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**Collier's Drug Store** Always in the **L E A D.**

## The New Fall Suits Are Here;



**Fresh from Americas Fashion Center,  
Brim full of Newness and  
Characteristic of the Correct Tailored Suit of Today.**  
They are now on display both in our show windows and in our store.  
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The Correct Tailored Suit has a coat 38 to 46 in length, plainly tailored and trimmed with Buttons. The best colors are Gray, Black, Green, Wisteria, Catawba and Plum. The skirts to suits are plain and button trimmed. Our prices range from \$12.50 to \$35.00.

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## C. D. GRISSOM & SON.

#### TWO DAYS IN THE COUNTRY

Mr. Martin:  
As you requested I shall give you an account of crops as I saw them during my two day's trip to the country. After such severe storms as we experienced in June, it is strange that every thing is not badly damaged. Notwithstanding the hail and wind and weeks of drouth, all crops are very flattering, the cotton crop particularly. The feed crop is as flattering as the cotton, with the exception of corn. The June corn seems very badly eaten by worms. In talking with the farmers some

of them seemed to greatly fear the worms, and others, who in previous years had seen the worm appear in July and stay on till frost, believed that no material damage would be done. In different sections of the country a crop on one side of a lane would be in good condition, while just across the lane the conditions would be poor, showing that one had received more cultivation than the other, however it might have been on account of the difference in the soil or the time of sowing. This little trip around Haskell included the country about seven or eight miles west and south

of town, and going east I went as far as the Roberts school house and across the country to Pinkerton.

Very truly yours,  
W. O. Henderson.

Strayed: A brindle heifer, 18 months old, branded V. F. bar, the V. F. being connected on left hip. Last heard of in Post pasture south-west of Haskell. Liberal reward for information as to whereabouts of this animal. Tom Foster, R. F. D. No. 2, Haskell, Tex.

Brighten-up Finishes of all kinds at Normans'.

#### THROCKMORTON PICNIC

There will be two days picnic and barbecue at Throckmorton April 26th and 27th. Plenty of good things to eat and open range for teams to graze on while there and every thing will be free in the way of a barbecue. Every body invited to attend. Throckmorton is going to try to pull off a big thing. She will do her best.

Mr. J. W. Johnson and daughter, Mrs. J. A. Couch, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Andruss of Rotan.

#### NOTICE

To the stockholders of the Haskell State Bank:—  
You are here by notified that a meeting of the stockholders of the Haskell State Bank will be held in the office of said bank in Haskell Texas on the 1st day of September A. D. 1909, for the purpose of electing Directors for said bank for the ensuing year and to exercise the option of adopting one of the two plans of securing depositors provided by law.

H. E. Fields, Cashier.  
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If you have land to exchange for land or other property in the East or Central Texas Counties, come and list it with us and we will make the trade for you. Sanders & Wilson, Haskell, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hunt have returned from an extended trip to Utah, California and the exposition at Seattle.

More man has been consistently and earnestly poking fun at woman because of the vagaries which fashion has imposed upon her. Latterly, this has been more marked, perhaps, than in the olden days when the funny fellows who write paragraphs, figuratively, wore out the hoopskirts and the big balloon sleeves. Of late much merry laughter has been expended over the woman of the patella shape and the peach basket headgear. It is thoroughly convulsing, says the Pittsburg Post. Woman is such a queer sight, toggled out to represent an animated mushroom. But what of a man and his attire? Is the laugh to be on one corner of the mouth? Does not the shoe on the other foot pinch a little? Those strange shoes of the emerald hue. And what of all the other green things he dons that give him the appearance of a string bean at a little distance, if he chances to be of a lean and hungry build? Consider for a moment the "swell-dresser" who swings up the avenue, his sack coat extending to the region of the patella, two or three buttons the fraction of an inch apart, holding it together, the trousers, turned half way to the knee, as though reaching upward to meet the coat, and themselves belying like a pair of balloons. Consider the diagonal cut of the pockets and the curious bands and braids about his cuffs. Is he not a slightly figure?

An automobile bill has been passed by the legislature of New York after a wrangle as to which of the departments should have the licensing power, and it is possible that more important provisions may have been overlooked in the contest. The fact that it places the maximum speed limit at 30 miles and retains the present road rules is evidence that it is not likely to improve conditions on the road to any great extent. A speed of 30 miles an hour may be extremely dangerous on some roads where it is impossible to see for any great distance. The railroads find danger at curves that are hidden by foliage, and there are many highway crossings thus obscured.

There are probably few farmers who have closely figured the average cost of marketing any given unit of their crops as a manufacturer figures upon each article he turns out, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger. As long as there was nothing to be done but to plow and sow and reap and count up the total result such calculations were not called for. But that easy time is passing. It is the man who makes two blades to grow where one grew before, not two blades upon twice the area of ground, who is on the road to wealth.

A clubwoman in a discussion how to make home happy uttered the now famous dictum, "Feed the brute." A New York magistrate has taken up the challenge and supplemented this dictum with the order to feed the brute well. Here is a field of argument in which the weaker sex signalingly falls, says the Baltimore American. Eve tempted Adam with a toothsome morsel, and her daughters have suffered the penalty of tempting man through his palate ever since.

Another wealthy English nobleman is reported to have sold a Rembrandt masterpiece for \$500,000. Presumably the purchaser will be set down as a rich American, and the vials of British wrath will be opened on his head. But where will come in censure for the British nobleman who wanted the money more than he wanted to keep the picture as a national possession?

International control of the air is to be advocated at the fourth Pan-American conference to be held in Argentina, at which time aeronautics and wireless telegraphy will be discussed. Possibly that is all that is intended, but the casual reader might imagine some trust was getting ready to squeeze the breath out of us.

The divorce of young couples and the romance of octogenarians rub each other by the elbow in the day's news. Cupid is a queer little chap, and there is no accounting for his freaks.

Anti-vivisectionists are now holding a congress in London and trying to convince the world that the life of a dog is of more value than the life of a man.

The remarkable thing about most of these feather-brained people who rush along city streets in automobiles is that they have nothing to rush about.

It would be annoying if a judge's decision should unmarry 3,000 or so couples who were wedded in good faith and prefer to remain wedded.

Japan's government ought to be sold with the people for some time. It has supplied good crop prospects.

RAIN IN 27 COUNTIES

IN TIME TO SAVE CROPS BOUNTIFUL DOWNPOUR COMES TO TEXAS.

AREA BENEFITED IS WIDE

Corn Was, in Some Localities, Already Ruined, but Late Cotton, Is Good.

Dallas, Aug. 16: With twenty-seven counties reporting rainfall Thursday afternoon, Thursday night, Friday and Friday night, Friday the thirteenth day of the month, was an unlucky day for the long drouth. The drouth had its backbone crushed, its neck broken and its general appearance mangled beyond recognition by its best friends—of whom there is none in Texas. In some of the places where the drouth has dwelt for some time, the results of its habitation in them remains, but time will make short work of these blots on the face of the fields, as farmers are already hopeful of "coming out of the hole," either on stock crops or in planting suitable stuff for fall harvest. Corn in many instances was already ruined in prospect, but late cotton had not fared so badly and the rains aided that crop materially.

Among the counties from which reports were received were: Bell, Brown, Clay, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Eastland, Erath, Fannin, Gregg, Hopkins, Limestone, Lubbock, Nacogdoches, Milam, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Titus, Tarrant, Van Zandt, Wood, Wheeler, Wise, Wichita and Williamson.

**Farmers Use Cotton Bagging.**  
Taylor: Since the opening of the cotton season here ten days ago upward of 300 bales of the new crop of cotton have found their way into the Taylor market. A noticeable feature of the many wagons loaded with cotton on the streets Saturday was a great number of the bales now being brought in are wrapped in cotton bagging instead of jute, as heretofore.

**Heat Fatal in St. Louis.**  
St. Louis: Friday night was the hottest of the year, and the thermometer started out early Friday to establish a new record. It reached 98 degrees before nightfall. Two persons were killed by sunstroke Thursday. The excessive heat that has prevailed in St. Louis and vicinity has caused six deaths in two days—five in this city and one on the east side of the river.

**Man Killed in Gravel Pit.**  
Dallas: T. J. Walker, a white man 69 years of age, was crushed to death by a cave-in at the gravel pit in Oak Cliff, immediately west of the main entrance to Lake Cliff Park Monday. With a number of other workmen he was engaged in excavating the gravel and loading wagons with the gravel. He had gone beneath an overhanging ledge of the gravel.

**Woman's Body Found in Water.**  
Taylor: Stripped of all clothing but a skirt, the lifeless body of Mrs. F. Sauer, aged 45 years, wife of Ritz Sauer of North Taylor, was found Monday floating on the surface of a shallow pool of water in Bull Branch, a small stream a short distance below the Taylor Water Company's reservoir. The family moved to Taylor two years ago from LaGrange.

**To Repair Quarantine Stations.**  
Austin: State Health Officer Brumby has returned after meeting with the State Board of Health. The State Board has determined after inspection to make repairs at the quarantine stations at Point Isabel, Brownsville, Aransas Pass, Port Lavaca and Galveston.

**Telephone Aboard Trains.**  
Denison: Train No. 257, better known as the Fannin County Flyer, was equipped Tuesday with a telephone system by which the conductor can converse with the engineer and the engineer with the conductor.

**Dallas and Harris Counties Lead.**  
Austin: Texas now has two counties whose taxable values exceed \$100,000,000 according to the estimates made by the Assessors of Harris and Dallas.

**State Banks to Charter.**  
Austin: Beginning Tuesday, the charters of State banks will be filed, but the bank will not receive authority to do business until a State Bank Examiner has made an examination of its capital stock, etc., and recommends that it be allowed to proceed.

**Eight Thousand at Galveston.**  
Galveston: In this city Sunday there were 8,000 visitors. The beach amusement front was crowded all during the day and until late at night.

**Values of Texas Property.**  
Austin: According to figures compiled in the Controller's Department, the taxable values of Texas property will not amount to less than \$2,298,056,541, an increase of \$123,965,961 over last year.

**Shops to Use Natural Gas.**  
Marshall: The Texas and Pacific Railroad shops here are to use natural gas. By using natural gas the company will save a considerable sum of money annually in the shops.

CLOUDBURST AT ROTAN.

One Man Is Dead and 500 Feet of Railway Washed Away.

Rotan: As a result of a cloudburst and small cyclone, which struck this place Saturday afternoon, one man is dead and three others more or less seriously injured, 500 feet of track on the Texas Central Railroad is washed away and the entire town is three feet under water, all travel being of necessity by means of canoes. Several houses, including the Presbyterian church, were demolished and many others suffered to some extent from the wind and water. There is no stream, but the volume of water that fell was so tremendous that the flat in which the town is located became a small sea.

NINE KILLED IN WRECK.

Two Passenger Trains Collide and Great Damage Done.

Colorado Springs, Colo.: Nine persons are dead and others are expected to die, between forty and fifty are injured, three engines are in the ditch, two baggage cars, including the contents, are smashed to kindlingwood and several passenger coaches are badly damaged as the result of a head-on collision between eastbound passenger train No. 8 and westbound passenger train No. 1 on the Denver and Rio Grande near Husted, thirteen miles north of this city, Saturday.

No Water Power Tracts.

Washington: Confirming the earlier published reports as to the position of Secretary Ballinger of the Interior Department, a statement was issued here Friday officially denying the charges that, as a result of his restoration to entry of lands withdrawn by the Roosevelt administration for conservative purposes, a trust had "grabbed" the best power sites in Montana.

Rains in Panhandle.

Quanah: An inch rain, covering the entire county, fell Monday morning from 5 to 11 o'clock. This will absolutely insure an average cotton crop in Hardeman County, and will benefit late corn and other feed crops. Telephone messages from Crowell, Matador, Paducah and Benjamin show a good rain throughout the entire south and west portion of the Panhandle.

Pay-As-You-Enter Cars.

Dallas: The first pay-as-you-enter car ever used on a street car line in Texas was put in operation Tuesday by the Northern Texas Traction Company on its Dallas-Oak Cliff line. It is declared to be the intention of the company to install other such cars as soon as they can be made ready.

Assistant Postmasters to Meet.

Waco: John D. Lamar Jr. and John F. Horsfall, assistant postmasters, respectively, of Rosebud and Waco, joined in a call for a meeting of assistant postmasters of Texas to take place in this city Monday, Aug. 23. The object of the meeting is to organize a State Association of Assistant Postmasters.

Millions For Irrigation Work.

Spokane, Wash.: An annual appropriation of \$10,000,000 for a period of five years to aid in irrigation work is asked of Congress in resolutions adopted by the National Irrigation Congress Friday. This is perhaps the most important recommendation in the resolutions adopted.

Texas Ginners' Report.

