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NEW STORE!

I have opened a Store on the West side of the Public Square and take this means of inviting the patronage of those who buy goods in Haskell.....

I WILL DEAL IN

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General Real Estate Business.

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Make complete abstracts of titles. Land for sale in Haskell, Fisher and other western counties and on the plains.

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Of All Kinds at Reasonable Prices.

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Honest Drugs at lowest prices—Keep a Customer for years a purchaser—gain his respect, because he knows only reliable Drugs are sold and the prices are right. Our Three Stores are heavy buyers. Our first cost is less than others. Our prices are less for equal qualities. We are content with Live and Let Live profits on large volume of business. The right way is our way. We have been doing this for thirty years, consequently have gained the confidence of all who have had dealings with our

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With correspondent Bank in the leading commercial cities of Texas and the East, we are prepared to issue exchange for the convenient transaction of business in all parts of the country

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West Side of the Square.

Keeps all Kinds of Fresh Meats Obtainable Here.

Solicits a Share of Your Patronage.

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. FOUTS.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 2: H. C. COUSINS.

For Justice of Peace Pre. No. 5: TOM D. WHITFORD.

Cures Sclatonia.

Rev. W. L. Riley, L. L. D., Cuba, New York, writes: "After fifteen days of excruciating pain from sciatic rheumatism, under various treatments, I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Liniment; the first application giving me first relief and the second entire relief. I can give it unqualified recommendation." 25c, 50c, \$1.00, at Jno. E. Robertson's.

Strayed or Stolen.

One white horse, about 15½ hands high, twelve years old, brand INK (the N and K connected) on left thigh. A liberal reward will be paid for his return to me, or for information leading to his recovery.

W. D. DICKENSON, Haskell, Texas.

Taken with Cramps.

Wm. Kirmse, a member of the bridge gang working near Littleport was taken suddenly ill Thursday night with cramps and a kind of cholera. His case was so severe that he had to have the members of the crew wait upon him and Mr. Gifford was called and consulted. He told them he had a medicine in the form of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy that he thought would help him out and accordingly several doses were administered with the result that the fellow was able to be around next day. The incident speaks quite highly of Mr. Gifford's medicines.—Elkader, Iowa, Argus.

This remedy never fails. Keep it in your home, it may save life. For sale by C. E. Terrell, Druggist, Haskell, Texas.

Trade at T. G. Carney's and get a premium in nice jewelry in proportion to the size of your purchase. It will cost you nothing extra.

Violent Attack of Diarrhoea Cured by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and Perhaps a Life Saved.

"A short time ago I was taken with a violent attack of diarrhoea and believe I would have died if I had not gotten relief," says John J. Patton, a leading citizen of Patton, Alabama. "A friend recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I bought a twenty-five cent bottle and after taking three doses of it was entirely cured. I consider it the best remedy in the world for bowel complaints. For sale by C. E. Terrell, Druggist, Haskell, Texas.

Twenty-two cars of alfalfa fed cattle sold in Chicago recently at \$5 per hundred pounds. This would indicate that alfalfa is good food for cattle.

IRRIGATION IN TEXAS

H. CULBERTSON REPORTS RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION IN A TIER OF WESTERN COUNTIES.

OPPORTUNITIES ARE GREAT

Value of Products in Each County Could Be Increased More Than a Million Dollars.

Hon. W. R. Smith of Colorado, Congressman from the Sixteenth District, sends the News the following letter from H. Culbertson, who is agent for irrigation investigation under the Department of Agriculture. The letter is self-explanatory:

Cisco, Tex., Aug. 3.—Hon W. R. Smith, Colorado: Dear Sir—The past month I have been north of the Texas and Pacific. Have been through the following counties: Jones, Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Lynn, Lubbock, Crosby, Dickens, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell and Shackelford. These, with the counties along the Texas and Pacific Railroad from the Colorado River to this point and south, including Brown, leaving out the three on the Staked Plains, constitute a section of the State that, from my point of view, has a great future in irrigation. I apprehend the same conditions exist in the black waxy lands east of here and possibly to the north line of the State. The large, sandy-bottomed streams would hardly be available, but there are many hundreds of small streams that would afford ideal conditions. When I had gone through the counties just north of you I became enthusiastic on the possibilities. I doubt if there could be found so large a territory that has so many good sites for storage of flood water.

The character of the soil is such that there would be very little water wasted. The numerous earth tanks throughout the country indicate its holding capacity. The silt that comes down with the floods is such as would make a bed of sand hold water. The soil holds water so well that a minimum of water would be required to furnish sufficient for good irrigation. The very heavy, dashing rains common to the section, while not so favorable to common farming, are very favorable to the storage of large quantities of water for irrigation. The more rolling or uneven the country, the more favorable to storing water. The light fall of many of the streams is favorable to storing large quantities of water with rather low dams. The material for building dams is abundant, and such that the dams can be constructed at a minimum of cost. I have especially been pleading for the building of dams on the small streams, where one or more acres can be irrigated. I have just sent a letter to a man having land near Albany that I was requested to look at. I made some measurements while there and figured them out. For \$10,000 he can put 800 or more acres under irrigation, and every expense will be more than met by one crop. Of course there are not many that could handle as much as that. But there are lots of little enterprises, so small that if a man has a team he can soon have what will make much of his living.

I have been thinking how the work of the department can be made more use to the people. I have felt that our report for Texas should be intensely practical and plain. I have been

trying to make out what is the greatest need, as far as the department can furnish it, and have been outlining a report along those lines in my mind. We expect to meet Mr. Mead at Waco day after tomorrow, Aug. 4, when probably the matter will be fully discussed.

For a while I had great hopes that the proposed amendment to the Constitution was going to give a great stimulus to the larger enterprises, but on reading it my enthusiasm wilted and I started in on the development of the single individual enterprises. I can not see wherein the amendment is going to benefit irrigation. Of the territory referred to, I presume there is not much of it that would permit a bond of over \$1 per acre, which of course, is not to be thought of in connection with irrigation enterprises. I have thought that if a law were made so that irrigation bonds would be like court house or school building bonds, it might be a good thing, if some precautions were thrown around. Let a large majority vote be required to organize. Let there be a board of State irrigation examiners, three of them, two of whom should be hydraulic engineers. Let them be required to pass on all matters pertaining to dams. I would have them State officers, for the reason that the State as a whole is intensely interested if a large dam should give away. If there were two engineers of reputation on that board, then let the state Attorney pass on the bonds from the legal standpoint. Capitalists would not ask for other security. The State in a sense stands behind it. But I suppose even this will not be possible until there is a change in the Constitution that will permit of it. But the man or men who get something in the right direction on the move will be doing a great thing for the development of the State's natural resources.

There is scarcely a county mentioned, if the flood waters could be practically all stored and used in irrigation, but what the productive capacity would be increased over a million dollars. This may look large, but with proper legislative encouragement in the near future there are many who will see the realization.

Perhaps I am getting too long a letter for a busy man, and had better close. Cisco will be my headquarters for letters for a short time. Respectfully yours,

H. CULBERTSON.

Agent Irrigation Investigation.

Sick Headache.

"For several years my wife was troubled with what physicians called sick headache of a very severe character. She doctored with several eminent physicians and at a great expense, only to grow worse until she was unable to do any kind of work. About a year ago she began taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and today weighs more than she ever did before and is real well," says Mr. Geo. E. Wright of New London, New York. For sale by C. E. Terrell, druggist, Haskell, Tex.

Mrs. Mary Murphy, of Meadville, Pa., died this week, aged 134 years. She is survived by her second husband.

Suicide Prevented.

The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system, or despondency invariably precedes suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self destruction take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nerve will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It is also a great Stomach, Liver and Kidney regulator. Only 50 cents. Satisfaction guaranteed by All Druggists.

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HASKELL, TEXAS, Aug. 20, 1904.

Democratic prospects are growing brighter every day, if we may judge by the news that comes from the North and East.

The indications are that many Republicans are deciding in favor of Parker and Peace in preference to Roosevelt and Revolution.

The State treasury deficit is now about \$200,000. As the deficit grows it emphasizes more and more the desirability and necessity of catching the tax dodgers.

It is now believed that some accident will happen to the Baltic squadron to detain it at home a while longer. If not, then it is believed that it will not be an accident that will befall it upon its arrival in the Far East.

