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LOWEST PRICES FOR CASH! COME AND SEE!

Seeing all the stores in this section unusually depleted in stocks of seasonable goods, I went to Market and purchased a complete stock of

Late Winter and Early Spring Dry Goods.

These goods are now opened up and ready for business. I found the market just on the eve of a decided advance in the price of all cotton goods on account of the rising price of cotton. Buying just ahead of the main advance I am able to sell all cotton fabrics at a very slight advance on old prices. As cotton has continued to advance heavily, I can give my customers prices that can not be met on staple goods by those who did not buy ahead of the advance. You can save money by buying from this stock, as cotton and cotton goods are bound to go still higher.

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RUSSIA and JAPAN.

Population and Area and Military and Naval Strength.

The following extract from an article in last Sunday's News gives an interesting comparison of the strength and resources of the two countries now engaged in mortal combat—one for conquest of territory, the other for her national existence:

Finding herself well entrenched in Manchuria, the Russian Government began her designs on Korea. It was here that Japan called a halt. The present trouble had its origin then. Japan contended that Russia was not entitled to any recognition whatever in Korea, and in the diplomatic negotiations which followed demanded, in effect, that Russia should make certain concessions in Manchuria. Neither side would back down and war is the result. So that it is seen that while Korea is the main prize for which two empires are struggling there are other considerations at stake.

At first glance it would seem that the struggle would be an unequal one, and that it could result only in the ultimate defeat of Japan. The area of the Russian Empire, including Manchuria, is 9,020,000 square miles. In extent it ranks next to Great Britain. Its revenue is \$1,035,000,000, all of which is expended each year, and the population is 135,000,000, including Manchuria.

Japan, on the other hand, has an area of but 160,000 square miles, including Formosa. This is just about one-third larger than the combined areas of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. She has a population of 45,000,000, which is increasing at the rate of about 500,000 annually. Her revenues and expenditures are each \$136,500,000 and she has reserve funds for war totaling about \$50,000,000 or rather more, available only in a great national emergency.

The Russian army is recruited by compulsory service, and on a war footing can dispose of 5,000,000 trained men. But only a small part of this army is available in the Far East since the question of supplies has to be kept in mind. The war strength of the Russian army is only 250,000 men. In the Far East the Russians are believed to have a force of about 200,000 men, 40,000 of whom are Cossacks or mounted infantry. In Port Arthur is a garrison of 30,000 men. The army under Admiral Alexieff can be reinforced from Europe by the Siberian Railway at the rate of about 4,000 men per day, but it is not certain that such a rate could be long maintained. Two army corps are stated to be on their way from European Russia to the Far East, and their strength may be taken together at 68,000 men.

The Japanese army has a total strength of 500,000 trained men, of whom 252,000 men with 798 guns form the field army, organized in thirteen divisions. It is recruited by compulsory service. Its great weakness lies in the paucity of its cavalry, as this army only numbered seventeen regiments and 10,000 men. This weakness is compensated to some extent by the extraordinary marching power and mobility of the infantry.

Japan has the predominance in naval force. Her fleet consists of the following important fighting ships: Six large battleships. Six modern and very powerful armored cruisers. Sixteen other powerful cruisers. Seventeen destroyers and torpedo gunboats. Sixty torpedo boats.

There are two old armored ships useful in the second line. The whole of the force above described is mobilized and ready for service; in fact, it has already seen good service. The dispatches tell of the destruction or capture of several important Russian craft by this division. It is under the command of Vice Admiral Togo.

The Russian fleet is weaker. Its important ships are: At Port Arthur: Seven battleships. One modern armored cruiser. Six protected cruisers. Twenty destroyers and torpedo boats.

At Vladivostok: One modern cruiser. Three other cruisers. Ten destroyers and torpedo boats.

In the matter of docks and ports both nations are pretty well provided for in cases of emergency. In the statement given below docks are classed as "large," i. e., capable of taking in a battleship or large cruiser, and "small," or capable of taking small cruisers and torpedo rafts.

Russia has fortified naval harbors, at:

Vladivostok, one large dock ready,

one large building, one small ready.

Port Arthur, one large open, two large buildings.

Japan has fortified harbors at:

Sasebo, with docks at Nagasaki, one large one small, fronts Korea.

Kure, two large, on the inland sea, magnificently placed and secure from attack.

Yokosuka, three large, two small; also three large and two small at Tokyo and Uraga Bay near at hand.

Hakodate, one large.

There are also small docks at Kobe and Osaka, which are not naval bases, but are safe from attack, being on the inland sea.

The inland sea has three entrances: First, Shimonosaki, fortified; second, Kii Channel, fortified; third, Bungo Channel, fortifications constructing. It gives Japan a safe and swift route from the Pacific to the Japan Sea.

In order that the war news from the two countries may be more readily understood and appreciated, the following table of the distances between the most important points by sea in knots, or nautical miles, is given below, all the distances named being from Port Arthur:

	Miles.
Vladivostok	1,000
Chemulpho	300
Masampo	554
Nagasaki	546
Shanghai	545
Hongkong	1,370
St. Petersburg	12,740

Distances to the points named below from Sasebo:

	Miles.
Masampo	140
Port Arthur	580
Vladivostok	640
Chemulpho	440

From Hakodate to Vladivostok it is 430 miles.

Railways—In Korea a line is being constructed by the Japanese from Fusan (Masampo) to Seoul, and another from Chemulpho to Seoul is open.

There is a good railway system in Japan connecting the chief towns.

There are railways connecting Port Arthur with Moscow, a branch from this line to Vladivostok and another branch running via Ninchwang to Peking.

WEAK AND LOW-SPIRITED.

A Correspondent Thus Describes His Experience.

"I can strongly recommend Herbine as a medicine of remarkable efficacy for indigestion, loss of appetite, sour taste in the mouth, palpitation, headache, drowsiness after meals with distressing mental depression and low spirits. Herbine must be a unique preparation for cases such as mine, for a few doses entirely removed my complaint. I wonder at people going on suffering or spending their money on worthless things, when Herbine is procurable, and so cheap." 50 cents a bottle at Jno. E. Robertson's Drug Store, Haskell, Texas.

Having secured leave of absence from the bank, Mr. M. Pierson, assistant cashier, left Monday for East Texas, to be gone about a month.

Cancer Cured!!

Mr. W. W. Prickett, Smithfield, Illinois, writes, September 10th, 1901: "I had been suffering several years with a cancer on my face, which gave me great annoyance and unbearable itching. I was using Ballard's Snow Liniment for a sore leg, and through an accident, I rubbed some of the liniment on the cancer, and as it gave me almost instant relief, I decided to continue to use the liniment on the cancer. In a short time the cancer came out, my face healed up and there is not the slightest scar left. I have implicit faith in the merits of this preparation, and it cannot be too highly recommended." 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00. For sale by Jno. E. Robertson, Druggist, Haskell, Texas.

Five Bulls For Sale.

I have for sale five good, young bulls. One is Hereford and Durham mixed, one is 15-16 Durham and three are 7-8 Durham. All the Durhams are deep red color. J. S. McCAN, Ample, Texas.

Fruit Trade.

I have a considerable lot of fruit trees consisting of peaches, early, medium and late varieties; Japan plums, several standard kinds. Several varieties of apples, blackberries and dewberries. I will sell cheaper than you can order from a nursery. Where trees are properly handled and watered when set, it will be safe to plant for two or three weeks yet.

W. T. JONES.

Ask our customers how long it took us to get their loans through, we can get you the money in less time than any other loan agents in this part of the state. West Texas Development Company.

A Call to Republicans.

Persuad to the call of State Chairman C. A. Lyon. I hereby call a meeting of the republicans of Haskell county to meet at the court house in the town of Haskell on Saturday March 12th, 1904, at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

The purpose of this convention is to elect delegates to the state convention which convenes in Dallas March 22nd, 1904, and to attend to such other business as may properly come before the meeting. I urge every republican in the county to be present at this convention.

JNO. B. BAKER, County Chairman.

The Prodigals Return.

Masters Charlie Parsons and Wallace Alexander, the prodigals, who some six weeks ago decided to see and conquer the world for themselves—and incidentally escape from going to school and studying useless and tiresome books, came home Thursday.

When they left home by the light of the moon it was in an old buggy drawn by a horse and well laden with provisions and camp equipment, all "borrowed" from their respective families. They never got farther than the breaks of the Clear Fork in the southeastern corner of the county, a wild and rugged section with few scattered ranches. Here they struck camp and proceeded to have a good time hunting, fishing and trapping.

Their parents located them there at once but left them undisturbed to get their fill of roughing it, except to arrange with some of the local ranchmen to keep an eye on them occasionally and report if they attempted a further move. After a heavy rain followed by pretty cold weather about three weeks ago they took refuge at Mr. Cobb's ranch where they had more fun helping with the ranch work until the snow off and they decided that home was the best place after all, and came in. It is said they brought in as trophies two coon and six coyote skins and two cowhides.

L. R. Scarborough Painfully Hurt.

About 2:30 this afternoon Rev. L. R. Scarborough, while crossing the railroad at the upper end of Pine street, a frightened team belonging to U. S. Morgan, ran into the back part of his phaeton, completely upsetting the vehicle and throwing him out, the carriage and both of the frightened horses falling on him.

His face, head, arms, hands and legs had the skin knocked off in several places, but no bones were broken and it is hoped that he is not hurt internally and will soon be himself again. —Abilene Reporter.

Rev. Scarborough has many friends in Haskell who also will hope that he is not seriously injured and will speedily recover from his shake-up.

SUFFOCATED BY GAS.

Sensations Experienced by Preacher

New York, February 13.—Rev. Dr. George L. Spéning, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of South Orange, N. J., who was nearly asphyxiated in his study in the church a few days ago by a careless workman who shut off the gas and then turned it on again, has written an interesting account of his sensations while overcome by the gas.

"I did not notice the gas until seized by a deadly stupor, which it seemed impossible to throw off. I was seated at my desk. My sight grew dim. I could not see the manuscript before me. Every limb in my body felt as though weighted with lead. I tried to rise and had no power. I had the faintest sense of a heart fluttering and fast losing its power of pulsation. I had a specific pain and felt only the weight of a heavy stupor over which my will seemed to have no power.

"I remember my mental state and that I was sufficiently conscious to know and feel that the end was near and that the cause was asphyxiation. With this came a desperate effort to rally, a revival of the natural fighting instinct for life.

