



ALL OVER TEXAS.

Sales of stamps at the Dallas post office for August footed up \$28,841.91, being \$5,741.20 in excess of any previous month's sales.

Senator Bailey has notified the committee which invited him some time since that he will make a speech at Celeste on Thursday, the 8th inst.

The American Type Founders Company, the big type founding trust formed some ten years ago, has arranged to open an office and warehouse in Dallas.

The cotton gin of J. D. Little at String, seven miles southeast of Temple, was destroyed by fire. The loss is about \$5000; no insurance.

Limestone County will have a prohibition election on the 10th of this month. The county has had prohibition for the last two years and the anti's want another election.

The first damage suit growing out of an automobile accident in San Antonio was filed Friday morning, in which W. L. Davidson sues Staake Bros. for \$10,000 for personal injuries.

Charles Timberlake, a Texas and Pacific conductor was run over by an engine in the yards at Paris Friday. His foot was mangled and had to be amputated. His home is in Bonham.

Several grading outfits are now at work on the Bay City-Robstown extension of the St. Louis, Brownville and Mexico road, clearing the right of way. Work has been begun at several places along the line.

Oil promoters who have sunk a well east of Denison are highly elated. Oil was struck Thursday. One more stratum of a porous rock has to be penetrated, when a tremendous flow of oil is expected.

Minnie Dooley, a twelve-year old pupil at St. Patrick's academy, Paris, was burned to death, Friday. Her clothing caught from a kitchen range and every vestige of wearing apparel was burned. She lived only one hour.

The town of Leroy, on the International and Great Northern, in the northern edge of Ellis county, is getting ready for a big possum supper about October 15, and it is intended to have a number of prominent men from outside points.

A successful bloodless surgical operation, according to the Lorenz method, was performed on a pupil at the school for defectives of Austin. The patient stood the operation very well and bids fair to become all right in a short time.

A white girl baby, reposing in a large basket, was discovered on the front porch of the residence of A. B. Hall, of Dallas, early Friday morning. The basket contained a supply of wearing apparel. Mr. and Mrs. Hall will adopt the baby.

Congressman James A. Slayden of Texas has just visited Judge Parker at Escopus. Mr. Slayden has nothing but praise for the Democratic candidate, whom he characterizes as the highest type of American gentleman.

Albert Runge, a German farmer living near Redwood, was found dead in a cistern Wednesday morning by his son, who had been to a dance, and upon returning home at 3 o'clock found that his father was nowhere to be found, and began a search.

The Trinity River Lumber mills burned at Groveton Wednesday morning. The loss was \$150,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. This is the third large lumber mill to burn in East Texas in the last ten days.

Rev. J. B. Buchanan, while seated at the breakfast table of his son, about five miles east of Sherman Tuesday morning, suddenly dropped dead. Deceased was 65 years old, and had resided in Grayson County for the past forty years.

The books of the Agricultural and Mechanical College show that its account is overdrawn \$13,000. The books of the bank shows the overdrafts amount to \$23,000, a difference of \$8000.

Fayette Holland of the Pottsboro neighborhood was found dead sitting in a chair in his bedroom. He retired early, but when found was partially attired, which indicates that he had some warning of the seriousness of his condition.

Albert Cheatham, residing near Day, Grayson County, fell a little ill from malaria, and took a dose of quinine. In ten minutes he was seized with paroxysms and died in a very few minutes.

Col. L. A. Daffan, division superintendent on the Houston and Texas Central Railroad with headquarters at Ennis has been promoted to the position of general agent of the transportation department, a newly created position.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

In the neighborhood of Denison some forest and fruit trees are dying from the drouth.

King Edward has approved the appointment of Earl Grey as Governor of Canada in succession to Earl of Minto.

M. L. Robbins, general passenger agent of the Houston and Texas Central, fell from a street car, at Houston, breaking his right arm and spraining his left leg.

James Morris, living near Numa, in Kay County, Ok., was found dead on the highway, with his team near by. No cause is assigned at this time for his death.

The Rock Island shops at Chickasha, which have been closed for several weeks, have reopened. All the old employes here were given places and the force will be increased.

The Westinghouse Machine company has recently developed a new system of electric train lighting which consists of a steam engine, electric generator and a storage battery equipment.

According to the local weather bureau, the temperature at Chicago has established a new record for the summer months of 14 degrees less than the normal of 33 years preceding.

Fire swept the entire business portion of Gem, Idaho, and a large part of the residence district, entailing a loss of \$110,000 and destroying nearly one hundred houses and rendering scores of people homeless.

The railroad Commission has been petitioned by the citizens of Lorena to issue an order requiring the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad Company to provide more adequate depot facilities for that place.

At Yellow Creek, O., six persons lost their lives in an oil explosion. A house was fired by a street lamp and the heat the house fired a derrick and exploded an oil tank, resulting in the disastrous loss of life.

The Texas & Pacific has arranged to put on a special cotton train on September 15. It will start from Ft. Worth at 10:40 at night and make 613 miles in less than fifty hours. This train to expedite cotton movement from the west and northwest Texas.

The deficit in the A. and M. College funds, of \$14,000 and the disparity of \$8000 between the college books and those of the bank is causing some spry bustling in the quarters of the State service responsible for the shortage.

Rosh Hashona, the Jewish New Year, will begin with the setting of the sun on Friday, September 9. This marks the opening of the year 5665, which represents the Hebrew computation of the time which has elapsed since the beginning of the world.

Judge Parker will leave Escopus Saturday, Sept. 24, to visit the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis and will be in St. Louis four days. He declares that he will make no speeches either going or returning.

The secretary of the interior has made advertisement for bids for the construction of court houses, jails and school houses in the counties of Comanche, Caddo and Kiowa, formed from the Kiowa-Comanche country, opened to settlement on Aug. 6, 1901.

Charles Hoskins, an American and a man of temperate habits and mild disposition, has been killed in a lumber camp near Tenosque, in the State of Tabasco. The local authorities are investigating the matter.

Philip Caldwell, an elevator conductor, was killed and eight persons were injured by the falling of a passenger elevator in the store of Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago, Friday. The car fell from the fifth floor to the basement.

Former Gov. George W. Peck of Milwaukee was chosen as the standard bearer of the Democrats of Wisconsin, having received the nomination for governor by acclamation amid great enthusiasm.

While Constable O. L. McDonald of the Tigertown Precinct was attempting to arrest a party Friday on a charge of affray at a sawmill near Direct, he was struck three times with a blacksmith's hammer and received injuries that may prove fatal.

In saving a newsboy, who had run in front of his automobile, Robert E. Fouse, president of Illinois sausage factory, has driven his machine into a telegraph pole. His left arm was broken and his vehicle wrecked.

Five people were killed on the west-bound imperial limited at Sinaluita, Manitoba Thursday night. The switch was left open by a train crew which had just left town and the Trans-Continental express dashed in upon a freight train.

On both sides of the building trades fight in New York there are strong indications that a settlement is in sight and it is possible that thousands of skilled mechanics now idle will be at work within the next two weeks.

Kuropatkin Is Routed Japs Possess Liao Yang

New York, Sept. 5.—Continuing the fight around Liao Yang, the Japanese dislodged the Russians from Liao Yang and practically put the whole army to rout Saturday.

The only direct news from the seat of war bearing Sunday's date came by way of Tokio in a report from Field Marshal Oyama, saying that Liao Yang fell completely into the hands of the Japanese at 9 o'clock that morning; that the Japanese casualties were believed to be heavy and that nothing was known by the Japanese concerning conditions on the right bank of the Taitse River.

The only comfort for the Russians at home was the news conveyed in a report from Gen. Kuropatkin dated Saturday afternoon, that Gen. Stakelberg's first Siberian army corps of 25,000 men, reported Saturday as having been cut off to the westward of Liao Yang, had been safely extricated and that the corps had succeeded in joining the main Russian body on the right bank of the river, but no details of the escape of Stakelberg are known. Gen. Kuropatkin also reported that the greater portion of his army was, at the time of filing the report, south of Yental (ten miles northeast of Liao Yang) and a few miles from the Yental mines, where fierce fighting had been in progress.

It is estimated that there has been a cessation of the fierce fighting. Kuropatkin reports that his men were not being much interfered with by the Japanese in the neighborhood of his army.

In St. Petersburg the absence of news is looked upon as heightening the gravity of the situation for the Russians.

It was reported in St. Petersburg Sunday night that Kuropatkin had arrived in Tiehling, ten miles north of Yental and eighteen miles south of Mukden.

FOURTEEN DEATHS IN A TENEMENT FIRE.

A New York Tenement Fire Brings Disaster.

New York, Sept. 5.—Fourteen persons were killed and nearly a score injured in a fire in a five-story double tenement in Attorney Street at an early hour. It was one of the worst fires in the loss of human lives that has occurred on the East Side in several years, although the property loss was slight.

The dead include four women, one man and nine children, ranging in age from 3 months to 12 years.

Many of the injured were taken to hospitals, and it is thought that several of these will die. Among the injured were five firemen, who were on a fourth floor balcony, when it fell with them.

The small number of men among the killed and injured was due to the fact that most of the men who lived in the building, following the Attorney Street custom in hot weather, were asleep on the roof, while but few of the women and children were there. Those on the roof made their way to safety over neighboring roofs. Meanwhile the members of their families who had remained in their rooms found escape cut off and panic reigned throughout the structure.

When the firemen reached the scene some of the tenants were jumping from the windows and from the fire escapes, which reached only to the second floor. Others were crouching in the smoke in the small rooms and narrow halls.

Dies Suddenly

Dallas: Matthew Walker Corbett, sixty-eight of age, died suddenly Sunday afternoon in Oak Cliff. He had attended Christ Church in the forenoon, walked home and was sitting at the dining table, when suddenly he threw up his arms and expired without a word. Mr. Corbett was born in Cape Town, South Africa, in 1836. He leaves a wife. There are no other relatives in this section.

All Pick Cotton.

Temple: So great is the demand for labor in the cotton fields that work in that line is getting to be a fad. Schoolboys seize the opportunity to earn their clothes and books for the coming term and a number of World's Fair trips have been made possible that would not have materialized had it not been for cotton picking. God prices prevail and all labor that applies can find employment just now.

Oklahoma's Banks.

