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EDWARD P. ELLIOTT,
IMPERSONATOR
OCTOBER 16, 1905.



GILBERT A. ELDREDGE,
IMPERSONATOR - January 1, 1906.



EDMUND BRUSH,
Magician and Musician
JANUARY 20, 1906.

Six Popular AND Successful Attractions HAVE BEEN SECURED FOR THE SEASON'S ENTERTAINMENT.

The attractions in this season's course have been selected with great care as combining high moral sentiment and educational value interwoven with a vein of humor and mirth which have never failed to win the favor and applause of the best audiences.

We believe the people of Haskell may well congratulate themselves on having these high-class entertainers brought to their doors, for we assure you they are such as are not often seen outside the cities.



PERFORMANCE OCTOBER 27 and 28.

While the several plays and performances to be presented in this series of entertainments may not be termed religious or sanctimonious in character, they are of that high literary character and carry a tone of moral and uplifting sentiment which make them fit for the entertainment of the best of people.

They have been presented before the leading Young Men's Christian Associations, Chautauquas and church societies throughout the country and have the written endorsement and approval of the leaders of those societies and associations as being highly entertaining and worthy of public patronage and encouragement.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR HASKELL PEOPLE.

In subsequent issues of this paper full particulars will be given as to the character of each performance.



BOYNTON CONCERT CO., FEBRUARY 20.

Reserved seats and season tickets are now on sale.

There is only a limited number of reserved tickets and you are urged to procure your tickets and have your seats assigned as soon as possible so as to secure the most favorable positions.

For particulars apply to
HENRY ALEXANDER
or
ALBERT ENGLISH.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Committees are diligently canvassing San Angelo for funds to swing a fall carnival.

The large gin of W. W. Terry at Apache was burned, it is thought by incendiaries at a loss of about \$7,000, with \$3,000 insurance.

The foreign office denies categorically and officially the report that Count Lamson, the foreign minister, has resigned or attempted to resign.

An election will be held in Precinct No. 5 in Falls county on September 16 to determine whether or not intoxicating beverages shall be sold in that territory.

The talk about the Chinese boycott of American manufacturers upon investigation seems to have made some headway at Canton, but it hardly heard of elsewhere.

A box factory capitalized at \$25,000 is to be located at Fort Gibson, eight miles east of Muskogee, I. T. Johnson, Holt & Co. of Carthage, Mo., are promoting the enterprise.

Plans and specifications have been received at Shawnee, I. T., for three large school buildings to be erected at the Shawnee Indian Mission at a cost of about \$50,000.

At the meeting of the Navarro County Medical Society a committee was appointed to wait on the city officials and recommend the appointment of a city board of health.

John Champion, James Noefel and General Bone, three negro managers were hanged in the jail yard at Memphis, Tenn., Friday. No outward incident attended the execution.

Baron Spee Von Sternberg, a brother of the German ambassador at Washington, shot female poacher at midnight on a game preserve in Germany, mistaking her for a deer. She has since died.

While answering his aged mother's call to come home, J. L. Anderson, of Kansas City, Mo., was murdered near Hannibal, Mo. No motive for the murder nor clue to the murderer is advanced.

Joseph Uhalt, formerly a New Orleans druggist, dying in a hospital in New York from self-inflicted stab was found Friday in a Central Park drive. Beside him lay a new hunting knife.

Abraham Goodman, who acquired a fortune as a jewelry man in San Francisco sold his business fourteen months ago and went to New York to live, was found dead in the Hudson river opposite Fort Lee.

Much complaint is coming in from the farmers around Ardmore, I. T., who are alarmed over the prevalence of fell worms in the cotton. Whole fields which a week ago were full of blossoms have been ruined by the pest.

J. F. Hollins, manager of the Ardmore opera house, accompanied by Mrs. Robson and Mr. and Mrs. Butts of Davis started for the famous resort, Turner Falls, and the river was rising rapidly. In midstream the survey was partly captured in the swift current and both ladies were thrown out. Had it not been that Mr. Butts was a confident and expert swimmer they would have been drowned.

The conference of the State Y. M. C. A. secretaries will be held in Waco September 1 to 3 in the Waco business men's club rooms, and it is expected that every paid man in the work in this state will be in attendance.

Dr. Lewis H. Ludy, professor of chemistry at Columbia university for thirty-four years, died from apoplexy. He was a native of France and in his youth attained prominence in the politics of the French Republic.

The big Hollins campmeeting at Peniel began Thursday evening under the charge of Rev. Ed. Ferguson of Mt. Vernon, Miss. This is one of the largest meetings held in Texas, the attendance running up to 12,000 or 15,000 last year.

Stephen Caldwell of Phillipsport, Conn., a forty-niner, who made a fortune, though he lost it in a shipwreck returning home, is dead from being struck by a train near his home. He was eighty-six years old.

A dispatch by wireless telegraphy from Hilo says that Jana, the Hawaiian wife of Kallua, a Chinese, gave birth to an child on last Thursday, two on Sunday, one on Monday, two on Tuesday morning and one on Tuesday night. All are dead.

With the visible supply of bananas reduced to less than half the usual amount because of the restrictions on importation made by the quarantine at New Orleans, wholesale dealers are predicting a famine in the fruit.

Roosevelt to the Rescue Onus Thrown on Russia

THE CRUCIAL TIME IS NOW. PRESIDENT EXERTS HIMSELF.

Exactly What He Proposes is Not Yet Known.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 21.—The Associated Press is able to announce that the feature of the proposition of President Roosevelt, communicated through Baron de Rosen to M. Witte and transmitted by the latter to Emperor Nicholas, was based upon the principle of arbitration.

Whether the proposal contemplates arbitration of all the articles upon which the plenipotentiaries have failed to agree or only upon the question of indemnity can not be stated with positiveness, but it is more than probable that it relates only to indemnity and the cession of the Island of Sakhalin.

Neither is it possible to say whether the President has yet made a similar proposition to Japan. The customary diplomatic proceedings in such cases would be to submit the proposal simultaneously to both countries, but there might be an advantage in securing the adherence of one before submitting it to the other.

To Emperor Nicholas, the author of The Hague peace conference, the suggestion of arbitration which will necessarily immediately command the sympathy of public opinion of the world, will be particularly hard to reject. If he agrees, Japan, if she has not already done so, will be all the more bound to submit her claim to the decision of an impartial arbitrator.

Assistance by both sides would involve a great extension of the principle of arbitration, as nations have heretofore declined to arbitrate questions involving their honor and dignity.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 21.—The chances of peace have doubtless been improved by President Roosevelt's action in stepping into the breach in a last heroic endeavor to induce the warring countries to compromise their irreconcilable differences, but the result is still in suspense.

The ultimate decision of the issue has to pass if not de jure, passed from the plenipotentiaries to their principals, from Portsmouth to St. Petersburg and perhaps in a lesser extent to Tokio. Although there are collateral evidences that pressure both by President Roosevelt and the neutral powers including Japan's ally, Great Britain, whose minister, Sir Claude Macdonald, according to advices received here had a long conference with Mr. Katsura, the Japanese premier, is still being exerted at Tokio to induce Japan to moderate her demands, there is also reason to believe that President Roosevelt was able at his interview with Baron Rosen to practically communicate to the latter's signior, M. Witte, Japan's irreducible minimum—what she would yield, and the point beyond which she would not go.

Perhaps they are willing to decrease the sum asked, but substantial compensation, under whatever guise it is obtained, they decline to relinquish and they are also firm upon the cession of Sakhalin. By the transfer of the southern branch of the Chinese Eastern Railway, first to Japan for relinquishment to China, payment for the maintenance of the Russian prisoners and the surrender of the Russian warships, it is possible to figure a total transfer to Japan in money and property of about \$250,000,000. But this is the limit.

Saved by a Brave Negro.

Paris: While Mrs. Nannie Reed and little daughter, Bertie, Miss Nettie Cunningham and Miss Suddie Newton were driving the horse became frightened at a street car and ran away. Clute Stout, a negro, rushed out and seized the lines. He was knocked down and dragged a hundred yards, but continued to hold to the lines until the horses stopped. But for his action the occupants would have been seriously hurt if not killed.

Will Prosecute Railway Auditor.

Jefferson: An auditor on the east-bound Katy train was arrested Sunday afternoon and will be tried for violating the quarantine law. A few days since a negro passenger got off here. When the guard demanded his health certificate, having none, he was made to get back on the train. As soon as the train crossed the bridge, a short distance from the depot, the negro was put off by the auditor, hence the prosecution.

Closing of I. T. U. Meeting.

Toronto: Saturday was devoted to winding up of the business and certain presentations. Chairman Stevenson was presented with a silver tea service; Secretary Crinn a gold watch; Assistant Secretary Armstrong Howe and Voden gold headed umbrellas; Toronto union a silk Canadian flag. The convention closed with enthusiastic demonstration in favor of the eight-hour day.

The Japanese as usual are very reticent, and it is impossible to obtain from them the least inclination of their view of the change in the situation produced by the President's action.

It is taken for granted that the President's appeal was made to Japan as well as to Russia, but the Japanese side of the negotiations looking to a compromise is almost completely in the dark. It is assumed that Baron Kaneko was able to explain the Japanese views to the President. If the President is successful with Russia it may be that he will then turn to Japan.

A RAILROAD WAR.

Brazos Valley and Houston and Texas Central at Work.

Mexia: There is considerable activity here in railroad circles, and those who can guess well claim that something is going to drop within the next few days. The contractors for the Houston extension of the Trinity and Brazos Valley have opened an office here and right-of-way agents are buying up land along the proposed line. Several lots in the city limits have been purchased along the route of the outlet, and Saturday night the track was built across the street just south of the compass. This is said to have been done to head off the injunction that was threatened to keep the road from crossing said street.

A large force of men and teams and scrapers for the Central arrived here and it is thought that work on the Mexia-Navasota cut-off will begin at once. It is also hinted that the Central people are buying up land along the Texas and Brazos Valley proposed line and that they will endeavor to block the Houston extension that way, and some lively times are expected when the two gangs get to work.

Navasota: Right of way agents for both the Central's Mexia cut-off and the Texas and Brazos Valley, whose surveys run through Grimes county, are busy in the field securing ground.

The Mexia cut-off will intersect the Houston and Texas Central main line somewhere near Neleva, a little stop north of Navasota. The Texas and Brazos Valley runs diagonally through the county, coming in a point near Dolph and passing through Singleton. Work on both roads will create no little employment for local labor after the crops are gathered.

Pleasure Seeker Drowned.

Dallas: Miss Virgie A. King of Texas, aged 21 years, was drowned in Exall Lake Sunday afternoon and Miss Gene J. Williams of Denton, about 19 years old, had a narrow escape from death. The young ladies were at the lake with a number of friends and were boating when the storm came. A sudden gust of wind upset the boat, throwing them both out. Miss King sank at once, but Miss Williams managed to reach and cling to the boat until help reached her.

David Wark, the oldest legislator in the world, died at his home in Fredrickton, New Brunswick, Sunday. Mr. Wark was a member of the Canadian Senate at Ottawa, a lifelong office. His age was 101 years 6 months.

The prohibition campaign in Williamson county opened at Taylor Monday night. Dr. G. C. Rankin delivered the principal address.

Markham Rice Mill Burned.

Markham, Tex.: The Markham rice mill was destroyed by fire Friday. There being no adequate fire protection either in the town or at the mill the building and contents were soon consumed. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. Insurance was carried, but just how much can not be told at this time. C. N. Robertson is the president of the company, owning the mill and Mr. Carver the manager. The origin of the fire is not known.

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INTO BROADENED SPHERE CZAR ISSUES MANIFESTO.

Purposes of Nicholas Announced to the People.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 20.—Russia's National representatives assembly, the fruit of decades of stress and striving for reform, which endows the Russian people with the right of being consulted through their chosen representatives in the suggestion, preparation and repeal of legislation, yesterday took place among the fundamental institutions of the empire.

In a solemn manifesto Emperor Nicholas announced to his subjects the fruition of his plans summoning the representatives of the people as outlined by him in a rescript issued March 3, last, and fixed the date for the first convocation as mid-January and in a ukase addressed to the senate, formally orders that body to register as the Imperial will a law project formulating the nature, powers and procedure of the new governmental organization.

The manifesto, ukase and project are published in special editions of the Official Messenger in St. Petersburg and Moscow. They will be given out for publication at noon to all the newspapers throughout the empire, many of which are preparing to issue extra editions to signalize a momentous historical event overshadowing on its importance the liberation of the serfs in 1861.

The date of the occasion has been happily chosen with due regard to the poetical symbolism so dear to the Russian heart, for on this day is celebrated the great religious feast of the transfiguration of Christ, with the bringing to the church of the first fruits of the new harvest.

The national assembly will be a consultative organization in connection with the councils of the empire, and not a legislative body. The powers of the emperor remain theoretically absolute. As the emperor is the supreme law giver and autocrat, the decisions of the Douma have only a recommendatory and not a binding force, though the rejection of the legislative measure by a two-thirds majority of both houses is sufficient to prevent the measure from becoming a law.