The State Prohibition convention has been called to meet at Waco on Aug. 23 and 24 for the purpose of nominating a state ticket. The executive committee is urging all prohibitionists to attend the convention as delegates.

The Japs did pretty well when the Russian warships made their break out of Port Arthur the other day, but if our Schily or Dewey had had Togo's job there would be no question as where some of the Russian ships went. It would have gone in the same direction—down.

It is given out that the State Lunatic Asylum at Austin is to have an irrigated farm, and that the well to supply the water is now being sunk. It is said that just north of the asylum there is an underground stream that will afford water in almost inexhaustible quantity and that it can be reached by a well of thirty feet depth.

Another Baylor University student has won honors abroad for himself, his state and for Baylor. John W. Milton won the victory in the State oratorical contest at Waxahachie in April, which made him the State representative in the Southern inter-collegiate contest at Mount Eagle, Tenn, where he carried off the palm of victory last week.

With a cotton crop of probably 10,000,000 bales worth \$500,000,000 a wheat crop of 600,000,000 bushels worth \$480,000,000 and a corn crop estimated at 2,570,275,000 bushels worth \$700,000,000, to say nothing of minor crops and live stock for market in the United States this year, it doesn't look like there would be any hard times to talk about.

A man in Gatesville recently became so industrious that he cut the weeds in his lot. By so doing he discovered hens' nests containing twenty-one dozen eggs. Since his good fortune it is said there has been quite a campaign of weed cutting going on in Gatesville—McGregor Mirror.

But just think of the gang of young chickens that would have come as a surprise a little later on if the foolish fellow hadn't cut the weeds and found the eggs. We prefer trying chickens to eggs!

The old prejudice against the higher education of women is fast breaking away in Europe. Two years ago the universities of Freiburg and Heidelberg were opened to women. It is now reported that Havarria, which then held out against co-education, has yielded and the Government has just issued a decree that its three State universities—those at Erlanger, Munich and Wurzburg, shall in future admit women to their full privileges.

We have received the initial number of the McGregor Mirror, F. E. Straight editor and proprietor. The paper is a six column quarto, well gotten up editorially and mechanically and has a breezy, wide-awake tone, and starts with a good advertising patronage, all of which augurs well for its success. The Free Press knows Straight of old and can vouch for the fact that he knows how to handle things in a newspaper office. He has our best wishes for success in his new venture.

Our readers will remember that we gave them a letter on irrigation a few weeks ago written especially for the Free Press by Mr. Culbertson, the government irrigation expert who came through Haskell county on his tour of investigation. We are pleased to present another letter this week from the same gentleman, which was written to Congressman Smith of this district and which we found in the Dallas News. The people of this section should profit by what Mr. Culbertson says as to the feasibility and profit to be derived from irrigation in Western Texas. It should be remem-

bered that the statements and opinions given by him are not those of a mere theorist, novelist or visionary, but that he is a practical irrigator of eighteen years actual experience, hence knows what he is talking about when he speaks on irrigation. He said to us when here that in his trip through Haskell and other counties in this section he had seen hundreds of places where the rain water which now goes to waste could be stored up by dams and made to irrigate from one to several or a hundred or more acres in a place, and that in his judgment it could be done in most instances at far less cost than they do it in California.

OPPOSED TO RAISING TAX RATE.

A proposition to issue bonds to meet the disgraceful \$1,000,000 deficiency under which Texas, great rich Texas, is now staggering, is being discussed. But the Twenty-ninth Legislature ought not for a moment to consider such a scheme. It is not necessary for Texas to pay interest on bonds. Let the Legislature have the nerve to raise the tax sufficiently high to pay the honest debt of the State. No, sir, the people do not want to pay interest on bonds.—DeKaib Enterprise.

A deficiency of any amount is a debt to that amount which must be paid out of the future revenue.

Should the State deficit amount to a million dollars, or nearly so, before the convening of the next legislature, it seems inevitable that that body will have to resort to some expedient in order to raise the revenue with which to pay off the accumulated debt. But we object to its being done by raising the tax rate, for two reasons. First, it would require a very high tax rate to produce enough revenue in one, or even two, years to pay off the million dollars debt and keep up the current expenses of the State without creating a further deficiency or debt. Better issue bonds and divide the payments over several years. Second, it is an admitted and notorious fact that hundreds of millions of dollars worth of property is escaping taxation every year, some of it—

as intangible assets—because there is no law for its assessment, and some of it—as lands throughout the blackland belt of the state—because much property is grossly undervalued for taxation, and some of it—as cash on hand or in banks, because the conscienceless owners of it, knowing that there is no way of proving the perjury against them, do not render it for taxation. These are our two main reasons for opposing an increase in the tax rate.

Any person of ordinary intelligence and with a conscience must see at a glance the manifest injustice of raising the tax rate and thus forcing the honest people who have a conscientious regard for their outlay and render all of their property at fair valuations to pay more taxes to make up the deficit and carry on the increasing expenses of the state while those without consciences or a sense of fairness are left to dodge as heretofore.

If it is, or becomes necessary, to raise money to pay off the deficiency, let it be done by issuing bonds. Then let the legislature so amend and frame the laws as to put untaxed property on the rolls, raise the valuation of millions of acres of land that is being rendered at one-fourth its value and catch the tax dodgers of every description and force them to help the honest people pay the debt and run the State government.

We notice that some writers are kicking against the idea of drastic or inquisitorial laws for searching out untaxed property, but we take it these people are tax dodgers themselves or they are related to them by interest. The honest man will not care how inquisitorial and searching the law is, because he tells the tax assessor of all of his property and places on it what he believes to be a fair valuation and of course there is no chance for him to get into trouble over it when he has done that—the trouble will be for the dodgers.

We firmly believe that if adequate laws were adopted by the next legislature and all property put on the tax rolls as above indicated that it would raise enough money in one year to pay off the deficiency and put the State on a cash basis and that the next succeeding legislature could lower the tax rate instead of raising it. Let the legislature have nerve—not to raise the tax rate, but to go after the tax dodgers with a vengeance, because honest people don't want to be held up and made to pay more than their share.

The McGregor Mirror hit the exact truth when it said: "A town prospers just in proportion to the spirit of pride and enterprise exhibited by its people." Let a people lose confidence in their town, or become listless and indifferent to public enterprise and cease their efforts to push it and its interests to the front and it will lose standing and pulling power just as surely as night follows the setting of the sun. Or, a set of people may become so absorbed in their individual businesses that they will leave the town and public enterprises to look after themselves—the neglect is the same, and decadence and decay will as surely follow as in the other case.

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The Death Penalty.
A little thing sometimes results in death. Thus a mere scratch, insignificant cuts or puny boils have paid the death penalty. It is wise to have Bucklen's Arnica Salve ever handy. It's the best Salve on earth and will prevent fatality, when Burns, Sores, Ulcers and Piles threaten. Only twenty-five cents at All Drug Stores.

A pair of goldrimmed spectacles were lost in Haskell about ten days ago. Finder will please return to this office or to D. W. Fields, Marcy, Texas, and receive reward.

Cholera Infantum.
This disease has lost its terrors since Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy came into general use. The uniform success which attends the use of this remedy in all cases of bowel complaints in children has made it a favorite wherever its value has become known. For sale by C. E. Terrell, Druggist, Haskell, Texas.

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To Give Away!

To My Friends and Customers, and to Every Other Merchant's Customers:

As you know I have given away hundreds of dollars worth of Chinaware as Premiums. Now, I have a big stock of Guaranteed JEWELRY, and in order to change the monotony and not overstock you on China, I will begin with today to give you tickets, as heretofore, with every cash purchase, redeemable in Jewelry to be selected by you.


I have the Nicest, Newest and Largest stock of Dry Goods, Millinery, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Clothing, Cutlery, Jewelry, Etc., and a Full and Complete line of the Freshest Groceries ever handled. You will find my prices not changed in order to meet the premiums, but to be the lowest in town. If the clerks fail to give you the tickets or premiums, call for them on every dollar's worth purchased, or even five cents worth, call for tickets.

I have \$4,000 worth of tickets and a new stock of JEWELRY with which to redeem them. Be sure to take advantage of this big offer at once.

