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L E A D.

You Will Profit Well by Attending The Great Spring Cash Sale Saturday, May 29th, Sat. June 5th

Our object in holding this sale at this season is to reduce our Large Stock of Spring Goods; to raise a good big lot of Cash; and to give you the best Lot of Values you were ever offered.

Every article offered you will be thoroughly dependable. Nothing having been bought especially for the Sale. Our goods are right; Our Prices Lower than the Lowest and you will do well to be one of the first to take Advantage of this Unusual offering.

SHIRTS

Men's \$1.50 Negligee Shirts.....98c
Men's 1.25 " "80c
Men's 1.00 " "69c
Men's 60 and 75 cent Negligee shirts...45c
Boys 50c Negligee shirts35c

Men's and Boys' Suits

We have a big lot of Men's and Boys suits which we offer at a price much less than real worth. They are all good serviceable suits.

\$15.00 Men's Suits for.....\$10.95
12.50 " " for..... 8.95
10.00 " " for..... 6.98
5.00 Boys " for..... 3.95
4.00 " " for..... 2.95

Boys Knee Pants and Men's Long Pants also at Money Saving Prices.

COUNTERPANES

\$3.50 Quality\$2.75
3.00 " 2.25
2.50 " 1.85
1.75 " 1.35

PERCALES, ETC.

12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c 36 inch Admiral Percales, Red, Blue, Tan, Shepard, Checks, Etc. With or without Border.....9c
Calico per yard.....5c
7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c fancy suitings.....5c

Extra Special Reduction in Applique Braid, Etc.

6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Cotton Checks.....4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c
10c Shirting.....8c

PORTIERS

\$5.00 Quality in Dark Green or Red trimmed with Beautiful Persian Band. Your Choice.....\$3.85
\$3.50 Portier..... 2.65

Men's Oxfords & Shoes

When we advertise Shoes Cheap it is not because they are really cheap shoes gotten especially for a sale. We never knowingly sell that kind of shoes. The shoes offered during this sale are first quality shoes. They represent a lot of odd shoes. Shoes of which we have only a few of a kind, not a regular run of sizes.

\$5.00 Oxford Now Only - - \$3.25
4.00 " " " " - - 2.95
3.00 " " " " - - 2.45

SKIRTS

1-\$5.50 L. gray Striped Skirts.....\$2.98
1-4 00 " " 2.15
1-5.00 Navy Blue " 2.15
1-7.00 " " 4.95
2-6.00 " " 4.35
3-6.00 Black Skirts 4.35
2-6.00 Wine " 4.35
1 Handsome Braided White Linen Suit, size 34 waist, \$12.50, only 8.95
1 Pink Linen Suit, \$6.00 value " 3.98

MEN'S HATS—Never before have you had such a chance to buy a hat as this one. We have a big lot of odd hats. Only one or two of a kind. Odd shapes and colors. They are worth from \$3.50 to \$1.50—you can make your choice during this sale at.....69c

Groceries

Maple Flakes, 3 for.....25c
3 lb. can apples, 3 for.....25c
3 lb. can pears, 2 for.....25c
16 oz. Oyster Lunch Catsup, 1 for...20c
2 lb. baked beans, white swan, 2 for 25c
1 lb. " " " " 3 for 25c
3 lb. yellow peaches, 2 for.....25c
1 lb. baked beans with tomato sauce, 4 for.....25c, 10c size
2 lb. Marrowfat Peas, 3 for.....25c
2 lb. chicken tamala, 4 for.....25c
3 lb. tomatoes10c
White Swan Salad Dressing25c
5 lb. Corned Beef50c

EMBROIDERY, ETC.

\$1.25 Colored Embroidery Waist fronts.....75 cents
1.25 Colored all over, per yard75 cents
.85 Colored frontings, per yard50 cents
1.25 and \$1.00 Swiss Waist fronting, per yard.....69 cents
.85 Swiss Waist fronting, per yard60 cents
1.75 24 inch Swiss flounce, per yard\$1.10
.75 Banding to match.....52 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents

Other bargains in Cambrics, Lawn and Swiss Edging and Bands. The items are too numerous to mention. But they will all be marked down.

NOTIONS

Good Peal Buttons, per dozen..... 2c
4 Bunches Hair Pins..... 5c
25c Bottle Rubifoam18c
25c Box Sanitol tooth-powder.....18c
Talcum Powder, per bottle, only.....7c
Tetlow's Complexion Powder.....7c
2 pks. good pins.....5c
Good 36 inch shoe strings, per dozen...5c
50c Hair Brush.....39c
25c Hair Brush18c
3 Bars Toilet Soap.....10c

Ladies Belts, Bags Etc.

5-\$6.00 Horn Alligator Bags, Kid Lined.....\$3.85
50c and 75c Belts, Odd Colors, at this sale only 15c

Men's Gloves

Men's Saranac Buck gloves, \$1.25 quality95c
Men's \$1.50 quality, reduced to..... \$1.10
" 1.00 gloves go at the reduced price of..... 69c

SILK ETC.

\$1.50 36 Blk Guaranteed Tafeta.....\$1.10
1.00 Navy Blue Tafeta..... .79
Beautiful silk waist patterns at almost half price.
\$1.00 Champagne Rajah silk.....69c
50c, 60c and 75c Foulard. Beautiful Patterns and designs. Choice per yd 39c
50c Navy Blue Foulard, white figure 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c

Long Silk Gloves

24 inch double tipped pure silk gloves. The famous "Niagara Maid" Brand, in Navy, Brown, Wine, Champagne, Light Blue and Pink. Extra special value at 98c per pair.
20 inch double tipped pure silk gloves, Brown and Navy. Special savings at 79c

TABLE LINENS

\$1.55 quality98c
1.00 "79c
.85 "65c
.50 "39c

This is strictly a Cash Sale, our goods in many cases are marked for less than actual cost. We will therefore refuse credit to any one except at regular price.

C. D. Grissom & Son

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The Store With The Goods

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HASKELL, TEXAS

DEARER BREAD.

The report of an advance in the price of bread as a result of the rise in the values of wheat and flour was to be expected. Wheat being the raw material of flour and flour the raw material of bread, an increase in the cost of the first, whether natural or artificial, necessitates proportionate advances in the more finished products. The only question is whether the upward tendencies have not been used by combinations and manipulators to fill their own pockets out of the needs of the people. There is no doubt that a considerable part of the advance in wheat is due to the small amount of last year's crop still available for marketing. There is general belief that this legitimate advance has been exaggerated by speculators, says the *Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph*. As far as this is the case we may hope that it will be temporary, and that the harvesting of a good crop this year will restore prices to a fair basis. There are also indications that a combination of milling interests has increased the old margin between the prices of wheat and flour, and thus established another squeeze on consumers. These means of enhancing the cost of products cannot be carried very far without inevitably increasing the cost of bread.

A writer in the *New York Sun* protests vigorously against the attack upon the "split infinitive"—this putting an adverb between the sign "to" and the verb. All the grammars are, of course, against it, but practice, which makes grammar, is quite the other way. Nearly everybody uses the "split infinitive," and though Byron is charged with being the originator of it—"to slowly trace the forest's shady scene"—still Macaulay, Ruskin, Burns, Johnson, Lamb, Burke, and even that literary worthy, Shakespeare, seem, at some time or other, to have fallen into the same careless habit; if so it may be called. The fact about this ungrammatical form of expression is, that it seems to be a very natural and effective way of arranging one's words, says the *Ohio State Journal*. It seems almost as natural to place the adverb before the verb it modifies as to place an adjective before the noun. It places to make the modification more exact and emphatic. So it is late in the day to be kicking against the split infinitive.

The shade trees have been exposed to great peril through the ravages of insects, and now come the unhappy tidings that the chestnut trees are falling victims to a disease for which no cure appears to have been found. The trouble is particularly notable on Long Island, the fine specimens of chestnuts on the estates of wealthy men owning summer homes in that locality being among the victims. The ailment is believed to be communicated through the sap, and the most determined effort has failed to discover the real cause or find a remedy. The chestnut tree stands for a highly useful purpose, and if it must "go" great will be the loss involved.

A curious society has just been formed at Darmstadt, in Hesse. Its object is to promote the substitution of the military salute for the present mode of salutation among civilians. Instead of the present method of raising one's hat, the Hessians—or at least a certain proportion of them—would like to see the general adoption of the German military salute, consisting of bringing the hand extended, with fingers close together, to the edge of one's hat. The only reason given for this strange predilection is that the new salutation would be identical with that used in the time of Arminius.

Since the time of Adam men have been laying the blame for everything on women. Retribution for this centuries' old wrong is coming. A woman in San Francisco says that the blame for the flipper of modern feminine attire belongs to the men. When one looks at the monstrosities of the present fashions, and hears the men blamed for it, it must be confessed that the score, old as it is, is evened.

There's a lot of fuss about the recent smuggling of five trunks filled with French finery, just because the owner's name is not known, while nothing is said about the 50 or more trunks filled with the same kind of stuff, just because the owners are known.

London is to have 2,000 delegates from all over the world to an international suffrage convention. And as the women have been practicing flujitsu, the subsequent proceedings are apt to add to the gaiety of the nations which can enjoy looking on.

If a man be rooted in morals and modesty there is no more inconsistency between his immature and mature views than there is between the "olet before and after blossom," or "the trees before and after 1913." So the church day the Saturday before and dealing in lands the past Monday of each month, few years,

PANHANDLE GETS RAIN

DROUGHTS FROM THREE TO TEN MONTHS DURATION HAVE BEEN ENDED.

THOUSANDS OF CATTLE SAVED

Some Points Report Light Showers and Others as Much as Four Inches.

Dallas, May 24.—Texas' Panhandle and Plains country has been visited by a rain of great benefit, as shown by reports.

Beginning Wednesday night, continuing most of Thursday and in instances into Thursday night, rain visited a large part of North Texas, the Panhandle and practically all of Central West Texas.

Some points report light showers and others as much as four inches. All say the moisture saves crops. Droughts of three to ten months' duration have been broken, and in many places increases in business are already reported.

Numerous counties in the Odessa country have been drenched and thousands of head of cattle saved.

Interesting Statistics.

Austin: The State health department Tuesday issued its April bulletin of vital statistics, which contains a summary of the various laws passed by the last two legislatures touching this department. The report shows total births for April 6552, which is a little over 10 per cent increase over last month's report. The total number of deaths is reported 1597, which is also a 10 per cent increase. Twenty-two per cent of the above deaths occurred in children under five years of age. Seven hundred and eighty-one cases of communicable diseases are reported, with 268 deaths. Smallpox leads in the number of cases of disease, being 615, but only one death. The death rate in diphtheria is over 66 per cent, which proves that not all cases were reported.

Boys' Injuries Are Fatal.

Fort Worth: Clyde Pearson, 14 years of age, was brought in Sunday morning on southbound Missouri, Kansas and Texas train No. 3 from Roanoke, where he was picked up on the railway track with his right arm severed at the shoulder and his right leg at the hip. He died Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in a local sanitarium as a result of his injuries.

Train Robbers Make Haul.

Omaha: The Overland Limited on the Union Pacific road, eastbound from San Francisco to Chicago, was held up about eight miles west of here between Seymour and South Omaha shortly after 11 o'clock Saturday night. Seven registered mail pouches, with a large amount of money, were taken by the robbers.

Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Meet.

Galveston: The fifteenth annual convention of the City Marshals, Sheriffs and Police Chiefs' Association of Texas was called to order by Capt. O. Paget in the Corporation Court room at police headquarters in the City Hall Tuesday morning.

Stamford Gets Sanitarium.

Stamford: The locating committee for the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium has decided to accept the bid of Stamford. The committee spent Tuesday in the city and the terms of the contract were agreed upon.

Train on Abilene & Southern.

Abilene: The first regular train carrying passengers on the newly constructed Abilene and Southern road left Abilene Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

Good Roads Association.

Groesbeck: Pursuant to the call of County Judge W. A. Keeling, about 100 road overseers of Limestone County met here and effected a permanent good roads association. J. E. Griffiths of Kirk was elected president, G. N. Groves of Groesbeck secretary and F. W. Reed of Froxa treasurer.