The representatives of the people will not only have the right to be heard on any legislation proposed by the government, but also can voice their desires on new laws and will have the right to exert a certain supervision over budgetary expenditures.

Nervous Diseases Declining.

New York: An examination of the health records of New York, prompted by statistics recently compiled by the Chicago health department, shows that there was a remarkable decrease in deaths from nervous troubles in this city since 1870. While other ailments such as heart failure, Bright's disease and consumption have been gaining ground.

A Crazy Man's Terrible Act.

Pueblo, Colo.: Frank Ward, foreman of the yard gang of the Pueblo steel works, has caused the death of his daughter, Frances, aged sixteen, by forcing her to swallow a quantity of poison and then committed suicide by using the same poison. Neighbors said Ward had been drinking heavily, and had threatened to kill himself and girl. Ward was a widower.

The fruit growers of Fruitland, Montague county, have shipped out their first car of apples. The car was consigned to Waxahachie parties. The late apple crop will be good.

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Buried Secrets Unearthed.

New York: Subterranean passages leading from a secret staircase to stone vaulted chambers beneath the old Tilden mansion in Gramercy Park, have been brought to light by the contractors engaged in tearing out and remodeling the structure, which is now under course of transformation into a home for the National Arts Club. Many other peculiarities exist in the mansion which must have been the conception of Samuel J. Tilden himself, and which have remained undiscovered up to the present day, although the famous old dwelling has housed many tenants since his removal to Greystone in 1875, where he died in August, 1886.

There is a legend among the old time residents of the neighborhood that Tilden, who roused a host of enemies by the part he took in the exposure of the Tweed ring, had a fear of secret assassination and built his house accordingly.

Beaumont Printer Falls Dead.

Beaumont: Friday afternoon Volney Pattee, who had been running a printing office in this city for a number of years, fell dead in the office of Dr. Borque. Mr. Pattee called at the office presumably for treatment for some slight ailment and after waiting in the room for about twenty minutes was taken in to the private office. Before being seated he reeled and fell and never regained consciousness.

Brazil's Only Ambassador.

The elevation of Brazil's representative at Washington to ambassadorial rank and the appointment of Don Joaquim Nabuco to that post jointly constitute an incident of much importance. Brazil has no other ambassador abroad. In the regard of that republic and its people the relations of the country with the United States overtop in consequence other foreign connections. The selection of such a man as Senor Nabuco, who is a genuine leader in his own country—an orator and scholar as well as statesman—to be the first ambassador to this country proves a disposition on the part of the Brazilians to seize and signalize the opportunity presented.

Oklahoma-Wichita Falls Line.

Oklahoma City: A telegram received here from G. B. Stone, who is in Chicago is to the effect that he has made arrangements for the funds for the construction of the Texas and Oklahoma Railway from this city to Wichita Falls, Tex. The work of construction will be commenced as soon as terminal arrangements can be made here. The line will cost \$4,500,000. It is said that the Missouri, Kansas and Texas is back of the project.

Worked Out Beforehand.

Each man-of-war is built upon paper before a single plate of steel is forged. Not only are the length and breadth a ship decided upon, but the naval constructor can tell to an ounce how much water she will displace when her armor and guns are mounted upon her, how many times her propellers will revolve in a minute with a given pressure of steam, and how many tons of coal an hour must be consumed to attain a certain rate of speed.

Gorge W. Moore, who for thirty odd years has been a resident of Venus fell dead from heart failure. He was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows orders.

J. Mort Logon, rank examiner who has been employed in Texas a number of years, has temporarily transferred to New York State.

Toronto, Can.: Amid great enthusiasm the report of the eight-hour committee, recommending that an eight-hour day be worked instead of nine, beginning January 1, was adopted by the International Typographical Union Friday. Addresses were delivered by Martin Higgins, president of the Printing Pressman's Union and R. Glocking, president of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders. Both speakers counseled a fight for the eight-hour day.

Thursday night at the Juggling grounds at Bonham Horace McDuffy of Ector was shot in the abdomen with a 38-caliber pistol. He died at 11 o'clock Friday. Kennedy Turner was lodged in jail, charged with the homicide.

A peach tree with three separate varieties of peaches is a wonder to be seen in Denton. The tree is four years old and has never been grafted. The three varieties are to be found on the same branch and all ripen at different times.

Friday afternoon Mrs. J. P. Jones, residing near Venus, while visiting the home of J. T. Meeks was stricken with apoplexy and died within three or four hours. Three weeks ago her husband died with cancer.

The Greenville officers are arresting all idle negroes as fast as they can be apprehended and putting them to work cutting weeds and helping to beautify the city. The negroes who can not so cure positions are leaving town.

Birds Doctor Themselves.

Certain birds seem to possess a remarkable instinct for surgery. The woodcock, the partridge and some others are said to be able to dress their wounds with considerable skill. A naturalist observes that he has shot several woodcocks that were recovering from wounds previously received. In every instance he found the injury neatly dressed with down plucked from the stems of feathers and skillfully arranged over the wound, evidently by the long beak of the bird. In other cases ligatures had been applied to wounded or broken limbs.

Testing Boat Fire Crews.

Steamboat inspectors in New York are making every effort to prevent a repetition of the Slocum disaster of last year. One day last week, without warning, they swooped down on five of the excursion fleet and tested them as to their efficiency in the fire drill. All of the boats were successful in the tests. Fire hose was taken down, the water turned on, life boats lowered and life preservers thrown on deck. The time on each of the boats was five minutes.

The Reason Why.

Drummond, Wis., Aug. 21st (Special)—Whole families in Bayfield County are singing the praises of Dodd's Kidney Pills and the reason why is given in experiences such as that of Mr. T. T. Wold, a well-known citizen here.

"I had such pains in my back that I did not know what to do," says Mr. Wold, "and as I came across an advertisement of Dodd's Kidney Pills, I sent for a box. That one box relieved me of all my pains. My wife also used them and found them just what she needed. I recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills as a sure cure for Backache and other Kidney Troubles."

Backache is one of the earliest symptoms of Kidney Disease. Dodd's Kidney Pills cure it promptly and permanently and prevent it developing into Rheumatism, Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's Disease.

Grave of Patrick Henry.

Inquiry is made now and then as to where Patrick Henry is buried. The orator lies in a quiet grave on the estate in Charlotte county, Virginia, where he formerly lived. Red Hill is the name of the estate, which is on the Staunton river, thirty-eight miles from Lynchburg. When Patrick Henry bought the place it comprised about 2500 acres. One of the nearest neighbors was John Randolph, of Roanoke, fifteen miles away. Red Hill is now owned by Henry's grandson, William Wirt Henry.

The Icon of Russia.

An icon is a holy picture or mosaic, blessed by a priest of the Greek church, and carried by the devout as a talisman to ward off evil. After the icon has been blessed by a priest, it is then regarded not only as an ornament, but as an accessory in the worship of the Greek church. Almost every soldier wears an icon on his bosom, and when he prays he takes out his icon, and, opening it, kneels down before it as if it were an altar. Every Russian regiment has its special icon, which it carries like a banner when the regiment goes into battle.

Togo's Summer Pastime.

During the summer and autumn months Togo's favorite recreations are fishing in the cold swift streams that run down from the mountains and hunting with his dogs. He often comes back loaded with pheasants, rabbits and small deer, which he invariably divides among his poor friends and neighbors.

WRONG SORT

Perhaps Plain Old Meat, Potatoes and Bread may Be Against You for a Time.

A change to the right kind of food can lift one from a sick bed. A lady in Weiden, Ill., says:

"Last Spring I became bed-fast with severe stomach trouble accompanied by sick headache. I got worse and worse until I became so low I could scarcely retain any food at all, although I tried every kind. I had become completely discouraged, had given up all hope and thought I was doomed to starve to death, till one day my husband trying to find something I could retain brought home some Grape-Nuts.

"To my surprise the food agreed with me, digested perfectly and without distress. I began to gain strength at once, my flesh (which had been flabby) grew firmer, my health improved in every way and every day, and in a very few weeks I gained 20 pounds in weight. I liked Grape-Nuts so well that for 4 months I ate no other food, and always felt as well satisfied after eating as if I had sat down to a fine banquet.

"I had no return of the miserable sick stomach nor of the headaches, that I used to have when I ate other food. I am now a well woman, doing all my own work again, and feel that life is worth living.

"Grape-Nuts food has been a god-send to my family; it surely saved my life and my two little boys have thriven on it wonderfully." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. There's a reason. Get the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in each pkg.

ALL DAYS ARE ALIKE SEEMS A STANDSTILL

Old Yellow Jack Held in Leash, but Not Subdued.

New Orleans, Aug. 22.—The report for any day pretty nearly fits any other day now. Mondays usually show an increase because there is more care in reporting than on Sundays.

Following is the official report up to 6 p. m. Monday:

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| New cases | 61 |
| Total to date | 1,446 |
| Deaths | 5 |
| Total deaths | 265 |
| New foci | 16 |
| Total foci | 322 |
| Cases remaining under treatment | 328 |

An analysis of the figures shows that there is no check to the hopeful feelings which have been produced by the small reports for the last few days. There has been a steady but slow diminution of the cases under treatment. The number of foci is misleading also, for it equals the number of cases under treatment. A great many of these foci have been absolutely wiped out, but they still figure in the records and represent every spot in the city where a case of fever has developed.

Of the new points of infection five are in up town, ten down town and one in Algiers, across the river. Of the deaths two took place in the hospital and three in the Emergency Hospital. All but one of the others were down town.

Surgeon White yesterday was willing to give expression to the feeling of hope as he was winning out in the fight. He said:

"I feel very much encouraged over the situation, for I believe that practically all the cases are being reported now and we are able to handle them. The low death rate is manifest, and that is also a good indication."

The situation outside of the city is not so encouraging, judging from the reports which came in last night. Surgeon Gutteras made an inspection of the Riverside plantation, in St. Mary's Parish, and his report reads:

"One hundred and fifty inhabitants in infected barracks. Estimated 100 have had fever. Of these, under treatment fifty-five. Situation admits of few sanitary experiments until material is exhausted. Proper measures taken to avoid infection of the localities around."

At Hanson City, in Jefferson Parish, eight new cases were reported yesterday. Kenner also reports four cases.

The health officer at Iberville reports a number of suspicious cases among Italians on Bayou Pigeon, twenty miles from the town to Plaquemine, on the west bank. The State Board ordered an inspector to investigate.

Two new cases have developed on Elizabeth plantation in Iberville.

St. Bernard Parish reports a new foci of infection among Italians near Corraie, two cases having come to light, with two more suspicious cases.

Two more cases have developed in Pecan Grove, St. John Parish. Patterson reports ten new cases and no deaths.

Want an Election in Bowie.

Texarkana: The prohibitionists of Bowie county are getting up a petition for another prohibition election, and will present the same to the commissioners' court on September 1. A strong effort will be made by business men here to have Texarkana exempted from the election order, but it is not likely they will succeed, as the prohibition leaders express a determination to insist that the election shall be for the entire county.

Merkel is Happy.

Merkel: At a mass meeting of the citizens of Merkel the bonus of \$40,000 for the building of a north and south trunk line railroad, with Merkel as the initial point has been raised and contract signed and William A. Butts, representing Eastern capital assures the people that work will commence immediately. This contract secures the shops and general offices of the company and Merkel is now celebrating in all sorts of ways.

Escaped Only to Be Killed.

Austin: Albert Adams, a negro, was crushed to death in the International and Great Northern yards, but there were no witnesses to the accident. Saturday night he had a fight and was arrested. While on the way to the lock-up he made a dash for liberty and the next seen of him was his mangled body in the yards. It is supposed he was hiding under the cars and fell asleep and the switch engine bumped into the cars, knocking him off.

Nine Persons Were Killed.

Butte, Mont.: The latest reports show that nine persons were killed, one fatally injured and about thirteen more or less injured in the collision between a street car filled with returning merry-makers from Columbia Gardens and a freight train on the Butte, Anaconda and Pacific railway Sunday night. The freight conductor signalled the motorman, but he made an attempt to beat the freight over the crossing.

INDEPENDENT PACKERS TO BUCK THE TRUST.

Big Plants Going up and Others Are Planned.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—The packing companies have organized in Chicago on a big scale to fight the alleged combination of packing interests. With much secrecy the companies have laid their plans to begin operations. They are the Independent Packing Company and the Western Packing and Provision Company.

The men back of the movement are said to be butchers, hotel men, restaurant keepers, etc. The two plants, now nearly completed, are both in the stock yards district. The independent company's \$150,000 packing plant is at West Forty-first and Halsted streets. The Western company's \$300,000 plant is at Morgan and West Thirty-Eighth streets.

The third largest independent plant will be built next summer and will cost more than \$500,000 in itself. The company which will build it is ready to obtain its charter, but will defer action until actual work on the plant begins.

