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By no means do we wish to prejudice the investigation of Secretary Ballinger. Mr. Glavis is being heard; Mr. Ballinger has not had his say, but is it not already apparent beyond the hope of refutation that Mr. Ballinger was a collector of campaign funds, and that he solicited among those who were trying to get possession of public lands? And is it not clear in the same indisputable degree that Cunningham was the secret agent of the Guggenheim syndicate? Mr. Ballinger may be entirely honest, but he does not seem eminently fit for the particular niche into which President Taft put him. - Dallas News.

An attack of grip is often followed by a persistent cough, which to many proves a great annoyance. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been extensively used and with good success for the relief and cure of this cough. Many cases have been cured after all other remedies had failed. Sold by ALL DEALERS.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study 10 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m., 7 p. m.
Song Practice, 8 p. m.

On Monday night, February 7th, the Woman's Home Mission Society will receive a public benefit at the opera house, the entertainment offered being the four-act comedy drama, "The Lady From Martinique," a play which has never been seen in Haskell. It will be presented by the same company which appeared in Stamford Friday, February 4th, for the benefit of the Stamford Volunteers, achieving a success for themselves artistically, and for the beneficiary organization financially. The play is said to be of rare interest from a dramatic standpoint, and our people are fortunate in having an opportunity of seeing it and at the same time of contributing to a worthy local cause.

Tickets on sale at Spencer & Gillam's drug store at popular prices.

If troubled with indigestion, constipation, no appetite or feel bilious, give Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets a trial and you will be pleased with the result. These tablets invigorate the stomach and liver and strengthen the digestion. Sold by All Dealers.

THE NEW METHODIST CHURCH LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE. JANUARY 31, 1910.

Last Monday at 2 o'clock p. m. Haskell and the surrounding country, with many visitors from abroad, assembled at the new Methodist church building to witness the laying of the corner stone. The program opened with a short and appropriate address by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Meador. Hymn No. 180 was sung by the entire audience. The presiding elder, Rev. J. T. Griswold, led in prayer and an offering of thanks most appropriate. The pastor, Rev. C. B. Meador, read an appropriate scriptural lesson, and was followed by an address by Rev. Comer Woodward of Hamlin. Rev. Woodward reviewed the history of Methodism, a name first applied in derision, but now proudly worn by 18,000,000 Christians. The speaker emphasized the importance of church building in human affairs, and by his instructive and classical eloquence held the large assembly spellbound. We were highly entertained and edified with his address.

Then the ceremony of making the deposits in the stone, hewn of gray granite and polished, bearing an inscription as follows, viz: "M. E. Church, South, Jan. 5, 1910. C. B. Meador, Pastor." The list of deposits were as follows:

A copy of the pastor's enrollment, containing a list of the officers and members of the church, and a list of the building committee, also a list of the officers of the Sunday School; a copy of the minutes of the Northwest Texas Conference; a testament that the pastor had carried in his pocket for years and so often used in the services

in the homes of the people; a copy of the Haskell Free Press, giving a history of the church written by F. G. Alexander; a list of the officers of the M. E. Home Mission Society; a list of the names of the members of class No. 10 of the Sunday School by Mrs. Ray; a list of the names of the officers of the Board of Foreign Missions; a copy of the speech of Judge S. W. Scott, delivered on the occasion of the breaking of the ground for the church July 10, 1909; a copy of the printed program for the occasion; a copy of the family record of Judge H. G. McConnell and wife, giving the date of their marriage and the date of the births and the date of the deaths of their deceased children.

The occasion is historic and we hope to see other denominations follow the example of this congregation and build appropriate edifices of worship. Then we want to see every mother and father in Haskell take a little more time in the training of children at home and thus better prepare them for the moral responsibilities that follow.

The churches are doing a splendid work, but no race ever became great without the practice of a good system of home training. When a child enters school or a Sunday School lacking in the proper home training the first thing they do is to expose the deficiency. We do not think these remarks out of place in this connection. Our temples will be useless unless they are supported by men and women of strong Christian character.

10 Reasons Why You Should Insure in the Haskell County Home Circle.

- 1st. Because it is a Haskell county organization.
- 2nd. Because it is the cheapest life insurance to be had.
- 3rd. Because it keeps money at home.
- 4th. Because it does not take a day's time or one cent of expense to collect a death claim.
- 5th. Because your money does not go to some foreign country, but helps some friend in your own community.
- 6th. Because it creates among our people the spirit of helping one another.
- 7th. Because it gives you the opportunity to help your neighbor without embarrassment.
- 8th. Because it gives you the opportunity to do great good in the community in which you live.
- 9th. Because one dollar does not hurt the giver, but one thousand dollars is a great blessing to the receiver.
- 10th. Because it may some day be a great blessing to your family.

W. H. M. NOTICE.

The annual election of this auxiliary will be held Friday, February 11, at 3 o'clock at the Methodist church. All members are urged to be present, as several changes will likely be made in the officers of the society; also other important matters are to be decided. All members whose dues are in arrears please come prepared to make settlement. A full attendance of our society is desired for the benefit entertainment which we are to give Monday night, Feb. 7 at the opera house.

Press Reporter.

BARGAIN LIST.

One four-room house, close in, four blocks of square, near south school, with lot 150x150 feet, good well of water, good out-buildings; will trade for stock—mules or horses; also 83 acres of land, 3 miles from Haskell, chocolate loam, well improved, good underground cistern, 60 acres in cultivation, all fenced and cross-fenced, good out-buildings, will take some money and balance in stock; also have land on south plains, will trade for land here.

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We can now handle good farm loans at 8 per cent and give the most liberal terms of payments of any contract written in Haskell County. This is a new Company in Haskell County, we want to give them some choice loans at once—prefer black or still loam lands. See me at once Haskell State bank.

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HOWARD ITEMS.

Well, as it seems that I am about the only one who writes to the Press I ought to keep it a-going.

We have been having some pretty weather but today it looks like we are going to have some rain or a norther.

I don't know much of anything to write this week so will try and write just what I can.

Every one is plowing now and fixing for another crop. Hope it will be better in the future than in the past.

There were not but few out at services at Howard Sunday evening.

Mr. Bowlin and family visited Mr. Wiley's Sunday.