"The room was now filled with gas and I had no power to turn it off. I know not how I reached the door and got into the hall, where I sank down and lay like a fish on land gasping for the element vital to its life. Three or four times I rallied and then sank down again. So the fight went on until in the course of half an hour or more the pure air and oxygen, aided by a naturally strong constitution, revived me sufficiently to seek medical aid."

Cured Consumption.

Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kansas, writes: "My husband lay sick for three months; the doctors stated he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup and it cured him. This was six years ago, and since then we always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds, it has no equal." 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00 a bottle at Jno. E. Robertson's Drug Store, Haskell, Texas.

FOR A LARGE NAVY.

House Committee on Naval Affairs Favours Large Increase.

Washington, Feb. 12.—With plans of naval aggrandisement brought prominently to public notice by the appropriation bill just completed by the House committee on Naval Affairs, the significance of the relative standing resultant from this prospective augmentation is awakening keen interest not only in official circles, but also in the press and with the general public. If the ambitions of the Naval Committee are carried out, when the aggregate of tonnage under construction and projected is completed, the United States will stand third in the relative naval order strength, instead of fifth, as at present, and a combination of the two English-speaking Nations will give the Anglo-Saxons a total of 2,464,000 tons, or close to the combined total tonnage of all other Nations of note.

Britain now rules the seas by right of a naval equipment comprising 201 ships of 1,516,000 tons displacement in commission. France, which is second, makes about one-third of this showing—an aggregate of 576,000 tons displacement. Germany is third and Russia is fourth. The United States now takes fifth place, with thirty-five ships of 295,000 tons displacement. Warships below 10,000 tons are not reckoned in this estimate.

With the new building program carried to completion France will still remain second, with 756,000 tons, and the United States will take next rank, with 617,000 tons displacement, 110,000 tons more than the naval armament of Germany, which is next lower in the scale.

Ships aggregating 44,000 tons displacement are provided for in the naval appropriation bill which the House committee on Naval Affairs has just voted to report to the House. In the list are included one battleship of 18,000 tons, two armored cruisers of 14,000 tons each, three scout cruisers and two colliers. Half a million dollars is reappropriated to make the tests of submarine boats, of which the Secretary of the Navy is empowered to purchase not more than two. The battleship and armored cruisers are to cost about \$7,250,000 each, the scouts \$2,000,000 and the colliers \$300,000 each.

Last year's additions to the fighting strength of the navy amounted to 62,000 tons, and if the present building program is carried out these members of Congress who are favoring a larger navy declare they will be satisfied with the progress of this Nation.

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SENATOR HANNA PASSES AWAY

Washington, Feb. 16.—At the close of a cold, cheerless day, almost every moment of which was sunless and filled with gloom, the flickering spark of life which hovered dimly in the wasted frame of Marcus Alonzo Hanna fluttered out yesterday.

MARCUS ALONZO HANNA.



United States Senator from Ohio. Born at New Lisbon (now Lisbon), Ohio, Sept. 24, 1837. Has lived in Cleveland since 1852. Is head of the firm of M. A. Hanna & Co., coal dealers; director Globe Ship Manufacturing company; president Union National bank; president Cleveland City

week that Senator Hanna was making a hopeless struggle. His advanced years and physical infirmities had so weakened him that he was in no condition to withstand a serious attack of fever. Seldom in the history of Washington has a man's illness aroused such unusual interest. For days the newspapers' bulletin boards have been surrounded at all times of the day by people in all stations of life, eager to know of the Senator's condition and the progress of his fight for life. Only when McKinley lay dying at Buffalo, or when Garfield lingered in the pitiful struggle, has public interest been so keen in the illness of a public man. Now that the end has come, only expressions of sincere regret are heard on all sides.

War News Is Confusing The Japs Are Ahead.

New York, Feb. 15.—The news from the Orient to-day is in the same confused and muddled form it has been for nearly the whole of the week past. The Japanese, as is generally known, are a quick-thinking and quick-acting people. The results of the week summed up are the capture or destruction of twenty ships of all classes by the Japanese and the killed 365. No Japanese ships have been lost and sailors actually killed 4 with no captives. In addition there are persistent reports that the Japanese have torpedoed three Russian cruisers near Hakodate, but this report is not confirmed. There is also a report that one of Japan's warships sunk after the Port Arthur engagement, but this is not confirmed. Of the twenty Russian vessels captured, sunk or damaged, three were battleships, four cruisers and the others gunboats, transports and smaller craft. Experts believe the next move will be a great clash of land forces on the border of Manchuria and Korea and the bombardment of Port Arthur by the Japanese. Tokyo, Feb. 15.—At 5 p. m. yesterday the Foreign Office issued the following statement regarding the sinking of the Zensho Maru: "Two Japanese merchant vessels, the Zensho Maru and the Naganoura Maru, tonnage 170 and 700, respectively, while sailing from Kakata for Okalaru were suddenly attacked by four Russian cruisers from Vladivostok on Feb. 11 while ten miles of Jenseangta. Fire was opened without any order being given the vessels to surrender. The Naganoura succeeded in escaping. The other vessel was surrounded by the cruisers and sunk. All on board were either killed or drowned." It is said that the Japanese Govern-

ment is planning reprisals. Several Russian vessels which have been detained from reaching the enemy will now, it is said, be sent to the prize courts, and in all probability will be confiscated. The presence of Russian squadrons in Northern Japanese waters centers all interest. The country is isolated, and it is difficult to obtain satisfactory reports from there. There is a report from Chefoo of an attempt to land 12,000 Japanese troops at Pigeon Bay, near Port Arthur, which, it is said, was unsuccessful, the Japanese being repulsed. The fight was said to have been most desperate, and was fought with bayonets. There are also reports of three Russian vessels being blown up by the Straits of Hakkaido. The straits separate the island of Hondo, which is the largest of the Japanese group, from the island of Yezo, which lies to the north in the latitude of Vladivostok. It is about 450 miles from Vladivostok. Hakodate is the principal port in the strait and is on the island of Yezo. Six Norwegian steamers chartered by a Russian naval contractor have been captured. The vessels are the Lena, Activ, Sentis, Seirstadt, Argo and Hermitis. They carried coal cargoes. It is rumored that 1800 Japanese soldiers have been killed, presumably by the sinking of a transport. Disturbances are reported proceeding in Seoul. Washington, D. C.—A communication from Viceroy Alexieff confirms the report of the landing of 19,000 Japanese troops at Chemulpo. Reports have been received of attempts to cut the telegraph wires along the Chinese Eastern Railway and also to destroy one of the abutments of the Sungari bridge.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Durant business men are moving to secure a canning factory. Texas cattle Raisers Association has filed complaints of discrimination against the railway commission. A special election has been ordered at Enloe on the 27th inst., to determine whether the town shall be incorporated for school purposes. A street car full of people at Paducah, Ky., was struck by an engine and almost demolished. A dozen were injured, one, it is thought, fatally. The smallness of the effect produced in the stock market by the Baltimore calamity and the outbreak of the war has caused surprise and antipathy to the financial world. The Shreveport lodge of Elks has purchased a plot of ground in the business district upon which it is proposed to erect an Elks' home at a cost of \$50,000. Charles M. Schwab sailed Friday for France. At Schwab's office it was stated that it had been Schwab's intention for many weeks to go to Europe for his health, under advice of his physician. Andy Gray, a locomotive engineer, died suddenly Thursday at Ennis from heart disease. He was in the cab of his engine in the switch yards looking out of the window for a signal, when he suddenly expired. The lower house of the Mississippi Legislature has unanimously adopted a resolution inviting Hon. William R. Hearst to address that body on the political situation on such data as he may find convenient. The Tulsa Sand, Lime and Brick plant has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$40,000. The capacity of the plant is 20,000 per day. Brick is to be made of Arkansas River sand and native lime. In a shooting at Lane, twenty-three miles north of Shreveport, between Lester Willis and Harry Dorsey, negroes, a bullet from Willis' pistol struck and instantly killed Dorsey's eight-year-old daughter. Russian officials are using very strong terms in speaking of the action of England in ceding Wei-Hai-Wei for the use of Japanese ships. The British government is openly accused of a breach of neutrality. The State Department has been informed through some of its Consuls in Honduras that a revolution is imminent in that country. Martial law has been proclaimed and a number of arrests have been made. Fred Silney, Dallas manager of R. G. Dun & Co., says: "Reports show that between 25 and 30 per cent more land will be devoted to the cultivation of cotton this season than last. This means that much of the wheat and corn acreage of the South will be curtailed. Thursday morning the gin of J. M. Clayton at Wylie burned. Two residences also caught, but timely effort saved them. Besides the buildings connected with the gin and all the machinery, there were burned two wagons, three bales of cotton and two car loads of seed. Loss is estimated at \$600; insurance amounts to \$240. For the first time in the history of Shreveport, La., a petition signed by 300 voters was presented to the Police Jury asking for a local option election to be held at the same time as the general election in April. The urgent deficiency bill, carrying with it the loan of \$4,500,000 to the St. Louis exposition, passed the house Thursday and only requires the president's signature to become a law. It is announced that Enloe is entirely clear of smallpox. Taylor has secured one of the twelve or more experimental farms to be established in Texas by the Agricultural Department at Washington, as authorized by the National Government by act of Congress. The big dry goods house of Harry S. Gundry & Co., at Waurika, I. T., was burned Friday at a loss of \$13,000. As early as Thursday the banks of Baltimore had resumed business and were prepared to pay all drafts made upon them. Two persons lost their lives and four others were injured, one probably fatally, in a fire that destroyed a three-story brick apartment house at Kansas City. There were several narrow escapes. The Pennsylvania Railroad will have an exhibit at the St. Louis Fair which will cover 33,000 square feet in the Transportation building. Announcement has just been made that \$100,000 have been appropriated for the purpose. It is learned that Russia is in the American market for mules, as was England during the Boer War. It is stated that two train loads of mules were shipped from Kansas City last week and that more are being sought.

AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

Matters Already Settled Will Be Debated.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The Senate will continue to consider the Panama treaty during the week, both in open and in executive session. Senator Morgan has prepared speeches on different phases of the situation which he will present in open session. When these speeches no longer occupy the attention of the Senate, Senator Culom, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, will insist that consideration of the treaty in executive session be resumed. It is understood there will be considerable discussion of the treaty behind closed doors. It is expected that on today or Tuesday a time will be fixed for taking a vote on the treaty. It has been agreed already that the vote will be taken on or before February 23 and the general impression is that the 23d will be the date fixed. If Senator Hanna dies Congress will adjourn for one and probably two days on account of his death and funeral. Should there be any time to spare from consideration of the treaty and the various resolutions relating to the Panama situation, the agricultural appropriation bill will be passed. Senator McCumber expects to have the pension appropriation bill ready to consider during the week if there is time to take it up. The naval appropriation bill will occupy much of the time of the House

THE JAPS STILL AHEAD.

