which he can practice. If this is the case his annual salary is so much hush money paid him to wink at the wholesale whiskey house while they run rough shod over the expressed will of three-fourths of the people in Texas. How long! oh, how long! O! Cataline! —Vernon Hornet.

An exactly similar thing occurred in Haskell this week when Mr. Atwell appeared in the county court as the defender of a party charged with unlawfully selling whiskey. Aside from the unnecessary reference to Senator Bailey, we agree with the Hornet that Mr. Atwell is in an awkward position, a position that we are surprised that the federal administration tolerates, if it is aware of the facts.

**GET AT THE ROWDYIS.**

Coming in from Wichita Falls on Tuesday night's train we encountered the most riotous set of hoodlums we have met lately. There were about six of them, all drunk, and they put in the night cursing, drinking, singing dirty songs, and flashing their bottles in the faces of the car full of passengers. A great many of the passengers were women, who were frightened almost speechless by the rowdyism. The bad feature of the situation was the inability of the train crew to control them in any degree. The conductor and brakeman both tried to keep them quiet, but in vain. The Hornet is in favor of making every conductor and brakeman a peace officer, authorized to carry a gun. The law makes it the duty of a railroad to protect its passengers from such outrages, and holds it responsible for its failure to do so, and yet by refusing to permit its employes to act as peace officers renders it utterly powerless. The papers of the state should take this up. Some of the passengers wanted to take the matter in hand and enforce order, but a too conservative spirit prevailed, and the result was the whole train was terrorized by this set of thugs.—Vernon Hornet.

Every once in a while we read such reports as the above of drunken rowdyism on railway trains. The rowdys generally escape prosecution, except on the rare occasions when a peace officer happens to be on the train and has sufficient courage to make himself known and interfere. The rowdys know the advantage they have in being on a moving train and use it to make themselves particularly odious and often a terror to ladies and timid people.

If we remember correctly, the question of making conductors on passenger trains peace officers was discussed by the last legislature but allowed to drop without action. The FREE PRESS believes it would be a proper thing to do, clothing them also with authority to summon assistance from among the passengers.

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**THE DRAG ON POOR ROADS.**

Neighbor, you are about right we expect. It does look kluder queer to us that we farmers don't take advantage of the split log drag and fix our roads in a passable condition.—Green-ville Banner.

The people of Texas should not lose sight of the fact that rural free delivery routes are going to be discontinued unless better roads are prepared. The postmaster general has plainly stated that the carriers will be called off where bad roads prevail.—McKinney Courier-Gazette.

We haven't said much about the split log drag for some time, but the mud we have been having for some time reminds us that it would be a good time for some one to try the drag on some of our roads. It wouldn't hurt them if it didn't do them any good. Who will be the first?—Royce City News.

The best way to get the split log drag into general use is for some Yankee in a Yankee town to manufacture them out of turked wood with beveled edges painted red and slap on them a price of, say, \$250 each. We will then mortgage our farms to buy them and fight for the right of way to run them over the public roads.—Paris News.

The six rural routes out of Greenville were discontinued by the orders of the post office department last week on account of the bad condition of the roads over which the carriers had to travel. This should be a warning to Granbury as well as many other towns over the state, to see to it that the roads leading into town are kept up to the requirements of the postoffice department. The rural mail delivery service has been a great blessing to the farmers, and of course anything that betters the condition of the farmer also benefits the business men. Remember, to keep the rural routes, we must keep good roads. Which do you want, good roads and rural routes or bad roads and no rural routes?—Granbury News.

The Bulletin believes that some farmers would like to try the split-log drag this winter, and will tell them just how it is done. Split an eight-foot log, twelve inches in diameter, in halves. Bore three two-inch holes in each half, one at each end and one in the middle. Join the halves, split sides forward, by strong braces three feet long run through the holes and wedged securely. This drag is to be used after each rain while the surface dirt is in a puddled condition, to smear the soft mud over the top of the roadbed in a layer, which sun, wind and travel will make hard. Of course the center of the roadbed should be kept higher than the sides, to drain the rain off. Every dragging adds another layer and makes the road still harder, smoother and more impervious to rain. This process continued for a year or two, it is said, puts a surface on the road which can hardly be torn up by a pick. The more travel, the harder, and the more rain, the smoother the road becomes—providing the drag is used after every rain. This is a very cheap and very simple thing to do, and any farmer could almost without cost put it into practice in front of his own place, at least.—Brownwood Bulletin.

There has been a great deal in the newspapers during the past year about the "split log drag" and all of it favorable to its use. No doubt many of our Haskell county readers have read something about it, and probably the reason none of them have tried it is that the timber here does not furnish suitable logs for the purpose. In the absence of logs we

suggest that scantling, such as is used for heavy flooring sleepers, say three or four inches thick and ten or twelve inches wide, would do just as well. The bottom edges could be beveled and the front plated with a four or six inch strip of heavy sheet iron to prevent splintering off, thus making them very durable. What farmer or community will be the first to try this device? It occurs to us that it would be a good thing to use on some of our streets just now.

**Wise Counsel from the South.**

"I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame back and kidney trouble," says J. R. Blankenship, of Beck, Tenn. "I have proved to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing condition. The first bottle gave me relief and after taking a few more bottles, I was completely cured; so completely that it becomes a pleasure to recommend this great remedy." Sold under guarantee at Terrell's Drug Store. Price 50c.

**SAW FORCE AT WORK**

Material Enough on Hand to Extend to Haskell.

Prof. B. M. Whiteker received a letter Tuesday from T. E. Matthews of Mineral Wells in which the writer stated that he had been out and had seen the construction force at work on the extension of the Mineral Wells & Northwestern railroad. He also stated that the company had material enough on hand at Mineral Wells to complete the proposed extension to Haskell. This road running to or through Haskell will make it one of the most accessible and best distributing points in Western Texas.

Henry Fuller, Port Edwards, Wis., used Re-Go Tonic Laxative Syrup for Constipation and states that it is the best medicine he ever used. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold at Terrell's Drug Store.

**NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS.**

In the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Texas, at Abilene.

In the matter of  
**WELCH MERCANTILE COMPANY,**  
Bankrupt.

No. 115.

In Bankruptcy.  
Abilene, Texas, Jan. 9, 1907.  
To the creditors of Welch Mercantile Company, a firm composed of C. E. Welch, D. E. Welch and M. L. Welch, as a firm and individually, of Rule, in the county of Haskell and District aforesaid, bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of January, 1907, the said Welch Mercantile Company, composed as stated of C. E., D. E. and M. L. Welch, as a firm and as individuals, were duly adjudged bankrupts, and that the first meeting of their creditors will be held at my office in the city of Abilene, in Taylor county, Texas, on the 24th day of January, 1907, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.  
K. K. LEGGETT, Referee  
in Bankruptcy.

Mr. J. N. McFatter is arranging to put in a brick plant near town.

Mr. Bryson arrived this week with his steam laundry outfit and will have it in operation as soon as he can build a house.