Jno. D. Hughes of Georgetown made a short visit to his ranch this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson visited Mr. and Mrs. Fowler Sunday evening.

Rev. L. S. Ivy will preach at Howard Feb. 6th, at 11 o'clock.

Miss Humphreys and Ida Ulmer visited Miss Kate Snyder Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Parks and Miss Pearl Tims visited the former's daughter in the Weaver community.

Mr. Long visited school last Friday.

Miss Susan and Rose Cox visited Susie Fowler Sunday evening.

Miss Bertie Green visited Miss Susan and Rose Cox Sunday morning.

Mrs. White of the Post community, was the guest of Mrs. Fowler Sunday afternoon.

Lewis Cox had business at London, Texas, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Humphreys organized a corn or maize club last week. The following boys joined: Floyd Wiley, Thad Powell, James Cox, Jim Long, John Andrews, Fred Howard, Howell Anderson, Marvin Medford, Vernay Anderson, Alex Reichle, Ira Davis, Beno Andrews, Irvin Bowin and Major Howard. This is a good thing. These clubs are being organized all over the state, and we feel sure they are and will be a great benefit.

There is a large crowd attending school now, and are getting along nicely.

With best wishes to the Free Press and our kind editor, I am Blue Eyes.

"THE COLLEGE BOY."

To see this clever Comedy is a shure cure for blues and incidentally will give you a very pleasant evening. It will play here, Haskell Opera House, Feb. 11th. Mr. William Haenel and all old people who pleased amusement goes last season are still retained. Without question, this will be one of the most pleasing entertainments of our season. The College Boy Band and Orchestra are a new feature this year.

While it is often impossible to prevent an accident it is never impossible to be prepared—it is not beyond any one's purse. Invest 25 cents in a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and you are prepared for sprains, bruises and like injuries. Sold by ALL DEALERS.

THE BIG SHOP.

Horse Shoeing! Not the cheap kind, but the kind that does justice to your horse at Hughes, Starr & Co.

SULKY PLOWS.

We are now offering the celebrated light runing "STAG SULKY" as the most plow for the money on the market. It's better than ever, easily converted into a perfect middle buster.

LET US SHOW YOU

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Basket Ball Game!

HASKELL GIRLS
vs
STAMFORD GIRLS

Benefit Mother's Club February 26th.

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THE AMERICAN HOME.

We hear much of the passing of the American home, but as long as the individual members of the family realize the part they must play in its formation, and appreciate its manifold blessings, there is little chance of such catastrophe.

More than a thousand persons were married in Chicago on Thanksgiving day. There were 125 marriage ceremonies in Cincinnati, and 100 persons joined the ranks of the wedded in Richmond, Va.

Has the problem of long-distance aerial navigation been solved without anybody but the experimenter knowing anything about the matter? A Worcester (Mass.) genius asserts that in September last he sailed in an airplane of his devising from Boston to New York and back, and that part of his feat was circling the Liberty statue, though many hundred feet above that monument.

Even a casual observer cannot have failed to notice that there is much false evidence given in our courts. The fact is thrust upon one's attention, not only in sensational murder trials, but in almost every civil proceeding or quasi-judicial investigation which is of sufficient general interest to gain publicity.

Nikola Tesla promises that people will be one day able to talk through wireless telephones from any given points in the world and at small cost. And nobody now will be found to say this wonder is impossible.

"About the only difference between a laying hen and a United States mint," says the Council Bluffs Non-Parrell, "is that eggs are not legal tender."

Forty thousand shirt waist makers are on strike in New York. Now, then, if those who have to button 'em down the back will only strike in sympathy, victory is assured.

In spite of the professional knockers the snow really is a beautiful thing, after the walks are swept as far as the street cars.

A Massachusetts man reports a remarkable night trip in an air ship. Is he trying to start another argument?

SUGGESTION FOR AN UP-TO-DATE VALENTINE



149 POSSIBLY DEAD
73 BODIES FOUND

HORRIBLE MINE DISASTER OCCURS IN PRIMERO, COLORADO.

RESCUERS ARE AT WORK

The Camp Is a Scene of Indescribable Horror—Men Working to Clear Shafts.

Primero, Colo., Feb. 1.—Seventy-nine bodies of the victims of an explosion in the Primero mine today were found piled in a mass at the foot of the air shaft shortly after midnight.

When the explosion occurred the men evidently made a rush to escape through the air shaft and were suffocated as they battled with each other for freedom. It is shown by the time-keeper's records that there were 149 men in the mine at the time of the explosion.

Miners were rushed to Primero from Trinidad, Segundo, Starkville, Sopris and Cokeville and are laboring frantically to clear the main shaft, relieving each other every few minutes.

Many of the miners, however, say that 150 men are missing. Most of them are Slavs and Hungs. Pit Boss Wilhelm is known to be among the missing.

Experts from all the coal camps of the state have been gathered to assist Superintendent Thompson.

Members of the first rescue party say that the effect of the explosion underground is indescribable. The bodies recovered were horribly burned and unrecognizable. One body was impaled on broken timbers.

BALLOON TO CROSS ATLANTIC

Dirigible Now Being Constructed Will Attempt the Flight.

New York: A balloon trip across the Atlantic will be undertaken in May. New York and Berlin are behind the scheme and the big dirigible for the purpose is now being constructed in Germany.

MARKET IS DEAD; PRICES DOWN

Prices on Lamb and Beef Have Fallen Considerably.

New York: The market is dead, agitation against high prices did it, is the declaration of wholesale meat dealers. Action in local markets, both wholesale and retail, confirmed the dealers' assertion.

\$150,000,000 Copper Merger

New York: Following closely upon the absorption of the Consolidated Copper Company by the Utah Copper Company it has been announced that directors of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company had launched plans for the acquisition of properties at Butte, Mont., and increasing Anaconda's capital from \$30,000,000 to \$150,000,000.

TO FIGHT THE BOLL WEEVIL HARD

\$215,000 PROVIDED WITH WHICH TO CONTROL THE WEEVIL.

Washington: The Agricultural bill has occupied considerable attention of the House of Representatives.

When the paragraph relating to boll weevil in the cotton states was reached it soon became evident that the interested Democrats were present in large force, while Chairman Scott was unable to assemble a majority.