The Muscovites Move Slowly, but Surely Forward.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—It is officially admitted by the Government that the Japanese have succeeded in obtaining a foothold in Manchuria, and that the Russian forces opposed to them has been unable to keep them back. The admission caused a profound sensation throughout St. Petersburg. No intimation is given as to whether the Japanese have entered Manchuria, but in all probability they have forced a lodgment near Port Arthur on the Kwan Tung Peninsula, and also along the Yalu, where it has been reported in news dispatches from the Far East the Japanese had overcome the Russian defense and were fighting on the north bank of the river. The Japanese have been reported marching through Korea toward the Yalu. On Saturday it was reported the Russians had crossed to the south side of the river and encountered the Japanese, taking eighty officers and men prisoners. This was evidently a skirmish of outposts and the news given out by the government would indicate that the Japanese have brought a heavy force to bear on the Russians and swept them back, thus endangering the Port Arthur line of communication. A dispatch from Shanghai states that within the next few days 100,000 Japanese troops will be embarked, leaving several ports simultaneously. No engagements are reported, though the storming of Port Arthur is daily expected. At Pittsburg Ambrose Black (the 14-year-old son of H. Y. Black, who accidentally shot in the abdomen Saturday afternoon while playing with a toy cannon. Blood poisoning followed, and hopes of his recovery have been abandoned.

Anti-toxin in Chicago.

Chicago: Proof that anti-toxin saves hundreds of lives in Chicago each year is offered by the health department in its weekly bulletin. The use of anti-toxin in the treatment of diphtheria was begun by the city nine years ago and since that time the mortality has been 6988, while during the nine years before 11,488 persons died. The decrease has been 5400, or 47 per cent, while the population has increased nearly 600,000, or 52 per cent. Considering population, the decrease in deaths is given as 63 per cent. The recent action of manufacturers in increasing the price of the serum to \$1.33 per unit led the department to ascertain the cost of manufacture, which, it declares, is less than 20 cents. The Peabody Fire Insurance Company, a local concern, was the first to succumb to the great Baltimore fire. Its losses were \$700,000 and assets \$360,000. H. H. Colclazor Dead. San Antonio: H. H. Colclazor, special agent in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma for the rural free delivery system of the postal service and formerly managing editor of the Philadelphia Record, died Monday night after a brief illness from malarial complications. Deceased was 52 years of age and leaves a wife. The interment will take place in San Antonio. Mr. Colclazor was appointed to his position in 1899 by Emory Smith.

Fire at Kingfisher.

Kingfisher, Ok.: In a fire which destroyed Doorley's livery stable six horses were burned. Doorley's residence adjoining the stable was also consumed with its furniture, piano and bedding. Not even a full suit of clothes was saved by any of his family. Fifty feet away the Central Hotel caught fire from the blazing barn and it is an untenable wreck. The hotel belonged to W. L. Reynolds, who conducted it. His loss is \$3000. Insurance on building and furniture \$2000. To Build Steger Brick Plants. Fort Worth: E. D. Steger, president of the Denison and Bonham Railway Company also president of the Steger Brick Company, was here this week to arrange for putting in a \$100,000 plant to make the Steger patent brick. The same company will build plants in Dallas, Houston and other large cities in Texas during the present year. In the company are interested several prominent railroad officials. Prominent American Dead. New York: Col. Henry Granberry, ninety-six years old, who in 1831 put down an insurrection at South Hamden, which became known in Virginia history as Knapp's war, is dead at his home here. He owned a large tobacco plantation in Virginia but had lived here since 1841 and claimed to have voted at every presidential election since the Jackson campaign. Col. Granberry was known as Gen. R. E. Lee's double.

Most Contemptible Deed.

Paris: A barn on the premises of Dr. H. C. Nash at Antlers, I. T., was destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock Saturday morning. Four head of horses and a cow perished in the flames. About 500 bushels of corn and a quantity of hay was also consumed. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The well rope was found cut. It had presumably been cut to prevent the drawing of water to put out the fire. Temple: Fred Weaver, the 19-year-old son of Will Weaver, a well-known farmer living close to Heidenheimer, was handling a target rifle while seated around the fire with the family. Pointing the gun at his sister, his father told him not to do so. The boy replied that the gun was unloaded. In attempting to look through the barrel a cartridge was exploded and a ball entered the boy's right eye, penetrating the brain and causing instant death. Two Killed and Seventy-five Hurt. Chagrin Falls, Ohio: A heavily loaded passenger car on the Eastern Ohio Traction Company's road dashed down a steep hill for more than a mile from the center of the town and jumped the track at a sharp curve. The motorman lost control of his brakes. Sixteen persons were more or less seriously hurt by the car overturning and sliding along the ground for twenty-five feet.

Shot Resisting Arrest.

Mineola: Sheriff W. J. Ray and Constable W. H. Willingham went to a negro house to arrest a negro by the name of Jeff Worth, who was wanted at Taylor. Worth knocked the sheriff down and ran. Constable Willingham pursued the negro. He turned and fired two shots through the constable's coat at close range. The constable returned the fire, shooting Worth through the heart, killing him instantly. Saturday evening Ed Crosslin was shot and instantly killed at Headrick Green county, Ok.

Trolley Car Ran Away.

Cumberland, Md.: Two persons were killed and about seventy-five injured, twenty-five of whom were seriously hurt, in a trolley car accident in Frostburg Sunday. The car ran away on a steep grade and upon reaching a sharp curve jumped the track and crushed the telegraph pole. The car was crushed to pieces and scarcely one of the eighty passengers escaped injury of some sort.

News has been received of the death of J. H. Stephenson, an aged and highly respected farmer of the Mountain Peak County, Ellis County. He was seventy-eight years old and had been in ill health several months.

Brakeman J. M. Shrivvers of Greenville, who was working with a Katy work train at Gilmer, was killed at that place. He was knocked from the top of the caboose by being struck, while passing under a bridge, by a piece of the timber.

It is learned that E. M. Lanham, son of Governor Lanham, is to be cashier of the new Western National bank, which opens in Fort Worth March 1. This bank will have a capital of a quarter of a million dollars.

The store of J. D. Howard at Mosheim was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The postoffice was in this building, and everything was burned except some stamps which were in the safe. Loss about \$500, partially covered by insurance.

A sensation was caused at the Beaumont opera house by the police taking in custody a prominent middle-aged business man and a dapper youngster, who afterwards was disclosed as a girl in male attire.

Mose Jones was killed and Ches. Young badly injured in a collision with a motor car at Shreveport. The men were driving a delivery wagon when the horse swerved, causing the car to crash into the vehicle, smashing it and killing Jones instantly.

George E. Bennett and a party of capitalists of Fort Worth have purchased the Strawn mines from the Mount Marion Mining Company, the price paid being a quarter of a million dollars. The owners of this mine were the Carpenter Brothers of Baltimore, Md.

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Anti-toxin in Chicago.

Chicago: Proof that anti-toxin saves hundreds of lives in Chicago each year is offered by the health department in its weekly bulletin. The use of anti-toxin in the treatment of diphtheria was begun by the city nine years ago and since that time the mortality has been 6988, while during the nine years before 11,488 persons died. The decrease has been 5400, or 47 per cent, while the population has increased nearly 600,000, or 52 per cent. Considering population, the decrease in deaths is given as 63 per cent. The recent action of manufacturers in increasing the price of the serum to \$1.33 per unit led the department to ascertain the cost of manufacture, which, it declares, is less than 20 cents.

The Peabody Fire Insurance Company, a local concern, was the first to succumb to the great Baltimore fire. Its losses were \$700,000 and assets \$360,000.

H. H. Colclazor Dead.

San Antonio: H. H. Colclazor, special agent in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma for the rural free delivery system of the postal service and formerly managing editor of the Philadelphia Record, died Monday night after a brief illness from malarial complications. Deceased was 52 years of age and leaves a wife. The interment will take place in San Antonio. Mr. Colclazor was appointed to his position in 1899 by Emory Smith.

Fire at Kingfisher.

Kingfisher, Ok.: In a fire which destroyed Doorley's livery stable six horses were burned. Doorley's residence adjoining the stable was also consumed with its furniture, piano and bedding. Not even a full suit of clothes was saved by any of his family. Fifty feet away the Central Hotel caught fire from the blazing barn and it is an untenable wreck. The hotel belonged to W. L. Reynolds, who conducted it. His loss is \$3000. Insurance on building and furniture \$2000.

To Build Steger Brick Plants.

Fort Worth: E. D. Steger, president of the Denison and Bonham Railway Company also president of the Steger Brick Company, was here this week to arrange for putting in a \$100,000 plant to make the Steger patent brick. The same company will build plants in Dallas, Houston and other large cities in Texas during the present year. In the company are interested several prominent railroad officials.

Prominent American Dead.

New York: Col. Henry Granberry, ninety-six years old, who in 1831 put down an insurrection at South Hamden, which became known in Virginia history as Knapp's war, is dead at his home here. He owned a large tobacco plantation in Virginia but had lived here since 1841 and claimed to have voted at every presidential election since the Jackson campaign. Col. Granberry was known as Gen. R. E. Lee's double.

Most Contemptible Deed.

Paris: A barn on the premises of Dr. H. C. Nash at Antlers, I. T., was destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock Saturday morning. Four head of horses and a cow perished in the flames. About 500 bushels of corn and a quantity of hay was also consumed. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The well rope was found cut. It had presumably been cut to prevent the drawing of water to put out the fire.

Temple: Fred Weaver, the 19-year-old son of Will Weaver, a well-known farmer living close to Heidenheimer, was handling a target rifle while seated around the fire with the family. Pointing the gun at his sister, his father told him not to do so. The boy replied that the gun was unloaded. In attempting to look through the barrel a cartridge was exploded and a ball entered the boy's right eye, penetrating the brain and causing instant death.

Two Killed and Seventy-five Hurt.

Chagrin Falls, Ohio: A heavily loaded passenger car on the Eastern Ohio Traction Company's road dashed down a steep hill for more than a mile from the center of the town and jumped the track at a sharp curve. The motorman lost control of his brakes. Sixteen persons were more or less seriously hurt by the car overturning and sliding along the ground for twenty-five feet.

Shot Resisting Arrest.