Guthrie, Ok.: Paul F. Cooper, Territorial bank commissioner has filed his report, showing the condition of banks in the Territory covering the year from Sept. 1, 1903, to Sept. 1, 1904. On the 2d of June last the resources of all Territorial banks, 244 reporting, amounted to \$9,946,709.74 capital stock \$2,334,790, surplus \$255,419.32, deposits \$6,748,868.29, undivided profits \$389,552.54, overdrafts \$602,028.02.

A RACE TO MUKDEN.

Russians Prepare to Evacuate This Last Stronghold. London, Sept. 6.—The Daily Mail this morning prints a dispatch from Simintin, giving a report that Gen. Kuropatkin's retreat has been cut off. The dispatch goes on to say that the Russian troops had advanced in a strong force to the southeast of Mukden as far as Japing Hill to oppose any possible attack in the direction of their advance.

A Chinese official who arrived from Mukden Sunday says that the Russian troops are leaving for the north; that there are 18,000 men ten miles east of the city; that the officers and men have become dispirited, and that much sickness prevails.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—The forces of Kuropatkin and Oyama are racing for Mukden. This much stands out in news of Monday and is indicated in a report for forwarded by Kuropatkin, who says that his retreat is being conducted in perfect order, though the Japanese on Sunday repeatedly attacked his rear and continued the attack until Monday. The result of the race is in doubt. The united Russian forces are now north of Yental, a station on the railroad about ten miles northeast of Liao Yang. They are pushing on to Mukden, to which the bulk of the Japanese forces are marching direct, after having swarmed across the Taitse River. A strong Japanese flanking column is about thirty miles northeast of Liao Yang and trying to get between the Russian forces and Mukden.

With this race in progress there was a brief dispatch from Mukden saying that preparations for the evacuation of that place are proceeding. This report, if well founded, as is pointed out in the Associated Press St. Petersburg dispatches, would mean the abandonment of the whole of Southern Manchuria and the winding up of the campaign.

It was reported in St. Petersburg at a late hour Monday night that Kuropatkin's rear guard had been almost annihilated and that the main Russian army was in danger of being surrounded.

Kuropatkin in his report makes no mention of the abandonment of 200 guns at Liao Yang, a rumor to which effect is in circulation. Advices from Port Arthur by way of Chefoo bring the fighting there up to Sept. 2, and say the Japanese losses were very heavy.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6, 8:20 a. m.—It is impossible at this hour to obtain any statement from the authorities regarding the reported preparations for the abandonment of Mukden.

This is the first intimation that such a course is contemplated. If it turns out to be true, it means the abandonment of the whole of South Manchuria and the winding up of the present campaign.

In fact, should Mukden be evacuated, there would be no point for wintering the army of quarter of a million men with its many wounded soldiers. On the other hand the evacuation of Mukden would give Field Marshal Oyama commandous winter quarters and the practical control of two lines of railway. The Kinchou-Simintin line tapping rich Chinese territory, stops little short of Mukden, with which it is connected by a good wagon road.

The report of the prospective evacuation of Mukden, if well founded, would indicate that the crushing effect of the Liao Yang fighting on Kuropatkin's army is more serious than has yet been intimated.

Great "Smoke Up."

Guthrie, Ok.: Following a custom of twenty-six years, the Osage and Delaware full-blood Indians held their annual smoke near Pawhuska, during last week. In 1878, when the Osages and Delawares were transferred to their present reservations in Indian Territory, there was a council of the chiefs and head men of the two tribes, which resulted in a treaty guaranteeing mutual protection and brotherly love.

Annually the full-blood element has men to ratify the treaty and hold the annual smoke. During the week there were several hundred Osages and fully 100 Delawares present at the pony smoke, and the old pledge was renewed that malice and revenge should be replaced by friendship and brotherly love. The treaty has never been broken, but in all its provisions has been strictly adhered to in the intervening years.

Labor Agents Beaten.

Calvert: Three white men from the black land country who have been inducing colored farm laborers to leave were assaulted and beaten. Farmers here employ negro laborers by the year and advance them money and supplies, hence their objection to the negroes being induced to leave during the time when their services are most valuable. Several hundred negroes have been taken out of the country and farm labor is growing scarce.

STRIKE TO END.

Thousands Have Lost Two Months Wages Without Gain. Chicago, Sept. 6.—As the result of a conference just held between representatives of the unions involved in the packing house strike and of the owners of the plants, the end of the long labor struggle is set for the middle of this week.

An understanding was arrived at by which the men will meet today or tomorrow and vote on the question of calling off the strike. According to the plans made they will be instructed to cast their ballots in the affirmative. These plans were made with secrecy and care. They originated a week ago in Chicago with certain of the packers and of conservative labor leaders. Fearing the execution of the scheme would fall if attempted in Chicago, it was determined to make the first move in New York.

The ending of the strike in the Eastern city by the vote of the men on Saturday was the first step. The settlement there made is the same which is tomorrow promised for Chicago. The following are the chief points of the arrangement:

The unions to call off the strike. The packers to re-employ as many of the strikers as they can give work to and then give the preference to the former employes in the future; as many of the new workers as wish to remain are to be retained.

Wages of the skilled men to remain at the rate paid before the strike.

The packers, who have often declared they would not meet the labor men, will undoubtedly deny today that a conference has been held. But the fact remains that duly authorized representatives of the owners of packing plants did meet the labor men.

What doubt existed as to the position of the switchmen in the strike has been dispelled by Grand Master Frank Hawley of the organization. Hawley, at a meeting of the union, said the men would remain at work.

The first serious break in the stock yards strike in Chicago came last night, when fifty striking live stock handlers were reinstated and at once resumed their former duties.

Alfalfa Growers Meet.

Waco: Growers of alfalfa from several counties, in response to the call of Col. E. S. Peters, met here Monday to organize a State association, the object being to promote the production of alfalfa, substituting it as a staple for cotton, remarkable success having attended the efforts of those already engaged in its culture. The movement to organize began several months ago, and recently county meetings were held.

It was determined to hold a meeting for the permanent organization of the Texas State Alfalfa Growers' Association on Oct. 4 next, and a committee, consisting of E. S. Peters of Calvert, James E. Horne of Waco, R. E. Smith of Sherman and Mike Butler of Austin, was appointed to prepare an address to the public setting forth the objects of the association and the call for the October meeting.

Rain is General.

Fort Worth: An exceedingly heavy and soaking rain commenced falling here early Monday morning and continued throughout the day until about 3 o'clock. The fall is not limited to this section of the State. From advices received at the various railroad offices here the fall is very general, extending as far north as Terrall, I. T., on the Rock Island, as far as Brownwood on the Frisco, and beyond Temple on the Santa Fe.

Advices received at the local ticket office of the Texas and Pacific stated that a good, slow, soaking rain fell as far west as Colorado City and Kent; also that a very heavy rain is reported to have fallen along the line of the Pecos Valley lines between Carlsbad, N. M., and Pecos. A good bit of the track along this line is reported to have been washed away. Rains are light up the Denver.

W. J. Bryan will make speeches in Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana.

New Bugs in Cottonfields. McGregor: Farmers here are very much excited over the sudden appearance of the boll weevil in large numbers in the cotton, together with three other varieties of bugs. Since the heavy rains, which broke the long drouth here, a surprising number of pests have made their appearance in the cotton.

One bug especially, which is entirely new in this section, feeds on the stem and young bolls.

The male has a light-brown coat and small red dots over its back; the female is green. One farmer found twenty-five bolls on one stalk of cotton and twenty of those were completely ruined by the bugs. He says that a week ago he could only find a few boll weevils in his cotton, but now they average two or three to the stalk.

Arrangements are under way looking to a day being set aside as Confederate Day during the coming Fall Festival at Dallas.

# Kuropatkin in Retreat Relentless Japanese Fire

Dallas, Sept. 2.—The morning News in summing up the dispatches, most of which are from Russian sources, says today:

Thursday's news from the seat of war closed with the receipt of two dispatches of a most significant character as bearing on the domination of Manchuria at the close of the present campaign.

The first came from the Associated Press correspondent at St. Petersburg, filed there at 10:16 p. m., and said that Gen. Kuropatkin had withdrawn his whole army to the north bank of the Taitse River so as to meet Gen. Kuroki's flanking movement. The inference drawn from this dispatch was that Liao Yang had been evacuated, that city lying on the left or south bank of the river.

Nothing to confirm this was received until several hours later, when a dispatch from the Associated Press correspondent at St. Petersburg, dated September 2 and timed at 1:26 o'clock Friday morning, said that "the news of the evacuation of Liao Yang and the withdrawal of the Russian army to the right bank of the Taitse River had caused intense excitement."

Late Thursday night the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Associated Press obtained an opinion from the war office that the withdrawal to the right bank of the Taitse River became necessary so that the Russians would be able to repel a blow in that direction and that Gen. Kuropatkin's movement was the carrying out of a well defined idea rather than a retreat.

The same dispatch points out without comment that the Japanese took advantage of Gen. Kuropatkin's withdrawal to occupy the city of Liao Yang.

The second dispatch, which may have a significant bearing on the campaign, is that filed at Mukden at 9:27 p. m. to-day, saying that the train service between Mukden and Liao Yang was interrupted and it may mean the cutting of railroad communication, which would deprive Gen. Kuropatkin of a ready opportunity to retreat to his more northern base at Mukden. As pointed out in the St. Petersburg dispatch the Mukden correspondent does not mention whether the telegraphic communications are open.

London, 5 a. m., Sept. 2.—The Russian Army has evacuated Liao Yang, and the place has been occupied by the Japs. Gen. Kuropatkin has withdrawn his entire force to the right bank of the Taitse River to meet a flanking movement by Gen. Kuroki, who has crossed the river with several divisions. This would indicate that the movement begun by the Japs Wednesday night, when it was announced that they were getting around the Russian left flank, has been successful.

Russian dispatches say that Gen. Kuropatkin's position is improved strategically by the movement, while he has his force concentrated, while the Japs are divided by a deep river. The Japs, however, hold the retreat to be little less than a rout.

The evacuation was accompanied with heavy fighting, in which both sides lost many men. Gen. Kuropatkin first ordered the abandonment of the outer positions and the withdrawal of his men into the fortified city of Liao Yang. This was early Wednesday night, but the vigor of the Japs' attacks, which continued until midnight, made it impossible to carry out the plan.

## Bank Opens at Josephine.

Josephine: Some of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Farmersville have opened a bank here. These gentlemen have an individual responsibility of about \$400,000. L. Hoffman has been appointed cashier. J. Chapman, cashier of the First National Bank of Farmersville is here, assisting in opening. These people expect to nationalize the bank as soon as the business will justify.