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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. No one medicine is a cure-all, as some patent medicines are claimed to be, and Old Stager Family Medicines are not offered as such, but each one has been compounded for a special malady, and are the result of the experience of a physician of 20 years active practice. Following is a brief description of the Old Stager Family Medicines:

Old Stager La Grip Specific is a certain and speedy remedy for La Grip, Colds, Headache, Neuralgia and Fever. It has cured hundreds of cases of these distressing complaints and we have so much faith in its curing others that we offer your money back if you try it and it does not cure you.

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, but this is guaranteed to give prompt relief and afford a permanent cure when its use is persisted in. If you have a troublesome cough TRY IT.

Old Stager Catarrh Medicine is better than all the nostrums and patent medicines so much advertised and lauded as Catarrh Cures. It will cure Catarrh, Hay Fever and Colds in the Head. Chronic Catarrh of long standing is slow in yielding to treatment, but Old Stager Medicine will cure it. Try it and get your money back if it fails. It will open the air passages and give quick relief in cases of cold in the Head.

Old Stager Liniment the best made for Bruises, Cuts, Swellings and Sores of any kind. Use it once and you will prefer it to all others.

Old Stager Fistula Cure a cure that cures. We have heard of many bad cases being cured by it, and no failures. It is easy to apply. Guaranteed.

Emoline a soothing and elegant remedy for chapped hands, face and lips. Makes the skin smooth and soft.

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. Can give any number of first-class testimonials.

Dealers wanted to handle these medicines in every town. Address,
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FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Dr. St. John, the dentist, arrived Monday and has been quite busy and will prolong his visit through next week to afford further opportunity to those needing dental work. The occasional visits of so competent a dentist as Dr. St. John are appreciated by Haskell people.

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

Miss Emma LeVeaux, an accomplished young lady of Cisco, who has been visiting Misses Chambliss at this place for several weeks, returned home Monday.

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

Messrs. T. B. Russell, Emmett Robertson and R. M. Pockrus returned Tuesday night from an excursion to Galveston.

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

Messrs. E. W. and R. M. Loe with their families passed through town Thursday going fishing on the Clear Fork.

Try that Mexican hardwater toilet soap at the Racket Store.

Mrs. E. J. Hunt and Miss Eva Fields left the first of the week to visit the exposition at St. Louis.

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

Mr. J. F. Pinkerton, Eld C. N. Williams, Mrs. J. B. Baker and Mrs. Tom Pinkerton left Tuesday to attend the big Christian campmeeting at Shady in Baylor county.

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

Miss Flora Rupe of Seymour is visiting her cousin, Miss Belle Rupe, at this place.

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

Misses Minnie Ellis, May Fields and Dullin Fields returned Wednesday night from a visit to the World's Fair at St. Louis.

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

Messrs. T. A. Mayes and M. M. Causey were doing business in town Thursday.

We have PLENTY OF MONEY to loan on approved real estate security. Call and see us if you need it. West Texas Development Co.

We understand that a gin has been put in at Knox City, two miles north of the north line of this county.

Sixty cases of boots and shoes biggest stock ever in Haskell—sizes, styles and prices to suit every body. Alexander Mercantile Co.

Messrs. T. A. Mayes and J. M. Causey are putting up a three stand gin, Munger system, on Jud Robertson's place near the junction of the main and Salt Fork of the Brazos, in the northwest part of the county.

Pepsin PUNCH, the ideal health beverage—get it at K. Jones' place.

Ladies lace hose for summer wear, cheap to close out before winter. Racket Store.

Mr. J. W. Bowyer, a prominent lawyer of Abilene, was here Tuesday.

Prof. J. H. Coleman of Simmons College, Abilene, was in Haskell Tuesday.

The cheapest and best you ever saw for the price—those new shirts at the Racket Store.

Miss Meda Clayton left Wednesday to visit the World's Fair at St. Louis. She expected to be joined at Weatherford by her cousin for the trip.

Mrs. Charles Mayes of Munday came down Sunday and spent this week with her parents.

Great variety of purses at the Racket.

Mrs. R. C. Peters of Fort Worth and Mrs. McKenzie of Baylor county are visiting the family of Mr. C. R. Peters at this place.

Uncle George Reeves of Munday was among his Haskell friends yesterday.

Mr. Wm Pierson and family of Greenville arrived Tuesday and are visiting Mr. Pierson's parents and other relatives here this week.

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

Mr. J. E. Jones and family of Schleicher county arrived Wednesday evening on a visit to relatives here. Mr. Jones is a brother of Messrs. J. L. and J. F. Jones, with whom he is interested in the Jones Bros. ranch in Schleicher county.

Miss Estelle Dodson is at home from Fort Worth, where she has had charge of the South Side Kindergarten this summer.

A new and fine line of suspenders at the Racket Store.

NOTICE TO LAND OWNERS.

I am advertising extensively abroad, and am receiving inquiries for land from prospective purchasers. If you want to sell your land, list it with me and I will sell it for you. (32-35) P. D. SANDERS.

Mr. L. T. Cunningham got back Wednesday night from Fort Worth, where he disposed of a shipment of calves at satisfactory prices.

Mr. A. A. Oliver has a brother visiting him from Hico.

Mr. J. A. Couch and wife and Mr. L. W. Roberts and family went to Munday Thursday to spend a few days with relatives.

Mrs. Ed. Robertson and child of Dublin are visiting Haskell relatives this week.

Rev. L. L. Lusk, who has been assisting in a protracted meeting this week at Marcy, will be at home tomorrow and fill his pulpit at the regular services.

Thursday and Friday there were good showers over the county and Friday night quite a nice rain fell at town.

The base ball game last Saturday between the Haskell and Cliff teams resulted in a score of 37 to 18 in favor of the Haskell boys.

Dr. H. L. Hargrove, a professor of English in Baylor University, was here this week in the interest of that school, which is one of Texas' greatest educational institutions.

Mr. F. C. Wilfong and family returned the first of the week from their visit to the Indian Territory. They visited the irrigated farms near Wichita Falls and Mr. Wilfong is enthusiastic about the crops made and growing there.

Mr. J. J. Pounds of this county was in Haskell Thursday on his return from the Confederate Reunion at Stamford, where he sold a load of watermelons. There were 28 melons in the load, the lightest of which weighed 48 pounds and the heaviest 96 pounds, making an average weight of 72 pounds per melon. They netted \$14.90, or a little over 53 cents each. Good for Mr. Pounds and for Haskell county.

Mr. J. A. Fisher, a prominent farmer of the north side, was in town Tuesday. He said that the question of gathering the crop this year was beginning to interest the farmers in his section. He thought every farmer would have more than his force could pick, and as there is little or no surplus labor in the country, they were wondering where help is to come from.

The Free Press suggests the following solution of the cotton picking problem: Let the farmers get together and send a man down on the Rio Grande and gather up a lot of Mexicans—fifty or a hundred, or as many as they think will be needed. We suggest this, thinking it not probable that pickers can be drawn from other portions of the state where cotton is grown. A great many Mexicans come into the southern part of the state to pick cotton every year, but they do not know that much cotton is being raised in this section yet.

Haskell had a close call for a serious fire Sunday night. About 9:30 fire was discovered burning at a lively rate under Mr. Keister's store and running up the wall in the narrow alley on the south side. An alarm brought a crowd in a few minutes, including the congregations that were at the churches. A score or so of men brought water in buckets while with axes others chopped up the floor and the fire was soon extinguished. If the fire had gotten a few minutes more headway it could not have been controlled with the means at hand and the entire west side of the square would almost certainly have burned out. It is supposed that the fire was started by a cigar or cigarette stub or a burning match carelessly thrown down.

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. (32-35)

B. Y. P. U. Program.

The Baptist Young People's Union meets every Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at the Baptist church. The following is the program for next Sunday, August 21, 1904.

Lesson: Great Missionary Heroes. Heb. 11:32-40.

Leader—Miss Mable Wyman.

They brought great things to pass—Miss Alice Poole.

They endure great sufferings—Miss Lydia Stewart.

They look forward with confidence. Mr. Alvin O'Bryan.

Review of sermon—Mr. Charlie Williams.

