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Haskell will no doubt get a good trade from Throckmorton this fall. The farmers of that county have already begun to haul their cotton to this market.

Rev. J. H. Shepard of Abilene was in the city yesterday and made the Free Press a pleasant call. Mr. Shepard was for several years pastor of the Christian church at this place and was also editor of the Herald for quite a while.

FOR SALE—The Terrell Drug Store building southwest corner of public square, Haskell, Texas. Will exchange for good land. C. L. Terrell, agent.

The recent tilt between Bryan and Roosevelt has demonstrated that the President is no match for the real student, thinker and philosopher. Our study of Bryan has convinced us that he never makes a statement that is not well considered.

All Local Unions Take Notice.

The Farmers' Union of Haskell county will meet with Plainview local, five miles north of Stamford Oct. 9th and 10th. All local unions should be present.

Geo. E. Courtney, Pres.
J. W. Barbee, Sec. & Treas.

Mineral Wells Index: Wichita Falls people wanted oil, so they built a rail road out north to Petrolia and got it. The town wanted railroad competition, and the people built a road to Henrietta and secured the Katy. Then they wanted coal, and built a line to the Young county fields, and now the black diamonds are being dumped into that city. They wanted a line to Abilene, and now they have regular service from Fort Worth to Abilene. They wanted good sidewalks and built them. Mineral Wells has coal right at her very doors. Will she have the enterprise to dig for it?

Haskell should imitate Wichita Falls. It will pay to build a good town. The people who build a city are those who reap profits and prosperity from increase of business and increase in value of real estate holdings.

Messrs. Werther Long and Byron Wright left Thursday for South Dakota. These two enterprising young men will take part in a land drawing in that state. We wish them success in their distant home.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Carney, Tex., Sept. 26, 1908. To the Noble Grand and Brothers:

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg to report as follows: Whereas on the morning of the fourth of September A. D. 1908, the soul of our brother, D. James, was summoned by the Grand Master of the Universe and took its flight, leaving his family in grief and sadness at his departure.

And whereas Brother James was Chaplain of our Lodge, and always attended its meetings unless prevented by other duties, we wish to express our deepest sympathy to his wife and family. His life was one of constant effort to bring souls to Christ, and an endeavor to help the work of Odd Fellowship. We have seen the truths of his teachings exemplified in his every day life, and believe the inspirations of his teachings and his true, noble character are those that count for gain in the end. In his great work as missionary he was a faithful servant in the discharge of his obligations as an Odd Fellow he was ever ready: as a father and husband he was just, kind and indulgent. Thus he left to his memory a monument that shall outlast the years of time. No better life can be given to the world than a life of self denying service such as was his. And when his earthly days were over without a murmur he quietly and peacefully fell asleep mindful of the reward that comes at the end of the earthly pilgrimage of the pure and good of human kind.

Therefore, be it Resolved by Carney Lodge number five hundred seventy, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, that while we deeply sympathize with his loved ones in this, their hour of loss, and would condole them in their hour of sorrow, we would commend them his noble deeds and assure them that the Grand Master who doeth all things well, will uphold them in this great trial and sorrow, and will heal their broken hearts, comforting them while they pass under this dark shadow.

Be it further Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be

spread on the minutes of this Lodge: that a copy be sent to the Haskell Free Press for publication, and that a copy be sent to his beloved wife and her children.

Respectfully submitted,
R. M. REMBERT
T. D. WHITFORD
L. H. WOMBLE
Committee.

Adopted Sept. 18th, 1908.

Rev. J. L. McCord of Throckmorton was here Wednesday and stated to a Free Press reporter that he had met the surveyors of the Dallas, Jocksboro and Roswell Rail Road Company on the line they were surveying through Jack county, and that he had a talk with them about the route via Throckmorton and Haskell, and he learned from them that the Company were open for a proposition from these two places. He reported the matter to his people at Throckmorton, and they have had mass meetings and appointed committees to confer with the rail road company. Rev. McCord says he told the Engineer he had traveled over the route via these towns to Roswell and also through the counties north of us, and that the Throckmorton and Haskell had decided advantages. He said there were four rail road companies seeking to develop the section of country between the T. & P. and Denver.

President Roosevelt says the last letter of Bryan contained a personal attack, and for this reason does not require an answer. Unless the President has improved in letter writing, we think he has adopted the safest course. Bryan is generally right and a man in the right is a very dangerous opponent.

Newest style box letter paper. French Bros.

J. M. Covey with four bales and J. S. Merrell with three bales of cotton, were in the city yesterday. They live seven and a half miles south-east of Throckmorton county.

Strayed, a black poland china sow, will weigh about 200 lbs., one ear cropped small spot in forehead. B. J. Maddox It



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Most campaign poetry is bad. This year it's worse.

The royal Morocco shoe seems to be on the other foot.

Prof. Lichtenberg seems to think Vesuvius more easily quenched than a cultivated thirst.

Eloquents are all the go. Repentance follows hard and fast on their heels just the same.

Can't some of these brilliant reformers be induced to convert mosquitoes to vegetarianism?

Having just fined the French cable company \$5,000,000, Castro contemplates quite a snowy little war.

It may be that Castro is too busy saving up his money for a rainy day to attend to international politics.

The Indiana girl who was fined for wearing a sheath gown finds that the objectionable slit in the skirt comes high.

They are now changing their clothes four times a day down at Newport. This includes putting on some for breakfast presumably.

Colonels must repeat their 90-mile ride because on the first trip they used more than one horse apiece. Apparently it's the horse that is being tested.

Queen Alexandra declares she will no more wear feathers of nesting birds in her hats and bonnets. So fashion will probably accomplish what humanity cannot do.

A Philadelphia motorman who has inherited \$150,000 refuses to give up his job; but, of course, in time he will find that he can have just as much fun with an automobile.

A German steamship has sailed from Australia to Germany with \$5,000,000 in gold on board. Suppose she should meet the lone bandit of the Yellowstone and be held up in mid-ocean?

The Atlanta Georgian furnishes food for the paragraders by calling attention to the fact that the town of Ohoopoe is in Toombs county. That would be funny, except that there is no such county.

Perhaps the explanation of that Elmiria woman's \$15,000 bequest to her washwoman is that the washwoman never starched her handkerchiefs stiff or scrubbed holes in her shirtwaists. Washwomen everywhere should notice.

The German war department has politely invited Wilbur Wright to carry out his aeroplane experiments in Berlin, obviously desiring that the French shall not get too much advantage from watching his proceedings.

The difference between Mr. Edison and Mr. Tesla is that the public is all ready to believe that Mr. Edison could perfect that electric automobile capable of running 100 miles without stopping. If he should give all his attention to it.

The energy that is being devoted in England to get rescinded the regulation which forbids bank clerks to marry until they have succeeded in earning a stated salary might better be spent on an effort to get the bank clerks' salaries increased.

Now that a grocer in Belfast who has been doing business for more than 50 years has decided to close out his stock and retire, it will be interesting to know whether he still has in his store any goods that he bought when he first went into business.

The Argentine ant, newly arrived at Oakland, Cal., and well settled in Louisiana, near New Orleans, is said to be the least in size but the most pugnacious and destructive of the family. It is small business for a future great country like Argentina to send out such emigrants.

It is no organ of monopolists but an agricultural paper which declares that the high price of meat is due, not to any trust, but to the demands of young married women, who, dreading the hackneyed jokes about the culinary attempts of novices, have taken to serving their husbands with steaks "which anybody can cook."

From the Orosi (Cal.) Offer we learn the interesting fact that "Ex Morell, who broke into the county jail in 1894, has gone to Millwood to recuperate, having been pardoned after serving 14 years in prison. Morell received a patent on a life saving suit invented while in prison, on which he hopes to make a sum of money." Mr. Morell appears to be a peculiar and original sort of person. His future career will be watched with interest.

Testimony on educational matters is found in strange places. The bureau of water supply of Philadelphia in its dry routine of business, offers information for educators to ponder and patriots to deplore. In letters received during the month of July "hydrant" was spelled in 93 wrong ways—higherdeant, idron, halfdrant, hidrent, hidrun, hidran, hidone, hydunt, hidren, hidran, hidgdn, hydant, hidrun, hidran, hidone, hydunt, hidren, hidran, hidgdn. There are many more, and altogether so remarkable in variety as to prove not only illiteracy but ingenuity.

YAUQUIS ON WAR PATH

AMERICANS ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER OR SELL FIRE ARMS TO YAUQUIS.

HORRIBLE DEEDS ARE KNOWN

One Bound and Left in Bed of Cacti to Die—Fate of Two Prospectors.

Bisbee, Ariz., Sept. 29.—Through Capt. H. C. Wheeler, a United States ranger, stationed at Naco, on the Mexican border, nine miles north of this city, the government yesterday afternoon issued a warning against any American entering the Yaqui country, in the state of Sonora. Acting for Governor Kibbey of Arizona, Capt. Wheeler also issued an official warning against the selling of arms to any Yaqui on the American side of the border. This warning is accompanied by the threat to enforce the severest Federal penalty on the guilty. That Poe and O'Leary, two American prospectors, were victims of Yaquis has been positively learned by Ranger Wheeler. For the first time today he also learned details of the horrible torture of S. L. Reilly, a Douglas mining man, who went into Sonora two years ago. Reilly was found bound hand and foot, with his arms strapped tight to his body with juarachis or Yaqui lariats, lying in the midst of a bed of thorny Mexican cacti, hundreds of poisoned cacti needles having pierced his flesh. Otherwise there was no mark on his body. The fiends had also extracted his gold-filled teeth. The man may have lived for days, suffering unspeakable tortures before death.

Looks Like Good Hunting.

Fort Worth: With the cold snap thousands of teal and small ducks, the forerunners of mallards and wild geese, began to fly southward and during the last few days pools and streams in the vicinity of this city have been visited by numerous flocks of this species of game, which caused only long enough to spend the night or take a short rest and then continued their flight toward the feeding grounds on the Gulf Coast and in the marshes and rice fields of Louisiana and Texas.

Black Land Brings Good Price.

Taylor: Bountiful crops in Williamson county this season have created an unusual activity in black land transactions in the Swedish settlement eight or ten miles southeast of Taylor and near Hurto, during the last few days. McElroy has just sold to Oscar Green 1,650 acres of black land at \$110 per acre; John Anderson sold to Claud Johnson 75 acres at \$140 per acre; Bland Harrison sold to John Anderson 140 acres at \$120 per acre.

Russia Opposes Pdoject.

Vienna: That Austro-Hungary is preparing to raise the question of Annexation of the Provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which form an appendage to the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, although nominally included in the Turkish Empire, have met with the strongest disapproval in the Russian newspapers. It is learned that the Russian government will object to any effort to incorporate these two provinces in the dual monarchy.

Robbers Make Good Haul.

St. Petersburg: A successful train robbery has been executed by a band of thirty men at Vilma. No definite statement of the exact amount of booty has yet been made, but it is estimated it will vary from \$50,000 to \$100,000. In addition to this money there was on board the train valuable registered correspondence and the day's receipts from all railroad stations between Frontier and Vilma.

Enforcing Blue Law in Portland.

Portland, Ore.: Fifty store and shop keepers representing practically every class of business excepting saloons were placed under arrest Sunday in this city in an effort to put into effect the blue laws which have been resting undisturbed on the statute books of the state since it had been enacted some fifty years ago. Storekeepers gave bail in the sum of fifty dollars each and returned to the pursuit of their business.

Convention of Unemployed.

New York: An extraordinary gathering began here Monday made up of delegates from various parts of the country, to take part in a four days' conference. They came on the brake-beams of freight cars, on the blind baggage of the swift express or straggled in over dusty roads. They profess to represent the country's workless and to represent the "first national convention of the unemployed."

TWENTY-TWO KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK.

During Snow Storm Passenger and Freight Meet Head On.

Livingston, Mont., Sept. 28.—A Burlington passenger train No. 16, running on the Northern Pacific tracks, which left Livingston eastbound at 5:50 o'clock this morning, met a west-bound freight train in a head-on collision at Young's Point, a siding about eighty-eight miles east of here, during a blinding snowstorm. Fireman Babcock of the passenger train and Fireman Tom Phillips of the freight train both of Livingston, and Head Brake-man Hilo Hawley of Billings, and nineteen passengers were killed outright and eleven other passengers and two engineers and the mail clerks and baggage-man on the passenger train are seriously injured.

Officers Secure Requisition.

Austin: A. B. Langford and H. M. Buffington, sheriff and deputy, respectively, of Santa Clara County, California, reached here Friday and procured a warrant for William Hatfield, now detained at Sherman on suspicion of being James Dunham, charged with having killed six persons in Campbell California, on May 26, 1896. For twelve years Dunham has evaded the California detectives, who have made numerous excursions to various parts of the Union in pursuance of information thought to establish the identity of the fugitive.

Cholera Losing Hold in Russia.

St. Petersburg: The cholera epidemic in St. Petersburg in the opinion of experts, now has reached its maximum and henceforth the number of new cases daily is expected to remain about stationary for a week or ten days and then gradually decline under the influence of the cold weather. Little progress has been made in clearing the court yards of tenements in the factory district, the slums and other breeding centers of the disease, and favorable conditions exist for a renewal of the disease in the spring.

Breaks Cotton Picking Record.