## Uncle and Nephew Fight a Duel.

Austin.—Jesse and Jack Burdette engaged in a bloody duel with pistols Friday morning at their home place miles north of Austin. Several shots were exchanged on both sides as the result that Jesse struck Jack in the chest, one bullet taking effect in the chest and the other in the leg. The duel in the groin may prove fatal. Jesse Burdette is not injured. The duel was caused by a quarrel.

## Cotton Cut Short in Titus.

Mount Pleasant: The cotton crop in Titus county has fallen off about 50 per cent during the last thirty days. A portion of the county has had no rain for over eight weeks, and other portions have had only light showers. The crop is in very little good. This is the serious drought here for over two years. The corn crop is fine, as it is before the dry weather be-

Yesterday the Japs increased their pressure on the right and center of the Russians, which, with Kuroki's enveloping movement, caused the loss of Liao Yang to Kuropatkin.

The Japs seem to be pressing their advantage, for dispatches from Mukden saying the train service on the railroad is stopped, indicate that a blow at the Russian line of communications has been struck.

The fighting at Liao Yang has been on all records for the desperate valor of the assailants and the invincible stubbornness of the defenders. The whole history of warfare tells of no such bombardments, no such carnage and no such persistence. Day after day the fight has been resumed at day-break and kept up with hardly a moment's intermission until after night-fall.

War scarred veterans scarce believe the stories which come from the seat of war, and declare that it is beyond human endurance for an army to fight without respite for a whole week, each day of which has exceeded its predecessor in intensity of struggle and carnage of slaughter. Day after day the thousands of dead bestrewing the battlefield have to be removed.

The Japs have invented new methods to incinerate the heaps of dead comrades, removing the ashes for the honors of burial in Japan. The wounded present a most serious problem, as they tax the energies of both sides to the utmost. The most difficult problem is the bringing up of supplies of food and ammunition to every point of the fighting line, which extends from ten to twenty miles.

## Schoolboy Fight That Was Fatal.

Fort Worth: Marshall Billington, the boy of Watauga, who is charged with causing the death of another boy named Chester Husted as the result of an encounter on the school grounds at Watauga, had an examining trial before Justice Terrell. The bond of the defendant was fixed at \$750, which he readily gave and was released. There were many witnesses examined.

The age of the defendant, it was shown on the trial, is 14 years, while that of the deceased was 10. The trouble between the two boys occurred on the 28th of January last. It is charged by the State that injuries received in the side by the deceased inflicted by the defendant caused death a few days ago. There is considerable feeling over the matter.

## Negro Democratic Campaigners.

Sherman: J. W. Dooley and C. Dooley, the negro Democratic orators of Grayson County, will address the voters at the following times and places: Bonham, Monday, Sept. 5, 10 a. m.; New Boston, Monday, Sept. 5, 4 p. m.; Texarkana, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2 p. m.; Tyler, Saturday, Sept. 10, 2 p. m.

## Cleburne Votes Bonds.

Cleburne: The result of the bond election is as follows: For street improvement bonds \$19, against \$8; for fire station improvement bonds \$20, against \$6. This makes it a majority of about three to one in favor of the two bond issues of \$20,000 for street improvements and \$5,000 for a fire station. At the previous election the two amounts were put together in an issue of \$25,000 and the Attorney General turned the issue down.

## The Little Son of Rev. Upson Price (colored), pastor of the Mount Zion Church, Gonzales, while riding on a loaded wagon fell off and the wheels passed over him, crushing his skull and killing him.

Twelve hundred dozen Texas chickens passed through Denison en route to Chicago and New York. The two cars were fitted up especially for the chickens, and a man is in charge of each.

## M. L. Robbins, general passenger agent of the Houston and Texas Central, fell from a street car, at Houston, breaking his right arm and spraining his left leg.

A new ice company has been organized at Denison. Local capital is largely interested in the new enterprise. They expect to have the plant in operation inside of sixty days.

In the neighborhood of Denison some forest and fruit trees are dying from the drought.

## J. R. Holcomb, a white man, forty-five years of age, was placed in jail at Ardmore Tuesday afternoon, on a charge of having in his possession counterfeit plates, etc.

J. L. Swartz, a citizen of Austin, bought a ticket for St. Louis, and en route, says that the porter acted indignantly toward him because he was trying to monopolize two chairs, and he now says that the road he made to pay him \$16,000 for the bad conduct of the porter.

## NEWS IS INDEFINITE.

### Russians by Their Own Admission Are Hard Pressed.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 2.—At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the War Office received a dispatch from Ueterhoff, sent to the Emperor last night by Gen. Kuropatkin, dated 5 p. m., transmitted to the War Office for publication. The information is extremely meager and only conveys information to those conversant with the situation at Liao Yang.

As communicated the press dispatch states that an artillery battle proceeded until the hour of sending it, and that the Russians were retiring upon their main positions; that Gen. Kuroki was attacking the Russian left north of the Taitse River; that the railroad station, which is situated a mile northwest of Liao Yang, had been set on fire by Japanese shells; that the station had been transferred across the river to a point on the north bank; that Kuropatkin had passed in review the Third Siberian Corps, under Gen. Ivanoff, suffering greatly in the early stages of the battle, and, finally, that the Russian losses for two days were 5,000 killed or wounded.

The dispatch as given out, therefore, does not admit that Gen. Kuropatkin is withdrawing across the Taitse River entirely. It is possible that owing to the pressure of the Japanese the Russian Army, as stated in the Tokio dispatch, was thrown into confusion and greatly hampered.

In the light of the knowledge that the main positions of the Russians are on the north bank of the river the dispatch becomes intelligible. The artillery fight during the day makes it evident that a screen of Russian guns was used to cover the movement across the river. The guns on the north bank doubtless were also employed for this purpose, being placed so as to protect the railroad bridge spanning the Taitse. The review of the Third Siberian Corps, mentioned in the dispatch, probably refers to a march past of the troops while crossing the river, it being impossible to suppose that a formal review occurred while the battle was in progress.

At 4:30 yesterday afternoon the War Office said it was entirely without news of the day's fighting, but added that the railroad between Liao Yang and Mukden was open. No press dispatches from the front had arrived up to the same hour.

The suspense in St. Petersburg is intense, and the town is filled with all kinds of rumors, ranging from a complete victory for Gen. Kuropatkin to a disastrous defeat of the Russians.

Tokio, Sept. 2, 9 p. m.—A few additional details of the progress of the battle at Liao Yang reached Tokio at a late hour to-day.

Gen. Kuroki's right is continuing to press the attack at Helyingtal, seeking ground whence their guns will dominate the railroad. The troops under Gen. Kuroki are fabled and weary. They have been marching and fighting since Aug. 23, but in spite of this they attacked with spirit. The Japanese are confident they have already swept the strong Russian force with which they have been engaged and it is probable that when the details are known it will be found a great tragedy was enacted to-day along the Taitse River.

The Taitse is flooded and can not be forded. Gen. Kuroki, in command of the Japanese left, had directed his energies to forcing the Russians to the river, and it is probable that many were drowned there.

A private dispatch received here reports that great fires are raging at Liao Yang. This statement is not confirmed officially. The fires are believed to result from the Japanese shelling or from the efforts of the Russians to destroy their stores preparatory to the evacuation of Liao Yang, with the additional hope of injuring the city as a future Japanese base.

## Ants Have Disappeared.

Taylor: The several colonies of Gautemalan ants planted on the Government's experimental farm on Washington Heights, have disappeared, whether from climate causes or formation of the soil it is not known. These "boil weevil destroyers" were brought to Taylor by Dr. W. D. Hunter and Botanist O. F. Cook of Victoria. Some objections were raised by neighboring farmers.

## One Hundred and Eleven.

Houston: According to statements made by friends of the deceased, who claim to be well informed on the subject, Garson Gamble, colored, who died in this city on Aug. 14, was 111 years old. Deceased, according to the record, was born in South Carolina in June, 1793, hence was 111 years and 2 months of age at the time of his death. He was purchased by Dr. Misheans of Florida and brought to Texas in 1844.

## Foster Bros.' gin burned at Bald Friday night. Loss about \$6,000; insurance \$3,000. The gin had been running during the day, but was all cooled down at the time of the fire. The gin will likely be rebuilt immediately.

Donald Fisher, who is alleged to have left Whitewright, Tex., with about \$500 belonging to the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway, has been arrested in St. Louis and will be brought back to Grayson County.

shelling or from the efforts of the Russians to destroy their stores preparatory to the evacuation of Liao Yang, with the additional hope of injuring the city as a future Japanese base.

Unofficial estimates place the Russian forces in the vicinity of Liao Yang at fifteen divisions of 15,000 men each. These are probably excessive, but it is evident that numerically the Russians exceed the Japanese.

The opinion that the Russian casualties in the recent fighting will reach 30,000 is confidently expressed in high quarters here. Neither Field Marshal Oyama nor the Japanese army commanders have yet estimated the Russian losses.

It seems the Japanese avoided direct assault upon Liao Yang itself, but devoted their energies to the troops outside the city and an effort to cut off the Russian retreat.

Liao Yang is strongly fortified and it is probable that the Japanese will not attack the city directly until they have succeeded in isolating it. Should the Russians abandon Liao Yang the Japanese will of course enter.

## Dead Body Found in the Weeds.

Caldwell: While hunting cattle Jud Harris found the body of a dead man about a mile from town among thick weeds, near the road. The body proved to be that of an aged negro man, and had been there for a month. All the flesh was off the bones. It is almost certain that it is the body of Peter Gains, about 80 years old, who was nearly blind and had been missing for over a month.

## Early and Short.

Bartlett: Cotton merchants here do not count from Sept. 1 to Sept. 1, but from the date the first new bale is received. Last year up to Sept. 1 two bales had been received. This year 1600 bales have been received. The crop is three weeks earlier this year. Total received here last year in round numbers, 13,000 bales; year before last, 13,000; this year estimates are 13,000. Before the boll weevil came the average was 16,000 to 18,000.

## Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 2.—Fire broke out in the six-story brick building occupied by the wholesale grocery firm of the Oliver Finnie Company at an early hour this (Saturday) morning, and entailed a loss roughly estimated at \$200,000. The Oliver Finnie Company is one of the largest wholesale grocery houses in the South, and owns a handsome building on Front street, between Union and Gayoso.