Mineola: Sheriff W. J. Ray and Constable W. H. Willingham went to a negro house to arrest a negro by the name of Jeff Worth, who was wanted at Taylor. Worth knocked the sheriff down and ran. Constable Willingham pursued the negro. He turned and fired two shots through the constable's coat at close range. The constable returned the fire, shooting Worth through the heart, killing him instantly.

Trolley Car Ran Away.

Cumberland, Md.: Two persons were killed and about seventy-five injured, twenty-five of whom were seriously hurt, in a trolley car accident in Frostburg Sunday. The car ran away on a steep grade and upon reaching a sharp curve jumped the track and crushed the telegraph pole. The car was crushed to pieces and scarcely one of the eighty passengers escaped injury of some sort.

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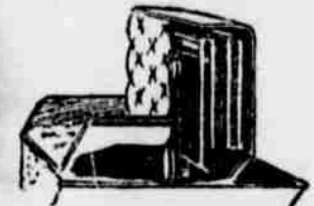
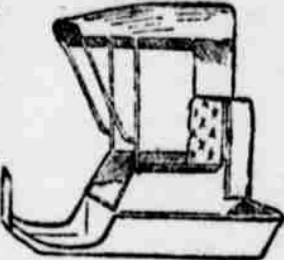
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NOTES ON SCIENCE

Folding Top for Vehicles. For light driving in pleasant weather or a top carriage is more of a nuisance than a convenience, but the value of this protection when caught in a storm is so great that many drivers find it necessary to put up with the inconvenience. Now, however, a convenient method of disposing of this top has been devised by two New Jersey inventors. The top is moved back to a folding position, and then, by the manipulation of a crank underneath the buggy seat, is lowered into a compartment attached to the back of the seat. The operating crank is secured to a shaft, which is provided at its opposite end with a grooved pulley. A chain on this pulley passes over a sprocket wheel at the top of the seat back, and is fastened to the lower end of the framework of the top. This is also provided with a disk, from which two rods extend to the



Pocket Contains the Cover. Spring bolts, located on each side of the frame, are adapted to enter catches in the seat back when the frame has been sufficiently elevated, locking it in place. When it is desired to lower the frame the disk is rotated by means of a handle in the back of the seat, causing the connecting rods to withdraw the locking bolts. The upright members of the middle bow slide on rods on the seat arms, and can be detached when moved to the rear, permitting them to be folded up and deposited in the pocket. The location of the joints in the frame has been carefully planned to permit of folding the top as compactly and neatly as possible. With the buggy top stowed away in the hollow seat back free access is permitted to the rear portion of the vehicle body, permitting the storage of packages or loose articles. William T. and Edward Y. Temple of Trenton, N. J., are the inventors.

Mount Pelee's Cork.

Not the least remarkable of the many extraordinary conditions that have been associated with the recent eruptions of Mount Pelee is the extrusion of the giant tower of rock, a veritable obelisk, which now dominates the mountain, and which has given to it an added height of 890 to 900 feet. This tower of rock issues directly from the summit of the new cone of the volcano to a height of 1,600 feet or more, and virtually plugs it. Where it is implanted, it has a thickness of some 300 to 350 feet. From certain points of view the obelisk seems to maintain for most of its height a fairly uniform thickness; from other points it shows a rapidly tapering surface. In eight days preceding June 7 this growth was 33 feet and in the four days preceding June 13 it measured 20 feet. The consideration of the depth to which this giant monument descends solid into the volcano would be interesting were there any way of reaching the problem. A feeble line of steam issuing from the absolute apex of the summit was noted, suggesting a continuous passage or channel extending from base to summit. In March last a discharge of incandescent balls was observed also to take place from the same position.

Artificial Alcohol.

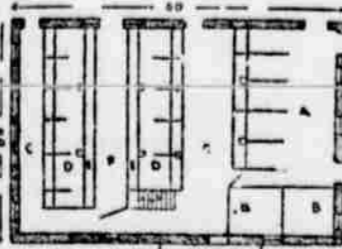
That alcohol may be produced by chemical combination of its elements, without recourse to the fermentation of sugar, has been known to chemists since 1850, when it was first so prepared by Berthelot from acetylene. That substance was then expensive and difficult to obtain, but now that it may be made by simply moistening calcium carbide, which in turn is manufactured on a large scale by the electrical combination of lime and charcoal, chemists are talking of a revolution in the alcohol industry. According to a recent French writer, however, this revolution has not yet arrived, for alcohol from artificial or synthetic processes cannot yet be produced cheaply.

By Morley Roberts, author of the "Colossus," "The Fugitives," etc., etc. The Promotion of the Admiral is a clever sea story. Opportune now in these times of naval warfare and foreign adventure. Hardly has a recent writer stirred so much sentiment and touched so many hearts. It's a "teaching" story, but not sleepy goody-goody moralizing one. It's alive.

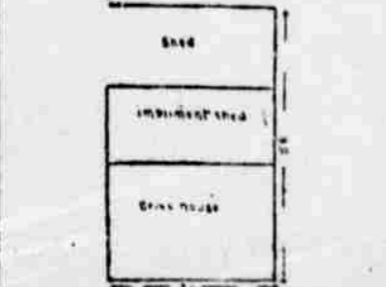
GOOD PLAN FOR BARN.

Room for Live Stock, Implements and Grain. W. H. C.—Please publish a suitable plan for a barn 40 by 60 feet, with an L 30 by 50 feet. I would like to have room for about 20 head of cattle, 5 to 6 horses, 2 box stalls, a root cellar, a place for implements, carriage room, harness, etc., and a passage way wide enough to drive through.

The plan shown provides for 5 single horse stalls, 2 box stalls and stalls for 21 cows. The root cellar is under



A—Horse stable; B—Box stalls; C—Cow stalls; D—Passage behind cows; E—Gutter; F—Passage behind cows; G—Driveway to the barn. The 30 by 50 barn consists of a shed, implement house and carriage house, which is directly off the horse stable, and it can be used for hitching up the horses without going out of doors. The barn above consists of one row 18 feet, a 12-foot driveway and two 15-foot mows. The posts in the basement are in horse and cow mangers and directly under the sills, but as the other bent comes directly over the passage behind the cattle, the posts are placed on each side of the gutter with a needle beam from each on which the sill rests. This will leave the passage way



clear. The hay and straw is put in the basement from the thresh floor through a door in the mow beside the stairway.

Renewing a Kitchen Floor.

F. A. B.—An old kitchen floor made of boards one foot wide is badly worn between the knots and we wish to level it up and cover it with linoleum so as to have it warm and level. How would it answer to level it up with sawdust, cover it with felt paper and then put down linoleum. We do not care to go to the expense of a new floor if a new job can be made without it.

Sawdust could not be made sufficiently firm to be of service in leveling up the depressions in the floor. Undoubtedly the best course to pursue is to hew down the knots and high places with an adze and lay new narrow flooring over the old boards, leveling up the low places with strips of shingles. The new floor would cost very little more than good linoleum, it would last very much longer and be much more satisfactory than any system of repairing.

Burned Bones for Laying Hens.

E. S. M.—Will bones, burned and pulverized, help chickens to lay? It is a very common practice to feed ground fresh bones to laying hens in the winter season, when the natural supply of insects and worms cannot be secured by the fowls, but so far as we are aware charred bones are not made use of in this way.

Co-operation in the Sale of Eggs.

The sale of eggs in combination began in the province of Hanover, Germany, in 1896 and at present there are in that province ninety-five associations for that purpose. Of these thirty-five operate on their own account, and the remainder are allied with other associations—friendly societies, co-operative dairies, or agricultural societies. "The business of one of these associations amounts to nearly \$20,000 a year, but that of the majority of them does not exceed \$2,500, and the transactions of a considerable number fall below \$1,000 a year.

Judged by His Own Standard.

Young lady—Do you admire Miss Rollo's dancing? Horsey young man—Yes, very much. "And she dresses so well, too." "O, I'm no judge of the harness, but I can answer for the action."

THE LOST. Down in the crowded, busy street A little child was lost; He ran with weary little feet Where hurrying hundreds crossed; From those who stopped he turned aside, And stood with sudden fear, He wildly, pitifully cried: For one who did not hear. His anxious father came at last And clasped the weeping boy, And many a one who hurried past Concealed a tear of joy. The father kissed the little face With all the stains it bore, And blissful trust was in the place Where fear had been before. I am but a child that's lost; By dreadful doubts oppressed, I think of guils that must be crossed, And fear is in my breast. O, will my faith return to me? Will He come back some day To where I linger doubtfully, And lead me on the way? —Chicago Record-Herald.



A Flirtation and a Typewriter

"You are not thinking of making any new business deals, are you? Here is a very important typewritten letter," said Bub, who was sorting the mail, flinging the missive across the breakfast table to his sister. Natalie knit her pretty brows. "Must be an advertisement," she commented. "How disappointing, when I expected a letter from Mr. Vanderbeck." She languidly opened the stiff envelope and then a cloud darkened her eyes. This was the letter: "Dear Daintiness—I am rushed with business, my two partners being ill, which must account for this method of communication. I know that you care to hear from me, and flatter myself that you would rather receive a line in this unconventional way than none at all. "I think of you constantly and the fact that I shall be unable to run up



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"Well, upon my word, what effrontery! A typewritten letter, and to me! I will teach His Impertinence a lesson. Write him a nice, breezy letter, indeed! He will think me a regular cyclone when I tell him of my opinion of his method of correspondence." Bub cried "Hear! Hear!" and Natalie left breakfast untasted in her annoyance. A week later Mrs. Morgan and Natalie went to town to do some shopping. Harry Vanderbeck spied them at the opera. "You deserve a good scolding," he said, bending over the girl's pretty brown head. "What, then, do you deserve?" she retorted. "I should hate to get all my deserts. I've been such a mean scamp generally, but what particular sin do you refer to now?" "I am not in the habit of receiving typewritten letters from my masculine friends."

"Ah, dear little lady, but I told you I was extraordinarily busy." "There can be no excuse for offering a lady such an insult." "Wherein lies the harm?" "How obtuse you are. Can you pretend that it is in good taste to say nice, intimate things, such as that letter contained, through a third person? Why, the mere thought makes me blush. I ought never to speak to you again. How your typewriter must be laughing at us both. Oh, it was vulgar to do such a thing." "My typewriter, mademoiselle, is a stolid thing of iron and steel, not given to laughter."

"It is absurd to try to evade the question in that way. I mean the young woman to whom you dictate your correspondence. I suppose it is a young woman, the matter is even worse if your typewriter is a man." "You think so? That is too bad, because my typewriter is a man." "And you were shameless enough to let him know that you dared write such things to me?" "Why, he knows as much about me as I do myself."