Taylor: On the Charlie Brandenburg farm, three miles south of Taylor, Tuesday, two negro men, for a wager of \$15, broke the county's record for cotton picking in one day. Beginning at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning, Stephen Murray, weighing 175 pounds, and Will Wilson, weighing 165 pounds, commenced picking. They continued through the noon hour, not stopping for dinner, and weighed in at 6 o'clock. Murray picked 1,262 pounds and Wilson 1,252.

Typhoon in Philippines.

Manila: A typhoon of terrific velocity has swept through the central portion of the Philippine group, sweeping part of the island of Samar, Northern Leyte, Southeastern Luzon, Northern Panay, Masbate and part of Romblon. The typhoon disappeared in China, moving in a direction west by northwest. Wires are prostrated and available details of the damage done are meager. It is evident, however, serious disaster following in the wake of the sudden storm.

Gen. Bragg's Widow Dead.

New Orleans: After a short illness, Mrs. Eliza Bragg, widow of Major General Braxton Bragg of the Confederate Army, died here Friday. Mrs. Bragg was 88 years old, and death was due to general weakness. The fatal nature of her illness developed on Sept. 20, which, by coincidence was the anniversary of her husband's victory at Chickamauga.

Oil Concerns File Replies.

Austin: Answers have been filed in the district court in the garnishment proceedings brought by the State against the Security Oil Company and the Navarro Refining Company. General denial is made of any stock ownership, or that either concern owns any of the companies defendant in the case against the Standard Oil Company. The Navarro Refining Company attaches list of its stockholders to show that none of its stock is owned by any of the Standard Oil companies.

Joe Proves Fatal.

Chicago: Andrew Babo was taken from Buffington, Ind., to a South Chicago hospital Friday with his vital organs torn by a jet of compressed air. He will probably die. He was the victim of a practical joke played at the plant of the Buffington Cement Company. The jokers got the nozzle of an air jet in his mouth and opened the stop cock, lacerating him internally in a frightful manner.

Storm Sweeps San Antonio.

San Antonio: As the result of a storm which swept over this vicinity shortly after midnight thousands of dollars worth of property was destroyed in the vicinity of San Antonio. The wind swept a territory about six miles wide and about fifteen miles long. The greatest damage was done at the government experiment farm. Several buildings there were unroofed and growing plants destroyed.

WAXAHACHIE GIRL ATTACKED BY NEGRO

Bold Attempt at Criminal Assault is Frustrated.

Waxahachie, Sept. 28.—A daring attempt at criminal assault was made by a negro Saturday night on a young woman named Owens at the home of her mother in the south part of Waxahachie. The victim of the attempted assault is about 18 years old. While sitting on the front porch about 8 o'clock she was attacked by a negro who seized her around the throat then dragged her into the back yard in the terrible struggle that ensued the young woman's clothes were badly torn by the negro. Before the purpose of the fiend was accomplished the screams of his victim brought the mother to the rescue whereupon the negro fled.

The matter was reported to the officers but no arrest has yet been made as the woman was attacked from behind and she is unable to give a description of her assailant.

Strange Case of Suicide.

McKinney: Word has reached here of a sensational suicide near Fayburg in this county. It seems that there was sickness in the family of Joe Montgomery, a well known citizen aged about thirty years, and he had summoned a physician. While the physician was there, it is stated, Mr. Montgomery brought out a new shotgun he had purchased, showing it and commenting on what an excellent gun it was. Suddenly he pointed the weapon at his head, and before he could be prevented, fired the contents into his head dying almost instantly.

Drunk Men Fire on Church.

Knoxville, Tenn.: One of the bloodiest affairs in the history of the East Tennessee occurred near the Tennessee-Kentucky line north of Anthon's postoffice Sunday. The scene was a little Baptist church within fifty yards of which is a blind tiger which has been operated for months. Just as the services closed and nearly all the congregation had emerged from the church, a crowd of drunken men who had visited the blind tiger began firing into the worshippers with pistols, several people, including the minister, being killed.

Murder Mystery Solved.

Bellingham, Wash.: Murdered by her husband, according to the charge recorded against him by the police, burned beyond recognition and her charred remains wrapped in a blanket and buried in the back yard of her home in South Bellingham under a layer of earth that barely hid them from view, was the fate of Mrs. J. K. Thomas, who had been mysteriously missing since last July.

Seven People Lost.

Chicago: A launch with seven passengers aboard is reported to have capsized on Lake Michigan, off One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth street, South Chicago, Sunday night. The life crew is making efforts to rescue the people, but is handicapped by a storm. Ambulances from near-by police stations have been sent to the Lake front.

Natural Gas for Fort Worth.

Fort Worth: There is declared to be a possibility of Fort Worth being supplied with natural gas. Since the monster gas well was brought in at Petrolia, Clay County, on September 17 various persons have been giving consideration to the matter of placing a pipe line from that point to Fort Worth.

Bankers Leave for West.

New York: A special train carrying 150 bankers of this city and states many of them accompanied by their wives, left the Grand Central station Saturday night on its way to Denver, where the annual convention of the American Bankers' Association will be held next week. The delegation also includes a number of bankers from various parts of the South, the entire party numbering 250 and occupying two sections of eleven cars.

Public Land Scarce.

Guthrie, Ok.: The report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the year ending June 30 shows that at the close of the year there was but 86,839 acres of unappropriated public land in the state, only this small area remaining of 45,115,200 acres, and as mountains, streams and sand hills are included, it can readily be seen that the opportunity for securing government land in Oklahoma is very small.

Head Split With Ax.

Rockwall: Wells Parsons, a white farmer thirty years of age, was found Sunday near his home almost unconscious from the effects of a blow on the head with an ax. A bloody trail led from the house to a point 200 yards away. Parsons said something about having been struck, but soon relapsed into an unconscious state, from which physicians say he can not recover. His head is almost cut in two just above the ear.

THE WEEK'S EPITOME

A RESUME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

A Carefully Digested and Condensed Compilation of Current News Domestic and Foreign.

Robbers entered the store of J. C. Compton of Armour, S. D., Saturday night and secured \$35,000.

Leslie Carter, at one time capitalist and president of the South Side Elevated Railroad Company of Chicago, died in that city Friday.

President Roosevelt's final vacation during his term of office, came to a close Tuesday when he, with his family, left Oyster Bay for Washington.

F. D. Robinson of Cleveland, owner of the St. Louis National baseball team, street car promoter and capitalist, died suddenly at his home Friday.

The cholera statistics made public Thursday show an encouraging decrease in new cases in St. Petersburg. The deaths, however, were more numerous than Wednesday.

John Murray Dowie, father of John Alexander Dowie, founder of Zion City, died Tuesday at the home of his son's widow, Mrs. Jane Dowie, of White Lake, Mich.

Gov. Hoke Smith of Georgia has signed the convict lease bill, which hereafter prohibits the leasing of felons except by the consent of the Governor or the Prison Commissioner.

Jett Hooten of Denver, 28 years of age, Friday night fell from a third-story window in the rear of the Eldorado lodging house at Denver to the alley 60 feet below and died six hours later.

Four hundred cotton mills in Lancashire, Eng., are idle, as a result of a dispute over wages between operators and employers, which means that more than 140,000 operators are out of work.

Justice Gerard in the Supreme Court of New York Thursday signed the final decree of absolute divorce in favor of Elsie French Vanderbilt from Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt on the recommendation of Revere David McClure.

W. J. McGee of the Geological Survey, who has returned to Washington after a visit to the Adirondacks, states that a conservative estimate of the damage being done in that section by the forest fires is \$1,000,000 a day.

Frank, popularly known as "Bud" Moore, lies dead at his home on Miller Creek, near Johnson City, having been shot through the heart with a Winchester rifle ball. The shooting occurred about a mile from Moore's ranch Thursday.

James Nunnally of Brooksmith is in a critical condition from injuries received when thrown from a horse Tuesday. His shoulder blade, wrist and collar bone were broken and he sustained other injuries. The horse was killed.

J. W. Hurt, one of the first settlers of Dublin, killed himself Tuesday by taking carbolic acid. He was known to be in the best of health and spirits for the past few months. He was 58 years old and had been a resident of what was known as Old Dublin for over thirty years.

Justice Mills of New York Saturday denied the application of Harry Thaw for a trial by jury to determine whether or not Thaw is sane, but promised to give Thaw a hearing before himself, Justice Mills.

Eight Katy engines have been received at Denison after having been rebuilt in the shops at Parsons, Kan. Four of them will go into service on the North Texas division, two will go into service out of Smithville, one goes into service on the Choctaw division and one goes to Dallas.

The controller of the currency at Washington Friday issued a call on National banks for a statement of their condition at the close of business on September 23.

Albert O. Brown, Edward Buchanan, W. Rhea Whitman and Lewis Young comprising the failed firm of A. O. Brown & Company, (stock brokers of New York, were arrested on charges of grand larceny as they were leaving the Federal court room Friday where they were being examined before a United States commissioner.

The United States Postoffice Department Monday inaugurated its first ocean mail route by steamer out of Galveston. The steamer Livingston sailed for Frontera with bags collected at points centering in Texas and Arkansas. The service will be regular twice a month.

Because they had to go to school with negro children sixty white pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of the Lincoln school in Topeka, Kan., walked out on strike Thursday afternoon.

There are in New York probably a million Jews—which makes it perhaps the largest Jewish community in the world.

In a desperate battle, Sunday, in the Ozarks, near Prestoria, Mo., between officers and mountaineers, four persons were killed and several seriously injured.

Joe James, the negro convicted of murdering Clery A. Ballard in Springfield, Ill., was sentenced Saturday afternoon by Judge Creighton to hang on October 23.

Ed Murphy of Sherman aged 32, was killed by a train in Fort Worth early Saturday and his body was found along the Texas and Pacific ground to pieces.

The building records of Dallas show that during the last eight years five dwelling houses have been completed within the corporate limits of the city for every working day.

Toy, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Shirley of Fort Worth died late Thursday night at the family home as the result of swallowing a button some weeks ago.

A street car was demolished and its crew injured Sunday when a religious parade of 1100 persons led by Bishop Paul Rhode became a maddened mob in Chicago Heights in Chicago.

John Heiner, aged 70 years, a moving picture exhibitor, who had been traveling by wagon, was found dead in his wagon Saturday at San Antonio. He came from Castroville.

At Little Rock, Ark., W. L. Greer is in jail charged with killing J. W. Reneau, Thursday, with a paper knife. In a difficulty the former stabbed the latter ten times, killing him instantly.

News has been received of an earthquake off the port of Acapulco, Mex., and it is said ships that were caught in that territory were tossed about like chips and several lives were lost.

Before a crown numbering thousands Capt. Baldwin's dirigible balloon made a successful flight Saturday afternoon, covering six miles and executing several maneuvers under perfect control of the pilot.

Rain began falling at Clearwater and at Long Lawewater, N. Y., at 11 o'clock Monday morning and it is reported that indications are for a sufficient downpour to stop the forest fire ravages.

Negotiations are under way looking to the regular navigation of the Trinity river from Dallas to Galveston, and it is the intention of those interested to have boats in operation before the first of the year.

In a few days the plans for the launching of the North Dakota, the United States twenty-thousand ton all big gun battleship, will be made public and the invitations to the event which is to be held at Fore River, Mass., within about four weeks, will be sent out.

Monday witnessed one of the most notable gatherings ever assembled in the national capital, when medical scientists representing every civilized nation united with their brothers in America in Washington in an effort to solve the problem of how best to cope with tuberculosis.

On May 8 as was reported at the time, a mob of citizens took John Williams, a negro from the possession of the Sheriff of Morris county at Naples and hanged him. The grand jury for this county at the present term have returned ten indictments against those alleged to have been in the mob.

Fire early Monday morning destroyed the American Rice Milling Company's plant at Crowley, La., one of the largest mills in the city, entailing a loss of \$50,000.

Holland has addressed a circular instruction, through its diplomatic representatives abroad, presenting to all the nations that were represented at the second peace conference, an invitation and proposal to hold a diplomatic conference to meet at The Hague at a date to be agreed upon later.

Beginning Friday morning at 9 o'clock the Texas State Association of Spiritualists will hold its eleventh annual convention in Dallas.

The mayor of Denison has ordered that the phonographs at the five-cent shows be discontinued. They made so much noise at the door entrances that a number of lodges in session could not transact business.

Orders have been issued at the large iron and steel plants of the country to prepare for resumption by October 1.

Three Dallas druggists have been indicted by the grand jury for illegally selling cocaine.