It developed yesterday that the independents, backed by the railroads, by wholesalers and big hotels in many cities, have been taking advantage of the government's attack upon the trust to lay expensive plans. It is expected that the independent movement will soon reach gigantic proportions, as it is intended to utilize all the by-products, the chief source of revenue to the big packers.

The Earth Trembled.

St. Louis, Aug. 22.—An earthquake shock, distinctly felt in St. Louis and vicinity at 11:05 o'clock last night, apparently included the entire central Mississippi Valley, reports being received at midnight from Cairo, Springfield, Bellevue, Richview and other points in Illinois, Memphis, Brownsville and Paris, Tenn., and Paducah and Louisville, Ky.

In all of these places the shock was sufficiently severe to arouse people from their beds and many ran from their homes into the streets in fear that their homes were going to tumble in.

Dishes, windows and doors rattled, pictures fell from the walls, desks, chairs and tables trembled and tall buildings vibrated in a most alarming manner. In some parts of St. Louis and Bellevue the shock was so severe as to throw people off their balance.

At nearly every place a loud rumbling noise is reported to have preceded the shock, while at some points vivid flashes of lightning, unaccompanied by thunder, added to the terror of the observers.

The weather bureau here reports the shock to have been the most severe felt here in years. Newspapers and police telephones were kept jingling for an hour after the shock.

Died from the Heat.

Victoria: Frank Pleaga, a Polisher, formerly living about a mile south of here, was found dead, lying in some weeds near the road, about half way between town and his home Monday morning. He had been missing since Saturday and was last seen on the streets here that afternoon. When found his body was in a bad state of decomposition. The supposition is that he was overcome by heat.

The census bureau has issued a supplemental report on the quantity of cotton ginned from the crop of 1904, showing the total as fixed by the ginners to be 13,093,279 bales, instead of 12,597,782.

Boy Accidentally Killed.

Pittsburg: Clinton Dyke, 16 years old, son of C. A. Dyke, a prominent traveling man, was killed three miles east of town by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. He was alone when the accident occurred and from all appearances was trying to pull his gun into the vehicle in which he was riding when it was discharged, the load taking effect under the right jaw.

In a fight on Black creek, Powell county, Ky., Campbell Anderson was killed and Tom and Cal Morton, brothers, were seriously wounded, while Will Peasley and Tony Plunkett were slightly hurt. The men were in a blind tiger operated by Plunkett when the trouble started.

Mrs. Mary Maples Dodge, poetess, editor of St. Nicholas magazine, and author of several stories for children, died at her summer cottage in Ontario Park, Tannersville, N. Y., Monday.

Andrew Dinwiddie, the negro that a Paris mob nearly mobbed a few days since, mistaking him for the man who attempted a nameless act, has been dismissed, and has gone to his home at Clarksville.

The Christian Church, under construction at Walter, Ok., was blown down and the Baptist Tabernacle where services were being held, was completely demolished. Between Walter and Temple there was quite a fall of hail.

MADE CHANGES IN HYMNAL.

Rev. Charles M. Stuart One of Those Who Revised Methodist Hymns.

Rev. Charles M. Stuart, professor of sacred rhetoric in Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., was secretary to the commission of the Methodist Episcopal church, appointed to revise the hymnal, and had considerable voice in the changes that appear in



REV. CHARLES M. STUART, D.D.

the new hymnal just issued. Dr. Stuart is rated as one of the best hymnologists and literary critics in the country.

SALARY GRAB IN CANADA.

People's Money Cheerfully Divided by Politicians.

The Canadian parliament has just finished a session of more than six months. The last days were devoted in part to a general increase in salaries, which was at first characterized by the opposition as highly creditable, but later, on more mature consideration, was stigmatized as a "salary grab." Heretofore the prime minister of Canada has received \$8,000 per annum in addition to his compensation as a member of parliament. The other ministers received \$7,000 each. The members of the senate and house of commons received no salary, but got a "sessional indemnity" of \$1,500, and 20 cents a mile for traveling expenses.

A few days before the close of the session bills were introduced and passed to give greater compensation. The prime minister is to receive \$12,000 a year, besides his pay as a member. The other ministers are left at the present compensation, except that they get \$1,000 more indemnity. The retroactive feature of the sessional indemnity is liable to adverse comment. It was this which created the greatest uproar over the famous "salary grab" of 1873 in the United States senate. The dominant party in Canada does not appear likely to suffer from these measures, as they were cheerfully supported by the leader of the opposition and seem to have gone through practically without any dissent.—Louisville Courier Journal.

FOE OF YELLOW SCOURGE.

Dr. Kohnke a Tower of Strength in Threatened Epidemic.

One of the most energetic foes of the yellow fever scourge now afflicting New Orleans is Dr. Quintman Kohnke



DR. QUINTMAN KOHNKE

He is the health officer of the city and the presence of the disease in the city was discovered by his department. Since the first case was detected in Decatur street, Dr. Kohnke has been alert and unceasing in his efforts to stop the spread of the epidemic.

Sergius Witte a Handsome Man.

Sergius Witte, the czar's plenipotentiary in the peace conference to be held at Portsmouth, N. H., is said to be the handsomest of Russia's notable men; indeed, he is thought to resemble the magnificent Alexander III., father of the present czar. He is a very large man and remarkably well proportioned. As straight as an arrow, he carries himself with a consciousness of his superiority that is most irritating to a good many people in Russia and is overwhelmingly oppressive to the masses.—Chicago Chronicle.

Was Safe as Church Property.

Major Marks, formerly a leading politician of Florida, and now a promoter of big enterprises in New York, told this the other day: "My father was a deacon of his church at Columbus, Ga., and it was his duty to take up the collection. One Sunday a sport put a \$5 gold piece in the plate, whispering as he did so: 'Major, I won that at poker last night, and you are welcome to it.' My father replied: 'I am much obliged to you, Tobo; now you can go on and bet that nobody will ever win it from the church.'"

INTO BROADENED SPHERE CZAR ISSUES MANIFESTO.

Purposes of Nicholas Announced to the People.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 29.—Russia's National representatives assembly, the fruit of decades of stress and striving for reform, which endows the Russian people with the right of being consulted through their chosen representatives in the suggestion, preparation and repeal of legislation, yesterday took place among the fundamental institutions of the empire.

In a solemn manifesto Emperor Nicholas announced to his subjects the fruition of his plans summoning the representatives of the people as outlined by him in a rescript issued March 3, last, and fixed the date for the first convocation as mid-January and in a message addressed to the senate, formally orders that body to register as the imperial will a law project for mitigating the nature, powers and procedure of the new governmental organization.

The manifesto, whose project are published in special editions of the Official Messenger in St. Petersburg and Moscow. They will be given out for publication at noon to all the newspapers throughout the empire, many of which are preparing to issue extra editions to signalize a momentous historical event overshadowing in its importance the liberation of the serfs in 1861.

The date of the occasion has been nappily chosen with due regard to the political symbolism so dear to the Russian heart, for on this day is celebrated the great religious feast of the transfiguration of Christ, with the bringing to the church of the first fruits of the new harvest.

The national assembly will be a consultative organization in connection with the councils of the empire, and not a legislative body. The powers of the emperor remain theoretically absolute. As the emperor is the supreme law giver and autocrat, the decisions of the Duma have only a recommendatory and not a binding force, though the rejection of the legislative measure by a two-thirds majority of both houses is sufficient to prevent the measure from becoming a law.

The representatives of the people will not only have the right to be heard on any legislation proposed by the government, but also can voice their desires on new laws and will have the right to exert a certain supervision over budgetary expenditures.

Nervous Diseases Declining.

New York: An examination of the health records of New York, prompted by statistics recently compiled by the Chicago health department, shows that there was a remarkable decrease in deaths from nervous troubles in this city since 1870. While other ailments such as heart failure, Bright's disease and consumption have been gaining ground.

A Crazy Man's Terrible Act.

Pueblo, Colo.: Frank Ward, foreman of the yard gang of the Pueblo steel works, has caused the death of his daughter, Frances, aged sixteen, by forcing her to swallow a quantity of poison and then committed suicide by using the same poison. Neighbors said Ward had been drinking heavily, and had threatened to kill himself and girl. Ward was a widower.

The fruit growers of Fruitland, Montague County, have shipped out their first car of apples. The car was consigned to Waxahachie parties. The late apple crop will be good.

Markham Rice Mill Burned.

Markham, Tex.: The Markham rice mill was destroyed by fire Friday. There being no adequate fire protection either in the town or at the mill the building and contents were soon consumed. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. Insurance was carried, but just how much can not be told at this time. C. N. Robertson is the president of the company, owning the mill and Mr. Carver the manager. The origin of the fire is not known.

At a meeting of the Bowle Commercial club it was decided to have a fair and stock show here this fall. The dates agreed upon are Nov. 8 to 11, inclusive. The business interests are behind the enterprise.

The three days' reunion of the Confederate veterans and old settlers of Hill County closed Thursday, after a splendid time. John P. Cox was re-elected commander and D. C. Worrell, adjutant.

Thomas W. Harris, a prominent business man of Dallas, is dead in that city. The deceased was president of the Standard Guaranty and Trust Co., which has offices in the Scollard building in Dallas, and a branch at Washington, D. C.

Friday afternoon Hon. Daniel Moody ex-mayor of St. Taylor, was attacked by a vicious Jersey bull, sustaining a broken rib and other painful injuries.

Buried Secrets Unearthed.

New York: Subterranean passages leading from a secret staircase to stone vaulted chambers beneath the old Tilden mansion in Gramercy Park, have been brought to light by the contractors engaged in tearing out and remodeling the structure, which is now under course of transformation into a home for the National Arts Club. Many other peculiarities exist in the mansion which must have been the conception of Samuel J. Tilden himself, and which have remained undiscovered up to the present day, although the famous old dwelling has housed many tenants since his removal to Greystone in 1875, where he died in August, 1886.

There is a legend among the old time residents of the neighborhood that Tilden, who roused a host of enemies by the part he took in the exposure of the Tweed ring, had a fear of secret assassination and built his house accordingly.

Beaumont Printer Falls Dead.

Beaumont: Friday afternoon Volney Pattee, who had been running a printing office in this city for a number of years, fell dead in the office of Dr. Borque. Mr. Pattee called at the office presumably for treatment for some slight ailment and after waiting in the room for about twenty minutes was taken in to the private office. Before being seated he reeled and fell and never regained consciousness.

Brazil's Only Ambassador.

The elevation of Brazil's representative at Washington to ambassadorial rank and the appointment of Don Joaquin Nabuco to that post jointly constitute an incident of much importance. Brazil has no other ambassador abroad. In the regard of that republic and its people the relations of the country with the United States overtop in consequence other foreign connections. The selection of such a man as Senor Nabuco, who is a genuine leader in his own country—an orator and scholar as well as statesman—to be the first ambassador to this country proves a disposition on the part of the Brazilians to seize and signalize the opportunity presented.

Oklahoma-Wichita Falls Line.

Oklahoma City: A telegram received here from G. B. Stone, who is in Chicago is to the effect that he has made arrangements for the funds for the construction of the Texas and Oklahoma Railway from this city to Wichita Falls, Tex. The work of construction will be commenced as soon as terminal arrangements can be made here. The line will cost \$4,500,000. It is said that the Missouri, Kansas and Texas is back of the project.

Worked Out Beforehand.

Each man-of-war is built upon paper before a single plate of steel is forged. Not only are the length and breadth a ship decided upon, but the naval constructor can tell to an ounce how much water she will displace when her armor and guns are mounted upon her, how many times her propellers will revolve in a minute with a given pressure of steam, and how many tons of coal an hour must be consumed to attain a certain rate of speed.

Gorge W. Moore, who for thirty odd years has been a resident of Venus (fell dead from heart failure. He was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows orders.

J. Mort Logon, zank examiner who has been employed in Texas a number of years, has temporarily transferred to New York State.

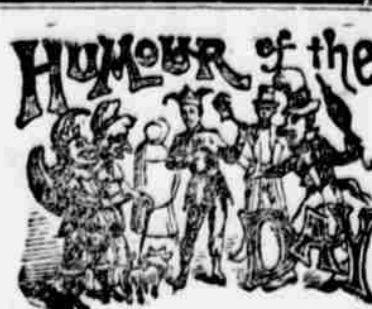
Toronto, Can.: Amid great enthusiasm the report of the eight-hour committee, recommending that an eight-hour day be worked instead of nine, beginning January 1, was adopted by the International Typographical Union Friday. Addresses were delivered by Martin Higgins, president of the Printing Pressman's Union and R. Gockling, president of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders. Both speakers counseled a fight for the eight-hour day.

Thursday night at the logrolling grounds at Bonham Horace McDuffy of Ector was shot in the abdomen with a .38-caliber pistol. He died at 11 o'clock Friday. Kennedy Turner was lodged in jail, charged with the homicide.

A peach tree with three separate varieties of peaches is a wonder to be seen in Denton. The tree is four years old and has never been granted. The three varieties are to be found on the same branch and all ripen at different times.

Friday afternoon Mrs. J. P. Jones, residing near Venus, while visiting the home of J. T. Meeks was stricken with apoplexy and died within three or four hours. Three weeks ago her husband died with cancer.