Federation of Labor Meeting.

San Antonio: The State Federation of Labor held its twelfth annual convention here Tuesday and is largely attended.

Chickens High in Waco.

Waco: Chickens just large enough for serving on the table brought \$5 per dozen Wednesday, and at that high price buyers were eager to take all offered. Extra fine, large chickens, arrived in scanty supply and sold at \$6 to \$6.50 a dozen.

Conference at Arlington.

Arlington: The district conference of the Fort Worth District, M. E. Church, South, met here Thursday to continue until Sunday.

Santa Fe Improves Road.

Cleburne: A number of laborer have been placed on the Weatherford branch of the Santa Fe road and seventy-five-pound steel is to be laid. The roadbed is to be put in better condition.

Shipment of Potatoes.

Tyler: Two or three car loads of Irish potatoes were being shipped from here within the past few days, and from now on large shipments will be made. A large crowd attended the

Engines to Burn Coal.

Ennis: Machinists in the Houston and Texas Central Railroad shops here are engaged in changing the oil burners on all freight engines back to coal burners. It is said this is being done on the entire Southern Pacific System. A number of oil burners have already been taken off and coal burners put on and the work still goes on.

Breaks Neck in Fall.

Pilot Point: Joe Taylor, 14 years old, living three miles south of town, was instantly killed in a peculiar manner. He was squirrel hunting with some companions when their two dogs began fighting. Joe ran to separate them and in so doing stumbled, fell and broke his neck, causing instant death.

For Statue of Cleveland.

Chicago: The Grover Cleveland memorial committee has decided that the most appropriate memorial which could be erected to the late President would be a statue. Accordingly, committee has been named, which will have charge of the details of raising \$100,000 for the purpose.

514 Bales Sell for \$26,000.

Cameron: Henderson & Thompson, proprietors of the Riverstone farm, which is worked by State convicts, Wednesday sold 514 bales of cotton, at what is termed by cotton men "hog round," at 10.20¢. The entire lot brought in round sum a little more than \$26,000.

Election at Blossom.

Blossom: An election was held here on the proposition to issue \$15,000 worth of bonds by the Blossom Independent School District, to build a brick school house and a maintenance tax for same, with the following result: For bonds 105, against 7; for maintenance tax 92; against 18.

Infant Shot Through Heart.

McKinney: The infant son of E. L. Snowden, who resides three miles east of Allen, in this county, was accidentally killed Wednesday. The child's brother was playing with a target rifle, when it was discharged and the bullet pierced the heart of the baby.

Henry H. Rogers Dead.

New York: Henry H. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil Company, moving spirit in the organization of the Amalgamated Copper Company, builder of railroads and philanthropist, died at his home here Wednesday morning from a stroke of apoplexy.

Hailstorm at Van Alstyne.

Van Alstyne: Monday night hail began to fall here. The stones were as large as hen's eggs. The hail came down in torrents completely ruining cotton and corn. All the fruit is knocked off the trees, and many window panes were broken out of the houses.

Lawyer Falls to His Death.

Fort Worth: T. L. Fryer, a lawyer, fell from the window of his office in the fourth story of the Continental Bank Building Tuesday night, shortly after 12 o'clock, and his life was dashed out instantly on the concrete sidewalk.

Train Kills Dairyman.

Fort Worth: Al Holden, about 36 years of age, owner of a dairy on Polytechnic Hill, was instantly killed by a train from Dallas Sunday morning while crossing the tracks at a point a quarter of a mile east of the Union Depot.

School Tax Voted.

Carthage: By a vote of 101 to 17 the citizens of the Independent School District of this place voted a tax of 50¢ on the \$100 valuation for the purpose of maintaining the schools.

Will Build Fine Church.

Fort Worth: Members of the congregation of the Broadway Presbyterian Church have decided to erect an edifice at once, larger and better in every detail than the one destroyed in the great fire on April 3.

R. C. Barbee Killed.

Crockett: News was received here Tuesday of a tragedy which was enacted at Creek, a postoffice about fourteen miles southwest of Crockett, Tuesday morning, in which R. C. Barbee was killed.

Detroit, Texas, Has Big Fire.

Detroit: About 9:20 o'clock Wednesday night fire was discovered in the rear of Heath Bros.' dry goods store and spread rapidly, doing \$75,000 worth of damage.

Ennis Has Tag Day.

Ennis: The ladies' auxiliary to the Young Men's Christian Association has conducted a tag day campaign here as a benefit for the institution and in this way have collected about \$300.

Active Farmer Aged 105.

Cooper: A couple of days ago J. C. Casley, who lives near Rattan, in this county, was in town and looking exceedingly spry and healthy for a man of his age. He is now 105 years old and will be 106 in January, 1910. He was born in Ireland and has been in America seventy-five years.

Texas Germans Give Concert.

Galveston: The first concert by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and massed chorus of the Texas Saengerfest was given Tuesday night at the auditorium. A large crowd attended

GOOD NEWS EPITOMIZED

HAPPENINGS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST TO OUR READERS, IN READABLE SHAPE

BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

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

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Leaders in both Houses of Congress do not share the hopeful views as to the early passage of the tariff bill as credited by President Taft in a dispatch Friday. The dispatch put the date that President Taft is said to expect to sign up the bill as June 20, but the prospects are that he will get the measure about July 20 or Aug. 1.

In a statement almost significant by reason of its brevity and directness, Attorney General Wickham, has advised Congress in a response to a resolution of inquiry recently adopted by the House that he has taken no steps in reference to annulling the merger of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company with the United States Steel Corporation.

President Taft is trying to find out what the ultimate consumer will get out of the new tariff law. He has directed the Treasury Department to compile for him the approximate amount of duties on such articles as men's and women's clothing, stoves, furniture, china, tinware, hams and bacon, certain vegetables, sugar, coal, salt and other articles of common use in every household.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

Hattie Chapple, a young negro, was shot to death Friday in Houston. George Chapple, her husband, was arrested, charged with the shooting. At Ellards Switch, near Quinlan, Monday night, the body of J. A. Kennedy was ground into a pulp by southbound passenger train on the Texas Midland Railroad.

It was officially announced Monday that the present racing meeting at the Harrisburg track would be continued until June 12. This will probably mean the abandonment of the proposed Beaumont meeting.

The statement of the National Bank of Oklahoma at the close of business on April 28 shows that there are but 142 National banks in the State against 309 banks on May 14, 1908.

Theodore Roosevelt has begun his hunting expedition from the Juba ranch of George McMillan, whose guest he is. He went out last Sunday and bagged a female rhinoceros. The head and skin weighed 632 pounds.

A number of citizens of Cleburne have authorized the calling of a meeting for the purpose of organizing a fair and driving association. A stock company will be organized and officers will be elected. The next move will be to acquire about fifty acres of land on which to construct a race track. The first annual entertainment will be given this fall.

Celestino Castro, brother of the deposed President of Venezuela, was Friday served with a notice of his expulsion from the island of Curacao.

President Taft started Wednesday from Washington on a three days' trip through Virginia and North Carolina, this being the first journey he has made south of Mason and Dixon's line since March 4.

Opposition from the wives and sweethearts of members of the House caused the defeat Friday in the Missouri Legislature of the Hilton bill against Merry Widow, peach basket, cart wheel or bungalow hats, and against the use of birds, snakes, lizards or other animals, reptiles or insects as trimming for hats.

Mayor DeLoach of Texarkana, Tex., and Mayor Trigg of Texarkana, Ark., together with a committee from each City Council, held a meeting Friday and reached an agreement to build a septa tank, jointly, for the destruction of the sewer wastes of the two cities.

J. W. Maxwell, general superintendent of the Cotton Belt, has given out the statement to the effect that as soon as the plans now being drawn are completed the company will spend \$150,000 in enlarging and improving the machine shops at Tyler.

The Senate program for this week includes nothing but the tariff, and there is no prospect for any of that spice which is said to be the result of varied and vigorous debates. The sessions will continue to begin early, and there is now a possibility that they will be held at night.

Henry H. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil Company, moving spirit in the organization of the Amalgamated Copper Company, builder of railroads and philanthropist, died at his home in New York Wednesday morning from a stroke of apoplexy.

Work is being rapidly pushed on the extension of the Roscoe, Snyder and Pacific Railroad, northwest of Flu-vanna, a distance of about twenty-five miles, where a good little town has already sprung up.

The sheep camp of Taylor Bros., near Atchee, Colo., was raided by a band of cattlemen Thursday. Three sheep herders were beaten and tied to trees. The raiders then killed 3,000 head of sheep, the slaughter taking up almost the entire day. The telephone wire was cut and the raiders escaped to the hills.

George McClung shipped out seven-ton cars of fat cattle from Cleburne to Chicago Saturday afternoon.

A gang of desperadoes Sunday attacked a Government wine shop in Oboyan, Russia, and killed four persons and mortally wounded the keeper. Lieut. Gen. Anatole M. Stoessel and Rear Admiral Nebogoff have been released from confinement in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul by order of Emperor Nicholas, of Russia. The health of both men has been gravely affected by their confinement in the prison.

The plant of the Memphis, Tenn., Cottonseed Oil Company, one of the largest in the South, was destroyed by fire Tuesday, involving a loss of nearly \$200,000, including the machinery and stock.

The biennial convention of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, which has been in session in Atlanta for the past eight days, adjourned Tuesday.

Morris & Company of Chicago, the second largest packing company in the world, and the largest individual packers and shippers of meat in the world, will erect a plant in Oklahoma City that will cost between \$2,500,000 and \$5,000,000.

Fire in the seven-story Hower-Power block Tuesday, in Akron, Ohio, practically destroyed the building and contents, causing a loss which it is thought will aggregate \$1,500,000.

In the appointment Monday of a receiver for Tracey & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade, Wall street had a million dollar failure.

J. N. Simmons, aged 19, white, and Elsa Sharpe, aged 25, colored, were instantly killed by lightning Tuesday, near Beaumont, while sitting under trees waiting for a heavy rain shower to pass over.

Members of the congregation of the Broadway Presbyterian Church, Ft. Worth, have decided to erect an edifice at once, larger and better in every detail than the one destroyed in the great fire on April 3.

A call for an election to issue \$10,000 in bonds to pave the business streets of Longview has been ordered and it is confidently expected to carry, as this place is on the upward move just now.

The Southern Baptist convention, after being in session in Louisville, Ky., five days, adjourned Monday.

The roundhouse of the Santa Fe Railroad at Canadian was burned to the ground Thursday morning.

Luther Maddox, a young man employed by the Texas and New Orleans Railroad, at Jacksonville, while attempting to throw an electric light switch Monday morning in the company's yard, was instantly killed.

News by telegram reached Walnut Springs early Friday that the Texas Central passenger train No. 4, eastbound, and due about 4:30, went through a bridge two miles east of Carbon at an early hour that morning.

The first silver service presentation to the big battleship Mississippi, named after this historic State, was made on the quarter deck of the vessel Friday by the Daughters of the American Revolution. A set of candleabra of rich silver was the token.

The Arilla Coal Company, of Cisco, is making extensive preparations to open up its mines very soon on a more extensive scale. It has furnished the Texas Central Railroad with ten tons to make a test of. A fine report has been made on it.

Cracksmen visited Frankston Friday night between 1 and 2 o'clock, blowing open the vault door and safe of the First State Bank, securing between three and four thousand dollars and wrecking the safe and breaking out the plate glass front.

Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., U. S. A., who was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree for killing William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht Club last August, was sentenced to a term in prison of not less than eight nor more than fifteen years.

At Eagle Lake Tuesday, the 7-year-old daughter of Richard Eggers, was accidentally shot and killed by playmates.

Mrs. Helen Kelly Gould was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce Thursday from Frank J. Gould by Justice Gerard in the Supreme Court.

Financial problems constitute the gravest feature of anxiety on the part of the Cuban Government, and with protracted delay in the presentation of the budget for the coming year the general feeling of uncertainty and lack of confidence becomes accentuated.

By a vote of 101 to 17 the citizens of the Independent School District of Carthage, Tuesday voted a tax of 50¢ on the \$100 valuation for the purpose of maintaining the schools.