"Such confidence may do very well so far as business matters are concerned, but you had no right to reveal our friendship to a clerk." "I love to see you look like that," said the man. "If the music were not going to blare forth in a minute I should delay my confession half an hour longer, just for the pleasure of watching your rage." "What now?" impatiently. "My typewriter is no clerk." "I do not care who he is, nothing can improve the situation." "Oh, yes, you do care. That letter, to which you take such exception, and which I really prided myself was rather a neat job, is the work of the blushing clerk you see before you?" "I did it with my little fingers." "Impossible!"

"Dearest young woman, nothing is impossible to one with my talents. I must go now, people are settling down again. What a bore the music is! I am coming to call to-morrow whether you want me or not, and next time be sure you are right before you accuse a nice gentleman of all sorts of horrible crimes." Natalie pondered and wondered, and arrived at nothing but perplexity. Was it possible, she asked herself as the music thundered to a grand finale, that this entertaining, somewhat frivolous man-of-the-world, understood the manipulation of a typewriter. "I will prove him," she said as she moved out of the opera house amidst the luxuriously attired mob. "He is extremely good fun to flirt with and if he's told the truth about this affair of course it's all right and there need be no break in our little intimacy." The next afternoon when Mr. Vanderbeck entered the Morgans' private sitting room he found a cheerfully bubbling tea kettle and a radiant girl. He did not notice a queer-shaped object on a small table in a corner. Natalie was in high spirits and they skirted the dangerous shoals of love-making, as was their custom. Harry Vanderbeck knew just how far to go in such delicate matters, and as Natalie knew just where to stop him, both found the pastime exciting.

Natalie regarded him with wide, wondering eyes. "Are you aware, my dear, that it is your obvious duty to send me away? I do not know enough to go of my own free will. I presume you are going to dine this evening, and dining means a frock other than that fascinating affair you have on." "I want you to do something for me first, with a pleading smile. "What bliss! I hope it is something very difficult, that I may show my valor." "That depends," said Natalie with a laugh, flinging the black cloth from the typewriter. "It is not exactly the



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kind of a task ladies in the past used to set for their faithful knights, but it is extremely up-to-date, which is always my endeavor. I am crazy to see how these strange looking machines are managed. Won't you show me?" The man turned a bit pale at the sight of the typewriter, but his pause was so slight as to be imperceptible. "Certainly," he said, stepping forward. "It is scarcely so romantic a task as rescuing your glove from a lion's den, but much simpler. By the way, Miss Charming, a piece of paper is a requisite of this task." "Anything writable will do?" "Will a piece of note paper do?" "Anything writable will do." He ran the paper into the machine with a flourish, and began to rattle the keys at quite a respectable speed. Natalie regarded him with wide, wondering eyes. "He can do it," she thought.

The young man pulled the paper out of the machine and held it up to her. There were several lines, reading: "This is a sample of the work of this machine," all perfectly written. "Thank you," said Natalie. "It is very interesting." "Don't mention it. Shall always be glad to do any typewriting you may have, but I warn you in advance that my charges are rather high." "It seems ungrateful, but I really must send you away now." "The best of things must have an end, even the task of writing on the typewriter at the whim of a fair young creature. Ha, hum! So rolls the world away."

Natalie pressed his hand gently in parting, and there was a tender self-reproachfulness in her eyes. He knew she regretted her suspicion of him, and his gay farewell was intended to assure her of his forgiveness. Vanderbeck paused for a moment on the curb outside. "What a stroke of luck that she did not insist on my writing any more when that is the only sentence I know," and he swung on to a car feeling well content.

WAS EQUAL TO THE OCCASION. Minister Turns Apparent Predicament to His Advantage.

Rev. F. W. Sanford, leader of a new sect at Shiloh, Me., that threatens to exceed in numbers Dowrie's army, tells a story of a Presbyterian minister. "This minister," says Mr. Sanford, "was making a tour of Maine, preaching each Sunday in a different church. It happened that on one particular Sunday he had no new discourse prepared. This, however, did not bother him. Would he not be among strange people?"

"It chanced, however, that when he arose in the pulpit he saw a number of last Sunday's congregation seated in the front row. A delegation had come to hear him again, intending, if he pleased them, to offer him the incumbency of their church. "What was he to do? He suspected the cause of the delegation's visit, and he wanted to please them mightily. An inspiration came to him, and, frowning down upon his hearers, he began: "Dear Friends: I have been much pained by a report that has reached me. I preached last Sunday, as you know, in Shiloh church. Well, I have been reliably informed that the good people of Shiloh took umbrage at my discourse. They questioned its orthodoxy. How am I to reply to them? How am I to defend myself? But one way is open to me. In order to refute this baseless charge from Shiloh I am going to repeat, sentence by sentence, and word for word, the sermon I preached there last Sunday. Give me, I pray you, your attention, and see if you can find in my sermon a single unorthodox thought."—Chicago Record-Herald.

She Was Stuck on the Place.

A strange thing happened in this village recently during a lull in the heavy rains, and it happened to one poor, lone hen, and caused her owner to gaze and wonder in astonishment. This particular hen in question has a brood of about twenty chickens which she is forced to scratch for and shelter from hawks and do other things that are necessary for motherly hens to look out for when chickens are young. Well, it happened that one morning the rain stopped for a few hours and the ground was exceedingly soft and susceptible to the pedal extremities of all kinds of walking creatures, especially hens. Mrs. Hen started out to scratch for a few choice worms and bugs. About an hour later her owner came into the yard and saw her scratching on the ground and supposed she was covering her chicks from some passing hawk. He went up to her, but she did not start. And good reason, too; she was stuck in the mud up to her feathery breast. The man, of course, extricated Mrs. H. from her embarrassing position and she hustled back into the barn to wait until the ground dried.—Biddeford, Me., Record.

Thoughts on the Seasons.

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HUMOR OF THE DAY

Best-Paying Part of the Business. "How are you finding business, doctor?" was asked of a physician. "Capital," he replied. "I have all that I can attend to." "I didn't understand that there was much sickness about." "No, there isn't. But we physicians do not depend upon sickness for an income. O, no; most of our money is made from people who have nothing the matter with them."

Slight Misunderstanding. "Uncle, will you have some pale de fole gras?" asked the fair hostess of a relative who was dining with her. "Will I have a plate for grass?" echoed the old man, who was slightly deaf. "Say, sis, do you think I'm Nebuchadnezzar or a horse?"

Merry Yuletide. La Monti—I see you up to Edna's home a great deal. Don't you know there are judgments hanging over her father's head? Le Moyne—It matters not so long as mistletoe is hanging over Edna's head.



Hard Work. Mother—Willie, I'm so glad you study "Moral Philosophy." I put a \$10 bill in it and I see the money's gone. Willie—Yes, ma, and I wish you'd put the stuff nearer the front. I had to turn over 243 pages to find it.

Modern Way. "Shall we notify the count's relatives that he is being held for ransom?" asked the trusty lieutenant. "I should say not," replied the bandit chief. "Advertise him for sale in one of those American journals devoted to the interests of title-seeking heiresses. See?"

How He Knew. Tattered Tommy—How do youse gimme a quarter 't' git sumpin' 't' eat? I hain't had nuttin'. Benevolent Citizen—Ah, I see, my man, that you are not a member of the local faction known as "the Union Republicans."

Quick Change. Sweet Singer—"Did you notice the new diamonds in my ears?" Comedian—"Yes, they are very large and attract a great deal of attention." Sweet Singer—"Thank you." Comedian—"I means the ears."

Summer and Winter. "Who is this man who is telling us that he has found a way of exterminating mosquitoes?" "He's the same man who last July was exulting over the fact that he had found a cheap substitute for coal."

Gratitude. Jings—Did the man that brought back your dog get his reward? Jangs—I should say so! He got out of the yard alive!



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REPUBLICAN POW-WOW AND ROW.

The republican State executive committee held a meeting at Dallas last Saturday and adopted resolutions, which among other things, "heartily endorse the policy and acts of the administration under President Roosevelt." "Policy and acts"—the whole thing, including negro postmistresses and customs collectors in the South and the depriving of a county seat in Mississippi of a postoffice during a year because they didn't want a negro woman postmaster—and plenty of other shabby acts. The resolutions especially endorsed the President's Panama coup and assured him of the Texas vote in the national convention.

Of course there were negroes in the meeting and they felt as big as anybody else present—and they were. In a hot wrangle "Goose Neck Bill" (W. M. McDonald, negro) very distinctly intimated that Judge Ogden, of San Antonio, had lied and the Judge tried to strike him and there was a general mixup. So goes republicanism in the South.

WHAT MAY COME OF IT.

The dispatches indicate that the Russians have taken it into their heads that the United States is encouraging Japan, if not seriously aiding her, and the press of that country is saying some hard things about this country, and the general report is that popular feeling is growing bitter toward us. While Russia professes to accept the proposition of this country, and others acting in accord with it, to the effect that the field of hostilities shall be limited to as small an area as possible and that the neutrality of China shall be respected and the integrity of its territory be undisturbed as a result of the war, it is plain that Russia considers it meddling on the part of this country and is not pleased.

A late dispatch from St. Petersburg says that Mr. Hay's note, (in regard to the above matters) if maintained, will certainly cause complications. A leading newspaper which is said to reflect public sentiment is quoted as saying: "One war unfortunately will not settle the matter, as England and the United States are behind the Japanese."

It is unfortunate and regrettable that this country has departed from its old policy of non interference in and the avoidance of foreign entanglements and has taken up the policy of a "world power" and is having its say in matters between other countries. War as a result is only a question of time. While our subjugation or the serious invasion of this country by any other power or combination of powers is practically impossible and not to be feared, a war with one or more powerful countries would entail much loss and cripple our commerce and, besides the loss of lives, would bring heavy burdens of taxation upon our people in building and maintaining a great navy and marine and military forces, and would be demoralizing in many ways.

Under the present European situation, should the United States become involved with Russia, France, under her treaty with Russia, would join her against the United States and Japan. In that event England's understanding with Japan would bring her in on the side of Japan and this country and it is almost certain that Germany would side with Russia and there would be

such a war as the world has never known.

It would go still further than above indicated, as there is little doubt that Turkey would take advantage of the involved condition of Europe to exterminate the Armenian Christians and subjugate and annex Bulgaria and perhaps Serbia to her territory, from doing which she has been restrained by Europe. And it is not improbable that as the European countries became weakened in their great struggle many of their colonies and dependencies would take the opportunity to cut loose from them and set up independent governments.