AGAINST THE ANTI-TRUST LAW

INDICTMENT AGAINST OKLAHOMA COTTON MEN QUASHED.

The Court Ruled that the Law is Too Vague.

Guthrie, Ok.: Judge Huston of the Logan County District Court has sustained the motion to quash indictments returned at the instance of the state against prominent cotton dealers, and held against the anti-trust law of the First Legislature.

Patrick Is Disbarred.

New York: Albert T. Patrick, who has been a prisoner for nearly ten years and who is now serving a life sentence in Sing Sing prison for the murder of William Marsh Rice, has been formally disbarred as a practicing lawyer by the appellate division of the Supreme Court.

10,000 People Welcome Capt. Shipp.

Chattanooga: With bands playing "Dixie" and "Home, Sweet Home." Capt. Joseph F. Shipp was greeted here Sunday by at least 10,000 of the fellow-citizens when he alighted from the train that bore him to his home from Washington, where he had just completed a sentence in prison for contempt of court in connection with the lynching of Ed Johnson, a negro.

Revert to Government.

Seattle, Wash.: United States District Judge C. H. Hanford decided that title to 1,024 acres of valuable coal lands in Lewis County, claimed by P. C. Richardson and several members of the R. S. Wilson family, all of Seattle, should revert to the Government.

New Bridges for Texas.

Washington: The Senate has passed the bill for a railway bridge across the Rio Grande at Laredo, and has also agreed to the House amendment to the bill for a railway bridge across the Red River near Sherman.

Big Fire at Colorado.

Colorado: The new High School building burned here. Loss about \$20,000.

May Impeach Governor.

Guthrie: Reference to the possibility of the impeachment of Gov. Haskell and other state officers was made in a resolution introduced in the lower house of the legislature here by Representative Humphrey.

URGES REMOVAL OF TARIFF ON MEAT

REPRESENTATIVE THINKS MOVE WOULD MATERIALLY LOWER PRICES.

PRIEST ADVOCATES STRIKE

New York Alderman Wants Cold Storage Products Labeled in Markets.

New York, Jan. 31.—Otto Foelker, now in the House of Representatives, who when State Senator was carried from his sick bed to cast the deciding vote on the Hart-Agnew racing bill, will introduce a bill at Washington to suspend the tariff on meats for one year.

TO LEASE RUSK IRON WORKS

THIRTY DAYS ARE ALLOWED WORTHAM TO CLOSE.

Austin, Texas: Governor Campbell has approved the contract leasing the penitentiary iron works at Rusk to John L. Wortham of Dallas.

FARMERS AND OIL MEN FIGHT

Struggle Started for Supremacy Over Railroad Rates.

Fort Worth: It became known that Texas farmers and the cotton oil mills of the south are involved in a gigantic struggle for supremacy over railroad rates and prices on cotton seed.

AIRSHIPS FOR SAN ANTONIO, TEX

Wright Aeroplane to Arrive About February 13.

San Antonio: It is announced at Fort Sam Houston that the Wright aeroplane, with which demonstrations are to be given at Fort Sam Houston by the Signal Corps, will arrive in San Antonio about Feb. 13.

NEW COMET IS GOING TO PIECES

Electrical Disturbances Cited As Being Possible Cause.

New York: The latest bulletin from the Columbia University astronomer on the subject of the comet "A. 1910," calls attention to the splitting of its tail. The announcement says: "The splitting in the tails of comets has been noticed before, but the causes of the phenomena are not definitely known."

TRADES HIS LAND FOR WHISKEY

One Hundred Thousand Acres for One Hundred Thousand Gallons.

San Antonio: James B. Aiken, a Fort Worth real estate dealer, stated he had just exchanged one hundred thousand acres of land in Brewster and Presidio counties for one hundred thousand gallons of whiskey to a wealthy distiller of Dayton, Ohio.

Coal Near Jacksboro.

Jacksboro: A solid vein of fine bituminous coal without any partings, thirty-six inches in thickness, in Lost Valley, Jack County, has recently been reopened by W. P. Stewart and is being mined with the view of having a thorough test of its quality made by the Gulf, Texas and Western Railway, which has agreed to use in their engines until thoroughly satisfied.

Refuses Oil Concern's Taxes.

Austin: S. W. Fordyce tendered the State \$8,102 tax on gross receipts during the last quarter on business done by his oil company, successor to the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, but same was refused by the state on advice of the Attorney General, who is holding it up. The refusal was based on the failure of the company to report on uncollected sales accounts and sales by wholesale to consumers where the product was not to be sold again.

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TRINITY RIVER IMPROVEMENTS

Total of \$180,000 Will Be Available For This Cause.

Washington: It has been definitely settled that the Trinity River will not have to content itself with mere \$20,000 for work on only one new lock and dam, but will receive a like appropriation for a second new structure of this kind.

LAND FOR TEXAS UNIVERSITY

George W. Brackenridge Donates 400 Acres to State Institution.

Austin: George W. Brackenridge of San Antonio, a member of the Board of Regents of the University, is making full arrangements to transfer to the university 400 acres of land lying along the Colorado River, which he offered to that institution some time since, provided it could make some practical use of it.

Russia Rejects U. S. Plan.

St. Petersburg: The council of ministers has decided the United States' proposal for the neutralization of Manchurian railways is not acceptable to the Russian government at present.

A. and M. Summer School.

College Station, Tex.: The faculty for the Summer School for Farmers and the summer normal for teachers, to be held at the A. and M. College June 20 to July 29, will soon be announced.

State Banking Business.

Austin: The growth of the State banks during the past three years has been most healthy, according to figures arranged by Bank Clerk Royall. Compared to three years ago the resources and the deposits have both more than doubled, though the number of state banks has not increased to that extent, nor has the capital stock.

Available School Funds.

Austin: The available school fund will have \$602,500 for distribution in February, which will give the 994,008 school children enumerated approximately 61c each. This will be apportioned to each county in exact proportion to the number of school children within scholastic age.

Facts YOU LOSE MONEY when you allow any of your stock or poultry to remain sick a day. They give you less results in beef, pork, work, or eggs, when they are not in perfect health.