The Greenville officers are arresting all idle negroes as fast as they can be apprehended and putting them to work cutting weeds and helping to beautify the city. The negroes who can not secure positions are leaving town.



Humour of the Week

No More Need of Tears.
Young Man (to editor)—Here is a little poem of a pathetic nature, sir. I showed it to my mother, and she actually cried over it.

Editor (after reading the poem)—You say your mother cried?

Young Man—Yes, sir.

Editor—Well, you go home and promise your mother never to write any more poetry, and I think the old lady will dry her eyes.

A Land of Nature.

"Are you fond of nature, sir?" inquired the man in the smoking car of his new acquaintance.

"I certainly am," replied the stranger. "There is no man I love as I do the farmer."

"And may I inquire your business?" the first man queried.

"You may," replied the stranger. "I'm the sole proprietor of a get-rich-scheme-through-the-mails concern."

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Strong Hint.



He—What does it mean? Last night I dreamed I proposed to you.

She—Well, I think it means that you have more sense asleep than awake.—Brooklyn Citizen.

Busy.

And dreams, said the Shakespearean actor, with a graceful gesture, "are but the children of an idle brain."

"Oidle the devil!" muttered the man in the balcony. "From the time I went to slape at tin o'clock last night till I woke up this mornin' I didn't do wam down thing but carry th' hod!"

—Detroit Tribune.

His Observation.

"Now, Tommy, remember," Tommy's mother cautioned him. "You know where bad little boys go—"

"Yes," interrupted Tommy, who had been told he must stay at home, "they go fishin' an' swimmin' an' have a general good time."—Philadelphia Record.

Her Opinion of Mamma.

"You should not complain, my child, about our school hours," said the mother. "Why, when I was a little girl I spent several more hours a day in school than you do."

"I know, mamma," replied the little thing; "but I suppose you were kept in for being naughty."

Feminine Intuition.

"A woman should know without asking whether her husband is happy," said the model wife.

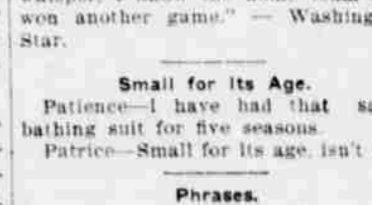
"I can tell," answered young Mrs. Torbins. "When Charley comes home late to dinner and can't speak above a whisper, I know the home team has won another game."—Washington Star.

Small for Its Age.

Patience—I have had that same bathing suit for five seasons.

Patrice—Small for its age, isn't it?

Phrases.



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HASKELL, TEXAS, Aug. 26, 1905.

BOOKER WASHINGTON'S FALL.

When Booker Washington attended to the temptation to give up with the family in a white dress of some distinction, as their social equal, he stepped off the high pedestal upon which the people of the South had placed him in their regard as a beacon light leading the race to higher social, educational and industrial standards. In a simpler form than is exhibited by the more illustrious and brilliant men, he demonstrated to the fact that it is surprising to see an Englishman for assimilation with the superior race. He should place his own name or name of knowledge in the penmanship and influence of his own upon the masses of his race, the words of his own tongue to them at Washington and when where another time of being fully cognizant of the harmful influence of such examples.

The South had hoped of direct good to come from Washington's teachings and leadership in his race and it views his last step with genuine regret and concern. For fifty years the South has been with the negro with vastly more patience and rendered him vastly more substantial than it has received credit for either from the negro or from his pointed tongue in the North, who have been after mentally and morally unable to grasp the racial question, or from a petty spirit of meanness, have found pleasure in humiliating and soiling their brethren of the South.

It was beginning to be hoped that a little heaven was being started into the face in the personality of Booker Washington and a few other negroes of advanced education and morals, but it is to be feared—and by the assistance of political tools in the North—the South must and will tighten the color line and defend it at any cost. If it cannot be done in peace, it will be done. The southern white man is unalterably determined to maintain the integrity, purity and supremacy of the white race.

'Hah for Minnisky!
'Hah for Haskell!

'Hah for Anson!
'Hah for Abilene!

'Hah for the Haskell railroad committee they do things!

Haskell people made no mistake in selecting their railroad committee.

It was a long, hard fight but the Haskell Railroad committee won and Haskell gets a railroad.

The naming of an Alaska town after Vice President Fairbanks is considered very appropriate.

Some people who would raise the neighborhood if the dog were missing at night are not at all concerned as to where their children may be. If it were not so, there would be less grist for the criminal courts and fewer occupants for the penitentiaries.

A contemporary remarks that "no man who is ashamed to act as motor to a baby carriage has any business to butt into the matrimonial game." And it may with greater force be added that no man or woman who lacks the intelligence and moral force to instill into the youngster after it passes the carriage period principles of moral rectitude has any right to become a parent. A morally uneducated human being is as great a menace and danger to society as a rudderless ship adrift upon the ocean is to all other craft upon the sea.

IT'S A CINCH NOW.

Contracts Signed and Delivered Thursday

FOR A RAILROAD TO HASKELL.

Trains Probably Will Run Into Haskell Before Christmas.

The Haskell Railroad committee returned Thursday evening triumphant, having adjusted various matters that seriously threatened to defeat the building of the railroad from Abilene northward through this place, and with the committees from Munday, Anson and Abilene signed the final contracts with Major Boardley for the building of the road. There is no chance for a slip this time.

We haven't space to give particulars in this issue, but will say that it is expected that trains will be running into Haskell before Christmas.

Three cheers for the Haskell Railroad committee and those who stood bravely with them.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE HASKELL NATIONAL BANK.

Compared from Reports to the Comptroller of the Currency.

| | JUNE 30, 1904 | MAY 31, 1905 |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Loans and Discounts | \$126,323.98 | \$135,386.60 |
| Deposits | 89,253.44 | 110,208.85 |
| Available Cash | 34,056.50 | 47,409.97 |

The increase in deposits of \$21,000.00 shows a healthy growth of the country and the Bank. We ask a continuation of the confidence of our patrons.

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TERRELLS STORE.

To Our Friends and the Public Generally:

For the past three months, with the assistance of about a dozen competent millwrights, we have been engaged in re-building our mill and now have the job completed. The capacity has been increased, and by the addition of a large amount of new and latest improved machinery, we are in a position to turn out a product that cannot be excelled by that of any mill in the state. In order to merit your patronage, we have spared no expense necessary to make our plant up-to-date in every particular and shall hope to have your support and good-will, thoroughly understanding that in getting your business and holding it, we can give no less than "VALUE RECEIVED" which we will certainly do.

Give us a chance to show you that we can furnish you a grade of flour which is just as good or better than you have been using and at as low or lower price, and if we cannot do so, we do not ask you to buy it. GIVE US A TRIAL AND WE WILL PLEASE YOU.

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THE HOME CIRCLE.

Organized to protect families in case of death. The Haskell County Home Circle Society of Texas, No. 121, was organized June 29th, 1905, at Haskell, Texas, by S. G. Castles of Anson, Texas, with 25 signers to charter list, the following officers were duly elected: R. E. Sherrill, president; R. C. Montgomery, vice-president; J. W. Meadors, secretary; W. E. Sherrill, Treasurer. Trustees, Jno. B. Baker, D. B. English and W. L. Hills. The Home Circle is a fraternal insurance society, with a cash fund in a home bank, created for immediate relief among our home people in case of death, a Texas institution chartered by the State of Texas, the 10th of July 1900, for fifty years. Each council is limited to 750 members, male and female, and the insurance not to exceed \$750.00. Death claims can be paid in two hours; one was paid in Cuero, Texas, in 20 minutes. Age limit 18 to 60 years, but applicant must be 18 to 60 years, and applicant must be in good health. It costs \$3.25 to join the Home Circle, which amount includes the first death assessment of \$1.00, and then no more until there is a death in your council. The annual dues cannot exceed 85 cents per year; dues will be collected with first death each year, but if no death comes to a council during any calendar year, no dues will be collected that year. The Secretary, Treasurer, Organizer and Local Solicitors are under good bonds and the beneficiary money is on deposit in the Farmers' National Bank of Haskell, Texas.

The Home Circle of Texas has made a record of which we are proud, it is nearly five years old and has 121 councils, with 25,000 members in Texas. We had only 201 deaths during the year of 1904 and paid to the beneficiaries of our deceased members \$88,341.00 and nearly all of it before we buried our dead, the average cost to each member in Texas in 1904 was 31 cents per month or \$3.72 per year. In the Home Circle we help each other; 750 men and women agree to stand by each other's families in death, to help the grief-stricken and bereft to the amount of \$1.00 each. Reader, this applies to you, we entreat every one to join the Haskell County Circle at once and thus help to build up an institution in your midst beneficial to the community by keeping your money at home and giving immediate relief in case of death, at the time most needed. Render, sickness and death is in the land, your loved ones are looking to you for protection; now is the time to join and induce your friends to do likewise; give your application now, tomorrow may be too late, procrastination is the thief of time.

Husbands, give your wife's application and make the protection mutual. I hope to be able to fill this Circle to 750 members in the next 90 days. The following named persons are duly authorized solicitors: Jno. B. Baker, J. W. Meadors and S. R. Ramsey. Fraternally,

S. G. CASTLES,
State Organizer.

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THANKS.

I am authorized by the Farmers' Union to say to the Odd Fellows and Woodmen that we are under lasting obligation to them for the use of their hall on the day of the barbecue as a resting place for the women and children, as also to the thoughtful ladies through whose suggestion it was tendered.

Owing to the short time for preparation our committees did not have time to provide for shade and seats, hence the use of the conveniently located hall was most acceptable.

We hope at an early day to see our town better fixed to accommodate such gatherings. A good man told me a few days ago that he expected soon to move to Haskell with the intention of buying land and establishing a park and pavilion for picnics and as a general pleasure resort. We wish him haste and success.

Respectfully,

G. J. MILLER.

They Appeal To Our Sympathies.

The bilious and dyspeptic are constant sufferers and appeal to our sympathies. There is not one of them, however, who may not be brought back to health and happiness by the use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. These tablets invigorate the stomach and liver and strengthen the digestion. They also regulate the bowels. For sale at Terrell's drug store.

SELECT SEED WHEAT.

The small grain farmers of many black land counties lost a valuable wheat and oat crop this season, because of weather damage in the shock. Many feel discouraged and will plant less wheat than last fall. This is not the time to quit wheat. There cannot be a surplus of wheat on the world's market at the end of one year. Plant

more wheat. Select clean, full berries for planting.

Seed wheat should weigh at least sixty pounds per struck bushel—62 pounds is better. After passing 58 pounds per bushel, seed wheat will yield two more bushels per acre for every additional pound, on land capable of growing 16 bushels. This is a matter of test. It cannot be successfully denied. Grain growers should be especially careful in this matter just now. The wheat raisers of Oklahoma have formed numerous associations to bring in good seed wheat this season. They are ordering Red Turkey in large quantities. It is time that all our people were equally wide awake to the importance of this matter.—Farm and Ranch.

WANTED: Young Men and Women to Learn Telegraphy.

The demand for operators is rapidly increasing both in R. R. and Commercial work. For the past twelve months the supply of operators has not been equal to the demand. We have had far more calls for our graduates than we could supply. This line of work pays well and positions are insured.

The time required by the average student to complete the course with us is only four months. The cost of tuition is \$40; books and material \$5. Board and lodging from \$10 to \$12.50 per month—a total cost of about \$60. Your first two months salary would more than repay for the entire expenditure in taking the course. For full particulars of the best school of Telegraphy in the south, address Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

We also have excellent departments of bookkeeping, business training, shorthand and typewriting.

A new line of groceries just received and more to come. Call and get lowest prices. G. E. Ballou.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Fresh barrel pickles at Williams'.

Mr. J. M. Patton and family of the east side visited in town Tuesday.

Capt. W. W. Fields went to Fort Worth Wednesday.

Mr. A. M. Carothers has had his name enrolled on our subscription list.

Mr. J. H. Short has ordered the FREE PRESS sent to Mr. Andrew Segov of Oenaville, Texas.

Mr. J. B. Jones of Waco, son-in-law of Mr. J. H. Short, has moved to Haskell county.

For promptness of delivery of goods, remember phone No. 9 leads.

Call at Donohoo's for fresh bread, light rolls and cakes.

Mr. Walter McWhirter was up from Galveston this week on a visit to his parents.

For sorghum and millet seed see W. W. Fields & Bro.

Mr. A. J. Brown is a new subscriber to the FREE PRESS.

Mr. W. J. Power of Sagerton has subscribed for the FREE PRESS.

Keep your eye on Williams—always something new.

Dr. S. L. Post and family have moved to Mineral Wells.

Mr. W. F. Rupe made a trip to Mineral Wells this week.

Get a cooked roast for dinner at the Marsh & Brooks market.

Capt. W. E. Rayner of Stamford had business in our city Wednesday.

Miss Everett Gilbert has returned from a visit to relatives in New Mexico.

See W. H. Parsons for watches, clocks and jewelry. Repairing a specialty.