W. W. Jacobs of Temple, Thursday, disposed of seventy-two bales of cotton he has been holding, selling the entire lot to a local buyer at 10½¢.

The 2c passenger rate proposition suffered its second death Tuesday at the hands of the Railroad Commission, in Mississippi. It was killed last year by the Legislature and now by the Railroad Commission.

The postoffice at Bells was robbed Wednesday night. No clew to the robbers.

The ladies' auxiliary to the Young Men's Christian Association, of Ennis, has conducted a tag day campaign as a benefit for the institution and in this way have collected about \$300.

On several occasions of late obstructions have been placed on the track of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad a few miles north of Marlin. Iron and timbers were laid across the track, but in each case were discovered before any damage was done.

AFTER SUFFERING ONE YEAR

Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Milwaukee, Wis.—"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has made me a well woman, and I would like to tell the whole world of it. I suffered from female trouble and fearful pains my back. I had the best doctors and they all decided that I had a tumor in addition to my female trouble, and advised an operation. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cured me a well woman and I have no more backache. I hope I can help others by telling them what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me."—Mrs. Emma Imse, 833 First St., Milwaukee, Wis.

The above is only one of the thousands of grateful letters which are constantly being received by the Pinkham Medicine Company of Lynn, Mass., which prove beyond a doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, actually does cure these obstinate diseases of women after all other means have failed, and that every such suffering woman owes it to herself to at least give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial before submitting to an operation, or giving up hope of recovery.

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

SHE DID IT.



Mrs. Fat—So your husband has stopped smoking? It must have taken considerable will power?

Mrs. Thimne—All I had,

Not a Petrified Leg.

In one of the leading cities of the middle west a high church dignitary is obsessed with the monomania that one of his legs is gradually becoming petrified. To test its condition he pinches it at frequent intervals. At a dinner party of men and women he made the usual test after a soup and became greatly excited to find that he felt no sensation from a firm vigorous pinch. "It has come, it has come!" he cried in alarm. "At last my leg is completely petrified!" The matron sitting next to him whispered hoarsely: "Excuse me; it is not petrified and it is not yours!"—New York Press.

Fighting Tuberculosis.

Three large fraternal orders are at present conducting sanatoria for their tuberculous members. The Royal League, the first order to take up this form of work in the United States, has a sanatorium at Black Mountain, North Carolina. The Modern Woodmen have recently opened a sanatorium at Colorado Springs, and the Knights of Pythias, one at the East Las Vegas, New Mexico. The Royal Arcanum and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen will consider propositions for their coming grand councils for the erection of similar institutions.

THINK HARD

It Pays to Think About Food.

The unthinking life some people lead often causes trouble and sickness, illustrated in the experience of a lady in Fond Du Lac, Wis.

"About four years ago I suffered dreadfully from indigestion, always having eaten whatever I liked, not thinking of the digestible qualities. This indigestion caused palpitation of the heart so badly I could not walk up a flight of stairs without sitting down once or twice to regain breath and strength.

"I became alarmed and tried dieting, wore my clothes very loose, and many other remedies, but found no relief.

"Hearing of the virtues of Grape-Nuts and Postum, I commenced using them in place of my usual breakfast of coffee, cakes, or hot biscuit, and in one week's time I was relieved of my sour stomach and other ills attending indigestion. In a month's time my heart was performing its functions naturally and I could climb stairs and hills and walk long distances.

"I gained ten pounds in this short time and my skin became clear and I completely regained my health and strength. I continue to use Grape-Nuts and Postum for I feel that I owe my good health entirely to their use. 'There's a Reason.'

"I like the delicious flavour of Grape-Nuts and by making Postum according to directions, it tastes similar to mild high grade coffee."

Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. Every read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

American Beauty flour best on said H. G. P. and he same deed to

THE LION'S SHARE

BY OCTAVE THANET
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SYNOPSIS.

The story opens at Harvard where Col. Rupert Winter, U. S. A. visiting saw the suicide of young Mercer. He met Cary Mercer, brother of the dead student. Three years later, in Chicago, in 1906, Col. Winter overheard Cary Mercer apparently planning to kidnap Archie, the colonel's ward, and to gain possession of Aunt Rebecca Winter's millions. A Miss Smith was mentioned, apparently as a conspirator. Winter unexpectedly met a relative, Mrs. Millicent Melville, who told him that his Aunt Rebecca, Archie and the latter's nurse, Miss Janet Smith, were to leave for the west with the colonel and Mrs. Melville. A great financial magnate was aboard the train on which Col. Winter met his Aunt Rebecca, Miss Smith and Archie. He set his orderly, Sergt. Haley, to watch over Cary Mercer. Col. Winter learned that the financial magnate is Edwin S. Keatcham. On approaching Cary Mercer, the colonel was snubbed. Winter, aided by Archie, cleverly frustrated a hold-up on the train. He took a great liking to Miss Smith, despite her alleged connection with the kidnapping plot, which he had not yet revealed to his relatives. The party arrived in San Francisco. It was thought that there were big persons behind the hold-up gang. Archie mysteriously disappeared. Fruitless search was conducted for Archie. Blood in a nearby room at the hotel caused fears for the boy's life. No headway was made in the search for Archie.

CHAPTER VI.—Continued.

Doggishly the colonel stuck to his guard until the valet and another man, a clean-shaven, fresh-faced young man whom the watcher had never seen before, came out of the room. The valet superintended the taking of two trunks, accepting tickets and checks from the porter with a thoroughly Anglican suspicion and thoroughness of inspection, while the young man stood tapping his immaculate trousers with the stick of his admirably slender umbrella.

"It's all right, Colvin," he broke in, impatiently; "three tickets to Los Angeles, drawing room, one lower berth, one section, checks for two trunks; come on!"

Very methodically the man called Colvin stowed away his green and red sllps, first in an envelope, then in his pocket-book, finally buttoning an index pocket over all. He was the image of a rather stupid, conscientious English serving creature. Carefully he hunted out a liberal, but not lavish tip for the porter, and watched that functionary depart. Last of all, he locked the door.

"With extreme courtesy of manner he approached the young man.

"Pardon me," said he. "I am Col. Winter; my aunt, Mrs. Winter, has the rooms near yours, and she finds that she needs another room or two. Are you leaving yours?"

"These are Mr. Keatcham's rooms, not mine," the young man responded, politely. "He is leaving them."

"When you give up your keys, would you mind asking the clerk to send them up to me?" pursued the colonel. "Room 327."

"Certainly," replied the young man. "Or would you like to look at them a moment now?"

"Why—if it wouldn't detain you," hesitated Winter; he was hardly prepared for the offer of admittance.

"Get the elevator and hold it a minute, Colvin," said the young man, and he instantly fitted the key to the door, which he flung open.

"Excuse me," said he, as they stood in the room, "but aren't you Col. Winter who held that mountain pass to let the other fellows get off, after your ammunition was exhausted?"

"I seem to recall some such episode, only it sounds rather gaudy the way you put it."

"I read about you in the papers; you swam a river with Funston; did all kinds of stunts—"

"Or the newspaper reporter did. You don't happen to know anything about the price of these rooms, I suppose?"

The young man did not know, but he showed the colonel through all the rooms with vast civility. He seemed quite indifferent to the colonel's interest in closets, baths and wardrobes; he only wanted to talk about the Philippines.

The colonel, who always shied like a mettled horse from the flutter of his own laurels, grew red with discomfort and rattled the door knobs.

"There the suite ends," said the young man.

"Oh, we don't want it all, only a room or two," Col. Winter demurred. "Any one of these rooms would do. Well, I will not detain you. The elevator boy will be tired, and Mr. Keatcham will grow impatient."

"Not at all; he will have gone. I'm very glad to have met you, Colonel."

In this manner, with mutual civilities, they parted, the young man escorting the colonel to his own door, which the latter was forced to enter by the sheer demands of the situation.

But hardly had the door closed than he popped out again. The young man was swinging round the corner next the elevator.

"Is he an innocent bystander or what?" puzzled the soldier. He resumed his march up and down the corridor. The next room to the Keatcham suite was evidently held by an agent of the Fireless Cooking Stove, since one of his samples had strayed into the hall and was mutely proclaiming its own exceeding worth in very black letters on a very white placard.

"If the young man and the valet are straight goods, the key will come up reasonably soon from the office," thought the watcher.

Sure enough, the keys, in the hands of Winter's own spy, appeared before he had waited three minutes. He reported that the old gentleman got into a cab with his secretary and the valet, and the other gentlemen took another cab. The secretary paid the bill. Had he gone sooner than expected? No; he had engaged the rooms until Thursday night; this was Thursday night.

The colonel asked about the next room, which was directly on the cross corridor leading to the elevator. The detective had been instructed to watch it. How long had the Fireless Cooking Stove man had it? There was no meat for suspicion in the answer. The stove man had come the day before the Keatcham party. He was a perfectly commonplace, good-looking young man, representing the Peerless Fireless Cooking Stove with much picturesque eloquence; he had sold a lot of stoves to people in the hotel, and he tried without much success to tackle "old Keatcham;" he had attacked even the sleuth himself. "He gave me a mighty good cigar, too," chuckled the red-headed one.

"Hm, you got it now?"
"Only the memory," the boy grinned.
"You ought to have kept it, Birdsall would tell you; you are watching every one in these rooms. Did it have a necktie? And did you throw that away?"

"No, sir. I kept that; after I got to smoking, I just thought I'd keep it."

When he took the tiny scrap of paper from his pocket-book the colonel eyed it grimly. "A de Villar y Villar," he read, with a slight ironic inflection. "Decidedly our young Fireless Stove promoter smokes good cigars!"

"Maybe Mr. Keatcham gave it to him. He was in there."

"Was he? Oh, yes, trying to sell his stove—but not succeeding?"

"He said he was trying to get past the valet and the secretary; he thought if he could only get at the old man and demonstrate his stove he could make the sale. He could cook all right, that fellow."

The colonel made no comment, and presently betook himself to his aunt. She was waiting for him in the parlor, playing solitaire. Through the open door the white bed that ought to have been Archie's was gleaming faintly. The colonel's brows met.

"Well, Bertie? Did you find anything?" Mrs. Winter inquired, smoothly.

"I'm afraid not; but here is the report." He gave it to her, even down to the cigar wrapper.

"It doesn't seem likely that Mr. Keatcham has anything to do with it," said she. "He, no doubt, has stolen many a little railway, but a little boy is too small game."

"Oh, I don't suspect Keatcham; but I wish I had caught the elevator tonight. He looked at me in a mighty queer way."

"Did you recognize his secretary as any one whom you ever saw before?" asked Mrs. Winter.

"I can't say," was the answer, given with a little hesitation. "I'm not sure."

"I don't think I quite understand you, Bertie; better make a clean breast of all you know. I'm getting a little worried myself."

The colonel reached across the cards and tapped his aunt's arm affectionately. He felt the warmest impetuosity toward sympathy for her that he had ever known; it listened in his eyes. Mrs. Winter's cheeks slowly crimsoned; she turned her head, exclaiming, did she hear a noise; but the colonel's keen ears had not been warned. "Poor woman," he thought, "she is worried to death, but she will not admit it."

"Now, Bertie," said Mrs. Winter, calmly, but her elbow fell on her cards and spoiled a very promising game of Penelope's Web, "now, Bertie, what are you keeping back?"

Then, at last, the colonel told her of his experience in Chicago. She heard him quite without comment, and he could detect no shift of emotion in her demeanor of absorbed but perfectly calm attention, unless a certain tension of attitude and feature (as if, he phrased it, she were "holding herself in") might be so considered. And he was not sure of this. When he came to the words which stuck in his throat, the sentence about Miss Smith, she smiled frankly, almost laughed.

At the end of the recital—and the colonel had not omitted a word or a look in his memory—she merely said: "Then you think Cary Mercer has kidnaped Archie, and the nice-looking Harvard boy is helping him?"

"Don't you think it looks that way, yourself?"

She answered that question by another one: "But you don't think, do you, that Janet is the Miss Smith mentioned?"

His reply came after an almost imperceptible hesitation. "No!"