Dallas: Commodore S. W. S. Dunson stated Thursday afternoon that work on the Trinity River was progressing nicely and it was hoped by the Government to have the river sufficiently clear to permit boats to come up from Galveston to the time the rains come in the spring and put the river up. The force of men is now pulling snags between Porters Bluff and Magnolia, a distance of about 130 miles by water.

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## After Oil Near Dublin.

Fort Worth: A company organized here with Col. J. L. Pennington, W. C. Preston, H. C. Brashear, George Littlefairs, G. S. Wynns, Jr., and William Barr, for the purpose of sinking an oil well five miles south of Dublin, in Erath County, report that evidences of oil have been discovered at a depth of 365 feet. The company will continue boring until it is demonstrated whether petroleum in paying quantities can be had.

## Easy Mark.

Cleopatra was sailing down the Nile with Antony. "Don't call me Antony," said the great man, as he gave her another pearl tiara. "I think," said Egypt's red-tressed queen, "I shall call you Mark, and," she added sotto voice, "an easy one at that."

## Silver Service.

"Hey!" shouted the rich man, peering cautiously over the stairway. "I want you." "Well," chuckled the burglar, reaching for the silver, "I am at your service, sir."

## Temporarily Closed for Repairs.

McJigger—Small told Bigger yesterday that he was a crook; said he knew he was a thief because Bigger couldn't look him in the eye. "Thingumbob—That's true too. McJigger—Yes, but it's also true that Small can't look himself in the eye this morning."

## Asleep.

"I certainly did enjoy your sermon," said the hard case, who seldom attended church. "Indeed!" replied Rev. Mr. Tawker, "and what part did you enjoy the most?" "I guess it was the part where I dreamed I had a million dollars."

Immigration into Germany is at present gaining 18,000 inhabitants yearly by immigration.

# SCIENCE and INVENTION

## Improved Telegraph Service.

Prof. Michael Pupin of Columbia university has invented a process by which sixteen messages may be sent simultaneously over a single wire. The system differs from the multiplex systems now used in that it employs an alternating instead of a direct current. The system is, according to the inventor, one of tuning. The currents are sent in electrical waves of different lengths, and if the full sixteen messages are to be sent at once, sixteen different currents, all of different vibratory periods, are employed. There is apparently no limit to the number of messages which could be sent over one wire at one time, except that set by the waves themselves, which begin to interfere with one another if their periods are too similar.

## Radio-Activity Not Unique.

That there is anything mysterious or revolutionary in the recent discoveries concerning radium is denied by Prof. Robert A. Millikan of the University of Chicago. "Radium is an element not greatly different from all the others," he said. "Its activity is not an isolated phenomenon. It fits into the orderly scheme of scientific knowledge and supplements established theories, but does not destroy them. The shooting off particles from radium is correlated with other phenomena of physics. It is analogous to the exploding of stellar systems, which astronomers tell us constantly is occurring. The rate of the breaking up of the atoms—one out of one hundred billion a second—is no greater relatively than that of the disintegration of stars. Calculations show that radium cannot last longer than 1,000,000 years—a brief period in geological time. In that time all the radium on the earth will have passed away. There are two theories as to the origin of radium; one that it is derived from uranium; the other, that it is built up from simpler elements. The latter is without substantiation in inorganic chemistry."—Chicago Tribune.

## Artistic Millinery.

Since the picturesque is the correct phase in frocks, the artistic prevails in millinery. The hats are just as various as are the designs in gowns, and it is a peculiar type of beauty that cannot find something eminently becoming in the current modes. Crowns are higher in the newer models, and ostrich plumes are draped in many and fantastic forms. Brims, too, are growing somewhat wider, and are curved and undulated until they will suit almost any face. Velvet is especially conspicuous as a trimming, and it is expected that the early days of autumn will bring back the chic little velvet toque.

## Keep Books Clean.

Who has not seen the book abuser with the dirty habit of moistening the fingers and applying them to page after page of a book to turn the leaves more easily? It is done so often that it has become a habit with some and possibly they are not aware of the act, but someone else, turning the pages afterward, is sure to find the finger marks left on the white surface. This marring of the book can be easily avoided by turning the leaves by contact of the finger with the cut edge, but lack of patience on the part of some readers causes them to apply their dampened fingers to the surface of the page instead. An inventor has just designed a neat



## Prevents Soiling the Pages.

Little thumb attachment which will make it easy to turn the pages without soiling. It consists of a spring clamp for attachment to the thumb near the end, while from one side of the clamp projects a thin flat plate which is designed to be inserted between the leaves of the book. In the illustration this device is shown in conjunction with an index, for which it is especially adapted, enabling a bookkeeper to find in an instant any name he is looking for without subjecting the book to the same treatment as the class of persons mentioned.

## Is the Sea Pushing Back Boston?

J. R. Freeman, of the Metropolitan Water Board of Massachusetts, is the authority for the statement that Boston is sinking into the sea. He asserts that the present datum plane, to which all elevations are referred by the engineering department of the city of Boston, and which is commonly known as Boston base, probably coincided almost exactly in the year 1822 with the mean low water at the Charlestown navy yard. To-day, after a lapse of seventy-two years, the same datum plane, as defined by numerous bench marks on solid ground, according to the best available determination is 0.79 foot below mean low water. This comparison shows that the land now stands about 0.79 foot lower relatively to the sea than it did about seventy-two years ago, and shows that the land in Boston and vicinity is sinking at the rate of about one foot per hundred years.

## HOUSE COSTING \$80

TWO-STORY STRUCTURE, COMFORTABLE AND NEAT.

Residence of Settler in New Country That Leaves Nothing to be Desired—Plans Showing How the Two Floors Are Laid Out.

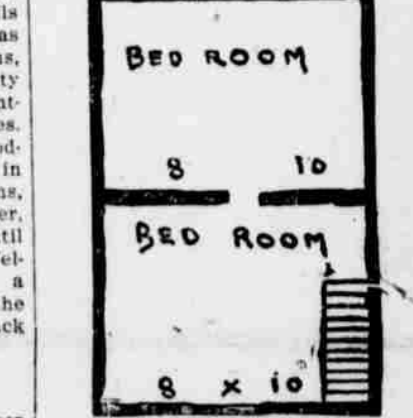
The home of Mr. Ernest Stich, White Fish Valley, thirty miles from Port Arthur on the Duluth branch of the Canadian Northern railway, is shown in the accompanying plans. Mr. Stich has served in the capacity of land guide for three years and has helped to establish the colony. His residence is 16 by 20 feet, two stories high. It has two doors, five windows down stairs, and two upstairs. His



Ground Floor Plan.

160 acres when selected was in a wooded wilderness. The construction of Mr. Stich's house is described as follows:

The material used in the construction of the building was cut within 50 yards of where the structure stands. Everything was hewed on the ground. After the building spot had been selected the trees and shrubbery were cut down, stumps taken out and the ground leveled. A cellar 12 by 16 feet was dug. At the depth of 6 feet rock was struck and no better flooring could be had. The cellar was walled up with hewed tamarac. The cracks between the logs were filled with lime. In starting the foundation for this house large tamarac logs were flattened on two sides, and laid on cedar posts sunk into the ground. This



Upper Floor Plan.

constituted the foundation. All the logs that had been prepared for the house were skidded and on a designated day the neighbors came and assisted in the raising. Four expert corner men were secured and the building was put up straight and true. The walls were made 15 feet high. The sleepers and joists were made on the ground by the settlers. The rafters were made of peeled spruce, one inch boards were used for sheathing, and this was covered with metal shingles. The metal shingles are used in preference to the wooden, as they prove a great protection against forest fires. The two floors are made of matched lumber. The slight cracks left between the logs were filled with cedar slivers, then with mortar. So perfectly was this work accomplished that the walls inside are almost smooth, very few depressions being discernible. The lime cost about \$5. Abo 1,500 feet of lumber were used in the construction of the building. The chimney is made of brick. The soil which was thrown from the cellar was terraced around the house, making a gentle slope; this has been seeded down.

Taking everything into consideration, this is one of the cheapest buildings to be found in the colony, the entire cost not exceeding \$75 or \$80. I do not think this home could be purchased from its owner for \$2,000, although it was free grant land four years ago.

## Peach Borer.

J. O. L.—A substance in the nature of a jelly has been oozing out of plum and peach trees, just below the surface of the ground. White grubs are eating into the trees.

The trouble with your peach and plum trees is to be charged to the work of the peach borer. The larvae of this beetle works in the stem of the tree, just at the surface, or a little below the surface of the ground. It often burrows so thoroughly and industriously that the tree is completely girdled, which, of course, causes death. There is no satisfactory and sure preventive. Peach growers throughout the country have settled down to the conclusion that the only way to keep the trees free of these insects is to "grub" them annually. They make a business of going over the trees during the early part of June and digging out the borers with a sharp knife. It is not difficult to detect the presence of the borer. The sawdust and gum deposit is a sure sign of its work. When borers have been removed, it is a good plan to paint the wounded parts and then return the soil to the stem of the tree.



# FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Rev. Lusk was called to Throckmorton this week, and went over Thursday to assist in a meeting. He will probably not be here Sunday but it was understood that he would arrange to have some one fill his pulpit tomorrow. It is also understood that Prof. Stephens, a teacher vocal music, will be here to sing with the congregation. It is probable that he will conduct a singing exercise in the afternoon, at which all will be welcome.

Ice cream all the time at K. Jones' place.

Mrs. A. B. Mason and daughter, Miss Ethel, came up from Abilene Friday of last week and spent several days visiting among their Haskell friends.

All ladies' slippers going at cost at T. G. Carney's.

Miss May Murfee opened a school Monday in rooms at the residence of Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald for pupils of the sixth and seventh grades.

All the popular cold drinks on tap at K. Jones' place.

Dr. J. E. Lindsey of Abilene was here this week, looking after his interests in this county and visiting his brother in the northern part of the county. Dr. Lindsey has many friends in Haskell who are always glad to see him.

Try that Mexican hardwater toilet soap at the Racket Store.

Mr. Ed Huntsman, a popular young man of Aspermont, was in our city a few days this week looking after some business interests.

Everything in the millinery line at T. G. Carney's is being disposed of at cost.

Mr. S. W. Scott left yesterday for Austin, where he has a land suit to look after.

See that new line of gold band glassware at the Racket Store. It's the prettiest yet.

Several parties are preparing to make shipments of beef cattle early next week.

All my white goods, millinery and slippers going at cost. T. G. Carney.