Well seasoned, juicy roasts, hot and ready for dinner, at Marsh & Brooks.

Mr. J. A. Kemp's name went on our subscription list this week.

Mr. George Bowman and Mr. Lee Fiser of Falls county are visiting Mr. J. T. Bowman of this county.

I have put in a Hubbard portable oven and will bake daily, bread, pies, cakes and light rolls. S. C. Donohoo.

Mr. W. T. Hudson made a large shipment of cattle to Fort Worth this week.

Mr. Frank Glascock of Galveston was here this week on a visit to his sister, Mrs. T. P. Brooks, and his many old friends in Haskell.

When in need of groceries remember phone No. 9—always fresh.

Mr. T. A. Norris has moved back to Haskell from Clairmont, where he removed with his family about a year ago.

A fishing party composed of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Scott, Rev. J. H. Chambliss and family, Alvy and Miss Florence Couch and Clarence Parker went out on Paint creek Wednesday to spend a few days catching fish and chigoes.

Mr. H. S. Post has purchased Dr. Post's residence and moved into it.

It will pay you to call at Williams' when in town.

Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth and children left Wednesday for their home at Childress.

Mr. Guest Whitaker and wife left Tuesday for their home at Weatherford.

Barrel pickles, both sour and sweet, 1905 pack, at Williams'.

Mr. E. A. Johnson has subscribed for the FREE PRESS but we neglected to get his post office address and if this comes to his knowledge we hope he will inform us by postal or otherwise so that we can send his paper.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Knowles returned the latter part of last week from a visit to the family of Mr. F. W. Park, son of Mrs. Knowles, in Borden county.

Mr. Clay Park has his new residence on the east side about completed, and it is one of the prettiest cottages in the town.

Mrs. S. L. Yates and children of Kempner, Lampassas county, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McWhirter, this week.

Mr. L. D. Milam was in town the other day and said that the FREE PRESS he is sending to his brother in Arkansas is doing some good missionary work.

Mrs. E. L. Ridling and children of the Pleasant Valley community are visiting at Kilsen, Bell county.

Mr. A. E. Parker of Dallas and Miss Cora Edge, daughter of Mr. Warner Edge, were married last week at the home of the bride at Marcy, in this county.

Mr. B. W. Herren has ordered the FREE PRESS sent to his old friend, Mrs. Terry Hodges, of Blooming Grove Texas.

Mr. T. A. Pinkerton left Tuesday for Louisville, Ky., to take another course of lectures on dentistry.

Mrs. J. W. Middleton, nee Miss Millie Massie, formerly of this place, now of Pecos, Tex., is visiting Mrs. E. D. English and other friends here.

Mr. I. M. Fowler of the Marcy country was in the county capital Wednesday.

If you are going to have to buy feed in any quantity, be sure to see us before buying. We will carry a full line of feed stuffs and make you very close prices. W. W. Fields & Bro.

Mr. Howard Stanley has returned from a visit to his mother at Union Grove, Ala., who had been very sick. He left her much improved.

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Mr. Albert Glenn and wife of Winters, Texas, are visiting Mr. G. J. Miller, who is Mrs. Glenn's uncle.

Mr. Wat Fitzgerald and family and Miss Glennie Russell went out Monday to spend the week on their Paint creek ranch and eat fish. Later Misses Lizzie Wright and Alice Poole joined them.

I will sew during the coming season, at my home north of the school building, and solicit your patronage.

Miss Lizze Mason of San Antonio was here the early part of this week looking after some property interests she has here.

Messrs Ab Stephens and Jas. Partidge and sons Emmett and Roseoe passed through Haskell Wednesday with lumber with which to build a school house in the Gillespie neighborhood. The building is to be 24x36, two stories high.

Mr. R. M. C. Clay of the northwest part of the county, who was in town Wednesday, stated that the hot weather had about destroyed the boll worms.

See us before you buy your groceries; we think we can save you money. Our stock will be full and complete at all times. W. W. Fields & Bro.

Mr. Geo. Comegys and wife and Mr. Courtney Hunt of Merkel came over Sunday in an automobile on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hunt. The auto was the first to visit our town and hence was something of a curiosity to quite a number of persons. Mr. Comegys delighted many of the youngsters by taking them for short rides. The party returned home Tuesday.

A little forethought may save you no end of trouble. Any one who makes it a rule to keep Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand knows this to be a fact. For sale at Terrells Drug store.

Mr. G. J. Miller, who returned Wednesday evening from a trip to Abilene, tells us that the roads through Jones county are graded and in better fix than the roads of this county, but the crops are not so good, being best in the shinnery below Anson, but even there they seemed to be suffering for rain. He said he found most of the Abilene people enthusiastic in regard to the Beardsley railroad, but at Stamford most of them seemed to be desperately in earnest serving Mr. Swenson.

Sick headache results from a disordered condition of the stomach and is cured by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by C. E. Terrell.

NOTICE TO BANKERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Haskell county will meet at the court house of said county at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 15th day of September, A. D. 1905, to receive sealed proposals from any banking incorporation, association, or individual banker of said county, as the depository of the funds of said Haskell county. All such bids or proposals shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one per cent. of the county's revenue for the year 1904, which was about \$20,000.00, as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder and that if his bid shall be accepted he will enter into a bond as provided by law. The depository so selected, if any, shall be the depository of said county's funds until the February term 1907 of the Commissioners' court of said county.

The Commissioners' court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Given under my hand officially, this 2nd day of August, 1905.

OSCAR E. OATES,
County Judge, Haskell Co., Texas.

Mr. R. H. Adams of Falls county is visiting his brother, Mr. E. A. Adams of the Marcy community.

Messrs J. H. Lewis and G. W. Wilkinson of Falls county are prospecting in Haskell county.

Alexander Mercantile Company

Wish to announce to the trade that their Fall stock is now arriving and will be very complete.

We are well pleased at the general run of prices we secured our goods at. There was a sharp advance in prices in several lines while our buyer was in the market, but luckily for us and our customers--for they shall share in the advantage--he had covered most lines before the advance occurred.

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Our junior editor was pleased to meet Mr. Herman Bland the other day, who has become a citizen of Haskell county, residing in the south side, and whom he had not seen for about twenty-two years. He had us send the FREE PRESS to his father in Ellis county.

Mr. T. W. Fleunken of the Cliff community is a new subscriber on our list.

Mr. O. P. Howard will be a reader of the FREE PRESS in future.

Mr. E. L. Ridling is having the FREE PRESS sent to Mr. J. A. Ridling of Seattle, Texas.

Messrs George and Rufus Clay of the northwest part of the county were doing business in town Wednesday.

Mrs. J. J. Fulton of Chilton, Falls county, sister of Mr. N. C. Smith, and Mrs. W. A. Smith of Gorman, his sister-in-law, visited his family a few days this week.

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**A. M. CAROTHERS,
Marcy, Texas.**

Prof. B. C. Dyess of Waxahachie has been employed to teach the public school at Pinkerton, which is one of the largest schools in the county outside of Haskell.

Prof. Dyess was a caller at the FREE PRESS office the other day and we learned that he would remain here until his school begins, Nov. 1st.

Mr. L. W. Post has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Waples-Platter Grocery Co. of Fort Worth. Haskell is in the territory assigned to him, so that his friends here will get an occasional sight of him.

THE COUNTRY OF THE MASAI

Twenty-four years ago a missionary in East Africa wrote that a half century might elapse before the country between Mount Kilimanjaro and Victoria Nyansa was explored. The Masai nomads, herders and warriors, permitted no intrusion on their wild plains. Native traders dared not cross the Masai country, and no explorer would be reckless enough to enter it.

No news of the past year has been more significant of the stupendous changes occurring in Africa than the cablegram the other day announcing that all the Masai, the most famous of tropical African peoples, will soon be living on reservations like the Indian wards of our country. The chiefs and their people have given their consent. They have signed a treaty with the British in which they defined the boundaries of two large reservations, one in the northern and the other in the southern part of Masailand. They have agreed to remove to these reserves with their cattle, to be governed by two British administrators who, with their constabulary, are to preserve order and keep out burglars.

No one would have dreamed twenty years ago that this was to be the future of the proud and formidable Masai. They are not negroes, and for centuries they have kept their race practically pure. They are of Semitic origin, and ages ago they probably fought their way from Arabia or some neighboring part of Asia through the African tribes to their present habitat. They are stalwart and handsome physically, with long and narrow faces, superb carriage and haughty bearing, the result, perhaps, of their invariable success in war with the tribes bordering their land. Leading the life of nomads and warriors, they have excelled in both pursuits. They have looked upon persons as the greatest blessing and have never owned a slave.

Two Masai were recently in the employ of the German sociologist Schillings, and when they went with him to the coast to receive their pay, in ripses for fifteen months' services, they used the money to buy the freedom of a middle-aged woman living near Mombasa, a member of their own clan of the Masai. "No Masai," they said, "should ever be a slave."

One of the most brilliant achievements of African explorers was the

discovery of the Masai. He had five weeks, he was skilled in sleight of hand, and most wonderful of all, he could take out his teeth and put them back again! The most remarkable magician the Masai ever saw had never done this. They let him pass because he was a great wonder worker and a good fellow.

It was the rifle of the white pioneers that finally opened their

NAVAL VETERAN IS DEAD.

Rear Admiral Benham Succumbs at Age of 73.

News has been received at Washington of the death at 73 of Rear Admiral Andrew K. Benham, retired, at the age of 73. He was a member of the Sibley court of inquiry, in 1847 Rear Admiral Benham, who was then a junior member



The Late Admiral Benham.

of the East India squadron was wounded in the capture of practical Japanese junk. He was in the home squadron in 1851, an instructor at the Naval academy in 1853, a passed midshipman in 1853 and a commander in 1864. During the civil war he served in the south Atlantic and western gulf blockading squadrons and took part in the battle of Fort Royal and other important engagements. During the Spanish-American war he was prize commissioner, stationed at Savannah,

country. Their spears were no match for the weapon that could kill a man a mile away. They had met the first intruders whom they could not conquer and close behind the white man came a cattle plague that had never heard of before. Hindmost wiped out nearly all of their herds, their only food resource. They had never tilled the soil, and now they perished by tens of thousands. It is believed that about 100,000 of them are still alive, but they are broken and humbled in spirit, and are turning to agriculture, for they will never again place their sole dependence upon cattle.

They are born children of the steppe, and there they will remain. Schillings tells of a Masai who walked one day up to a nest of bees, thrust his naked arm into it and brought out piece after piece of yellow honeycomb, which he distributed among the white man's carriers.

"Why did the bees not sting you?" the astonished porters asked.

"Your work is to carry loads," he answered. "But my home is the steppe, and it is mine to enjoy all I find in it. The bees sting you, but they love me."

Many men, including some of the leading German travelers, have made a careful study of the Masai in the past few years, and few of the tribes of Africa have so many friends to-day among the writers on that continent as this interesting people, who were so dreaded only a few years ago that their country remained unknown long after every other route to the great central lakes had been explored. The most authoritative work on them is "Die Masai," written by Mr. Merkes and published in Germany last year. After losing nearly all that was of value to them as property, they have finally relinquished, apparently without much regret, the greater part of the land where they were once supreme. But in spite of the shortcomings which they have in common with other barbarous peoples, they have the good opinion and friendship of those who know them best.

"If I were not myself," wrote an official in German East Africa, early this year, "I should like to be a Masai of the golden time before their afflictions of recent years."

It is hoped that the Masai may prosper under the new conditions and justify the expectation that they will attain a considerable degree of development in the new role of farmers attached to the soil they till.

All Had Their Preferences.

It is reported that on a recent occasion when Arthur Balfour, Joseph Chamberlain, Lord Charles Berosford and the Japanese minister were dining out together Mr. Balfour, who was standing treat, asked Mr. Chamberlain what he would have. "Thanks, I'll take Scotch, Arthur," was the response. "And what will you take, Lord Charles?" "I'll take Irish, Arthur." "And what will you take?" addressing the Japanese minister. "I'll take Port Arthur, thanks," was the answer.

A Distinguished Parent.

"They had given the cantata of 'Belshazzar' in our town with local talent to raise money for the church," said the Sunday school teacher.

"The following Sunday I thought I would take the opportunity, while the matter was fresh in their minds, to round my class on the Bible story. After I finished I started to examine them on what I had told them.

"Who was Belshazzar?" I inquired.

"Instantly an eager little voice burst out: 'He was my father.'"

DODGE TAXES ON BILLIONS.

Railroads Valued at \$11,244,852,000 Pay Little, Census Shows.

