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Collier's Drug Store

Always
in the

LEAD.

AT LAST

God at last has answered the prayers of his people.

This has been a notable fight in the history of Tennessee. The battle has been long and hard, fierce and fast and furious. When it began the enemy was entrenched behind double-ditched fortresses. They had the law on their side; they had the administration forces on their side; they had a conscienceless, unscrupulous, brazen, brutal machine on their side; they had money to burn—and they burnt it. They seemed to be invincible.

The bravest knights that ever championed a just cause, challenged the right of the Liquor Traffic to live. He went forth with Truth and Justice to do battle in a manly way. They pounced upon him like a pack of ravenous wolves; they lied about him they hounded him; they traduced his name with vile and malicious slanders they bought and stole votes, packed the boxes and miscounted the ballots. They unhorsed him, and left him prostrate on the battlefield and thought that he was dead.

He rose again; undaunted, unconquered, stronger, more majestic, more valiant, greater than he was before. And when they saw his strength grow stronger, and heard his rallying call, and saw the multitudes flocking to his standard, they waylaid and murdered him, and spilled his heart's blood in the gutters of the street.

And then they said, "full surely now our cause is a ripening."

But the murderous bullet that pierced the heart of Edward Ward Carmack, and shocked a nation, crystallized at the same time the prohibition sentiment in Tennessee, and sounded the death knell of the Liquor Traffic. It was a priceless price, and yet one man's life is dear and if it saves ten thousand from ignorance and vice poverty and rags.

The enemies of prohibition, not the purchased political speilers, but the real honest enemies to prohibition have not the faintest vision of what all this trouble is about. They are as blind as a sin-cursed soul is blind to a Christian faith. They are as deaf as a dummy's ear is to the sweetest tone of an aeolian harp. They simply do not know, they cannot understand, what it all means.

They think, some of them, that politics is at the bottom of it. Others of them say that "only fools, fanatics, women, children and political parsons" are interested in it. They are densely ignorant, most of them, upon this subject. They will not listen to prohibition talkers. They will not read prohibition newspapers, or prohibition literature of any kind. Their chosen leader, Mr. Patterson himself, reads only one side of this great question, as his messages show, and is grotesquely ignorant of what he writes.

They are all as dumb blind, leading the blind.

This victory comes from the hearts of the people. It is the child of their faith, their hope and their promise. It is the prayer of the mother for her wayward boy. It is the crystallized tears of a beaten, broken-hearted wife. It is the new-born hope of the mother, as she "feels

for the first time the first-born's breath." It is the young man's ambition to save his college fellow or his club mate. It is his self-preservation, as he looks out upon the future, rosy with hope, flowered with desire and fragrant with ambition. It is the old man's dream culled from memories of what might have been. It is the fruition of the Christian faith. It is the culmination of the Brotherhood of Man. It falls upon Tennessee soil like the gentle rain from Heaven and is thrice blessed, for it blesses those who give and those who receive it.

It comes to restore order out of chaos; to change poverty into plenty; rags into good raiment, and by taking from him the enemy that steals away his brains, to cloth a man again in his right mind.

All honor to the men and the women, the preachers and the papers, who hath wrought this good work among us. May their days be long, full of honor and of plenty, and may their children and their children's children rise up and call them blessed.—Nashville Tennessean.

PAINT CREEK

We are having some very cold weather today—a very sudden change from almost summer. This will more than likely cause a great deal of sickness.

Rev. J. H. Vinson, the missionary of the Haskell County Baptist Association made a Sunday school talk at the school house, on first Sunday afternoon. His talk was very interesting and seemed to be very affective, as immediately afterwards they organized a Sunday school, electing Mr. Malone as Supt. They were to have met last Sunday to elect the teachers, but the weather being so unfavorable, no one attended. This is about the fourth time the people have made an effort to run a Sunday school here, but every other time has been a failure. A Sunday school is something that every community needs, but it just takes the people that want one bad enough to attend, to make it. Every member, that went into the organization desires the whole community to take part. Let the parents come, and bring their children and help to make it a success.

There is some talk of organizing another Literary Society in the community. It would be a good thing if carried on right.

Rev. Cunningham of Haskell will preach at the school house on the second Sunday afternoon in each month now, when the weather is favorable. Bro. Cunningham is an able preacher and we should all come out to hear him and take part in the singing. We have some new song books, that contain songs we can all sing.

Mr. Tom Wiley and brother, Floyd, are visiting relatives in the community this week.

Paint Creek Cor.
February 15, '09.

Young man, it costs a few dollars, but get a business education. It will help you turn your idle moments into gold dollars. We can prepare you at your own home if you can't attend in person. We teach by mail. Write, Abilene Business College, Abilene, Texas.

NOTICE Piano Contest

Anyone holding tickets on the Piano to be given away by Mr. W. H. Wyman, will please present them at the Racket Store not later than 2:30 p. m. March 15th, as the contest will close at that time. He would request that your tickets be signed according to the following rules, as these rulings will be strictly adhered to.

1st. All tickets must have the holders name written plainly across the back.

2nd. Tickets having been given by one party to another must have original owners name as well as the presenter thereof also written across back.

3rd. Any one donating tickets to church, club or lodge must so write it as well as name of party presenting same.

Any tickets not signed according to these rules will be thrown out. So please be careful in preparing them that you may not be disappointed in the final issue.

The party or society presenting tickets representing the largest amount of purchases at the Racket Store will be awarded the piano as a free gift by said W. H. Wyman.

If the award shall be made to any church, lodge or club it will be required of said church or association to appoint three of their members to receive the piano and hold the same sacred to the use for which it has been given. Respectfully,
W. H. WYMAN.

The Commissioners' Court has authorized the issuance of \$20,000.00 in jail bonds and have contracted for what is known as the Hill lots on the southeast corner of the square upon which to erect a jail. The court accepted the bid of the Haskell National Bank at 6.60 for the county deposits and has approved the bond of the bank for \$133,000.00. The court has approved all the quarterly reports except that of the collector and treasurer, which are so voluminous as to require some time to examine.

A TALK WITH THE BOYS.

My dear confederate comrades:

Having arranged with the editor of the county paper for space for us to have a short talk, we will not pass this way but once so speak out.

Who is the oldest soldier in the county, and where did you enlist.

On the 11th of July, '61, I volunteered at Colhoun, Ga. in Capt. Kimmans company, went direct to Richmond Va. and was mustered into service assigned to 21st Ga. Regiment, and was in all the campaigns and battles fought in Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. I was a prisoner at the time of the surrender. Well do I remember forty-six years ago in '63, my regiment was called out seven miles on the Rapahannock river to do picket duty, and while out, there fell a heavy snow, eighteen inches deep and the river froze over. The Yankees on the opposite bank were not allowed to fire unless they tried to cross on the ice, which they could have done. At night

the picket line was doubled so as to make sure of their attempt.

Snow lay on the ground all winter. How many of us could stand such now? I will be sixty-eight years old the 29th of this month. I am trying to be cheerful and hold up. One consolation, after retiring at night, unless roused by fire, we will not be waked and told to cook three days rations and march at midnight. I want to be ready to answer to the last roll call and cross over the river and rest.

G. J. Miller.

Program For H. M. Society Friday, Feb. 26th.

Bible Lesson from "Our Homes."

Subject—Pauls World.
Laymens Movement—
Mrs. Combs.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Kimbrough.
Bulletin.

Material for study of the whole program is found in "Our Homes" and all members are asked to come prepared to discuss the different subjects.

Press Reporter.

On Feb. 12th the W. H. M. Society held its regular election and the following ladies were made officers.

President—Mrs. C. P. Morris.
1st V. Pres.—Mrs. P. D. Sanders.

2nd V. Pres.—Mrs. G. T. McCulloh.

3rd V. Pres.—Mrs. S. H. Foster.

Treasurer—Mrs. G. J. Graham.
Rec. and Cor. Sec.—Mrs. H. Alexander.

Agent our Homes—Mrs. Kimbrough.

Press Supt.—Mrs. S. W. Scott.

FINE FOR KIDNEYS.

Here is a simple hand-made mixture as given by an eminent authority on Kidney diseases, who makes the statement that it will relieve almost any case of Kidney trouble if taken before the stage of Bright's disease.

He states that such symptoms as lame back, pain in the side, frequent desire to urinate, especially at night; painful and discolored urination, are rapidly overcome. Here is the recipe. Try it;

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

These ingredients are all harmless and easily mixed at home by shaking well in a bottle. This mixture has a peculiar healing and soothing effect upon the entire Kidney and Urinary structure and often overcomes the worst forms of Rheumatism in just a little while. This mixture is said to remove all blood disorders and cure Rheumatism by forcing the Kidneys to filter and strain from the blood and system all uric acid and fowl, decomposed waste matter, which cause these afflictions. Try it if you aren't well. Save the prescription.

FOR SALE

Good family horse and buggy easy terms.
Progressive Lumber Co. 4t

The Free Press now have in stock, plenty of Vendorse Lein notes, transfers of Vendors Lein and a good form Crop-Chattel Mortgage.

HUSBANDS ENTERTAINED

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church entertained their husbands at the pastorium Friday evening. It was the first time the members had had an opportunity of meeting in a social way at the home of our new pastor, Bro. Arbuckle, and the large number attending showed the high appreciation and esteem in which Bro. Arbuckle and his good wife are held.

The guests were met at the door by Mr. and Mrs. M. Pierson and ushered into the parlor where they were received by Bro. and Sister Arbuckle and greeted each other with the old-time Baptist handshake. Here they gathered around like a large family and indulged in various games that caused much merriment and gaiety. For a time business cares were brushed aside and the sorrows of earth forgotten.

After the games a quartette was rendered by Mesdames Pierson and Whitman and Messrs Russell and Couch. A number of familiar songs were sung by all present. The ladies then served hot coffee salad, pickles and sandwiches.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cason, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Swope, Mr. and Mrs. Parnell, Mr. and Mrs. Yarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russell, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Collier, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Oates, Mr. and Mrs. M. Pierson, Rev. and Mrs. Arbuckle, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Gillam, Mrs. J. W. Collins, Mr. Gus Evans, Mr. Jno. Couch and Walter Arbuckle.

J. C. O'Bryan Becomes District Attorney by Appointment of Gov. Campbell, Announced Monday.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 15.—Gov. Campbell today appointed as Judge of the Sixty-Ninth District Court, created by the Thirty-First Legislature, David Bennett Hill of Dalhart, and to be District Attorney, J. C. O'Bryan of Channing.

Judge Hill is a native of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and is said to be a distant relative of former United States Senator Hill of New York.

Mr. O'Bryan is a native of Gatesville, Tex. He resided at McGregor until about five years ago, when he went to the Panhandle country, where he is said to have prospered greatly. He is a brother of Representative W. C. O'Bryan of McLennan county.

Mr. O'Bryan was at one time a citizen of Haskell and part owner of the Free Press. His old friends here will be pleased to learn of his prosperity.

Mr. G. E. Courtney offers to contract with the farmers for 2000 acres of broom corn. He requested us to announce that those wanting seed should communicate with him or D. H. McCosh, Secretary of the Haskell Board of Trade.

Mr. Courtney has put in a factory plant here and is trying to build up a new industry. We suggest that here is a chance to diversify.