Again she smiled. "That is because you know Janet; if you didn't know her you would think the chances were in favor of your meaning her? Naturally! Well, I know Cary a little. I

knew his father well. I don't believe he would harm a hair of Archie's head. He isn't a cruel fellow—at least not toward women and children. I've a notion that what he calls his wrongs have upset his wits a bit, and he might turn the screws on the Wall Street crowd that ruined him. That is, if he had a chance; but he is poor; he would need millions to get even a chance for a blow at them. But a child, a lad who looks like his brother—no, you may be sure he wouldn't hurt Archie! He couldn't."

"But—the name, Winter; it is not such a common name; and the words about a lady of—of—" The polite soldier hesitated.

"An old woman, do you mean?" said Aunt Rebecca, with a little curving of her still unwrinkled upper lip. "It sounds so complete," submitted her nephew.

"Therefore distrust it," she argued, dryly. "Gaboriau's great detective and Conan Doyle's both have that same maxim—not to pick out easy answers."

Winter smiled in his own turn. "Still, sometimes the easy answers are right. Now, here is the situation: I find one of the men on the same train with me. He, presumably, if he is Cary Mercer, and I don't think I can be mistaken in his identity—"

"Unless another man is making up as Cary?"

"It may seem conceivable, but I don't think I could be fooled. This man had every expression of the other's, and I was too struck by the—I may almost call it malignant—look he had, not to recognize him. No, it was Mercer; he would certainly recognize you, and he would know who I am; he would not be called upon to snub me as a possible confidence man."

"That rankles yet, Bertie?"

"But," he insisted, "isn't it so? If he is up to some mischief, any mischief—doesn't care to have his kin meet him—that is the way he would act, don't you think?"

"He might be up to mischief, yet have no designs on his kin."

"He might," said the colonel, musingly. A thought which he did not confess to the shrewd old woman had just flipped his mind. But he went on with his plea.



Speed Down the Corridor to Her Own Door.

dows on the third floor down a sheer descent of some 40 or 50 feet. Your last room to the right, Miss Smith's bedroom, is a corner room; besides, she was in it; that excludes every exit except that to the left. We find Mrs. Wigglesworth was absent; and there were evidences of an—an attack of some kind carefully hidden, afterward. But there is no sign of the boy. I watch the rooms. If he is hidden somewhere in Keatcham's rooms, the chances are, after Keatcham goes, they will try to take him off. I don't think it probable that Keatcham knows anything about the kidnapping; in fact, it is wildly improbable. Well, Keatcham goes; immediately I get into the room. The valet and the young man visiting Keatcham, young Arnold, let me in without the slightest demur. Either they know nothing of the boy or somehow they have got him away, else they would not let me in so easily. Maybe they are ignorant and the boy is gone, both. We go to the rooms very soon after; there is not the smallest trace of Archie."

"How did he get out?"

"They must have outwitted me, somehow," the colonel sighed, "and it looks as if he went voluntarily; there was no possible carrying away by force. And there was no odor of chloroform about; that is very penetrating; it would get into the halls. They must have persuaded him to go—but how?"

"If they have kidnaped him," said Mrs. Winter, "they will send me some word, and if they have persuaded him to run away, plainly he must be able to walk, and that—mess in Mrs. Wigglesworth's room doesn't mean anything bad."

"Of course not," said the colonel, firmly.

Then, in as casual a tone as he could command: "By the way, where is Miss Smith? She is back, isn't she?"

"Oh, a long time ago," said Mrs. Winter. "I sent her to bed."

"I've been frank with you. You will reciprocate and tell me why, for what, do you sent her out?"

Mrs. Winter made not the least evasion. She answered frankly: "I sent her with a carefully worded advertisement—but you needn't tell Millicent, who has also gone to bed, thank heaven—I sent her with a carefully worded advertisement to all the papers. This is the advertisement. It will reach the kidnapers, and it will not reach any one else. See." She handed him a slip of paper from her cardcase. He read:

To the holders of Archie W. Communicate with R. S. W., same address as before, and you will hear of something to your advantage. Perfectly safe.

The colonel read it thoughtfully, a little puzzled. Before he had time to speak, his quick ears caught the sharp ring of his room telephone bell. He excused himself to answer it. His room was the last of the suite, but he shut the door on his way to the telephone.

He expected Haley; nor was he disappointed. Haley reported—in Spanish—that he had traced the automobile; it was the property of young Mr. Arnold, son of the rich Mr. Arnold. Young Arnold had been at Harvard

last year, and he took out a Massachusetts license; he had a California one, too. Should he (Haley) look up young Arnold? And should he come to report that night?

The colonel thought he could wait till morning, and, a little comforted, hung up the receiver. Barely was it out of his hand when the bell shrilled again, sharply, vehemently. Winter put the tube to his ear.

"Does any one want Col. Winter, Palace hotel?" he asked.

A sweet, eager, boyish voice called back: "Uncle Bertie! Uncle Bertie, don't you worry; I'm all right!"

"Archie!" cried the colonel. "Where are you?"

But there was no answer. He called again, and a second time; he told the lad that they were dreadfully anxious about him. He got no response from the boy; but another voice, a woman's voice, said, with cold distinctness, as if to some one in the room: "No, don't let him; it is impossible!" Then a dead wall of silence and central's impassive ignorance. He could get nothing.

Rupert Winter stood a moment, frowning and thinking deeply. Directly, with a shrug of the shoulders, he walked out of his own outside door, locking it, and went straight to Miss Smith's.

He knocked, at first very gently, then more vigorously. But there was no answer. He went away from the door, but he did not re-enter his room. He did not bear to his aunt the news which, with all its meagerness and irritating incompleteness, had been an enormous relief to him. He simply waited in the corridor. Five minutes, ten minutes passed; then he heard the elevator whirr, and standing with his hand on the knob of his open door, he saw his aunt's companion, dressed for the street, step out and speed down the corridor to her own door.

The other voice—the woman's voice—had been Janet Smith's.

CHAPTER VII.

The Haunted House.

A mud-splashed automobile runabout containing two men was turning off Van Ness avenue down a narrower and shadier side street in the afternoon of the Sunday following the disappearance of Archie Winter. One of the occupants seemed to be an invalid whom the brilliant March sunshine had not tempted out of his heavy wrappings and cap; the other was a short, thick-set, corduroy-jacketed chauffeur. One marked the runabout at a glance as a hardly used livery motor car; but a moment's inspection might have shown that it was running with admirable smoothness and quiet. The chauffeur wore goggles, hence his eyes were shielded, but he turned a broad smile upon the pallid cheeks and sharpened profile beside him.

"Colonel, as a health-seeker who can't keep warm enough, you're great!" he cried. "Lord, but you're the part!"

"If I can't shed some of these confounded mufflers soon," growled the pale sufferer addressed, "I'll get so red with heat it will come through my beautiful powder. I hope those fellows won't see us, for they will be on to us, all right."

"Our own mothers wouldn't be on to us in these rigs," the chauffeur replied, cheerily; he seemed to be in a hopeful mood; "and let us once get into the house, and surprise 'em, and there'll be something drop. But I haven't really had a chance to tell you the latest—having to pick you up at a drug store this way. Now, let's sum things up! You think the boy got out through Keatcham's apartment? Or Mrs. Wigglesworth's?"

"How else?" said the colonel; "he can't fly, and if he could, he couldn't fly out and then lock the windows from the inside."

"I see—the chauffeur appeared thoughtful—and the Wigglesworth door was locked. You think that Keatcham is in it, somehow?"

"Not Keatcham," said the colonel. "There was another man in the car—Atkins they called him, though he has disappeared. But Mercer remains. His secretary and that valet of his; I think the secretary is Cary Mercer. The boy might have slipped out in those few moments we were hunting for him inside. Afterward, either Mrs. Melville Winter or I was on guard until your man came. He might go to the Fireless Stove man, slip out of his rooms, and round the corner to the elevator in a couple of seconds. Then, of course, I might see their rooms—"

"Provided, that is, the Fireless Stove drummer is in the plot, too."

"The Fireless Stove drummer who smokes Villar y Villar cigars? He is in it, I think, Birdsall."

"Well, I'll assume that. Next thing: You get the telephone call. And you say the voice sounded chirpy; didn't look like he was being hurried or bothered anyway, did it?"

"Not at all. Besides, you know the letter Miss Smith got this morning?"

"I think I'd like another peek at that; will you drive her a minute, while I look at the letter again?" The instant his hands were free Birdsall pulled out the envelope from his leather-rimmed pocket.

It was rectangular in shape and smaller than the ordinary business envelope. The paper was linen of a common diamond pattern, having no engraved heading. The detective ran his eyes down the few lines written in an unformed boyish hand. There was neither date nor place; only these words:

Dear Miss Janet: Don't you or aunty be worried about me because I am well and safe and having a good time. I had the nose bleed that is why I spotted the carpet. Tell Auntie to please pay for it out of my next week's allowance. Be sure and don't worry.

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"Sure. And his spelling, too."

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The colonel admitted that it did look so.

"Now, assuming that this letter was sent with the connivance of the kidnapers, it looks as if our young gentleman wasn't in any particular danger of having a hard time. To me, it looks pretty certain he must have skipped himself; toiled along somehow, maybe, but not making any resistance. Now, is there anybody that you know who has enough influence over him for that? How about the lady's maid?"

"Randall has been a faithful servant for 20 years, a middle-aged, serious-minded, decent woman. Out of the question."

"This Miss Smith, your aunt's companion, who is she? Do you know?"

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"What was his name?"

"Lawrence. They called him Larry. He went to Manila. Maybe you've met him there."

"Yes, I knew him; I don't believe he ever was accepted by her."

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The colonel was silent; there was nothing discreditable in these details. He had known before that Janet Smith was poor; that she had been thrown on the world early; that she must earn her own livelihood; yet, somehow, as Birdsall marshaled the facts, there was an insidious, malarious hint of the adventures, banded from place to place, hawking her attractions about, wheeling, charming for hire, entrapping, imbecile young cubs—Larry Hastings wasn't more than 22—somehow he felt a revolt against the picture and against the man submitting it—and, confound Millicent!

The detective changed the manner of his questions a little. "I suppose your aunt is pretty advanced in years, though she is as well preserved an old lady as I have ever met, and as shrewd. Say, wouldn't she be likely to leave the boy a lot of money?"

"I dare say." The colonel was conscious of an impetuous impulse to kick Birdsall, who had been such a useful fellow in the Philippines.

"If anything was to happen to him, who would get the money?"

"Well, Mrs. Melville and I are next of kin," returned the colonel, dryly. "Do you suspect us?"

"I did look up Mrs. Melville," answered the unabashed detective, "but I guess she's straight goods all right. But say, how about Miss Smith?"

The colonel stared, then he laughed. "Birdsall," said he, "there's somewhat too much mention of ladies' names to suit my Virginia taste. But if you mean to imply that Miss Smith is going to kill Archie to get my aunt's money, I can tell you you are 'way off! Your imagination is too active for your profession. You ought to hire out to the yellow journals."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Japan Has Large Rice Crop.

Official statistics from Japan are favorable in regard to the rice production this year. It appears that crop will reach 96,300,000 hectol, which is an increase of 18 per cent over the production of last year.

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The story of the Wrights in their early days is a common one. The Record-Herald writer says: "Children of a poor minister of the denomination known as the United Brethren in Christ, who had a large family, they went to work as boys. Orville was born in Dayton in 1871; Wilbur near Millville, Ind., in 1867. The first employment of both was in a cracker factory owned by their uncle near Dune Park, Ind. They then opened a small bicycle repair shop in Dayton, and there began to study the problem of flight. From the experiments of Octava Chanute they learned much, and their first experiments were with gliders, from which they advanced to the planning of propelled, heavier than air machines. Always they worked together, and today neither claims more credit than the other for what they have accomplished. The first test of the brothers' aeroplane flying machine was made at Kitty Hawk, N. C., in 1903. In 1905 they made a successful long-distance flight near Dayton. They have recorded in magazine articles the fact that they had to develop a science of aeronautics by long and patient experiment, finding practically all the text books on the subject faulty. Their success abroad has been great financially as well as mechanically. It is estimated that in France and Italy they have collected more than \$500,000 for the rights to their machines. Outside of these sums they have won prizes estimated at \$250,000, and they apparently are destined to become millionaires."