Austin: The reports of ginners to the State Department of Agriculture of the amount of cotton ginned during the month of July is 1,136 bales against 9,410 bales reported being ginned during the month of July in 1908.

Woman Fatally Burned.

Graham: Mrs. George Gage was fatally burned here early Sunday morning while kindling a fire by the explosion of a coal oil can and died at noon Monday. Her husband was badly burned in trying to extinguish the flames.

A home coming celebration will be held at Highland Park, Denton, Aug. 26, 27 and 28. All the candidates for Governor and a number of other prominent speakers have been invited to be present.

Planting for Fall Crop.

Mineral Wells: Farmer in this community are planting cane and June corn, and with the present outlook with the season in the ground, expect to make a good fall crop. The cotton crop is reported to be greatly benefited by the recent rains.

Normal conditions again prevail in the Gulf of Mexico, the storm which caused some alarm Wednesday having passed inland between Tampico, Mexico, and Brownsville, Texas.

Finds Gold Near Cleburne.

Cleburne: A farmer named Moore is sinking a shaft on his place, located between Godley and Cleburne, and is well pleased with the reports from Austin, where the ore was assayed. The tests show \$18 per ton of gold in the ore.

Kills Self and Three Boys.

Chicago: Mrs. Marie Handzel Sunday committed suicide and at the same time asphyxiated her three boys.

TEXAS RAILROADS SHOW GOOD GAINS

SUBSTANTIAL BALANCE OVER LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

UNDER HIGH MARK OF 1907

Four Hundred Or Half Thousand More Miles in Operation Than Two Years Ago.

Austin, Aug. 17.—The Railroad Commission yesterday made public a statement of results from operation of the Texas railroads for the year ending June 30 last. While it shows a substantial balance over last year, the high record of 1907 has not been reached. The gross earnings this year equal \$88,720,512, as against \$96,074,292 in 1907. And, too, there are some four or five hundred more miles of railroad in operation this year than in 1907, making the showing even less, for the earnings per mile would be at a much greater average in 1907 than in 1909. There were 12,575 miles in operation in 1907, compared to over 13,000 this year. The income from operation in 1907 was \$25,275,827, as against \$21,781,985 in 1909. The operating expenses in 1907 were \$70,778,465. The detailed reports show results for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, as follows:

Freight earnings \$62,194,705, increase over last year \$6,423,762, or 11.32 per cent.  
Passenger train earnings \$26,118,679, increase \$1,374,235, or 5.55 per cent.  
Other earnings \$407,127, or 22.92 per cent.  
Gross earnings \$88,720,512, increase \$7,773,907, or 9.60 per cent.  
Operating expenses \$66,938,527, decrease \$754,096, or 1.11 per cent.  
Income from operation \$21,781,985, increase \$5,528,003, or 64.34 per cent.

\$208,000 Land Transaction.

Plainview: The largest cash land transaction ever made in Hale County has just been closed, the purchaser being J. L. Wilkin, a banker and capitalist of Oklahoma City. A. E. Harp and Dr. R. H. Wilkin conveyed a one-third interest in 17,712 acres of land at \$20 per acre, 100 work horses, 75 stock horses, 2,500 hogs, 500 sheep, 1,000 two-year-old steers and \$8,000 worth of implements. The total consideration is \$208,080 cash.

Another Victim of Storm.

Brownwood: Another was added to the death list of the Zephyr cyclone Monday when the little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hanks died from the effects of injuries received during the storm. The child recently had to be taken back to the sanitarium to undergo an operation on the head. The child was buried at Zephyr.

St. Louis' Fatal Heat.

St. Louis: Three men died of the heat here Monday which, added to the nine deaths Saturday and Sunday make a total of twenty-one persons who have succumbed during the heat wave. There is no intimation of relief, though a shower Sunday cooled the atmosphere for a few hours.

Denton County's Population.

Denton: The Commissioners' Court has made an estimate of the population of Denton County by precincts to send to the Controller, after a careful investigation. The estimate is 47,332.

Bank Robbers in Oklahoma.

Tulsa, Okla.: Two robbers surprised while looting the State Bank at Kiefer, Ok., near here, Monday, shot and killed City Marshal Inford and probably fatally wounded Cashier Calmer Webbing.

Fire Damages Liner.

Liverpool: The Cunard liner Lucania lies submerged at the Huskisson dock, seriously damaged, having been almost gutted from her funnels forward by fire which broke out Saturday night. The flames supposedly originated in the saloon kitchen.

Town Destroyed by Fire.

DeKalb: Oak Grove, a town five miles west of here, was destroyed by fire Sunday night. Origin of the fire unknown at this time.

Two Dead and Five Injured.

Rome, Ga.: A severe electrical storm passed over Trion, in Chatta County, Monday, and as a result two men are dead and five injured, one seriously, from a stroke of lightning.

Slight Quake in Mexico.

City of Mexico: A slight earthquake shock was felt here at an early hour Monday. It is believed to have been the same as that registered by the seismographic instrument at the University at Washington.

One Prostration at Muskogee.

Muskogee, Ok.: Monday was the hottest day of the year in Muskogee, the thermometer registering 111 in the shade. An employee of the Midland Valley Railroad, was overcome by heat.

105 Degrees at Texarkana.

Texarkana: Monday registered the hottest day of the year so far, the mercury at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon reaching a bare fraction less than 105 in the shade.

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HAMLIN'S WIZARD OIL GREAT FOR PAIN THE OIL THAT PENETRATES

CRYING NEED, AS HE SEES IT. TROUBLE IN ROYAL PALACE.

Companion of Irritated Divines Came to the Front with Order to the Waiter.

Joaquin Miller is to establish a colony of poets in Fruitvale, Cal. Mr. Miller, discussing this colony recently, said: "We poets will, of course, argue and squabble. That will be delightful. Arguments and squabbles over Matthew Arnold, Swinburne, Tennyson and Keats are pleasant and sensible things, you know. They are not like political or religious arguments, which in their bitter rancor always make me think of three Maine divines.

"While three Maine divines were supping together, two of them began to argue about the comparative religious merit of the royal houses of Stuart and Orange. The argument became heated. The divines grew excited and angry. "William III. was a great rascal," roared the first, as he struck the table with his fist. "A great rascal, and I spit upon his memory!" "The second divine, turning very red, shouted: "No, it's James II. that was the rascal. I spit upon his memory!" At this point the third divine rang the bell, and said gently to the waiter: "Spittoons for two, please."

The Artless Boy.

The boy bowed politely to the grocer. "I understand," he said, "that you want a boy, sir. Will you kindly look me over." "I only pay \$3," said the grocer, abruptly. "I understood," said the boy, "that you paid four."

The grocer nodded. "I did pay four," he said, "until I saw in the paper the other day that Millionaire Rogers began his business career on \$3 a week." "The boy smiled. "But I don't expect to be a millionaire," he said. "I don't care to be rich—I'd much rather be good."

Well, What?

"Pa!" "Johnny, leave me alone and don't ask me another question!" "Aw, jest one more an' then I'll keep still."

Providential.

Mother—Why should we make Willie a doctor when there are so many new doctors every year? Father—But think of all the new ailments!

Tidings Borne by Amateur Actor Sufficient to Lead Hearers to Expect the Worst.

The Shakespeare club of New Orleans used to give amateur theatrical performances that were distinguished for the local prominence of the actors. Once a social celebrity, with a gorgeous costume, as one of the lords in waiting had only four words to say: "The queen has swooned." As he stepped forward his friends applauded vociferously. Bowing his thanks, he faced the king and said, in a high-pitched voice: "The swoon has quenched."

There was a roar of laughter; but he waited patiently, and made another attempt: "The swoon has cooned." Again the walls trembled and the stage manager said in a voice which could be heard all over the house: "Come off, you doggoned fool!" But the ambitious amateur refused to surrender, and in a rasping falsetto, as he was assisted off the stage, he screamed: "The coon has swooned."—Success Magazine.

THOSE NEW HATS.



A Realist. "I am a great believer in realism," remarked the poet. "Yes?" we queried with a rising inflection, thereby giving him the desired opening. "I sometimes carry my ideas of realism to a ridiculous extreme," continued the poet. "Indeed!" we exclaimed inly, somewhat impatient to reach the point of his witticism. "Yes," continued the poet, "the other day I wrote a sonnet to the gas company and purposely made the meter defective."

Self-Made.

"I might say to you, young man, that I am a self-made man." "In what respect?" asked an impatient youth. "In this respect, if you must know," replied the orator. "I made myself popular with men who had a pull and thus obtained my present lofty position."

Ready Cooked. The crisp, brown flakes of Post Toasties. Come to the breakfast table right, and exactly right from the package—no bother; no delay. They have body too; these Post Toasties are firm enough to give you a delicious substantial mouthful before they melt away. "The Taste Lingers." Sold by Grocers. Made by POSTUM CEREAL CO., LIMITED. BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN.

# THE LION'S SHARE



BY OCTAVE THANET  
AUTHOR OF THE MAN OF THE HOUR

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## SYNOPSIS.

The story opens at Harvard where Col. Rupert Winter, U. S. A., is the father of 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. A great financial magnate was aboard the train on which Col. Winter met his Aunt Rebecca, Miss Smith and Archie. Col. Winter learned that the financial magnate is Edwin Keatcham. Winter, aided by Archie, cleverly frustrated a hold-up on the train. He took a great liking to Miss Smith, despite her alleged kidnapping plot. Archie mysteriously disappeared in Frisco. Blood in a nearby room at the hotel, causing fears for the boy's life. The lad's voice was heard over the telephone, however, and a minute later a woman's voice—that of Miss Smith. Col. Winter and a detective set out for the empty mansion owned by Arnold, a Harvard graduate. They were met with an explosion within. Mercer appeared. He assured Winter that Archie had returned. The colonel saw a vision flitting from the supposedly haunted house. It was Miss Janet Smith. Col. Winter to himself admitted that he loved Miss Smith. Mercer told Winter that Archie had overheard plans for a coup and had been kidnapped. One of Mercer's friends on returning the boy to his aunt had been arrested for speeding and when he returned from the police station to his auto the lad was gone. Mercer confessed he was forcibly detaining Keatcham. Mercer told his life story, relating how Keatcham and his scoundrel secretary, Atkins, had ruined him, the blow killing his wife. Mercer was holding him prisoner in order that he could not get control of a railroad which was the pet project of the father of his college friend, Endicott Tracy. Aunt Rebecca saw Archie in a cab with two men. Then he vanished. She followed in an auto into the Chinese district and by the use of a mysterious Chinese jade ornament she secured a promise from an influential Chinaman that the boy would be returned. Archie returned and told his story. Atkins, former secretary to Keatcham, being the second kidnaper. Col. Winter and Tracy returned to the "haunted house." They found Keatcham apparently stabbed to death. Keatcham was not dead, however. Cary Mercer appeared on the scene, Winter believing his actions suspicious. The party removed to the Arnold home. They feared Atkins' gang. The colonel became temporary secretary to the magnate. A Black Hand letter was received. The real characteristics of the great financier were revealed. The puzzle of the story fell into place. The boy who the crimes being lifted from Mercer's shoulders and placed upon Atkins'. Love of Miss Smith and Col. Winter for each other was plainly seen by other members of the party.

## CHAPTER XVII.—Continued.

"No," murmured Miss Smith meekly, with a little twinkle of her eye; "I did that; he hid them. How ridiculous of me to get in such a fright! But you know how Cary hated Mr. Keatcham; and you—no, you don't know the lengths that such a temperament as his will go. I did another silly thing; I found a dagger, one of those Moorish stilettoes that hang in the library; it was lying in the doorway. When no one was looking I hid it and carried it off. I stuck it in one of the flower beds; I stuck it in the ferns; I have stuck that wretched thing all over this yard. I didn't dare carry it back and put it in the empty place with the others because some one might have noticed the place. And I didn't dare say anything to Cary; I was right miserable."

"So was I," said the colonel, "thinking you were trying to protect the murderer. But do you know what I had sense to do?"

"Go to Mrs. Winter? Oh, I wanted to!"

"Exactly; and do you know what that dead game sport said to me? She said she found those washed and ironed cuffs and trousers neatly cleaned with milks—what's milks?—and the milks cleaned the spots so much cleaner than the rest that she had her own suspicions started. But says she: 'Not being a plumb idiot, I went straight to Cary and he told me the whole story—'"

"Which was like your story?"

"Very near. And you see it would be like Atkins to leave incriminating testimony round loose. That is, incriminating testimony against Mercer and Tracy. The dagger, Tracy remembers, was not in the library; it was in the patio. Right to hand. Atkins must have got in and found Mr. Keatcham on the floor in a faint. Whether he meant to make a bargain with him or to kill him, perhaps we shall never know; but when he saw him helpless before him he believed his chance was come to kill him and get the cipher key, removing his enemy and making his fortune at a blow, as the French say. Voilà tout!"