"CROPE THROUGH A CRACK" Uncle Eph Had at Least One Idea of How His Hogs Might Have Got Away. Uncle Ephraim had two hogs, which he kept in a pen at the rear end of his little lot.

Fog-Eye's Plaintive Protest. Fog-Eye Smith of northwest Wyoming bore an appalling facade. His style of beauty was a blight. Depending upon his horrid exterior, he was in the habit of trying to awe newcomers. On one occasion, affecting some displeasure at the manner in which a pallid stranger watered his liquor, Mr. Smith announced, frowning, that unless he detected immediate amendments he would send the neophyte home in a market basket.

ROSALIND AT RED GATE

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**MEREDITH
NICHOLSON**
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CHAPTER I.

A Telegram from Paul Stoddard. Stoddard's telegram was brought to me on the Glenarm pier at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the 5th of June. I am thus explicit, for all the matters hereinafter described turn upon the receipt of Stoddard's message, which was, to be sure, harmless enough in itself, but like many other scraps of paper that blow about the world, the forerunner of confusion and trouble.

My friend, Mr. John Glenarm, had gone abroad for the summer with his family and had turned over to me his house at Annandale that I might enjoy its seclusion and comfort while writing my book on "Russian Rivers." If John Glenarm had not taken his family abroad with him when he went to Turkey to give the sultan's engineers lessons in bridge building; if I had not accepted his kind offer of the house at Annandale for the summer; and if Paul Stoddard had not sent me that telegram, I should never have written this narrative. But such was the predestined way of it. I rose from the boat I was caulking, and, with the waves from the receding steamer slapping the pier, read this message:

Stamford, Conn., June 5.
Meet Miss Patricia Holbrook Annandale station, five twenty Chicago express and conduct her to St. Agatha's school, where she is expected. She will explain difficulties. I have assured her of your sympathy and aid. Will join you later if necessary. Imperative engagements call me elsewhere.
STODDARD.

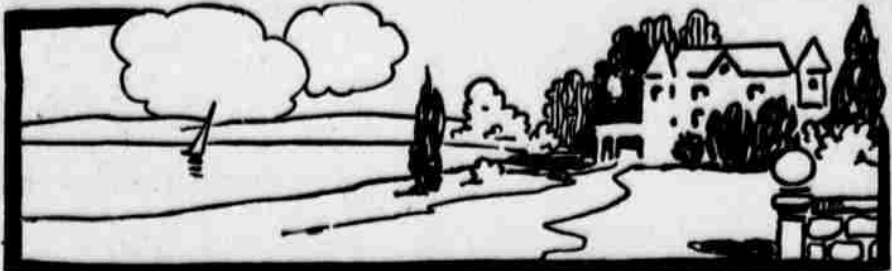
To say that I was angry when I read this message is to belittle the truth. I read and re-read it with growing heat. I had accepted Glenarm's offer of the house at Annandale because it promised peace, and now I was ordered by telegram to meet a strange person of whom I had never heard, listen to her story, and tender my sympathy and aid. I glanced at my watch. It was already after four. "Delayed in transmission" was stamped across the telegraph form—I learned later that it had lain half the day in Annandale, New York—so that I was now face to face with the situation, and without opportunity to fling his orders back to Stoddard if I wanted to. Nor did I even know Stamford from Stamford, and I am not yet clear in my mind—being an Irishman with rather vague notions of American geography—whether Connecticut is north or south of Massachusetts.

"Hm!" I called my Japanese boy from the boathouse, and he appeared, paint brush in hand.

"Order the double trap, and tell them to hurry." I reflected, as I picked up my coat and walked toward the house, that if any one but Paul Stoddard had sent me such a message I should most certainly have ignored it; but I knew him as a man who did not make demands or impose obligations lightly. As the founder and superior of the Protestant religious Order of the Brothers of Bethlehem he was, I knew, an exceedingly busy man. His religious house was in the Virginia mountains; but he spent much time in quiet, humble service in city slums, in lumber camps, in the mines of Pennsylvania; and occasionally he appeared like a prophet from the wilderness in some great church of New York, and preached with a marvelous eloquence to wondering throngs.

The trap swung into the arched driveway and I bade the coachman make haste to the Annandale station. The handsome boys were soon trotting swiftly toward the village, while I drew on my gloves and considered the situation. A certain Miss Holbrook, of whose existence I had been utterly ignorant an hour before, was about to arrive at Annandale. A clergyman, whom I had not seen for two years, had telegraphed me from a town in Connecticut to meet this person, conduct her to St. Agatha's school—just closed for the summer, as I knew—and to volunteer my services in difficulties that were darkly indicated in a telegram of 45 words. The sender of the message I knew to be a serious character, and a gentleman of distinguished social connections. The name of the lady signified nothing except that she was unmarried; and as Stoddard's acquaintance was among all sorts and conditions of men I could assume nothing more than that the unknown had appealed to him as a priest and that he had sent her to Lake Annandale to shake off the burdens of the world in the conventual air of St. Agatha's.

The Chicago express whistled for Annandale just as we gained the edge of the village. It paused a grudging moment and was gone before we reached the station. I jumped out and ran through the waiting room to the platform, where the agent was gathering up the mail bags, while an assistant loaded a truck with trunks. I glanced about, and the moment was an important one in my life. Standing quite alone beside several pieces of head baggage was a lady—unmistakably a lady—leaning lightly upon an umbrella, and holding under her arm a magazine. She was clad in brown, from bonnet to shoes; the umbrella's and magazine cover were of



"Well, He Can Hardly Find Her Here."

like tint, and even the suitcase nearest her struck the same note of color. There was no doubt whatever as to her identity; I did not hesitate a moment; the lady in brown was Miss Holbrook, and she was an old lady, a dear, bewitching old lady, and as I stepped toward her, her eyes brightened—they, too, were brown!—and she put out her brown-gloved hand with a gesture so frank and cordial that I was won at once.

"Mr. Donovan—Mr. Laurence Donovan—I am sure of it!"

"Miss Holbrook—I am equally confident!" I said. "I am sorry to be late, but Father Stoddard's message was delayed."

"You are kind to respond at all," she said, her wonderful eyes upon me; "but Father Stoddard said you would not fail me."

"He is a man of great faith! But I have a trap waiting. We can talk more comfortably at St. Agatha's."