Messrs. W. H. and M. C. Sherman bought of Mr. J. F. Pinkerton this week 300 acres of land situated near the Foster school house. The price was \$10 per acre in one cash payment and nine annual payments.

Tooth brushes, hair brushes and combs in great variety at the Racket Store.

County Commissioner W. F. Watts who recently sold his farm purchased this week through Mr. S. W. Scott 320 acres of land on Paint creek, near the Clark school house, paying \$1200 for it.

Big line of dress skirts just received at S. L. Robertson's. Great variety, bargain prices.

The W. C. T. U. meeting which was to have been held next Tuesday has been postponed.

Candies, nuts, fresh fruits and cigars at K. Jones' place. He keeps his stock fresh and of the best quality.

Mrs. Anna Martin returned Wednesday from St. Louis where she has been selecting the fall millinery stock for Mr. Carney's store and taking a look at the big fair.

Ladies wanting the latest things in dress trimmings, should call at Mrs. Hunt's.

Miss Willie Chambliss left Monday for Clinton, Mo., to resume her duties as a teacher in Clinton College. She was accompanied by Miss Vernon Cunningham who will become a pupil in the college.

Ladies you will find the new dress goods at Mrs. Hunt's both stylish and cheap.

Mr. Eugene Mayfield, a prominent stockman of Stonewall, was here this week in the interest of the Northwest Texas Live Stock Commission Co. of Fort Worth, soliciting consignments of cattle.

See the novelties in ladies' furnishings at Mrs. Hunt's.

Mr. R. C. Montgomery visited in Haskell Tuesday.

Mr. J. F. Albin moved to his farm two miles northeast of town this week.

Miss Della Fields gave a "Forty-two" party Tuesday afternoon in honor of Miss Flora Rupe of Seymour and Miss Ethel Mason of Abilene.

You will be both pleased and surprised when you look through Mrs. Hunt's new stock and hear her prices.

Masters. Pres and Frank Baldwin went to Waco Monday to attend the Texas Christian University.

Capt. Wm. Oglesby and wife and Mr. Lawrence Oglesby returned Wednesday from an extended visit to McGregor, their former home.

Mrs. L. M. Garrett returned Tuesday from Rockwall and other points where she has been visiting relatives for two or three weeks.

Misses Minnie and Minta Ellis went to Stamford last Saturday to be ready to assume their duties as teachers in the public schools, which opened Monday.

Latest style ladies tailor made suits at \$10, but worth \$18 at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Miss Margaret Gates of Gainesville is visiting Miss Maud Carney. The young ladies were classmates at the North Texas Female College at Sherman.

The excavations for the basement and foundation of the new school building have been completed and the foundation and cellar wall are being laid.

For comfort and style get a long hip, straight front C. B. Corset, or a satin tape girdle at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Mr. R. E. Sherrill went to Dallas Tuesday to have some castings made for the machine for moulding the cement blocks for the school building. It appears that the castings shipped from the north were lost in transit, and this step is taken to avoid delay in getting the blocks ready for the builders.

Mr. Bob. Williams left Monday for the Texas Christian University at Waco.

Mr. John Couch says he got a letter from Roby the other day informing him that he had another niece, who calls his brother Ed. papa.

Mr. John Lee of Graham visited his sister Mrs. A. C. Foster several days and returned home Tuesday.

The Sorosis petticoat, made with a yolk, fits any form, acknowledged to be the best, Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Mr. W. P. Clark of Munday, inspector for the State Live stock Sanitary board, was here this week and inspected cattle that are being gotten together for shipment.

Mr. Rosa Hemphill shipped three cars of cattle to Fort Worth Tuesday.

Mrs. Ed. Robertson and little son left Sunday for their home at Dublin, after a week or ten days spent with relatives and old friends here.

Mrs. E. P. Thomason came home Sunday after a prolonged visit with relatives at Corsicana and other points. That's why Pink is looking better this week.

Geo. P. Ide shirts; 75 cts to \$2.00 at Alexander Mercantile Co's store.

Mr. Alva Couch and sister Miss Florence Couch left Monday for another session at Baylor University, Waco.

Mr. D. R. Couch and wife started Monday for Mineral Wells where they will remain several weeks for the benefit of Mrs. Couch's health.

Don't overlook our ladies' ready made tailor suits, Alexander Mercantile Co.

Eld. C. N. Williams, who has been visiting in Stephens county, writes that he will be at home and fill his pulpit at the regular hours tomorrow.

Miss Flora Rupe of Seymour, who has been visiting relatives, returned home Wednesday.

You will find the Buster Brown collars at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Dr. A. G. Neathery and wife left Thursday for Dallas with their little girl to have her treated for appendicitis. It is hoped that the treatment will be successful and that the little one will have a speedy recovery.

When troubled with constipation try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and produce no gripping or other unpleasant effect. For sale by C. E. Torrell.

The big sensational newspapers and the yellow backed novels are commonly charged with being responsible for sowing in the minds of the young and the unbalanced or susceptible the seeds from which grow most of the crimes with which our country is blighted. But we believe that lax family government, the failure of many parents to keep their children in hand and under control as to their goings and comings and associates, together with the failure to inculcate in the young minds proper moral ideas and regard for truth, is responsible for much of the crime we hear of.

Frank Davis, one of Sourry county's progressive farmers of the Bethel community, had the finest water melons on our local market last Friday we have seen in West Texas. The editor purchased one of them, which tipped the scales at 47 pounds and was of a delicious flavor. Mr. Davis is entitled to the blue ribbon as the champion water melon grower of Sourry county.—Brydner Light.

You ought to come over to Haskell county and see a water melon. Our champion melon grower has 'em up to 98, pounds and there is no telling what he would have accomplished if there hadn't been a drouth on.

## ABOUT THE STREET FAIR.

### Action of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Street Fair met last Saturday pursuant to appointment to receive the reports of the Finance Committee and arrange the premium list, if it was found that enough money had been subscribed. Only five or six of the committeemen made reports, showing a total of \$107 subscribed.

As this was not half enough to get up such a premium list as the Executive Committee desired to offer they decided to postpone the making of the list for two weeks—to Sept. 17—and request the several members of the Finance Committee to push the work on their lists during that time and have their reports in on the 17th.

The Executive committee thought that there could be but few men in Haskell county who would not contribute a small amount to so beneficial and meritorious an enterprise as a street fair and attributed the small showing made so far to the fact that several of the committeemen had been too busy to give the matter much attention; they expressed the hope that the reports on the 17th would show up \$250 or \$300.

The question of holding the fair two days had been mentioned at a previous meeting of the Executive Committee and, having discussed the matter with quite a number of people and finding that the two days proposition met with general approval, they decided to hold it on two days and fixed Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28 and 29 as the dates for it.

It was made known to the committee that Mrs. H. R. Jones had consented to take charge of the ladies' department, and she was given full authority to select and appoint such assistants, or committees of ladies, to assist her in the work as she may desire. She will probably issue a call or address to the ladies of the county in due time setting forth the articles or kind of exhibits desired in the ladies department.

### Fourth Quarterly Conference.

Our fourth quarterly conference will be held on the 17 of this month. A full attendance of the official members is desired. Preaching by the presiding elder on Saturday and Sunday. On next Sunday, 11th inst., I will preach on imputed righteousness in the morning and at night on the effects of sin. J. H. CHAMBLISS.

### FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.

Two hundred and forty acres of fine black land, 20 miles northeast of Haskell, all fenced, two room house and well, 93 acres in cultivation, 40 acres of it in cotton, 10 acres of corn cut and shocked, 11 acres in maize, 8 acres in sorghum, and some late feed crop, balance rented. Span of good mules and good wagon, 4 good milch cows, 5 good mares, 3 fine hogs, all farming tools and household furniture. I will sell the whole thing for \$2500, cash. The crop, stock, etc. is worth \$900, the land \$1600. Who wants it. Come and see me. P. D. SANDERS, 28-7 Haskell, Texas.

### New Store, New Goods.

Believing that there is an opening in Haskell for such a stock of goods, I have put in a full and complete line of staple dry goods, ladies' dress goods, notions, trimmings, etc., in addition to the millinery and dress making heretofore carried on by me.

I invite the patronage of all with the assurance that I will make prices to please you. Call at old stand, south side of square. Respectfully, Mrs. E. J. HUNT.

### Helpful Reading

Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of The Semi-Weekly News to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

### The Farmers' Department

Has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experience of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

### Special Offer

If you are not taking The Free Press you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For \$1.75, cash in advance, we will mail you The Free Press and The Galveston or The Dallas Semi-Weekly News for twelve months. The News stops when your time is out.

### To my Patrons and Friends.

I will return home and resume teaching music the first Monday in September and will appreciate your patronage. Thanking you for past favors, Your friend, Mrs. W. T. JONES. (82-85)

# OUR GREAT FALL STOCK

1904

We have the fullest house we have ever shown to our customers, and our many years of experience in studying and supplying the wants of the people of this section in the dry goods line has enabled us to select a stock which we believe will meet your wishes in every particular.

In making our selections we spared neither time or pains in examining goods and seeing that we got the best in material as well as the latest in design, weave and colorings.

We invite your careful inspection, believing that we have made Every Department stronger and better than before.

## Ladies Suits.

We have added a line of Ladies Ready-to-wear Suits, worth \$15 to \$18 each, on which we are making the

**LOW PRICE OF \$10.00**

They will please those wanting something neat and stylish. The supply won't last long and can't be duplicated at this price.

## Ladies Skirts.

We have a very full and choice stock of Ladies' Ready Made Skirts—decidedly the best line in material and finish ever brought to this place.

Our prices are such that you can afford to buy them better than you can afford to buy the material and make them.

Never in the history of our trade have we been able to show you so varied an assortment in our

# .....DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT.....

Splendid values are to be found in this excellent line of fabrics, of which we feel justly proud

Don't Fail to See Our Beauties in LADIES' BELTS!

## Ladies' Novelty Neck Wear.

We have an unusually beautiful line of Novelties in Ladies' Neck Wear. These stylish goods have already attracted the attention of our lady customers. It is our intention to keep this line complete throughout the season by express shipments.

## Ladies' Hosiery.

Heretofore there has been complaint of the poor wearing quality of black hosiery. To correct the defect we bought our hosiery direct from the MILLS, guaranteed new and freshly dyed.

You will find this stock complete in all grades.

# Our Blankets and Comforts

Are from the best Mill in the United States, and we offer them without fear of competition in quality or prices.