It staggers the imagination to speculate on what may come of the present situation in the Far East.

OPPOSED TO GREAT NAVIES.

The administration is using its influence and urging congress to make additional heavy appropriations for the building of more warships. If the bill now before congress providing for several large battleships and some smaller craft passes it will, with those provided for by the previous congress, require \$85,000,000 or more to cover the bill. It is said that this addition to our present navy will make us the third strongest naval power in the world. But how long will we occupy that place without additional expenditures? England, France, Russia, Germany, in fact, all the large powers, are adding to their navies as rapidly as we are. There seems to be no indication or prospect of a cessation in this rivalry. Every time one country starts in to add a few ships to its navy the others say, "that will give them the advantage over us, we must add more," and so it goes on. This policy carried to its logical conclusion will fill the seas with fighting machines and lay oppressive tax burdens upon the people of every country in the world—and the relative fighting strength of each will still be about what it was at the start.

We fail to see where or how the world will be any better for all this expenditure of money. But on the other hand it appears that it must be made decidedly worse by it. The people will be ground down by heavier tax burdens—and the burden is heavy in most countries now—which will deprive them of means for physical comforts and intellectual advancement, and the spirit of war and conquest instead of the spirit of peace, domestic tranquility and industrial advancement will be encouraged and fostered by governments. In fact it looks like going back toward barbarism, on a higher intellectual plane it is true, but barbarism just the same, rather than going forward in all those things that tend to peace, morality and spiritual life.

If the nations would agree upon a plan of settling the differences which arise between them, from time to time, without war, as by submission to arbitration or a joint international court, and disband their armies and navies and turn the energies and money now spent in building and maintaining them, or one-half of that amount—into internal improvements and other channels designed to elevate the mental and moral side of humanity, the result would soon be an inconceivably better world. Many claim that it is impossible to do this. We admit that it will require some time and the devotion of good and able men and women to bring about such a consummation, but to deny that it can be done within a reasonable time is to admit that men do not want it so, and that the moral development of the human race is far behind the intellectual, scientific and other development of the age in which we live.

It is not presumed that Gen. Wood will go into mourning.

HOW TO HAVE GOOD GOVERNMENT.

There is "much ado" made about what the next Democratic platform shall contain, and who will be nominated to head the ticket for President. All this can easily be cured by letting the people make the platform and then nominate a man to suit that platform. Let the Democrats of every precinct meet and elect and instruct their delegates to the county conventions as to what they do and do not want in the platform. Then let the counties do the same to the State convention, and the State to the National convention. Then we will have the united voice of the people on platform.—Henderson County News.

The idea is a splendid one; yet that does not need to be said, for it is no new idea. It has existed from the beginning of this Government—and is indeed the root of it. The "founders" attempted to establish a popular form of Government. They had for their main purpose the creation of a government for the people and in which the people, every man of them, should have a voice in public affairs. It is feared that many people do not look on it that way now. They are too subservient to the opinion of the men whom they place in office. The idea of an officeholder, whether he be a Judge or a Congressman, going to a convention, and there as "one of the people" instructing himself what to do, is an outrage. Yet it is done every year in which conventions are held. Add, as is suggested here, the people should commence expressing themselves in their precinct primaries or conventions. If they will do this they will come very near having themselves properly represented in the main conventions.—Dallas News.

That is the only method by which a purely democratic and representative government can be secured and maintained, but will the people take interest enough to inform themselves as to men and measures so as to act intelligently and then take the trouble to attend conventions and express themselves? They have neglected too often in the past to do so.

The United States agricultural department has arranged to operate thirteen experimental farms in Texas this year for the demonstration of improved methods in cotton culture as well as to ascertain the best means of combating or exterminating the boll weevils.

In the death of Mark Hanna the republican party lost its chief political engineer.

FOR SALE.

Full blood Durham males also full blood Berkshire sows, will sell for good fall notes.

A. P. McLEMORE, Haskell, Tex.

Stray Notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Haskell, }

TAKEN UP BY S. S. Cummings and estrayed before J. T. Knowles, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, Haskell County: One sorrel horse, 15 hands high 9 or 10 years old, branded A on left shoulder, with white streak in face and has saddle marks, also one gray horse, 15 1/2 hands high, 12 years old branded Heart 8 on left thigh. Appraised at Thirty Dollars.

The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 15th day of February, 1904.

C. D. LONG, Clerk
County Court Haskell County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce Mr. Wm. Oglesby as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce Mr. T. J. Lemmon as a candidate for Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce Mr. J. W. Collins as a candidate for Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

Herford Bulls.



Ranch Five Miles North of Haskell.

We have eight High Grade Herford Bulls for sale. Nothing under 31-32 and most of them 63-64.

J. W. Johnson & Son,
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Come and see for yourselves.

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Is complete,—prices will be to your liking.

..T. G. CARNEY..

Winter is on

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All the following kinds of vegetables can be found in the best grade of canned goods at all times at

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- Okra, Corn and tomatoes,
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—And in canned fruits the following are always in stock—

- Pears,
- Plums, Peaches,
- Apricots, Cherries, Blackberries,
- Strawberries, Gooseberries, Muscat grapes.

When people buy these things they want something good, therefore I keep the good kind. You will also find 'most anything else you want to eat at

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West side of Square...
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DAYLIGHT RESTAURANT!

WHITFIELD & HULL, Proprietors.
BREAD! CAKES! PIES!
Fish and Oysters.

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We want to list a few more good bargains for some customers whom we are expecting here in a short time, come in and see us about it, West Texas Development Company.

TEXAS CENTRAL Railroad. STAMFORD.

No. 1 Arrives from Waco,.....5:45 P. M.
No. 2 Leaves for Waco,.....11:00 A. M.
GOOD CONNECTIONS AT WACO FOR ALL POINTS IN CENTRAL, EAST AND SOUTH TEXAS TO POINTS IN THE OLD STATES!

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Write us a letter, Stating When and Where you want to go. We will advise you promptly. Lowest Rates, and give you a Schedule of the Trip. W. F. McMILLIN, THOS. F. FARMER, Gen'l Pass. Agent, Waco, Texas.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

The commissioners' court refused to grant the application for an order for a local option election in precinct one, filing of which we mentioned last week. The court took the ground that it had not been established that the Haskell election presented a parallel case to the Cook county case, and, as the Haskell tax collector refuses to issue occupation license and the county clerk to issue license for a saloon, local option appears to be in force, hence they decline to order an election. Meantime Rush Mitchell, having tendered payment of occupation tax, has opened a saloon near his old place in the southern part of the county. We understand that a complaint has been filed against him and a warrant placed in Sheriff Bell's hands.

Do not sell your cotton before you see me. I will give you a raise for your cotton and pay the cash for it. T. G. Carney.

Alexander Mercantile Co., are in receipt of a fine line of hosiery.

"Star Brand Shoes Are Better." S. L. Robertson.

Mr. D. B. Gracey of Austin was here this week looking after some land interests he has in this county.

New ties and suspenders in individual boxes, the very latest and nobbiest to be found, are at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Swamp Root—the great kidney and liver medicine, at Robertson's drug store.

Our old townsman Mr. A. P. McLemore, was here Thursday taking orders for drugs and shaking hands with friends.

See the nice line of new spring styles of gingham at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

The best Fort Worth bread constantly on hand at Ellis' meat market.

Mr. J. S. Keister is having built a neat residence on a four acre block owned by him on the east side of town. Mr. J. S. Fox has the contract.

When you want to kill prairie dogs use McLemore's poison, it's a sure thing.

Fresh home-made hog lard for sale at the City Meat Market, J. N. Ellis, proprietor.

Mrs. J. W. Wright returned Saturday night last from a visit to relatives at Hubbard City and Hillsboro whom she had not seen in a number of years.

S. L. Robertson receives fresh groceries each week and sells them low for cash.

Mrs. Frank Vernon and children spent the week visiting in the country, while Frank presided as chief cook and bottle washer at home.

Children, get your school tablets, pencils, pens, ink, etc at the Racket Store.

Meals at all hours, night or day, at the Daylight Restaurant.

Terrell's capsules cure lagrippe and break up colds.

Mrs. Miller, wife of our estimable citizen, Mr. G. J. Miller residing two miles east of town died on Wednesday night at 11 a. m. Mrs. Miller was a sufferer from consumption and had been in a low state of health for some time. She left several children, all of them grown and married except one daughter, who is left alone with her father.

The way to stop prairie dogs from eating your grass and destroying your crops is to give them McLemore's poison. One dose is all that's needed.

A new line of gentlemen's shirts at Alexander Mer. Co's.

Mr. Mark Logan, a lawyer of Hamilton, Texas, was here this week paying taxes on and arranging for the division of a large tract of land in which he is interested, preliminary, we understand, to placing it on the market for sale.

A big line of ladies', children's and bad boys' hosiery at Alexander Mercantile Co's store.

Prairie dogs that eat McLemore's poison won't bother you any more.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Stephens' little daughter Ollie, about two years of age, was taken from them by the death angel Wednesday evening and transferred to the protecting arms of the good shepherd who said 'suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.' While it is a great sorrow to part with the loved little ones it is also a great consolation to know that they enter unscathed by the temptations of this life into the joys of heaven and that we may be reunited with them there.

YOU can prepare Five Pecks of best Dog Poison for Two dollars. Why pay five to ten dollars for same amount of something not so good? Every dog that eats our poison goes dead at once, or to the hospital for the remainder of his life. All dogs eat it. Ask Terrell about it.

If you take Terrell's lung tonic you will not cough. Try it.

Flower pots, all sizes, Racket Store. Do you need money for any purpose? If so come and see us. West Texas Development Company, Haskell.

Mr. Tom Bonham and Miss Emma Miller were married at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Feb'y 14th. THE FREE PRESS joins their friends in wishing them success and happiness.

There are a few of our old friends who have not paid up—we need the money to buy Easter eggs. Come one, come all, you are welcome at Terrell's.

No Credit Business Now. Nearly everybody has cash, and I am making mighty close prices. Buy now and save money. S. L. Robertson.

The FREE PRESS will begin the publication of a fine serial story next week, written by Morley Roberts, one of the most popular writers of modern fiction. If you are not already on our subscription list, get there at once and read this story.

Buy your dry goods now and save money. S. L. Robertson.

McLemore Prairie Dog Poison is the cheapest, surest and best. It is for sale at the Haskell Racket Store.

If you want something good to eat—well cooked—go to the Daylight restaurant. The best bread, cake and pies, oysters and fish constantly on hand.