Here is a good problem. The Geneva (Neb.) Gazette says: "J. N. Taylor brought to this office a copy of his old-home paper, the Adams County Record, published at West Union, Ohio, in which a fish story that has caused considerable 'fizzerin,' is published. The problem is as follows: 'Work out the following problem without any help, and report to this office. Charley met his friend James upon the street and told him that he had been fishing. 'How many fish did you catch?' asked James. Charley replied: 'If to the number of the books of the Old Testament you add the number of books of the New Testament; multiply that by the number of apostles who were present at the transfiguration; divide by the number of books written by Luke; subtract the number of times the Israelites marched around Jericho; multiply by the number of pieces of silver Judas received for betraying Christ; divide by the number of spies Moses sent into Canaan; add the number of letters in the name of the city in which a man climbed up a tree to see Christ; divide by the number of apostles that were called the 'Sons of Thunder,' the answer will be the number of fish I caught.' The problem has caused all Bible students in that vicinity to sit up and get busy and the paper has a column or so of answers to the same. If you are good at Bible lore and also at mathematics get busy on this one."

MARKET REPORT

Corn per bu.	55c
Wheat " "	\$1.05
Oats " "	60c
Maize " "	45c
Spring chickens \$2.00 to \$2.25 per dozen, hens \$2.00 to \$2.50 per dozen.	
Turkeys 8c to 9c per lb.	
Eggs per doz.	18c
Butter 15c per lb.	
Hides Green 3½c to 4c per lb.	
Hides dry 6 and 6½c per lb.	
Changed weekly by Marsh-Williams & Co.	

The business men of Haskell have weathered the panic, short crops and many other adverse conditions in fairly good condition. This year promises to be a most prosperous one. There has been lots of immigration and the country has been settling up. If a good crop is made this year the merchants will reap a harvest this fall.

FOR SALE

Two new up-to-date Houses 5 and 6 rooms, liberal terms.
Progressive Lumber Co. 4t

I have equipped my shop with a gasoline engine and power hammer. Have four forges and the most expert smiths. Bring your plow points to be sharpened and horses to be shod. We do your work "now."
J. B. Lamkin

We have \$15,000 to loan on land in the next thirty days. If you want money come and see us.
Sanders & Wilson,
2t Haskell, Texas.

Mr. A. G. Hemphill of Aspermont, was in the city Saturday and paid our office a pleasant visit. Mr. Hemphill is manager of the Farmers Supply Co. of Aspermont.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

A. D. Hamock, Sr., the oldest white citizen in Bonham, died Monday. Mr. Hamock was 91 years of age.

The Texas Bottlers' association will meet in Fort Worth Feb. 16 and the convention will last three days.

Five students of A. & M. are to be expelled from the college for hazing, by decision of the faculty, which was reported Wednesday.

As a result of stepping on a rusty nail ten days ago, B. L. Wren, aged 40 years, and a carpenter, died of lockjaw Tuesday, in San Antonio.

James Wallace, a McLennan county farmer, and his wife died from burns in an accident occurring at their home twelve miles west of Waco Monday.

Neil P. Anderson, compress man, has informed some of the citizens of Quannah that he will erect a first-class, up-to-date compress in that city in the near future.

What promises to be a revolution in train dispatching will be inaugurated by the Rock Island. It is proposed to use the telephone instead of telegraph lines.

The Central Coal and Coke company of Kansas City Thursday bought 22,000 acres of timber land near Carson, La. The consideration is said to have been over \$1,000,000.

The charter for the Building Trades Council of Fort Worth has been received and preliminary organization effected under the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor.

The Fraternal Brotherhood opened the first day's session of its state convention in Fort Worth Wednesday morning, with a good attendance of delegates from many parts of the state.

A move is on foot by the club ladies of Terrell to have the eyes of pupils in the city public schools tested, with a view to remedying defective eyes that otherwise might not have proper attention.

News of disastrous prairie fires has been received to the effect that the Holt ranch, twelve miles north of Mineral Wells, has been damaged to a great extent which was caused from the high winds.

At a largely attended meeting of the Commercial club of Tyler Thursday, it was decided that the organization should arrange to have a trades day each month and that the next trades day would be in March.

Cotton receipts from farm wagons in Abilene, for the season so far approximate 30,000 bales, while the total handled by the Western Texas Compress company at that place aggregates slightly over 50,000 bales.

The court of appeals Thursday at Albany, N. Y., fixed the week beginning March 29 as the date for the execution of Mrs. Mary Farmer at Auburn prison. She was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Seth Brennan, near Watertown.

Those bothered by "chiggers" and red bugs will find a recent bulletin issued by the Texas experiment station at the A. & M. college of interest. It is called a Spray Calendar and gives formulas of preparations for spraying against insects and pests. Of interest to the greatest number is the one which looks to personal comfort and that will dispose of the red bugs and chiggers. It can be used to prevent them by being employed as a repellent before going to the woods or pastures.

The contract for the road from Plainview to Lubbock, an extension of the Santa Fe, has been signed up between the citizens of Lubbock and the Southwestern Construction company, the road to be completed by Jan. 1, 1910.

Accepting the invitation of the house of legislature, Mr. Alphonso Steele of Mexia, the sole survivor of the battle of San Jacinto, and Editor N. P. Houx of the Mexia Evening News, left Thursday for Austin, where Mr. Steele will address the legislature.

Alleging his heart was dislocated as a result of being mashed against a car when alighting from his engine, H. C. Richardson of San Antonio Tuesday filed suit against the International and Great Northern for \$40,000 damages. He was formerly an engineer for that road.

The foundation work is completed and brick work well under way on the new Grace hotel, being erected at Abilene by Col. W. L. Beckham. Red-face brick are being used for the lower part and yellow Denton brick will be used on the upper stories.

Citizens of Taylor are highly elated over the assurance that the International and Great Northern Railway company's machine shops and round house will be rebuilt there, as expressed by that company's representatives in Taylor yesterday.

H. L. Norton, a Boston capitalist, has written Mayor Earle of Jacksonville that a party interested in building an interurban railway from Tyler to Jacksonville with a probable extension to Rusk and Morrill, will leave Boston for Texas at an early date.

GOOD NEWS EPITOMIZED

HAPPENINGS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST TO OUR READERS, IN READABLE SHAPE

BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

If It Was of Sufficient Importance You Will Find It Recorded Here.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The state department at Washington is considering the question of dispatching an American war vessel to Liberia, where alarm is felt for the safety of British and French citizens employed in the customs service of the republic.

It was officially stated Wednesday in Washington that Huntington Wilson, formerly the third assistant secretary of state and recently appointed minister to Argentine Republic, would be assistant secretary of state under the Taft administration.

With simple but impressive ceremonies the counting of the electoral vote for president and vice-president took place Wednesday at a joint session of the senate and house of representatives held in the chamber of the lower body in Washington.

The house committee on alcoholic liquor traffic Thursday voted down the Bennett bill providing for a commission to collect information regarding the liquor traffic in this country.

Under the guise of consideration of the nomination of Dr. W. D. Crum, the negro collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., reappointed by President Roosevelt, the senate, in executive session Monday, discussed the Japanese question.

The entire question of the type of canal that should be adopted in the construction of the Panama Canal was before the senate Tuesday in Washington. Senator Foraker and Senator Teller all declared they believed a grave mistake had been made in adopting the lock project.

Senator Hale, chairman of the committee on naval affairs, Wednesday reported to the senate in Washington the bill making appropriations for the support of the navy. It carries \$130,825,159, an increase of \$1,058,428 over the amount carried by the bill as it was passed by the house.

Congress will probably formulate its own plan of naval reform, notwithstanding the president created a commission a few days ago to perform this service. At all events the naval appropriation bill, when it came out of Senator Hale's committee this morning, contained an added provision for a commission to be composed of senators, representatives, naval officers and civilians, to be named by the president.

Yielding to the pressure brought to bear by President Roosevelt and Gov. Gillette, the California assembly retired from its previous position on the anti-Japanese matters Wednesday by reconsidering the former vote on the segregation of Japanese students in the public schools and finally rejecting the measure by a vote of 41 to 37.

The agricultural appropriation bill as it leaves the house carries \$146,470 "for the study and demonstration of the best methods of meeting the ravages of the cotton boll weevil" and \$42,000 "for investigation of insects affecting southern field crops, including the cotton boll weevil and other insects injurious to cotton and insects affecting tobacco, rice and sugar cane."

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS. The Wright brothers, the American aeronauts, have accepted an invitation to come to London during the latter part of March, when they will be given the gold medal of the Aeronautical Society of Great Britain.

The county commission has ordered an election to be held in Panhandle, to determine whether to issue bonds for \$50,000 for a court house and jail, the election to take place March 29.

At a special meeting to be held Saturday morning the city commissioners granted a thirty-year franchise to the Fort Worth Light and Power company, which agrees on its part to furnish artificial gas at \$1.25 per 1,000, or natural gas, if the latter is procured at 45 cents per 1,000, the price to be subject to regulation by the authorities.

All members of the legislature will be given a special invitation by the cattlemen's executive committee to attend the cattlemen's convention and fat stock show in Fort Worth next month.

That the holdup of the Denver and Rio Grande passenger train No. 4, near Denver, Colo., early Saturday morning, was the work of three instead of two robbers and that the robbery of the mail car gave them a loot of possibly \$35,000 are indicated by the investigation of the police and railroad officials.

Natural gas was turned into mains Tuesday and is available for domestic use. Many connections are being rushed and within a week the housewives of Wichita Falls will enjoy the bliss of cooking with gas.

Efforts will be made by the board of trade of Denison to secure the planting of 5,000 acres in peanuts the coming season. A northern firm is planning to establish a plant for handling peanuts somewhere in Texas, and this plant will be placed as nearly in the center of the peanut district as possible.

The Farmers' State bank, capital \$25,000, has been organized at Commerce.

It is a settled fact that the International bridge across the Rio Grande will be built in Brownsville.

A fire which occurred in Hillsboro Thursday morning resulted in losses and damages aggregating about \$15,000.

The erection of Snyder's new court house will begin in the near future. It will cost \$70,000, exclusive of the jail.

John Henry Seals, a well-known Georgia journalist and founder of the Sunny South, died Wednesday at Milledgeville, Ga., aged 76.

Louie Kopecky, the 19-year-old son of Martin Kopecky, was burned to death, with his father's home, Friday. They live three miles east of Granger.

More than \$50,000 in cash has been found in a mattress on the bed of James Mahar, a Civil war veteran, who died in Lockport, N. J., Sunday.

Commissioner Colvin of Fort Worth has accepted an offer from a St. Louis firm for the \$50,000 issue of city school bonds, bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest.

Harrison county will have fully 500,000 fruit trees in bearing this season and the prospects just now are very promising for a splendid crop of fruit.

It appears that the report to the effect that the division of the Texas and New Orleans railroad would be moved from Jacksonville was an error.

The board of directors of the Knights of Pythias Widows' and Orphans' home in Weatherford announce that the building will be formally opened on March 1.

Every republic of Central and South America has been asked to send fraternal delegates to join Mexico in her centenary celebration as a republic, to be held in September, 1910.

Bill McIntosh, the negro charged with killing Deputy Constable Bob Draper in Paris last Friday night while the officers were trying to arrest him, was captured Tuesday at Wister, Ok.

King Edward and Queen Alexandria of England arrived in Berlin Tuesday morning in fulfillment of a promise made last summer and were warmly welcomed by Emperor William and people of Berlin.