"Do you think"—her voice sank lower; she glanced over her shoulder—"do you reckon Atkins had anything to do with that train robbery? Was it a mere pretext to give a chance to murder Mr. Keatcham, fixing the blame on ordinary bandits?"

"By Jove! It might be."

"I don't suppose we shall ever know. But, Col. Winter, do you mind explaining to me just what Brother Cary's scheme with Mr. Keatcham was? Mrs. Winter told me you would."

"She told me," mused the colonel, "that you didn't know anything about this big game which has netted them millions. They've closed out their deals and have the cash. No paper profits for Auntie! She said that she would not risk your being mixed up in it; so kept you absolutely in the dark. I'm there, too. Didn't you know Mercer had kidnapped Archie?"

"No; I didn't know he was with Mr. Keatcham at the hotel. It would have saved me a heap of suffering;

but she didn't dare let me know for fear, if anything should happen, I would be mixed up in it. It was out of kindness, Col. Winter, truly it was. Afterwards when she saw that I was worried she gave me hints that I need not worry, Archie was quite safe."

"And the note-paper?"

"I suppose she gave it to them," answered Miss Smith.

"And the voice I heard in the telephone?" He explained how firmly she had halted the conversation the time Archie would have reassured him. "You weren't there, of course?"

"No, I was downstairs in the ladies' entrance of the court in the hotel; I had come in a little while before, having carried an advertisement to the paper; I wonder why she—maybe it was to communicate with them without risking a letter."

"But how did your voice get into my 'phone?" he asked.

She looked puzzled only a second, then laughed as he had not heard her laugh in San Francisco—a natural, musical, merry peal, a girlish laugh that made his heart bound.

"Why, of course," said she, "it is so easy! There was a reporter who insisted on interviewing Mrs. Winter about her jewelry; and I was shooting him away. Somehow the wires must have crossed."

"Do you remember—this is very, very pretty, don't you think? Just like a puzzle falling into place. Do you remember coming here on the day Archie was returned?"

"I surely do; my head was swimming, for Mrs. Winter sent me and I began then to suspect. She told me Brother Cary was in danger; of course I wanted to do anything to help him; and I carried a note to him. I didn't go in, merely gave the note and saw him."

"I saw you."

"You? How?"

"Birdsall and I; we were here, in the patio; we, my dear Miss Janet, were the Danger! You had on a brown-checked silk dress and you were holding a wire clipper in your hand."

"Yes, sir. I saw it on the grass and picked it up."

She laughed a little; but directly her cheeks reddened. "What must you have thought of me!" she murmured under her breath; and bit the lip that would have quivered.

"I should like to tell you—dear," he answered, "if you will—O Lord, forgive young men for living! If they are not all coming back to ask me to sing! But, Janet, dear, let me say it in Spanish—yes, yes if you really won't be bored; throw me that mandolin!"

Aunt Rebecca back in the armchair, faintly smiling, while the old, old words that thousands of lovers have thrilled with pain and hopes and dreams beyond their own power of speech and offered to their sweethearts, rose, winged by the eternal longing:

"Y si te mueve a lastima mi eterno padecer. Como te amo, amame, bellissima mujer! Como te amo, amame, bellissima mujer!"

"And what does it mean in English, Bertie?" said Mrs. Melville.

"Can't you translate it?"

"Shall I?" said the colonel, his voice was careless enough, but not so the eyes which looked up at Janet Smith.

"Not to-night, please," said she. "I think Mr. Keatcham is expecting me to read to him a little. Good night. Thank you, Col. Winter."

She was on her feet as she spoke; and Winter did not try to detain her; he had held her hand; and he had felt his shy pressure and caught a fleeting, frightened, very beautiful glance. His dark face paled with the intensity of his emotion. Janet moved away, quietly and lightly, with no break in her composure; but as she passed Mrs. Winter she bent and kissed her. And when Archie would have run after her a delicate jeweled hand was laid on his arm. "Not to-night, laddie; I want you to help me down the steps."

With her hand on the boy's shoulder she came up to Rupert, and inclined her handsome head in Janet's direction. "I think, by rights, that kiss belonged to you, mon enfant," said she.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

### Casa Fuerte.

Winter would have said that he was too old a man to stay awake all night, when he had a normal temperature; yet he saw the stars come out and the stars fade on that fateful April night. He entered his room at the hour when midnight brushes the pale skirts of dawn and misguided cocks are vociferating their existence to an indifferent world. Before he came there had been a long council with Mercer and his aunt. Mercer, who had been successful in his mission, had barely seen his chief for a moment before a gentle but imperious nurse ordered him away. Winter caught a queer, abrupt laugh from the financier. The latter beckoned to him. "See you are as obedient as I am when your time comes," he chuckled; and he chuckled again when both the soldier and Miss

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"I Should Like to Tell You—Dear," He Answered, "If You Will—"

Smith blushed over his awkward jocoseness. Yet, the next moment he extended his hand with his formal, other-generation courtesy and took Miss Janet's shapely, firm fingers in his own lean and nervous grasp. "Allow me to offer you both my sincere congratulations," began he, and halted, his eyes, which seemed so incurious but were so keen, traveling from the woman's confusion to the man's.

"I beg your pardon; I understood—Archie who was here, gave me to understand—and I heard you singing; you will hardly believe it, but years ago I sang that to my wife."

"So far as I am concerned, it is settled," said the colonel steadily.

Janet lifted her sweet eyes and sent one glance as fleeting and light as the flash of a bird's wing. "I—I reckon it is settled," murmured she; but immediately she was the nurse again.

"Mr. Keatcham, you are staying awake much too late. Here is Colvin, who will see to anything you want. Good night."

It was then that Mr. Keatcham had taken the colonel's breath away by kissing Janet's hand; after which he shook hands with the colonel with a strange new cordiality, and watched them both go away together with a look on his gaunt face unlike any known to Colvin.

Only three minutes in the hall, with the moon through the arched window; and his arm about her and the fragrance of her loosened hair against his cheek and her voice stirring his heartstrings with an exquisite pang. Only time for the immemorial questions of love: "Are you sure, dear, it is really I?" and "When did you first—?" To this last she had answered with her half-humorous, adorable little lilt of a laugh: "Oh, I reckon it was—a little—all along, ever since I read about your saying that poor little Filipino boy, like Archie; the one who was your servant in Manila, and going hungry for him on the march and jumping into the rapids to save him—when you were lame, too—"

Here the colonel burst in with a groan: "Oh, that monstrous newspaper liar! The 'dear little Filipino boy' was a married man; and I didn't jump into the river to save him. It wasn't more than wading depth—I only swore at him for an idiot and told him to walk out when he tipped over his boat and was floundering about. And he did! He was the limit as a liar—"

To his relief, the most sensible as well as the most lovable woman in the world had burst into a delicious bit of laughter and returned: "Oh, well, you would have jumped in and saved him if the water had been deep; it wasn't your fault it was shallow!" And just at this point Mercer and Aunt Rebecca must needs come with a most unusual premonitory racket, and Janet had fled.

Afterward had come the council. All the coil had been unraveled. Birdsall appeared in person, as sleek, smiling and complacent over his blunders as ever. One of his first

sentences was a declaration of trust in Miss Smith.

"I certainly went off at half-cock there," said he, amiably; "and just because she was so awful nice I felt obliged to suspect her; but I've got the real dog that killed the sheep this time; it's sure the real Red Wolf!"

It appeared that he had, of a verity, been usefully busy. He had secured the mechanic who had given Atkins a plan of the secret passages of Casa Fuerte. He had found the policeman who had arrested Tracy (he swore because he was going too fast) and the magistrate who had fined him; and not only that, he had captured the policeman, a genuine officer, not a criminal in disguise, who had been Atkins' instrument in kidnaping Archie. This man, whom Birdsall knew how to terrify completely, had confessed that it was purely by chance that Atkins had seen the boy, left outside in the motor car. Atkins, so he said, had pretended that the boy was a tool of some enemies of Keatcham's, whose secretary he was, trading, not for the only time, on his past position. In reality, Birdsall had come to believe Atkins knew that Keatcham was employing Mercer in his place.

"I can't absolutely put my finger on his information," said Birdsall; "but I suspect Mrs. Melville Winter; I know she was talking to him, for one of my men saw her. The lady meant no harm, but she's one of the kind that is always slamming the detectives and being took in by the rascals."

He argued that Mrs. Winter and Miss Smith knew where the boy was; for some reason they had let him go; and were pretending not to know where he was. "Ain't that so?" the detective appealed to Aunt Rebecca, who merely smiled, saying: "You're a wonder, Mr. Birdsall!" According to Birdsall's theory, Atkins was puzzled by Archie's part in the affair. But he believed could he find the boy's present hosts he would find Edwin Keatcham. It would not be the first time Keatcham had hidden himself, the better to spin his web for the trapping of his rivals. That Mercer was with his employer the ex-secretary had no manner of doubt, any more than he doubted that Mercer's scheme had been to oust him and to build his own fortunes on Atkins' ruin. He knew both Tracy and young Arnold very well by sight. When he couldn't frighten Archie into telling anything, probably he went back to his first plan of shadowing the Winter party at the Palace. He must have seen Tracy here. He penetrated his disguise. ("He's as sharp as the devil, I tell you, Colonel.") He either followed him himself or had him followed; and he heard about the telephone. ("Somebody harking in the next room, most likely.") Knowing Tracy's intimacy with Arnold, it was not hard for Colver and subtle a mind as Atkins' to jump to the conclusion and test it in the nearest telephone book. ("At least that is how I figure it out, Colonel.") Birdsall had traced the clever mechanic who was

interrogated by the eastern gentleman about to build; this man had given the lavish and inquisitive easterner a plan of the secret passages—to use in his own future residence. Whether Atkins went alone or in company to the Casa Fuerte the detective could only surmise. He couldn't tell whether his object would be mere blackmail, or robbery of the cipher, or assassination. Perhaps he found the insensible man in the patio and was tempted by the grisly opportunity; victim and weapon both absolutely to his hand; for it was established that the dagger had been shown Tracy by Mercer as a curio, and left on the stone bench.

Perhaps he had not found the dagger, but had his own means to make an end of his enemy and his own terror. Birdsall believed that he had accomplices, or at least one accomplice, with him. He conceived that they had lain in ambush watching until they saw Kito go away. Then an entry had been made. "Most like," Birdsall concluded, "he jest flung that dagger away for you folks to find and suspect the domestics, say Kito, 'cause he was away." But this was not all that Birdsall had to report. He had traced Atkins to the haunts of certain unsavory Italians; he had struck the trail, in fine. To be sure, it ran underground and was lost in the brick-walled and slimy-timbered cellars of Chinatown which harbored every sin and crime known to civilization or to savagery. What matter? By grace of his aunt's powerful friend they could track the wolves even through those noisome burrows.

"Yes," sighed the colonel, stretching out his arms, with a resonant breath of relief, "we're out of the maze; all we have to do now is to keep from being killed. Which isn't such a plain proposition in Frisco as in Massachusetts! But I reckon we can tackle it! And then—then, my darling, I shall dare be happy!"

He found himself leaning on his window sill and staring like a boy on the landscape, lost in the lovely hallucinations of moonlight. It was no scene that he knew, it was a vision of old Spain; and by and by from yonder turret the princess, with violets in her loosened hair and her soft cheek like satin and snow, would lean and look. Y si te mueve a lastima mi eterno padecer. Como te amo, amame, bellissima mujer!

"Ah, no, little girl," he muttered with a shake of the head, "I like it better to have you a plain, American gentlewoman, as Aunt Becky would say, who could send me to battle with a nice little quivery smile—sweetheart! Oh, I'm not good enough for you, my dear, my dear." He felt an immense humility as he contrasted his own lot with the loneliness of Keatcham and Mercer and the multitude of solitary in the world, who had lost, or sadder still, had never possessed, the divine dream that is the only reality of the soul. As such thoughts moved his heart, suddenly in the full tide of hope and thankfulness, it stood still, chilled, as if by the glimpse of an iceberg in summer seas. Yet how absurd; it was only that he had recalled his stoical aunt's most unexpected touch of superstition. Quite in jest he had asked her if she felt any presentiments or queer things in her bones to-night. He expected to be answered that Janet had driven every other anxiety out of her mind; and how was she to break it to Milliecent?—or with some such caustic retort. Instead, she had replied testily: "Yes, I do, Bertie. I feel—horrid! I feel as if something out of the common awful were going to happen. It isn't exactly Atkins, either. 'Do you reckon it could be the I Suey When, that bamboo-shoots mess we had for dinner?'"