"Yes; we are to go to the school. Father Stoddard kindly arranged it. It is quite secluded, he assured me."

"You will not be disappointed, Miss Holbrook, if seclusion is what you seek."

I picked up the brown bag and turned away, but she waited and glanced about. Her "we" had puzzled me; perhaps she had brought a maid, and I followed her glance toward the window of the telegraph office.

"Oh, Helen; my niece, Helen Holbrook, is with me. I wished to wire some instructions to my housekeeper at home. Father Stoddard may not have explained—that it is partly on Helen's account that I am coming here."

"No; he explained nothing—merely gave me my instructions," I laughed. "He gives orders in a most militant fashion."

In a moment I had been presented to the niece, and had noted that she was considerably above her aunt's height; that she was dark, with eyes that seemed quite black in certain lights, and that she bowed, as her aunt presented me, without offering her hand, and murmured my name in a voice musical, deep and full, and agreeable to hear.

She took their checks from her purse, and I called the porter and arranged for the transfer of their baggage to St. Agatha's. We were soon in the trap with the boys carrying us at a lively clip along the lake road.

"There's a summer resort somewhere on the lake; how far is that from the school?" asked the girl.

"That's Port Annandale. It's two or three miles from St. Agatha's," I replied. "On this side and all the way to the school there are farms. Port Annandale lies yonder."

"Of course we shall see nothing of it," said the younger Miss Holbrook with finality.

I sought in vain for any resemblance between the two women; they were utterly unlike. The little brown lady was interested and responsive enough; she turned toward her niece with undisguised affection as we talked, but I caught several times a look of unhappiness in her face, and the brow that Time had not touched gathered in lines of anxiety and care. The girl's manner toward her aunt was wholly kind and sympathetic.

"I'm sure it will be delightful here, Aunt Pat. Wild roses and blue water! I'm quite in love with the pretty lake already."

She paused a moment, and looked out of the window toward the lake,

the diminutive of Patricia, and it seemed very fitting, and as delightful as the dear little woman herself. She must have caught my smile as the niece so addressed her for the first time and she smiled back at me in her charming fashion.

"You are an Irishman, Mr. Donovan, and Pat must sound natural."

"Oh, all who love Aunt Patricia call her Aunt Pat!" exclaimed the girl.

"Then Miss Holbrook undoubtedly hears it often," said I, and was at once sorry for my bit of banter, for the tears shone suddenly in the dear brown eyes, and the niece recurred to the summer landscape as a topic, and talked of the Glenarm place, whose stone wall we were now passing, until she drove into the grounds of St. Agatha's and up to the main entrance of the school, where a sister in the brown garb of her order stood waiting.

I first introduced myself to Sister Margaret, who was in charge, and then presented the two ladies who were to be her guests. Sister Margaret said just the right thing to every one, and I was glad to find her so capable a person, fully able to care for these exiles without aid from my side of the wall.

"Helen, if you will see our things disposed of I will detain Mr. Donovan a few minutes," said Miss Holbrook.

"Or I can come again in an hour—I am your near neighbor," I remarked, thinking she might wish to rest from her journey.

"I am quite ready," she replied, and I bowed to Helen Holbrook and to Sister Margaret, who went out, followed by the maid. Miss Pat—you will pardon me if I begin at once to call her by this name, but it fits her so capably, it is so much a part of her, that I cannot resist—Miss Pat put off her bonnet without fuss, placed it on the table and sat down in a window seat whence the nearer shore of the lake was visible across the strip of smooth lawn.

"Will you please close the door?" she said, and when I came back to the window she began at once.

"It is not pleasant, as you must understand, to explain to a stranger an intimate and painful family trouble. But Father Stoddard advised me to be quite frank with you."

"That is the best way, if there is a possibility that I may be of service," I said in the gentlest tone I could command. "But tell me no more than you wish. I am wholly at your service without explanations."

"It is in reference to my brother; he has caused me a great deal of trouble. When my father died nearly twenty years ago—he lived to a great age—he left a considerable estate, a large fortune. A part of it was divided at once among my two brothers and myself. The remainder, amounting to \$1,000,000, was left to me, with the stipulation that I was to make a further division between my brothers at the end of ten years, or at my discretion. I was older than my brothers, much older, and my father left me with this responsibility, not knowing what it would lead to. Henry and Arthur succeeded to my father's business, the banking firm of Holbrook Brothers, in New York. The bank continued to prosper for a time; then it collapsed suddenly. The debts were all paid, but Arthur disappeared—there were unpleasant rumors—"

She paused a moment, and looked out of the window toward the lake,

and I saw her clasped hands tighten; but she went on bravely.

"That was seven years ago. Since then Henry has insisted on the final division of the property. My father had a high sense of honor and he stipulated that if either of his sons should be guilty of any dishonorable act he should forfeit his half of the \$1,000,000. Henry insists that Arthur has forfeited his rights and that the amount withheld should be paid to him now; but his conduct has been such that I feel I should serve him ill to pay him so large a sum of money. Moreover, I owe something to his daughter—to Helen. Owing to her father's reckless life I have had her make her home with me for several years. She is a noble girl, and very beautiful—you must have seen, Mr. Donovan, that she is an unusually beautiful girl."

"Yes," I assented.

"And better than that," she said, with feeling, "she is a lovely character."

I nodded, touched to see how completely Helen Holbrook filled and satisfied her aunt's life. Miss Pat continued her story.

"My brother first sought to frighten me into a settlement by menacing my own peace; and now he includes Helen in his animosity. My house at Stamford was set on fire a month ago; then thieves entered it and I was obliged to leave. We arranged to go abroad, but when we got to the steamer we found Henry waiting with a threat to follow us if I did not accede to his demands. It was Father Stoddard who suggested this place, and we came by a circuitous route, pausing here and there to see whether we were followed. You can imagine how distressing—how wretched all this has been."

"Yes; it is a sad story, Miss Holbrook. But you are not likely to be molested here. You have a lake on one side, a high wall shuts off the road, and I beg you to accept me as your near neighbor and protector. The servants at Mr. Glenarm's house have been with him for several years and are undoubtedly trustworthy. It is not likely that your brother will find you here, but if he should—we will deal with that situation when the time comes!"