The amount of cotton ginned to Feb. 6 is placed at 12,214,000 bales by the National Ginners' association in a report issued Wednesday. This amount is compared with 10,593,000 bales ginned to Feb. 8 of last year.

The Kansas legislature, now in session in Topeka, will pass a bank deposit guaranty law. Gov. W. R. Stubbs, a stockholder in several banks, is personally opposed to such law and in his message to the legislature ignored it.

The Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction company's ferry steamer running between Willoughby-spit and old Point Comfort burned to the waters edge at her Willoughby pier, Tuesday. Three of her crew were burned to death in their bunks.

A discussion of the soils of Texas is a subject that is of interest to all parts of the state, and the announcement that has been made of a forthcoming bulletin on that subject is worthy of attention. The bulletin in preparation deals with the soils of Delta, Henderson, Robertson, Webb, Wilson, Cherokee, Angelina, Nacogdoches, Cameron, Hidalgo, Montgomery, Nueces and Lavaca counties.

Analysis of representative soils of these areas are given in detail. Past experiments and other work to test the capabilities and needs of the soils has been done. The bulletin will not be issued immediately, but when issued it will be for free distribution to all who apply for it.

After vigorous protests were made by veterans of the civil war because a Confederate flag was included in the Tomlinson hall decorations for the Lincoln celebration at Indianapolis, Mayor Bookwalter ordered the emblem removed from the hall.

The nineteenth day closed with the jury still incomplete in the case of the State against Col. Duncan B. Cooper, Robin J. Cooper and John D. Sharpe, charged with the murder of former Senator E. W. Carmack in Nashville, Tenn.

Sunday morning Stephens, Miss., was swept by one of the worst cyclones that has ever visited that section of the state. Houses were twisted and blown down and unroofed, and great damage to property followed the storm as it tore its way through the town.

Following riots in the state of Morelos, Mexico, where several men were killed and injured, the Mexican government has made a number of arrests, all followers of Patricio Leyva, the anti-federal candidate for governor of the state.

The official statement of United States Senator Isaac Stephenson of Madison, Wis., with affidavit attached, shows that the expense of his candidacy for the nomination of United States senator at the primary election on Sept. 1, 1908, amounted to \$107,793.95.

The Japanese newspapers continue to be filled with dispatches emanating from San Francisco, New York and London, indicating an increase of the anti-Japanese sentiment on the Pacific coast, which is said to be rapidly spreading to other states.

The freight war inaugurated by the Boston and Maine's recent slash to meet rates at Baltimore, New Orleans, Galveston and other ports is of far-reaching importance to New England's commerce, and is already having a marked effect upon the port's business.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE

MANY IMPORTANT BILLS ARE BEING DISPOSED OF—ONE FOR TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY.

HOUSE AND SENATE DISAGREE

Stringent Rules Are Laid Down in Resolutions on Qualifications of Electors.

Austin: Notwithstanding this was Saturday, and the legislature is not accustomed to working on that day, one of the hardest day's work of the session was put in by the house, the senate not being in session. Many important measures were passed finally and now go over to the senate.

On the floor of both branches of the legislature this week, some of the most important measures pending, will be threshed out.

The anti-race track bill is scheduled to come up in the house on Monday, and also in the senate either Monday or Tuesday. In the house the Robertson bill is almost sure to pass, but it will be checked in the senate when it gets over there, and that body will insist on the substitute by the senate committee which permits racing at fairs. This will result in a free conference committee and then the question will be settled.

The bank guarantee law, the fee bill and other important measures are scheduled to come up on reports from the committees.

The report of the free conference committee on the navigation district bill will also be adopted in both branches and this important measure will then be up to the governor.

House and Senate are apart. Practically all of the afternoon session of the house was devoted to the consideration of the bill providing for the appointment of a commission for revising and codifying the civil and criminal statutes, after the adoption of an amendment by Robertson, of Travis, to require the commission also to prepare two bills, one providing for a civil and one for a criminal code of practice in the courts of Texas and report the same to the next legislature.

Messrs. Davis and Lee attempted to have an amendment adopted providing that the commissioners shall be appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court, the presiding judge of the court of criminal appeals and the governor, but this amendment failed by a vote of 78 to 18. The bill on the same subject in the senate carries this amendment, while the bill was passed in the house the governor has the sole power to name the commission.

This disagreement between the house and senate will result in a free conference committee being named. After disposing of this measure the house passed finally the bill by Fuller, permitting the courts to extend court terms not in conflict with other terms, also passed the bill by Harman, providing that when fifteen or more typewritten pages are submitted in a brief the attorney may be excused from appearance, also the Luce bill empowering school trustees to order temporary suspension of schools.

The board adjourned to Monday morning.

Providing for Survey. Austin: The bills providing for a topographical survey of the river and creek valleys of Texas and authorizing the creation of levee districts, introduced by Representatives Lively, Buchanan and Meeks, are now before house committee on internal improvements, and a favorable report could be had upon them at any time, but the authors are holding them up awaiting the arrival of Arthur C. Stiles of the United States geological survey, who is coming here to confer with the committee as to certain features. It is the desire of these gentlemen and of the members of the committee to have this legislation perfect. Therefore they are proceeding cautiously. The preparation of the bills entailed a great deal of preliminary work, including correspondence with Washington, conference with and advice from Gov. Campbell, Attorney General Davidson and Land Commissioner Robinson. It is the feeling of all these gentlemen, as was expressed by Gov. Campbell, that "this matter is too important to be messed up."

Qualifications of Electors. Austin: According to a joint resolution introduced by Mr. Harman to amend the constitution, to define qualifications of electors, applicants for citizenship will be required to read in English any section of the constitution, and should he fail his other qualifications will be for naught. It also provides that all persons voting in the state shall first become citizens of the United States which is not now the case.

New House Bills. Austin: New bills introduced in the house:

By Mr. McCallum (by request): Regulating certified public accountants so that they receive certificates from the secretary of state.

By Messrs. Davis and Horgan: Providing that manufacturers of white lead paint shall label in plain type every package or bucket of the material so as to show the ingredients used.

Summary of Doings.

Austin: House committees unfavorably report anti-fee bill, joint resolution to amend constitution so as to reduce membership of legislature, and all bank guaranty bills. Will be no minority reports. Bills for training school or juveniles and constitutional amendment for Confederate Women's home favorably reported.

House passed finally the following bills: Anti-raffle; requiring cars to be repaired in Texas; exempting Collins, Ellis, Hunt and Lamar counties from county auditor laws; labor bureau; compulsory education; anti-blacklist; providing for revision, codification and annotation of laws; authorizing school teachers to temporarily suspend school, authorizing district judges to extend terms of court; abolishing requirement that attorneys shall appear in appeal cases where brief is less than fifteen pages.

Anti-fee Bill. Austin: Final action was taken Friday afternoon by the house judiciary committee on the anti-fee bill. The committee reported adversely on the bill by a vote of 11 to 5.

Favorable minority report will be brought out. The last of the arguments in favor of this measure was made by Senator Senter, who directed his attack on the fee system, especially the sheriff's fees. This bill had already been reported adversely in the senate, with a favorable minority, and now has the same status in both branches of the legislature.

Beauty Battlefield. Austin: The house went on record yesterday afternoon as being in favor of a liberal appropriation for the beautifying of the San Jacinto battlefield.

In the Senate. Bank Guaranty Law. Austin: The senate committee on history, insurance and statistics Thursday reported favorably without any argument the bank guarantee law introduced by Mr. Alexander. Senators Senter and Hudspeth gave notice of an adverse minority report.

Fish and Oyster Law. Austin: Arguments were continued until a late hour Saturday evening before senate judiciary No. 2 on the bill by Mr. Baker of Hood, amending the fish and oyster law, but final action was not taken. It will be several days before a report is made as more arguments are to be made.

Bills Reported Favorably. Austin: Senate judiciary committee No. 2 reported favorably the following bills Saturday:

House bill, creating the offense of an attempt to commit theft from the person and fixing punishment therefor.

House bill, making it a felony, punishable by death, to commit the crime of burglary by entering a private residence at night.

House bill, permitting surety companies to make bonds for corporations designated as depositories, and making Sec. 23 of the depository law harmonious.

Mr. Harper's senate bill, permitting relations to occupy positions under certain conditions now prohibited by the anti-nepotism law.

Mr. Hudspeth's bill, providing punishment for cutting timber or shrubs from the enclosed land of another without permission, same being to protect the fir and other timber.

Mr. Kellie's bill, creating a forestry commission to protect the forests of Texas.

Fake Doctor Bill. Austin: Strickland's fake doctor bill was reported favorably by the house committee on public health. The bill provides against advertisements and representations of fraudulent medical practitioners. Mr. Wilson's bill, requiring all patent medicines to be labeled with the formula

Bill on Station Names Amended. Austin: Senate committee on internal improvements reported favorably with amendments Senator Ward's bill, requiring railroads to observe the names of stations as given such places by the United States postoffice department.

New Senate Bills. Among the bills introduced in the senate Tuesday were:

By Perkins—Authorizing newspapers to make contracts with railroads for exchange of advertising space for passenger transportation. This is an entirely new bill.

By Kellie—Providing that all tax suits brought by the state, county or city shall be brought within four years after such taxes have been delinquent.

By Hudspeth—Fixing the salary of the district attorney at \$15 per day for 133 days in the year, not including \$500 a year allowed by law.

By Greer—Prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors by prescriptions, except that one prescription house shall be allowed for every local option district, having 5,000 population.

Austin: Bills were introduced in the senate Monday as follows:

By Watson—Authorizing the state board of education to purchase common school district bonds in addition to other bonds for the school fund.

By Willacy—To amend the constitution for the establishment of a Confederate Women's Home.

By Mr. Senter—A bill changing the jurisdiction of corporation courts in cities having populations of more than 25,000 persons, conferring upon them concurrent jurisdiction in criminal cases with the county court. Acceptance of this enlarged jurisdiction is not made obligatory under the bill; it is optional with the city authorities.

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SYNOPSIS:

Gerard Chambers, son of a wealthy importer and a student at an eastern college, was awarded a membership in the Club of the Gemini, a secret organization, headed by Rodney Graves. The society was exclusive, only seven being admitted. The members were known as Persons. A meeting was held and each member was awarded the "call of destiny." Chambers was told to pass a period as a sailor and not set foot in North America for a year. Then he was to be assigned to another year's exile. He must make his own living unassisted, and keep everything a secret. He gained his father's consent. He also acquainted Marsylla Bayless, his father's choice for his wife, with the fact that he would be away two years. She left him angrily. Jerry obtained a berth as supercargo on an ocean freighter bound for Uruguay, South America, loaded with guns for enemies of that government. Chambers was captured and thrown into a dungeon. Marina Boston, adopted daughter of Gen. Barado, ministered to his wounds. Each made a strong impression on the other. Jerry was sentenced to die. Upon promise of Marina's love, Capt. Piloro freed Chambers. All three united with Gen. Barado's rebels, Chambers being made a captain. Capt. Piloro died of fever. Marina accompanied his body to burial. In a fierce battle Barado defeated Boston. Jerry frustrated an attempt to assassinate Gen. Barado. Marina's funeral party was attacked and she was reported missing. Pandaro, capital of Uruguay, was captured and a confederacy established. Chambers was made much of. By that time Marina was given up as dead. He then sailed for Havana in order to report to Mexico City for further instructions. The ship encountered a terrible storm and was dashed on the rocks. Jerry saved himself by clinging to a mast. He found himself too late to catch a boat for Mexico. He recognized Marina Boston, a passenger of a yacht sailing immediately for Mexico. By a ruse he gained the deck. He discovered that Marina was being held a prisoner on board. Jerry successfully passed prepared test of a possible interest in Marina, which plotters suspected. He wrote her a note and confided the whole story to the American engineer, who promised aid. The plotters took Marina into Vera Cruz, secretly. Jerry followed by swimming after he had knocked senseless the captain of the vessel.