Although they spent a good 20 minutes after that, joking over superstitions, and he had repeated to her some of Tracy's and Arnold's most ingenious "spooky stunts," to make the neighborhood keep its distance from Casa Fuerte, and they had laughed freely, she as heartily as he, nevertheless he divined that her smile was a pretense. Suddenly, an unruly tremor shook his own firm spirits. Looking out on the stepped and lanterned arches of the wing, he was conscious of the same tragic endowment of the darkened pile, which had oppressed him that night, weeks before, when he had stood outside on the crest of the hill; and the would-be murderers might have been skulking in the shadows of the pepper trees. He tried vainly to shake off this distempered mood. Although he might succeed for a moment in a lover's absorption, it would come again, insidiously, seeping through his happiness like a fume. After futile attempts to sleep he rose, and still at the bidding of his uncanny and tormenting impulse he took his bath and dressed himself for the day. By this time the ashen tints of dawn were in his chamber and on the fields outside. He stood looking at the unloveliest aspect of nature, a landscape on the sunless side, before the east is red. The air felt lifeless; there were no depths in the pale sky; the azure was a flat tint, opaque and thin, like a poor water-color. While

he gazed the motionless trees, live-oaks and olives and palms, were shaken by a mighty wind; the pepper plumes tossed and streamed and tangled like a banner; the great elms along the avenue bent over in a breaking strain. Yet the silken cord of the Holland window shade did not so much as swing. There was not a wing's breath of air. But gradually the earth and cloud vibrated with a strange grinding noise which has never been described a hundred times, but never adequately; a sickening crepitation, as of the rocks in the hills scraping and splintering. Before the mind could question the sound, there succeeded an anarchy of uproar. In it was jumbled the crash of trees and buildings, the splintering crackle of glass, the boom of huge chimneys falling and of vast explosions, the hiss of steam, the hurling of timbers and bricks and masses of stone or sand, and the awful rush of frantic water escaping from engine or main.

"Quake, sure you're born!" said the colonel softly.

Now that his invisible peril was real, was upon him, his spirits leaped up to meet it. He looked coolly about him, noting in his single glance that the house was standing absolutely stanch, neither reeling nor shivering; and that the chimney just opposite his eye had not misplaced a brick. In the same instant he caught up his revolver and ran at his best pace from the room. The hall was firm under his hurrying feet. As he passed the great arched opening on the western balcony he saw an awful sight. Diagonally across from Casa Fuerte was the great house of the California magnate who did not worry his contractor with demands for colonial honesty of workmanship as well as colonial architecture. The stately mansion with its beautiful piazzas and delicate harmony of pillar and pediment, shone white and placid on the eye for a second; then rocked in ghastly wise and collapsed like a house of cards. Simultaneously a torchlike flame streamed into the air. A woeful din of human anguish pierced the inanimate tumult of wreck and crash.

"Bully for Casa Fuerte!" cried the soldier, who now was making a frenzied speed to the other side of the house. He cast a single glance toward the door which he knew belonged to Janet's room; and he thought of the boy, but he ran first to his old aunt. He didn't need to go the whole way. She came out of her door, Janet and Archie at her side. They were all perfectly calm, although in very light and semi-oriental attire. Archie plainly had just plunged out of bed. His eyes were dancing with excitement.

"This house is a dandy, ain't it, Uncle Bertie?" he exclaimed. "Mr. Arnold told me all about the way his father built it; he said it wouldn't bat its eye for an earthquake. It didn't either; but that house opposite is just kindling-wood! Say! here's Cousin Cary; and—look, Uncle Bertie, Mr. Keatcham has got up and he's all dressed. Hullo, Colvin! Don't be scared. It's only a 'quake!" Colvin grinned a sickly grin and stammered, "Yes, sir, quite so, sir." Not an earthquake could shake Colvin out of his manners.

"Are you able to do this, Mr. Keatcham?" young Arnold called breathlessly, plunging into the patio to which they had all instinctively gravitated. Keatcham laughed a short, grunting laugh. "Don't you understand, this is no little every-day 'quake! Look out! Is there a way you can look and not see a spout of flame? I've got to go downtown. Are the machines all right?"

"We must find Randall; the poor soul has a mortal terror of 'quakes—" Aunt Rebecca's wellbred accents were unruined; she appeared a thought stimulated, nothing more; danger always acted as tonic on Winter nerves—"Archie, you go put your clothes on this minute, honey. And I suppose we ought to look up Milliecent."

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## Healthful Bath.

A bath much favored by the Kneipists, along with the bare-foot habit, is formed from a solution of pine needles and pine cones. Cover with cold water about a pound of fresh pine needles and pine cones, broken in small pieces. Boil for half an hour, strain and add the solution to the bath. If you do not want to use the entire amount at once it can be bottled and kept for future occasions. This has a tonic effect both on the nerves and the skin. It can be used on alternate days with a bath of sea salt.

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In walking about the Australian gold fields it is always advisable to keep your eyes on the ground. You can never tell when you may kick up a nugget—or fall down a deserted shaft.

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Sales have been heavy on the sanitary syrup pitchers, but we still have a few. The few lines we put in the Free Press last week, brought inquiries from both town and country. Everybody seems to read the Free Press. We are going to continue to pick up improved table ware, furniture and other up-to-date improvements in our line. The crop situation has improved to such an extent the past month that we are anticipating a fine trade this fall. W. M. Wells.

"The Square Dealer."

Messrs. Earnest Wilfong of Okla., and Arthur Wilfong of Jefferson, Texas, were visiting the families of their uncles Messrs. F. C. and J. E. Wilfong of this city a few days ago. The father of these young men, R. D. Wilfong now deceased, built one of the first houses in Haskell. The writer ate his first meal in Haskell at the hospitable table of R. D. Wilfong. We hope these young men will some day return to Haskell. We understand they are both prosperous business men.

G. C. McCulloh and W. P. Ulmer of the the northeast part of the county, sold broom corn on the local market here Monday at \$80.00 per ton. The Free Press got \$1.00 of processes on subscription account. We certainly was proud of this dollar as it was of the proceeds of a new promising industry. We felt that we were begining to realize on a campaign made last spring.

J. T. Haden age 75 years, died here Saturday. Deceased and a widowed daughter, Mrs. Pearl Baily were the only constituents of his family, but he has several married children. The remains were taken Sunday to young Co. for interment. We are informed that those of his children who were with their father in his last illness gave expressions of gratitude for the kind assistance and sympathy shown the family by their neighbors.

Mrs. Lizzie Wright, wife of W. S. Wright, of Woodward, Oklahoma, and daughter of Mrs. J. C. Bohanan of Rule died at the home of her mother last Sunday and was buried in the Haskell Cemetery Monday. The deceased was in bad health and visited her mother in the hope of recovering her health. She leaves her husband and a son fourteen years old and a daughter eleven years, who were with her when the end came.

## DOES THIS FIT YOU?

There is no use talking, it pays to advertise. Haskell to our mind offered the best location for the State Normal, yet the committee did not see fit to even visit us. This was because there were no previous campaign of advertising on which to base our fight. The mind of the committee was not prepared to conceive the possibilities of Haskell. The fact is, Haskell has been built by a set of conservative business men of action rather than words and there is no town in the state that is more solidly built. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been put into immense business enterprises here in the past few years and nearly all of it was made by the sturdy business men who came here a few years ago with very little capital. We all know of neighboring towns that do not possess the population nor the wealth, nor the trade territory that we have, and yet have a reputation that totally eclipse that of Haskell. All we need to attract outside capital is to advertise. We have got the population and the substantial business enterprises and we should proclaim our resources to the world. We are like the tortois, but we are going to win the race. We have lost the Normal school for lack of advertising that should have been done years ago. Not long since we made the discovery that the railroad guides had our population rated at about what our scholastic population was. We have a greater scholastic population than any rival. A census taken by local authorities showed we have over five thousand people, yet the railroad guides showed 800. The records at Austin at the same time showed the scholastic population of this town to be 735. The trouble is, Haskell is too conservative, the business houses do not advertise their business.

We had a business man to come in our office the other day and pick up one of our exchanges and he said to us, why don't you get out a paper like this? This exchange had several page ads and four or five half page ads and had two large bank ads, we called his attention to the fact that the houses in his line had carried no advertisements for nearly two years in the local papers at Haskell.

You can go around the business square in Haskell and find that 75 per cent of the business firms and 99 per cent of the small concerns do not advertise, yet if the Free Press overlooks a personal concerning the managers of any of these business institutions we find they are very prompt to conclude, and let us know, that we are no newspaper man. Now to all such as so conclude, we want to say, that we have become convinced that any man who can keep a newspaper on its feet in Haskell two or three years has struck his talent, and of all men in the publishing business he has proven to be the most successful. This idea swells us up with all kind of pride and makes us think we are editors, financiers and world movers.

Some times we wish some of you common mortals would take our job in this town for a while just to convince you of our superiority. Some of the lawyers, some of the county officers, land agents, banks and some of the merchants send every job of

stationery they can wait a few days for, to the big houses in the cities, and they give us their free personal squibs and puffs and are never satisfied with anything we can do for them.

A few straws lately laid on our backs calls for these strictures. Now the people who have supported the Free Press and given us their patronage and have shown a willingness to pay for what they get, are more easy to please than those who do not patronize us, and who would like to see us put out of business. Now some people may question the policy of this article. What harm can it do? It certainly can not offend a friend and no man has a right to be our enemy, and to him that volunteers his enmity, we could make no appeal that would reach him and the sooner we expose the sorry vindictiveness of such individuals the sooner they will cower and slink away. We learned in early youth, that a vindictive mean person that was always trying to injure honest good people, were moral cowards and the best way to cure them and get shed of them, was to expose their vindictiveness. There is no business on earth that draws the malice and vindictiveness of humanity like that of a publisher and no profession has done more for the people than the publisher, and for less than.

List your land with me. Make your prices right. If you don't I will show the other fellows land first. I know Haskell county has good land and I believe I can interest a lot of these people in Haskell County real estate. Write me a full description of the land and where it is located with reference to Haskell so I can show the land when I get to Haskell without delay, should I succeed in getting up a party of capitalists and prospectors to visit Haskell County.

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Song.  
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Tithing—Mrs. McCulloh.

Discussion.  
Remarks by President.  
Announcements.  
Benediction.

Mr. J. L. Seandford called at our office Tuesday and called our attention to several discrepancies in our report of the marriage of his daughter last week. We wish to say that we were misinformed and that there was no shot gun use. He pleads guilty to the combination of the mule and unrelenting parent. Mr. Sandford regrets that the report was circulated that he had a gun.

Fire, Tornado and Hail Insurance. Best Old Line Companies.  
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## SOME THOUGHTS ON THE STUDY OF MUSIC.

The road which leads to a thorough knowledge of music is tedious, hard and long. In the best conservatories of this and other countries where the very best and most up-to-date methods are used the time required by the average pupil for graduation is from five to seven years of constant study and practice. Any institution claiming to have a method by which that time can be reduced to one year may be branded at once as a humbug, otherwise why do not our great conservatories adopt such methods? If the writer were a prospective patron of a music instructor, one of the first questions would be "How long does it take you to graduate a pupil?" If the answer were one year, or any time under five or six years, that teacher would be passed up without further comment, for that would be enough to indicate the character of the instruction the pupil would receive. A longer time than one year is required for the mere foundation work of music, and music without a thorough foundation is "bosh."

There is, however, a great deal of difference between graduation and thorough knowledge. There are many second or third rate schools that will graduate a man in a short while but of what account is it. To put it simply, graduation means, "All we can do for you," and any school of music that claims to do all it can for a pupil in one year time only advertises itself as incapable of very much. "A short horse is quickly carried." When the High School graduates a pupil it says "This is all we can do for you now." But does that mean that there is no more to learn? There still stretches out before the pupil the long years of college and university work. So do not be misled by the word graduation for graduation, in the true sense of the word (thorough knowledge) in one year is preposterous. As well say that a man can take a seven years University course in one year. There is just so much to learn about music (and a great deal more practice is required than knowledge) and hence just so much time is required to acquire that knowledge, and no method can be invented to shorten the time. Let some institution invent and manufacture a new kind of gray matter, the properties of which will increase the rapidity of the mind to grasp facts and of the fingers to execute the will of the mind and the problem will be solved, until then beware of fakes.

A personal experience may serve to illustrate the point. Some few years ago in the little town of the writers former home there came one of these short-cut-method music men. The terms were \$30.00 in advance, the rest in monthly dues; graduation in an incredibly short time. Results were; Several "bit" and signed notes for the amount required in advance. The music "peddler" took the notes to a bank, sold them at a slight discount, pocketed the money and was never heard of again. The pupils "graduated" alright, but what did they learn? One valuable lesson for which they paid \$30.00 each: to let short cut methods alone if they would be musicians of a high type and take the same old road that all great musicians have traveled, and must travel, though

it be long and hard. There are two evil results that must necessarily follow patronizing such institutions: 1st. money expended without value received. 2nd Injustice done the musical instructors of the town, who are capable and who have laid the foundation in many instances for good work.