—Commoner.

Moeller-Zelisco

On last Wednesday the 26th instant Mr. Pete Moeller and Miss Annie Zelisco were married at Rhineland, where they had gone to get the service of a priest, who under the Catholic law could not go out of his district to perform the ceremony. The ceremony was performed at 2 o'clock a. m. and the young couple made the trip from Rhineland to the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Zelisco, the brides parents in the eastern part of the county, where an elaborate feast had been prepared for the bridal party. An ox, a hog and numerous turkeys and many other good things had been prepared for about 100 invited guests. The dinner was served in that immaculate style and with a hospitality, in which the Texas Germans excel.

The popular young couple were the recipient of many presents and the whole occasion was one of joy. A large platform had been erected in the yard and those who enjoyed dancing tipped the light fantastic to the strains of sweet music. The guests were invited to stay for supper, and late into the shades of night, well dressed couples beat time to strains of sweet music.

We were fortunate enough to secure a partial list of the guests as follows:

- Aug Stemfaith and family.
- Mrs. Mary Stemfaith.
- Miss Emma Aueffel.
- Gus Grussendorf and family.
- Chas. " "
- Will " "
- Faklose " "
- Theo Voight " "
- E. Pieser " "
- Albert Pieser " "
- Richard Kretchmer
- Hammon " "
- Gus Poeschel " "
- Aug " and family.
- Paul Stewart and family.
- Mr. Keichman " "
- G. Hinrich " "
- Dave Huse " "
- Mrs. Moiller " "
- " " " "
- Paul Zohn
- William Hutwick.

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SELL THE SCHOOL LAND TO ACTUAL SETTLERS

The four leagues of school land belonging to Foard County and situated in Baily County, Texas, were sold by the Commissioners' Court last Friday to G. T. Oliver of Amarillo, Texas, for the sum of \$119,556, the price being \$6.75 per acre.

The substance of Mr. Oliver's proposition which the court accepted is as follows: He is to pay the amount above specified, the principal to become due twenty years after the date of deed, with the option to pay any part or all after five years. The principal to draw 5 per cent interest and payable annually in advance. Mr. Oliver agrees to give 100 vendors lien notes aggregating the principal amount of \$119,556, in amounts to be agreed upon after the classification of the land. He is to survey into tracts to suit himself, none to be less than 177 acres. He is to bear all expense of subdividing and classifying, the classifier to be elected by the Commissioners' court of Foard County. As an evidence of good faith, Mr. Oliver pays to the county \$1,000 as required by the court. As we have said before, the county has acted wisely in refusing to sell our school land at the small sums for which others have sold. It has been big money to our educational interests to exercise a little patience in this matter. We have sold at a price that is reasonable and there should be no dissatisfaction over the matter among our own people. We have saved \$50,000 by not disposing of this property a few years ago, and what the county has saved on this property is saved by the individuals in their support of the schools of the county and by the children in the assurance of sufficient money with which to run our schools. The interest on this money at 5 per cent will create an available school fund for Foard County of nearly \$6,000 annually. The available fund realized by this county from the lease of the school lands up to the time they were sold amounted to only \$865 annually. This \$6,000 interest on this money will pay the expenses of the schools of this county with the special tax lifted and then leave in the treasury \$2,000. That of course means under present school conditions in this county, in length of term and number of schools. The one principal advantage we see to be derived by the children from this sale of school lands is the fact that the school terms may be lengthened from five and six months to eight and nine months. And then we ought to command the very best teachers to be had. Numbers of the best teachers of the county would be glad to remain in the work here provided the

school terms were long enough to give them employment sufficient to justify them to prepare themselves for the work and make it their profession. The disposal of our school lands at this time for the consideration of nearly \$120,000 means more for the public school education of this county than we can now foresee. Let us be glad that no mistake has been committed in this matter.

—Foard County News.

Mr. Oliver has made a splendid trade. There has been lots of money made out of county school lands. He is out only \$1,000 and has twenty years to pay the balance at 5 per cent interest. If he had bought this land from an individual he probably would have had to pay twice what he did pay and it would have taken at least fifty thousand dollars in cash and he would have to have paid eight per cent interest for five per cent. Now he has four leagues of land, 17,672 acres, and under his contract he will cut it up into small tracts and he can easily sell 10,000 acres of the land and get the \$119,555 in vendors lien notes and pocket several thousand dollars. Then turn in the vendors lien notes, get a release from the county, and have 7,672 acres of land clear. Now Haskell County has four leagues of school land in Hockley County and if Mr. Oliver knew it and we did not have an honest Commissioner's court he could take a thousand dollars and come down here to Haskell and make 7700 acres clear on just as good a deal.

The Free Press is familiar with school land history. These sales are usually made at a called session of the court, and is never of sufficient importance for the members of the court to mention much about them before the sale is made. The Foard County Court, however made the sale at a regular term. This is very unusual. There is another peculiar feature about these school land sales, the Commissioner's Courts are usually seized with a very sudden determination to make the sale. We never heard of them advertising the lands for sale, and only in one instance did we know of them being sold by the court to the actual settler. Private owners seem to think they can get more for their land by a little advertising, as a rule, and they place their lands in the hands of agents for sale, but these guardians of the people who handle school lands, do sure get in a hurry to sell sometimes. Some years ago, the writer while County Attorney of this county, butted in on one of these sales with an injunction, Haskell County is the gainer by many thousand dollars, but the writer was defeated for reelection as county attorney.

Now we have been afraid that about half the value of our Haskell County school lands would find its way into the pocket of some interprising citizen, but we have been assured by a member of the present court that any proposition to sell these lands would be submitted to the people and that he favored a sale to actual settlers.

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Banks vs. City Council.

Haskell, May 25, 09.
TO THE PEOPLE OF HASKELL:

In a recent issue of the Haskell papers four of the city Aldermen undertook to defend the action of the City Council in refusing to let the City Money out on interest to the highest bidder.

Their only defense worth considering was, that it was illegal to place the money to the highest bidder and yet had they consulted any lawyer of this city they would have been told otherwise. They attempted to quote some law, but in so doing they skipped the passage that applied to this case.

The City Council is supplied by law with a legal advisor in the person of the City Attorney and yet these wise men took the law into their own hands and construed it to suit their own convenience in a way to cost the City \$175.00 per month.

We think that the people would have preferred a misconstruction of the law when such misconstruction would have yielded the City \$175.00 per month income, besides having a good bond.

We challenge the statement that they "Strive at all times to promote the best interest of the people" in view of the above mentioned preventable loss to the people.

We consider it unnecessary to say more, except to refer to the article by the City Attorney in this issue which sets at rest the legal phase of this question and robs the Council of the last leg on which they were standing.

Haskell State Bank, Haskell, Texas.
The Haskell National Bank, Haskell, Texas.

TO THE CITIZENS OF HASKELL, TEXAS:

My attention has just been called to an article published in the Haskell Herald on May 13th and in the Free Press on May 15th with reference to the selection of a city depository. Said article being signed by four members of your honorable City Council. And in justice to myself, I desire to make the following statement:

Your ordinance defining the Duties and Powers of your City Attorney declares that "he shall give legal advice to the officers of said city, the City Council and its committees upon questions arising relative to the business of the city." This being one of the City Attorney's duties, you would naturally come to the conclusion that the construction of said depository law was made by me.

On May 1st, the question of selecting a depository for the funds of the city, was discussed by the City Council in session and a resolution was passed appointing me to notify the various banks that bids for the City funds would be received until Tuesday afternoon, May 4, when the bids would be opened and the highest bidder would be declared the legal depository of the City upon complying with the requirements made by the Council. I complained that I did not have time to see the various banks that afternoon and aldermen Wilson and Chambers volunteered to notify the banks for me. From that day until this, I have not heard the matter discussed by the City Council neither has the Council sought my opinion in the premises.

Sec. 34, Chap. LXI of the Acts of the 30th Legislature of Texas reads as follows:

"The City Council of every city in the State of Texas incorporated under the general laws thereof or incorporated under special charter, at its first regular meeting in July of each year thereafter, is authorized to receive sealed proposals

for the custody of the city funds from any banking corporation, association or individual banker doing business within the city that may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of the city. The school funds, from whatever source derived, of incorporated cities is part of the city funds and is subject to the provisions of this Act. Notice that such bids shall be received shall be published by the city secretary not less than one nor more than four weeks before such meeting, in some newspaper published in the city. Any banking corporation, association or individual banker doing business in the city desiring to bid, shall deliver to the city secretary on or before the day of such meeting designated by said published notice, a sealed proposal stating the rate per cent upon daily balances that said banking corporation, association or individual banker offers to pay to the city for the privilege of being made the depository of the funds of the city for the next year following the date of such meeting; OR IN THE EVENT THAT SAID ELECTION SHALL BE MADE FOR A LESS TERM THAN ONE YEAR as hereinafter provided, then for the time between the date of the bid and the next regular time for the selection of a depository depository as aforesaid. ALL SUCH PROPOSALS SHALL BE SECURELY KEPT BY THE SECRETARY AND SHALL NOT BE OPENED UNTIL THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF PASSING UPON SAME; nor shall any other proposals be received after they shall have been opened. It shall be a misdemeanor for the City Secretary or other person to open any of said proposals or to disclose directly or indirectly the amount of any such bid to any person or persons before the selection of such depository, and upon conviction he shall be fined in a sum of not less than ten, nor more than one hundred dollars."

Under my construction of this Act, a city depository can be selected at any time by the City Council and I would have so advised the Council, if my opinion had been called for by them. And to prove you the correctness of my construction of said Act, I quote the following letter received from the Attorney General's department.

ATTORNEY GENERALS DEPT. STATE OF TEXAS. AUSTIN.

May 22, 1909.

Hon. Clyde F. Elkins, City Attorney, Haskell, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, I wish to advise that as I construe section 36 of the Depository Law, a city depository can be selected at any time during the year, who shall remain such city depository until the first day of July following. You should, therefore, select a depository if you have not already done so, to serve from now until the first of July, or until another depository has been selected.

Yours truly, (signed) J. T. Sluder
Office Assistant Attorney Gen.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Clyde F. Elkins, City Attorney of Haskell, Texas.



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Time Table

Schedule of trains on Wichita Valley R. R. arriving and leaving Haskell.

Train No. 2 East Bound due 8:35 a. m.

Train No. 1 West Bound due 7:15 p. m.

Train No. 6 East Bound due 10:15 p. m.

Train No. 5 West Bound due 5:25 a. m.

M. R. Frampton, Agt.

Locals and Personals.

Mirrors repaired at Wm. Wells

Mrs. E. R. Rouse of Beaumont is visiting her niece, Mrs. L. C. Ellis of this city.

If you need a fine brass mounted up-to-date buggy harness at a low price, buy mine. W. J. Evers at post office blk Haskell.

Messrs A. C. Foster and J. L. Jones of Rule were in the city Tuesday

Moved—Evers Harness shop to post office block, Haskell.

Judge W. C. Jackson of Fort Stockton attended our District Court this week on professional business.

Every thing new at Bowers'.

Full Vamp Shoes, Ladies' mens' and childrens' at Bowers'.

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

For fresh and up to date groceries call on Stephens & Smith.

White Bermuda Onions at Stephens & Smith's.

Nice fresh butter on ice at the City Grocery.

C. E. Bowers has rented the Ellis & Williams building and is putting in a stock of New Dry Goods.

Mirrors repaired at Wm. Wells.

W. W. Beale and Judge C. P. Woodruff of Sweetwater were in attendance upon the District Court this week. Judge Woodruff was at one time Dist. Judge and Mr. Beale District Attorney of this district.

Mrs. O. E. Patterson who has been visiting friends here returned to her home in Lubbock Monday.

I am a widow and will be glad to take family laundry.
Mrs. Minta Linam.

E. G. Stein visited Clay, Cook, Montague and Hunt counties last week and returned Wednesday.

Judge D. H. Hamilton spent Tuesday in Stamford.

J. A. Coppage of Allen Reed, Texas, a brother of Mrs. Parr who was shot and killed in her home a short time ago, was in attendance upon the District Court.