CHAPTER XIX.—Continued.

Without waiting to see what effect the blow had, Jerry was at the hatchway snatching the life preserver from its fastening. A moment later, after casting a final glance at the still body of the officer, he climbed over the rail and dropped into the black water.

Mike O'Connor's quick wits were hard at work the moment after Jerry announced his determination to leave the vessel that night and to risk his life in the waters of the harbor. After taking the launch in about 100 yards he suddenly stopped the machinery and appeared to be worried.

"Come, come, man," impatiently said Andre, who sat nearest him. "Why do you not go on?"

"The propeller is balky," answered Mike, seeming to concentrate his whole attention to a part of the machinery. His sole purpose in stopping the machinery was to afford Jerry all possible time before effecting a landing. The delay was not as long as he intended it should be, for the impatient, nervous Andre touched the wheel that set the propeller in motion again.

Mike made no excuse, but his wits were working harder than ever. He was as familiar with the waters and the dockage of Vera Cruz as any sailor that came to them, but this time he determined to make his memory fail. Instead of drawing up at the proper pier he nosed the boat into an adjoining slip, discovering the "mistake" only after he had gone 25 yards. He exercised undue caution in swinging the launch around and in picking his way to the right landing place, which, judging from the conversation, was familiar to Andre. As he brought the boat to a stop, he figured that he had unnecessarily consumed about 20 minutes. He also knew, however, that Jerry had not had time to reach the pier, and there was a feeling deep in his heart that he would not succeed in getting to shore at all.

Andre and Felipe appeared very nervous as they landed, each continually casting his eyes about and scanning the faces of the few men at the landing. Mike assisted in taking some luggage to the end of the pier, where a closed carriage was waiting. There was no other vehicle in sight, and the quick-thinking Irish-American, unable to hear the instructions given the driver, noted the color of the horses and got a good look at the man on the box. Andre gave Mike a coin, and the next moment the horses were clattering down the dark, narrow street.

Mike waited in the shadows at the end of the pier for more than two hours, and he was beginning to fear all the more that Jerry had not succeeded in reaching shore when he saw a small boat draw up at the landing. He got farther back in the shadows, for he knew that the boat was from the yacht. Presently the captain and a member of the crew walked briskly down the pier, stopping and looking about within 20 feet from where he was hidden.

"He's had more than plenty of time to get back," fumed the captain, who wore a bandage over his eye, "and he is in league with that other fellow. What a damned fool I was to trust an American!"

The conversation that followed indicated to Mike that the jackie was in the captain's confidence.

"You know where they went from here?" asked the jackie.

"To a house in Calle Cordoba, I think," said the officer. "I don't know where it is, and it will be impossible

for me to see them until they keep their appointment with me to-day."

Mike O'Connor determined not to lose sight of the captain, but a few minutes later the officer and his man returned to the yacht. Mike watched them until he saw them going over the side of the vessel, and then ventured from his hiding place, just in time to see the dripping Jerry coming towards him.

"Thank God, you're saved, anyway!" exclaimed Mike, drawing him into the shadows and embracing him. Jerry was so exhausted that he could not speak for a minute or two, and it was not until Mike had gone down the street to an "all-nighter" and procured some whisky, of which Jerry partook freely, that he told of his death-involving swim. The excitement that was aroused within him by the story told by Mike gave him new strength.

It was agreed that the thing to do was to await the captain and to shadow him to the place where he was to meet Andre and Felipe. In the meantime, one at a time, they bought suits of cheap clothing and ate breakfast at a little restaurant near the pier.

Five o'clock in the afternoon rolled around, but the captain had not left the yacht, so far as they knew, and there was scarcely a moment that the eyes of one or the other were not on the boat. The waiting wore heavily on the shattered nerves of Jerry, but there was nothing else to do but wait. Mike tried to find the driver of the carriage, but he saw nobody that resembled him.

Towards six o'clock the captain came ashore, the man who rowed him in returning immediately to the yacht. Jerry, hidden with Mike behind a great pile of boxes, actually smiled when he beheld the bandage over his eye.

"That's what he got for getting gay," said he. The next moment he thought nothing of the fight he had had with the officer, who walked briskly to a small store across the street. He stood in the doorway fully 15 minutes, looking in the direction of the pier, and Mike and Jerry did not dare to move. Presently, after looking at his watch, he called a cab and soon was being driven in a direction opposite from that taken by the four in the carriage.

The cab turned at the first corner, and Jerry and Mike fairly ran to the only other vehicle in sight, a ramshackle cab with a sleepy driver on the seat.

"Keep a block behind the cab that just left," snapped Jerry, "and if it stops, you stop. You get five times the regular price."

The driver ran his horse in a full gallop to the next corner, and when he got into the cross street Jerry, bubbling over with fear and apprehension, opened the door and looked out. The captain's cab was a little more than a block ahead. It may have occurred to the officer that he was being followed, for the route taken by his driver was long and zigzaggy. The chase was kept up successfully, and Jerry directed his driver to turn up another street a few yards and stop. He got out of the cab and ran to the corner. The captain's cab was two blocks away now, and Jerry could distinguish the driver in the act of wielding his whip.

"After him, after him!" cried Jerry, running back to the cab.

Just as he was about to re-enter the vehicle a thought struck him so forcibly that he had to reach for the wheel to support himself.

"Good heavens, Mike!" he exclaimed, his face without a drop of color in it, "what time is it?"

Mike, wearing an expression of great surprise, pulled out his watch and said:

"Eight thirty-five."

Jerry simply gasped.

"Driver, where are we?" he managed to ask.

"In Calle Morelia."

"How far is it to the station of the National line?"

"About four miles."

"God!" and Jerry brought his hand to his forehead.

"Why—what—" began the bewildered man.

"Yes, w, Mike! I must catch a train a . . . 30!"

"But they'll—"

"Keep after him, Mike, and telegraph me at — Calle Coliseo, Mexico, to-morrow without fail! I can't stop to tell you anything now, old man, but follow, follow, follow!"

The next instant Jerry Chambers was running down the street, not knowing whether he was going in the right direction or not, and before he had covered 25 feet the driver was receiving instructions from Mike to keep after the captain's cab.

CHAPTER XX.

A Letter for Rodney Graves.

Just how Jerry Chambers managed to reach the station of the National line in time to catch the train for the City of Mexico he never was able to explain fully. He simply gave Luck the entire credit for his success.

Once on that train, which began to steam out just as he fell into a seat, a thoroughly exhausted creature, he breathlessly ran his eyes over a timetable. Calculating that the train

would arrive in the City of Mexico according to schedule, he figured that he would have one hour in which to reach the number in Calle Coliseo. He felt that Luck would not desert him now, and he worried but little about the train's being on time.

His heart grew cold at the thought that perhaps Mike O'Connor would not continue to follow the captain of the yacht, and that the mysterious trio would succeed in spiriting Marina beyond his ultimate reach.

"If I only had had another day," he thought, mentally cursing the luck that had stood by him so valiantly. "I could have rescued her. Mike O'Connor may keep on the trail, and he may not. Still, I believe that the spirit of adventure in him will serve me well. He does not dare return to the yacht; the captain would make short work of him if he did. The task is all the harder now, for the captain will appreciate the kidnapers of their danger, and the chances are they will be able to elude Mike, however vigilant he may be. Damn a Gemini's luck, anyway!"

It was not until the train was waiting at Jalapa for a connecting train that was 15 minutes late that he paled at the doubt of reaching the place in Calle Coliseo before noon of the next day.

When the train finally did pull out, a quarter of an hour behind the scheduled time, he experienced great relief, and his hope rose high when a trainman gave him reasonable assurance that there would be no further loss of time, and that the engineer probably would make up the lost time on the straight stretches of track ahead. But there was new worry ahead of him.

On the outskirts of the City of Mexico the corner of a small house being moved from one lot to another was still on the track, and another 15 minutes was lost before the train could proceed. Jerry had but 30 minutes in which to go from the station to the place in Calle Coliseo, and when he learned that the distance was more than three miles he scarcely could control himself. Of the six or eight cabs lined up at the station he jumped into the one whose horse looked the fastest and urged the driver to stop at nothing in taking him to the specified number.

When the panting, lathered horse was suddenly brought to a halt and Jerry saw that he was at the place, the clock in a tower a few blocks away indicated two minutes before noon. He tossed what remaining money he had at the driver and rushed into the building, over whose door hung the sign: "Thomas Wentworth, Assayer."

It was a small, narrow room, in which there were but two desks. At the first desk sat a gray-haired man of about 60 years, and as Jerry came up to him, scarcely able to get a word out of his mouth, the man smiled and nodded his head significantly.

"Is there a letter here for Rodney Graves?" Jerry panted.

Without a word the man, who later introduced himself as Thomas Wentworth of the College class of '64 and who wore on the lapel of his coat the Pin of the Twins, handed Jerry a long envelope addressed to Rodney Graves.

Mike O'Connor told the driver of his cab that if he did not keep the captain's cab in sight he would be trounced to within an inch of his life. The captain's cab now had a lead of three blocks, and it was with difficulty that it could be distinguished in the darkness. Mike, fearing that the driver might not follow out the instructions, stopped long enough to get on the seat with him. It was there that he made that driver blanch with fright.

Mike steadily gained on the captain, and it was not long before he was only a block and a half behind. Then, seeing the captain's cab draw up to the curbing, Mike directed his driver to turn into a side street. He immediately dismounted and peeped around the building on the corner. The captain stood in the middle of the sidewalk fully a minute before he saw his driver away, and kept casting glances up and down the street for several minutes before he went to the door of the house. Mike knew Vera Cruz well enough to find his way around, and he told his man to drive on a few blocks and wait. Then he went to the other side of the street and, moving cautiously in the darkest shadows, soon was almost opposite the house which the captain had entered. The faint light over the door revealed a number he had heard the officer mention at the pier.

The house stood in the middle of a yard, and Mike was able to see three sides of it. The only light visible shone through a rear basement window. Mike O'Connor was a brave man, but when he thought of stealing through the shadows to that window a chill flashed over his sturdy frame. This thought came only after he had waited almost two hours.

"They ain't comin' out to-night," he said to himself, "and what's goin' on in there is enough to fill a book. Tommy wouldn't stop at it, and I'll be damned if I do!" Gripping his revolver and setting his teeth in Irish determination, he stealthily picked his way to the yard and crept to the

window, which was open. He crawled to a position from which he could look into the room. He saw Andre, Felipe, the captain and an old man wearing a white beard.

"Then, we must get out," he heard Andre say, desperately, "and there is no time to lose. We must not take the train in the city, but at some place outside."

"The fast train can be stopped at Blanco del Oro," said the captain, "if there are at least five persons in the party."

"Riaz here will make the fifth," said Felipe. "What time does the train reach there?"

"It's a run of two hours from here," answered the captain.

"How far to Jimenez?"