Missionary topics: Early and modern missionary heroes.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

The Central Committee of The Citizens Party met in Haskell, Texas, Aug. 15, 1904, pursuant to a call made by the County Executive Chairman, and it was ordered that there be public speaking by a representative of said party at each of the following places and dates:

Windmill school house, Saturday, September 3rd, at 2 p. m.

Vernon school house, Saturday, September 10th, at 2 p. m.

Sagerton, Wednesday, September 14th, at 2 p. m.

Pinkerton, Saturday, September 17th, at 2 p. m.

Marcy, Saturday, September 24th, at 2 p. m.

Mid, Wednesday, September 30th, at 2 p. m.

Cliff, Saturday, October 1st, at 2 p. m.

Lone Star, Wednesday, October 5th, at 2 p. m.

Brushy, Saturday, October 8th, at 2 p. m.

Gray Mare, Wednesday, October 12th, at 2 p. m.

Haskell, Saturday, October 15th, at 2 p. m.

An invitation is extended to all opposing parties that may want a joint discussion to come out. You will be treated courteously and allowed a fair division of time.

All the voters of the county are respectfully invited to come out.

Respectfully,
J. G. SIMMONS,
Chairman Citizens Executive Com.

Attest, J. M. JOHNSON,
Assistant Secretary.

Epworth League Program.

The following is the Epworth League program for Sunday, August 21, 1904.

Leader: Miss Ora Buchanan.

Song.

Lesson: The Folly of Drink. Ps. 32:9, Esth. 1:1-12.

Song.

1. There is no weakness greater than that which yields to the cup.—Miss Ola Fitzgerald.

2. The subtlety of the drink appetite makes yielding to it a greater weakness.—Miss Loeble Sprawl.

3. The folly of yielding to drink is unrelieved.—Miss Hattie Wilfong.

Song.

4. The Character of the temptation to drink is such that yielding is pure folly and willing weakness.—Mr. Roy Cummings.

5 and 6. The general folly of drink and of all self indulgence.—Mr. Carey Touchstone.

Duet—Misses Geneva McWhirter and Everette Gilbert.

II. The cruelties which drink brings upon woman—Miss Flossie Parsons.

Song.

III. A purified society would end the curse of drinking.—Mr. Clay Park.

Remarks.

Song and benediction.

W. C. T. U. Program.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. S. W. Scott Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, August 23. Each member is urged to be present and bring with them one friend who is interested in temperance.

Song.

Scripture lesson, Ps. 23—Mrs. J. C. McWhirter.

Prayer—Mrs. McWhirter.

Roll call—Response with temperance item.

Song.

Business session.

Instrumental solo—Miss Anderson.

The reply to the committee of fifty.—Mrs. McCollum.

W. C. T. U. catechism led by Mrs. Wymau.

Duet—Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Bailey.

Temperance text books—Miss Minnie Ellis.

Closing song.

W. C. T. U.—Benediction.

Clean Up Notice.

The Board of Health are of the opinion that it is very essential to the health of the town that all premises be thoroughly cleaned up, including the cutting and burning of weeds, etc., in yards and out lots, and they request that all citizens give this matter thorough attention before the Board makes its inspection at an early date, so that there will be no complaints to file with the county attorney.

W. H. WYMAN, chairman.
E. E. GILBERT, M. D.
A. G. NEATHERY, M. D.

Scavenger Wanted.

The Board of Health of Haskell desires to employ a scavenger. Apply at the place of business of the undersigned.
W. H. WYMAN,
Chairman, B. H.

The Free Press has received the very neat 60-page illustrated catalogue of Simmons college, Abilene. This school now has a strong faculty and is well equipped, and, under Prof. O. H. Cooper as principal, is taking high ranks among the educational institutions of this state.

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WORLD'S FAIR FAR BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

Verdict of a New York Writer Who Spent a Week at the Exposition at St. Louis in July.

The World's Fair at St. Louis is now in the midst of its splendid season. Colossal, complete, cosmopolitan, it commands the attention of the world as no other enterprise of the present year. From all nations there are pilgrims coming to this shrine, and from all our states and territories there is a constantly growing throng of visitors. United States Senators, Governors of States, men eminent in science, art and letters—all express unqualified admiration for the Exposition and free acquiescence in the oft-repeated statement that this is by far the greatest and best universal exposition ever held.

During July a well-known magazine and newspaper writer from New York, Mr. Addison Steele, spent a week at the World's Fair, inspecting the grounds, buildings and various attractions as thoroughly as was possible in that limited period. Returning home, Mr. Steele published in Brooklyn Life the following appreciative comments on the Exposition:

In the expressive language of the day, St. Louis "has the goods." I had expected much of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, for I had kept in touch with the making of it from its very inception, five years ago; but after nearly a week of journeying through this new wonderland I must confess that in every essential particular it is far beyond my expectations. The biggest and best it was meant to be and the biggest and best

ent parts do justice to their nobility of architecture and general grandeur. Then again in the ground plans and bird's-eye sketches—the only possible manner of showing it—the fan-shaped arrangement of this group looked stiff and unsatisfying. Far from that, it is quite as remarkable in its way as the famous Court of Honor of the Columbian Exposition. In one respect it is even more notable, for instead of two grand vistas it offers a dozen. The main vista is, of course, the one looking up the Plaza of St. Louis—whose crowning feature is the great Louisiana Purchase Monument—and across the Grand Basin to the Cascade Gardens. On the right are the Varied Industries and Electricity buildings and on the left Manufacturers and Education, these—with Transportation and Machinery still further to the right and Liberal Arts and Mines beyond that—making up the body of the fair. For its handle the fan has the Cascade Gardens—rising in a grand terrace to a height of sixty-five feet above the floor level of the buildings mentioned and crowned by the great Festival Hall, the Terrace of States and the East and West Pavilions—and the Fine Arts building directly behind.

The Pike has in the Tyrolean Alps the finest concession that I have ever seen. There is a great square with many quaint buildings, a little village street, and above the snow-clad mountains—which look very real as the

infinite variety, and as a rule the full money's worth is given. The enormous Jerusalem and Boer War concessions are not on the Pike.

It is a case of dine at the German Pavilion and die at the exposition. In a beautiful Moderne Kunst building adjoining Das Deutsche Haus the best food and the highest prices on the grounds are to be found, the table d'hôte lunch and dinner costing two and three dollars, respectively. There is also a la carte service. Everything considered, the prices are not excessive, and at least one meal should be taken there for the experience. Another should be taken at the Tyrolean Alps, either outdoors or in the gorgeous dining-room in the mountain-side. The best French restaurant is at Paris, on the Pike. Lower in prices and in every way admirable are the two restaurants conducted by Mrs. Rorer in the pavilions of Cascade Gardens. The east one has waitresses and no beer and the west one waiters and beer. For a bit of lunch Germany, France and England all offer delicious pastry in the Agricultural building. These are not free ads, but time-saving tips for the traveler. There are no end of restaurants to fit all tastes on the grounds. I tried nine of them and nowhere found the prices more than they ought to be. As a matter of fact, for neither food nor lodging no one need pay any more at St. Louis than he feels that he can



LOUISIANA PURCHASE MONUMENT AND PALACE OF VARIED INDUSTRIES.

It is the exposition, rumors notwithstanding, is quite finished.

One of the greatest, and certainly one of the most agreeable, of my many surprises was the extreme beauty of the main group of buildings. For the simple reason that the camera does not exist which could take in the vast picture as the eye sees it, the early views of the group—a bit here and a bit there—gave a scant idea of the scheme as a whole. Nor did the early views of the ten individual buildings which make up its composition.

Evening falls. The best scenic railroad yet devised affords several fine glimpses of the Alps and there is a very graphic exposition of the Oberammergau passion play in the little church. The Cliff Dwellers' concession also looks very realistic at nightfall. It is elaborate in arrangement and the courting, snake and other dances by the Southwestern Indians make it another of the Pike shows which should be taken in by all. In Seville there is an amusing marionette theater and some genuine Spanish dancing. For the rest the Pike offers

afford, and yet be well fed and housed, it he will use ordinary common sense in making a selection out of the abundance offered.

Hot? Yes, but on the two hottest days of the summer at St. Louis I suffered no more from the heat than in New York before leaving and after returning. Every day of the seven there was a breeze at the fair grounds and it was always possible to find a shady spot. The nights were cool and comfortable.