Revival services begin at Methodist Church under Tabernacle Sunday. Every body invited. All singers are invited to meet us at Tabernacle Saturday night to organize and get ready for the music.

C. B. Meador, Pastor.

E. A. Chambers, Phone 157 for the best bran chops and his special white wolf feed.

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J. L. Tippitt will come at once and adjust your machine. Satisfaction guaranteed. Phone No. 173.

I will have this week a larger supply than ever, including east Texas fruits, berries, peaches, apples, pears, potatoes, pure ribbon cane syrup, and California goods as well. Will be glad to supply you.
G. J. Miller,
East Haskell.

Byron Wright spent several days at Dallas and Fort Worth this week.

I have moved my shop to post office block where I will do all kinds of repairing on saddles, harness and buggy tops as well as selling you new goods cheap.
W. J. Evers, Haskell.

W. H. Friedrich and family and Waller Friedrich of Bartlett are visiting the family of J. J. Stein, the Messrs Friedrich are brothers of Mrs. Stein.

If its saddles, harness, or any other horse clothing you need, I have them cheap. Remember my new location in post office block Haskell.

W. J. Evers.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church will continue to have market day at Sherrill Bros. the first Saturday in each month.

Mrs. W. J. Green and sister Miss Rosa Sims of Alton Okla. are visiting the family of their brother, Mr. C. T. Linville of this city.

Miss Allah Hester visited friends in Stamford this week.

Mr. Elam Parish went to Abilene Sunday.

Found—near Presbyterian Church, by a crowd of Haskell girls, a child's bonnet, owner may have same by calling at this office.

W. M. Ward of Tulia, who was one time a citizen of Haskell, has sent us a years subscription to the Free Press. Mr. Ward has many friends here among the early settlers.

Owing to sickness in our family we did not get to hear Judge Higgins' charge to the Grand Jury, but have heard same spoken of and commended by citizens.

Editor Greer of the Stamford Tribune went to the Press Convention that met at Marlin the 28 instant, and will make an effort to get the next meeting for Stamford. The Free Press wishes him success and regrets that we will be unable to attend and assist our neighbor in his laudible effort.

Bird cages at the Racket Store.

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Ladies of the Christian Church will serve Cream and Cake Thursday, June 3rd, afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock down stairs in Adams Art Studio Bldg. Evening from 6 to 10 o'clock on Mineral Well's Lawn. The Lawn will be filled with seats the moon will shine in all its glory. Cream and Cake will be in abundance, but best of all, the Haskell Band will furnish music. Every one invited

Two boys Virgil Johnson 14 years old, dark hair, gray eyes, dressed in light coat and dark pants Clyde Harper, same size and age dark hair and black eyes in a dark suit, left their homes Sunday 23rd instant for parts unknown. Their parents are very much distressed about them and will appreciate any information as to where abouts. Papers please copy. All information should be addressed to J. R. Johnson R. 1 Rule Texas.

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Residence Agent, Haskell, Tex.

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DRASTIC LAW IS VOID

A SEARCHING OPINION RENDERED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS.

LIQUOR FOR SALE CONCERNED

Measure was Intended to More Effectively Enforce Prohibition Laws in This State.

Austin, Texas, May 20.—The Supreme Court today held to be unconstitutional all that portion of an act of the Thirtieth Legislature, designed to make local option prohibition more effective, which authorized search of premises where intoxicating liquors were believed to be sold in violation of law and the seizure of all such liquors found therein. The grounds for this action will be found below.

The Thirty-First Legislature, at its first called session, in anticipation of this decision, passed a new search and seizure act, which it was believed would cure the defects in the former act. It requires that the complaint shall "describe the place where it is believed by the person making the complaint that intoxicants are being sold or given away in violation of law" and that the warrant shall run accordingly, whereas the law passed two years ago authorized the search of "any place" where the affiant believed liquor was being illegally kept for sale. It is made the duty of the Sheriff or Constable to search "such place" instead of "any place." It also made it his duty to seize all intoxicating liquors found therein.

This problem was also contained in the act of the Thirtieth Legislature and one of the matters which the Supreme Court objects to as it says that the liquor might be both legally and illegally kept at the same place; for instance, in such a place as a depot or warehouse. This new act will not become effective until July 10.

PIERCE CASE IN OCTOBER.

First Case Was Dismissed by the Court

Austin: The first case against Henry Clay Pierce, wherein he was charged with false swearing was dismissed Monday by Judge Calhoun of the Fifty-Third District Court upon application of District Attorney James R. Hamilton on the grounds that the indictment contained many inaccuracies. In the new indictment State's counsel believe the errors which appeared in the old indictment have been eliminated. Case is set for next October.

TEXAS FUEL PROBLEM.

Pittsburg, Pa., Texas, with its immense deposits of lignite, shortly will become the greatest fuel-producing State in the United States, according to Experts Roberts and Belden of the Government testing station here, who recently discovered a process by which the mineral can be made applicable for the same purposes to which coal is now used.

Aeroplane Flight at Capital.

Washington: Arrangements are being made for a public exhibition flight by the two Wright brothers in their aeroplane in Washington on the morning of June 19, preceding the presentation to them at the White House by President Taft of the medals awarded by the Aero Club of New York.

5,000 Bales are Burned.

Fort Smith, Ark.: Fire here early Monday destroyed the Fort Smith Compress and its contents of 5,000 bales of cotton. The loss is estimated at \$300,000. The fire is supposed to have been started by an incendiary.

El Reno Gets Packery.

El Reno, Ok.: The El Reno Commercial Club has closed a contract with former officials of the Schwartzchild & Sulzberger Packing Company for the construction of a packing house in this city.

Two Cent Fares Killed.

Jackson, Miss.: The 2c passenger rate proposition suffered its second death Tuesday at the hands of the Railroad Commission. It was killed last year by the Legislature and now by the Railroad Commission.

Oil Gusher in Sour Lake.

Sour Lake: The Ransom Oil Company's well came in as a gusher Monday and flowed more than an hour at the rate of 3,000 barrels per day. It then choked down and repeated bluffs have failed to revive the flow.

Quake Shocks in Ecuador.

Guayaquil, Ecuador: Four earth shocks were felt here Wednesday. Two of these were slight and of brief duration. The other shocks occurred near midnight and caused much alarm, although no damage was done.

El Paso Federal Building.

Washington: The supervising architect will send a special agent of the treasury to El Paso to investigate the condition of the Federal Building at El Paso, with the view to its enlargement or the construction of a new building.

\$10,000 Fire at Tecumseh.

Tecumseh, N. M.: The plant of the Tecumseh Steam Laundry was almost entirely destroyed by fire about 5 o'clock Friday morning. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

Capt. Hains Sentenced.
Flushing, L. I.: Unless some unlooked for legal obstacle is interposed, Capt. Peter C. Hains Jr., U. S. A., who was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree for killing William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht Club last August, will be taken to Sing Sing and at once will begin serving the sentence imposed Monday by Justice Garson in the Supreme Court. The sentence is an indeterminate one, under which the minimum period of imprisonment will be eight years and the maximum sixteen years.

Japs Building Airships.
Tokio: Without any flourish of trumpets, Japan has made considerable strides in airship building and, while the utmost secrecy is maintained, there is reason to believe an inventor of some repute has recently patented improvements calculated to startle aerologists all over the world.

Cotton Seed Crushers in Memphis.
Memphis: Delegates to the thirtieth annual convention of the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association took Memphis by storm, arriving from Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas by train loads. Fully 500 delegates reached Memphis Monday. That many more are expected when the convention opens at Tri-State Fair Grounds.

Cuban Financial Crisis.
Havana: Financial problems constitute the gravest feature of anxiety on the part of the Cuban Government, and with the protracted delay in the presentation of the budget for the coming year the general feeling of uncertainty and lack of confidence becomes accentuated.

Ideal Auto Course in Texas.
Chicago: A road race course 195 miles in length made of crushed oyster shells and described as the fastest surface for motoring purposes in the world has been discovered in Texas by W. J. Urquhart, who has just returned from a business trip in the Southwest.

Portugal-Chinese Dispute.
Lisbon: The dispute between Portugal and China over the possession of the dependencies of Macao has reached an acute stage. The Portuguese Government is sending Gen. Joaquim Jose Machado to induce China to come to an amicable understanding.

Hits Insurance Companies.
Jefferson City, Mo.: The State Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Missouri law prohibiting the granting of a license to any insurance company paying its president more than \$50,000 a year salary here Saturday.

Tomato Crop Promising.
Houston: At this date the tomato crop throughout this section is very promising. The dry warm weather during the last thirty days has caused the plants to grow rapidly. Compared with previous years, the crop is from ten to fifteen days late.

Roosevelt Kills Rhinoceros.
Nairobi: Theodore Roosevelt has begun his hunting expedition from the Juja ranch of George McMillan, whose guest he is. He went out last Sunday and bagged a female rhinoceros. The head and skin weighed 522 pounds.

National Banks Decrease.
Washington: The statement of the National banks of Oklahoma at the close of business on April 28 shows that there are but 242 National banks in the State against 309 banks on May 14, 1905.

Seminole School Affairs.
Seminole: Seminole voted \$11,500 schoolhouse bonds for the erection of a concrete school building. School District No. 5 of Gaines County also voted \$1,500 schoolhouse bonds.

Taft Invades South.
Washington: President Taft started Wednesday from Washington on a three days' trip through Virginia and North Carolina, this being the first journey he has made south of Mason and Dixon's line since March 4.

Fire Loss \$1,500,000.
Akron, Ohio: Fire in the seven-story Howar-Power block Tuesday practically destroyed the building and contents, causing a loss which it is thought will aggregate \$1,500,000.

Women Injured in Riot.
Havana: Twenty women were wounded, three seriously, in the riots Saturday incident to the strike of the laundry women who attempted to wreck the laundries involved in the trouble.

Texas Postmasters' Committee.
Arlington: The executive committee of the Texas Postmasters' Association met Thursday at the Worth Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas. From expressions heard from members there was a good attendance.

Japan to Send Ships.
St. Petersburg: A local newspaper Tuesday publishes a dispatch from Tokio saying Japan has decided to send a warship to Behring Sea on account of the repeated seizures there of Japanese vessels by American and Russian ships.

Despite a heavy downpour of rain and an equally heavy fog which clouded the river, an immense throng Sunday visited the battleship Mississippi, anchored in midstream of the city of Baton Rouge.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Authorizing Cities and Towns with a Population in Excess of 5,000 to be Incorporated by Special Act.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6. Joint Resolution to amend Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution of the State, authorizing cities and towns within the State of Texas to be incorporated by special act where the population exceeds five thousand inhabitants.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, be amended so that the same shall hereafter read and be as follows:

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Sec. 5. Cities having more than five thousand inhabitants may have their charters granted or amended by special act of the Legislature and may levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law, but no tax for any one year shall ever be lawful for any city which shall exceed two and one-half per cent of the taxable property of such city; and no debt shall ever be created by any city or towns unless at the same time provision be made to assess and collect annually a sufficient sum to pay the interest thereon and create a sinking fund of at least two per cent thereon.

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At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the amendment to Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against the amendment to Article 11, Sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution."

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W. B. TOWNSEND,
Secretary of State.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Validating School Districts and Their Bonded Indebtedness and Authorizing Levy and Collection of Taxes to Pay Such Indebtedness.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8. House Joint Resolution to amend Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto Section 3a, validating school districts and the bonded indebtedness of such districts and authorizing the levy and collection of taxes to pay such indebtedness.

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All bonds heretofore issued by any such districts which have been approved by the Attorney General and registered by the Comptroller and are hereby declared to be, and at the time of their issuance to have been, issued in conformity with the Constitution and laws of this State, and any and all such bonds are hereby in all things validated and declared to be valid and binding obligations upon the district or districts issuing the same.

Each such district is hereby authorized, to and shall, annually levy and collect an ad valorem tax sufficient to pay the interest on all such bonds and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to redeem the same at maturity, not to exceed such a rate as may be provided by law under other provisions of this Constitution. And all trustees heretofore elected in districts made up from more than one county are hereby declared to be and are hereby named as trustees of their respective districts, with power to levy the taxes herein authorized until their successor shall be duly elected and qualified as is or may be provided by law.