"Between 30 and 35 hours from Mexico. The rest of the way must be in a wagon or boat, as Riaz knows, and it should be covered in 24 hours easily."

Mike O'Connor waited no longer. He thought of having the house surrounded by the police, but the time it would take to get the required response from the authorities would be too long. He arrived in the business section of the city soon after daybreak and went into a private stall of a small eating house. He had intended remaining there only long enough to drink a cup of coffee and eat some bread, but he was tired and fell asleep. When he awoke it was after ten o'clock. The thought of communicating with Jerry Chambers was the first to enter his mind, and he hastened to a telegraph office and sent the following message to "Tom Flannery":

"Located them. Watch train into Mexico. Mike is coming."

CHAPTER XXI.

Into Another Year of Uncertainty.

Jerry put the envelope into his pocket, for the instructions he had received from the black sack of destiny in the darkness of the chamber a year before gave him an hour in which to acquaint himself with its contents. Mr. Wentworth, a quiet, pleasant gentleman, had been in Mexico for more than 15 years, and it had been said that but few knew more about the mines and mining possibilities of the country than he. He showed much interest in Jerry, but not once did he touch upon the sacred subject of his experience in the twelvemonth just ended.

"That envelope," said he, "was in my keeping for almost a year, having come from New York, and it has been in my safe until this very morning. I trust that you will have luncheon with me to-day and that, if conditions are favorable, you may see your way clear to spend a few days at my home."

It was about 12:30 o'clock when a messenger boy entered the office. He handed Mr. Wentworth a telegram, which was immediately returned to him, with:

"Wrong address; there is no such person here."

The lad was closing the door after him when it suddenly occurred to Jerry that he had asked Mike O'Connor to wire him at that number.

"Was that for me?" he asked.

"No; it was for Tom Flannery. There is no such fellow."

"Great Scott, that's meant for me!" exclaimed Jerry, as he started after the boy. He could not conceal his uneasiness and intense interest after he had read Mike's short message, and the old Gemini plainly noticed his perturbed condition.

"Important news, I daresay," said Wentworth.

"By jingo, but he's a brick!" said the dancing-eyed Jerry. "He's constructed of the right material, that fellow is. I felt deep down in my heart all along that he would be 'Johnny on the spot,' and —"

"A brick—right material—Johnny on the spot!" broke in the wondering Mr. Wentworth.

Jerry colored as he stammered something that was intended for an explanation, but which only served to mystify the other all the more.

"I think you need a cup of strong coffee," smiled Wentworth, "so we'll go out to luncheon now." He had not risen from his chair before Jerry floundered:

"Really, Mr. Wentworth, you'll have to excuse me to-day. I am tremendously obliged to you, but you see—that is, I had a late breakfast, and I'm not a bit hungry. What time do the trains get in?"

"Trains—what trains?"

"From Vera Cruz, of course. Are there many of them, and which is the first?"

"Well, really, brother, I am not familiar with the time of train arrivals and departures. But I shall insist that you come along right away for a cup of coffee."

The clock over the desk indicated 12:40.

"All right," said Jerry, as pleasantly as possible, but he really wanted to be away from his elderly fraternity brother.

They were at a table in a near-by eating house when he suddenly thought of the time. Mr. Wentworth's watch showed 12:58.

"Thunder!" exclaimed Jerry. "You'll excuse me, won't you?" he managed to smile, as he snatched the



"Great Scott, That's Meant for Me!" Exclaimed Jerry.

envelope from his pocket. Twelve \$50 United States of America gold certificates fell from the folded sheet of paper to the table.

"Well, well," said Mr. Wentworth; "that is welcome news. I trust that the letter is quite as—"

"Wait a second," broke in Jerry, for he had only a minute in which to read those instructions. As his eyes hastily passed over the lines his face paled and his chin dropped. For a moment he simply stared at the other.

"I hope there is nothing—" solicitously began Wentworth.

"For heaven's sake!" Jerry burst out, cold moisture forming on his brow.

"Well, well?"

"Great Scott!"

"Yes—well?"

"This is the limit!"

Mr. Wentworth merely looked at him, the picture of intense interest. Jerry, his brow knit, re-read the instructions, and then laughed feebly.

"It's none of my business, of course?" said Wentworth.

"No; but I'd give 17 times the amount of those bills if it were all your business. What the devil do I know about it? You know all about it."

Jerry, practically devoid of all sociability, left Mr. Wentworth at the next corner, promising to return to his office not later than six o'clock. He walked for several blocks down the street, oblivious to all surroundings, and then turned into a quiet saloon, where, at a table at the end of the room, he re-read these instructions:

"Ye Person of The Gemini, ye have performed well; the spirit of Rodney Graves knows ye have performed well. But ye have not yet earned an enduring right to your priceless Personality. Ye must, therefore, do as ye are told herein to the best of your ability:

"Go ye forth to the City of Escalon, State of Chihuahua, Republic of Mexico, where, at the office of the — Mining & Smelting Company — Calle Gomez, ye shall inquire for an envelope addressed to Rodney Graves. The contents of this envelope will give ye further instructions.

"Ye shall be in possession of the envelope not later than 4 hours after 12 o'clock (noon) of the nineteenth day of June, 1899.

"Ye Person of The Gemini, ye have been given life on the land and on the water, and now shall ye be shown into the sphere beneath the surface of the earth. That ye may know the spirit of your beloved Gemini to be munificent, ye may have with ye one companion, whomsoever ye may choose, but who, whatever may arise, shall not know the true purpose of your mission. Ye must keep inviolably secret these instructions and all instructions to follow.

"May the spirit of Rodney Graves guide ye well and the wishes of all Gemini give ye unbounded courage."

Jerry tried to procure a railroad time table at the saloon, but was unsuccessful. Then he set out for a railroad office. As he walked briskly down the street, unconsciously bumping into pedestrians, his brain was in a stew.

"I wonder where in the devil this Escalon is, anyway," he thought.

There were several persons in the railroad office when Jerry, pushing his way to the desk, asked the agent:

"Where is Escalon?"

"A little more than 800 miles on our main line—north."

"Eight hundred miles!" gasped Jerry, his manner attracting the attention of everybody in the office. "How long, for heaven's sake, does it take to get there?"

"Our fast train makes it in a little less than 30 hours," answered the wondering agent.

"Thirty hours, eh? Well, that'll give me ten hours to spare, won't it? And—"

"Ten hours to spare—I don't understand—"

"That'll be all right," snapped Jerry; "of course you don't understand. What time can I get a train?"

"Our next train leaves at five this afternoon."

"Gee, that clips five hours off the ten, doesn't it? But it still gives me plenty of time, anyway."

He bought a ticket and arranged for sleeping-car accommodations, the agent accepting payment out of one of the \$50 bills. Jerry soon afterwards had the rest of his money exchanged for Mexican currency. Then he went into a hotel, where he picked out a quiet corner in the rotunda and tried to settle down to rational thinking.

"Mike will not be here by that time," he said to himself, "and it's an eagle to a ruff that Marina will be spirited away successfully. What a thunder shall I do? If I am not in Escalon within 40 hours I'm off with The Gemini, and if I go, all chance of rescuing her will be gone. It's Marina or The Gemini—which? Gad, but this is enough to drive a man crazy! Nothing like The Gemini would have kept her from saving me, and—jumping to his feet—"I won't let it keep me from saving her! She's a thousand times more to me than—"

Here his thought was checked, and he sat down again. "Will Mike O'Connor stick it out? He is on the trail, and I don't believe it's in him to give up now. Luck has been with me, and I don't think it will desert me now. I'll take a chance with Mike!"

A few minutes later he was in the writing room, where he penned the following to Mike O'Connor:

"Your message came to me a short time ago, and you deserve a medal as big as a bass-drum. You would not have to tell anybody that you were made of the good old American stuff. Your standing pat after I dashed away from you unceremoniously in Vera Cruz shows the sort of goods you are made of, and I feel—I know—that there is more of the same spirit in you, and that you will make good your promise—to stick to the finish.

"It is up to you again, old pal, and you must keep up the glorious work. I cannot tell you anything now, but one day you shall know all, and everything will be satisfactory to you. It will prove that I had not tried to shoulder everything on you. It is the best job you ever tackled, Mike, and eventually it will pay you a thousand times more than the best engineer's job in the world."

"Late this afternoon I must leave for Escalon, in the southern part of Chihuahua, and as soon as possible I want you to wire me there, in care of the Mining & Smelting Company. — Calle Gomez, I inclose here-with 200 American 'bones' to assist in defraying your immediate expenses. What you have spent and may expend out of your own money will be returned to you with fabulous interest. Wire me all particulars, collect. Let me know where I can reach you.

"Good luck, old man, and don't fail me, for heaven's sake."

Jerry immediately started for Mr. Wentworth's office, where he left the note, believing that Mike would call there as soon as he could. He talked with Mr. Wentworth until a little after four o'clock, when he started to the station.

As he took his seat on the train to Escalon his heart was as heavy as any that ever beat in the breast of man, and his conscience was so guilty that he blushed in shame.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Vocation.

Every man has his own vocation. There is one direction in which all space is open to him. He has faculties silently inviting him thither to endless exertion. He is like a ship in a river; he runs against obstructions on every side but one; and on that side all obstruction is taken away, and he sweeps serenely over a deepening channel into an infinite sea.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

GRAIN, HAY, CHOPS, BRAN, Cotton Seed Meal and Hulls

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We buy and sell Kaffir Corn,
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HASKELL TEXAS.

STAMFORD & NORTH- WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

NOTICE OF SPECIAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of Stamford & Northwestern Railway Company has been called by the Board of Directors of said Company to be held at the principal office of the Company in Stamford, Jones County, Texas, on Saturday, the 10 day of April, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. (a) to consider and determine whether the stockholders will consent to, approve and authorize the creation and issue of first mortgage gold bonds of said Company, to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, and to be secured by a mortgage and deed of trust upon and of all the property and franchises of said Company now owned by it, or which may hereafter be used as the basis of the issue of any of said first mortgage bonds;

(b) in case of such consent, approval and authorization, to approve and authorize the form and terms of such mortgage and deed of trust and of the bonds to be issued thereunder;

(c) to ratify and confirm such action taken or authorized by the Board of Directors of said Company in contemplation of such consent, approval and authorization as may be submitted to the meeting;

(d) to transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

Dated, Stamford, Texas, January 13, 1909.

L. M. Baie, President.

L. B. Peyton, Secretary.

SEAL)

WACO NURSERY

Agent of the Waco Nursery located in Haskell, and we make your orders for trees, shrubbery and shade trees. We sell on a guarantee and deliver on the ground to deliver the stock. See me before you give your orders to others.

C. W. RAMEY,
Residence Agent, Haskell, Tex.

In an other column will be found the advertisement of Mr. S. L. Robertson's Special Sale. We can say of him that his well known reputation for truth and square dealings insures the carrying out of all promises and the truth of price reductions.

The new ladies slippers at Hunt & Co's. are the latest.

If your church, your lodge, or club could get that piano at the Racket Store would'nt you be proud? Then just hustle a little yourself.

We want to rent a house with six or more rooms. Phone no. 282

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Does it run easy.
Does it look good.
Does it make a good stitch.
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Is it simple in construction.
Does the manufacturer put his name on it.

THE FREE

sewing machine recently placed on the market by the Free Sewing Machine Co. combines the best qualities of all other machines. It is the latest, best and most complete achievement in building of a sewing machine. Compare it with all other machines in anything in which they claim to excel and you will find **it FREE** easily the best.