According to a bulletin of the Census Bureau, the commercial value of the railroad property in the United States is \$11,244,852,000, distributed among the various states as follows:

Alabama, \$156,211,000; Alaska, \$100,000; Arizona, \$68,356,000; Arkansas, \$124,626,000; California, \$35,694,000; Colorado, \$198,261,000; Connecticut, \$105,269,000; Delaware, \$17,285,000; District of Columbia, \$5,378,000; Florida, \$80,467,000; Georgia, \$156,603,000; Idaho, \$91,877,000; Illinois, \$805,957,000; Indiana Territory, \$79,095,000; Indiana, \$375,541,000; Iowa, \$344,847,000; Kansas, \$356,356,000; Kentucky, \$155,772,000; Louisiana, \$125,401,000; Maine, \$80,146,000; Maryland, \$122,342,000; Massachusetts, \$260,662,000; Michigan, \$277,507,000; Minnesota, \$166,754,000; Mississippi, \$107,881,000; Missouri, \$309,768,000; Montana, \$196,209,000; Nebraska, \$261,170,000; Nevada, \$45,745,000; New Hampshire, \$79,786,000; New Jersey, \$332,568,000; New Mexico, \$80,400,000; New York, \$898,222,000; North Carolina, \$113,146,000; North Dakota, \$123,390,000; Ohio, \$689,797,000; Oklahoma, \$78,668,000; Oregon, \$75,661,000; Pennsylvania, \$1,420,608,000; Rhode Island, \$25,719,000; South Carolina, \$75,500,000; South Dakota, \$19,646,000; Tennessee, \$131,166,000; Texas, \$237,718,000; Utah, \$90,225,000; Vermont, \$37,311,000; Virginia, \$211,315,000; Washington, \$182,837,000; West Virginia, \$201,759,000; Wisconsin, \$284,519,000; Wyoming, \$100,267,000.

The percentage of tax valuation compared with the commercial value is given for the various states as follows:

Alabama, 25.9; Alaska, —; Arizona, 9.7; Arkansas, 27.8; California, 26.3; Colorado, 25; Connecticut, 14.4; Delaware, —; District of Columbia, 44.6; Florida, 27.1; Georgia, 40.3; Idaho, 11; Illinois, 63.8; Indiana Territory, —; Indiana, 44.3; Iowa, 16.7; Kansas, 16.9; Kentucky, 49.9; Louisiana, 28.9; Maine, —; Maryland, —; Massachusetts, —; Michigan, 70.9; Minnesota, —; Mississippi, 27.7; Missouri, 31.6; Montana, 18.7; Nebraska, 18.5; Nevada, 31.5; New Hampshire, 28.3; New Jersey, 69.5; New Mexico, 9.9; North Dakota, 18; Ohio, 19.4; Oklahoma, 15.3; Oregon, —; Pennsylvania, —; Rhode Island, 61.5; South Carolina, 36; South Dakota, 28.9; Tennessee, 46.9; Texas, 40; Utah, 22.9; Vermont, 73.3; Virginia, 37.7; Washington, 14.3; West Virginia, 14.2; Wisconsin, 76.6; Wyoming, 7.5.

The valuation given does not include the value of Pullman cars or private cars. The value of this equipment, independent of the commercial use to which it is put, is estimated as follows:

Pullman cars, \$51,000,000; private cars, \$72,000,000.

The publication is intended to show the estimate placed upon the railroads for business purposes, and it purports to give their market value rather than the tax valuations. In a note it is explained that "The value submitted was determined, not with a view to discovering a proper purchase price for the railroads of the United States, nor as a basis for taxing these railway properties, but as one step in ascertaining for the Census Bureau the total wealth of the United States."

LEADS MEN OF SWEDEN.

Christian Lundberg Looked To in the Present Crisis.

Christian Lundberg, the new Swedish premier, whose official title is min-



CHRISTIAN LUNDBERG

ister of state, and who will direct Sweden's course with regard to the secession of Norway, is the conservative leader, but recently has favored moderate reforms. He is a wealthy manufacturer, and has been a member of the upper house of the riksdag since 1885. Mr. Lundberg was, until his accession to the cabinet, chairman of the committee on state affairs, the most influential parliamentary post in Sweden. He is a shrewd and cautious statesman, is possessed of great energy, and, while not a brilliant orator, is extremely effective in debate and as a public speaker. He was born July 14, 1842.

His Excuse.

"Ah-hah, Squire!" cackled Hi Spry, the village wisp and cut-up, upon encountering the Old Codger, next morning after the date of the appearance of the Greatest Show on Earth. "Ketches ye in a yarn! Told me ye was going to take boy to the circus, and I seen ye right smack up on the tip-top seat last night, without a single sign of a boy with ye!"

"Took the boy I used to be, years and years ago!" returned the veteran, crabbedly. "I'm in my second childhood, golraun ye!"—Puck.

ARCTIC EXPLORERS SAVED BY RELIEF EXPEDITION

ZIEGLER ARCTIC SHIP AMERICA, ANTHONY FIALA, HEAD OF THE EXPEDITION, AND MAP OF REGION IN WHICH VESSEL WAS CRUSHED.

(Star on map marks approximate locality in which the America was crushed by ice late in 1903.)



After having been cut off from the world in the Arctic since July, 1903, thirty-seven members of the Fiala-Ziegler polar expedition have been rescued by the steamer Terra Nova, and landed at Henningsaag, Norway.

All the members of the crew of the ship America, which was crushed in the ice early in the winter of 1903-4, have returned in good health in spite of their harrowing experience, with the exception of one Norwegian sailor, who died from natural causes.

The members of the Fiala arctic expedition have arrived in Norway, and it is announced by the trustees of the Ziegler estate that no more expeditions will be sent out in the name of Ziegler. The return of the members of the Fiala expedition, therefore, will mean the end of the work begun by the Baldwin expedition in 1901.

The first Ziegler expedition, under command of Evelyn B. Baldwin, sailed

in 1901 for the Franz Josef archipelago, north of Nova Zembla, in the belief that the land of that group approached nearer the pole than any other land of the north polar region. Peary, on the other hand, believed that the northern portion of Greenland was nearer the pole than any other land, and all his explorations have been conducted from the Greenland coast.

The Baldwin expedition of 1901 was equipped to reach the pole. Baldwin's plan was to establish a base on the northernmost land of the Franz Josef archipelago, spend his first winter there, and make a dash for the pole in the spring from Rudolf Land. Baldwin was not able to get farther north in the fall of 1901 than Camp Ziegler, 80 degrees and 23 minutes north, and he did not make the dash to the pole. Disappointed over results, Mr. Ziegler organized another expedition, under command of Anthony Fiala, who had been a member of the Baldwin expedition. It was expected that Fiala, taking advantage of his experience in the Baldwin expedition, would sail directly to the point where the stores had been left by Baldwin and lose no time in making a dash to the pole.

It now appears that before the time fixed for the dash to the pole Fiala's ship was crushed in the ice in Schlitz bay, and that for over a year the members of the expedition were held prisoners by the arctic climate, subsisting on stores left by previous expeditions, until rescued by the Ziegler relief expedition under William S. Champ, which left Norway in May.

The Baldwin expedition failed of its main object because of the ice that blocked all the channels of Franz Josef Land. The Fiala expedition failed to do its appointed dash north because its vessel was crushed by ice. Meantime Commander Peary is proceeding in a specially constructed vessel for the waters of northern Greenland, from which he expects to work his way to the northernmost point ever reached by any vessel and then cross the ice to the pole.

IRON ORE SUPPLY FAILING.

World's Store May Not Suffice for the Demands Made Upon it.

The amount of iron ores still available is very great, doubtless many times, perhaps twenty-fold, as great as has been won to use. Yet already in the continent of Europe the fields long in service are beginning to be exhausted. Great Britain has practically consumed its store, which a century ago seemed ample. Practically all the supply for its furnaces is now imported.

The supply from the Mediterranean, that promised to be inexhaustible, can not endure for many decades to come. The same is the condition of the ore districts of central Europe. At the rate of the increasing demand they are not likely to meet the demands of 100 years. There remain extensive deposits of rich ores in the Scandinavian peninsula and in fields of the confines of Belgium and France which have hardly begun to be drawn upon, yet it is evident that at anything like the present rate of increase in the consumption of metallic iron in Europe the sources of supply are not likely to endure for a century.

The best-placed field for the production of iron in North America, or, save that in northern China, in the world, is in the central section of the Mississippi valley, mainly between the great river and the Appalachian system of mountains and northward beyond the great lakes to the headwaters of the streams flowing into Hudson's bay, the physical conditions on the whole being favorable for the cheap production of the metal and its ready transportation to the principal markets. It is a question, however, if the store will supply the demands of the future.

Jewess Wife of Russ Diplomat.

In selecting a wife M. De Witte, Russia's chief representative in the peace negotiations, chose a Jewess, one of the race which has been treated so cruelly in his country. Mme. De Witte was formerly the wife of a subordinate official, but she secured a divorce and has been very happy in her second marriage in spite of the fact that she has never been received at court. She also has been ignored by the leading society women in St. Petersburg, notwithstanding the high position her husband has held.

MORE LAND FOR BRITAIN.

Immense Empire Recently Added to King Edward's Domains.

By a recent arbitration an area of 200,000 square miles, considerably larger than France, has been added to the British empire, and yet the world at large has hardly heard of the event. Barotsi, the territory in question, is in Central Africa, lying south of the Congo Free State and west of Northern Rhodesia. Its importance rests on the fact that through it run the upper waters of the Zambesi river, here navigable although far above the Victoria falls. The rival claimant was Portugal, and the arbitrator was the king of Italy. Lewanika, the native ruler of Barotsi, was a picturesque guest at the coronation of Edward VII, and he has long been under a sort of semi-protectorate by the British. The arbitration, however, splits his dominions in two, the other section passing to Portugal, and it remains to be seen how the dusky monarch will take this curtailment of his tribal authority. The Barotsi race are brave, and, thanks to French missionary effort, well advanced along the paths of civilization.

Costly Beautifying Process.

Here are some of the items included in a bill sent to a baroness in Paris by her masseuse: "To beautifying madam's visage, three sittings a week during one month, \$60; one month's massage of throat, \$60; one bath of triple effluvia for beautifying the limbs, \$10; one bottle of liquid white for the complexion, \$2; one month's anti-wrinkle treatment, \$20; one month's ditto for figure, \$60; two more months of same, \$80; second bath of triple effluvia, \$10; third ditto, \$40; two more months' anti-wrinkle treatment, \$40."

Beneath Gardener's Dignity.

They have a story in New York of an English gardener who was brought over by one of the newly rich. The employer had several unmarried daughters and the gardener was told to devote most of his time to the tennis lawn. He is a gardener of the old school and before long became disgusted on noticing how many young men came to tennis and tea. He resigned his position and on being asked for a reason said: "Well, sir, this is not horticulture, I'm doin'. It's mere 'usbandy'."

Avoiding Vapor Poisoning.

A serious risk to workers in certain industries is the poisonous character of mercury vapor. A new method of avoiding this is pulverized aluminum, and so effective is it that every particle of mercury is absorbed by the aluminum even when the dense vapors of burning chloride of mercury are passed through the respirator, the air actually inhaled being quite freed from poisonous substance.

Tridacna Shells.

Tridacna shells are very commonly used in churches in Europe for holy water basins and even fonts. The largest perhaps are those in use at St. Peter's, Rome. These shells attain a weight of 500 pounds (the two valves together), the animal itself sometimes being twenty pounds in weight. The word "tridacna" is from the Greek tridacnos (eaten at three bites), but who could eat a twenty pound animal at three bites?—St. Nicholas.

Eat Slowly.

The propriety of eating slowly ought always to be remembered. Mr. Gladstone's thirty-two bites are historical. Napoleon was a terribly fast eater, and this habit is supposed to have paralyzed him on two of the most critical occasions of his life, the battles of Leipzig and Borodino, which he might have converted into decisive and influential victories by pushing his advantages as he was wont. On each of these occasions he was known to have been suffering from indigestion. —London Standard.

Well Tattooed.

A deserter from the British army was identified recently by the following tattoo marks upon him: A cross on the left forearm, with the words: "In loving memory;" a jockey with two flags, Buffalo Bill, a heart on the back of his left hand, a horseshoe with crossed whips, a cross with the figure of a soldier leaning on it, a pierced heart, a heart on the right forearm, a heart with clasped hands, a soldier and a girl.

Queen Alexandria's Voice.

Queen Alexandria, of England, is like most women, ill at ease on the rostrum. Her voice is low and sweet, with just the suspicion of foreign accent about it. There is an almost pathetic note in its tones that lingers in the memory hauntingly. However, all her subjects loyally declare that she is a most charming speaker and that the foreign tinge is but an added charm to the voice.

Long Automobile Ride.

The most convincing test ever made of the suitability of the automobile as a means of travel is to be credited to the enterprise of Mr. Chas. J. Glidden, of Boston, who, accompanied by his accomplished wife, has so far driven a total distance of 25,000 miles, traversing twenty-four countries, passing through 8000 cities, towns and settlements and girdling the globe.

She Reasoned It Out.

"Ethel—Mamma, if a little boy is a lad, why isn't a big boy a ladder? Mamma—For the same reason, I suppose, that, although a little doll is a doll, a big doll is not a dollar. Ethel (reflectively)—That's so. My big doll was \$2.—Kansas City Journal.

When a bachelor wants to jolly a married woman he tells her he is sorry he didn't meet her before it was too late.