Seed potatoes, onion sets and garden seeds all just received at S. L. Robertson's.

Peters shoes are as good, as any shoes sold in West Texas, and are sold for less by the Stamford Dry Goods Co.

Mr. J. D. Conley, representing the Adam Schaaf Piano Co. and the Esty Organ Co., is here for a short time taking orders. He has now on hand here two Schaaf pianos and four Esty organs which he will dispose of at special bargain prices. It will pay you to see him if you want a piano or organ. For the quality of the Schaaf piano he refers to the twenty-four of these instruments now in use in Haskell.

If you have hides for sale go to J. N. Ellis at the City Meat market, and get the highest market price for them.

The West Texas Development Company will make you a loan on your land on long time and easy payments, come and see us if you need money.

New line of pants, ladies skirts, jackets and many other things. Come and see. T. G. Carney.

Mr. E. B. Wilson, the Gorse hardware man, late of Monday, was here Thursday and Friday.

Oysters, fish, bread, cake, pies, candies, etc., at the Daylight Restaurant, northwest corner of square.

I am selling all clothing at very little over cost. S. L. Robertson.

A full line of school tablets at the Racket Store.

We are expecting several land buyers here in a few days, if you want to sell your land, list it with us for quick sales. West Texas Development Company.

Mr. Guest Whitaker is assisting Mr. Long in the county clerk's office for a few weeks.

Pens, pencils, ink and tablets at the Racket Store for school children.

McLemore's prairie dog poison will do the business for you.

Big 5-cent school tablets at the Racket Store.

Don't experiment with cheap poisons and lose your time and money, but use McLemore's poison and make a sure thing of killing your prairie dogs.

Master Clifton Pennington, who has been staying here with the family of his uncle, Mr. J. N. Ellis, and attending school leaves this morning (Saturday) for his home at Selma, La.

Mrs. S. A. Gregory left Sunday for Gatsville to see her father, Rev. P. B. Chandler, who was reported by telegram to be dangerously ill. A letter from her Wednesday to her son, Mr. J. C. O'Bryau of THE FREE PRESS, stated that her father died on Monday evening a few hours after her arrival. Rev. Chandler was one of the first missionaries sent to Texas by the Southern Baptist convention in 1846, and his life has been devoted to the master's work. He was 88 years of age on Jan. 27, 1904.

The commissioners court was in session all of last week and until Friday this week transacting regular term business and checking up accounts and reports of officers. The court minutes were not up so that we could get a satisfactory report of proceeding for this issue.

Alexander Mercantile Co., have in stock a fine line of Hymans-Keat pickles, sweet and sour. "Hymans' on pickles means they are the best.



FEBRUARY

25 and 26

AT HASKELL.

THE RIGHT WAY.

Dr. Adams, of Stamford, guarantees to cure any eye disease, or deformity that is curable, to date. Why not? He has had ten years practice in this work; training under several of America's leading oculists; five years hospital experience; has recorded more than four thousand successful operations in Texas; gives references from hundreds who were lead to the office but now see to read.

INVESTIGATE, if you have an eye trouble, for investigation proves the truth or falsity of any statement. If your case is hopeless he frankly tells you so and wastes no time on useless treatment.

Results guaranteed on cases placed under treatment. Doubtters may place fee in bank, pay only when cured. Chronic, surgical and difficult cases solicited, especially chronic granulated lids and in-growing lashes.

None of the old-time painful treatments used; no blue stone, no nitrate of silver, no yellow oxide of mercury or no alum.

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CROSS EYES STRAIGHTENED.

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For plain facts about your eye troubles and square dealings see, Dr. Adams at Stamford; Drs. Adams and Wray at Anson; Drs. Adams and Griffin at Haskell; Drs. Adams and Jones at Cisco.

Dr. Adams will be in Stamford 20 days in each month and his branch offices every two weeks for the next three months.

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AT HASKELL,

Or, see Dr. M. T. Griffin at his office in Haskell, who has quit the general practice and is now associated with Dr. Adams.



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no two pieces of same pattern.

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..Pieces Percales..

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All sorts of new goods coming soon.

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FOR THIRTY YEARS

Congressman Meekison Suffered With Catarrh—Read His Endorsement of Pe-ru-na.



CONGRESSMAN MEEKISON, OF OHIO.

Hon. David Meekison is well known, not only in his own State but throughout America. He began his political career by serving four consecutive terms as Mayor of the town in which he lives, during which time he became widely known as the founder of the Meekison Bank of Napoleon, Ohio. He was elected to the Fifty-fifth Congress by a very large majority, and is the acknowledged leader of his party in his section of the State.

Only one flaw marred the otherwise complete success of this rising statesman. Catarrh with its insidious approach and tenacious grasp, was his only unconquered foe. For thirty years he waged unsuccessful warfare against this personal enemy. At last Peruna came to the rescue, and he dictated the following letter to Dr. Hartman as the result:

"I have used several bottles of Peruna and I feel greatly benefited thereby from my catarrh of the head. I feel encouraged to believe that if I use it a short time longer I will be fully able to eradicate the disease of thirty years' standing."—David Meekison, ex-member of Congress.

THE season of catching cold is upon us. The cough and the sneeze and nasal itching are to be heard on every street. The danger of chronic catarrh, the most common and dreadful of diseases, is a cold.

This is the way the chronic catarrh generally begins. A person catches a cold which hangs on longer than usual. It could generally start in the nose and throat. Then follows a soreness of the air passages which will not clear up. The cold very easily, at last the person has a cold all the while seemingly more or less discharge from the nose, hawking, spitting, frequent clearing of the throat, nostrils stopped up, full feeling in the head and sore, inflamed throat.

The best time to treat catarrh is at the very beginning. A bottle of Peruna properly used never fails to cure a common cold, thus preventing chronic catarrh.

While many people have been cured of chronic catarrh by a single bottle of Peruna, yet, as a rule, when the catarrh becomes thoroughly fixed, more than one bottle is necessary to complete a cure. Peruna has cured cases, innumerable of catarrh of twenty years' standing. It is the best, if not the only internal remedy for chronic catarrh in existence.

But prevention is far better than cure. Every person subject to catching cold should take Peruna at once at the slightest symptom of cold or sore throat at this season of the year and thus prevent what is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh.

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A substitute for and superior to mustard or any other plaster, and will not blister the most delicate skin. The pain-killing and curative qualities of this article are wonderful. It will stop the headache in five minutes, relieve neuralgia and sciatica. We recommend it as the best and safest external counter-irritant known, also as an external remedy for pains in the chest and stomach and all rheumatic, neuralgic and gouty complaints. A trial will prove what we claim for it, and it will be found to be invaluable in the household. Many people say "It is the best of all your preparations." Price 15 cents, at all druggists or other dealers, or by sending this amount to us in postage stamps we will send you a tube by mail. No article should be accepted by the public unless the same carries our label, as otherwise it is not genuine.

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WHEEZY BRONCHITIS, CATARRH OF THE THROAT, AND CONSUMPTION.

Food in China.

"The food of the Chinese consists principally of rice and fish." That statement has appeared in nearly every school geography or history that has been published since the flood. "It's all faddish and flap-doodle," says a concessionaire from the interior of the great empire. "The streams were fished out ages ago, and you seldom find fish in the interior. On the coast—yes. Much fish is eaten. But the main food of the Chinese is pork and chickens. Mutton and beef are rare. Less rice is eaten than you would imagine, but there is an abundance of palatable vegetables, and you would find no difficulty in making out a good dinner."

He Was From Missouri.

A well-known Jasper, Mo. lawyer was sitting in a Memphis, Tenn. hotel when a friend came in and said: "Judge, there are a few of your Missouri friends outside. Come out and greet them." The judge hurried out and found a fine lot of Missouri mules passing the hotel. When he came back his jovial friend asked: "Did you see your friends?" "I did," replied the judge. "What are they doing in Memphis?" asked the friend. "Well, I wouldn't be surprised if they weren't here to teach school," replied the judge. "The other fellow bought."

A Costly Little Error.

The greatness of little things finds frequent illustration in railway operation. A case has just been discovered where, nine years ago, an error of five cents was made in the computation of a rate sheet between two given points. It was found upon investigation that, as a result of this error, the two railways operating between the two points have lost upward of seventeen thousand dollars during that time. This shows why railways as so strenuously opposed to what are considered inconsequential reductions in rates.

Love's Tribute.

There is in Galway, Scotland, an ancient ruin known as Sweetheart abbey. Within its ivy-colored, storm-battered walls lies buried the affectionate and devoted Dergovill, with the heart of her husband, John Bahl, embalmed upon her breast. Love in their lives, in death they are not divided. The crumbling masonry is still and must ever be a romance in its symbols of death and decay, telling every day, as it has for 600 years, the thrilling story of a woman's tender love and devotion.

Uphill Walk for Health.

The best way to get oxygen into the blood is to walk a mile uphill two or three times a day, and expanding the nostrils. This beats all other methods. During such a walk every drop of blood in the body will make the circuit of the lungs and stream, red and pure, back to its appointed work of cleansing and repairing worn-out tissues. The uphill walk, as a prophylactic and curative measure in many chronic ailments dependent upon a weak condition of the heart, lungs and blood-vessels, would prove invaluable.

John Obeyed Instructions.

A canon of the Anglican church related that on one occasion it fell to his lot to marry his footman to his cook. The footman would persist through the service in putting his finger to his forehead every time his master addressed him, in accordance with custom. The clergyman remonstrated in an undertone: "Don't touch your forehead, John, but say the words after me." Then aloud, "Wilt thou take this woman," etc. John, bearing in mind the vicar's hint, replied, "After you, sir," and the assembled guests burst into laughter.

DR. COFFEE

Discovers New Remedies That Restore Sight to Blind People.

Dr. W. O. Coffee, a noted oculist, 290 Good Block, Des Moines, Iowa, has discovered mild medicines that people can use in their eyes at home and cure Catarrhs, Squins, Granulated Lues, Ulcers on the Eyes, Weak Sore Eyes and any kind of eye trouble.

Dr. Coffee has just printed 50,000 of his famous 80-page book on Eye Diseases and wants to send a copy free to every reader of this paper. The book tells how to cure the eye and prevent blindness and how his mild treatment cures all diseases at home at small expense. Write Dr. Coffee today for his book. Don't wait to go blind.

In order to carry on an argument you must descend to the other man's level.