## Notions, Trimmings.

In this department the ladies will find a great assortment, including all the late novelties—in fact all that any one needs to decorate or complete the most stylish costume.

Our line of GLOVES and Belts will interest you.

## Boots and Shoes.

No store in West Texas surpasses us in the quantity or the range of styles carried in this line for men, women and children and when we say they are the

**HAMILTON-BROWN MAKE**

You know the quality is the best.

# GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

This department in our store is in the front of anything to be found west of Fort Worth. In it the gentlemen will find all that is needed with which to array themselves in accordance with the latest mode.

We invite your special attention this fall to our MILLINERY DEPARTMENT, which is presided over by Miss Mary Young, who is thoroughly acquainted with all the new and advanced styles, modes of trimming and color schemes for producing the most striking effects seen in the Eastern cities.

Our careful selection of materials, together with Miss Young's skill in arranging them into the desired forms, guarantees to our customers as tasteful and correct styles as could be gotten if they ordered their hats from Chicago or New York. We invite the ladies to call and get acquainted with Miss Young.

# Alexander Mercantile Company

## If Love Were Not.

If love were not, the wilding rose  
Would light his lady heart-inhale  
No smile of perfume.

By mossy bank, in glen, or grove,  
No lady would build, if love were not,  
No flower complacent bloom.

The sunset clouds would lose their dye,  
The light would fade from beauty's eyes,  
The stars their fires consume.

And something missed from half and not  
Would leave the world, if love were not,  
A wilderness of gloom.

—Florence Harle Coates.

## The FROG with the WOODEN LEG

A TALE OF OLD STEUBEN  
BY © JIM JONES

The Hon. Lafe Gleason of Deloit, head helper of Senate Clerk Whipple and dispenser in chief of Republican spellbinders in New York, had in his budget of Delaware county wonders on his last visit to the Amen Cotner at the Fifth Avenue hotel, nothing that he thought so much of as the news of the cutting down along the headwaters of the Delaware somewhere of a willow tree eight feet in diameter which had gone hollow at the butt and stood as a menace to all who might pass that way.

"And the wonder of that tree was," said he, "that it had grown from a stick a raftman cut sixty years ago from a willow tree fifty miles down the river and used as a cane to aid him on his homeward trip to Delaware county on foot, and which on his arrival there, he stuck in the rich, soft soil on the margin of the river."

"There, as it is well known that willow cuttings will do, it took root and thrived and became the mammoth tree now no more. Next to Billy Leary the willow tree beats all for catching on and thriving," added the Hon. Lafe.

"Don't I know it?" remarked Col. Jim Jones, in mournful memory of whom the ashes at the Aquarium still keep the water salt with their tears. "Don't I know it? And the tannin in willows! It would knock hemlock out of the market for making leather, if there was only enough willows. Let me tell you something."

"There were pickers in a marshy pond up in old Steuben and frogs! My, my, old frogs!"

"But the biggest of these big frogs lived in a collection of slobby boxes where it was impossible for anyone to get at them, much to the aggravation of all who went frogging in that pond, and particularly to Uncle Si Stevens, a robust and honest citizen who lived near one side of the pond and loved to gather frogs."

"One day he caught a pollywog of amazing size, which was just putting on the finishing touches to make it a full frog, and somehow the idea struck him to take it home and see what it would develop into. He put it in his spring, and as it grew he made a pet of it."

"It got so it knew Si as well as if he was a frog, too, and Si found that he could teach it tricks. It understood everything Uncle Si said, and used to go with him to the pond when he went frogging, hopping along at his side like a kangaroo."

"Uncle Si used in his frog-fishing a piece of red flannel tied to a hook, and his pet frog would sit and watch him sit it under the noses of wild frogs and split its mouth from shoulder to shoulder when Si would haul one in, just as if it was laughing at the fun."

"One day the frogs out on those swampy bogs had been more aggravating than ever, and Uncle Si and his pet frog had made things blue around there. In the afternoon Joshua—Si had named the frog Joshua—seemed to be keeping up an unusual lot of thinking about something or other."

"Suddenly he made a break for the woodshed, where Uncle Si always kept his lines and hooks with flannel on 'em. Joshua went bumping into the shed, and pretty soon came humping out again."

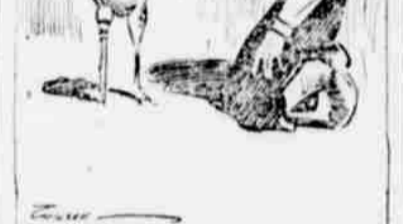
"He had one of Si's lines wound around his body, just below his fore-

legs lived, and where no man could get, while Uncle Si just stood and stared after him with bulging eyes and open mouth.

"Joshua's gone crazy!" said he. "The strain has been too much for Joshua, and he's lost his mind!"

"And that's the way it looked, too, but it wasn't so, as Uncle Si discovered when Joshua came sailing back by and by, having in tow a frog almost as big as himself with the flannel-baited hook in its jaw!"

"Joshua had made up his mind that he'd had about enough of the sass of those frogs out in the swamp, and had rigged himself up with a hook and



Stumping around the place first rate, line, swim out and flashed the flannel under the noses of some of 'em, hooked one and lugged it home. He brought in twenty-nine that afternoon."

"There were pickers in that pond, I think I told you. I should say there was!"

"One day Joshua was returning from a frogging excursion to the swamp, fetching in a prize, and when it was half way home Uncle Si saw a big splash in the water in his wake, and saw Joshua give a tremendous hump to himself. He came right on, though, and landed his catch; but his left leg was off at the knee."

"One of those pickers had fastened on as much of Joshua as it could get into its mouth and took it along."

"Uncle Si was a handy man, and as soon as he saw what ailed Joshua he cut a stick off of a tree and fastened it on to the frog as a wooden leg. The wound healed up, the skin grew down over the wooden leg, and in a few days Joshua was stumping around the place first rate."

"His swimming days were over, though, and with them his usefulness as a frog catcher was gone, although, unfortunately, Joshua did not think so himself, and one day Uncle Si almost fell in a faint when he saw that frog seated on a big slab and paddling over toward the swamp, his frog tackle with him, and his wooden leg sticking out in front of him like a veteran of the wars."

"Somethin' will happen to that uncompromisin' frog yit, sure as settin' hens!" said Uncle Si, soon as he could catch his breath.

"He was right. Day after day for a week Uncle Si gazed out over the pond toward the swamp, watching for Joshua, but Joshua never came back."

"I knowed them aggravatin' frogs over there was pison mean," said Uncle Si, at last, "but whod 'a' think they'd 'a' took advantage of a cripple?"

"Years passed. There came a time when it was to the advantage of that part of old Steuben that Uncle Si's pond should be drained, and it was."

"The swampy bogs became dry land and were covered with a nice growth of timber. One day Uncle Si was tramping through it, and he saw a tree with a funny-looking object near the top."

"Curious to know what it could be, he chopped the tree down. Words can't express the astonishment of Uncle Si when he discovered that the strange object was the skin of a tremendous frog, one leg of which was fast to and part of the top of a branch of the tree."

"Uncle Si was puzzled, but the minute it came to him that the tree was a willow and that it had been a willow tree from which by cut the wooden leg for Joshua years before, all was plain."

"'T's lost Joshua," said he, "and his wooden leg!"

"And so it was. The poor frog had got stuck by his wooden leg in the

mire of the swamp that day he paddled over to resume his frogging. He couldn't extricate himself, and there he died.

"The willow cutting had taken root there, of course, and had grown with the years, lifting Joshua along with it, and preserving his skin with the tannin in its sap. Uncle Si had thought the world of Joshua while alive, and so I always thought it was queer the use he put the skin to after he took it home. He sewed up the mouth and used the skin for a feed bag for years."

"Wonderful, wonderful, how willow will take root and thrive! Simply wonderful!"

"The Hon. Lafe Gleason couldn't deny it, and Col. Ed Gilmore, seeing there was a frog in Col. Jones's throat, sent Sharkey, the proud wraiter, with a wireless message to Jimmy Gray at the high ball refectory.—New York Sun.

### Lost Treasure.

"What's the matter?" demanded the man, stopping to look at two little boys who were diligently searching the sidewalk.

"Lost it," mumbled one of the boys, without looking up.

"Ah," said the man, with interest, and dropped on his knees. He rooted about a while and looked up.

"What was it you lost?" he asked.

"Um-m-m-m-m," replied one of the youths.

By this time half a dozen men, two more boys, and a dog had joined in the search, and the crowd was beginning to thicken. Also the excitement grew, and the throng caused a street railway motorman to have nervous frenzies and to take it out of his gong.

At last the first seeker for the lost grabbed the boy who seemed most interested and set him on his feet.

"Here, you," he commanded, "tell us what's lost. Do you hear?" he shook the boy until he wept tears of anger, and wiped them from his eyes with a dirty paw.

"I lost a cent," he wailed. "Lemme alone, you stiff, will yuh? It's my cent, not your'n."

Then the crowd quietly melted.—Dallas News.

### King Leopold's \$75,000 Rug.

"King Leopold of Belgium owns one rug that cost a comfortable fortune in itself," said J. F. Caldwell, who represents an Eastern carpet manufacturer. "I have seen the rug, and it is a beauty. King Leopold paid \$15,000, or \$75,000, for it. I saw the rug when it was on exhibition in Vienna. It was made in the Orient, and its hand tufted. Its age is its principal value, and it has been under the feet of royalty for probably a century. The rug is very large, measuring probably 60 by 75 feet."

"Few rugs like that come to America, though the millionaires frequently pay as much as \$5,000 or \$6,000 for some. Few carpets are imported, as they can be made much better by machinery than by hand, and America excels in all machine-made goods. Large numbers of hand-made rugs, however, are imported every year from Turkey, Persia, Arabia and all parts of the Orient. We have no labor capable of competing with their rugs."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### The Woman Across the Sea.

O, her lips were red and her skin was gray.  
This woman across the sea;  
And her hair a glistening, sable crown.  
This woman across the sea;  
And she loved a man, ay, she loved a man.  
As one true Mexicana can.  
But the crown of fate was on her plan.  
This woman across the sea.

O, the days were long that he called her sweet.  
This woman across the sea;  
And she loved the dust at his feet very true.  
This woman across the sea;  
For his skin was fair and his eyes were gray.  
And he laughed in his careless, solitary way.  
And told her tales, as soldiers may.  
This woman across the sea.