"You are very reassuring, no doubt we shall not need to call on you. And I hope you understand," she continued, "that it is not to keep the money that I wish to avoid my brother; that if I were wise to make this further division at this time and it were for his good, I should be glad to give him all—every penny of it."

"Pardon me, but the other brother—he has not made similar demands—you do not fear him?" I inquired, with some hesitancy.

"No—no! And a tremulous smile played about her lips. "Poor Arthur! He must be dead. He ran away after the bank failure and I have never heard from him since. He and Henry were very unlike, and I always felt more closely attached to Arthur. He was not brilliant, like Henry; he was gentle and quiet in his ways, and father was often impatient with him. Henry has been very bitter toward Arthur and has appealed to me on the score of Arthur's ill-doing. It took all his own fortune, he says, to save Arthur and the family name from dishonor."

She was remarkably composed throughout this recital, and I marvelled at her more and more. Now, after a moment's silence, she turned to me with a smile.

"We have been annoyed in another way. It is so ridiculous that I hesitate to tell you of it—"

"Pray do not—you need tell me nothing more, Miss Holbrook."

"It is best for you to know. My niece has been annoyed the past year by the attentions of a young man whom she greatly dislikes and whose persistence distresses her very much indeed."

"Well, he can hardly find her here; and if he should—"

Miss Holbrook folded her arms upon her knees and smiled, bending toward me.

"Oh!" she exclaimed; "he isn't a violent person, Mr. Donovan. He's silly, absurd, idiotic! You need fear no violence from him."

"And of course your niece is not interested—he's not a fellow to appeal to her imagination."

"That is quite true; and then in present unhappy circumstances, with her father hanging over her like a menace, marriage is far from her thoughts. She feels that even if she were attached to a man and wished to marry, she could not. I wish she did not feel so; I should be glad to see her married and settled in her own home. It's a very dreadful thing, as you can understand, for brother and sister and father and child to be arrayed against one another."

I wished to guide the talk into cheerfuller channels before leaving. Miss Pat seemed amused by the thought of the unwelcome suitor, and I determined to leave her with some word in reference to him.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

IT IS NOW BELIEVED PARIS CRISIS IS OVER

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RELIEF WORK PROGRESSING

Speedy Disinfection Ordered—Plans to Prevent Repetition of Flood Discussed.

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The Prefect of the Department of the Seine has issued instructions to the owners of flooded houses to clean and disinfect their premises to the satisfaction of the municipal architects within two hours after the subsidence of the waters. Otherwise, the work will be done at the cost and risk of the owners.

The Government has ordered the Tax Collectors to show the greatest leniency to delinquents, and the Mont de Pieté is extending pawn tickets for three months.

Several steam trams today resumed the work of pumping out the subway and considerable progress is being made in the sections where the flood is lowest.

Public and private beneficence continue to answer the requests. Theaters are organizing benefits, while the various race courses are arranging a big meeting for the spring, the receipts of which will go to the poor. A resolution has been introduced in the Chamber of Deputies asking the Government to award special crosses of the Legion of Honor to those who have been conspicuous in the rescue work.

Although the papers are printing columns of pitiful stories, a hundredth part of the horror and agony suffered never will be known. Many corpses have been swept down the river. Scores of half-famished families have been rescued from their homes and there are hundreds still occupying their half-submerged houses, waiting for the water to recede. A source of danger will be the starving dogs roaming around Albertville and Ivry, and many of these have been shot, in the fear that they might develop rabies. In several instances they have made attacks upon human beings.

M. Millerand, Minister of Public Works, says that so soon as normal conditions are restored the Government will seriously consider the canal scheme.

The Government has arranged to loan money to the ruined house and shop owners to enable them to rebuild immediately. These loans may be repaid in installments.

Some of the suburban towns which have been deprived of lights were provided this evening with gas from the Paris mains.

The work of disinfection in the streets has already begun.

Paris, Jan. 28.—At midnight the water at the Pont Royal was still rising, but only a small fraction of an inch an hour. It was expected that the high mark would be reached between 3 and 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, when it would be within a few inches of the highest flood, recorded in 1615. A gradual fall is looked for after that, unless there is a change in temperature.

Reports from Marne and Yonne, up the Seine, say the water is lowering in those sections.

Bluejackets have succeeded in removing the wreckage that had gathered at all the bridges, removing in a measure the danger of various villages being flooded as a result of the damming.

The King of Belgium has sent \$2,000 to the flood victims through the Belgian Minister here.

Conditions had become considerably worse at 2 o'clock in the morning, particularly in the south and east sections. In the old Latin quarters the situation was critical. The sidewalk of the Quai des Grandes Augustines collapsed and fell into the Orleans Company's tunnel beneath, further extending the flood through the ancient streets, particularly the Rue de Jacot and around the Institute of France.

Another day has passed, but the inexorable yellow tide still creeps slowly higher, each inch of water widely extending the area of destruction, desolation and ruin. Although the barometer is rising rapidly and bright sunshine succeeded the raging storms, a feeling of consternation bordering on panic prevailed last night, when the authorities, who Wednesday promised the maximum of the flood for yesterday, announced that this would not be reached until today.

King Over. I all oodle ourselves too much, eat too much, think about health too much.—London Truth.

Sanctum Confidences. "Brooks," said Rivers, "can you give me a synonym for 'utility'?" I've used that word twice already." "I suppose I can," growled Brooks, "but what's the use?" "Use? Use? Thanks; that'll do." Thereupon the rattle of the type writer began again.

Daily Thought. See that all the hours of the day are so full of interesting and healthful occupation that there is no chance for worry to stick its nose in.—Luther H. Gulick.

Must Have Accessories. "I hear you picked up an abandoned farm." "Yep." "Genuine farmer now, are you?" "My smart friends won't believe it until I have picked up some abandoned dialect."

Mountain Climbing. The king of France marched up the hill with 40,000 men. "I wished plenty of witnesses," he explained. His purpose accomplished, he forthwith marched down.

Bobbed Up. "See what our ship news man says about the late Capt. Topnotcher?" queried the editor. "Why, he says the captain chose the sea for his life work—and began at the bottom."