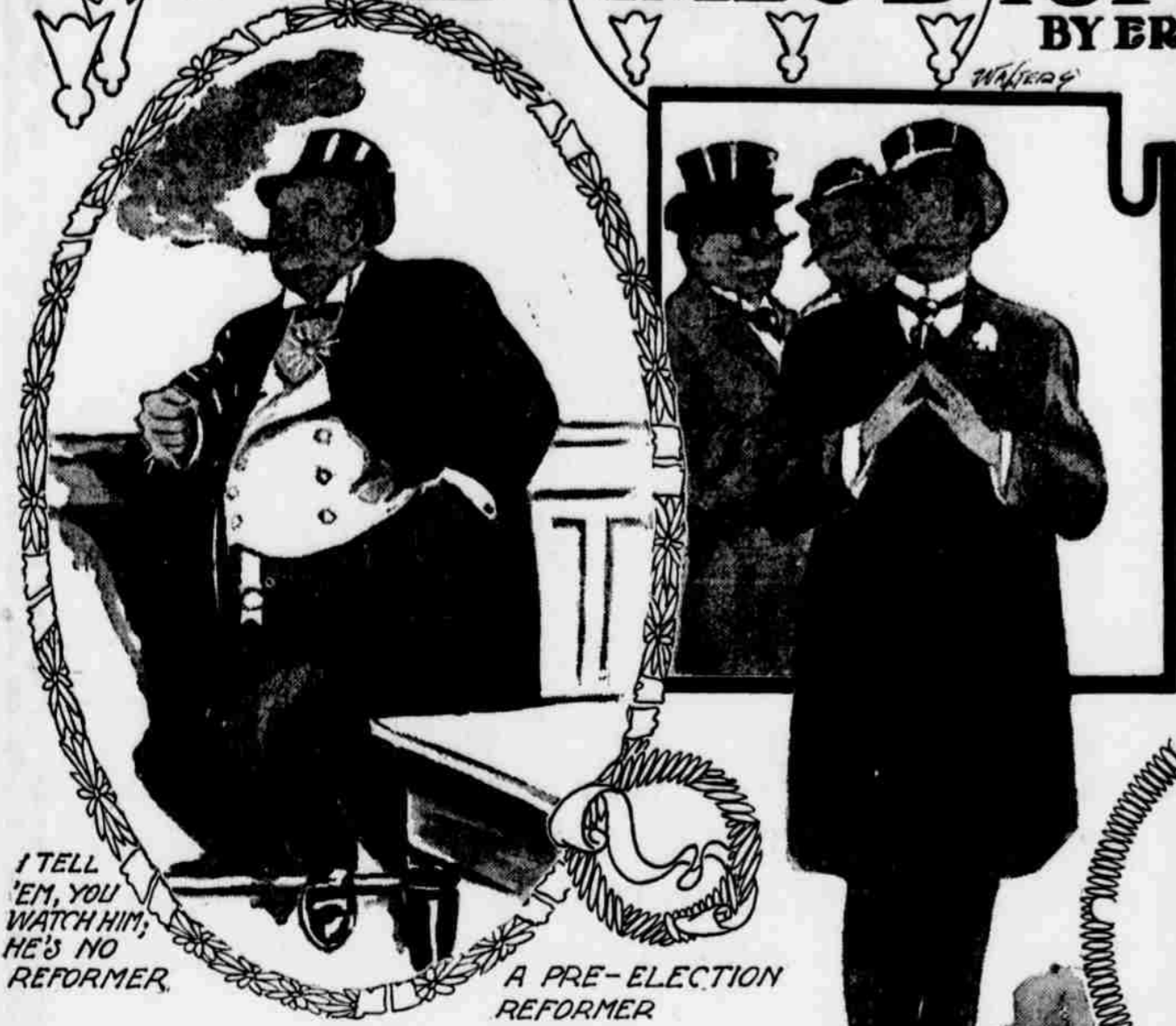
Fire at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning destroyed the historic Hancock mansion in Hyde Park, a suburb of Austin. Property losses are estimated at about \$15,000.

Fully five thousand delegates and visitors are in Denver to attend the eighty-fourth annual session of the sovereign grand lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which began its deliberations Monday.

POLITICAL REFORMER

SOMETIMES DYSPEPTIC

BY ERNEST M'GAFFEY



A REFORMER in politics is sometimes a dyspeptic, but not always. He is also sometimes actuated by motives entirely impersonal and unselfish. But not always. And reform politics may be classed as of two kinds the counterfeited variety and the genuine.

Independent, or reform movements in political campaigns, are intended to be the breaking away of members of the old parties and a consolidation of these "bolters" for the purpose of electing a ticket which is supposed to be better than either of the old-line party tickets. Sometimes an independent movement means this. Sometimes it means that a Democrat or a Republican who has failed of the regular party nomination has been persuaded to make the race on the ground that he has been deprived of the nomination by unfair means. But the basic element of independent movements is always a claim toward a bettering of conditions, and therefore arguing a reform, politically.

Then there is usually the Prohibition movement to be reckoned with, and this is strictly founded on reform principles. Or there may be an educational feature in the campaign which will prove to carry the balance of power as to votes, and which may be adopted in the platform of either of the parties, with a view to secure votes for the whole ticket. Politics is largely a game of expedients, and as the only things that count, in the last analysis, are the votes, it follows, therefore, as the night the day, that votes are the prime necessities, and any expedient to catch votes is considered justifiable.

Other phases of reform politics may enter particularly into national campaigns, and may influence local conditions enough to swing victory to a side which may be weaker on paper than its antagonist.

In every large city and noticeably in my own city, I found two well defined types of the political reformers, with a smattering also of what were known as "cranks," "dreamers" and "visionaries." One of the two types referred to was the hard-headed citizen who, regardless of ridicule and discouragement, readily set himself to work to better the class of official selection. Without caring anything for party affiliations, he associated with organizations which "went after" weak or unfit candidates, and supported and encouraged good candidates for all offices, whether state, county or municipal.

This class of men accomplished, with the aid of decent politicians, a great deal of good. In the beginning, like all men actuated by really high motives, they were derided and lampooned, and their lot, like the policeman's, was not a happy one. But as time went on they became a force which had to be reckoned with, even by the most hardened of the "bosses," excepting in what may be classed as strictly "saloon wards."

In the saloon wards, where the aldermen for instance, were saloonkeepers, or where the saloon influence predominated overwhelmingly, the "bosses" did not mind reform politics any more than a rhinoceros would mind the bite of a mosquito. I never could understand, knowing the absolute hopelessness of it, why the reformers would sometimes try to "break into" such a ward in an aldermanic campaign. I remember very well the occasion of a gentleman calling on me and endeavoring to enlist my services as a speaker in a campaign of this sort.

"You know the disgraceful condi-

tions obtaining in that ward?" he asked, inquiringly.

"Oh, yes," was my answer.

"Well, we want to put up a candidate for alderman there and see if we can't arouse the better element there. We want to go in and fight the saloons to a finish," was his next remark.



"Whose finish?" said I.

"Oh, we will probably be beaten," he admitted, "but we want to give them a campaign of education and enlightenment. What that ward needs, what every ward needs, is a chance to have its higher nature aroused. What they want, I'm convinced, is more opportunity to see the light."

"My friend," was my reply, "I've traveled some in that ward. What they want there is not more light, but more beer."

Yet, despite sometimes misdirected energy, these men and their associations did much in making political conditions better. For that they deserve substantial credit. So long as they were absolutely non-partisan they wielded considerable influence, and properly, but on occasion they allowed prejudice to bias them and did injustice to good men.

The other type of well-known reformer was the one who continually headed "reform" movements. He might be a candidate for alderman, or the legislature, or congress. But wherever there was a "kick" coming, and a meeting advertised to protest, or organize, this class would be on hand early and get the chairmanship of the meeting, usually coming out in a "ringing" speech of denunciation against the infamy which the citizens had met to combat. This put the reformer "next" if it was a proposition to nominate an opposition candidate, and he often got away with the nomination. Or, if he was a professional man, a lawyer, a doctor, or a real estate man, even, it was a pretty fair advertisement, wasn't it? Not so "poor" to have your picture in the paper next day, with a long account of you, your business and your speech, etc. Something that would have cost you coin to have in the papers, and you got it for nothing. And then the reporters out to interview you and quite a racket started about you.

And in every large city I suppose there are only a few bright promoters like that standing around waiting to sell a gold brick or two.

Some of these "reformers" were pretty fierce when they happened to land in an office. A few of them were swept into the city council astride the top of a wave of "popular indignation" and they were the hungry boys, some of them. They were simply on the qui vive to be "approached." And when they were tempted they fell swiftly and without a sound. Their motto was that of the Hon. Webster Flanagan, with a different interpreta-

There were a number of women reformers, too, during my political years, and they were invariably enlisted on some moral question, as they looked at it, tobacco, whisky, child labor, the bettering of conditions for women, the saving of girls, etc. They were very much in earnest, faithful and enthusiastic to their ideals. Occasionally they succeeded, and at least, they never seemed discouraged. It is to the credit of politicians in general, that they were listened to with perfect respect, even when it was apparent that conditions made it an absolute waste of time to discuss the questions. Sometimes an ordinance barred their way; at other times a state law, or possibly the constitution of the United States itself was a stumbling-block, but they were heard with patience.

Reform politics during my day concerned itself most particularly in rehabilitating the personnel of the city council. In this it met with substantial success, and it was the one ex-



ception to perennial reform which was genuine. Not that the reformers did not occasionally have "an ax to grind," but that, in the main, they aided the best candidates. But at times they saddled themselves with some bogus reformer and jammed him through at the polls, felicitating themselves that they had "put another over the political plate" when they had in reality only added a "cheap grafter" to the city's pay roll.

When this happened it made the regulation, gilt-edged grafters in the council indignant. Not that the "reformer" should turn out to be "looking for something," but that he so often took anything he could get. This made trade bad, for it scaled prices and such a recruit to the ranks of corruption caused a "bear" market in votes.

A cheap scoundrel earned just as much contempt in the council as an overcoat thief earns from a railroad manipulator of stocks. I recollect the arraignment that one of the "regulars" gave one of these easily purchased "reformers."

Said the "regular," puffing slowly at a big black cigar, the little finger of his left hand adorned with a four hundred dollar "shiner" and his shirt-front sporting its mate, presented by his admiring "constituent":

"I reckon I size that guy up right, at the start. I tell 'em I seen what kind of a lobster he is, the first flop of the box. I tell 'em, you watch him; he's no reformer, and he's no thoroughbred. He blows up in the stretch the first time they're off at the gut. An', say! Did he? Well, he's elected all right, and he goes over an' hooks up with the geezer in the next ward that went in the same time he goes in. Them two frames up and goes out for the stuff. Do they get it? Yes, they get it, and how much? Say, on the level now, on the square, they split three hundred between 'em for a little thing they pull off. A hundred and fifty apiece, see?"

He paused and took a fresh puff at his cigar, and resumed: "Why, if any cheap stiff'd come to me and try to insult me with less than \$500 I'd throw the skate out of my office." And the end of his cigar glowed with righteous indignation.

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Not Altogether Painless.

Patience—Is that dentist's methods painless?

Patience—Not all of them. He has a phonograph in his office!—Yonkers Statesman.

Farmers Educational

—AND—

Co-Operative Union

Of America

Does Ma Wish She Was Pa?

"I wish I had a lot o' cash."

Sez pa, one winter's night;

"I'd go down south an' stay a while

Where days are warm an' bright."

He set an' watched the fire die

(Seemed lost in thoughtful daze).

Till ma brought in some fresh pine knots

An' made a cheerful blaze.

"I wish I had a million shares

O' stock in Standard Oil."

Sez pa: "I wouldn't do a thing"

Ma made the kettle boil,

An' mixed hot biscuits, fried some ham

An' eggs (smelt good, you bet!)

Fetch'd cheese an' doughnuts, made the tea,

Then pa—set down an' et!

"I wish I was a millionaire,"

Sez pa: "I'd have a snap."

Next, from the lounge, we heard a snore:

Pa—at his ev'nin' nap,

Ma did the dishes, shook the cloth,

Brushed up, put things away,

An' fed the cat, then started up

Her plans for bakin' dzay.

She washed an' put some beans to soak,

An' set some bread to rise;

Unstrung dried apples, soaked 'em too,

All ready for her pies;

She brought more wood, put out the cat,

Then darned four pairs o' socks;

Pa awoke, an' sez, "It's time for bed;

Ma, have you wound both clocks?"

—Mary F. K. Hutchins in Woman's Home Companion.

Producing Corporation.

The farmers, as a class, form the greatest producing corporation in the country.

What other corporation, one-horse or Standard Oil, would calmly submit to such conditions?

Is it any wonder, then, that wealth is accumulated in a few hands; that we find trouble developing our waste places; that the farmer as a class is the poorest of our population, when he should be the richest?

Is it with a firm realization of these conditions, and a determination to remove them, that the Farmers' Union was founded? It appealed with vigor and persistence to the masses of the country's wealth-producer, dealing with facts I have roughly outlined to you.

The result has been that today, scarcely five years from our organization, we have a membership approaching 3,000,000 of the people upon whose efforts the prosperity of this country depends.

The farmer is the one man who brings his product into the market and asks meekly, "What will you give me?" And then takes what is given him! Up to a few years ago there was not even the semblance of a trade about it. The buyer simply dictated what he was willing to give and the producer humbly accepted.

The cotton farmer no longer goes meekly to market and takes what is given him. He says: "My cotton is worth so much to me and to you. I demand this or that price for it. It is my property, and I have a right to put a price on it."—From President Barrett's Address.

The Most Interesting Discussion.

The most interesting and animated discussion of the recent National Farmers' Union Convention was that which followed the report of the committee on minimum price of cotton. All were agreed as to the principles involved and the price which ought to prevail, but as to the best policy to pursue to bring about the desired result there were differences of opinion. The question was discussed, however, in a fraternal spirit and no bitterness was left as the result of the contest. It seems to be not a question yet of getting what cotton is worth, but of securing the best price possible until the farmers become well enough educated to know what it costs to produce the staple. Hence, it is to be hoped that the action of the convention will be accepted and loyally adhered to and that no one will crowd the market, even should the price be reached.