The Editor of the Rural New Yorker

Than whom there is no better Potato Expert in the Country, says: "Salzer's Earliest Potato is the earliest of 33 earliest sorts, tried by me, yielding 464 bu. per acre." Salzer's Early Wisconsin yielded for the Rural New Yorker 735 bu. per acre. Now Salzer has heavier yielding varieties than above. See Salzer's catalog.

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and this notice to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and receive lots of farm seed samples and their big catalog, which is brim full of rare things for the gardener and farmer, easily worth \$100.00 to every wide-awake farmer.

It describes Salzer's Teasdale, yielding 160,000 lbs. per acre, of rich green fodder. Salzer's Victoria Rape, yielding 60,000 lbs. of sheep and hog food per acre, together with Salzer's New National Oats, which has a record of 800 bu. per acre in 30 states, so also full description of Alfalfa Clover, Giant Incarnat Clover, Alsike, Timothy and thousands of other fodder plants, Grasses, Wheat, Speltz, Barleys, etc. (W. N. U.)

A baby is either the storm center or the sunshine of the home.

FARMERS ORGANIZE.

What promises to become a most powerful factor in the produce markets and from which farmers will reap immense benefit, took life in the organization of the Farmers' Grain and Live Stock Commission Co., at Chicago, Ill. This Company will handle shipments of grain and stock at all the primary markets, will have feeding stations for stock, and will operate elevators, etc. The project has a strong backing from influential farmers and business men and will no doubt receive universal endorsement.

It is easier to make a bluff than it is to make good.

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Even the unsophisticated girl instantly recognizes, by instinct, a masculine flirt.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup,
For children's teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, always cures whooping cough, croup, and hoarseness.

A wise wife is neither suspicious of her husband nor indifferent of his doings.

There is a time for all things. The time to take Simmons' Cough Syrup is when afflicted with sore throat, hoarseness, coughs or colds. It is guaranteed to cure. Price 25 and 50c.

It is not so much what a girl says, as how she looks, that counts with the masculines.

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It is a foolish girl, indeed, who judges the bashful man more harmless than his fellows.

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Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25c.

A man who never does anything daring is usually counted by the girls as being fearfully slow.

Do Your Clothes Look Yellow?

Then use Defiance Starch. It will keep them white—16 oz. for 10 cents.

Women study to please the men. Men are pleased to study the women—but they never learn their lesson.

Fits' Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'HARRIS, 223 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1905.

On the other hand, the man who continually does daring things runs an excellent risk of a good hard snub.

FITS permanently cured. No other cure known after first day's use of Dr. FITS' Great Nervine. Sent for FIVE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. H. H. KIDDE, 1111 1/2 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

A man meets with a financial reverse when he turns his money the wrong way.

It Matters Not.

No matter the name; no matter the place, if you are afflicted with that intolerable, often excruciating itching sensation, you want a cure and want it quick.

Hunt's Cure is infallible, never failing remedy. It cures. Only 50c per box and strictly guaranteed.

Home-rule questions keep divorce cases busy.

Droopy eyelids? Dr. H. H. Green's Sons, of Allegheny, Pa., a specialist in eye troubles, sends their advertisement to the editor of this paper.

An Englishman's social standing seems to depend on the number of people he can afford to despise.

The Best Results in Starching

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

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\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one devoted disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the source of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer \$100.00 reward for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

In the race of life each is his own heaviest handicap.

To Wash China Silk Dresses.

China silk dresses may be quite successfully washed. Remove all spots with benzine. Then wash in warm soapsuds, rubbing between the hands, rinse through several waters. Use Ivory Soap and do not rub the soap on the dress. Wring as dry as possible, wrap in a sheet or clean cotton cloth and, when partially dry, iron.

There are many more mothers than Dame Nature.

Why Do We Die?

Vital statistics classified show the respiratory organs to be the feeble point in man. Diseases of the lungs are out of all proportion in fatality. Take Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein for coughs, colds and consumption.

At druggists, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 a bottle.

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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 first, because Defiance contains 16 oz. for the same money.

Do you want 16 oz. instead of 12 oz. for same money? Then buy Defiance Starch. Requires no cooking.

The best thing to put by for a rainy day is good health.



Mrs. Haskell, Worthy Vice Templar, Independent Order Good Templars, of Silver Lake, Mass., tells of her cure by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: Four years ago I was nearly dead with inflammation and ulceration. I endured daily untold agony, and life was a burden to me. I had used medicines and washes internally and externally until I made up my mind that there was no relief for me. Calling at the home of a friend, I noticed a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. My friend endorsed it highly and I decided to give it a trial to see if it would help me. It took patience and perseverance for I was in bad condition, and I used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for nearly five months before I was cured, but what a change, from despair to happiness, from misery to the delightful exhilarating feeling health always brings. I would not change back for a thousand dollars, and your Vegetable Compound is a grand medicine.

"I wish every sick woman would try it and be convinced."—Mrs. Ida Haskell, Silver Lake, Mass., Worthy Vice Templar, Independent Order of Good Templars.

When a medicine has been successful in more than a million cases, is it justice to yourself to say, without trying it, "I do not believe it would help me?"

Surely you cannot wish to remain weak, and sick and discouraged, exhausted with each day's work. You have some derangement of the feminine organism, and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you just as surely as it has others.



Mrs. Tillie Hart, of Larimore, N. D., says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: I might have been spared many months of suffering and pain if I had known of the efficacy of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a few months sooner. For I tried many remedies without finding anything which helped me before I tried the Vegetable Compound. I decided the approach of the menstrual period every month, as it meant much suffering and pain. Some months it was very severe and others it was not, but after I had used the Compound for two months I became perfectly well, and I continued until I felt perfectly well, and the parts were strengthened to perform the work without assistance and pain. I am now a different woman now, where before I did not wish to live, and I am pleased to testify as to the good your Vegetable Compound has done for me. Sincerely yours, Mrs. Tillie Hart, Larimore, N. D.

Be it, therefore, believed by all women who are ill that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the medicine they should take. It has stood the test of time, and it has hundreds of thousands of cures to its credit. Women should consider it unwise to use any other medicine.

Mrs. Pinkham, whose address is Lynn, Mass., will answer cheerfully and without cost all letters addressed to her by sick women. Perhaps she just the knowledge that will help your case—try her to-day—it costs nothing.

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MUNDAY DEPARTMENT.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

Sheriff Jim Reeves was in town Monday.

The veritable political bee has begun his biennial buzz in the bonnets of several Knox county citizens.

Dr. J. R. Smith of Gorce was in town Tuesday.

The new addition to the Alexander Mercantile building is completed, making their place a very handsome one.

F. F. Wren having purchased the entire interests of S. S. Smith will be at home to his friends on the south side of the square, where he will conduct a dry goods and grocery business. Mr. Smith will return to De Leon where he will make his future home.

Measles are raging; some eight or ten cases are reported here.

Victoria, the daughter of Rev. Ed R. Wallace, is very low with pneumonia, but is reported slightly better at this writing.

J. H. Snell started to San Angelo Wednesday prospecting, having sold his hardware business to Geo. Moore, he is in search of a new location.

J. W. Priest returned the first of the week from an extended tour through eastern Texas, but came home better satisfied with Knox county than ever.

David Eiland received the sad news of the death of a relative in Ft. Worth, who leaves David his entire fortune. D. J. Brookerson has been engaged to wind up the estate.

LEAH AND ORA LEE.

Victims of the Fire at Pinkerton.

In the burning barn of Dr. Reagan at Pinkerton last Friday, February 12, their baby girl Leah and that of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, Ora Lee, lost their precious lives. The two caskets were lowered in one grave Saturday in the presence of hundreds of sorrowing friends and grief stricken relatives. O! God, how our hearts are torn with anguish and pain over the death of these two fair flowers! How parental hearts bleed for a chance to have saved them from their untimely ending. Yes, they were the sunshine, "the babies" of their homes. There are older brothers and sisters to mourn and weep over their loss and look in vain for their baby sisters.

Leah was a sweet, bright-eyed child of five, and Ora Lee, of eleven years. They played together here and passed to the playground around God's throne together. God alone can heal the broken hearts of the stricken parents; their grief is too deep for utterance. Sorrow can be told, but grief is voiceless; we can feel it but we can not speak it. Grief buries itself in our deepest affections. It listens to the moaning night winds as an echo of its own voice. It is always watching for the face it can never see in this life. Grief loves the silence of the night rather than the noise and bustle of the day. Grief is always the child of love. The more affectionate the home the deeper is the sorrow and, alas, there are but few homes that know it not. Its depth is measured by its silence. Thousands of bleeding hearts look up into the clear sky every night and only the angels see them. They who sing the sweetest in heaven leave the saddest loving hearts on earth.

Home has its glory in the winter time, and its loving evenings are its crown. The vacant chair shall make the long evenings longer and its pleasures less real. Strange that we never hear the sweet voices call now. Strange that when we almost forget and call their dear names, no answer comes—and yet, it is not strange, for the houses of the dead outnumber those of the living, and the mourners shall always crowd the highways of life. The streets of gold are better than the earthly streets, the mansions of God are better than our mansions. The trees of heaven never stand with withering, falling leaves. The harps of the great orchestra of heaven are never broken and He has wiped away from the eyes of those that sing to them all tears, and their voices are never discordant. "They need no candle, neither light of sun." They know no blight of sin, for nothing that defiles has ever entered there. "Love never faileth," and their love for us heightens their joy and beckons us on to their home in glory.

MATTIE N. BOWMAN.

Card of Thanks.

We desire in this public manner to express our thanks and gratitude to the many friends and neighbors for their kind and thoughtful assistance during the illness of our loved and lost little one. With sincere gratitude to all, we are

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Why don't you wake up and make your wife a present of one or both. She will be so happy and your dear health will improve with the **BETTER COOKING**—and life will thus be prolonged several years. **TRY IT.**

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Mr. Lyon, the chairman of the State Republican Executive Committee, stated to the President that the Republican leaders in Texas had buried the pocketbook. The conclusion drawn from this is that the leaders have been using it in their contests in the party in the past. Thus do we get information that may be called entirely new. Hardly more than nine hundred and ninety-nine in a thousand in the State were cognizant of the fact that in these contests between the leaders money was used. The announcement of Mr. Lyon is calculated to make long, dark faces in several localities.—Dallas News.

The contests between the republican factions in Texas have generally been rivalries for recognition by the administration at Washington as parcelers out of the slices of federal pie that came to this State. Then, for what and to whom was the money paid—was it paid for recognition?

Verily, the cattle baron ain't what he used to be—he needs to assert himself. He has become too tame or too timid to join in a fight against the combination that is shearing him of all his glory, perquisites and profits.

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