ADDISON STEELE

HAS FAD FOR PHOTOGRAPHS.

Thousands of Negatives Made For Millionaire August Belmont.

Among rich Americans perhaps none is so fond of being photographed as August Belmont, James R. Keene being a close second. One New York photographer, whose patrons are mostly wealthy men, has made thousands of negatives for Mr. Belmont in the last few years. One of the largest single orders for prints from old negatives ever received by this photographer came from Mr. Belmont himself soon after the death of his wife. It included a good print from every negative in which Mrs. Belmont appeared. The photographer never guessed how many photographs he had taken for Belmont till then; he found that they numbered nearly a thousand.

How the Waiter Lost a Tip.

At one of the Kansas City hotels where the colored waiters give especially good service, but always expect adequate remuneration for the same from the guests, a waiter was especially officious the other day in serving a man from whom he expected a liberal tip. When the meal had been served and he was standing off at one side, eagerly looking for an opportunity to be of service, he said to the guest:

"Didn't yo' have a brothah heah last week, sah?"

"No," said the one addressed, "I be-ieve not."

"Well," continued the waiter, "theh was a gemman heah at mah table what looked very much like you, and he was so well pleased with the service that he gave me 50 cents when he left."

The guest had by this time finished his meal, and as he arose he said to the expectant servitor:

"Come to think of it, Sam, that was my brother that was here, and I guess he paid you for the whole family. He may be back again in a week or two."

—Kansas City Journal.

SET THEM ON EACH OTHER.

Belligerent Callers Fooled by Quick Witted Newspaper Man.

Representative Brownlow of Tennessee tells that once he was running a country paper during campaign times and was printing "fighting" language every week. One day, just after the paper was out, a big man, armed with a club, walked into the sanctum and fiercely inquired if the editor was in. The frightened Brownlow had wit enough to answer that he was not, but that he would go out and hunt him up. He started for the street and at the foot of the stairs met another irate fellow, who asked:

"Will I find the editor of this dirty sheet upstairs?" "Yes," said Brownlow, "he's up there at his desk just itching for a fight." The second man went up and Brownlow disappeared. Which whipped the other is not related—and Brownlow didn't go back during the day to find out.

Why Birds Live Long.

Why do birds live so much longer than mammals, which are often a hundred times their size? Possibly, among other things, because they have beaks instead of teeth. All carnivorous beasts become weak and liable to starvation, as their teeth drop out or break. Neither are the herbivorous animals in much better case. Old horses would probably die of starvation if wild, for their teeth would fall them; indeed, in some stony countries old horses have to be killed because their teeth are worn away by cropping grass close to the rock. Rodents constantly die from injuries to teeth. But a bird's beak neither wears out nor drops off, and as it constantly swallows fresh grit to aid in grinding food in the gizzard that needs no repairing either.

Church and School for Indians.

Mother Katherine Drexel of Philadelphia, founder and head of the Order of the Blessed Sacrament, composed of nuns who devote their lives to the uplifting of the Indian and negro, has offered \$500,000 of her own private fortune with which to build a church and school for the Indians of the Winnebago, Neb., reservation. The only condition is that the Indians consent, and this Father Schell of Homer, Neb., has obtained.

Ancient Phases Corrupted.

Ancient Picts in England were called by the Celtic word "pebta" or fighters. This was Latinized into Picti. So, too, Barbary of the ancient maps is a monument to the miscalling of the Berber tribe by the Greek word signifying "barbarian." Even the legend of the victory of Guy of Warwick over the dun cow is assailed by ruthless etymologists, who insist upon its derivation from his conquest over the "Dona gau," or Danish settlement, at the champion's gates. The Celtic words "ait men" are responsible for many "old man" crags upon sea coasts and among mountains. They mean, however, "high rock."

THE PROMOTION OF THE ADMIRAL AND OTHER SEA COMEDIES

By Morley Roberts, Author of "The Colossus," "The Fugitives,"
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(Continued.)

They were all quiet men, Englishmen and Dutchmen, and there was no more drink in the ship than that in the medicine chest. The steward drank what remained of it. And in the morning all the remainder of the crew met on the poop. At first they had a certain natural reluctance to use that portion of the ship, but if they did not meet there the steersman could not take his share in the talk. But Joe did most of the talking.

"I reckon the nearest port is Buenos Ayres," he said. "This mornin' I took the liberty of lookin' at the chart, and there ain't nothin' andier as is common talk with sailormen. If we stand north we'll about it off; or any way, we'll it on the track of steamers makin' for it, and we might get the lead of a hoffer to take us in. What do you say, mates?"

Some nodded, some shrugged their shoulders, and some said, "Buenos Ayres? Oh yes, that'll do as well as another."

"And I've took the liberty," said Joe solemnly, "of borrowin' the log-book from down below, and I've wrote out a plain account of all this 'ere, as I said last night. For it's best put down, and it's ships' law as everythin' serious should be wrote out in the log-book, and nowhere else. Shall I read it?"

And he read out what he had written:

"Three days back, as told in the log, Mr. Case, the second mate, fell from the foreyard as we was goin' to take in the foresail, and was killed. He was buried accordin' the next day, while we was 'ove to. And last night in the middle watch, as all 'ands was makin' sail, the wind 'avin' fallen light sudden and the sea bein' very 'eavy, we shipped an 'eavy sea over the port rail as washed Mr. Gamby overboard with Jack Marchmont, A. B., Andrew Anderson, A. B., and Thomas Griggs, boy. And the captain bein' ill, as the log says, died sudden on 'earing it, and is now lyin' dead in 'is cabin. Whereas, there bein' no officer in the ship, all 'ands assembled as aforesaid, declares this is the truth, the 'ole truth, and nothin' but the truth, so 'elp us Gawd. And we intends makin' for bonus airs, or monty Vido."

And one by one the crew signed this simple statement, as it was held down on the top of the signal locker by its author. Those who could not write—and there were three who could not—made their marks when Joe signed for them.

"Whatever 'appens to this blasted 'ooker, we must keep 'old of this log," said Joe. "For supposin' any hother disaster befall us, as seems likely enough, and we took to the boats, it would look very bad for us, without a single officer."

It was a cold and unhappy day for them as they drove to the north-east, still under short canvas. But the weather broke a little, and they set the topgallant-sails at last.

"So long as we don't pile her up on the Falklands we should do," said the one other man on board beside Joe who seemed capable of taking responsibility. He was from Newcastle, and was, of course, known as Geordie. Naturally enough he and Joe divided the watches between them, and the remainder of the crew sheltered their uneasy minds under their strength.

"I suppose if we bring her in we might get something extra," said Geordie, the day they buried the captain.

But Joe took him by the arm and led him for'ard from the wheel, at which a patient Swede stood.

"Geordie, old man, do you want to bring her in?" he asked.

"Why, yes, I suppose so," said Geordie. He stared at Joe. "What do you mean?"

Joe broke out strangely and struck his fist upon the rail.

"I want to see 'er sink," he said

and painted with their blood!" he cried passionately. "I'd rather she sunk with me than sailed the seas any more."

And Geordie fidgeted uneasily.

"That's true, mate, but—"

"Aye," said Joe. "I know. If we scuttled 'er 'twould look bad, and it's bad enough as it is; but 'tis a good deed, if we done it, and it should be done, and I'll tell you 'ow to do it."

He leant upon the rail and spoke earnestly in a low voice.

"It won't do, I own, to scuttle 'er at sea, not even if we let on she leaked and logged it day by day. But if we sunk 'er in the Plate or in the bay at Monte Video, 'twould do right enough, and I've a plan for that. I made it out in the morning watch. 'Tis as easy as eatin', and easier a deal than eatin' ship's biscuit. Down below in the lazaret I'll bore 'oles in her, three or four, and plug 'em on the inside, about a foot below the water-line. And I'll over the side and plug 'em outside, then I'll draw the inside plugs. D'ye see?"

And Geordie saw.

"You neer't know it. I can do it my lone," said Joe. "And do it I will. If we gets off'er safe she shan't kill no more. When we're out of her—and none of us will stay, as you know—she'll lie at anchor waitin' for a new crowd, and I'll come out to her in a boat and sink the murderin' 'old 'ooker right there."