FREE SEWING MACHINE CO.
CHICAGO, ILL.

FOR SALE BY
SHERRILL BROS. & CO.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or and Constable of Haskell County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon M. W. Johnson by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive week previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court in and for Precinct No. One of Haskell County, at the Court house in the town of Haskell on the 15th day of March, A. D. 1909, at ten o'clock A. M., then and there to answer the suit of Cason-Cox & Co. a partnership firm composed of W. L. Cason, B. Cox, J. F. Jones and T. Russell, plaintiffs, against M. W. Johnson said suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 479. The nature of plaintiffs, demand is a suit upon an itemized account on file in this case in the sum of \$91.30 with interest thereon from the 1st day of June 1908, at 6 per cent per annum. The items of said account consisting of goods, wares and merchandise sold to defendant by plaintiffs and for which defendant promised and become bound to pay plaintiffs the said amount said account.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court on the said first day or the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand officially this the 18th day of February, A. D. 1909.

G. W. Lamkin,
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. One, Haskell County, Texas.

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COTTON GIN NOTICE.

I am now prepared to gin bolls, I have the very latest machinery for that purpose. I will also buy the bolls and pay all they are worth.
F. T. SANDERS.

I have a few buggy tops that are now going at 20 per cent discount. W. J. Evers, Haskell. 2t

E. A. Chambers, not the L. P. Davidson Grain & Coal Co. I deliver the goods. Phone 157.

Ladies suits and Jackets cleaned or died and pressed. All work guarantee, Phone 291 The Model Tailoring Co.

All \$1.50 and \$1.25 buggy whips now for \$1.00 and all \$1.00 ones for 75c at Evers' Harness Shop, for two weeks, beginning Feb. 13th. 2t

Take your prescription to Cogdells where it will be filled just as the doctor wrote it.

Courteous treatment to the child as well as the older ones at the Racket Store.

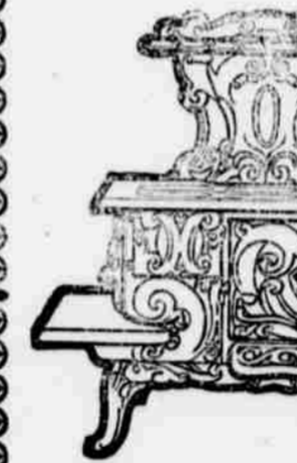
To the Trade:

We are now offering a full line of the celebrated John Deere Implements including the **Stag Sulky** Deere Planters, both single and double row. Deere Cultivators both single and double row. Deere walking plows, Stalk Cutters. We also have a large stock of the Celebrated Star Wind Mills. There is none better.

Our furniture department is also complete. Let us figure with you.

CASON, COX & CO.

Little girl—call at Cason, Cox & Co. and see what you can get FREE.



Absolutely FREE This Beautiful Junior Range free to some little girl under 14 years of age. Please call and register and receive further information.

Cason, Cox & Co.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

WILL CURE
Your Cold. Try It

The uniform success that has attended the use of this remedy in the cure of bad colds has made it one of the most popular medicines in use. It can always be depended upon to effect a quick cure and is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. Price 25 cents. Large size 50 cents.

For Sale by Collier's Drug Store, Haskell, Texas.

GO TO Spencer & Gillam

FOR ANY THING IN THE LINE OF

Drugs, Patent Medicines,
Drug Sundries, Stationery,
Cigars and Cold Drinks.

Our Prescription Department is Complete.

Take your prescriptions to Cogdill's where they will be filled by an experienced pharmacist.

New goods daily at the Racket Store.

Pure Ribbon Cane syrup, Guaranteed. Delivered to your Station at 65, cts. Send your order to Geo. W. Garner, Winfield Titus County, Texas. 2t-p

Colorado coal—our specialty. Good coal and quick delivery. Phone 157. E. A. Chambers.

New line of ladies slippers at C. M. Hunt & Co's.

Men or ladies suits cleaned and made good as new. Phone 291 The Model Tail. Co.

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

Those new kerosine lamps at Wyman Co's make a brilliant light and are no more trouble than the ordinary lamp.

R. G. French who has had thirty years experience, will fill your prescriptions at Cogdill's.

A \$75.00 buggy now for \$62.50 at W. J. Evers, Haskell.

Waltz me around again Willie to place an order with E. A. Chambers for coal and feed. Phone 157.

A. A. Waterman fountain pens at Evans'.

Mr. M. R. Wallace has sold his home to Mrs. Dement, Mr. Wallace will move away from Haskell.

Rev. A. V. Atkins of Temple, a Baptist minister, and friend of S. A. Hughes of this place, was prospecting here this week.

Normans' Paint Store
Brighten up Finishes.

Ladies! Ladies!! We have the best line of ladies purses and hand bags to show you at the Racket Store.

Normans' Paint Store **Brushes.**

E. A. Chambers has the coal that will make a hit with his customers. Phone 157.

See that new dress goods at Hunt & Co's.

For Sale. Good milk cows with young calves.

J. B. Tomkins,
Haskell, Tex. tf

Fresh vegetables at the City Grocery on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday of each week.

Ha! Ha! brother! I have it four bales for \$1.00 Phone 157. E. A. Chambers.

Normans' Paint Store **Glass.**

WANTED - To repair your watch. Evans.

Several pair of \$16.00 shop made boots, now for \$13.00 at W. J. Evers, Haskell. 2t

Locals and Personals.

Mr. C. M. Hunt has returned from the eastern market where he purchased a large stock for the spring trade.

Miss Ella Cather, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Oscar Martin, left Tuesday for her home at Brenham.

Now is the time to buy your saddles and buggy harness while Evers at Haskell is selling them at 20 per cent discount. 2t

Business lot with two room residences on it, will sell at reasonable price, and will take a span of mules on trade.

Jno. B. Baker.

Finest and largest line of jewelry in the city at the Racket Store.

Normans' Paint Store
Picture Framing.

Mr. R. M. Craig has returned from a visit to his parents at Ennis.

The hail Saturday was a great advantage to the frost bitten cotton, causing it to open up.

More New **Wall Paper**
Normans' Paint Store.

Plain gold rings at Evans.

We have a customer for a real bargain in lands what have you to offer for quick business and a good cash payment?

J. L. Robertson, Haskell Texas.

Contact J. W. Smith of Weichert was in Haskell Tuesday and closed a contract with Mr. F. C. Lowe to build a house on his farm west of town.

Mr. Wm. J. Bartosh a young man from Bomerton visited our city Tuesday.

Wedding rings at Evans.

Waterman fountain pens give satisfaction at Evans.

All the household remedies at Cogdell's.

You can get fresh vegetables at the City Grocery on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday of each week.

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

Garden seed of best quality in bulk and packet at Racket Store.

The way the people are paying up their subscriptions, we judge that the late cotton has greatly relieved the financial stringency.

Wanted—three or four cars of maize. Will pay 50 cents per 100 lbs. See Earl Cogdell at Oil Mill.

For sale—my family surrey, for cash. W. T. Jones.

A GREAT SACRIFICE SALE OF STRENGTH AND CHARACTER

We present for your consideration an advertisement which tells a story of rare interest and speaks of first-class merchandise; the S. L. Robertson kind, known not only for its goodness and general worth but for its style features yet best of all is its wonderfully low prices coated on each and every articles in this stock. An urgent demand on us for cash makes this sale an actuality. We need the money and you reap the benefit by being able to buy good goods cheaper than you ever bought them in Haskell. In this Great Sale, which opens Saturday, February 20th and continues for 15 days, your dimes will do the work of quarters and your "Halves" will be dollars. In justice to yourself you can not afford to miss this opportunity.

These Prices Good All Next Week.

Men's and Boys Caps
Big Assortment at Cost
or Less.

HOSIERY

Ladies' and Men's Black Hose at 7c
15c quality at 8c
25c quality at 19c
Children's hose equally cheap.

LADIES' SHOES.

Also Children's Shoes at prices that will cause you to wonder how we sell them for so little.

Men's Shoes

You will buy them at our prices.

NEW GOODS

Our New Spring Goods just received, also go in this Sale at reduced prices.

WINTER GOODS

Clothing, Blankets and Woolens go regardless of cost.

TRUNKS

At Prices lower than ever heard of before in Haskell county.

Groceries go Cheap.

BLANKETS Woolen and Cotton Blankets at Factory Cost.

COMFORTS

\$3.00 Values now \$2.00
1.50 " " 1.10
1.25 " "95

NOTIONS

Ladies' Belts, Combs, all Buttons, Pins, Thread, in fact every article in the store at greatly reduced prices.

Snuff and Silks at Cost

DRESS GOODS

Calicoes, Gingham, Percales, Lawns and Dress Goods, including New Goods just received at almost your own prices.

DOMESTIC

Bleached and Unbleached Cheaper than you ever bought them.
Laces and Embroideries
at Wonderful Low Prices. See them and realize the fact.

MEN'S CLOTHING

\$22.50 Suits now \$16.00
15.00 Suits now 10.00
12.50 Suits now 8.00
1 Lot 10 Suits now 6.00

PANTS

\$4.50 Pants now \$3.25
3.50 Pants now 2.25
1.75 Pants now 1.25
1.50 Pants now 1.10

Boys' Clothing

1 Lot \$2.50 and 2.00 Suits at \$1.00
1.50 Duck Coats now75
Boys' Shirt Waists at Greatly reduced prices.

Groceries go Cheap

MEN'S HATS

1 Lot 3.50 and 2.50 values at \$1.00
All 2.50 hats at 1.65
All 2.00 hats at 1.10
5.00 Jno. B. Stetson's only 3.85
6.00 Jno. B. Stetson's only 4.40

MEN'S SHIRTS

75c values now45
1.25 values now85
1.50 values now 1.10

Embroideries and Laces

Complete Line. Very Cheap.

Ladies' Shirt Waists

4.50 Silk Waists at \$2.50
3.50 Silk Waists at 2.00
2.50 values now at 1.75
1.25 values now at95

Ladies Muslin Underwear

Nothing Reserved—All to be Sold Regardless of Profit.

EVERY
ARTICLE
Guaranteed

S. L. ROBERTSON.

Money
Back if
you are
Dissatisfied

Created Strange Animals.

Cattle Magician, Like Burbank
Among Vegetable, Breeds
New Varieties.

Loungers in the lobby of the New Grand Hotel sat up and looked recently when a tall, thin, wiry man, with fighting whiskers and a sombrero with a rakish tilt, entered from Broadway and registered, says the New York Her-

ald. The overcoat he wore attracted most attention. It was of brown fur or hair, and glistened in the sun that shot through the skylight. The wearer registered "C. J. Jones, Garden City, Kan."

"That's Buffalo Jones," explained a Western man, "and he's got a genuine buffalo on you bet."

The stranger was Col. Jones, formerly game warden of Yellowstone Park, and he took strong exception.

"It's a cattalo coat," he exclaimed proudly, "one I raised

myself out on the north rim of the Grand Canyon, in Arizona, 600 miles from nowhere. And it knocks anything I saw from the depot down to here.

"The cattalo's a cross I'm raising from buffalo and common cattle," the Colonel explained. "I've been at it now twenty years and got something. They call me the 'animal Burbank,' and I guess I am when it comes to getting hybrids. I've got Persiarinos, Persiashires, Persiacotts and the greatest of all combination animals, the Gorisin."