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Federal Court at Tyler.
Tyler: The April term of the United States Circuit and District Court for the Eastern District of Texas convened here Monday morning, Judge David E. Bryant presiding.

Would Collect \$12 Per Head.
Washington: Senator Overman of North Carolina offered an amendment to the tariff bill in the Senate Monday, by which he proposes to place a head tax of \$12 on each immigrant coming into the United States. Mr. Overman proceeded to discuss the amendment by unanimous consent.

that the rising generation of educated Jews should be encouraged in opinions that would tend to alienate them from other Englishmen.

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Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution in Regard to Formation and Taxing Power of School Districts.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6. House Joint Resolution to amend Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Sec. 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of \$1 on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of 21 and 60 years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free school, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed 20 cents on the \$100 valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law, may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts, heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein, provided that a majority of the qualified property taxing voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

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"I Let Go and Fell Into the Sea."

American and German took to the lifeboats. The two passengers of the derelict kept it afloat and brought up the wreck on a small uninhabited island of the Solomon group. Standish and Von Messinger waded ashore, carried provisions, established a camp, and waited for a sailing vessel.

"But none came," Standish said. "At the end of a month none was sighted. Fearing we were outside the course of all ships, we set about devising a plan of escape. The aeroplane suggested a means. After a week's work the young German got the machine in satisfactory shape. We took aboard water, provisions, and boarded the machine. It rose like a bird and steamed above the water several hundred yards and pointed in the direction we believed Australia lay.

"Fate seemed against us. We had not been out long before a gale was blowing. We were whirled through the air at a terrific pace and it was with difficulty that we kept from being shaken out. Half an hour later we bore down on an island. I let go and fell into the sea. Five minutes later I was thrown on the beach, bruised, battered, and utterly exhausted, but thankful. I found myself near a village of native pearl fishers.

"A month later, November 14, a pearl trading schooner took me to the principal town of the Solomon group. From there I returned to Sydney, taking passage to San Francisco a week later. No more South Pacific seas for me. Messenger lost his life."

CHIMPANZEES GO ON RAMPAGE

Escaped Animal Terrorizes Crew of Big German Steamship for Two Days.

New York.—When the German steamship Tanenfels arrived here from Calcutta late the other day, Capt. Lubke told of the escape of six chimpanzees, part of a consignment of 600, from their cage, and their vicious attack on several members of the crew.

Three of the chimpanzees followed Wong Foo, the Chinese cook, into the rigging, and there one of them held him by his queue until the animal was knocked senseless with a rod. Chief Engineer Newman was chased about the deck by others of the chimpanzees and suffered a severe laceration of his arm, where he was struck by a marlin pin hurled by one of the animals.

The largest of the chimpanzees was cornered by several members of the crew in the boatswain's lockers and there he gave such a vicious fight that the men were glad to retire. The animal then dashed out and leaped into the sea. The others were only subjugated by starvation, but in the two days it required to do so they had the ship's crew terrorized.

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New York.—John Verrien is a natty young fireman who drives Engine No. 8, whose house is at No. 81 West One Hundred and Fifteenth street. At 5:30 o'clock Verrien started to shave. He had his face well lathered when the going tapped a signal for One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street and Eighth avenue.

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UNBELIEVERS MUST BELIEVE

By REV. A. C. DIXON, D. D.,
Pastor of the Chicago Ave. (Moody's) Church, Chicago.



The Atheistic unbeliever must believe there may be design without a designer, law without intelligent cause. The Bible in calling him a fool draws his picture accurately, for he must violate the laws of his mind in order to say that there is no God. Savages in their rude state do not say so.

They infer a great cause from the great results that they see about them. Their conceptions of God are crude and false, but they are not fools. These sons of nature allow their reason to work, and though their minds are full of superstitious fears caused by ignorance, they see a God behind the material universe as plainly as they see the sun in the heavens. It remains for the modern atheist, be he scientist or philosopher, to turn himself into an intellectual fool by predication of dead matter only what can be predicated of intelligent mind.

The agnostic unbeliever must believe a theory against facts which have been proved by competent witnesses. His theory is that no one can know God. The facts are that Sir Isaac Newton, the mathematician, said: "I know God." Agassiz, the scientist, said: "I know God." Kepler, the astronomer, after the discovery of his great law, fell upon his knees and exclaimed: "O God, I think thy thoughts after thee." Havelock, the soldier, said: "I know God," and prayed to him daily. Gladstone, the statesman, said: "I know God." Abraham Lincoln, the liberator, said: "I know God," and spent whole nights in prayer to him. Thousands of lawyers, merchants, judges and physicians have declared that they know God. Agnosticism must believe that these competent, trustworthy witnesses are deceivers or deceived.

Agnosticism evidently believes that ignorance has a right to speak and instruct knowledge. When a man confesses that he knows nothing, and can know nothing on any subject, it becomes him to keep quiet on that subject, but agnosticism writes books and magazine articles, parading its ignorance with intellectual pride. It has established a sort of science of ignorance, and formed a blind man's club for the propagation of blindness.

Now, God has given us a text book called the Bible, in which he has revealed himself so clearly that all who will may know him. When the agnostic says: "I don't know," he simply proclaims the fact that he prefers darkness to light; he turns away from the sun that he may grope in the dark cave of his own prejudice and ignorance. If he has looked through his telescope at the stars and through his microscope at the flowers without seeing God, he has simply established the presumption that God will reveal himself in some other way. When he opens the Bible the first words he reads are: "In the beginning God." He ought now to be glad that God has revealed himself in a book, but he is not glad, for his pet theory has been destroyed.

The anti-Bible unbeliever shows a credulity that is truly marvelous. He must admit that the Bible claims to be inspired. "God said," "Thus saith the Lord," rings through its pages. He must admit also that the book was written by bad men or by good men. If good men wrote it, it is, of course, inspired, for good men would not deceive us by making a false claim and they could hardly have been deceived. If the unbeliever asserts that bad men wrote it, then he must believe that the book which has produced the highest civilization on earth, and has developed the noblest characters in the world, was written by liars, who, at the same time, denounced themselves unmercifully for their deception.

But, says the rationalistic unbeliever, God has given to man a reason as guide. Yes, but does reason guide man aright? Look at those monstrous idols in pagan countries. Are they images of the true God to whom men without the Bible have been led by their reason? Are they not, on the other hand, reflections of the depravity of human nature into which man has sunk by the aid of his reason, which fell with his other faculties when he sinned?

The anti-Christ unbeliever who rejects the deity of Jesus must believe, if he accepts the Bible, that he claimed to be divine, for he said: "Before Abraham was I am." "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father," and "O Father, glorify thou me with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." Now, all such unbelievers admit that Jesus was a good man. They praise him for his stainless character. As an unbeliever he must believe, too, that a good man can at the same time be a hypocritical deceiver. Jesus Christ was either what he claimed to be, the Divine Son of God, or he was a wicked deceiver. There is no middle ground. To believe that he was good is to believe that he was God, unless we do violence to our reason by believing the absurd proposition that a good man can make a false claim.

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Donald had been to Sunday school, and on coming home was asked what he had learned. The lesson was the story of Joseph, and the small learner was evidently very full of his subject.

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"Oh, no, Donald, not another boy!" his sister interrupted, horrified. But Donald stood his ground.

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A memorial has just been erected in Kensington cemetery, London, to the memory of Admiral Sir Francis Leopold McClintock, the Arctic explorer and discoverer of the lost Franklin expedition. It takes the form of an old style wheel cross standing on a massive molded base, reaching to a height of ten feet and erected in rough silver-gray Cornish granite.

Modern Solomon.

Two women who appeared before a Paris magistrate both claimed possession of a fattiron. The magistrate solved the difficulty by giving the iron to one of them, a laundress, and presenting the other with a theater ticket.

Dr. Biggers Huckleberry Cordial.

Cures Children Teething, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Cholera morbus and Flu, all Stomach and Bowel Troubles. At Druggists 25c and 50c per bottle.

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The sale of indigestion medicine is going down. The sale of WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT is going up.

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Rather be thou the tall among lions than the head among foxes.

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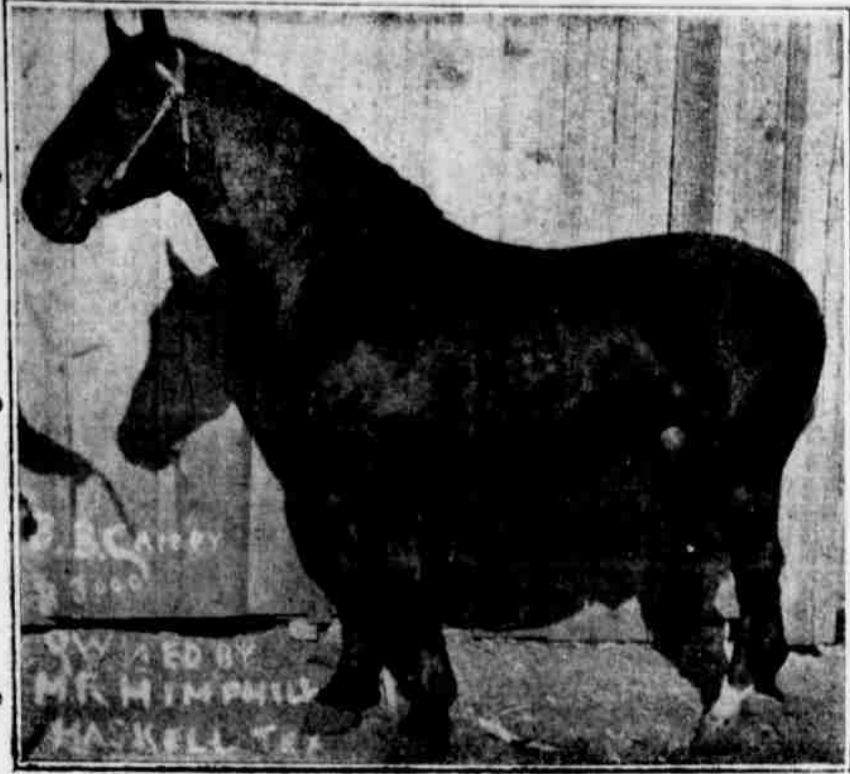
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Because of those ugly, grizzly, gray hairs. Use "LA OREGLE HAIR RESTORER." PRICE, 50c. BOTTLE.



B. B. CRISPY

I am the owner of B. B. Crispy, the \$3000 Imported English Hackney Coach Horse. This horse is 5 years old, he will make the season at my place 1 1/2 miles N. E. of Haskell, Texas, and Simmons Bros. Stable, Rule, Texas. I will go to Rule Monday, the 24th and stay 6 days and then back at my place in Haskell and will continue that way 6 days at each place all through the season, you can see the photo of him above and is a true one of the horse, taken at my place. Terms of breeding is \$17.50 to insure sound live colt and \$15.00 to insure foal. I will answer all phone calls and pay for them. For any information you want on the horse, call me, my residence phone number is 323. I will be glad to refer you to some of his colts. Write me what day you will come to my place or at Rule and I will hold that day for you if possible. I have got a pasture to take care of mares and won't charge anything extra, got grass, most all smooth wire fence around place. Come and see this horse, no doubt will arrive in your mind but what he is the finest horse in the country, he is an all purpose horse and he is not got big feet, but a small foot for a horse his size, has no long forelocks, he is a dapple bay and is a beautiful horse, his record in trotting is about a mile in 4 1/2 minutes. Now if you have got a one-blooded mare why do you want to degrade your stock, when you have a chance to grade them up. I have the papers to show him to be a pure blooded horse, his weight is 1374 lbs. and I have cut the price from \$25.00 to \$17.50 and insure a sound live colt. Come or call me over the phone or write me what day you will come and your time will be held for you if possible.

You will never know the worth of this horse to the country until his colts are two and three years old and then it may be too late for a chance at the horse. All that have colts of this horse are satisfied with him and are bringing back three can possibly do so.