No priest came there to bless her love.  
This woman across the sea;  
She thought him true as the stars above.  
This woman across the sea;  
But he went away and she waited long,  
And crossed to him a mother's song,  
And worked and toiled and thought no wrong.  
This woman across the sea;

O, the man she loved forgot her name.  
This woman across the sea;  
Forgot her face, forgot her shame.  
This woman across the sea;  
For he mated with one of his fair-faced kind—  
He's bound to her with ties that bind—  
He's bound to her with ties that bind—  
This woman across the sea.  
—Robert V. Carr, in St. Paul Dispatch.

### Work on Simpson Tunnel.

The Junfrau boring, which may fairly be said to rival the Simpson tunnel, is approaching completion. In this case, however, the boring is up, instead of through the mountain. A height of 3,100 yards has already been reached, and there still remains about 720 yards to bore. The aim is to get, by a funicular line, to the Mer de Glace, which offers one of the finest panoramas of scenery in the world. The boring, which will be the highest in Europe, will be finished in time for the railway to be opened at the end of 1905. Contrary to medical anticipations, the men enjoy splendid health, working at the present great elevation.

### A Great Organization.

Here is a summary of the Salvation army operations on the social side: There are 180 food shelter depots, with accommodation for 15,594, and no fewer than 4,573,000 beds have been provided during the last year. There are seventeen prison-gate homes, with accommodation for 536, and 2,060 satisfactory cases have been passed through them during the last twelve months. There are 116 rescue homes accommodating 2,719, and 5,700 satisfactory cases have been passed through, while the eighteen land colonies contain 29,252 acres, and give temporary employment to 67,360 men.

### The Uses and Values of Metal.

Seventy-five cents' worth of iron ore when turned into bar iron is worth \$5. If you make it into horseshoes it is worth \$10 or if into table knives \$150. Seventy-five cents' worth of iron ore manufactured into needles is worth \$6,800, and when converted into some kinds of fancy buttons it is worth about \$20,000. If the iron is made into watch springs the product is worth ten times more than the buttons, and when turned into hair springs it will sell for the enormous sum of \$400,000.—Correspondent to Chicago Herald.

### Where Best Marksmen Come From.

Perhaps the best marksmen in the regular army are the men from the mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee. An infantry captain told of a raw recruit from Kentucky, a gawky mountaineer, so awkward that it seemed impossible to "lick" him into a soldier. "Soon after my company was sent out for target practice on the ranges," said the captain, "my Kentuckian beat out every man in my company, some of them veterans wearing the distinguished marksman's medals. In a common contest. He was as crack-jack a rifle shot as I ever saw in the army, and I'd be willing to bet that there's not a shotless in that team that lately won the Palma trophy in England that could outshoot him. The gawky Kentucky boy's performance on the range filled me with amazement, as it did everybody else who watched his marvelous shooting, and when he was through I said to him: 'Look here, boy, where did you ever get a chance to practice such fine shooting?' 'Pickin' revolve offices, suh,' he replied, with a grin. 'Yo all falgits, suh, ha Ah'm from Kentucky.'"

There's luck in odd numbers. Three of a kind beat two pair of twins.

### Bone-Cabin Quarry.

In central Wyoming, at the head of a "draw," or small valley, not far from the Medicine Bow River, lies the ruin of a small and unique building, which marks the site of the greatest "find" of extinct animals made in a single locality in any part of the world. The fortunate fossil hunter who stumbled on this site was Mr. Walter Granger, of the American Museum expedition of 1897.

In the spring of 1898, as I approached the hillock on which the ruin stands, I observed, among the beautiful flowers, the blooming cacti and the dwarf bushes of the desert, what were apparently numbers of dark brown boulders. On closer examination, it proved that there is really not a single rock, hardly even a pebble, on this hillock, all these apparent boulders are potsherds or vessels which have slowly accumulated or washed out on the surface from a great dinosaur bed beneath. A Mexican sheep herder had collected some of these petrified bones for the foundations of his cabin, the first ever built of such strange materials. The excavation of a promising outcrop was almost immediately rewarded by finding a thigh bone nearly six feet in length which sloped downward into the earth, running into the lower leg and finally into the foot, with all the respective parts lying in the natural position as in life. This proved to be the previously unknown hind limb of the great dinosaur Diplodocus. In this manner the "Bone-Cabin Quarry" was discovered and christened.—Henry Fairfield Osborn, in September Century.

When the king of Benin, Africa, fled from his palace on the approach of the British troops some months ago he left behind him the distrium, or sacred rattle, used in religious worship when human sacrifices were offered. In it is a receptacle for the blood of human victims. It is of very ancient design and owes its origin possibly to Portuguese influences. The reverse view of the distrium shows an image of the crocodile deity, one of the many to whom human sacrifices were made. The strange object is now in a museum.

### BUILDING FOOD

#### To Bring the Babies Around.

When a little human machine (or a large one) goes wrong, nothing is so important as the selection of food which will always bring it around again.

"My little baby boy fifteen months old had pneumonia, then came brain fever, and no sooner had he got over these than he began to cut teeth and, being so weak, he was frequently thrown into convulsions," says a Colorado mother.

"I decided a change might help, so took him to Kansas City for a visit. When we got there he was so very weak when he would cry he would stink away and seemed like he would die."

"When I reached my sister's home she said immediately that we must feed him Grape-Nuts and, although I had never used the food, we got some and for a few days gave him just the Juice of Grape-Nuts and milk. He got stronger so quickly we were soon feeding him the Grape-Nuts itself and in a wonderfully short time he fattened right up and became strong and well."

"That showed me something worth knowing and, when later on my girl came, I raised her on Grape-Nuts and she is a strong healthy baby and has been. You will see from the little photograph I send you what a strong, chubby youngster the boy is now, but he didn't look anything like that before we found this nourishing food. Grape-Nuts nourished him back to strength when he was so weak he couldn't keep any other food on his stomach." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

All children can be built to a more sturdy and healthy condition upon Grape-Nuts and cream. The food contains the elements nature demands, from which to make the soft gray filling in the nerve centers and brain. A well fed brain and strong, sturdy nerves absolutely insure a healthy body.

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

## AS THE WORLD REVOLVES

### GIFT OF GERMAN EMPEROR.

Statue of Frederick the Great Now on Way to America. The replica of the statue of Frederick the Great, the work of Prof. Uphue, which is now en route to this city, is a present from the German emperor tendered to the American people. It will be erected on the arched grounds on the river front, at the extreme southern limit of the city of Washington. This gift from the emperor has evoked unfriendly comment from certain German newspa-



pers, and at one time it was said that because of the remote site chosen for it here the statue might remain in Berlin.

### NAVAL LESSONS OF THE WAR.

#### Little of Value Disclosed Through Combats on Sea.

The war in the far east has, luckily enough, been barren in results that might turn sea methods and material into vague and uncharted channels. It has, for example, taught nothing new in naval policy, nor has it revealed any truths that experts have not insisted upon for many years. This, however, does not mean that the conflict is valueless either as an object lesson or as a guide to the higher development of fleets, for, indeed, in this sense it has been most fruitful. Never, perhaps, has the necessity of initial preparedness and of command of the sea been so quickly and incontestably established. Furthermore, in the latest engagements the dominance of the battleship as the vehicle and the supremacy of the gun as the instrument have been equally reasserted, notably when the latter is associated in a just relation with armor protection and good speed. But these, let us remember, are old standards of naval thought, and the Japanese have earned their place among the sea powers, not because they have given us anything new, but because of the manner in which they have proved in stern practice the validity of these accepted theories.—New York Herald.

### BABY PRINCE OF EGYPT.

Here is the Future Ruler of the Land of the Pharaohs. The hereditary prince, Mohammed Abdol Monnell, is the eldest son of Abbas I. and was born Feb. 20, 1899. Father and son are both visiting Eng-



land at present. He is a smart and most intelligent boy. His father, the khedive, was born on Aug. 12, 1874, so that he is thirty years of age. He ascended the throne Jan. 8, 1892, on the death of his father, Mohammed Tewfik, during whose reign occurred the now almost forgotten Arabi rebellion in 1882, when the then khedive's life was saved through the presence of British troops. This picture is by Dittich, photographer by appointment to the khedivial family and court.

### Test for Travelers.

A traveler just returned from a tour of the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast region says that he was surprised one evening to find a large picture of Dr. Edward Everett Hale hanging on the wall of a little inn in Oregon. The landlord exclaimed: "Ye see, mister, a good many strangers come along here and want me to take care of them. I don't know nothin' about them, of course, but if they know Dr. Hale's picture I know they're good for somethin' and I let 'em stay. I'm a Yankee myself."

## Wiggle Stick

WASH BLUE  
Costs 10 cents and equals 20 cents worth of any other kind of bluing.  
Won't Any Other or Break Can't Spot Clothes  
DIRECTIONS FOR USE  
Wiggle-Stick  
around in the water.  
At all wise Grocers.

### A Trick of the Trade.

Residents of a certain block which boasts a long sustained respectability were astonished recently to see the basement of a brownstone house converted into a blacksmith shop. The block beheld with dismay, which grew when it saw the bold signs which the proprietor put upon his walls. Presently a tailor's shop was opened on the block. This was the final stroke. Property began to exchange owners, and furniture vans were busy for a time. Then the blacksmith shop and the tailor's store suddenly vanished. What had happened? Nothing more than that some designing real estate dealers had attained their ends. They had bought a few houses and had purposely set about depreciating the value of the adjoining property so that they could get it at bargain rates. The blacksmith and the tailor were allured by the bait of cheap rents in the houses which the dealers had bought, and perhaps there was a secret understanding by which the newcomers in business were to make themselves as obnoxious as possible to the residents.—New York Post.

When an old man wants advertising, he gets married, and the more kittenish the groom and his affinity the bigger the ad.

### Old Man's Secret.

Alpena, Mich., Sept. 5 (Special).—Seventy-five years of age but hale and hearty is Mr. Jerome K. Furner of this place, and to those who ask the secret of his splendid health he gives the good advice "Use Dodd's Kidney Pills."

When asked for his reason for so strongly recommending the Great American Kidney Remedy, Mr. Furner related the following experience: "I recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills because they cured me of Diabetes. I suffered with my kidneys for a long time and suffered terribly from those Urinary Troubles that are so general among aged people."

"Then I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills and eight boxes of them cured my kidneys, regulated my water and made me feel like a hearty young man."

Dodd's Kidney Pills make the old feel young because they make sound kidneys. Sound kidneys mean health and health is the other name for youth.