There must be loyalty on the part of the membership if the Farmers' Union is ever to succeed as it has the opportunity to do. Personal independence and democracy are all right in politics, but the business organization or institution which succeeds has a head which can originate policies and direct their execution.

It is understood that the minimum price of cotton is to be kept a secret in the Union. Now, let every local enforce the order, or expel the offending member.

Money is not the only reward for labor. Try doing your neighbor a good turn and note the improvement in your heart action.

Do not forget that you were once a boy not so very long ago—and perhaps the most pestiferous of the whole neighborhood tribe.

Help Boy to Be a Man.

Human activity is useful, useless or harmful. Indeed, if it is useless, it is harmful, for it is a waste of time, and time is the stuff life is made of, and to waste human life is harmful.

So human activity is useful or harmful. Activity is useful if it promotes well-being. To raise corn is useful, to make wool into cloth is useful, to convert wheat into flour is useful, to dig a ditch or a cellar, or to lay a cellar wall is useful. To assist in the distribution of corn, woolen goods, flour, lime, cement, eggs, butter or cheese is useful.

It is useful to please people—to please them through the art of music or painting or sculpture or architecture.

It is useful to add to the comfort in the country. It is useful to do that which will increase the yield of corn and oats and wheat and clover, which will conserve soil fertility and check the ravages of insects.

Whatever promotes human happiness, human convenience, human health, human comfort, human progress in right living and right thinking, or whatever diminishes the mistakes, the sins, the sorrow, the suffering, the inconvenience—any of the ills of life—is useful.

But the real utility of an art must be determined by its effect not upon the individual himself, but upon the race. The useful act must affect favorably the human race.

Any activity whereby one gains what another loses is not useful activity. Call it whatever name you please—gambling, stealing, speculating, promoting—if the probable result of the transaction is that one shall get what another loses without giving an equivalent for it, the activity is not a useful one; it is harmful.

This speculative spirit—the desire to get something for nothing something for less than it is worth, or to sell something for more than it is worth—this spirit is the root of more evil than strong drink. It is more common than strong drink.

Buy a horse that is worth \$100 and pay \$10 for him (why not?) So feed him and groom him and train him that he is worth \$200; then sell him for \$200 (why not?) Or, buy horses in Illinois at \$300 and sell them in New York at \$200 each, the difference being sufficient to pay for transportation and skill and risk in handling. Such transactions are not only legitimate, but useful. Moreover, education is necessary as a preparation for dealing in horses, but it may not be exactly the kind of education needed for preaching or teaching.

Help the boy to discover what things are useful and help him to discover himself—to find to what line of useful activity he is best adapted and then encourage him to fit himself in the best possible manner for the activity of his choice.

It is the recognition of the necessity of educating the young people in such manner as will give them the desire and power to do useful things that is the cause of many of the recent and proposed changes in our courses of study.

It is this that is putting domestic science into so many of our schools. It is this that has almost forced commercial work into so many of our high schools. It is this that has popularized manual training and it is the recognition of this same necessity that is now forcing agriculture upon the attention of educators.

Having defined the meaning of useful activity, I am safe in taking ground that all education should relate itself to the doing of useful things.

Be not half men, be whole men. Make some little corner of the world richer, wiser, better, happier or less miserable because you live and learn and expend wisely.

Activity in earning makes half a man; wisdom in expenditure makes the other half.—Frank Hall.

The Farmer's Daughter.

The farmer's daughter should be the pride of the household, says the Farm Star. She is the future mother of the men who are to continue the great work of building up and maintaining the dignity and prestige of the greatest calling in the greatest country in the world.

With this thought in view, the daughter of the household should be shielded from the roughest of life's experiences, she should have all the pleasures and comforts that the financial condition of the family will permit, and should get as good an education as the boys. She should have her own pin money, earned from poultry or other farm sources, and should be taught to be independent and high thinking, and above all, womanly and modest. The health and happiness of the daughter should be the first care of the parents, with the health and contentment of the boys only a less care because they are more robust and self-reliant.

The hen that cackles loudest doesn't always lay the biggest egg.

Before going to town or calling on a neighbor shine your shoes, brush your teeth and clean your finger nails, and surround the four corners of your mouth with a broad smile. Everybody will be glad to see you and hear you as well.

Be thrifty and never put off anything you see the time for. Do it now. Save all your boxes; you will be surprised to find that you use, can put them instead of kindling.—Mrs. A. Joseph

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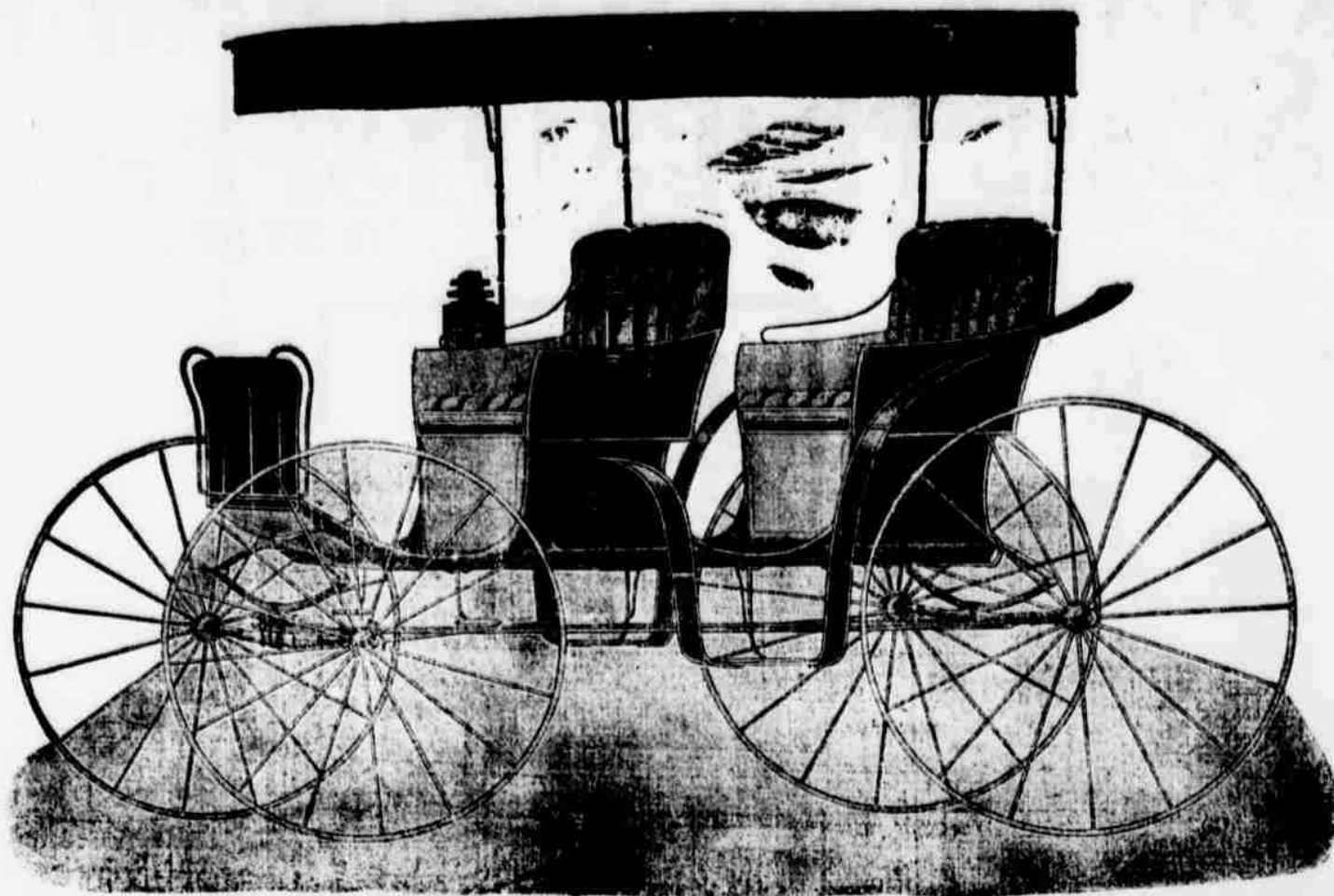
W. S. Hicks has sold his interests in the firm of Martin & Hicks to Oscar Martin. All accounts due the firm were transferred to Oscar Martin and he assumes to pay all firm debts.

Mr. Hicks has accepted the position as foreman in the mechanical department and will continue with the Free Press. The Free Press has also employed Mr. Clifton Branham. We expect with the assistance of these competent young men and printers to give the public the most satisfactory service in our job department as well as keep up the mechanical appearance of the Free Press to the highest standing.

President Roosevelt came out a few days ago in a hot shot Philip against Bryan in which he was none too courteous to Mr. Bryan. He gave evidence of a weakened gladiator. The republican press, realizing the disadvantage the President was at in the hands of so experienced a debator and writer, have disapproved of the President's attempt to face the Nebraskan. Bryan has taken each of the President's letters and in the most royal, courteous and dignified way exposed the inconsistency, and has done it in such a way as to arouse sympathy for the President's predicament. We think Roosevelt will have the discretion to cease to argue the questions of state, and trust to the factory signs for argument. A sign like this, "The factory will open on full time and full pay when Taft is elected president" seems to us to be the best argument the republicans can make in the manufacturing district, as such argument has done its work well in the past. A large percentage of the people who have no self interest to serve are going to vote for Bryan and scares and threats wont change them.

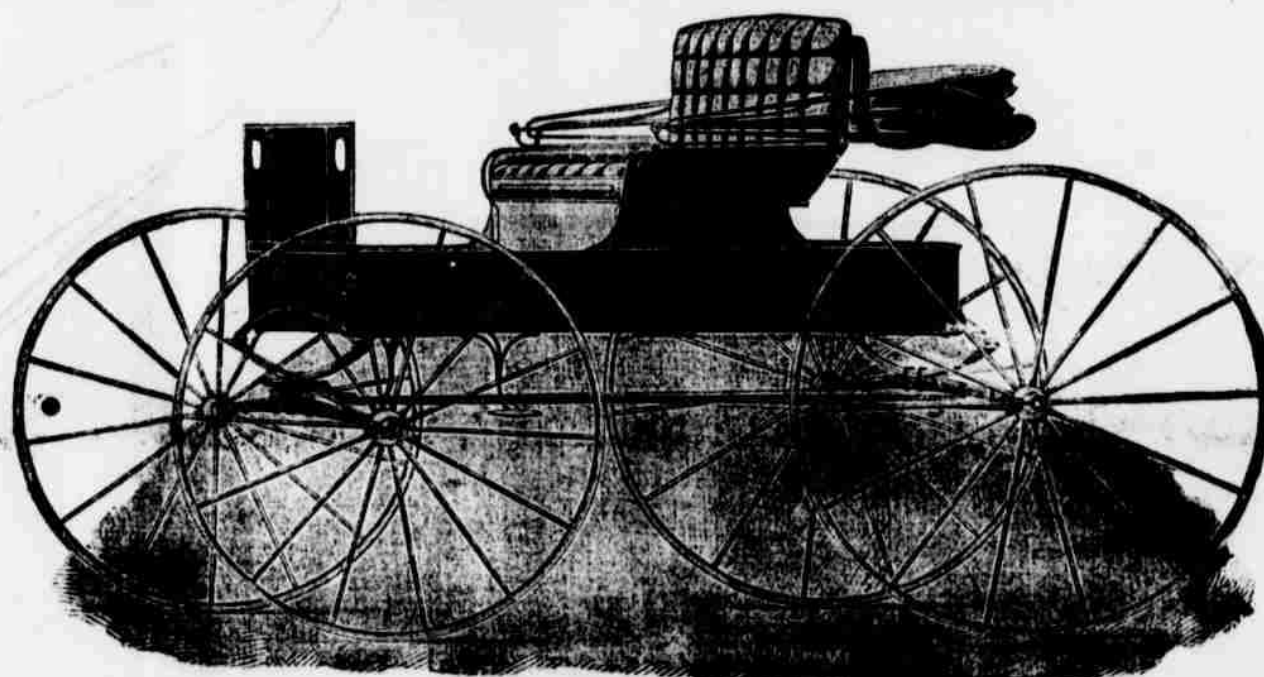
The advantage Bryan has over most publicists is that he is always sincere. He loves truth, has a profound respect for the opinions of all men, never takes the people for fools and never underrates an opponent. He has more faith in the general integrity and sense of justice in the common people than any man in American politics.

Sheldon, the national treasurer, is next on the State for resignation.



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SOUTH THE PLACE FOR COTTON MILLS.

Washington, Sept. 29.—(Special)—Speaking of the preliminary report of the census bureau on cotton consumption in the United States for the year ending Aug. 31, 1908, President Finley of the Southern Railway company said: The analysis of the report shows that the cotton mill industry of the South suffered rather less during the period of general business depression than the mills in other sections of the country. As compared with the previous year there was an increase of 565,995 or 5.1 per cent in the number of actual spindles in the cotton producing states as compared with an increase of but 458,709 or 2.7 per cent in all other states. There was a decrease of the consumption of raw cotton in the southern mills as compared with the previous year of 154,380 bales or 6.4 per cent as compared with a decrease of 255,118 bales or 9.9 per cent in the mills of other sections. This is the more remarkable in view of the fact that relatively a larger portion of the southern mills depend for their normal market on the northern China trade, which was practically dead during the entire period covered by the report. On the whole the statistics furnish additional evidence of the superior advantages of the South for the location of cotton mills.