Making Himself Heard. Samuel Rogers, the poet, is no doubt a great wit, but he has a turn for malice and even brutality. Some one once asked him why he never opened his mouth except to speak evil of his neighbors. He replied: "I have a very weak voice, and if I did not say malicious things I should never be heard."—Memoirs of the Duchesse de Dino.

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We want to thank those who have called at our office and settled their subscription accounts. There are a few of our subscribers who have not paid. Very few ever wait for us to present a bill for subscription. We are furnishing the Free Press at less than what the paper costs us, so it is a great accommodation not to have to hunt up hundreds of subscribers to collect a dollar from each.

A large crowd attended the opera house last Tuesday night to see Romeo and Juliet. Miss May Stuart as Juliet captivated the audience and rendered the part with artistic interpretation. Mr. DeGrasse proved to be both a true lover and tragedian of great power, and his acting maintained a constant tension commensurate with Shakespearean literature, drama and tragedy.

We have had so many calls for the Free Press of date January 1st, January 8th and January 29th that these issues are exhausted. We would be glad to have those who have copies of those issues, and who do not care to keep them to bring them to this office if it can be done conveniently.

It is now time to transplant trees. The Mother's Club has taken up a movement to ornament the school grounds by setting out forest trees. Large trees can be successfully transplanted if the roots are taken up whole. Not long since the Free Press copied a long article giving directions how this should be done. The article was a bul-

letin from the National Agricultural Department, and is authority on the matter of transplanting large trees. It stated that the dirt should be carefully removed from the roots and as much of the roots taken up as possible, and should be wrapped in wet sacks or old newspapers dampened. The trees should be set some deeper than it came out of the soil, and the dirt settled firmly around the roots. A trench should be left some distance away from the body and around the tree. In dry regions the tree should be kept watered during the first year at least. Now we think the whole town should encourage and assist the Mother's Club. They intend to tap the city water mains and the city authorities have agreed to furnish the water for irrigating the trees. We see no reason why the school grounds cannot be speedily made to furnish shade. The hackberry is the most thrifty and easiest tree to get, and the native is the best.

Own Your Own Mind.

Have you ever considered the possibility of doing this? Remember that living in a rented mind, furnished with opinions bought on the installment plan, never offers any inducement with it for the future. Not only this, but you are not saving up for anything.

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In the first place, you come to take a personal interest, which you do not feel when it is owned by some one else. Then, again, the natural increase in value redounds to your own profit. You have no one to dictate to you as to the inside furnishings and decorations. Besides, it makes you more particular with regard to what you put into it. If you live in a rented mind, you don't care much. You will drive nails in the walls, and get generally careless about it. But when you own your own mind, you are constantly going about picking it up. You take real pride in it.

Be it ever so humble, there is no place like a mind that you own yourself.—Life. (Copied from Lafollett's.)

It seems that a reform element in the republican party have gotten into the National Congress, and they are giving the machine wing of the party all kinds of trouble. The investigation of the Ballinger charges is opening up to public gaze how the public domain and mineral deposits have been traded for campaign funds. With starvation staring the laboring classes in the face, the efforts of the middle class for reform may win. The Northern press would be full to over flowing with its tirades if Bryan had been so unfortunate as to have been elected president. We think it a God-send that he was defeated so that the republican party might itself reap the reward of its own policies. We have a hope that the late tariff bill will finally convince the laborer that when he votes for the corporations and trusts under the promise of prosperity that he will only get a "gold brick." If the laborer must have taxation for his benefit give it to him direct in the form of a subsidy, abolish the tariff system and levy a direct ad valorem tax.

There are four candidates for governor. Cone Johnson, R. V. Davidson, O. B. Colquitt and William Poindexter. These men have all gotten a different platform on prohibition. Johnson is for state prohibition, Davidson is against it, but will approve it if the legislature sees fit to submit an amendment, Colquitt will vote the prohibition amendment proposition, Poindexter is for all kinds of prohibition but statutory. Then there is the Bailey issue. Colquitt says he was the senator's friend but is having trouble to prove it; John-

son and Davidson both were against the senator. Poindexter became his most forceful defender after the investigation. The leading pros have taken up Cone Johnson; the leading antis have always backed Colquitt. Davidson has a splendid record as attorney general, and is running on it, but what do people care for good records? We have seen them ignored so often. Poindexter is a splendid man and as a jurist, has a fine record. Who is going to win? Who will be the next governor?

Better Than He Expected.

Our January attendance was much better than we expected, as was also our calls from business firms for our graduates. We have enrolled more students and placed more graduates in good positions during January this year than ever before in the history of the school. Business conditions are improving throughout the country and there is an ever increasing demand for young men and women thoroughly and practically trained as bookkeepers and stenographers or operators. The wage scale has been raised, which enabled us to place our recent graduates at better salaries than ever before. Students may enter at any time and take up the work to the very best advantage; practically all of our work is taught on the plan of individual instruction. A dull student is not crowded beyond his capacity nor a bright student held back and discouraged on account of a dull one, but each individual is worked to his full capacity; this is one reason why you never hear of a dissatisfied student in our school, they always have plenty to do to keep them busy; plenty of practical, interesting work, something in which they see they are gaining valuable information every minute. It only requires three months for the average student to complete a thorough course in shorthand, four months for bookkeeping, five months for bookkeeping and shorthand combined, or five months for telegraphy and railway work. Invest with us a few months time and a little money, and your earning capacity is doubled; your opportunities for success throughout life are doubled.

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CLUB NOTES.

On February 1st Mrs. Charles Irby was director for the Liszt program in the Symphony Club. An interesting afternoon was devoted to the master of music. Many points of interest were brought out in the Round Table and the program was a pleasure to all. The club met with Mrs. H. R. Jones.

Mrs. Henry Alexander was hostess for the Magazine Club on Saturday afternoon, January 29th. An interesting lesson on Sidney Lanier was conducted by Mrs. S. R. Rike. Mrs. C. F. Elkins was critic for the meeting.