### Copperhead and Rattler.

The copperhead isn't a bad looking snake, as snakes go, but it has a mighty bad reputation. In fact, it is generally regarded as a mean sort of snake and is accordingly without a friend or even an apologist. Although it won't chase you nor go out of its way to get a crack at you, it probably does more business per snake than does the rattler, the moccasin or any other of the venomous kind. It is said that where there is one there are always two copperheads, so when you smell green cucumbers look out for that seems to be the only warning you will get of the presence of this reptile. The rattler is a little more polite, also more vicious, for after giving you timely warning it will stand its ground and fight like a good fellow, while the copperhead will run and hide.

The hand that rocks the cradle often fills it with rocks that later are buried at its own heart.

Morality is the art of thinking yourself awfully good and having your doubts about everyone else.

The wicked flee when a feminine reformer approaches.

At the age of 16 a girl stops crying and begins to weep.

If a man's mother-in-law acts up it is usually his own fault.

### Built Island on a Shoal.

Dr. Justus Ohage became a few years ago health officer of St. Paul. He noticed a bit of shoal in the Mississippi, visible only when the river was low, but accessible within ten minutes' ride from the city hall. Securing possession, by gift, of as much as he could and by purchase of what he could not beg, he had the city's clean waste dumped upon this little island, thus rapidly bringing it above high water mark. On the four and one-half acres thus ingeniously wrested from the "father of waters" the city of St. Paul now maintains within easy reach of a majority of its population a children's playground, a small "zoo," a vegetable garden (to support the forty uniformed attendants), public baths, with modern sterilizing plants for the bathing suits, a day nursery, a boys' gymnasium and a girls' gymnasium—and all united by a small but satisfactory park.

### A Good Rule of Life.

A man cannot afford to have an enemy. The shabby fellow who storms your office today may be a power in the community next year. Therefore speak to him gently, send him away with a smile. Never affect a contemptuous manner. That is the way of the fool. In the day of small things plan patiently for the day of great things. A polite word costs nothing. It may turn out to be a good investment. A spark of fire may turn a city into ashes, so an impatient gesture or irritable word may kindle a hatred great enough to destroy a career.



Si found that he could teach it tricks, with a foot or so streaming out behind, and cut away the hook and the red flannel on it. He went bounding along down to the pond like a rubber ball fired out of a cannon, soured in and struck out for the swampy part where the big and sassy



A MIDWEEK SERMON.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand." Not all the texts in Holy Writ are exclusively for use from the pulpit, and when the divine philosopher spoke these words it was that men might see their import and profit thereby.

In Praise of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"Allow me to give you a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," says Mr. John Hamlett of Eagle Pass, Texas.

Truck Farming by Irrigation.

Hadley Roberts, of Newcomb, has the honor of introducing or starting the first truck farming by irrigation in Shackelford county.

Had Mr. Roberts constructed his dam last winter and got the advantage of an early garden, he would have realized enough on the seven acres of land the first year to pay all expenses of constructing the dam.

TEN THOUSAND DIMES WANTED

The Texas Sunday School Association is actively at work preparing for a vigorous fall and winter campaign.

Mr. Meigs has an international reputation as a writer on Sunday school topics, and as an editor.

For more than four years he has been one of the editors of the Inter-

national Sunday School Evangel, (now the World Evangel) editing a page on Home Department Work, and a column of "Sentence Sermons" under the head of "Drops of Ink, to Make You Think."

From October 1, he will be the editor of the Texas Sunday School Star, to be published monthly at Dallas.

It will be a Sunday school news and method paper; the official organ of the Texas Sunday School Association.

To enable all who care to try the paper at little cost, subscriptions will be taken at ten cents for the first three numbers, viz: October, November and December 1904.

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PHOTOGRAPHING A QUEEN.

Her Royal and Ordinary Smile—Why One Likeness Was Spoiled.

A London photographer who has probably taken more photographs of kings and queens than any other man in the world has been confiding to the public, under a discreet but not wholly blind incognito, his professional experiences with royalty.

THE EDITORIAL WE.

Somebody who wants to explain what the editorial "we" signifies, says its meaning varies to suit the circumstances.

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Mr. Hill does away with the charge made by the republicans and by some democrats that there was an understanding between him and Judge Parker that he was to be rewarded with a cabinet position or given a foreign embassy in the event of the latter's election, and it probably will help the democratic cause.

MARCY NOTES.

Since the rain came last Saturday, the farmers are wearing glad smiles. It came in time to save the late feed crops, which were looking considerably wilted.

Cotton picking is now the order of the day. Mr. J. T. Hester brought in the first bale of the season Monday and Mr. R. Williams the second.

Mr. D. W. Fields and the Marcy brothers left Tuesday for Terry county to visit Uncle Z. A. Marcy's family.

Masters George Hutto and Herbert Speck left this week for Athens, where they will attend school at Simmons College.

Mr. C. M. Chapman is receiving his fall stock of goods and reports the roads pretty rough between this place and Stamford.

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The Christian meeting will begin here next Saturday and will be conducted by Elder W. L. Head of Erath county.

Mrs. Stephens of Peaster, who has been visiting her father, Rev. P. A. Mansell, for the past two weeks, returned to her home this week.

LIKED IN BROOKLYN.

Story of How Dr. Bethune Got a Seat in a Ferryboat.

The Rev. Dr. Cuyler of Brooklyn tells a story, the authenticity of which he vouches for, about Dr. Bethune, who had a successful pastorate, reaching over many years, in one of the Dutch Reformed churches of Brooklyn.

NOTICE TO LAND OWNERS.

I am advertising extensively abroad, and am receiving inquiries for land from prospective purchasers.

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TEAS THAT ARE WORTH FORTUNES

Twelve Hundred Kinds Are in China's Show at the World's Fair--The Most Populous Nation of the World For the First Time Makes an Exhibit Worthy of Her Greatness.

Many expositions of stupendous character make up the World's Fair of 1904. Each part is a vast and distinct show. Each building shelters many acres of wonderful things--wonderful because they are the choicest of their kind.

The fact that China has not been a large exhibitor at world's fairs gives to her great exhibit here a prominence quite exceptional. It is a wonderful display of ingenious productions.

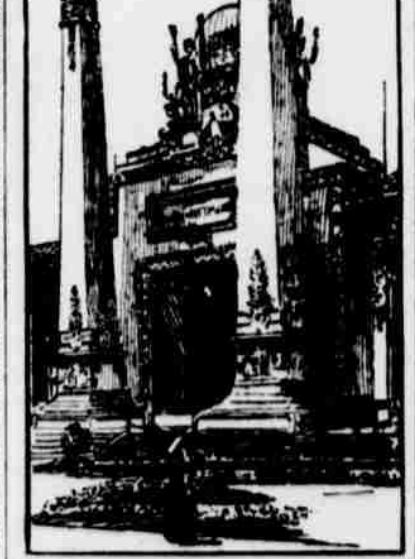
In sealed glass jars China displays in the Liberal Arts Palace some 1,200 kinds of tea. Young Hyacin and Old Hyson have a string of tea relations longer than the genealogical chain of a Plymouth Rock.

The teas exhibited vary in price from a few cents a pound to some rare and exclusive kinds that are worth their weight in gold.

Mention has been made of the word "chop" in connection with tea, and it may be interesting to the everyday reader to know what the word actually signifies.

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NORTH ENTRANCE PALACE OF MINES AND METALLURGY, WORLD'S FAIR.

Large areas of ground which are often mistaken for single plantations. This is hardly ever the case, as the large tracts are very often owned by hundreds of different men.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Following are the candidates nominated in Haskell county for the offices specified and whose announcements were placed in this paper prior to the primary election:

- For District Attorney, 39th Dist.: C. C. HIGGINS.
For County Judge: OSCAR E. OATES.
For County Attorney: B. M. WHITEKER.
For District and County Clerk: C. D. LONG.
For Sheriff and Tax Collector: J. W. COLLINS.
For Assessor of Taxes: S. E. CAROTHERS.
For County Treasurer: R. D. C. STEPHENS.
For Public Weigher: W. T. JONES.
For Commissioner Pre. No. 1: W. S. FOOTS.
For Commissioner Pre. No. 2: H. C. COUSINS.
For Justice of Peace Pre. No. 5: TOM D. WHITFORD.

Sour Stomach.

When the quantity of food taken is too large or the quality too rich, sour stomach is likely to follow, and especially so if the digestion has been weakened by constipation.

All of my white goods are going at cost. Here is an opportunity for you, ladies. T. G. CARNEY.

TEXAS CENTRAL Railroad. STAMFORD.

No. 1 Arrives from Waco, 5:45 P. M.
No. 2 Leaves for Waco, 10:04 A. M.
GOOD CONNECTIONS AT WACO FOR ALL POINTS IN CENTRAL, EAST AND SOUTH TEXAS TO POINTS IN THE OLD STATES!
VIA Cotton Belt Route and Memphis, H. & T. C., So. Pacific & New Orleans.
Write us a letter, Stating When and Where you want to go. We will advise you promptly, Lowest Rates, and give you a Schedule of the Trip.
THOS. F. FARMER, Agent, Stamford.
W. F. McMILLIN, Gen'l Pass. Agent, Waco, Texas.

J. M. SCHWARTZ, MAKER OF....

FINE BOOTS AND SHOES.

I have had many years experience in making Cow-Boy Boots. A trial will convince you of the excellence of my work.
Fit, Style and Quality Guaranteed.
Haskell, - - Texas.

Old Stager's Family Medicines..

TIME TESTED GUARANTEED

Most of these remedies have been in use for 20 years and are offered to the sick under a strict guaranty that they will cure if used according to directions, or money back.

Old Stager La Grip Specific

Old Stager La Grip Specific is a certain and speedy remedy for La Grip, Colds, Headache, Neuralgia and Fever.

Old Stager Cough Medicine

Old Stager Cough Medicine is a safe, speedy and harmless remedy--no narcotics in it to stupefy the patient and give only temporary relief, as is the case with so many cough medicines.

Old Stager Catarrh Medicine

Old Stager Catarrh Medicine is better than all the nostrums and patent medicines so much advertised and lauded as Catarrh cure. It will cure Catarrh, Hay Fever and Cold in the Head.

McLemore's Prairie Dog Poison. This is a deadshot on Prairie Dogs. It has been used in Haskell and adjoining counties for several years and has given complete satisfaction wherever used as directed.