"There'll be a ship-keeper on her," said Geordie.

"As like as not 'e'll on'y be a Spaniard," replied Joe simply. "And even if not—"

Even if not, one more was but one. The next day the weather moderated, and the Pandora, being then, as they reckoned, well clear of the Falklands, stood due north for Cape Corrientes with the wind almost on the port beam. That night Joe went down into the lazaret with an auger, and bored three holes in her weather side.

"Good stuff and sound," he said, as he sweated over his task. "She might 'ave floated for hever."

When he drew out his auger he found that the sea raced past the hole and sometimes flipped water into it.

"On a level keel she'll have 'em about two foot under," he said. He plugged that hole and bored two others. When he had plugged these, he went on deck again. There was not a soul awake on her but Geordie and the man at the wheel. She was going now very sweetly, and making ten knots; they were running into fair weather. But she lay over far enough to make it easy for Joe to go over the side, while Geordie slacked him down from a pin in the rail.

"It's done," said Joe, as he came on board. "She'll kill no more."

It seemed to him that he was doing a good deed, for the Pandora was cruel.

And a week later, though they had sighted no land, the color of the water had changed curiously, and looked a little reddish. When they drew some on board it was evidently not so salt as the sea, and they knew they were in the flood of the mighty Plate. The airs were now light and westerly; they hauled their wind and stood for the north-west. But still the man on the lookout on the main-royal-yard saw no land. In the afternoon they sighted the smoke of a steamer heading about west by south on their starboard beam. They laid their main-top-sail to the mast and hoisted the Jack, union down.

That night they were at anchor off Monte Video, and in the morning they told their story to the British Consul. But one and all refused at any price and at all costs to go on board of the Pandora again. Joe spoke for all of them.

"We'll go to gaol sooner, sir," he said, as he stepped in front of his mates, twiddling his cap nervously, "though we wishes to say so respectfully, sir. She's a man-killer, and it's better a sight to be in the Jug, or on the beach, than to be drowned. She's killed my own mate, and more than 'im. And so far back as hany of us ever 'eard of 'er, she's been at the same job. If you please, sir, we'd rather go to gaol."

They slept that night ashore, but not in gaol, and next day the owners cabled from England for a new crew to be shipped in her at any price. But no price could induce men to go in her. And on the third night she sank at her moorings in fifteen fathoms of



"Good stuff and sound."

Water, and carried her ship-keeper to the bottom.

"I told you she'd kill another man yet," said Geordie.

But Joe shook his head. "I done what was right. And after all, 'e was on'y a Spaniard, as I said." (THE END.)

WHEN SHE BUYS CIGARS.

It's a Clear Case of Paralysis With the Store Attendant.

A nice looking woman walked into one of the stores of the tobacco octopus the other night and asked to see some of the store's best cigars. The clerk handed out a dozen boxes in a jiffy.

While the new patron was taking a dry whiff of each fifteen men lined up along the counter to make various purchases. They might just as well have been wooden Indians as far as the one clerk was concerned. But just about the time the entire line began to display a nervous desire to get away, the fair one selected a twelve-cent cigar with a bright band, and asked the customer next in line if he didn't think it was a good one.

"I've been smoking thirty years and couldn't have selected a better one myself," he replied gallantly.

"Then will you please wrap this one up?" she said, tendering the clerk a twenty-dollar bill.

It took the clerk five minutes to change the bill, and then he tripped on an empty cigar box and dropped all the coin. It was finally handed to the purchaser. When she had her hand on the door knob she thought of the coupons. She turned back.

"Don't you give trading stamps with cigars?" she asked sweetly, whereupon the clerk thrust a quarter's worth of coupons into her hand.

"It does beat 'ell how dead easy a lady can paralyze a cigar store," said one of the men in line when he finally got the package of tobacco for which he had waited twenty minutes.

TAUGHT CARNEGIE A LESSON.

Financier Learned Something from Stuttering Office Boy.

When on one of his visits to New York, while he was still a resident of Pennsylvania, Mr. Carnegie had a bitter experience with a messenger boy, whose tardiness in delivering a business message came near upsetting a deal of great importance. Referring to this incident while at dinner with friends that evening, Mr. Carnegie told of an office boy who worked for him many years ago.

"James," said Mr. Carnegie, "was a willing boy, but his ability as a stutterer was simply wonderful, and I often found it more convenient to attend to little errands myself than wait for his explanations. One day a neighbor wanted to send a note clear across the city, and I permitted James to carry it for him.

"The trip was a long one, and James was gone three hours. When he returned I asked him how much he had charged for his services.

"'Fifteen cents,'" was the gasping reply.

"'Why didn't you make it a quarter?'" I asked.

"'I e-e-e-couldn't s-s-say it,'" he replied with tears as well as hyphen in his voice.

"Right then I made up my mind never to give any one my services without first making sure that I could recite my price without stuttering, and I never have."—Rochester Herald.

Aunt Mandy's Economy.

"Gen'ly, Mandy," said Mr. Higgins to his spouse, "I ain't got one word to say 'gainst economy. This here game o' me cartin' railroad ties six miles ter save usin' the firewood 's all right in a way, even if it is hard on the hosses. An' your idee o' usin' tin plates on the table, 'stead o' china, so's to save wearin' out yer new dinner set, ain't what ye might call aesthetic, but I dunno's I've kicked very loud so far 'bout it. An' even your makin' over my old overcoat inter a jacket for yerself I ain't raised no great time 'bout, spite o' the fact that I hev ter take ye to meetin' in it every Sunday an' hear a lot o' gold-durned fowls whisperin' that I must be gettin' low in the world nor ter be able ter buy ye a new one. But by the bumpin' thunder!" cried Mr. Higgins, "when you go to work an' make a corn-husk mattress an' throw in stalks, cobs an' all, jest ter save the measly husks, that's where the old man steps in fer once an' says—loud an' clear—ter-er-the dickens with yer confounded economy!"—Comfort.

Real Heroism.

Capt. Micajah Woods of Charlottesville, Va., who is the state attorney of his district, is one of the best story-tellers of all the confederate veterans. His most popular tale is of the heroism displayed by a Kentucky colonel, a real colonel, who was soldiering with the narrator. During the absence of the regimental surgeon, one day, the Kentuckian was seized with a diligent discomfort in the region of the sword-belt and was advised by Capt. Woods to drink a scoundrelly potion consisting of turpentine and water. He took it without a gasp or even a wink.

"How did you like it?" asked the captain, with mock solicitude.

"Bah! It's nothing," said the hero of the performance as tranquilly as if he were describing the loss of a leg by a cannon shot. "I could drink the blasted stuff without any turpentine."

Exports to Argentine.

Shooks, empty casks and pine and spruce to the value of over \$4,000,000 were imported into the Argentine republic from the United States during 1902.



Signed this simple statement.

savagely. "I want to see 'er go where she's put so many good men. What right 'as we to save 'er to do more 'arm? It ain't alone as she's drowned my chum or the others, but she 'as a black record that ain't finished unless we finish it. She's strong, and will go on killin' for twenty years, Geordie. She'll make money for them as doesn't care, but what of the likes of us?"

He was greatly moved.

"She's caw'led with men's lives,

ACHED IN EVERY BONE.

Chicago Society Woman Who Was So Sick She Could Not Sleep or Eat, Cured by Doan's Kidney Pills.



MARION Knight, of 33 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Oration of the West Side Wednesday Club, says: "This winter when I started to use Doan's Kidney Pills I ached in every bone and had intense pains in the kidneys and pelvic organs. The urine was thick and cloudy and I could barely eat enough to live. I felt a change for the better within a week. The second week I began eating heartily. I began to improve generally and before seven weeks had passed I was well. I had spent hundreds of dollars for medicine that did not help me, but \$6 worth of Doan's Kidney Pills restored me to perfect health."

A TRIAL FREE—Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers. Price 50c.

Executions in China.

Before Chinese bandits are executed in Mukden they are suspended for a week or ten days by their thumbs and great toes, so that their knees just touch the ground. Just before the torture would kill them their hands are cut off. All this is done by the Chinese courts, to which the Cossacks turn over the bandits, or alleged bandits, after arrest.

Novel Automobile Whistles.