The daily papers of Oct. 1st contain a warm article by Gov. Haskell in reply to the presidents latest attack on him. It seems that he is more than a match for the president. We would suggest that Mr. Roosevelt get the Associated Press to interview him and let him refuse to carry the controversy further. Any old flimsy excuse will beat an effort to reply.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

October 4th, 1908.

Subject: Our Vows and Their Fulfillment.
Scripture: Pa. 116.
Leader: Mr. Frank Tompkins.
Song.
Prayer.
Should We Make Vows: Miss Sallie Hughes.
Solo: Miss Emma Nicholson.
A Better Way: Miss Alice Poole.
Song.
By Way of Illustration: Miss Sibyl Collins.
Open discussion of Lesson.
Song.
Prayer.

Dr. Nolan and family of Weirert are visiting the Doctor's mother, Mrs. A. J. Nolen of this city.

Rev. John A. Arbuckle of Cameron, who was lately elected pastor of the Baptist church at this place, has arrived and will preach his first sermon tomorrow at the church, at 11 a. m.

Money to Loan.

We are again prepared to loan money. Come and see us.
Sanders & Wilson.

Two cars of buggies just received at McNeill & Smith Hardware Co. Finest ever brought to Haskell. These buggies will be sold at the lowest prices. Come and look and let us make you a price. If we don't sell you, we take the blame.

FOR SALE—A complete, good restaurant outfit. All complete, just ready to do business. You can buy it cheap enough, that you can move it or I will rent you the house that it now occupies. Call and see.
S. L. Robertson.

For Sale.

Block "A" of 8 lots 70 x 160 in Martins addition, four room house, two story barn storm cellar well, windmill 18 barrel tank pipe and hydrants. Splendid water. Make me an offer. Oscar Martin.

FOR SALE.

New residence of 5 rooms located on lots 5 and 6, Block "C" near Haskell high school. Price \$1600.00, \$400.00 cash, balance in 4 equal annual payments. See or write J. M. Hanna, Stamford Texas, or Sanders & Wilson, Haskell Tex.

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NOTICE

I have purchased the notes and accounts of C. F. Terrell of Terrell Drug Store, and all parties knowing themselves to be owing them any thing are requested to see me or, Clyde F. Elkins and make satisfactory settlement at once.
J. F. Vernon.

FOR RENT

One 5 room house, good dug-out, well and barn.
J. H. Meadors. tf

The latest box letter paper at French Bros.

Haskell, Texas, Friday, Oct. 9th
ONE DAY ONLY.

Dress Rivalry

OVER against every man is set up another man. It's the Dress Tournament, the appearance of all is measured by that of the well groomed chap. No man likes to suffer by contrast. It is particularly galling when you know you have the right idea of style in clothes if you can only find them. But, every time you go to buy the salesman switches you.

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East Bound Passengers
No. 2.....8:35 a. m.
No. 6.....10:15 p. m.
West Bound Passengers
No. 1.....7:15 p. m.
No. 5.....5:25 a. m.
Number 5 and 6 are through trains from Fort Worth to Abilene and carry tourist sleepers.
The sleeping car fare from Haskell to Fort Worth is \$1.00.

Locals and Personals.

D. H. Bell is buying cotton. **Howard Watches, Craig.**

Mr. T. L. Green was in town Thursday and ordered the Free Press sent one year to his brother at Roby.

NEW Seth Thomas clocks just arrived. R. M. Craig. tf

Mr. Chas. Green and family moved this week to Crowell where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mauldin have moved to one of the Pinkerton houses in west part of town.

Our Colorado nigger head coal is the best that has ever been placed on the market. Try an order. L. P. Davidson & Co.

Phone your wants to the Haskell Dairy. Phone No. 227, R. E. Debard, manager. (30 tf)

Guss Grussendorf of the east side was in town with his first bale of cotton Thursday.

See us for Light Crust flour the best flour on the market. Every sack Guaranteed. Phone 69 J. S. Keister & Co.

Tinware prices to be slashed by the Racket Store on north side of square this next ten days.

If your saddle or harness are in bad condition, bring them to Evers, the harness doctor, South side square, Haskell.

Mrs. Halbert was a passenger on the south bound train Wednesday.

Clint Guest left Wednesday for Dallas, where he will attend school.

See us for light crust flour, the best flour on the market. Every sack guaranteed. Phone 79, J. S. Keister & Co.

Miss Nell Cook, who has been visiting Miss Ethel Kinnard left for San Angelo Wednesday.

T. G. Carney passed through Haskell Wednesday on his way to the eastern cities.

Everything in tin must go quickly from the Racket Store.

ELGIN, Waltham, Howard, Illinois, Hamilton, South Bend, Excelsior, New Era and Swiss watches at Craig's. tf

Wallace Alexander and Chas. Irby visited Stamford Wednesday.

J. H. Morris of Stamford visited Haskell Wednesday.

There were 2020 poll tax receipts issued last year. There are on the roll for this year about 3,000 polls. The total tax values are \$8,000,000, an increase of two and a half million over last year, and an increase since 1886 of six and one half millions.

New Bracelets at Craig's.

Arrived at Evers' shop at Haskell, another large assortment of fancy California hand-stamped belts, hatbands, purses and music rolls.

I will gin your cotton and pay the highest market price for seed. W. T. Newsom.

The best line of spurs, bits, belts, purses, saddles and harness will be found at Evers' shop in Haskell. 23tf

For rent—Four room house, good out houses. Apply at The Hub.

S. W. Vernon of Pinkerton was a pleasant caller at our office Tuesday.

Mrs. J. F. Posey of Munday visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coker of this city the early part of the week.

Mr. J. J. Stein has purchased 160 acres of land from Mr. Kurtz, seven miles west of town on the Rayner road.

Mr. J. M. Blakemore made us a pleasant call Wednesday.

Mr. E. A. Williams has become a subscriber to the Free Press.

P. B. Foard is on the street buying cotton. He is paying the highest price for cotton. (tf)

P. B. Foard is an old cotton buyer from Johnson county and knows how to class cotton. tf

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

High-grade Silverware—Craig's

Those who know their accounts are past due will please call and settle up. Stephens & Smith.

Mr. Lee has resigned as office Deputy Sheriff and Hugh Meadors is now the office deputy.

R. C. Montgomery, W. N. Huckabee, Willis Buchanan, J. L. Odell and H. M. Rike took in the Abilene fair.

R. Q. Bills has returned from a trip to Cisco.

Phone Stephens & Smith for a good sack of flour—quality and price guaranteed.

Two lots on the square for sale. Submit offer through Oscar Martin, Clark Hill.

Car of wire and nails, and Pittsburg perfect hog fencing. McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

W. W. Murphy, cashier of the Farmers' National Bank, made a business trip to Munday the early part of the week.

Mr. J. P. Harrison of Sherman is visiting the families of Messrs. W. W. and R. B. Fields of this place, to whom he is related.

On Oct. 11th a revival meeting will begin at the Methodist church. Rev. M. S. Hatchkins, Missionary Evangelist of the North West Texas Conference will be with us and do the preaching. Every body invited. C. B. Meador.

See us for school shoes we have our fall line all ready and can fit smallest to the largest. See us before you buy we will make the price suit you. J. S. Keister & Co.

Our stock of grain is complete. Favor us with an order and see with what promptness and satisfaction we can handle your business. L. P. Davidson Grain & Coal Co.

A. H. Cox of the Rule community who lives on the farm of his uncle, Mr. Burwell Cox of this city, was in Haskell Wednesday and speaking of the cotton crop said it was late but looked good to him.

Newest shapes and shades in Men's Hats at "The Big Store"

J. M. Woodson was in town Saturday with a load of roasting ears that was planted about July 1st on oat stubble. He said he had ten acres of stubble that would make 30 bushels per acre.

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W. R. Hunt was in town Tuesday with his second bale of cotton. Mr. Hunt said he would have four bales of early cotton, and after it is picked he may have to wait a few days for the late crop to open before he could resume picking.

Mr. Kitchens of the west side was in Haskell Tuesday and speaking of cotton in the sandy land said it was good but late, that the gin in his community had only ginned one bale.

Bright-Shining Tinware to be almost given away for ten days at the Racket Store.

Mrs. A. J. Smith and children have returned from a few weeks visit in central Texas.

It is up to date, the letter paper at French Bros.

We have on hand about 200 pairs of children's, Misses and boys' school shoes that we will sell for less than cost. We are going to discontinue this line. Dellis Bros.

Mr. I. W. Kirkpatrick was in town Thursday, and in conversation with a Free Press reporter said that he had gotten nine bales of cotton from 50 acres that he thought there was as much more on the stalks to open. These nine bales were probably heavy and would no doubt make ten 500 lb. bales. At this rate he is good for nearly half a bale per acre.

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

Mr. J. E. Garren has returned from a trip to the southwest part of the state. Mr. Garren said that he visited his son, W. D. Garren, and while in that section of country was at the ranch of Miss Day, a sister of our townsman, Mr. A. H. Day.

Mr. J. C. Holt is having a lot of new land put in cultivation and building several houses on his farm.

New Veil Pins and Belt Pins at Craig's.

We have the land in the Bailey pasture for sale. Sanders & Wilson.

Pure Mediterranean seed wheat at L. P. Davidson & Co.

B. T. Lanier of Carney was in the City Thursday.

Hon. J. F. Cunningham of Abilene passed through Haskell Thursday on his way to Abilene. Mr. Cunningham had been in this section on professional business.

200 pairs of school shoes going for less than cost. Dellis Bros.

If you want to buy dwelling or business houses see S. G. Dean, manager of Progressive Lumber Co., Haskell, Texas, he will make you easy terms.

New crop Johnathan apples at the City Grocery.

Mr. Jno. L. Robertson spent two days in Fort Worth this week closing up several loans on Haskell County property. Mr. Robertson states that he made this trip in order to give his customers prompt service.

We have just received a fine line of Ginghams & Calicos pretty as new money, all calico at 5 cents per yard see us for prices and every thing. Cash talks with us. J. S. Keister & Co.

Good home harness cheap, at W. J. Evers' Haskell.

There is some increase in cotton receipts, but every indication is that cotton will be unusually late.

FOR SALE—Piano. For particulars call at residence. Mrs. Zuma Jenkins, 38-4t Haskell, Texas.

Racking and cutting of prices on tinware at Racket store for ten days.

FOR RENT—A house near north ward school. Phone 134. tf.

All members of the Church of Christ are urgently requested to attend Prayer Meeting Services next Wednesday evening at 8:30 P. M. We have something very interesting for your attention.

The latest in fine dress goods and trimmings at "The Big Store"

Next Sunday at Methodist church at 11 a. m. a special sermon will be preached to the Ladies, which will be the beginning of the week of prayer, under the direction of the Home Mission Society. Every body invited. C. B. Meador.

Get one of those tablets of writing paper at French Bros.

Commissioner Gilleland has been busy this week starting the grading on the Thrdckmorton road.

We lead in men's swell "Tog-gery." "The Big Store"

We understand that the old gin in the south part of town will be run only in the rush season.

Mr. J. L. Jones of Rule took the south bound train for Stamford Thursday.

Dudley Boone left Wednesday for the plains country.

The Haskell Oil Mill is now receiving cottonseed by the car load. The cottonseed is being stored and as soon as they get in a sufficient stock will begin making oil.

Tablets, large assortment at French Bros.

Fine Millinery always found at "The Big Store"

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The New England Woman says: "I guess I need a new pair of shoes." The Middle-States woman says: "I expect I do." The Southerner says: "I reckon I do." The Westerner says: "I calculate I do." But they all, if they are wise, know that the shoes they want are "Queen Quality" Shoes, the great luxury in footwear at no advance in cost—\$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 the pair.

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The Store With The Goods.

"ME AND MOSE"

By ANNIE E. S. FEARING.

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She had many qualities in common with the sparrow which she outwardly resembled. She was small and plump, and had a waistless figure with a slight stoop behind the base of the neck that gave her a round, fluffy sort of look. Then her dress, and hair, and skin were only varying tones of a general dun color. Her movements were short and quick, and she had the same fierce instinct to tend for her family, and the same eager and critical interest in the doings of her neighbors, that distinguished her feathered prototype. Comparisons aside, she was a past mistress in the fine art of washing clothes, and her book of engagements was always full.

"I hen at it," she would say, as she "sussed out" the clothes, "sence I was little, an' hed to stan' on a stool to work—wots that? 'I hev to yit' Well, that's jest it, I dun s' much it's kindy sumped me an' kop me on a stool ever sence."

There were two people in the world she thought forever exempt from effort, Mose, her husband, and her grown-up daughter, Mose had long suffered from some mysterious and disabling complaint "across his back," and the girl she regarded as a fragile creature whose only strong point was a "good appetite to eat." Nothing so roused her indignation as any suggestion that her Ettie might earn her bread on lines of employment similar to her own. The moral effect was not unlike that of urging a position as cook upon a princess of the blood.