"The Persiarinos," the Colonel

said, "is a sheep that is half broad-tailed Persian and half Merino. The Persiarino is half Persian and half Shropshire, and the Persiacott is half Cottswold. The Persiarino is the boss," continued the Colonel. "I sent one to President Roosevelt for Thanksgiving, and he said it was the most delicious meat he ever put into his mouth. They all knock the wool off the pampered animals of the effete East and foreign parts. They don't need barns that cost more than they are worth to shelter 'em. They are careless about grief. They

can come home in the dark, too. I have taken 'em fifty miles from home and they have come straight back in a snowstorm. Common sheep would have been lost within fifty feet. They will get up on rocks and fight wolves when pressed. But I lost 142 lambs through wolves in Arizona last spring, so I've moved the outfit to Kansas. I've got 100 head of the cattalo and 1,500 of the Gorisins.

"But the greatest of a range is my new kind of goat—the Gorisin. It's Go for goat, Ri for Persian, Merino and Sin for Persian,

There are quarter strains of Go Grand Ri and a half of Sin. It lives on greasewood, sage brush and cactus."

Misses Deron and Shirley Neathery have returned from Farmersville, where they have been attending school.

Miss Willie Chambliss and Mr. Gresham were married last week at the residence of her parents at Albany. The Free Press joins her many friends at Haskell in best wishes for the prosperity of the couple.

FOR BETTER HARBOR

GALVESTON, TEXAS CITY, AND PORT BOLIVAR INCLUDED IN ENGINEER'S PLAN.

IT IS CAPT. OAKE'S PLAN

Dike to Texas City and Maintaining of Galveston Channel Among Important Considerations.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The plans of Capt. Oakes, which contemplate making virtually one immense land-locked harbor for Galveston, Texas City and Port Bolivar, were presented to the board of engineers this morning. In attendance at the hearing were Congressman Gregg, Capt. Oakes, Col. Gresham, L. P. Weatherston, representing Port Bolivar, and H. B. Moore and A. D. Woolvin, representing Texas City.

Between the representatives of the three interests there seemed to be the utmost harmony and Capt. Oakes declared in fact that these three ports could no longer be treated separately to advantage. He said that, in his opinion, Galveston would have a commerce equal to that of New York, and that Texas City would, before that time, need yard room for 20,000 freight cars. The plans of Capt. Oakes contemplate a dike from Pelican Island to Texas City as a means of maintaining the Galveston channel. If it were not for the Texas City channel, he said, it might be cheaper to build a dike to the south, but with the need of protecting the Texas City channel, the channel ought to go where he had indicated.

Fort Worth Bond Approved.

Austin: Two bond issues of the city of Fort Worth, aggregating \$150,000 in value, which have been held up for several months pending the settlement of a controversy regarding the validity of the Fort Worth charter, were approved Monday by the attorney general.

Storms in Oklahoma.

Guthrie: Heavy storms in sections of Southern Oklahoma Monday added a new and disastrous feature to the extremely hard blizzard that has prevailed throughout the state for two days. Near Ardmore a few houses were wrecked, and one man was killed.

Oklahoma Bank Robbed.

Muskogee: Climbing a telephone pole and cutting the wires to prevent an alarm, robbers early Monday morning entered the First State bank of Oklahoma, sixteen miles south of here, blew the safe and made their escape with \$1,146.

Santa Fe's Center-Zuber Line.

New York: According to a high official of the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe railway, the connecting link between Center, on the Gulf, Beaumont and Great Northern, and Zuber, on the Texas and Gulf railway, is to be rushed to completion.

Snyder Railroad Prospects.

Snyder: The fact that Lubbock has signed up for the Santa Fe railroad from Plainview to that place is noted with a great deal of interest here, and Snyder people now feel certain that it will not be long until the road reaches here.

Hidalgo County Land Sold.

Denton: Private advices received here report that John P. Withers, formerly of this city, has recently sold his Casa Blanca plantation in Hidalgo county, consisting of 10,000 acres of land susceptible of irrigation, for \$300,000.

Sister Sails in Aeroplanes.

Pau, France: Taking advantage of the return of fine weather, Wilbur Wright had his sister as a passenger in his aeroplane Monday. This was her first flight and they remained in the air for eight minutes.

City Bonds Sold.

Mineral Wells: F. C. Highsmith, mayor of Mineral Wells, has succeeded in selling the city sewer bond that was voted last September to par \$18,000 and interest.

House Wrecked At Godley.

Godley: During a heavy wind and rainstorm Saturday night the residence of Mrs. J. M. Wagner, about three miles north of Godley, was completely demolished by the wind. No one was killed.

Town Practically Destroyed.

Greenville, Miss.: Reports received here Monday from Cedar Bluff, Miss., state that the town was practically destroyed by a storm late Sunday afternoon.

Counterfeit Money Circulated.

Dallas: According to street car conductors, a considerable amount of counterfeit money is now being passed in Dallas. One conductor said Monday that three bad dollars had been tendered him within the last day or two.

Arlington Cotton Receipts.

Arlington: Cotton receipts for this season here are 9,233 bales, with several hundred bales still in hands of farmers.

The Exceptional Equipment

of the California Fig Syrup Co. and the scientific attainments of its chemists have rendered possible the production of Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, in all of its excellence, by obtaining the pure medicinal principles of plants known to act most beneficially and combining them most skillfully, in the right proportions, with its wholesome and refreshing Syrup of California Figs.

As there is only one genuine Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna and as the genuine is manufactured by an original method known to the California Fig Syrup Co. only, it is always necessary to buy the genuine to get its beneficial effects.

A knowledge of the above facts enables one to decline imitations or to return them if, upon viewing the package, the full name of the California Fig Syrup Co. is not found printed on the front thereof.

HEADING OFF THE CALLER.

Plan for Getting Rid of Life Insurance Agents Not Patented.

The bell rang three times, and the man at the desk hastily reached for a flannel bandage. This he put round his neck. Then he arranged a sling, in which he put one arm, disarranged his hair, drew down the corners of his mouth, got out of his chair, and painfully limped toward the door.

"Mr. Jones?" inquired the well-dressed caller, who opened it at that moment.

The man with the bandage half suppressed a groan.

"Yes, that's my name. What can I do for you?"

"You appear to be suffering," said the intelligent caller.

"Suffering!" returned the other. "Do you think I'm doing this for fun? But what is your business, sir?"

"Er—pardon me," stammered the caller. "I think I'll drop in some other time—eh?"

"It's some trouble," soliloquized the man with the bandage, as he removed the paraphernalia and returned to his desk. "But it is really the quickest way to get rid of these life insurance agents. That man will never trouble me again."—London Tit-Bits.

IN AGONY WITH ECZEMA.

Whole Body a Mass of Raw, Bleeding, Torturing Humor—Hoped Death Would End Fearful Suffering.

In Despair; Cured by Cuticura.

"Words cannot describe the terrible eczema I suffered with. It broke out on my head and kept spreading until it covered my whole body. I was almost a solid mass of sores from head to foot. I looked more like a piece of raw beef than a human being. The pain and agony endured seemed more than I could bear. Blood and pus oozed from the great sore on my scalp, from under my finger nails, and nearly all over my body. My ears were so crusted and swollen I was afraid they would break off. Every hair in my head fell out. I could not sit down, for my clothes would stick to the raw and bleeding flesh, making me cry out from the pain. My family doctor did all he could, but I got worse and worse. My condition was awful. I did not think I could live, and wanted death to come and end my frightful sufferings.

"In this condition my mother-in-law begged me to try the Cuticura Remedies. I said I would, but had no hope of recovery. But oh, what blessed relief I experienced after applying Cuticura Ointment. It cooled the bleeding and itching flesh and brought me the first real sleep I had had in weeks. It was as grateful as ice to a burning tongue. I would bathe with warm water and Cuticura Soap, then apply the Ointment freely. I also took Cuticura Resolvent for the blood. In a short time the sores stopped running, the flesh began to heal, and I knew I was to get well again. Then the hair on my head began to grow, and in a short time I was completely cured. I wish I could tell everybody who has eczema to use Cuticura. Mrs. Wm. Hunt, 135 Thomas St., Newark, N. J., Sept. 28, 1908."

Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

NOT FOR HIM.

"Now, boy, this is important! It's an invitation to dinner!"

"Thanks, boss. But I can't accept. Me dress suit's in hock!"

Placing Him.

"Papa," inquired little May, after Sunday school, "was George Washington an Israelite?"

Before her father could answer this somewhat unexpected question May's six-year-old brother broke in.

"Why, May, I'm 'shamed of your ignorance! George Washington is in the New Testament, not the Old."—Woman's Home Companion.

ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE"
This is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c a bottle.

Crooks understand the art of getting out of financial straits.

Remarkable Thermometer.

Some curious thermometers were made. Otto de Guericke, burgo-master of Magdeburg, made one which was 20 feet long and gorgeous with blue paint and gilt stars. It consisted of a large globe fastened to a tube, both of copper. The tube was bent upon itself to form a very narrow U, in which was placed the requisite amount of alcohol. One arm of the U was shorter than the other and open at the top. On the liquid was a float, to which was attached a cord passing over a pulley. At the other end of this cord was hung a gilt angel, its finger pointing to a scale on which the degrees were painted.

STATE OF OHIO CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY, sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 4th day of December, A. D. 1908.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

HALL'S Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

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The young wife sniffed.

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Miss Trimm—Yes; I think so, too—that's why I'm cutting him.

Got Up Speed.

"What sort of record did Lem Biggins make out west?"

"He broke the Marathon record."

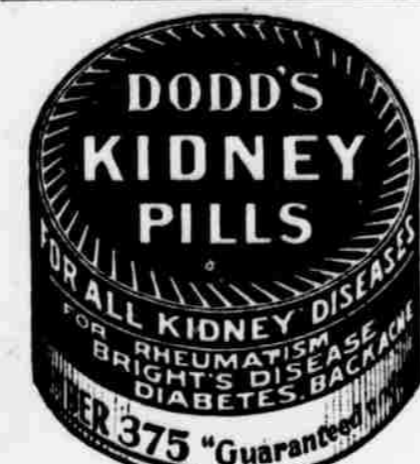
"I didn't know he was such a sprinter."

"Lem didn't know it, either, till the sheriff took after him."

Helen Had Ambition.

Helen, aged six, was telling Mary, aged seven, of her plans for the future. "I'm going to be married," she announced, "and have 18 children."

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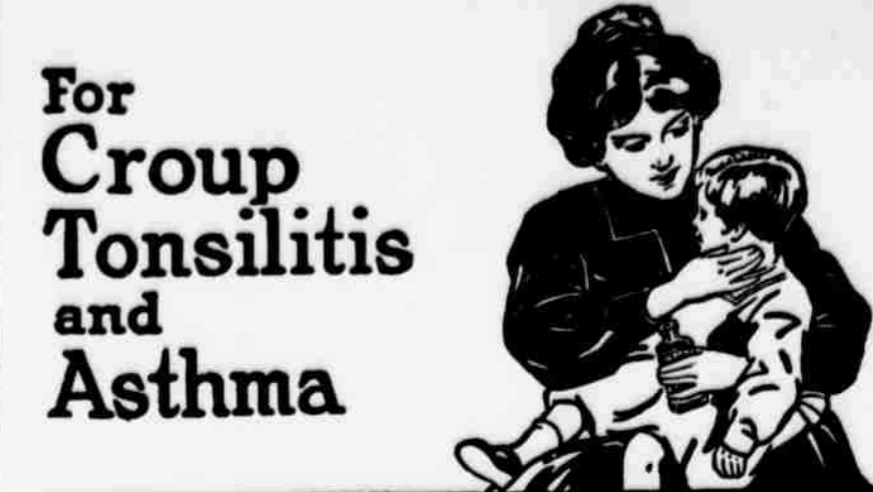
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**NOTICE
SHERIFF'S SALE.**

The State of Texas,
County of Haskell.