The writer of this article assumes all responsibility. He was not asked to write on this subject nor has he any axe to grind, nor has he any interests to protect other than the general interest of the town, as well as the surrounding country. It is this interest in the town and country as well that prompts the writer to throw out a warning word to those who have children to be instructed in music. Give your children a chance to become good musicians and not fifth rate ones. It is to be hoped that no parent in Haskell County will be gulled by any music pedler, of the short term cut.  
L. O. Cunningham.

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Leader—Mary Pierson.  
Subject—What Jesus Taught Gods Fatherly Care.

Song 69.  
Prayer.  
Song 14.

Roll Call answered by memory verse. John 3:16.

Song 27.  
I. Talking with the Father—Ella Ree DeBard.

II. To be children of God, we must be what?—Bee Swope.

III. What Jesus taught about Gods Fatherly care.—Allie Irby.

Song 139  
Open discussion of lesson.  
Report of B. Y. P. U. Rally.  
Song 189.  
Benediction.

The B. Y. P. U. held a business meeting on July 25th, and the following officers were elected:

Herbert Arbuckle, President.  
Maggie Hill, Vice-President.  
Allee Irby, Secretary.  
Ruth Jones, Treasurer.  
Bee Swope, Cor. Secretary.  
Allee Irby, Sec.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS

1. Mrs. Gorgia Mayo.  
2. J. A. Fitzgerald.  
3. Turner Green.  
4. G. D. Whidker.  
5. J. B. Hassess.  
6. Faron Fontis Bros.

## NOTICE

To all who are interested in the Haskell cemetery. The assessment for this year is past due and quite a number have failed to pay for last year. The Cemetery Association urges that you give this matter your prompt attention as the money is badly needed. Please pay all dues to  
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**Time Table**  
Schedule of trains on Wichita Valley R. R. arriving and leaving Haskell.

Train No. 2 East Bound due 7:50 a. m.  
Train No. 1 West Bound due 6:40 p. m.  
Train No. 6 East Bound due 10:15 p. m.  
Train No. 5 West Bound due 5:22 a. m.

M. R. Frampton, Agt.

**Locals and Personals.**

Mrs. W. T. Wood of Ennis is visiting her son Mr. W. B. Wood of this city.

J. U. Fields and Misses Anice and May Fields have returned from the exposition at Seattle.

For sale at a bargain—Good roll top office desk.  
J. L. Robertson, "The Loan Man," State Bank.

Mrs. J. S. Kiestler is visiting in Dallas this week.

S. L. Robertson left Tuesday for the eastern market.

The ladies of the McCabees of the World will meet in their Hall Thursday Aug. 26th at 3:30 p. m. All members are requested to be present.

Ruth Robertson, Rec. Keeper.

Columbia graphophone records both the disc and cylinder at reduced prices.  
Street Music Co.

**Window shades, a nice line, new stock. McNeill & Smith.**

We can sell you pure hog lard at 12½ cents per lb. Try a bucket. Palace Market.

When you want to meet the train phone Baldwin's Stable. Round trip 25 cts. Best Bus in town. Never fails to catch the train. 34-4 t

RAGS—Clean Rags wanted at the Free Press shop. Bring them in we will buy them.

**Plenty of Glass and Putty at McNeill & Smith Hwd. Co.**

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

Mr. Wirt French was up from Stamford Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Mack Smith of Proper Texas have been visiting their sons Messrs L. V. and H. M. Smith of this city.

Why buy cottolene when you can buy pure hog lard cheaper at Palace Market.

**Floor finishes of all kinds Normans'.**

See our fine line of bath tubs, lavatories sinks and toilet articles before you buy.  
Haskell Plumbing Co., east side square.

Our neighbor, Burwell Cox, fell from his tank tower Thursday morning and dislocated the seat of his pants.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE** a thoroughbred Spanish Jack.  
Jno. F. Thomas  
31-4t at Tompkins ranch.

T. J. Sims has crushed corn and threshed Milo Maize chops put up in 100 lbs and will be delivered any where in town.

For Sale: Well improved 120 acre farm. Crop on 40 acres, 16 cattle, 6 hogs. All at \$3000. 12 miles east of Haskell  
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**Get your window shades at McNeill & Smith Hwd. Co.**

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.

Sanitary Syrup pitchers at Wm Wells'.

I have room for six boarders. Near depot. Mrs. Sanfield.

Mr. J. J. Stein returned Wednesday from a business trip to Greenville and Fort Worth.

Stein Bros. report the presence of several prospectors in Haskell this week.

We have a piano to trade for horses. apply at Free Press office.

We have purchased the Hughes Gebhard, nee Foster & Jones, Insurance business, and should you need fire, hail, tornado or live stock insurance we would be glad to write it for you in the strongest old lines in Texas.  
Chancellor & Johnson.  
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We have a large improved residence block of eight lots, close in, to sell or trade for farm and, no incumbrance.

Mr. Sam Neathery has moved back to his old home in Collin County, where he has splendid inducements to practice his profession. He has earned an enviable reputation as a young member of the Haskell bar.

For sale, cheap, a few pairs of registered pure bred Homer Pigeons. Phone No. 198. Richard Noland.

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Get one of those Sanitary Syrup pitchers at Wm Wells'.

**Bring your pictures and have them framed, New Stock Moulding, Normans'.**

For sanitary plumbing and wind mill repairing see Haskell Plumbing Co., east side square.

Mrs. G. R. Couch and daughter, Miss Allene, returned home Wednesday from Christoval where they have been visiting for several weeks.

Miss Fay Belle Bullock has returned from Farmersville where she has been visiting relatives.

**Wall Paper, Paints Varnishes, Normans'.**

Just received a fine line of bath tubs, lavatories, sinks and bath room supplies.  
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Mr. A. H. Alexander left Tuesday from Galesburg Ill., where he will join Mrs. Alexander, who has been spending the summer in the north.

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Why you ought to have your watch cleaned:—

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2nd.—The life of your watch depends greatly upon how often it is cleaned.

3rd.—If it has not been cleaned within the past year, it needs it now, for this has been an unusually hard year on watches and clocks on account of so much dust. Have it cleaned and have Evans do it for you.

Should you be unfortunate and not have a watch, Evans has them for sale—fine ones and cheap ones.

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**REUNION**

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hemphill of Powell are entertaining a house party of Children and grandchildren this week. The persons of the party are Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hemphill, Master Pettus and Miss Katie, of Tyler; Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Perkins, Master Olly of Briggs; Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Hemphill and two children of McCauley; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hemphill and three children of Aspermont; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Miller and five children of Roberts community; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hemphill and Mrs. Steadman and children of Haskell. Calling the roll, thirty-one responded, leaving nine absent of this family.

A pleasant addition to the party for a couple of days was Col. E. K. Gore, Sec. and Treas. of Hood's Tex., Brigade Ass. of Huntsville. He and Mr. J. Hemphill served four years as messmates in the army of northern Virginia.

Altogether this has been a very pleasant reunion.

The Junior Union of the Baptist church will give an ice cream social at Mrs. H. R. Jones residence Tuesday, Aug. 24th. Cream 10 cents a saucer. Every body invited. Will begin serving at 7 p. m.

**Collingsworth County School Lands Are Sold.**

Highest Price Ever Paid for School Land in Texas was Received for Our County Lands Tuesday. Brought Fancy Price of \$12.50 Per Acre.

The Commissioner's court for Collingsworth county convened in regular session last Monday. At the appointed hour, the opening of the afternoon session, the court declared itself open for bids to purchase the tract of land located in Lamb county, Texas, and belonging to Collingsworth county.

The conditions upon which the land was to be sold were, that as evidence of good faith \$1,000 was to be deposited with the County Judge by each bidder before bidding, that this \$1,000 of the successful bidder was to be retained; and that the remainder of the first year's interest was to be paid within sixty days.

Several contestants stepped forward, deposited the required money, and entered the fight. Their names were: Dr. Jas. B. Hanby, Plainview, Texas; Hon. Albert McRae, Bovina, Texas; J. P. Snyder, Kansas City, Mo.; Hon. Jno. W. Woods, Rotan, Texas; Geo. W. Erwin, Jr., Hereford, Texas; S. L. McDonald, Canadian, Texas; Mr. Evans, Dimmitt, Texas; A. A. Crockett, Nacona, Texas. After the bidding had progressed to some extent, Judge Holbert of Rotan, Texas, arrived; however, he declared it was already too warm a fight for him, and he declined to enter. Mr. A. F. Swafford of our own community had contemplated the purchase of this land, but he did not feel disposed to bid so high as he saw others intended to do.

The court room was thronged with eager lookers-on; for this was no uncommon happening for our little town. Many were there in anxious suspense to watch the fate of the future welfare of their children; others came for curiosity; while still others were on the ground doubting the advisability of the sale and thinking the land would not bring the proper price.

But these last were soon satisfied; for nearly thirty minutes had passed before the bidders showed they meant business by running their offers up to where many of us thought the land would sell. Higher and still higher went the price. Nine dollars, what we thought a good price, was reached, and still the bidding went on. Ten dollars was reached, then eleven finally was offered. All spectators by this time wore smiling faces. Those who had opposed the sale of the lands had been thoroughly converted. Everybody talked of how Collingsworth county school children would be benefited.

It was very interesting to the bystander other than to think of the importance of the matter. Occasional lulls in bidding would happen. Then it would revive with a rapid crossfire among the contestants. After ten dollars had been offered, the raise each time was very small, one cent or one-half of one cent per acre forming the steps up which the bidders continuously climbed. It was a warmer fight than any of them had looked for, consequently, several fell out at an early stage. Those who appeared gamest were Mr. McRae, Mr. Erwin, Dr. Hanby and Mr. Snyder, who fell out early in the fight but came back later on with a second breath. Mr. Woods also made an occasional inroad into the higher bids.

There has been some misunderstanding as to who should be the real purchaser of the land. As to this we care not to comment. Suffice it to say that it at first seemed Mr. McRae had made the purchase. Mr. Erwin however, we learn, gets the land

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at \$12.50 per acre.

This is a splendid price, the best ever brought by any Texas school lands. We congratulate the Commissionees upon their work. We believe they have all along acted in good faith. We feel they have, throughout the transaction, held an eye single to the welfare of the children of this county. The work of the Commissioner's court is laborious and tedious. Our court is performing the task nobly. They need not to please everybody. They are acting so, however, that they will remain in the clear to the public. This is what we admire in public officials.

They have beyond question acted wisely in receiving the bidders in a body where offers could be made in public. Had sealed bids been the plan, our land, no doubt, would have sold for two or three dollars less on the acre.

At the price the land sold for we figure that it brings \$221,400. This means \$11,070.00 interest available every year for this county. Figured for each scholastic, there being 1,515 enrolled in the county, it makes \$7.30 per capita, a sum greater than is received from the regular State annual apportionment. Just think what this means! It means that Collingsworth county can now stand in the forefront in the ranks of educational progress in Texas. It means that we need have no hesitancy to stand up and invite all home-seekers to come into our midst and dwell among us. Yea, it means that people will now come faster than ever. It means that those who come will be the best class; for good schools never fail to draw good citizens. What a proud boast to call ourselves the Banner County of

the Panhandle.

We are optimistic. We admit it. We cannot help it. We were born into this world that we could see some good every where and especially that we could appreciate a good thing when it falls our way. And if we are not fooled, we now have a good thing by possessing citizenship in Wellington. Educationally why should not this town become the leading city of the Panhandle country—Wellington Leader.

This article was called to our attention by Mr. J. T. Lowery, We produce it because Haskell County has four leagues school land for sale in Hockly county that will bring as much as this land. Hockly County Joins Lamb on the south and is just west of Lubbock a new rail road is being built to Lubbock and it may be possible if handle right Haskell county will get \$20.00 per acre for this land.

We are prepared to take care of all desirable farm loan applications on property south of Brazos River in Knox and Haskell county, on five or seven years time at straight eight per cent. Phone or write.

**Scott & Key,**  
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Haskell, Texas.  
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**Window shades from 35c up. McNeill & Smith Hwd. Co.**

**LOST:** A man's black gum coat, finder return to C. D. Long.  
H. G. Ashley left Monday for Smith County. He called by the Free Press office and got several copies of the Free Press to take with him for distribution.

### DISCOURAGED WOMEN.

A Word of Hope for Despairing Ones.

Kidney trouble makes weak, weary, worn women. Backache, hip pains, dizziness, headaches, nervousness, languor, urinary troubles make women suffer untold misery. Ailing kidneys are the cause. Cure them. Mrs. S. D. Ellison, N. Broadway, Lamar, Mo., says: "Kidney trouble wore me down till I had to take to bed. I had terrible pains in my body and limbs and the urine was annoying and full of sediment. I got worse and worse and finally I was discouraged. Doan's Kidney Pills brought quick relief and a final cure and now I am in the best of health."