Mose Van Loan's girl go into somebody's kitchen? Well, I guess! Mis' Denton rode up t' our house one day in her carriage an' hed the impudence t' offer to take Ettie and train her fer a waitress! I think I see my pop's—old Tjerek TenEyck's gran'child a-handin' the butter round on a tray to the likes of them! North River Dutch is proud of their blood even wen they goes out washin', an' that woman's father worked out by the day for Mose's gran'father on the farm!"

She rubbed away in silence for a moment on the obstinate spot and then held it up to the light, with a restored serenity of expression. From the radiance of her habitual toothless smile, one might have supposed that life was filled with the cheap joys of a merry-go-round, or instinct with the perpetual promise of a circus or a coming show, these being the coveted and dearly bought diversions of the family. In answer to a question she began again:

"No, Ettie ain't got no bean on hand—I got my eye on that—she ain't agoin' to keep company with none of this here trash. I says of some young man come along wots come of folks ez good ez Mose's folks, an' wants to set up with her, I ain't got nothin' to say agin it—but I want to know his folks, I do!"

Here she wrung out the offending garment and tossed it into another tub. I felt that she had fully stated the prejudice and the obligation of long descent. Then she stripped the soapuds off her bare arms and turned round on her stool to deliver herself of a thought too big for her to contain; and she had a very effish look as, with one hand on her hip and the other holding out the forswinger, she emphasized her words.

"Wen it comes to bookin' up double, it's a solemn thing,—it would seem to have turned out a very momentous thing in her own case,—'ef you kin be contented," and she wagged her head in time with her finger, "'ef you kin be contented—there ain't nothin' like it!"

Socrates himself could not have put the truth more concisely or have more comprehensively expounded the philosophy of matrimony than she upon the rostrum of her washing stool. She was the living embodiment of the art of contentment, and her great pop eyes looked through nagle lenses that the wealth of the Indies cannot buy. Prince Charming could not have appeared to his lady love half so gallant and brave, so chivalric and brilliant, as poor old shuffling Mose, half blind, and blundering, and stupid to the point of semi-idioty, looked to Marthy's devotion. Her respect for his astuteness was unlimited, and she always prefaced any statement that seemed to convey a deduction from facts with "ez Mose sez." I never knew anyone except Marthy who had heard Mose say anything.

One bleak and bitter day in January she came to see me, and from the way in which she radiated pleasure all over her little person, I knew that something momentous had occurred.

"Well," she said triumphantly, "you can't never guess wots happened now!"

I dared not attempt to fill in the pause. What I should have considered the workings of Providence in her behalf would have been insulting even to mention to her. Thus happily it ordered that we do not lay down the lines of life for our fellows. She swung her foot in impatience of the silence.

"I've heired money!" she burst out at last. "Heired most a thousand dollars!"

She parsed up her empty mouth like a hickory nut and her eyes gleamed with the news. I expressed suitable sympathy with her happiness, and restored the hope that now her future

would be assured, and she need not worry about old age—not that she ever had. I even offered, with the design of saving her from herself, immediate suggestions as to getting it invested at a good rate of interest.

"Yes," she said evasively. "It comes in good just now—it's from a old skin-flint uncle er mine wot went out west years ago—they's a good deal we need. I say fast of all a good red plush parlor suit, but Ettie wants blue—an' that's wot I wanted your advice about, red er blue, wich'll wear best?"

There was a clear implication in tone and emphasis of the exact limit of the required advice, so I gave up and leaned back on Marthy's manifest destiny, abandoning all designs of capturing that money to save for her.

"I'm goin' to fix the front room fer Ettie. She's alwis wanted a real parlor, an' that'll be hers. Ef she ever does keep company it'll come in good, an' then Mose ain't never hed no proper chance in life, an' I'm goin' t' see 'I he gits it now! We ain't jest decided," she continued, with a wary reticence I well understood as covering some peculiarly outrageous and



Hold it Up to the Light.

pendthrift design, "that is, we ain't quite sure wot Mose'll do yit with his'n. Of course, I callate to give him some more'n Ettie's share."

There was such an unconscious forgetfulness of self in it that I had not the heart to express my vexation, and when she slid down off the chair and the moment came, as it usually did with her, when she had to be helped to make her exit, I was poor spirited enough to abandon my high ground altogether and wish her joy of the spending.

A short time afterward I was moved by curiosity to make an errand to the Van Loan apartments. There Ettie received me on the plush sofa—it was blue—with languid elegance, attired in a gay purple gown, while from her buttonhole hung a gold chain in token of the watch within. A young man, whose hat and overcoat lay on the brand new parlor organ, stood awkwardly shifting himself from one foot to the other during my visit.

"This is my gentleman friend," Ettie announced serenely, and I realized that the parlor had already borne fruit. "Yes, ma and pa's away," and she vouchsafed no further information. I wondered in what form Mose had decided to spend "his'n," but I was at least glad that he had the grace to take Marthy along to help him get rid of it.

"Don't you think it's handsome?" and Ettie indicated with a comprehensive wave of her hand, on which I noticed a flashy ring, the entire contents of the room, including her blushing admirer.

"Oh, certainly," I said weakly. "It's very, very rich."

I did not see Marthy until one day in the following May, and then she came bustling in to see if she could have back her "wash place."

"It's been beautiful!" she said ecstatically, "the beautifullest thing I ever seen, an' it's done Mose a heap er good! Yes, we ben south, clean on to Florsy! We've lived to good hotels, and done evrythin' first class, an' hed sich eatin' ez Mose said he never knowed they was in this world! You see Mose ain't never ben well, an' he doos feel the winters dreftful. 'S he ses, he don't remember never to hev ben real warned through sence he was born! So I jest thought of the plan myself, an' he was more'n pleased with it, an' I tell you we've jest hed one good swing to last a lifetime! 'S I tell Ettie, we've got s' much to tell it'll take years." Here her face fell for a moment. "Of course Ettie hedn't ought to went and got married while we's gone. My, there's quite a cobweb up on your wall! But I know his folks, an' they've got good blood, them Strykers. Come from down Mombocous way." She waited for some encouragement, and I tried vainly to think of a cheering thing to say. There was no need; she had the sort of heart that cheers itself.

"Ez Moses sez, it's too bad the boy ain't never got no work winters; he plays on a baseball nine summers, but we'll pull through somehow, ez long ez we keep together, an' I git my places back, an'—she burst out bravely—"and's s'ates, we ain't never wanted yit for rit'es and drink, and we ain't agoin' to!"

GATHERED SMILES

A REASONABLE MAN'S LONGING.

There are people who wonder what Ibsen To find out conditions on Mars. And others who wish to go flying When they might have soft seats in the cars:

There are people who argue concerning The gap between monkey and man; There are those who are eagerly yearning To find out the plans of Japan. As for me, I will candidly say That my troubles would all disappear If I knew how to live on my pay And save up ten thousand a year.

There are those who are foolishly trying To find out conditions on Mars. And others who wish to go flying When they might have soft seats in the cars:

There are people who sigh for permission To ply their knees before kings; There are few who are in the position To praise all sublimity things; As for me, I would cease to be sad, And never again would I fear To bring from my heart if I had Ten thousand—clear profit—a year.

How foolish men are who go fretting And slaving for more than they need; Who wring their own kindred, forgetting That vice is the kernel of greed; How cheated they are who still borrow The troubles that wise men ignore—Who smart under ills that to-morrow May scatter where ills are no more! As for me, I would blissfully shout, The welkin should ring with my cheer, If I in some way could find out How to save up ten thousand a year.

—S. E. Kiser, In Chicago Record-Herald.

PRESENCE OF MIND.



"Ol say, Bill, bring up my bacca-box when yer comes up agin."

The forward movement of her sex Goes onward day by day And yet she off a street car gets In the same old backward way.

—Chicago Daily News.

Not Guilty.

"Now, Mrs. McCarthy," said counsel for the defense, "please tell us as simply as you can your version of this affair. It is alleged that you referred to Mrs. Callahan in disparaging terms."

"Not a bit av it. I didn't say anything about disparaging nor disparaging nor any other garden truck, except that I said she had a nose loike a squash and her complexion was as bad as a tomato in the lasht stages. Yez can see for yerself if it ain't the truth."

—Chicago Record-Herald.

Henry, Undoubtedly.

"What makes you think it was the spirit of your husband that was materialized?"

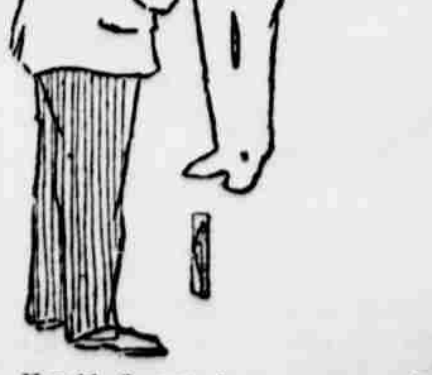
"Oh, there couldn't have been any mistake about it. When I got up and called 'Henry' he kind of shriveled up and then disappeared, just as he used to do when he was alive."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"No, my dear, you cannot go into that boat," said the New England chaperon to her young charge.

"Why not?" demanded the maiden, naturally angry at being deprived of her row.

"Because I heard somebody say the other day that she was hugging the shore."—Baltimore American.

OF COURSE.



Harold—I once knew a man who could speak in six languages. Sam—What did he do? Harold—Kept still most of the time and listened to his wife.—Chicago Journal.

Financial Fact.

As solid truth you this may take: Down in the street named Wall, Sure things do no' a fortune make, Nor tips a golden haul.

—Puck.

VERY CRUEL.



Wife—Well, I'll bet you a box of cigars. Husband—No, I won't bet! Wife—You're afraid you'll lose. Husband—No, I'm afraid I'd win.

Pro and Con. Some women say they want to vote. Some women say they don't. Some say we'll surely see 'em vote. While others say we won't.

—Yonkers Statesman.

Seeking Information.

The small boy was playing with the scissors, and his kindly old grandmother chided him. "You musn't play with the scissors, dear. I know a little boy like you who was playing with a pair of scissors just like that pair, and he put them in his eye and put his eye out, and he could never see anything ever after."

The child listened patiently, and said, when she got through the narrative: "What was the matter with his other eye?"—Royal Magazine.

Pride of Ancestry. A germ nudged his neighbor eagerly. "See that female coming yonder, with the grand air? She's a colonial dame?"

"A which?" "A colonial dame. Her ancestors were among the first 13 colonies of bacteria in American drinking-water."—Puck.

IT WAS.



Ella—When I looked out of the car window the first person I saw had red hair. Does that mean good luck? Stella—Well, it was certainly a bright outlook.—Chicago Daily News.

Grasping. He used to cry for the moon Some twelve months after birth; But since he has grown to man's estate We find him the head of a syndicate—And now he wants the earth.

—Chicago Daily News.

Superfluous Advice.

"If you want to be comfortable and prosperous," said the man who takes a friendly interest in everybody, "you should go to bed with the chickens."

"'Deed boss," answered Mr. Rastus Pinkley, "in disyere tired kin' o' weather dem chickens don' go to bed early 'nuff to suit me."—Washington Star.

A Clear Conscience.

"Did you ever take advantage of anybody in a bargain?" "Not of recent years," answered Mr. Cumrox. "You see, we've been livin' so much in the great capitals of Europe that I've gotten sort of accustomed to bein' the feller that pays up without asking questions."—Washington Star.

No Chance to Talk.

"John, you yawned twice while we were calling on that lady."

"Well, dear, you did not expect me to keep my mouth closed all the time, did you?"—Royal Magazine.

Accounted For.

Chollie—They say sitting in the moonlight will make one silly. Mollie—I wouldn't sit in it so much if I were you."—Yonkers Statesman.

THE OLD MAN TO JABEZ.

Advices Him to Cultivate Reticence, as Becoming and Profitable.

"Jabez," said that wise old fellow, Jabez's father, to his talkative son, "you talk too much; your chatter is going on all the time."

"There's an old saying: 'Young folks should be seen, but not heard.' You've passed the young folks stage, you are now a man out in the world on your own account, and when there is really occasion for you to say anything you want to say it and be not afraid, and there may even be times when you want to blow your own horn and blow it good and strong; but you want to know when those times are and never, never talk just to hear yourself talk."

"It's astonishing how much ignorance a man can reveal by aimless conversation, and even more astonishing how much credit a man can get for knowing things simply by keeping his mouth shut. Many a good, many a big reputation has been built on so slender a foundation as reticence. And when you come to think of it, reticence makes not so slender a foundation, after all, for it betokens at least self-control, and is not self-control, self command the foundation of all success? It surely is."

"Jabez, my boy, you have much to learn. Even you in your sane moments will admit that. Don't tell people how little you know by overtalking. Talk when you have to, and don't be shy; never be afraid; but even in this talking condense and be always clear and explicit."

"Don't say unnecessary and irrelevant things; they distract the mind of your hearer and weaken the argument. I say again, Jabez, talk when the time comes and never be afraid; but as to talk in general—don't."

"Cultivate, rather, a habit of reticence. So you will get a reputation for knowing something and that even more valuable reputation, that of a man who is not a gabbler. Cultivate a habit of reticence, Jabez; and when in doubt keep your mouth shut. You will live to thank the old man for this advice."

A Deal in Tenements.