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Spend your Vacation
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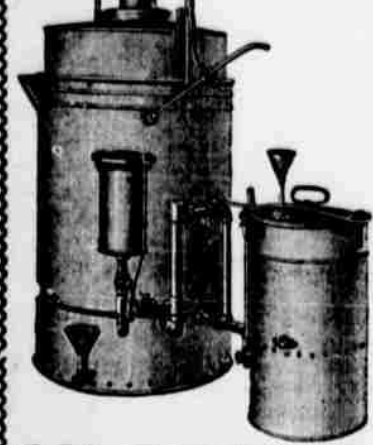
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Small country homes, as well as large ones, may be lighted by the best light known—ACETYLENE GAS—it is easier on the eyes than any other illuminant, cheaper than kerosene, as convenient as city gas, brighter than electricity and safer than any.

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Always keeps you dry. Fits over the saddle and prevents getting wet. The best pommel slicker made—the one used by U. S. Army.

Wears longer, does not stick, and costs no more than inferior brands. If your dealer will not carry you, do not buy one until you see the Manhattan Brand. Write to us, we will see that you get the Manhattan Brand.

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Many who formerly smoked 10¢ Cigars now smoke **LEWIS' SINGLE BINDER STRAIGHT 5¢ CIGAR**

Your jobber or direct from Factory, Peoria, Ill.

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Instantly Relieved and Speedily Cured by Baths with **CUTICURA**

Soap to cleanse the skin, gentle applications of Cuticura Ointment to soothe and heal, and mild doses of Cuticura Pills to cool the blood. A single set, costing but One Dollar often cures.

Sold throughout the world. Peter Drug and Chem. Co., Boston, Sole Proprietors. **W. N. U. DALLAS, NO 34-1905**

Mr. Hoe's Motto.
Robert Hoe, the famous builder of printing presses, has this for his favorite maxim: "It is better to get behind a thing and push it along than to get in front of it and drag it after you." In other words, it is the work, not the man, that should attract attention.

This expression of reserve helps to explain why it is that Mr. Hoe is never interviewed in the newspapers. He has an air of elegant leisure, but works as hard as any of his employes, thoroughly understanding every detail of his vast business.

On the Safe Side.
An old woman who persisted in howling during church service whenever the name of Satan was mentioned was reprimanded by the minister for so unseemly a habit. The reproof had, however, no effect, and the minister asked her finally in exasperation why she thought it necessary to howl.

"Well," she replied, "civility costs nothing, and you never know what will happen."—Harper's Weekly.

Glass and Sunlight.
Common clear glass left exposed in certain desert regions of the earth soon changes greatly in appearance and acquires color, sometimes rose purple and sometimes amethyst. This change has been attributed by some observers to alkaline soils, but others maintain that such changes occur where there is no alkali and that it must be due to the great activity of the rays of the sun where the atmosphere is very clear.

Saw Battle of Waterloo.
A Belgian woman, Mme. Rolland, of Senefle, attained her 100th birthday on June 12. She is credited in Belgium with being the only surviving witness of the battle of Waterloo, having been seated on a wall in the neighborhood of the battlefield during a part of the engagement. Last year, when the French monument to Waterloo heroes was unveiled on the battlefield, Mme. Rolland was allotted a place of honor as the most noteworthy spectator present at the ceremony.

Human Endurance.
A man will die for want of air in five minutes, for want of sleep in ten days, for want of water in a week, and for want of food at various periods, depending on other circumstances.

Insist on Getting it.
Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz. in a package, which they won't be able to sell for the same money.

WANTED. Men everywhere to distribute cream-vanilla, luscious, back signs, 50¢ doz. See circular. Enclose stamp for reply, name two references. **D. WHITAKER CO., Waco, Texas.**

Baylor University College of Medicine.
Annual session begins October 1st, 1905. New college buildings now in course of construction. Hospital facilities adequate. Faculty composed of eminent men who are expert in their specialties. E. G. Eberle, Dean, Chairman, Department of Medicine. Member of Southern Association of Medical Colleges. Cards interchangeable with other first-class colleges. For further information address: **EDWARD H. CARY, M. D., DEAN, Line Bldg., Dallas, Texas.**

FOR WOMEN
troubled with the peculiar troubles of their sex, used as a douche is marvellously successful. Thoroughly cleanses, kills disease germs, stops discharges, heals inflammation and local sores.

Paxtine is in powder form to be dissolved in pure water, and is far more cleansing, healing, germicidal and economical than liquid antiseptics for all **TOILET AND WOMEN'S SPECIAL USES**

For sale at druggists, 50 cents a box. Trial Box and Book of Instructions Free. **The B. Paxton Company, Boston, Mass.**

LOST 72 POUNDS.
Was Fast Drifting into the Fatal Stages of Kidney Sickness.

Dr. Melvin M. Page, Page Optical Co., Erie, Pa., writes: "Taking too many iced drinks in New York in 1895 sent me home with a terrible attack of kidney trouble. I had acute congestion, sharp pain in the back, headaches and attacks of dizziness. My eyes gave out, and with the languor and sleeplessness of the disease upon me I wasted from 194 to 122 pounds. At the time I started using Doan's Kidney Pills an abscess was forming on my right kidney. The trouble was quickly checked, however, and the treatment cured me, so that I have been well since 1896 and weigh 185 pounds."

Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists. Price, 50 cents per box.

Llama Beast of Burden.
Llamas are the chief beasts of burden in Central Peru, the usual load for each animal being about 100 pounds. If you put upon his back more than he can easily carry he simply kneels down and will not move until the load is lessened.

SALT RHEUM ON HANDS.
Suffered Agony and Had to Wear Bandages All the Time—Another Cure by Cuticura.

Another cure by Cuticura is told of by Mrs. Caroline Cable, of Waupaca, Wis., in the following grateful letter: "My husband suffered agony salt rheum on his hands, and I had to keep them bandaged all the time. We tried everything we could get, but nothing helped him until he used Cuticura. One set of Cuticura Soap, Ointment, and Pills cured him entirely, and his hands have been as smooth as possible ever since. I do hope this letter will be the means of helping some other sufferer."

True Heroism.
The hero fears not that if he withhold the avowal of a just and brave act it will go unmentioned and unloved. One knows it—himself—and is pledged by it to sweetness of peace and to nobleness of aim, which will prove in the end a better proclamation of it than the relating of the incident.—Emerson.

Here is Relief for Women.
Mother Gray, a nurse in New York, discovered a pleasant herb remedy for women's ills, called **AUSTRALIAN-LEAF**. It is the only certain monthly regulator. Cures female weaknesses, Backache, Kidney and Urinary troubles. At all Druggists or by mail 50 cts. Sample mailed FREE. Address, **The Mother Gray Co., LeRoy, N. Y.**

Cleanliness is said to be next to godliness, yet one seldom sees a laundry next door to a church.

The astronomer studying the heavens may be busy when he hasn't an earthly thing to do.

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 ½-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.

Some people are so anxious to spring a joke that they seem to have the spring fever.

A good story bears repeating. Use Red Cross Bag Blue. Always gives satisfaction. Ask your grocer.

The postman in the fashionable streets says the people he serves are of good address.

A Twenty-Year-Old Fact.
Do you want to stop those chills, get well, fat and happy? We think you do. If so, use Cheatham's Chill Tonic. It is not an experiment, but a twenty-year-old fact. For that number of years it has cured all kinds of Chills, and still does so. It is guaranteed.

There wouldn't be so many open secrets if more people kept their mouths shut.

Geese Are "Hobbled."
In some parts of France geese and goats are "hobbled" by means of a long and heavy stick suspended horizontally in front of the breast, fixed by a cord passed round the neck. This prevents the animals from passing through hedges and trespassing on forbidden ground.

Clear the rubbish away from your own doorstep first; then you can get out to help others.

Why it is the Best
is because made by an entirely different process. Defiance Starch is unlike any other, better and one-third more for 10 cents.

Remember that every vocation has some advantages and disadvantages not found in any other.

Dispepsia Tormented Me for Years. Dr. J. C. H. ...

Unless a woman knows the way a man thinks his head you can never get her to admit he has any brains.

One Bottle or Less.
Malaria is easy to contract in some localities, and hard to get rid of—that is, if the proper remedy is not used. Cheatham's Chill Tonic frees any one from it promptly and thoroughly. It is guaranteed to cure any kind of Chills. One bottle or less, will do it.

You must know yourself first; then you can be natural. When you are natural, then you will be consistent.

Pink's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1905.

It's queer what a hard time a girl with open-work stockings has trying to climb a fence.

Red Cross Bag Blue makes clothes whiter than snow. Delights the laundress. All grocers sell it. Refuse imitations.

People who "get in" on the ground floor" are apt to slam the door behind them.

All Up-to-Date Housekeepers use Defiance Cold Water Starch, because it is better, and 4 oz. more of it for same money.

When you are consistent, then you will be true to others as well as to yourself.

Ask Your Dealer for Allen's Foot-Ease
A powder. It rests the feet. Cures Swollen, Sore, Hot, Callous, Aching, Sweating Feet and Ingrowing Nails. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25 cents. Accept no substitute. Sample mailed FREE. Address, **Allen S. Omsted, LeRoy, N. Y.**

Jenkins—Mr. Golding of your city is quite wealthy, I'm told. Did he make all his money himself? Miss Backday (of Boston)—Oh, no! Most of it was her—limbacy from his father.—Exchange.

Never Disappoints.
"Many extensively advertised remedies are failures when put to the test. Hunt's Lightning Oil is an exception. Confidence in it is never misplaced—disappointment never follows its use. It is surely the grandest emergency remedy now obtainable. For cuts, lacerations, sprains, aches and pains, I know no equal."

Geo. E. Padlock, Doniphan, Mo.

A man who is unable to write his name never has to listen to the reading of his silly letters in a breach of promise suit.

Defiance Starch should be in every household, none so good, besides 4 oz. more for 10 cents than any other brand of cold water starch.

A man passes for what he is worth. What he is engraves itself on his face, on his form, on his fortunes, in letters of light which all men may read but himself. Concealment avails nothing.—Emerson.

Salted Whale Meat.
The Japanese apparently consider salted whale meat a delicacy, judging by the quantities purchased. The whales are caught off the Korean coast, the flesh and blubber being cut up, salted and sent to Japan for sale as food.

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 **Chas. H. Fletcher** in Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Fad Started Factories.
A few months ago the pearl button industry of Birmingham was practically dead. To-day it is flourishing and millions of pearl buttons are being turned out, thanks to the fact that soft-fronted shirts have come into favor in England.

Never Fails.
There is one remedy, and only one I have ever found, to cure without fail such troubles in my family as Eczema, Ringworm, and all others of an itching character. That remedy is Hunt's Cure. We always use it and it never fails.

W. M. Christian, Rutherford, Tenn.

The Better Part.
It is much more comfortable, both to yourself and the rest of the world, to be a pleasant ass than to be an unpleasant bear.—Florence (Ga.) Times

THE TURN OF LIFE

A Time When Women Are Susceptible to Many Dread Diseases—Intelligent Women Prepare for It. Two Relate their Experience.



The "change of life" is the most critical period of a woman's existence, and the anxiety felt by women as it draws near is not without reason. Every woman who neglects the care of her health at this time invites disease and pain. When her system is in a deranged condition, or she is predisposed to apoplexy, or congestion of any organ, the tendency is at this period likely to become active—and with a host of nervous irritations, make life a burden. At this time, also, cancers and tumors are more liable to form and begin their destructive work. Such warning symptoms as sense of suffocation, hot flashes, headaches, backaches, dizziness, palpitation of the heart, sparks before the eyes, irregularities, constipation, variable appetite, weakness and inquietude, and dizziness are promptly heeded by intelligent women who are approaching the period in life when woman's great change may be expected.

These symptoms are all just so many calls from nature for help. The nerves are crying out for assistance and the cry should be heeded in time. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was prepared to meet the needs of woman's system at this trying period of her life. It invigorates and strengthens the female organism and builds up the weakened nervous system. It has cured thousands of women safely through this crisis. For special advice regarding this important period women are invited to write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., and it will be furnished absolutely free of charge.

Read what Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound did for Mrs. Hyland and Mrs. Hinkle:—Dear Mrs. Pinkham—

"I had been suffering with falling of the womb for years and was passing through the Change of Life. My womb was badly swollen; my stomach was sore; I had dizzy spells, headaches, and was very nervous. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Succeeds Where Others Fail.

It's easier for a girl to raise a row than it is for a youth to raise a muscle.

It's cowardly to speak ill of a man behind his back as it is dangerous to do so to his face.

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25 ounces for 25 cents

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The Artistic "Book of Precision" free upon request.

Shirt Bosoms, Collars and Cuffs



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never crack nor become brittle. They last twice as long as those laundered with other starches and give the wearer much better satisfaction. If you want your husband, brother or son to look dresy, to feel comfortable and to be thoroughly happy use **DEFIANCE STARCH** in the laundry. It is sold by all good grocers at 10¢ a package—16 ounces. Inferior starches sell at the same price per package but contain only 12 ounces. Note the difference. Ask your grocer for **DEFIANCE STARCH**. Insist on getting it and you will never use any other brand.