Remember the name—Doan's. Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-McBarn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

### THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS.

Usefulness in Life is the One Thing That Will Transform All Things to Gold.

The moment we set about the task of making every human being we come in contact with better for knowing us—more cheerful, more courageous and with greater faith in the kindness of God and man—that moment we begin to attain the third purpose of life—personal happiness.

Would you possess the magic secret of the alchemist which transforms all things to gold?

It is usefulness—or, to use a better word, selflessness.

He who goes forth bent upon being always kind, always helpful, in the little daily events of life, will find all tasks tinted with gold, all his nights rest with stars and unexpected flowers of pleasure springing up in his path.

And all his tears shall turn into smiles.—Brooklyn Eagle.

### GOT HIM!



Gertrude—The man I marry must be a genius.  
Bertie—Thank heaven we have met!

**Aid Fight Against Tuberculosis.**  
At the recent meeting of the National Association of Bill Posters, held in Atlanta, Ga., it was decided to devote to the campaign against tuberculosis \$1,200,000 worth of publicity. The bill posters in all parts of the United States and Canada will fill the vacant spaces on their 3,500 bill boards with large posters illustrating the ways to prevent and cure consumption. The Poster Printers' association has also granted \$200,000 worth of printing and paper for this work. This entire campaign of billboard publicity will be conducted under the direction of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis in cooperation with the National Bill Posters' association.

### They Were Good Mothers.

Elizabeth Daily Stanton is quoted as saying that a woman's first duty is to develop all her powers and possibilities, that she may better guide and serve the next generation. Mrs. Stanton raised seven uncommonly healthy and handsome children, says an admirer of hers, and the children of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe testify to the virtues of the noted woman as a mother. The eagle may be as good a mother as the hen or the goose.

### BAD DREAMS Caused by Coffee.

"I have been a coffee drinker, more or less, ever since I can remember, until a few months ago I became more and more nervous and irritable, and finally I could not sleep at night for I was horribly disturbed by dreams of all sorts and a species of distressing nightmare.

Finally, after hearing the experience of numbers of friends who had quit coffee and were drinking Postum, and learning of the great benefits they had derived, I concluded coffee must be the cause of my trouble, so I got some Postum and had it made strictly according to directions.

"I was astonished at the flavor and taste. It entirely took the place of coffee, and to my very great satisfaction, I began to sleep peacefully and sweetly. My nerves improved, and I wish I could warn every man, woman and child from the unwholesome drug—ordinary coffee.

"People rarely do not appreciate or realize what a powerful drug it is and what terrible effect it has on the human system. If they did, hardly a pound of it would be sold. I would never think of going back to coffee again. I would almost as soon think of putting my hand in a fire after I had once been burned.

"A young lady friend of ours had stomach trouble for a long time, and could not get well as long as she used coffee. She finally quit coffee and began the use of Postum and is now perfectly well. Yours for health."

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

## Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

Where everyone has an ax to grind there will be little hewing to the line. No advantage is smaller than that gained by taking advantage of a friend.

The careful policy of all progressive countries is to assist and encourage as much as possible their home agricultural industry.

Plant crops and raise stock for home use first, next plant crops and raise stock for sale. Buyers often visit farmers who pursue the above method. Either to buy the surplus or borrow money.

To bleach or not to bleach is the question that is up to the millers at the present time. The users of milled feed are hoping they will soon decide one way or the other and start the wheels a going again.

All political parties look alike to the Farmers' union so long as they do business in such a way as to protect the interests of the farmers. What we need most is better laws and a more just administration of them.

Dairy men usually figure their income from their herds in dollars and cents received for butter fat without taking into consideration the feeding value of the skim milk or the value of the manure produced. If the two latter items could be figured as easily as the first there would be fewer complaints that dairying doesn't pay.

One man, who seems to know, tells us: "They sell us fruit jam made without fruit; butter that never saw the milk pail; poached chicken that grunted in the barnyard; all-wool goods that never said 'baah,' but leave it to the buyer to say it." If that's modern industry the good old days are preferable when the farmers paid their own chicken and spun their own yarn.

### SPECULATOR NOT TO BLAME

Farmers Must Have Strong, Compact Organization and Good Leaders to Win.

Cotton has left the producers' hands and the same tales which the farmers sold for eight cents are now being sold by the speculators who bought them for 11 cents. Is the speculator to blame for this? Has he stolen from the farmers? No, he has paid the price required to get the commodity which was being offered on a market long gutted and held it until the spinner needed it for his spindles. The speculator had nothing to do with forcing the farmer to sell for eight cents. At least he exercised no controlling influence in the matter.

Farm and Ranch has condemned where condemnation is deserved. It is the duty of a paper to do this; but condemnation of speculators and gamblers will never bring fair prices for cotton or other crops. The restriction of the influence of the speculator and gambler will clear the road to fair prices of great obstructions, but after all, the farmer himself must, by his own efforts, reach that goal. No one else will carry this—no one else can carry him.

Merchants and bankers can make his journey easy, but there are obstructions which he himself must surmount. There are streams which he himself must bridge.

Sometimes it may be necessary to appeal to men's prejudices in order to arouse them to action, but it is always dangerous to do so. There is a little old saying that "he whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad."

No military campaign was ever successful without a well-organized army, commanded by men worthy of the confidence of those whom they led, and capable of properly planning and carrying into execution their plans. With a loose sort of an organization in which every soldier feels free to quit when he chooses, and who reserves the right to act as he wills, no general can succeed.

With men in command who do not inspire their subordinates with confidence in their ability to direct the campaign to successful issue, private in the ranks cannot do their best. The bravest and truest will remain loyal, but they will do so only to be slaughtered. Now is the time for victory. Remember that organization, strong, compact, and leadership, honest and competent, are necessary. Organization first and then action. Any army organized for the purpose of action will become restive under inaction.

### Cow Peas in Melons.

Cow peas are not bad for a melon field after the crop is well advanced. They shade both the ground and the melons, besides gathering nitrogen for future crops.

### CO-OPERATION AIDS FARMER

Brings His Intelligence Into Play and Improves His Land by Drainage and Cultivation.

In nothing has co-operation been of so much service as in farming. To brace the farmer up to raise a full crop of good quality, of the kind that is most needed and therefore the best price, that will improve his land by manure and drainage and cultivation, that will improve his stock and bring his intelligence into play, these are the largest benefits that come from association in a farmers' business organization, writes N. O. Nelson, in Southern Cultivator. Next comes the assembling and manipulation of his crop to put the raw material into shape for the market, one step toward the consumer, one middle man skipped. By this association, the benefit of leadership is secured. From the 50 or 100 or 500 constituting the association five or ten educators are selected for their superior ability and their willingness to apply this ability for the equal good of the less able.

There are these two important differences between this co-operation and state socialism—it is voluntary, each member benefits by his own effort and suffers by his own deficiency. What men do voluntarily, they commonly do better than what they do by force. By a process of education in voluntary associations, men would become social and find enjoyment in doing not only their own share, but their best for the good of all. They would not do it as they now are and there is no ground for the assertion that they would be suddenly changed by a change in system. Law does not change men, it hardly changes affairs. New laws intended to check men and corporations from getting rich and others from getting poor have been passed ever since I can remember, but there are bigger millionaires and more renters and hirelings than ever.

There is the same opening for getting rich by trade and speculation and for staying poor by hiring out for ready money now as there was in the fifties, no more and no less. There is better opening now for starting farming or starting business than there was 50 years ago. I have just completed organizing a farm neighborhood in Louisiana, into a co-operative dairy association. Most of these farmers have started there in the last five to fifteen years, with little or nothing and are doing well! Among them are several Norwegians from Minnesota and Wisconsin, every one of whom is prosperous. Only one brought any more means than any industrious worker in town or country can lay up in a few years.

The money saved in the various co-operative undertakings is only a part of the benefits. Association for these mutual purposes has very great social and educational value. Very commonly farmers have a poor opinion of each other, but when they get together in these affairs, which require fidelity and equality and intercourse, they find they are not bad fellows, after all, they learn the advantage of pulling together, team work, they get better acquainted, they learn from each other, get inspiration by close contact. From this, come better schools, better roads, better farming, more social life and more public spirit.

Co-operation never concerns itself with manipulating or forcing prices, either up for what they sell or down for what they buy. They take the market as they find it, buying in the lowest and selling in the highest market. That is as nearly fair prices as can be reached, altogether fairer than any arbitrary fixing of prices by the interested parties. There is no politics in co-operation, it is simply association to do the business of those who choose to come together on equal terms.

Co-operation is always open to all comers as far as they can be cared for. It has no secrets, its meetings and books and business are public. In all countries and localities where co-operation has been rightly started and loyally supported, it is prospering and spreading at a rapid and steady rate. In the middle northwestern states, creameries, grain elevators and stores are well established. In California, about two-thirds of the orange and lemon crop is packed and marketed by one general association composed of many district and local associations. There are stores here and there throughout the states and many truck shipping associations. A start has been made with creameries in the south; cotton gins, supply associations and the other kinds will come in due time. Information about improved farming has accumulated little, writing and talking about co-operation comes to nothing, it requires organization and actual business association.

### Alfalfa for Dairy Cow.

Where the farmer can grow alfalfa and corn there is no reason for allowing the cows to suffer for feed during the period of short pasture. Green alfalfa is the best summer soiling crop that can be grown. In the latter part of summer when corn is more mature there is nothing better than green corn. No plant now known to us equals corn in its adaptability to the soiling system. Corn has the advantage of yielding large quantities of digestible nutrients to the acre at less cost than any other crop suited to soiling. Next to corn and alfalfa should probably be placed sorghum as a soiling crop. The yield per acre of green sorghum is very large, and it serves much the same purpose as green corn.

## EXPERIENCE AS A WITNESS

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

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God."—Is. 43:12.

This is an age of experiment. Christianity is challenged to enter the laboratory and prove its claims. We accept the challenge, and enter the laboratory of experience. If Christianity fails to do what it claims, then reject it, and if it proves its claims by tests of experience, you of the scientific mind should be honest enough to accept it.

We are all in danger of supposing that what we have not experienced has never been experienced. A man near the equator would not believe a missionary who told him that he lived in a country where, in cold weather, the water became hard enough to hold up the weight of his elephant. Such is the power of experience to unfit us to judge of experiences with which we are not familiar. And yet the facts of Christian experience are so evident that we have hope of at least gaining a hearing from those whose experiences do not yet verify them.

We have made the scientific test, for we have been in the laboratory of experience, and what we have learned by such experience is very unscientific to doubt. The Bible is full of answers to prayer, and the lives of God's people are just as full as the Bible. Our text book and our experiments agree. And for men to doubt the book and the experiments, who know little of the former and absolutely nothing, as they confess, of the latter, marks their denials as unscientific and unworthy of respect. If they would know for themselves let them come into the Christian laboratory of experience by trusting God and living for him. Those who really do that never doubt that God answers prayer.

Thousands whose testimony we would accept in court claim that by faith in Jesus Christ they have been made to hate what they once loved and to love what they once hated, and that not by a gradual process, but suddenly. A man in Baltimore went into the Reformed church to hear Mr. Moody. He was at the time a drunkard. Mr. Moody held forth Jesus Christ as the only Saviour from sin and habit. The man believed, and has told me that from that day he has had no thirst for strong drink. His life has been a continual consecration to Christ who delivered him. A live Lazarus, who was once dead, is our test of the power of Christ. The men whose eyes have been opened are of age; ask them and they will testify that once they were spiritually blind; faith in Christ gave them a new soul-sight, and they have experienced things of which they had never dreamed.

Need we stop to prove that Christianity makes the highest manhood and womanhood known to the world? Just in proportion as men and nations follow the precepts of Christ they are strong in character. When an Indian prince asked Queen Victoria the secret of England's greatness she handed him a Bible. It is no accident that the nations who honor the Bible are to-day foremost in the march of civilization. A legend says that Chiron, the centaur, who had charge of Achilles, fed him on the marrow of lions. God's word is, indeed, the marrow of lions to men or nations who feed upon it. But for the individual Christ has done even more than for the nation. He satifies the soul. He gives peace of heart. His cross is the cyclone's center where there is perfect rest. He has answered Job's question: "Can a man be justified before God?" Through Him we get rid of our sins. He has taught us to look up and worship. The man who is content with merely a moral life is to be pitied. He sees flowers about his feet, but he has never seen the stars. Christ bids him look up into a heaven of constellations.