An old mechanic in a New England manufacturing town owns 20 houses which have paid for themselves. "I've worked 30 years at tool-making," he said, "and never got over three dollars a day—and very seldom less. I never had a chance to become a foreman or superintendent; I guess they thought I was worth more at the bench. My chance came another way. One day I overheard Walters, the bookkeeper, say that if a man paying \$30 a month rent could buy a house for \$3,000 it would pay for itself in a trifle over ten years. I wasn't paying \$30 a month rent, but his remark sunk in, and that evening I saw an ad. in the paper about a two-tenement house for sale at \$3,600—rents \$20 and \$18. So I got Walters to help me figure it out, and I offered to take the place if the owner would take my savings—\$400—as a first payment. He agreed, as he wanted to go west, and that \$460 was every cent I ever paid on that house—the rents paid the balance.

"Two years afterward I'd got \$200 ahead again and then looked for another bargain. That's the way I have kept on. I've got the titles to 20 now, and—excepting \$200 or \$300 to start each one—they're paid for themselves."—Saturday Evening post.

The Comparative Method.

At a certain age in the masculine education, cleanliness is the main thing to be inculcated. Vigorous soap and water practice is about the only way to succeed. After giving the boy a chance to better his own condition, harsher methods usually follow.

Theodore had twice been sent to wash his hands, and was now returning for the second inspection. "My child," said his mother, comparing the two hands critically, "your right is just as dirty as your left. What have you been doing all this time?"

"Why, mamma," explained the youth, "last time you said that my left hand was cleaner than my right, so I tried to make them even. I'll go again."—Youth's Companion.

The Early Morning.

There is no hour of the day so hushed and beautiful as the early morning, when the day is young, fresh from the hand of God. It is a new page, clean and white and pure, and the angel is saying unto us "Write," and none there be who may refuse to obey. It may be gracious deeds and kindly words that we write upon it in letters of gold, or it may be that we blot and blur it with evil thoughts and stain it with unworthy actions, but write we must!—Nellie L. McClung, "Sowing Seeds in Danny."

Gentle Reminder.

She was from Boston, and as cool as the traditional cucumber.

"What will you have?" ventured the young man as they sat down at the restaurant table.

"Er—really, I don't know," she said, undecidedly. "What do you think would suit me?"

Here was his chance.

"If you really want my opinion as to what would suit you," he responded, with a solemn face, "I think you had better try a little Chile sauce."

An Extensive Wardrobe.

The Tragedian—I'm indeed sorry to leave you like this, Mrs. Buskins; but I presume you have no objection to me taking my belongings away with me? Landlady—You needn't worry. My husband has already hung your other collar on the hat-rack!

TESTING PAINT.

Property owners should know how to prove the purity and quality of white lead, the most important paint ingredient, before paying for it. To all who write, National Lead Co., the largest manufacturers of pure white lead, send a free outfit with which to make a simple and sure test of white lead, and also a free book on paint. Their address is Woodbridge Bldg., New York City.

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He who hesitates much will accomplish little.—Von Moltke.

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Is a modern scientific preparation which kills the germs of Malaria and LaGrippe and as it acts on the Liver and Bowels, expels all morbid matter from the system. It is warranted to cure or money refunded. Price 50 cents. For sale by all first class druggists.

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KNOWN SINCE 1834 A RELIABLE REMEDY FOR COLIC, CHOLERA, DIARRHOEA, DYSENTERY, BILIOUSNESS, HEADACHE, BRUISES, SWELLINGS, PAIN IN THE STOMACH AND IN THE BOWELS. PREPARED BY WATSON & CO., PHARMACEUTICALS, 219 N. 3RD ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

PATENTS

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

For the first time in thirty-six years the Kaufman county jail was Thursday night without a prisoner.

The survey of the proposed Waco, Temple and Marlin interurban began Saturday morning out of Temple.

Josephine, the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Tucker of Fort Worth died Thursday as a result of drinking gasoline.

A little less than \$5 per mile is the estimated average saving to the railroads of Texas by the enactment of the anti-pass law.

As a result of an explosion of a gun on a French armored cruiser Wednesday thirteen men are dead and others seriously injured.

The twelfth annual meeting of the West Texas Fair opened at Abilene Tuesday, and promises to be the most successful one ever held there.

Q. B. Scarborough, aged 56 years, for many years a citizen of Abilene, fell dead Saturday morning as a result of a stroke of apoplexy.

Late Thursday evening when a passenger train on the Southern Railway, near Atlanta, Ga., ran into an open switch, two persons were killed.

Lampasas County went dry Monday by a majority which will probably be more than 100 votes. Lampasas city gave 90 anti majority two years ago and a pro majority of 11 Monday.

San Angelo received a severe shock when it was learned that Captain Charles A. Dasley had been found dead in a room at his home Monday. He was shot in the head and a shot gun lay near him.

Five hundred and thirty-five bales of cotton were marketed in Taylor Saturday, making the total wagon receipts of cotton at Taylor this season since August 7 not including concentrations by rail, 12,936 bales.

The body of a man who was run over by a train and instantly killed in the Kentucky and Indiana railroad yards Sunday night in Louisville was identified as that of Thomas Cockrill, the noted Breathitt County, Kentucky feudist.

Thieves broke into the store of Cook & Co. at Woodbine, six miles east of Gainesville Friday night and blew open the safe. This is a general merchandise store in which the postoffice is located, and the thieves got \$200 in money and \$100 in stamps.

A franchise was granted by the city council of Henrietta to M. W. Bohan and his associates to furnish gas to the town of Henrietta, the maximum rate to be 50c per 1000 feet, with a guarantee to reduce within one year, the work to be complete in six months.

Phone reports Friday morning from Brookshire, Laneport, Hare and other communities east and northeast of Taylor state that a heavy and destructive hailstorm passed over that section of Williamson county Thursday night between 7 and 8 o'clock, doing great injury to crops.

Galveston was chosen as the place of the next annual convention of the Texas Spiritualist association and the by-laws, which provided September as the month of the meeting were changed so as to allow the sessions of 1909 to be held during August.

The progressive farmers in the lower part of Brazos County are getting busy. Taking advantage of the drainage law of the Thirtieth legislature they decided to begin at once the erection of a levee.

The leg of a human being was found Sunday floating in the bay near Pier 12 at Galveston and is believed to part of the body of Captain Jack Donovan, of a barge, who disappeared four weeks ago. The police are investigating.

James T. Denton of Center, Texas, one of the executive committeemen of the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association, has begun work of organizing an association of commercial clubs for East Texas.

The state tennis tournament concluded in San Antonio Thursday. Chas. C. Cresson of San Antonio and Harvey McQuiston of the City of Mexico winning the championship in doubles and Harvey McQuiston winning the championship in singles.

In a difficulty between Martin Dean and Sam Moore, both of Whitney, which occurred at Woodbury Friday afternoon, the latter received three wounds inflicted with a pocketknife one being quite serious.

Mayor Moseley announced Friday that the pro rata of the expense of making the interurban survey amounting to \$750, has been promptly subscribed by the citizens of Weatherford. The cost of the survey amounted to \$3000.

Truth and Quality

appeal to the Well-Informed in every walk of life and are essential to permanent success and creditable standing. Accordingly, it is not claimed that Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna is the only remedy of known value, but one of many reasons why it is the best of personal and family laxatives is the fact that it cleanses, sweetens and relieves the internal organs on which it acts without any debilitating after effects and without having to increase the quantity from time to time.

It acts pleasantly and naturally and truly as a laxative, and its component parts are known to and approved by physicians, as it is free from all objectionable substances. To get its beneficial effects always purchase the genuine—manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., only, and for sale by all leading druggists.

HAD HEARD THEM.



Judge—Do you understand the nature of an oath?
She—I'm a telephone girl, judge.

PRESCRIBED CUTICURA

After Other Treatment Failed—Raw Eczema on Baby's Face Had Lasted Three Months—At Last Doctor Found Cure.

"Our baby boy broke out with eczema on his face when one month old. One place on the side of his face the size of a nickel was raw like beefsteak for three months, and he would cry out when I bathed the parts that were sore and broken out. I gave him three months' treatment from a good doctor, but at the end of that time the child was no better. Then my doctor recommended Cuticura. After using a cake of Cuticura Soap, a third of a box of Cuticura Ointment, and half a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent he was well and his face was as smooth as any baby's. He is now two years and a half old and no eczema has reappeared. Mrs. M. L. Harris, Alton, Kan., May 14 and June 12, 1907."

The Scramble for Wealth.

If there is a sad thing in the world, it is the spectacle of the men and women who, in their mad scramble for wealth, have crushed out of their lives sentiment and the love of all that is beautiful and sublime. The very process by which they seek to win the means of enjoyment kills the faculties by which they can enjoy. When the average man wins his wealth he finds himself without the power of enjoyment, for the enjoying side of his nature is dead. He finds to his sorrow that the straining, striving life is also a starving one.

Profit in Imitation Jewelry.

There are some large profits made on goods sold in New York city, but the greatest percentage goes to the retailers of jewelry that has imitation precious stones in its composition. The profit is often 1,000 times as much as the goods cost. To get \$40 for what costs 40 cents is quite usual.

Man and Beast Alike.

Only those who have suffered the agony of eye afflictions can appreciate the blessing to humanity in Dr. Mitchell's famous Eye Salve. Introduced in this region as far back as 1849 it is found to-day in all well regulated homes hereabouts. Not alone the eyes of man but those of the dumb animals have enjoyed its comforts. Mitchell's Eye Salve. Sold everywhere. Price 25c.

In the Museum.

Englishman (in British museum)—This book, sir, was once owned by Cicero.
American Tourist—Pshaw! that's nothing. Why, in one of our American museums we have the lead pencil which Noah used to check off the animals as they came out of the ark.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Williams* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Record of Good Work.

The American board of missions maintains 38 hospitals and twice that number of dispensaries in the foreign field, and its medical missionaries last year treated over 370,000 cases.

Remember

It's not how you live, but how's your liver. If not in perfect order, make it so by using Simmon's Liver Purifier, —in boxes only. It's the surest, safest and most agreeable aid to that organ ever put up.

The hand can never execute anything higher than the character can aspire.—Emerson.

Smokers have to call for Lewis' Single Binder cigar to get it. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

If you don't get the best of it, make the best of it.

AWFUL GRAVEL ATTACKS.

Cured by Doan's Kidney Pills After Years of Suffering.

F. A. Rippey, Depot Ave., Gallatin, Tenn., says: "Fifteen years ago kidney disease attacked me. The pain in my back was so agonizing I finally had to give up work. Then came terrible attacks of gravel with acute pain and passages of blood. In all I passed 25 stones, some as large as a bean. Nine years of this ran me down to a state of continual weakness and I thought I never would be better until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. The improvement was rapid, and since using four boxes I am cured and have never had any return of the trouble."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Why Didn't She?

A little boy of five years, playing with his sister one day, leaned too far out of the second-story window, lost his balance and fell into the yard below. Very miraculously he escaped being injured, and his parents and friends were so delighted that they gave him quite a number of pennies, nickels and dimes.

The next day, after he recovered from the shock of the fall, he was counting his money, and on seeing his little sister enter the room, exclaimed: "Gee, Gladys, look at all the money I got for falling out of the window! Why don't you try it?"—The Delineator.

Decorations for Women.

There are few decorations for women in Europe, the most ancient order coming from the Austrian throne. It is the decoration of the Star and Crucifix, and is given to women of high rank. Another is the Luisea, founded in memory of the beautiful queen of Prussia, whom Napoleon insulted. This order is given to all classes of women who commit any great self-sacrifice.

STATE OF OHIO CITY OF TOLEDO, I. S.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior partner in 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 6th day of December, A. D. 1888. 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. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Character Told by Thumb.

If the thumb be supple jointed the individual is easy-going, spendthrift, careless of time, money, energy, opportunity and all things. If it be firm jointed he is cautious, watchful, keen, diplomatic, tireless in planning, confident and sure of success, self-poised and self-controlling.

BUD DOBLE

The greatest of all horsemen, says: "In my 40 years' experience with horses I have found SPOHN'S DISTEMPER CURE the most successful of all remedies for the horses. It is the greatest blood purifier." Bottle 50c and \$1.00. Druggists can supply you, or manufacturers, agents, wanted. Send for free Book, Spohn Medical Co., Spec. Contagious Diseases, Goshen, Ind.

The Usual Luck.

Hewitt—That new watch of yours is beauty.
Jewitt—Yes, but I don't get any chance to show it; whenever anybody asks what time it is somebody is sure to see a clock before I can get my watch out.

Actual Facts.

For upwards of fifteen years Hunt's Cure has been sold under a strict guarantee to cure any form of itching skin troubles known. No matter the name—less than one per cent. of the purchasers have requested their money back. Why? It simply does the work.

A Different Young Man.

Gerald—There is a good deal of power in my arm.
Geraldine—I have never had occasion to notice it.

Hicks' Capidine Cures Women.

Periodic pains, backache, nervousness and headache relieved immediately and assists nature. Prescribed by physicians with best results. Trial bottle 10c. Regular size 25c and 50c at all druggists.

If you would not cease to love mankind, you must not cease to do them good.—Maclaren.

Smokers appreciate the quality value of Lewis' Single Binder cigar. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

Many a man is buried in oblivion long before he is dead.