M. R. Hemphill.

FINDS TINY RUNAWAY WITH HAND CRUSHED by T. & P. Train

Weak from loss of blood and exposure, a little 12-year-old wanderer, who gave his name as D. Wats, was discovered near Aledo Sunday morning by a gang of Mexicans. The little fellow had fallen beneath a Texas & Pacific freight train early in the morning and his right hand was horribly crushed and mangled. Unable to move or to attract any one's attention, he lay in the weeds and grass several hours before the Mexican section hands found him. They bound up his wounds and notified the Texas & Pacific authorities. The boy was moved to Fort Worth on a wrecking train Sunday night and is at St. Joseph's infirmary.

It was found that the great loss of blood is more serious than the injury to his hand.

Wats gives Pecos as his home and his father's name as J. T. Wats. He was on his way to Fort Worth or Dallas having heard much of these two cities on his native plains and being determined to see something of them.

His father has been notified of his son's condition.—Star-Telegram, Fort Worth.

There are few boys who do not have an impulse to run away from home for one cause or another. If parents would forewarn their boys about the dangers of stealing rides on freight trains, it might be the means of saving many boys from the horrors and sufferings that is so common these days of romance. We have often studied the purpose of the dramas and tragedies of the Bible, and in this connection have studied the effect of the things we see published in the news columns of the papers, and have concluded that both serve as a warning to humanity. Suppose this twelve year old boy had had the reports of similar cases to his, read to him by his parents from current news papers, and they had made comment on same and given wholesome advice for, say

two years before he tried to ride a freight train, would not he have learned enough to have avoided the terrible experience he has now had?

There is another avenue down which many youth go to destruction, and this is the criminal court with a court of justice and a prison as the final act in the drama. We have often noticed that those families in which news papers are read furnish but few of the defendants in criminal cases. From this we conclude that the father or mother who reads is more capable of developing a boy with moral character, judgment and caution, and that those boys who become general readers of news papers early, and get a little assistance from elders in construing that which they read from the proper standpoint, are more able to preserve their physical, moral and financial interest, and are much more successful in life and cause less anxiety to their parents than those who have not such advantages.



Dr. Geo. F. Oglesby, Veterinary Surgeon of many years experience and state wide reputation, will be in Haskell for several days. Anyone with crippled or diseased stock will find it to their interest to see Dr. Oglesby. **Examination Free.** Bring in those horses that can't masticate their food and have their teeth fixed. No trouble to answer questions.

HOWARD.

The much needed rain has come at last and all the farmers are busy breaking sod and planting. Every body is in good spirits and smiling.

Health of the community is not so good at the present.

Dana Earls is real sick at this writing.

Mr A. E. Franklin left last week in search of a better place. We regret very much to lose Mr. Franklin as a neighbor.

There was a large crowd out Friday night at the society. All reported a good time.

There will be singing at Mr. Richle's Sunday eve. Let every body come.

We believe that the picnic will be a success and hope that every body will come with well filled baskets and boxes.

We regret to lose Miss Humphreys, as we feel sure there is no one that can take her place, and please everybody like she has. I only wish we could do or say something that would bring her back to teach for us again next term.

Mrs. G. B. Powell went to Haskell Monday shopping.

Mr. Kaley who has been out here on business, returned to his home in Denton Co. Saturday.

The report is that Mr. J. Cox is thinking of going to Houston. We suppose it is on business.

Mr. Thornton Anderson and others from Howard are on the Jury this week.

Mr. Bowen says he will soon be up with ex-president as he caught 7 live wolves in one day and the first one a grown one. He caught with his hands and pulled its mouth open.

Mrs. Fowler has been on the sick list. We hope she is improving and will soon be up again.

We feel much better over our passed showers and good prospects for more in the near future. I hope we shall reap a bountiful yield from our late crops this year.

Wishing much success to the Free Press and its many readers I remain as ever,

Old Joe Clark.

Buffalo Creek

This part of the country was visited with a good rain the past week and I guess old Beck and Jude will get busy.

A crowd composed of Isaac Howard and family, Hamie Dewitt, Jessie Smith and Ben Smith all went fishing and had a nice time. Ben ate so much they had to give him a cool water bath.

Joe Smith happened to bad luck last Saturday at Trimmel, Texas. He jumped on a delivery wagon and got caught in a wheel and got his face skinned up, and his face is no more good at Trimmel City.

The young people of Buffalo Creek enjoyed a dance at Mr. Smith's the other night.

The Buffalo boys have organized a ball team. The ball park will be at Trimmel City and they will give any country team a warm game.

I wonder where Bill Rachele went Sunday. I guess he was traveling, he had two sacks of maize in his buggy.

Mr. Jimmie Newberry has Young County fever but it is to be hoped that the rain will reduce his fever.

Mr. Joe Smith says he don't know how he will take at Mr. Williams store, he got his face skinned up but we think he looks as well as before.

Mr. Monroe Howard is breaking an outlaw horse and he says he is the highest jumper this side of Mexico. Hamie Smith is also breaking one and he says he can jump a little too.

Buffalo Fly.

Report of Haskell County Union, 2d Quarter, 1909.

Haskell Free Press:

On Friday, April 9th, about 7 p. m. the County Union of Haskell county convened with Corinth Local No. 3668 in the western part of Haskell county, with Mr. G. E. Courtney, our efficient county president in the chair.

A full quota of delegates from the majority of the locals in the county was present.

Mr. D. J. Neill, President of our State Union was with us through the entire proceedings.

The first official work was the appointment of committee on credentials and while they were out preparing their report the time was taken up with speech making along the lines of Union work.

Right here I wish to make a little digression to speak of the wonderful improvement that has come over the farmers of this county in the last five years in their ability to conduct public assemblies and in their ability to discuss questions of public interest.

The Farmers Union has certainly been a great school to all who have united with it and sought to utilize the benefits of the opportunities offered by it. Its influences have been, and are continuing to be, a powerful factor in the education of the membership, and in the upbuilding of community interests. Its possibilities for good to the toiling masses of producers can hardly be over estimated; and its social advantages are of themselves strong for good in every rural community.

The credentials committee having reported the chairman proceeded to the work of organizing the session proper; and having completed this work proceeded to appoint the various committees necessary to carry out the work of the body.

While the committees were out reports from the locals over the county were heard. These reports were cheering indeed, so much so that President Neill of the State Union complimented our work very highly.

(The Locals having finished reporting a little financial business was transacted and the committees not being ready to report, Bro. Neill was called upon for an address and he proceeded to give us one of his usually deep and carefully prepared speeches as full of educative matter as an egg is of meat. This speech being ended Bro. G. E. Courtney went to the organ and gave us a stirring song of his own composition, which he has dedicated to our State President, Mr. D. J. Neill.

It being now near midnight the meeting was adjourned to meet at 8 a. m. Saturday. I can hardly refrain here from saying that Bro. Courtney's song was grand, patriotic, and what is better is deserving. We hope he will often again give his musical genius free rein and produce many other stirring Union songs. I must ask your patience again for another digression. Corinth Local has a number of lady members in her Union and these ladies were all out to the meeting, all were interested, and many of the delegates expressed the opinion that their presence had a prominence, beneficial influence on the works of the convention.

Furthermore to show what interest the lady members take in the work of the Union, and the appreciation of the male members of that Local, they had elected two of the best looking and most intelligent girls in their community, or any other community as for that matter, to represent them at the county union; and it was noticed that they voted on every question submitted and every vote they cast was safely in the interest of the order and the people in

whose interest it has been organized. We believe the majority of the delegates present will return to their Locals determined to make a vigorous campaign to get the ladies and the boys into their Locals. I wish to notice here, also, that the personnel of this county union was otherwise somewhat different from former county unions in respect to age. We noticed more boys and young men than we have ever seen before and we take it as an omen for good. The founders of our order, knowing that one of the prime functions of the order was to educate our people in the business principles and concurrent commercial history pertaining to farming as a business, wisely provided for the reception of the boys and girls above sixteen years old, and it is the honest conviction of press correspondent that this was one of the wisest provisions of the order. Let us all join in a campaign to get the boys, their sisters and their mothers into the fold of unionism. Saturday morning early the delegates gathered back on the campus of the modest little temple of education known as the Corinth school house, and the chairmans gavel fell promptly calling the convention to labor. After transacting the usual routine work the committee on resolutions reported a number of recommendations of interest to the order; these were taken up one by one, read, discussed and the vote taken.

Bro. Neill took a lively interest in the considerations of these resolutions and one of the committeemen expressed his appreciation of the compliments given their work. The morning hours were spent very profitably and the hour of noon drew on apace so finally the work of the convention was declared finished and Bro. Jno. Howard arose and offered a ringing resolution of thanks to the Corinth Local Union for its royal hospitality in entertaining the delegates and visitors and the 2nd quarterly meeting of the Haskell County Union No. 59 came to an end amid great enthusiasm on the part of delegates and visiting members alike.

So Brethren let us keep the good work going, nor ever tire, nor lag by the way, till every rural community is safely organized into the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of Texas.

President Neill made an open address at 2 p. m. to a large and appreciative audience.
Press Correspondent.

Ex-Governor Vardaman of Mississippi, delivered his famous lecture here Wednesday night to an appreciative audience. We were very much impressed with the lecture and believe that Governor Vardaman is doing his country a great service. The race question must be settled and we believe he proposes the most practical solution. He told us in conversation that the northern people were beginning to look at the question more natural than ever before, and in his speech he said the south could depend on their help if we will go to them as brother to brother. He said the women of the South could depend on their sisters to help remove the menace that the negro holds over the lives and person of those in the black belt.

Mr. T. E. Bowman returned Wednesday from Courtland Arizona where he went last week to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Bert Johnson. The deceased was buried before Mr. Bowman reached Arizona. Mrs. Johnson and four children accompanied her brother on his return and will make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bowman.

Born the 23rd instant to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Irby, a son.

Among the young people of the Christian Endeavor ranks in Texas there is much stirring about just now on account of the coming state convention at Waco June 17-20. This modern religious society for the youth of all denominations has stirred to enthusiasm and good works a generation of young people for the twenty-nine years of its history, and long since became world-wide. In Texas, the annual conventions have been a big feature for twenty years. The coming one however holds special attractions in the way of some unusual features. Every Endeavorer who ever wanted to go to a convention is anxious to take in this particular one.

The chief of these special features is the presence of the founder of the movement himself and the president of it from the first, Dr. Francis E. Clark, who is to be a chief speaker at Waco. Not only because of his position as an expert in the work but also for his lovable character and the high personal esteem which all who know of him hold for him, will he draw many delegates.

And Dr. Clark is worth seeing and hearing for more reasons than his C. E. connection. He is recognised as one of the foremost religious leaders of the generation and is one of the most widely traveled men of this much traveling age. Several times has he completed the circuit of the globe, besides frequent trips in all foreign lands. Nor does he go in a hurried fashion as the manner of some is. Rather he meets constantly in great conventions where he learns the real life of the people; and through his official position is enabled to meet the rulers and dignitaries of the lands. To any ambitious youth, contact with such a man is worth a year's schooling.

Another remarkable feature of this convention is the modified encampment plan. "All the advantages of the encampment with none of its disadvantages" is the rally cry of the Waco committee. This much desired boon is obtained by having secured the buildings and grounds of the Texas Christian University in which to house the delegates and hold the sessions. Thus will be afforded that close unity, full of fellowship, free time that goes with an encampment of people all together all the time; yet they can sleep within doors and eat as conveniently as at home, while living on an elevation fanned by the cool sea breezes in a delightful summer spot. This feature will attract many and no one could make a mistake in choosing this as a short vacation trip.

Among the other speakers from out of the state are Rev. "Sunshine" Guy Inman, and Rev. T. J. Molloy, both former Texans now in Mexico as missionaries. And Miss Tyler Wilkinson, Field Sec. of the Oklahoma C. E. The whole program is a strong and very practical one.

Usual railway rates and low cost living offered.

Every society in the state is expected to send a delegation of from one to as many as they can. And those young people who have no C. E. in their church but are interested in the work will receive a special welcome. Pastors are also specially desired. Send the word along the line.

All patrons and friends of Art are cordially invited to attend the Art Exhibit given by Miss Reeses' class at the Studio Sherill Bldg. Monday afternoon from 4 to 6.

B. T. Lanier of O'Brien was in the city Thursday and renewed his subscription to the Free Press.