Sin has not only separated us from God, but from one another. Christ binds us together again. Even the revenge of an Indian's nature has been conquered by his love. He leads us to help the helpless. Christianity builds asylums and homes for the friendless. Paganism and infidelity never did either. In building the Hoosac tunnel two gangs of men started to work at the same time on opposite sides of the mountain. The survey was so accurate and the work so well done that when they met the sides of their tunnels came within an inch of tallying. So man's need is exactly met by God's provision in Christ and the Bible.

The foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist church has 231 missionaries at work in foreign fields, besides 375 native workers, and reports a membership of 16,594 natives. The receipts last year amounted to \$460,797.

Make your rules and regulations simple and let your system stay unchanged, for it will inspire confidence.

### GAVE HER AN IDEA.



Cyclo Dealer—Here is a cyclometer I can recommend. It is positively accurate; not at all like some cyclometers, which register two miles, perhaps, where you have only ridden one. Miss de Hyde—You haven't any of that kind, have you?

### IN AGONY WITH ECZEMA.

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

In Despair; Cured by Cuticura.

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

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

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

### Your Salary.

The universe pays every man in his own coin; if you smile, it smiles upon you in return; if you frown, you will be frowned at; if you sing, you will be invited into gay company; if you think, you will be entertained by thinkers; and if you love the world and earnestly seek for the good that is therein, you will be surrounded by loving friends, and nature will pour into your lap the treasures of the earth. Censure, criticism and hate, and you will be censured, criticised and hated by your fellow men.—N. W. Zimmerman.

The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Defiance Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. It great strength as a stiffener makes half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

### An Argive Cowherd.

Argus was boasting of his 100 eyes. "Think of putting on 50 pairs of goggles when you want to motor!" he cried.

For Colds and Gripp—Capudine. The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects Immediately—10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

### Ought to Be.

"Is the man you recommend to us capable of good head work?"

"Well, he's a barber."

Indigestion takes wings when the refreshing perfume of WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT is flying around!

Too many men try to build a skyscraper on a one-story foundation.

Look at the Names. In 4 A. D. Fearadhadh-Fionashtna was an Irish king, a "most just and good prince," who was slain by his successor, Fiachadh-Fion, who was treated to a similar fate by Fiachadh-Fionadh, "the prince with the white cows," who died at the hands of "the Irish plebeians of Connaught." Eochairh-Moidneadhain was one of the half dozen who died of natural causes, and Flaithheartagh was one of the two to resign the monarch's scepter for the monk's cowl.—New York Press.

# 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.

Bound from Portsmouth to Boston, the naval tug Nezincot capsized off Cape Ann at an early hour Wednesday and four of her crew were drowned.

Several cars of watermelons have been shipped from Paris to Dallas, Fort Worth, Waxahachie and other points within the past few days.

The crop report of the Canadian Government, showing a total of approximately 175,000,000 bushels for that country this year had a depressing effect on the wheat market.

Chinese Minister Wu Ting Fang has been recalled from Washington and ordered to Peking for further assignment. His successor will be Chang Yin Tang.

Eleven persons were killed and thirty injured Monday by the collision of a passenger train with a freight train at Long Jumeau, France.

The Scottish Rite reunion finished its third day's session Wednesday in Galveston and the degrees from the fourth to the twenty-fifth have been conferred upon a class of some sixty-six.

Garland Henson, about 14 years of age, son of George Henson of near Whitney, accidentally and perhaps fatally shot himself with a target rifle Tuesday while hunting on Towash Creek near his home.

The name of Seth Low, former Mayor of New York and once head of Columbia University, is seriously considered by President Taft in the selection of a successor to Whitelaw Reid as Ambassador to Great Britain.

According to figures compiled in the Controller's Department at Austin, the taxable values of Texas property will not amount to less than \$2,298,086,541, an increase of \$123,965,061 over last year.

Northwestern Texas was visited Monday by good rains, which was also the case regarding a wide section of territory in Northern, Eastern, Central and portions of Central Western Texas.

The "ninety-day" laws of the second called session of the Legislature became effective at midnight Monday night and will be laws of the land hereafter until repealed or held invalid, if the last should happen.

Sixteen governors have accepted invitations to join the party of President Taft on his trip down the Mississippi River next October, according to an announcement made by the Lakes to the Gulf Deep Waterways Association Saturday in St. Louis.

A prize of \$5,000 has been offered to the aviator covering the greatest number of miles in the year beginning Aug. 15, 1909, by the London Daily Mail. The number of flights is unlimited, the prize to be for the total distance covered in as many flights as the aeronaut can make.

John D. Lamar Jr. and John F. Horsfall, assistant postmasters, respectively, of Rosebud and Waco, joined in a call for a meeting of assistant postmasters of Texas to take place in Waco Monday, Aug. 23. The object of the meeting is to organize a State Association of Assistant Postmasters.

The United States imported in the fiscal year just ended 266,500,000 pounds of wool against 126,000,000 last year, 203,000,000 in 1907 and 351,000,000 in 1896, a year when the importations were abnormal on account of the prospect of its transfer from the free to the dutiable lists.

After bidding his sweetheart good-bye, Jose Manilla Wednesday sent a bullet through his heart and died instantly in San Antonio.

That the prolonged strike of Japanese plantation laborers at Honolulu is a thing of the past is shown by the fact that practically all of the strikers are now seeking re-employment.

The North Texas Fair will open at the fair grounds in Greenville on Wednesday, Aug. 25, and will continue four days. More extensive arrangements are being made for this fair than ever before.

Now that Dallas dog muzzling ordinance has been passed and enrolled and published, Chief of Police Robert L. Cornwall has instructed the men to see to it that dogs running at large on the streets without a muzzle attached shall be duly impounded.

Dock Thompson was killed near Apple Springs near Groveton Monday. Thompson was shot twice, once through the head and once through the heart, dying instantly.

Eleven lives were lost when Okanagan Hotel at Vernon, B. C., was burned early Tuesday. The building contained about sixty guests.

A Rembrandt painting, priceless in an aesthetic sense and worth, it is said, more than half a million dollars in cold cash, is the latest addition to the art treasures of Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, brother of President Taft.

Monday morning a fire was discovered in the I. O. O. F. Hall in Pryor Creek, Ok., and in less than one hour a damage of \$35,000 was sustained.

John H. Noe, white man, was badly injured in Austin Wednesday; by the explosion of a piece of dynamite which he raked into a pile of burning trash unwittingly.

Death Friday claimed two victims of the Southern Railway wreck between Bristol and Knoxville, Tenn., Thursday.

While on the Elk River, eight miles from Fayetteville, Tenn., H. L. Spencer found some fine pearls, some of them being worth \$1,000.

Chinatown boiled over again early Sunday morning over the murder of the most beautiful Chinawoman in New York, Bow Kim, 21 years old.

Texas now has two counties whose taxable values exceed \$100,000,000, according to the estimates made by the Assessors of Harris and Dallas.

Secretary Wilson has amended the Washington Department of Agriculture order regarding the quarantine against scabies in sheep in Texas, effective.

Two lives were lost and a great amount of property damage was done as the result of a most violent electrical storm which raged in Chicago and suburbs early Saturday.

The report of the Rock Island Railroad to the Railroad Commission at Austin on the number of passes issued by it during the past year shows that 22,480 passes were issued, used in 2,645,911 miles of travel.

Ignacio de la Barra, brother of the Mexican Ambassador to the United States, arrived at Juarez, across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Wednesday, to put the city into suitable condition for the meeting between President Taft and President Diaz.

Montagu Holbein, the swimmer, has failed in his seventh effort to swim across the English Channel. He left Cape Gris Nez Thursday and after a splendid all-night attempt, he was forced to give up a few miles out of Dover.

Fourteen lives are known to be lost and heavy property damage in Monterey, Mex., as the result of the overflow of the Santa Catarina River Tuesday night. The National Railway lines are again tied up on account of washouts north and south of this city.

E. M. Hopkins and Frank Westcott of Detroit, Mich., were in Waxahachie Wednesday in the interest of an inter-urban railway they propose to build from Dallas to Waxahachie. Mr. Hopkins addressed a meeting of citizens at the court house.

Two thousand bottles of liquor were destroyed Wednesday by Capt. T. N. Ross and his State Rangers, found in storage in Amarillo. The liquors are believed to have been stored in this city for the last several months, being chiefly beer, but some whiskey.

Harry K. Thaw's latest attempt to gain liberty met with complete defeat Thursday when Supreme Court Justice Isaac Mills dismissed the writ of habeas corpus and declared that the release of the petitioner would be dangerous to the public peace and safety.

An explosion of dynamite made by unknown persons in an attempt, it is believed, to destroy the construction work of the Cincinnati Southern Railroad's new bridge in the West End, did much damage to buildings and caused excitement in Cincinnati, Thursday. Window panes were blown from some buildings blocks distant.

Arrangements were completed Thursday for a convention in Guthrie Oct. 22, to perfect a State organization to promote the colonization of American negroes in Africa under the auspices of the Abraham Lincoln African Aid and Colonization Society, recently incorporated in Stillwater by white citizens of Oklahoma.

The Standard Oil Company will have to pay a duty of about 10 per cent ad valorem on oil it has imported into the Philippines since the new tariff bill became effective, although oil under the measure is admitted into the United States and the Philippines free of duty, this imposition of duty is caused by the fact that the oil is put up in cans made from imported tin.

The International Revenue office of the Treasury Department has already entered upon the work preliminary to assessing corporations under the corporation tax provision of the tariff bill.

Joseph S. Myers, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, and H. G. Wagner, Deputy Commissioner, were two appointments made Thursday, in Austin, under act of the Thirty-First Legislature, being the first selections under the new law. The Governor appointed Myers and the latter appointed Wagner.

Recommendations that the Wright brothers be engaged to demonstrate the practicability of the use of aeroplanes on board battleships and that two machines be purchased, if their utility is demonstrated, has been made by the Bureau of Equipment to the Secretary of the Navy at Washington.

Tax Assessor James E. Bolton has prepared and forwarded to the State Tax Board at Austin an estimate of the total assessed valuation of property in Dallas County subject to taxation for State and county purposes. The valuation will be more than \$100,000,000.

Southern Railway westbound vestibule train No. 41 was derailed near Bulls Gap, Tenn., between Knoxville and Bristol, Tenn., Thursday, and seven persons were injured.

Mrs. C. S. Gammon, living nine miles east of Decatur, was mortally wounded Wednesday morning by being kicked by a cow while she was milking.

Meeting of the American Federation of Catholic Societies began Monday in Carnegie Music Hall in Pittsburgh, Pa., 500 delegates, representing 3,000,000 members, being present.

## A PROPOSAL.



Mr. Hardup—Good morning, Miss Aughtum—ahem! There is something I have been wishing to ask you for some time, but—er—the fact is, I haven't been able to screw up enough courage to—er—come to the point.

Miss Aughtum—A proposal at last! Mr. Hardup—Could you, my dear Miss Aughtum—could you lend me five dollars?

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A hand-made cigar fresh from the table, wrapped in foil, thus keeping fresh until smoked. A fresh cigar made of good tobacco is the ideal smoke. The old, well cured tobaccos used are so rich in quality that many who formerly smoked 10c cigars now smoke Lewis' Single Binder costs the dealer some more than other 5c cigars, but the higher price enables this factory to use extra quality tobacco. There are many imitations; don't be fooled. There is no substitute! Tell the dealer you want a Lewis "Single Binder."

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"Well," the boy replied between his sobs, "she objects to our family. She says pa's a loafer, that you're too fat and that everybody laughs at Dayse Mayme because she's a fool and talks about nothing but the greatness of her family." (Chancey threw water in his mother's face, but at three o'clock this afternoon she was still in a swoon, with four doctors working on her.)—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

Rough on Rats, unbeatable exterminator Rough on Hen Lice, Nest Powder, 25c. Rough on Bedbugs, Powder or Liq'd, 25c. Rough on Fleas, Powder or Liq'd, 25c. Rough on Roaches, Pow'd, 15c, Liq'd, 25c. Rough on Moth and Ants, Powder, 25c. Rough on Squeeters, agreeable to use, 25c. E. S. Wells, Chemist, Jersey City, N. J.

Delightfully So. "I never liked Shakespeare until I saw you play 'Hamlet'."

"And you like it now?" "You bet I do."

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With a smooth iron and Defiance Starch, you can launder your shirtwaist just as well at home as the steam laundry can; it will have the proper stiffness and finish, there will be less wear and tear of the goods, and it will be a positive pleasure to use a Starch that does not stick to the iron.

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Ask Your Druggist for Allen's Foot-Ease. "I tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE recently, and have just bought another supply. It has cured my corns, and the hot, burning and itching sensation in my feet which was almost unbearable, and I would not be without it now.—Mrs. W. J. Walker, Camden, N. J." Sold by all Druggists, 50c.

Seeks the Man. Tommy—Pop, what is the office that seeks the man?

Tommy's Pop—The tax office, my son.—Philadelphia Record.