By virtue of an alias execution issued out of the Honorable Justice Court of Precinct No. 1, Knox county, on 2nd day of Feb. 1909, by the clerk thereof, in the case of Chas. E. Coombes vs. Lee Winchester, No. 276, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales on the First Tuesday in March 1909, it being the 2nd day of said month, before the court house door of said Haskell county, in the town of Haskell the following described property, to-wit:

First Tract:—Being a part of fractional Section no. 139, Block 45, H. & T. C. R. Co. known as abstract no. 269, certificate no. 28-2009. The part of said frac. Sec. no. 139 hereby conveyed being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake set in E. B. line of said frac. Sec. no. 139, 508 2-3 vrs. South from original N. E. cor. of said frac. Sec. no. 139, Thence West with S. B. line of a tract of land deed to William Arthur Winchester 889 1-2 vrs. to his S. W. cor. for N. W. cor. of this tract. Thence South 372 vrs. to a stake on S. B. line of said frac. Sec. no. 139.

Thence East 889 1-2 vrs. to a stake the original S. E. cor. of said frac. Sec. no. 139. Thence North with E. line of same 372 vrs. to the place of beginning.

Second Tract:—Being a part of frac. Sec. no. 138, Block no. 45, H. & T. C. R. Co. known as abstract no. 993, certificate no. 28-1973, and awarded by Commissioner of the General Land Office of the state of Texas, to F. M. & F. W. Winchester. The part of said frac. Sec. no. 138 hereby conveyed being described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a stake set in W. B. line of said frac. Sec. no. 138, 508 2-3 vrs. South of its original N. W. cor. Thence South with said W. B. Line 508 2-3 vrs. to a stake in said line for S. W. cor. Thence East 520 1-2 vrs. to a stake in E. B. line of said frac. Sec. no. 138. Thence north with said E. B. line 508 2-3 vrs. to a stake the S. E. cor. of a tract of land conveyed to William Arthur Winchester for N. E. cor. of this tract. Thence West 520 1-2 vrs. to the place of beginning.

Third tract:—Being a part of Section No. 140, Block 45, H. & T. C. R. Co., known as abstract No. 638, certificate No. 28-2009 and patented to A. L. Rhombert and F. A. Rumpf, assignees of Thos. W. McNear on 10th July 1886 by patent no. 56, vol. 6. The part of said section no. 140 hereby conveyed described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the original N. E. cor. of said section no. 140, which is S. E. cor. of frac. Sec. no. 139. Thence West with N. B. line of said Sec. 140, 889 1-2 vrs. to a stake in said line for cor. Thence South 136 2-3 vrs. to a stake for cor. Thence east 889 1-2 vrs. to a stake on E. B. line of said Sec. 140, for cor. Thence North with said E. B. line 136 2-3 vrs. to the place of beginning. The three tracts of land herein conveyed aggregating 127 1-2 acres of land, more or less, levied on as the property of Lee Winchester to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$144.06 in favor of Chas. E. Coombes.

Given under my hand, this 12th day of Feb. 1909.
M. E. Park, Sheriff,
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Been a brick mason for twenty-six years, will guarantee flues, chimneys and cisterns. Phone no. 60.
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You can eat any thing your stomach craves without fear of a case of indigestion or Dyspepsia, or that your food will ferment or sour on your stomach if you will occasionally take a little Diapepsin after eating.

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The Abilene people are to be congratulated upon having one of the best and largest commercial schools in the West. From what we learn of this institution it depends for its success, upon the success of its graduates and this alone is the true mark of a meritorious school.

Mr. A. H. Day has traded his property for a home and drug business at Bruceville, to Mr. Henry H. Langford of Bruceville who is a Cousin of our townsend, Mr. T. E. Bowman. We learn that Mr. Langford is a good Citizen and a Churchman.

FARMERS ARE BUSY HAULING COTTON TO MARKET AT ANSON

Anson, Texas, Feb. 13.—The weather here is most ideal. The farmers are busy at various kinds of work and many of them are bringing cotton to market every day, while others are preparing to begin the new crop. The high cotton farms on farm wagons used to haul cotton to the gins are as conspicuous on the streets along the public highway as they usually are at the very zenith of the cotton picking season in September and October. The gins are so over-crowded with cotton gathered in the bolls, as large quantities of the boll cotton is being sold in bulk and loaded, into box cars direct from the farmers' wagons and shipped to Haskell. Only one gin in Anson is using the special machinery for ginning the boll cotton, so it follows that much of it is being sold and shipped as mentioned.

MUCH BETTER

"You really should see the walk at Asbury Park," gushed the young lady who had spent the summer in the east. "Maybe, but I'd a lot rather the ghost at the office," remarked the practical young men who had failed to secure a summer vacation.

WICHITA FALL BUSY WITH NEW BUILDINGS

Wichita Fall, Texas, Feb. 13.—The First National bank broke ground this week for an office building adjoining its property on Seventh avenue. Sixteen buildings are in course of erection in the business district besides many residence in all portions of the town. Difficulty is being experienced in housing all the newcomers to this section but as soon as the new five-story rooming house is completed relief is expected. Messers Kemp and Kell announce that construction on the electric line commences in the early future.

SUNKEN STEAMBOAT DISCOVERED IN THE BRAZOS

The following interesting story comes from Richmond: "About two miles the Missouri Kansas and Texas railroad bridge across the Brazos river a remarkable find was discovered the other day, which up-to-date has been unexplained, even by the oldest inhabitants. The Government snag and dredge boat while engaged in river improvement, pulling out snags and blasting out reefs about fifteen miles above here, stopped in the progress of this work and drove piling, which directed a strong current against the opposite bank, which caused the earth to cave in great masses and after great quantities had fallen away by force of current there was exposed seventy-five feet of the rear end of the steamboat, estimated to be 120 feet long. The stern wheel and smoke stack, now in full view, are in a fairly good state of preservation. The boat was buried thirty feet beneath the soil. It was found on the land of Mr. Cooper who has been in possession for thirty-three years, and he was unable to give any solution to the remarkable find. The land on which the boat was found has been at one time the bed of the Brazos river. The forward portion of the boat has not yet been uncovered. Great numbers of people visited the curiosity and many theories have been advanced as to what steamer this is. It is known that a large steamer strayed up the river in early days but it is not known whether this is the one or not.

BANKERS ATTENTION.

Even can clean your time lock movements for about half what you usually pay. Reference 1st National Bank, Rosebud.

The following parties saw Black Patti played at Haskell Wednesday night. All who attended report it a fine play. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes Hudson, Messers W. W. Eddleman, Will Speer, Sam New, D. Payne, Kasselburg and Sam McKay.—Rule Review.

DO YOU WANT TO BUY A RANCH

6700 acres in Coke County about 2000-2500 acres as fine valley land as in the County, and balance fine ranch land, this is bargain at \$4.00 per acre on good terms. See me at once.
J. L. Roberson,
"The Land Man."

We received a crisp one dollar bill from Mr. L. C. Iric of Goree the other day, as a renewal of his subscription. We would like to suggest to Stamford, Sagerton, Rule, Jud, Rochester, Carney, Knox City, Vontress, Weinert and Munday subscribers that Mr. Iric has set an example that is worthy of emulation. Look at the date on your paper and remit to cover.

"KEEPING EVEN"

A reader suggests that the failure to "keep even" in most families is not so much due to a lack of management on the part of the disbursers of the income, as a lack of moral courage—the courage to live within one's means; to buy no more than the purse will pay for, and to do without many things which are bought usually because we are expected to buy them. We have not the courage to say we can not afford the thing we have been accustomed to, and which those in better circumstances than ourselves regard as necessities. Economy however, does not mean niggardliness or "saving money," any more than it means the saving of many other things. Economy of one's resources means getting the best for the money and making the money reach as far as possible in providing us with the comforts of life. It is often more economical to spend money than to save it, and this is a subject which it will be well for all of us to think seriously about. The value of economy is shown where Christ ordered that fragments be gathered up, that nothing be lost. It is often more economical to buy really good merchandise even at much greater cost than to try to "save" by buying worthless or inferior goods.—Commoner.

TRUCK FARMERS ENTHUSIASTIC.

Abilene, Texas, Feb. 13.—The truck farmers out in North Park are getting ready for a big season, according to Mac D. Townsend.

"We are going in for a berry crop out my way," said Mr. Townsend, "and all we need is clear and moderately dry weather. When the first of June rolls round the berry crop in North Park will be the talk of the section, and we can just about supply the home market without the aid of other berry growing sections. "And the other truck crops will not be neglected. Abilene's garden products this season will be, better than any other crops.

MANY INTERESTED IN SUNSET COAL FIELDS

LOCAL COMPANY BEING ORGANIZED TO SINK a WELL AT ONCE.

Sunst Texas Feb. 13. A number of prospectors have visited the new oil fields near here during the past week and many new leases have been made Colonel Waldron of Mineral Wells, a former partner of ex-Governor Hogg, and an experienced oil man, went over to the field and pronounced it a good one. Representatives of the

Fort Worth Light and Power company of Fort Worth and other companies have been here looking over the field and seeing about leases. A Fort Worth company has asked for leases on 10,000 acres. A local company is being organized with sufficient capital to put down a well at once.

In looking over the field this week an expert found coal nearer town than the oil fields and steps will probably be taken looking to the development of a small mine in the near future.

THE CRIME OF A FIEND.

Alex Sears of Jones County Murdered and His Body Burned.

One of the most dastardly crimes ever committed in the state of Texas has visited this section, and the unfortunate victim being one of Jones county's most prominent young stockmen makes it seem to us all the more heinous.

Alex Sears, whose ranch is eight miles south-west of Anson was the victim, and Tom Burnett one of the perpetrators to the crime.

Alex went to Abilene Monday night, was seen by numerous parties in company with Burnett, to whom he had only a few days prior sold a bunch of cattle. Tuesday morning Elmdale school house, ten miles east of Abilene, was found in ashes and the charred remains of a male person therein with every limb burned from the trunk and an empty jug near by, now thought to have been emptied of coal oil on the building and a match applied.

The stable of Burnett at Abilene was also burned the same night about 4 o'clock, and destroyed horse, buggy and harness.

Sherriff N. G. Ferrell, Deputy Jap Spraberry, Burl Hagler, Harve Robertson and Bud Sears went to Abilene on Wednesday night, and articles found with the body were at once identified by Bud Sears, who is a brother of the victim, as belongings of Alex. Mr. Ferrell and Burl Hagler, after having placed Tom Burnett under arrest, hastened to the scene of the burning and made investigations, bringing the remains to Abilene, from which place they were carried to Merkel for interment.

While different theories are always advanced, yet the consensus of opinion is that Alex was murdered at Abilene, hauled to the school house, thrown inside and the building set on fire. Other clues and evidence are withheld for the present.—Anson Enterprise.

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