Defiance Starch Company, Omaha, Neb.

Plantation Chill Cure is Guaranteed

To cure, or money refunded by your merchant; so why not try it? Price 50c.

HAPPY WOMEN.

Plenty of Them in Texas and Good Reasons for it.

Wouldn't any woman be happy, After years of backache suffering, Days of misery, nights of unrest, The distress of urinary troubles, She finds relief and cure? No reason why any Texas reader Should suffer in the face of evidence like this:

Mrs. J. A. Beck, of Austin, Texas, employed at the Asylum for the Blind, and living at 1605 Sabine Street, says: "In April, 1902, when living at 1709 East Avenue, I gave a testimonial concerning Doan's Kidney Pills, after I had procured a supply. The cure they performed has been permanent in every particular and I have told a great many sufferers from backache and kidney ailments to give them a trial if they wished to get positive relief. You are at liberty to continue the use of my name as one who endorses all the claims made for Doan's Kidney Pills."

For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.



HERE'S GREAT STOVE NEWS.

We have just made arrangements to sell the celebrated

Buck's Stoves

and we invite you to see our splendid showing. It's the line that has been pleasing folks for over 58 years now.



BANKING AUTHORITY.

No. 7825.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY.
Washington, D. C., July 7, 1905.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The Farmers National Bank of Haskell," in the town of Haskell, in the county of Haskell and State of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking;

Now THEREFORE, I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The Farmers National Bank of Haskell," in the town of Haskell, in the county of Haskell and State of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of banking as provided in section fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand and seal of office, this seventh day of July, 1905.
T. P. KANE,
Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.

Public is Aroused.

The public is aroused to a knowledge of the curative merits of that great medicinal tonic, Electric Bitters, for sick stomach, liver and kidneys. Mary H. Walters, of 549 St. Clair Ave., Columbus, O., writes: "For several months, I was given up to die. I had fever and ague, my nerves were wrecked; I could not sleep, and my stomach was so weak, from useless doctors' drugs that I could not eat. Soon after beginning to take Electric Bitters, I obtained relief, and in a short time I was entirely cured." Guaranteed at Terrell's drug store; price 50c.

FROM HOWARD SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD.

TO THE FREE PRESS:
Everything is progressing nicely in our neighborhood. Quite a number of people from Comanche and other counties have been visiting friends and relatives in this section.

All who attended the Haskell barbecue last week enjoyed themselves and speak in complimentary terms of the nice manner in which it was conducted.

Mr. John Howard, Isaac Howard and brother went to Clear Fork last week on a fishing expedition and spent several days fishing and hunting with very good success.

Mrs. Medford and children visited the Mathis family yesterday.

Mr. Jim Earle and family who have been visiting Mr. Earle's brother in this county were so well pleased with our country that they have rented a farm for next year and expect to make Haskell county their future home.

I hope to send you a better letter next time.
GUESS WHO.

Nothing on the Market Equal to Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

This fact is well known to druggists everywhere, and nine out of ten will give their customers this preparation when the best is asked for. Mr. Obe Witmer, a prominent druggist of Joplin, Mo., in a circular to his customers, says: "There is nothing on the market in the way of patent medicine which equals Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for bowel complaints. We sell and recommend this preparation." For sale at Terrell's drug store.

Mr. J. L. Turnbow has returned from a business trip to Fort Worth.

Mr. F. G. Alexander of the Alexander Mercantile Co., returned Thursday night from Chicago, where he purchased big fall stocks of dry goods for his firm's Haskell and Munday houses.

SAGERTON-FAIRVIEW ITEMS.

TO THE FREE PRESS:
Sorghum, milo maize and Kaffir corn cutting is in full blast now. We find it takes a ball of twine to tie some acres. (To those who understand such matters this means a very heavy crop.) I have counted as high as thirty maize heads in one bunch or hill—from one seed. If any of your readers doubt this statement let them say so and I will bring a bunch to the FREE PRESS office and let them see for themselves.

Mr. M. F. Ayesock has sold out at \$15 per acre, and Mr. G. W. Tanner refused \$9 per acre for his entire place.

Mr. T. J. Pennell sold a quarter section of his land at \$18.75 per acre.

Some sickness in this neighborhood. The boll worms have about got the cotton crop here and I guess we will have to go fishing and rabbit hunting.

Mr. J. E. Feeler returned from Bell county last week.

Mr. Minter More has begun hauling lumber to put in a hotel at Sagerton. He intends putting up a wagon yard also.

Mr. A. H. Tonn has sold his blacksmith shop to Mr. P. Phipper for six hundred dollars. Fritz.

Aug. 24, 1905.

A Warning to Mothers.

Too much care cannot be used with small children during the hot weather of the summer months to guard against bowel troubles. As a rule it is only necessary to give the child a dose of castor oil to correct any disorder of the bowels. Do not use any substitute, but give the old-fashioned castor oil, and see that it is fresh, as rancid oil nauseates and has a tendency to gripe. If this dose not check the bowels give Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and then a dose of castor oil, and the disease may be checked in its incipency and all dangers avoided. The castor oil and this remedy should be procured at once and keep ready for instant use as soon as the first indication of any bowel trouble appears. This is the most successful treatment known and may be relied upon with implicit confidence even in cases of cholera infantum. For sale at Terrell's drug store.

TRAVELERS!

Stay with the Old Reliable mail and express hack line.

- 1st. They go rain or shine, and have not missed a trip in three years.
- 2nd. They employ the best and most reliable hackmen.
- 3rd. They handle passengers and express matter promptly.

LINES.

- 1st. To and from Haskell and Stamford seven days in the week, meeting passenger trains at Stamford.
- 2nd. To and from Munday six days in the week.
- 3rd. To and from Cliff via Pinkerton, Marcy, Mid, Carney and Knox City six days in the week.

Clip this out and mail it to friends you expect to visit you from a distance.

On arriving at Stamford always call for Baldwin's hack.

J. L. BALDWIN, Liveryman,
Haskell, Texas.

THE BARBECUE.

The barbecue given last Friday by the citizens of Haskell in connection with the local Union in honor of the District Farmers' Union was a complete success.

A welcome address was delivered at the court house by Mr. Oscar Martin and responses in behalf of the Union were made by Messrs. T. G. Marks and M. A. Clifton.

Dinner was then announced and the three long tables were filled several times, but there was no failure of provisions. In fact a great pile of barbecued beef was left and given out to the people after dinner. There was also a barrel of pickles and a large quantity of bread left over. Several barrels were kept filled with ice water during the day, which was greatly appreciated and complimented by all. In fact we have heard nothing but compliments for the whole affair.

We made some inquiries and effort to get such proceedings of the Union as might be for publication, but suppose there were none such as none were given us.

PECULIAR DISAPPEARANCE.

J. D. Runyan, of Butlerville, O., laid the peculiar disappearance of his painful symptoms of indigestion and biliousness, to Dr. King's New Life Pills. He says: "They are a perfect remedy, for dizziness, sour stomach, headache, constipation, etc." Guaranteed at Terrell's drug store, price 25c.

ROAD WORKING NOTICE.

As overseer of the Haskell road district I have appointed Mr. F. C. Wilfong to warn out hands and see to the working of the roads in said district.

Any man who fails to appear and work as notified to do or to pay one dollar on or before the day or days he is notified to work, will be reported to the justice of the peace. This is fair warning and there will be no deviation from it.

JNO. F. JONES,
Overseer Haskell Road Dist.

TO THE PUBLIC.

This is to notify the citizens within the territory composing the Haskell Independent school district that at the regular August term, 1905, of the Commissioners Court of Haskell county, Texas, said court, by an order duly entered in accordance with the law, defined and established said territory as a sanitary or health district and appointed the undersigned as a Board of Health within and for said district with all the powers and duties conferred upon such health officers by law.

Having accepted this position in the interest of the public it is our intention to enforce the law strictly. We shall make no requirement of any citizen not authorized by law and which we do not believe to be in the interest of the public health. Any failure or refusal to carry out a request or notice given by us will be promptly prosecuted in the proper court.

Respectfully,
A. G. Neathery
E. E. Gilbert
R. E. Sherill
Board of Health.

Mr. D. L. Smith of Huntland, Tenn., was in Haskell this week looking after some interests here. Mr. Smith resided in Haskell county when it was organized in 1886 and was one of the first county commissioners. He was a caller at the FREE PRESS office the other day and it was interesting to hear him recount early experiences and reminiscences of the days when this was wholly a cowboy's and sheepman's country.

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Several small farms of 80 to 160 acres, at reasonable prices for quick sales.

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Mr. A. J. Brown who resides about five miles south of town brought in a bale of cotton Wednesday, being the first bale of the new crop. He was closely followed by Mr. John Lamkin with the second bale. Both bales were ginned out Thursday morning by Earnest and Sanders. Mr. Brown's bale weighed 681 pounds and Mr. Lamkin's weighed 545 pounds. Both sold at 10¢ cents. A premium was subscribed and paid Mr. Brown on the first bale.

Mr. N. C. Smith informs us that he received a letter from Mr. A. P. McLenore a few days ago telling him that his son Boyd Smith, who escaped and disappeared from the Epileptic Colony at Abilene about ten months ago, was found at Lockheart and returned to the Colony on the 20th inst. The boy disappeared so completely and all efforts of the state officials and of his father had failed to discover a trace of him for so long a time that it was generally thought that he must have lost himself in some thick timbered or rough section of country in his flight from the Epileptic Colony and died there.

Miss Lydia Stuart, who has a position in the telephone office at Stamford, visited her parents here this week.

Mr. K. Collier who has been visiting his parents at this place left Wednesday for Dalhart.

Mrs. J. H. Chambliss left Monday for Vernon to visit a sister whom she has not seen for several years.

There is a bunch of millet on exhibition at the Farmers' National bank, grown by County Comr. H. C. Cousins, that is over six feet in height. It shows what Haskell dirt will do under favorable conditions.

Mr. W. D. Kemp went to Big Springs on a visit this week.

Mr. E. G. Bennett of the Wild Horse country was doing business in the city Thursday.

Dr. Ragan of Pinkerton was in the county capital Thursday.

Mr. J. F. Pinkerton of Pinkerton was in town Thursday.

Mr. C. M. Chapman was in Haskell Thursday and handed us a subscription to the FREE PRESS for Mr. W. W. Snell of Marlin.

Mr. M. Pierson made a business trip to Mineral Wells this week.

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| 2052 acres, J. G. Pitts survey 10 miles E, \$3 25, 5 payments. | 215 acres, A. F. Burchard survey, 14 miles S. W. at \$5.50, in 5 payments. |
| 320 acres of Jas. Cooper section, 14 miles S. E., \$4.00, in 5 payments. | 255 acres, same survey as above, same price and terms. |
| 40 acres up to any quantity desired out of James Scott league and labor survey, 1 1/2 miles N. E. of Haskell. Price \$5 to \$15 and terms to suit. | 215 acres, A. F. Burchard survey, 14 miles S. W., at \$5. cash. |
| 424 acres G. G. Alford survey, 15 miles N. W. 44, Abst. 0, \$6, in 5 payments. | 640 acres, James Gray survey, 16 miles S. E., at \$5. |
| 522 acres, section 1, G. H. & H. Ry., 12 miles E., at \$3 00, 5 payments. | 1476 acres, Chas. Calliott survey 10 miles N. (East Abbott pasture) \$10.50 per acre, on easy terms. Will cut in 200 acre lots from either end. |
| 320 acres, Sur. 3, G. H. & H. Ry, 14 miles S. E. at \$3.00 5 payments | 500 acres, S. T. Blakeley survey, 15 miles S. E., at \$5, in 5 payments. |
| 320 acres, W. P. Gaines survey, 12 miles S., at \$5.50, in 5 payments. | 300 acres Hays Covington sur., 15 miles S. E., at \$5.00 in 5 payments |
| Sections 1, 3 and 5, E. T. Ry. Co., 13 to 16 miles S. E., at \$5.00, in easy payments. | 320 acres, W. M. Walker survey, 5 miles N. W. of Stamford, at \$7.00-5 cash, balance in 5 payments. |
| 640 acres, N. E. Brister survey, 7 miles S. E., at \$5.50, in 5 payments. | 900 acres G. W. Brooks sur. 9 miles N. E. \$4 in 4 payments. |
| 488 acres, John Campbell survey, 7 miles N. E. at \$5.50, in 5 payments. | 1500 acres 5 to 12 miles north on Benjamin road (The Masterson lands in 200 acre blocks at \$12 in 4 payments. No better land in West Texas Lots 12 and 14 blk 2, Kirby Ad. for \$150 in 5 payments. |
| 1476 acres, South 1-3 Robertson league, 8 miles E. of Stamford on California creek, at \$10 per acre in 3 equal payments. | |
| 1476 acres, J. E. Ellis sur., 8 miles E., at \$4, in Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 Block 42, Haskell, for \$160. | |

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