A European inventor has converted the spokes of an automobile into whistles, which are operated by the air action. The whistles are controlled by a series of small rubber balls in connection with the seat, their release opening the valve in the spokes and producing a peculiar whistling noise easily heard above the sound of traffic.

Nervous Fears in Animals.

Nervous troubles may be provoked by animals, as with man. The fear that horses show toward locomotives or automobiles is the cause of trembling and temporary paralysis, whose real origin is often unnoticed. Fear of punishment in small animals or joy at seeing a beloved master has given rise to nervous crises that have been mistaken for epilepsy.

Mimicry in Fishes.

A remarkable instance of mimicry in fishes is described by Dr. A. Willey in Spolia Zeylanica. The Cigales fish, known as sea bats have leaf-shaped and leaf-colored bodies, and when in danger they sink gently and quietly to the bottom, just like a leaf.

Their Light Not Needed.

Mr. Oliver Lodge, an English naturalist, called attention to the curious fact that during a thunderstorm a glow worm extinguishes its light for a second or a second and a half before each flash, relighting at an equal interval after the flash.

The man who jollies other people generally manages to jolly himself along with them pretty well, thank you.

JUST ONE DAY

Free From the Sluggish Brought Out a Fact.

"During the time I was a coffee drinker," says an Iowa woman, "I was nervous, had spells with my heart, indigestion, liver and kidney trouble. I did not know for years what made me have those spells. I would frequently sink away as though my last hour had come."

"For 27 years I suffered thus and used bottles of medicine enough to set up a drug store—capsules and pills and everything I heard of. Spent lots of money but I was sick nearly all the time. Sometimes I was so nervous I could not hold a plate in my hands and other times I thought I would surely die sitting at the table."

"I then went on until about two years ago when one day I did not use any coffee and I noticed I was not so nervous and I noticed I was not so nervous and I noticed I was not so nervous."

"A gentle word is better Oftimes than gift of gold; A smile may break the fester That long some heart did hold."

"Few rarer gifts are ours Than hand-clasp warmly given; And kind deeds are the flowers That make of earth a heaven."

"So let each passing day Record some kind deed done; Go smiling, giving, all thy way; Be of thy world the sun."

"Rich Matrimonial Prize. One of the richest bachelors in England and the richest peer in the house of peers, the Marquis of Bute, has just celebrated his twenty-third birthday, and there's not a young spinster of high degree whose family would not like to have her capture the matrimonial prize. Whoever the future marchioness is she must be a Catholic, and this obligation has somewhat interfered with his lordship's choice."

Portugal's King an Athlete. King Carlos of Portugal has the reputation of being a great athlete. His skill at tennis was recently demonstrated when he defeated Lieut. E. W. McIntyre of the battleship Iowa during the visit of the North Atlantic fleet. The king also gave an exhibition of his ability as a pistol shot for the entertainment of his American visitors, who were astonished with his accuracy of fire.

CASTING TROUBLE ON ANOTHER.

Gov. Chamberlain Relates Clever Story to the Filipinos.

Gov. Chamberlain of Connecticut, at a dinner in Bridgeport to the Philippine commissioners, condemned the practice of extricating one's self from a trouble by casting the trouble upon another's shoulders.

"Don't be like the man with the ram," he said. And then, as no one seemed to understand the allusion, he went on:

"The man I refer to stood in the middle of a lonely road, holding by its massive, crooked horns a huge ram."

"'Will you oblige me,' he said to a passing youth, 'by holding this ram till I open the gate behind me? It is fastened on the inside, and I find it must climb over it.'"

"'Sartin, stranger,' said the youth, and he took a firm grip on the ram's enormous horns."

"The man backed off, smiling strangely."

"'Thank you,' he said. 'You will perhaps be surprised to hear that I never saw that ram till to-day. The brute attacked me an hour ago, and we have been struggling here ever since. As long as you stand in front of him, holding his horns firmly, he can't hurt you. Good-by. I hope you'll be as lucky as I have been in getting rid of him.'"

"Then the man vaulted the fence and disappeared. The youth, clutching the ram's horns desperately, looked up and down the road. He had never seen a spot so desolate and lonely."

GIGANTIC RENTS IN LONDON.

Owner Asks \$1,200 Each Annually for Seven Telephone Booths.

He is indeed a lucky man who owns building property within the four-mile radius of London, for he can command a small fortune in the way of rental for his houses, shops or offices, as the case may be. Singularly enough, it is not in the west end of London, as many people imagine, where the highest rents are paid, but near the Old Lady or Threadneedle street.

Some time ago one room near the Royal Exchange let for between \$10,000 and \$15,000 a year, while a house agent who advertised certain properties in Throgmorton street asked \$1,200 yearly rental for each of seven telephone boxes. For a suite of three rooms on the mezzanine floor \$5,000 a year was also asked and \$10,000 required for six rooms on the first floor.

For shops and business premises in the Strand gigantic rents are paid, although, of course, Bond street is the dearest thoroughfare in the world with regard to shops. Many shopkeepers between Charing Cross and the old Lyceum theater pay between \$10,000 and \$15,000 rental, exclusive of rates and taxes. Perhaps one might be able to obtain a very small shop for \$3,000 or \$3,500 per annum, but such a price would secure very inferior accommodation—probably only the one room which faced the street.

Threw Away His Chances. President Fish of the Illinois Central railroad tells the following tale of his college days: Some of his classmates went to spend the "week end" at Garrison's, and amused themselves on Saturday evening with a little game of poker. On Sunday they were all assembled in the Fish family pew when the rector ascended the pulpit and gave out this text, "And Ephraim went out with a full hand."

One of the young collegians leaned over to Mr. Fish and whispered: "Say, Stuyv, what a d-d fool Ephraim was."—New York Times.

Dreyfus May Visit Fair. It is announced that Capt. Dreyfus and his wife intend to visit the St. Louis fair. He wishes to travel incognito, but it is not believed he will be able to do so. He has repeatedly expressed boundless gratitude for the sympathy shown him by the people and press of this country in the time of his trouble years ago. He thinks the moral effect of American newspaper talk on his behalf was incalculable.

Life's Sunshine. Let in a little sunshine Each day on some dark life; The world's in need of light, let thine gleam brightly through the strife!

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Englishman's Freak Blackbird. A bird fancier at St. Austell, Cornwall, England, has in his possession a blackbird with a perfectly white head.

First-Born Children. A statistical expert has stated that three-fifths of all men of distinction are first-born children.

Novel Chest-Protectors. In Germany certain sorts of furler are made into chest-protectors.

MOTOR MADE BY SAVAGES. Natives of Tahiti Used It Hundreds of Years Ago.

Mortar was made by the people of Tahiti when our ancestors were shivering in holes in the rocks. They dived into the sea, brought up great lumps of coral, burned them in pits, using wood as fuel, and mixed the lime they got in this fashion with sharp sand and water. With this mixture the ingenious savage plastered the walls and floors of his house, and a better mortar could not be obtained.

Another purely savage invention which is perhaps the most familiar object of modern life is the tobacco pipe—not only the common clay, which the North American Indians molded centuries ago out of the red sandstone of Colorado, but the wooden pipe, the prototype of the everyday briar. The bowl was hollowed out of any well-seasoned piece of hard wood, but the stem rather puzzled people who had no augurs. In some savage pipes which have crooked stems the wood of which the latter was composed has been split, each piece hollowed separately and the two pieces spliced together again.

The great steam plow that tills with steel point ten acres of land in a day is the direct descendant of the savages' wooden plow which oxen pulled, or, before oxen were domesticated, a team of women hauled through the soil.

spring when the borrowed umbrella findeth its way to a loan office.

Berlin Cab Regulations.

Jerome Hart writes: "In Berlin you are always forced to take the first cab in the row. If you are a family of eight and it is a one-horse droachky for two, you take it. Then you hire others for your overflow. If you are a lone, lorn bachelor bearing a single grip, and the head of the row is an eight-wheeled family four-wheeler, you have got to take it. Not to take it is 'verboten.' If you don't take it you get arrested. In Germany you're liable for get arrested for almost anything, anywhere, at any time."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Constant striving for something beyond the reach adds years to the appearance.

They Should. "My honest conviction, based upon my own experience and that of my friends, is that 'Hunt's Cure' will cure a larger per cent of skin troubles, especially of an itching variety, than any other remedy. Certainly those afflicted with any form of itch should try it."