For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine. Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's Liquid—pleasant to take—Effects immediately. 30, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

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The more WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT they would chew—The better their digestion grew.

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THE FINEST FABRIC is coarse compared with the lining of the bowels. When irritated we have pains, diarrhea, cramps. Whatever the cause, take Painkiller (Perry Davis).

It's as difficult for some people to let go as it is for others to catch on.

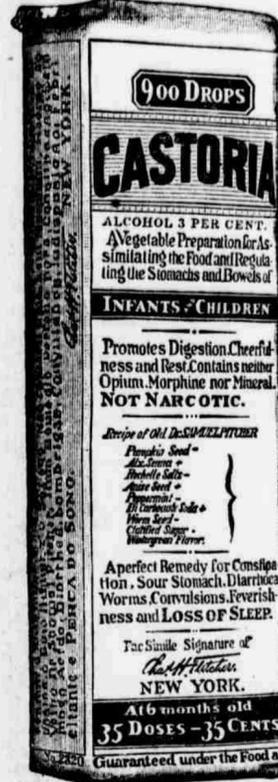
Fall in line for better digestion! WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT.

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Dr. F. Gerald Blattner, of Buffalo, N. Y., says: "Your Castoria is good for children and I frequently prescribe it, always obtaining the desired results."

Dr. Gustave A. Eisengraeber, of St. Paul, Minn., says: "I have used your Castoria repeatedly in my practice with good results, and can recommend it as an excellent, mild and harmless remedy for children."

Dr. E. J. Dennis, of St. Louis, Mo., says: "I have used and prescribed your Castoria in my sanitarium and outside practice for a number of years and find it to be an excellent remedy for children."

Dr. S. A. Buchanan, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "I have used your Castoria in the case of my own baby and find it pleasant to take, and have obtained excellent results from its use."

Dr. J. E. Simpson, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I have used your Castoria in cases of colic in children and have found it the best medicine of its kind on the market."

Dr. R. E. Eskildson, of Omaha, Neb., says: "I find your Castoria to be a standard family remedy. It is the best thing for infants and children I have ever known and I recommend it."

Dr. L. R. Robinson, of Kansas City, Mo., says: "Your Castoria certainly has merit. Is not its age, its continued use by mothers through all these years, and the many attempts to imitate it, sufficient recommendation? What can a physician add? Leave it to the mothers."

Dr. Edwin F. Pardee, of New York City, says: "For several years I have recommended your Castoria and shall always continue to do so, as it has invariably produced beneficial results."

Dr. N. B. Sizer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I object to what are called patent medicines, where maker alone knows what ingredients are put in them, but I know the formula of your Castoria and advise its use."

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Severe. Samuel Gompers was talking in the smokeroom of the Baltic about a recent newspaper attack on a rich corporation.

"It was a cruel attack," Mr. Gompers chuckled. "It was as cruel as the Jonesville Clarion's paragraph about old Deacon Hiram Ludlow."

"This paragraph header the Clarion's obituary column. It said: 'Deacon Hiram Ludlow of Frisbie township, aged 82, passed peacefully away on Thursday last from single blessedness to matrimonial bliss after a short but severe attack by Maria Higgins, a blooming widow of 37 summers.'"—Detroit Journal.

The greatest evils are from within us, and from ourselves also we must look for our greatest good.—Jeremy Taylor.

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### EXECUTION SALE

The State of Texas,  
County of Haskell,  
In Justice's Court of Pre. No. 1,  
Haskell County, Texas.  
**Progressive Lumber  
Company, Plaintiff,**  
vs.  
**M. L. Perry et al.**

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the justice's court of precinct No. 1, Haskell county, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 21st day of June A. D. 1909, in favor of the Progressive Lumber Company and against M. L. Perry, J. L. Baldwin and Mrs. M. L. Perry, No. 774 on the docket of said court, and said judgment providing that in the event the said J. L. Baldwin should be compelled to pay same that in that event he should have his execution against the said M. L. Perry and Mrs. M. L. Perry, and the said J. L. Baldwin having paid said judgment rendered against him and caused the issuance of the above mentioned execution, I did on the 10th day of July A. D. 1909, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described tract or parcel of land situated in the county of Haskell, State of Texas, and belonging to the said M. L. Perry and Mrs. M. L. Perry, to-wit: A part of the Peter Allen survey of 3/4 League and one labor survey No. 140, Certificate No. 136, Abstract No. 2, and more particularly described as a part of block No. 129 of the subdivisions of said Peter Allen survey according to a map or plat of said subdivisions shown at page 400 of Vol. 17 of the deed records of Haskell county, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning 363 1-5 feet south and 20 feet East of the S. W. corner of lot No. 16 in block D. of the T. G. Carney addition to the town of Haskell as the same is shown from the records of a map or plat of said Carney addition in Vol. 13 at page 578 of the deed records of Haskell county, Texas; thence south 104.4 feet; thence east 280 feet; thence north 104.4 feet; thence west 280 feet to place of beginning.

And on the 7th day of September A. D. 1909, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said M. L. Perry and Mrs. M. L. Perry in and to said property.

Dated at Haskell, Texas, this the 10th day of July A. D. 1909.  
T. W. Carleton,  
Constable Pre. No. 1, Haskell County, Texas.



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### ROSE ITEMS

The Rose people are looking cheerful this week over the big rain, crops looking fine.

Miss Alma Lloyd has been visiting friends at Sagerton this week.

Mr. Red Gordon and Mr. Moore are prospecting on the plains this week.

Little Opal Ballew has been on the sick list this week.

Mr. J. C. Choate has given an acre of land in the north-west corner of his field for the school house.

Mr. Earl Strain and Miss Lourina Sandford married Sunday morning, causing alarm in the community as they had to run away on account of the old folks. Mr. Strain has been living in Haskell six years and has gained a host of friends, he is a fine young man. Miss Lourina has been living in Haskell three years and has gained a host of friends. Both young people are very popular. They make their home in Haskell. Rose Chappel gives them their best wishes and congratulations.

Mr. Will Sawery of Austin has been visiting relatives here this week.

Bro. Clover preached at Duglas last Sunday.

Boys and girls when you want to get married just get Earl's gray pony, he will take you to the stopping place all O. K.

The Baptist meeting is going on at Ballew this week.

On a moonlight night in September Mrs. John Ballew will give in honor of Mrs. Earl Strain an ice cream supper and musical entertainment. There will be special invitations sent out before hand.

Mr. Barton is having a new house built, his old one was torn up by the storm.

Happy Jack.

### BUFFALO CREEK

Farmers are all passing the time away fishing, those who are not fishing are going away on pleasure trips.

Mr. Isaac Howard, wife and sons, John and Herley, leave this morning for the plains where Mr. Howards brother lives.

Mr. Whit Williams and family leave today for Oklahoma to visit relatives.

Mr. R. R. Malone's baby after a serious spell of sickness for over a month is improving fast.

Mr. John Hawkins and wife spent the night with Mr. Henry Howard Saturday.

Mr. Maxel Meadows and bride of fourteen years are down here on a visit.

Misses Selma and Lillie Thomas and Mrs. Clara Vawn were out driving Sunday evening.

Mrs. Clara Vawn is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Bob Thomas

Miss Olga Reichle was entertained by Eva and Jessie Smith Sunday evening.

Mr. Willie Thornton has gone to Mexico.

Mr. Ivy McGregor, Miss Alma Green, Mr. Joe Smith and Miss Rose McGregor were out driving Sunday evening.

The Christian meeting started at Howard Saturday night and is to continue a week, every body come.

Bro. Meadors of Seymour will begin a meeting in a short while, every body come out and hear Bro. Meadors talk.

Messrs Paul Howard and Joe Smith are off on a fishing spree, hope they will have a good time.

Mr. R. V. Williams says business is picking up over on the hill.

As ever,  
The Old Maid.

### MACHINERY FOR NEW PLANT.

Haskell, Texas, Aug. 6.—The Haskell Power, Light and Ice Company has just received two 100-horse power boilers and a 150-horse power engine; also a new dynamo. The machinery will be installed at once. When this is done Haskell will have one of the most up-to-date ice and light plants in the country.

Haskell is a town with perhaps about the same population as Anson; it is located with relation to the county boundary about as Anson is. The country all around Haskell is as fine as can be found in West Texas—just about like it is down here at Anson in Jones county. Here you go around town and talk about a better light plant; mention ice factory, dare to discuss the feasibility of a steam laundry, and men will say: "It's no good; you can't do anything like that here, people wouldn't support such enterprises—no use to talk about it." There are many citizens that would have electric lights if they could get them. The city ought to have street lights, and if they should once be installed the people would wonder how they ever managed to do without them. When the new court house is built the county will need first class lights for it, and in the great tower they will need powerful arc lights to illumine the physiogomy of the clock. A little substantial encouragement and business energy properly applied would give Anson a first class light system—and heaven knows she needs it.—Anson Reporter.

We have known Anson since 1884, and we have many times been a guest in that city. The condition of conservatism complained of by the Reporter is all to prevalent in the old towns. It costs some risk and money to build a live town and the men who have made their fortunes in a place will have to put up the money for new enterprises and if they do not do it, some younger town will just out strip the old.

### HOWARD

We are getting dry around Howard again, and a nice rain would be appreciated by all. Crop prospects look very well considering every thing.

Meeting is going on at Howard this week with good attendance. Rev. Wright of Nugent is conducting the meeting.

The Holiness preacher has not arrived yet, we are expecting him any time.

Mr. Charley Bowen left Monday night for Falls County. He will be gone three months.

Miss Maud Roberts of Haskell is visiting her sister, Mrs. Densmore and attending meeting this week.

Mrs. Goodson left Tuesday for Sulphur Springs to visit her sons of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Little visited the family of Mr. Bowen last Sunday.

Mr. W. T. Thornton and family started for New Mexico Monday.

Mr. Ike Howard and family are visiting relatives on the plains.

Trimner City was disturbed somewhat by some one breaking in and getting some money and a weeks supply of groceries. They have no clew yet as we have learned, as to who the thief was.

Lets hear from other places over the country and learn what each other are doing.

With best wishes to the good old Free Press, I remain as ever,  
Old Joe Clark.

Mrs. P. D. Sanders is visiting relatives at Georgetown.

An up-to-date line of pictures at Normans'.

### Affidavit of Commissioners' Court to Examination of County Cash and Assets.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
Haskell County.

[IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT,  
August Term, 1909.

Before me, J. W. Meadors, Clerk of the County Court in and for said county, personally appeared the Members of the Commissioners' Court, whose names are below subscribed, who, upon their oaths, do say: That the requirements of Art. 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended by the regular session of the twenty-fifth legislature, have in all things been fully complied with, and that the cash and other assets mentioned in the quarterly report made to and filed in this court by A. G. Jones, County Treasurer of said county, for the quarter ending the 16th day of August, 1909, and held by him for said county, have been fully inspected and counted by them at this term of said court; and that the amount of money and other assets in the hands of said treasurer are as follows, to-wit:

Total amount of cash in the various funds belonging to the county, eighteen thousand, one hundred one and 93-100 dollars. (\$18101.93).

Joe Irby,  
County Judge, Haskell Co.  
Jno. F. Gilliland,  
Co. Com'r. Pre. 1, Haskell Co.  
C. T. Jones,  
Co. Com'r. Pre. 2, Haskell Co.  
J. O. Stark,  
Co. Com'r. Pre. 3, Haskell Co.  
N. E. Martin,  
Co. Com'r. Pre. 4, Haskell Co.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 17th day of August, 1909.  
J. W. Meadors,  
County Clerk, Haskell Co.

Bath tubs, lavatories, kitchen sinks, hot and cold water apparatus'.

Haskell Plumbing Co.  
New stock Picture Moulding just arrived Normans' Paint Store.

H. H. Langford lately from Bruceville Texas, has accepted a position at Cogdell's Drug Store Mr. Langford has had an experience of eighteen years continued service in the drug business.

Mr. K. Collier has an automatic hen nest that makes the hen lay or die. Sometimes she does both.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Scott have returned from an extended auto-trip over the plains and panhandle.

Did you read one of Dellist Bro circular, it tells all about the discount sale.

Lennis Jones has returned from the State University at Austin, after the term at the University expired he took a business course.

Mr. S. W. Hemphill left the first of the week for Corpus Christi and Rockport after a very pleasant visit to their sister Mrs. E. Steadman. Mr. Hemphill is an old engineer on the Cotton Belt route out of Tyler. They were delighted with our breezy western country.

Fire, Tornado and Hail Insurance. Best Old Line Companies.  
H. M. Rike, tf

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.

Misses Bell Delia and Nora Gardner of Mineral Wells and Mrs. W. D. Roberts of New Mexico are visiting the family of their brother, Mr. L. D. Gardner of this city.