If your eyes hurt after sewing or reading, apply John R. Dickey's old reliable eye water. It is cooling and soothing.

Talk not of a good life, but let thy good life talk.—Schiller.

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

If you have anything to do, do it; don't loaf on the job.

Those Tired, Aching Feet of Yours need Allen's Foot-Powder. See your Druggist's Write A. S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y., for sample.

One cannot quarrel if the other will not.

The Entire Family. Grand Pop used it for Rheumatism. Dad for Cuts, Sprains and Bruises. Mamy for Burns, Scalds and Aches. Sis for Catarrh and Chills. I use it for everything, and it never disappoints any of us. It surely yanks any old pain out by the roots. Hunt's Lightning Oil is what I am telling you about.

Debts of the Rich and Poor. Debts, as a general rule, are harder to be collected from the rich man than from the slave of toil, for the former builds upon his position in society to excuse him from his obligations, while the latter often makes the attempt to discharge his contracts to preserve his standing in the community.

We Reiterate

That for more than fifteen years Hunt's Cure has been working on the afflicted. Its mission is to cure skin troubles, particularly those of an itching character. Its success is not on account of advertising, but because it surely does the work. One box guaranteed to cure any case.

Getting Back at Him. He (peevishly)—Here and now I wash my hands of the whole affair. She (calmly)—And don't forget your face and neck while engaged in the laundry act.

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM. Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form, and the most effectual form. For grown people and children. 50c.

Muggins—"When your wife sings I suppose you forget all my troubles." Buggins—"Um—all my other troubles."

If Your Eyes Bother You get a box of PETTIT'S EYE SALVE, old reliable, most successful eye remedy made. All druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

To plead that anything is excusable is to admit that it is wrong.—Smiles.

PENSIONS Now Free Sent Free
Texas Volunteers, 1861-65 entitled. Write Nathan Bickford, 123 N. Y. Ave., WASHINGTON, D. C.

OPIUM and Whiskey Habits treated at home without pain. Book of particulars sent FREE. B. M. Woolley, M. D., Atlanta, Ga., 108 N. 17th St.

W. N. U., DALLAS, NO. 40, 1908.



This woman says Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound saved her life. Read her letter.

Mrs. T. C. Willadsen, of Manning, Iowa, writes to Mrs. Pinkham: "I can truly say that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound saved my life, and I cannot express my gratitude to you in words. For years I suffered with the worst forms of female complaints, continually doctoring and spending lots of money for medicine without help. I wrote you for advice, followed it as directed, and took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it has restored me to perfect health. Had it not been for you I should have been in my grave to-day. I wish every suffering woman would try it."

FACTS FOR SICK WOMEN.

For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness, or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.

HYGIENIC TOWEL

Sanitary and a Marvelously Quick Dryer. A towel which is sure to receive immediate and most hearty welcome by the user. From every point of view, economical as well as sanitary, it is by long odds the best that has ever been put before the public. The "Hygienic" possesses every good quality that is possible to be put in a towel. It is of strong, massive, rough texture, assuring good wear. It is porous and absorbs moisture quickly, drying the body with hardly any effort. It is a rapid absorber of water and it remains entirely odorless. It is made in four sizes: 16x20 10c a piece, 18x20 15c a piece, 20x24 20c a piece, 24x30 25c a piece. Send for one or a pair for sample. Money returned if not satisfactory. Write directly to Mills, we are the manufacturers. THE HYGIENIC MILLS, York and Howard Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

Learn Watchmaking

Graduates make from \$15 to \$30 a week. Catalog and particulars sent free. A. E. Pittenger, 812 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Mo.

If afflicted with Thompson's Eye Water

Malaria Makes Pale Sickly Children
The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless, and the most effectual form. For adults and children. 50c.

WHEN A MAN



announces for an office of any importance the people usually inquire how he stands on certain important issues, and that's right. I have just bought the stock of jewelry from French Bros. and have already added more to it, making a very nice stock. I expect to build my trade up on selling goods that have quality first, last and all the time. If you expect to buy a watch or

anything in the jewelry line, please call and see my stock before you purchase.

From the way my repair work is increasing it's a pretty fair sign that my work is giving general satisfaction.

Think of the jeweler at French Bros. Drug Store when you want jewelry that has style and quality and promptness in repair work.

GUS EVANS

Sacrifice Tinware Sales - AT - RACKET STORE

Our Tinware must be reduced and to do this we will for ten days make the biggest kind of cut in prices.

JUST NOTICE

Pie Plates, were 5c, NOW 2 for 5c
Stew pans & kettles, were 15 & 20c Now 10c
" " " " 20 & 25c " 15c
Coffee pots " 10, 15 & 20c " 10c
Cake and Gum Pans " 15c " 10c
Covered Buckets " 10c " 7 1-2c
Milk & Water Buckets " 25c " 10c
Fancy Slop Pails " 55c " 50c

ALSO

Spoons, Graters, Dippers, Strainers, Etc. all at same reduced prices

AND

these prices will GIVE YOU TICKETS ON PIANO don't fail to come to this Tinware Sale.

Mr. W. W. Kitley sold and delivered one thousand five hundred bushels of oats here this week, receiving 50c per bushel. Mr. Kitley has not sold by any means all this years oat crop as he has his grainery full left. He has a comfortable home south of town, well stocked with horses, cows and hogs and every time you meet him you can always hear the jingle of the silver coin in his pockets. He is a good citizen and does not pin his faith on cotton.

BRYAN-HICKS

Last Sunday at the bride's home near Rule Mr. W. R. Bryan and Miss Eva Hicks were united in the Holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. J. W. Harvey officiating. Miss Hicks is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hicks and has a host of friends and acquaintances. The groom is an industrious farmer and has a wide acquaintance and many friends. The Review extends best wishes for them a prosperous and happy life. — Review — Rule.

Press Correspondent of the Farmers Union is on the sick list this week, so the Free Press has no message from him this week. We hope he will be with us next week. If the people will heed his advice as to advisification there will not be so much grain and feed stuff shipped in here next year.

Night Riders.
Mount Pleasant, Texas, Sept. 30.—All the gins in the county which shut down Monday on account of notices posted by night riders started up again this morning, and the owners state that they will continue operations throughout the season. Guards will be maintained at the gins at night with instructions to shoot any intruder.

The citizens of the county are thoroughly aroused over the matter and announce that they will stand by the ginners and see that they are not interfered with in operating their plants. Officers are working on the matter and expect to soon have the guilty parties under arrest.

The Gentry Bros.' Famous Shows United, which have achieved world wide fame as America's greatest trained animal exhibition, will visit Haskell on Friday, Oct. 9th., when the children, who have been always among the Gentry's most enthusiastic admirers, no less than the older folks, will be afforded a rare treat, this famous exhibition being grander and greater than ever before. Everything from the tent poles to the acts is entirely new and the artists engaged this year are of well renowned celebrity in their various lines.

BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION of the Haskell State Bank at Haskell State of Texas, at the close of business on the 23rd day of Sept. 1908, published in the Haskell Free Press, a newspaper printed and published at Haskell State of Texas, on the 3rd day of Oct. 1908.

| RESOURCES | |
|--|---------------------|
| Loans and discounts, personal or collateral | \$ 32,529.07 |
| Loans, real estate | 9,899.63 |
| Overdrafts | 7,816.81 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 1,844.08 |
| Due from approved reserve agents | 12,774.50 |
| Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check | 51.82 |
| Cash items | 14.50 |
| Currency | 3,776.00 |
| Specie | 761.36 |
| Total, | \$ 69,467.77 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|--|---------------------|
| Capital stock paid in | \$10,000.00 |
| Surplus fund | 114.32 |
| Undivided profits, net | 728.18 |
| Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check | 950.65 |
| Individual deposits, subject to check | 42,474.62 |
| Time certificates of deposit | 5,200.00 |
| Bills payable and re-discounts | 10,000.00 |
| Total, | \$ 69,467.77 |

State of Texas, County of Haskell. We, A. C. Sherick as president, and H. E. Fields as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
A. C. Sherick, Pres.
H. E. Fields, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 29th day of Sept. A. D. nineteen hundred and eight.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
L.S.) R. H. Davis, Notary Public.

CORRECT-ATTEST:

G. T. McCulloh }
I. D. Killingsworth } Directors.
J. J. Stein }

OLD SOLDIERS.

The following is the minutes of a meeting of the Confederate Veterans held here last Saturday, 26th September.

1. Inviting the Spanish War Veterans to join this organization as old soldiers and veterans.
2. Motion adopted providing for the ritual and burial service for deceased veterans.
3. Motion adopted that the camp adopt a day to decorate the graves of old soldiers.
4. Motion adopted providing for a minute book for the secretary.
5. Comrad Trice was elected assistant chaplain of the association.
G. E. Ballew
Assistant Secretary

September 28th, the Confederate Veterans met at the Court House, only 12 or 15 present. G. T. Miller acted as chairman.

I hope we will have a better attendance next time, I am always glad to meet with them and talk about old times. It makes us feel more like brothers. Soldiers I was in the old Virginia campaigns under Gen. R. E. Lee. I went out in the 14th Ga. Regiment, Thames' brigade, Wilcox's division, General A. P. Hills division, Stone Wall Jackson's Corps, Lee's army in northern Virginia. If any one who was in this command should read this I would like to hear from you.

G. E. Ballew
Haskell, Texas.

The first bale of cotton raised in Haskell county was ginned at a gin erected on the lot now occupied by Simmons Livery Stable, by Messrs. J. L. Jones and N. C. Smith in 1889. The editor of the Free Press was present when the bale was ginned, pressed and bound.

This was a most important event in the History of the town and marked a new era in progress. An old file of the Free Press for May gave a notice that Jones & Smith would put up a gin and encouraged the farmers to plant cotton.

PROGRESSIVE - LUMBER - COMPANY

There is an advance of 25 per cent on Lumber at the Mills, but we are still holding prices down here. We bought a million and half feet at forced sale for cash just before the rise and can still sell cheap. We have shrewd buyers in the Piny Woods, with money to pick up bargains, besides the cut of our own Mill. We have a demand for Lumber now from five states, so it requires 125 teams to haul our stuff to the cars. We can and do knock out competition, you may have heard that our Lumber is not up to grade. We invite you to call and examine for yourselves. We are furnishing the Lumber to build the finest house being built in Haskell at present by J. H. Meadors, we don't sling mud at our competitors, as that would lower us in the estimation of the people but if we are willing to sell for a small profit, we don't think there is anything dishonorable in it and if you want your Dollars to expand 25 per cent, come to see us when needing Lumber, Shingles and Brick. RESPECTFULLY,

PROGRESSIVE - LUMBER - COMPANY

S. G. DEAN, Manager.

No. 4474

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Haskell National Bank, at Haskell, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Sept. 23rd, 1908.

| RESOURCES | |
|--|---------------------|
| Loans and discounts | \$ 144,874.33 |
| Overdrafts, secured and unsecured | 9,646.76 |
| U. S. Bonds to secure circulation | 25,000.00 |
| Banking house, furniture and fixtures | 7,600.00 |
| Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) | 647.41 |
| Due from State Banks and Bankers | 29.48 |
| Due from approved reserve agents | 1,576.52 |
| Checks and other cash items | 61.59 |
| Notes of other National Banks | 877.00 |
| Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents | 35.65 |
| Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz: | |
| Specie | \$12,608.30 |
| Legal-tender notes | 4,900.00 |
| Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) | 1,250.00 |
| Total, | \$209,107.04 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|---|---------------------|
| Capital stock paid in | \$ 60,000.00 |
| Surplus fund | 12,000.00 |
| Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid | 14,202.59 |
| National Bank notes outstanding | 25,000.00 |
| Due to other National Banks | 25,317.32 |
| Due to State Banks and Bankers | 805.82 |
| Due to approved reserve agents | 402.39 |
| Dividends unpaid | 50.00 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 54,865.92 |
| Time certificates of deposit | 1,460.00 |
| Cashier's checks outstanding | 3.00 |
| Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed | 15,000.00 |
| Total, | \$209,107.04 |

State of Texas, Co. of Haskell, ss: I, G. E. Langford, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. E. Langford, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Sept. 1908.
P. D. Sanders, Notary Public.

CORRECT-ATTEST:

Lee Pierson }
T. E. Ballard } Directors
S. W. Scott }

DON'T FAIL TO SEE

Mrs. Breazeale

at the Masonic Building before buying your winter hats. She has a complete showing of Fall Millinery.

The Rough Rider Pocahontas

and French Patterns,

- ALL -

Mrs. Breazeale's Creations.

MCKELVAIN CEMENT COMPANY

Contractors and builders. Cement brick building blocks. All kind cement ornaments for fronts, window sills, well curbing and well tops.

All orders filled on short notice. The best sand in West Texas. Will stand government test. By wagon load, or car loads f. o. b. Screened sand by barrel, or wagsn load delivered on the square at Haskell.

We make a specialty of side walks and curbing. We build cisterns, and guarantee not to leak for five years. All work guaranteed to give satisfaction.

MCKELVAIN CEMENT COMPANY

EUPION

oil has been in use in Texas 52 years and never caused an explosion.

Do not let any dealer impose any cheaper grade on you. If you do you are endangering your home by fire. Ask for EUPION OIL and see that you get EUPION.

For any further information phone No. 144 or 147