J. O. Monroe, Atchison, Kan. 50c per box.

Defiance Starch is put up 16 ounces in a package, 10 cents. One-third more starch for the same money.

A woman's idea of economy is to have her husband shave himself for six months so that she can get a new spring bonnet.—Puck.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury. Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when covering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reliable physicians, as the damage they will do is often irremediable.

Edward's Costly Coronation. The cost of the coronation of King Edward VII., details of which were recently published, establishes a record for modern times. It was considered, until yesterday, a lordly and magnificent thing for the subjects of George IV. to spend £238,000 in putting a crown on his head, but King Edward's subjects have eclipsed their lavishness by £121,000. William IV. and Queen Adelaide were content with a modest £50,000. It is not easy to understand in what King Edward's £239,000 was sunk, not so easy, at least, as in the case of George IV.—a sumptuous record of whose coronation proved too costly to finish. The part which did appear contained seventy-three colored drawings, "finished like enamel, on velvet and white satin." Each portrait cost 50 guineas.

Sensible Housekeepers will have Defiance Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for the same money, but also because of superior quality.

When a man is just swearing mad and the wife says nothing but smiles knowingly he will either kill her or rush out into the cold world and slau the door.

Not Ground for Divorce. Because a wife makes her husband get up and light the fire when he is not feeling well; because she jams him into bed and pushes him into a chair, and because she clinches him and whirls him round and round; because she scolds him so severely that the family cow turns from her feed and throws her head up like a deer; because she objects to living on \$500 a year—these are not reasons justifying a husband in deserting his wife and refusing to support her; they are not enough to warrant the granting of a divorce. This is the decision of the Ill. district court in one of the most interesting, readable, humorous and sensible opinions of recent years.

Seeks No Further. "No more nauseous doses of quinine and the like for me. Cheatham's Laxative Tablets are surer in effect and far more pleasant and convenient to take. I seek no further for a safe and sure cure for Biliousness and Malaria." Edw. Dubois, Baton Rouge, La. 25c per box.

Marriage often means the trading of one's liberty for a mess of affection.

Do Your Clothes Look Yellow? Then use Defiance Starch. It will keep them white—16 oz. for 10 cents.

Fortune has to hold her sides with laughableness ven she gife a empty-headed man a full-headed bank account.

Dickey's Old Reliable Eye-water cures sore or weak eyes. Don't hurt. Feels good.

You may hide your light under a bushel, but der gas meter makes notes yust der same.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, always pain, cures wind colic. Use a bottle.

You can't blame a man for calling his wife an old hen when she is continually laying for him.

Try One Package. If "Defiance Starch" does not please you, return it to your dealer. If it does, you get one-third more for the same money. It will give you satisfaction, and will not stick to the iron.

When a woman accuses a man of flattery she always wants him to say it some more.

Winter Rhubarb Profitable.

Winter rhubarb culture is one of the profitable crops grown by a former banker, of Sumner, Wash. He has a frame house costing about \$40 that brings an income of \$100 during the months of January, February and March. The rhubarb roots are taken from the field and placed in the house the first week in January. A small stove supplies the required heat, which is carried throughout the building by a six inch stove pipe. Within three weeks from planting the rhubarb stalks are ready for the market and sell for 25 cents a pound.

It is awfully aggravating for anyone to insinuate that they know more about you than you know yourself, and then to persistently refuse to tell you what they know.

Every time der problem of life is mentioned der almighty dollar tries to be der answer.

I do not believe Pils's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Ve nefer drink about der building laws ven ve put up our castles in der air.

A woman can never understand why Mrs. Noah permitted her husband to bring mice into the ark.

The Best Results in Starching can be obtained only by using Defiance Starch, besides getting 4 oz. more for same money—no cooking required.

Picklesauer calls himself a fool much und plenty und is happy, but ven Soopnooodle agrees mit ihm dare is a fight.

WORLD'S FAIR. For low rates to the World's Fair via the Texas and Pacific Railway ask any ticket agent, or write E. P. Turner, General Passenger Agent, Dallas, Texas.

A flirt is a girl who makes a fellow want to kiss her and then won't let him.

Best in Existence. "I sincerely believe, all things considered, Hunt's Lightning Oil is the most useful and valuable household remedy in existence. For Cuts, Burns, Sprains and Insect Bites it has no equal so far as my experience goes." G. E. Huntington, Eufaula, Ala. 25c and 50c bottles.

The wall-flower at a party is often the only girl present who can bake bread.

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of Dr. H. J. Clark. In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Every woman has some aim in life, but what she hits is quite another thing.

When You Buy Starch buy Defiance and get the best, 16 oz. for 10 cents. Once used, always used.

If a woman could retain her beauty forever she'd be able to dispense with brains.

IMMENSE TOBACCO PURCHASE. Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars Paid for a Fancy Lot of Tobacco.

The biggest purchase of high grade tobacco ever made in the West by a clear manufacturer was made last Wednesday by Frank P. Lewis, Peoria, Ill., for his celebrated Single Binder cigar. A written guarantee was given that the entire amount was to be fancy selected tobacco. This, no doubt, makes the Lewis factory the largest holder in the United States of tobacco of so high a grading.—Herald-Transcript, Dec. 21, 1900.

Some rich church peoples drop only a penny in der contribution box on Sunday because dey vas buying a gold crown in heaven on der installment plan.

After a woman has passed a certain age she is willing to get married on Friday.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 3/4-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

A man is said to be only half a man until he gets married; after that he's lucky if he individually isn't completely swallowed up.

SAN ANTONIO FEMALE COLLEGE. Offers the best advantages to young ladies. Board, tuition and laundering school year. 1898-99.

ASBURY ACADEMY. Is an excellent school for boys and young men. Board and tuition, school year, from \$174 to \$214. Schools separate. Write.

J. E. HARRISON, President, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

Electric Light Not Injurious.

A Russian ophthalmologist affirms that contrary to generally received opinion the electric light is less prejudicial to the sight than the other varieties of artificial light. It bases this affirmation on the fact that diseases and affections of the eye are directly proportional to the frequency of winking. Now he has shown that winking occurs with candlelight 6.5 times a minute; with gaslight, 2.5 times; with sunlight, 2.2 times, and only 1.8 times with the electric light.



To be a successful wife, to retain the love and admiration of her husband should be a woman's constant study. If she should be all that she may, she must guard well against the signs of ill health. Mrs. Brown tells her story for the benefit of all wives and mothers.

"DEAR MRS. FINEHAM:—Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will make every mother well, strong, healthy and happy. I dragged through nine years of miserable existence, worn out with pain and weariness. I then noticed a statement of a woman troubled as I was and the wonderful results she had had from your Vegetable Compound, and decided to try what it would do for me, and used it for three months. At the end of that time, I was a different woman, the neighbors remarked it, and my husband fell in love with me all over again. It seemed like a new existence. I had been suffering with inflammation and falling of the womb, but your medicine cured that, and built up my entire system, till I was indeed like a new woman.—Sincerely yours, Mrs. CHAS. F. BROWN, 21 Cedar Terrace, Hot Springs, Ark., Vice President Mothers Club.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

Why don't society editors come right out and say that it was the bridegroom who was "led to the altar"?

A bachelor may not know what real happiness is, but he escapes a lot of real misery.

FAULTLESS STARCH

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WIDE VENTRIKLED, ELECTRIC LIGHTED TRAINS FROM GALVESTON, HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO, DALLAS AND FORT WORTH TO ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY AND THE NORTH AND EAST. Choice of Routes via Paris or Indian. Observation Dining Cars and Harvey Dining Halls all the way. W. A. TULLY, G. P. A., Fort Worth, Texas.



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Knows how important it is to use a good starch. Defiance Starch is the best starch made. It doesn't stick to the iron. It gives a beautiful soft glossy stiffness to the clothes. It will not blister or crack the goods. It sells for less, goes farther, does more. Ask the lady who irons. Defiance Starch at all grocers. 16 oz. for 10 cents.

THE DEFICANCE STARCH CO. OMAHA, IOWA, U.S.A.

Plantation Cure is Guaranteed To cure, or money refunded by your merchant, so why not try it? Price 50c.