The public library has been in existence since the first of November, and during that time there have been many who have taken great interest in it. There are a number of books rented weekly. The library is kept open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons of each week between the hours of 2 and 6. Books have been donated to the library by Mesdames McConnell, Joe Irby, R. P. Moore, Gordon McGuire, Keister, Henry Tandy, R. B. Fields, Adams, John L. Robertson, C. D. Long, C. M. Hunt, Hollis Fields, Walter Meadors, Pitchford, Rives, Langford, Posey, Morton, Faircald, A. J. Smith, Henry Alexander, Earl Cogdell, Elkins, S. W. Scott, W. E. Cressup, S. R. Rike, McGregor, Scott Key, Mr. S. W. Scott, Misses Baldwin, Roebuck, Houston, Lucille Hughes, Mamie Meadors, Anice Fields, Bowers, Dulin Fields, Odell, McConnell.

Mrs. S. W. Scott has been placed on the club extension committee by the president of first district of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. A. W. McGregor is teaching a class in physical culture for which she collects a small fee for the benefit of the library fund.

Literary and Civic Club will meet with Mrs. Murchison February 9, 1910. Roll call. "Notable Pioneers and What They Did." Paper on "Early Pathfinders." Teacher, Mrs. McGuire. All members are urged to be present, as clean-up day will be discussed.

Mr. J. W. Heathcock of the northeast corner was here Monday and renewed his subscription to the Free Press.

The people of Haskell, who are familiar with the good work being done by the Woman's Home Mission Society will not forget the monster benefit at the opera house on Monday night, February 7th, when "The Lady From Martinique" will be presented. Tickets on sale at Spencer & Gillam's drug store at popular prices.

Dr. Williamson sold his place some time since and moved this week to a place east of the railroad, in the northeast part of town.

Hon. Bruce W. Bryant, after a preliminary canvass of the situation has declined to run for district attorney, but we understand he will announce as a candidate for re-election as county attorney.

There is a move on foot to organize a railroad company and build a road from Rule to Haskell and from Haskell to Throckmorton. There are several Haskell business men who have agreed to take stock in the company, and the proposition is meeting with favor. We think the plan contemplated the best yet proposed.

Mr. Paul Zohn, one of Haskell county's leading farmers, sold a hog in this city Saturday that weighed 625 pounds, and brought \$40.60. The hog was a red Jersey barrow, two years and nine months old. He was raised principally on kafir corn and maize. J. V. Hudson was the purchaser.

Clubbing Proposition

Mr. Bryan has purchased the established farm journal, "THE AMERICAN HOMESTEAD," and we have accepted his proposition to club the HOMESTEAD and THE COMMONER with the FREE PRESS. We can furnish the three papers all for the low price of \$1.65 for one year.

KILLING HORSES FOR MEAT.

Illinois State Inspector Declares They Are Being Slaughtered the Wholesale.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 30.—In an official report of the Illinois State Food Commission made public today State Inspector Hoey declares that horses are being slaughtered by the wholesale in Chicago and the meat is being sold and distributed for human consumption.

The meat, he says, is being cut into roasts, steaks and sausages and is being sold to free lunch vendors in Chicago and some farming districts and mining camps where foreign miners are employed. Heretofore, says the report, it was the general belief that all horse meat prepared in Chicago was for shipment to Copenhagen, Denmark, and the fact that it is being put up for home consumption is looked upon as necessitating a new state law regulating the killing of horses.

All the horse killing establishments, it was reported, were small slaughtering houses operating in obscure parts of the city. In one place it was found fifteen horses a week were killed. The products of this place went to points in Wisconsin and Illinois. At another place casings for sausage were found, but the proprietor declared they were for shipment to Denmark.

"Most of our meat goes there," he said. "Denmark is the best horse market in the world."

Inquiry at a cheap boarding house district showed that "meat" was purchased at 6c a pound, when the butchers in the neighborhood were asking 9c for their cheapest beef.

A rigid investigation of conditions is recommended in the inspector's report.

Mr. J. W. Meadors authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for re-election to the office of county and district clerk. We can say of Mr. Meadors that in all our dealings with him the past twenty years we have found him to be a courteous gentleman, and as an officer he understands the duties of his office and discharges them promptly, efficiently and courteously. If competency is desired, we conscientiously recommend him to the careful consideration of the people. He announces subject to the action of the democratic party.

Mr. D. Scott, who has the contract for the brick and stone work of the new church, was the operative mason in laying the corner stone Monday.

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Miss Helen McFatter left Monday for Abilene, where she entered Simmons' College.

Mr. W. F. Meisner was in the City a few days ago, and rolled a silver disc to us on subscription account.

Mr. Martin Arend of the north east side was in town Saturday, handed us a dollar and ordered us to keep the Free Press going to a relative, Mr. J. W. Willake, of Manor Tex.

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Mr. M. R. Himphill returned the early part of the week from an extended trip to East Texas, Houston and other points.

Mr. C. M. Brown of Rochester, was in the City Monday. M. Brown served Haskell County for years as tax assessor.

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Mr. C. W. Turner of Silvertown is visiting his old friend Burwell Cox of this city. Mr. Turner handed us two dollars and told us to keep the Free Press going to his Address.

Mr. B. P. Davis met us on the streets a few days ago and cashed up for the Free Press.

We like the way our subscribers are paying up. It helps us out and makes us feel like the paper is appreciated.

Pure Ribbon Cakes, Malasses at Alexander Merc Co.

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The Loan Company which we represent is not yet out of 8 per cent money with which to buy vendor's lien notes and make loans on good farms in Haskell, Knox and Stonewall counties.

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Red Seal Coal Oil for your lamps and get the best. McNeill & Smith Hardware Co. exclusive agents.

VETERINARY SURGERY

All parties wanting work in my line will call at Westmoreland's wagon yard before Monday night Feb. 7th.

W. H. Martin, V. S.

Lost—Cameo Broph. Finder please return to Free Press office.

Now is the time to buy your onion sets at Alexander Merc Co.

Can insure country tenement dwellings property, as well as nearly anything else against fire and tornadoes. H. M. Rike. tf.

Mr. R. H. Chancellor of the firm of Chancellor & Johnson, returned Thursday night from a successful business trip to Fort Worth and Denton county. We mention this because we knew Mr. Chancellor's family in Ellis county in our boyhood, and we are always glad to hear of his prosperity. Mr. Chancellor comes of a family of successful business men who pride themselves upon their integrity and fair dealings in business. These excellent traits runs in the family.

Mr. J. E. Davis, a county commissioner of Bell county, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. D. L. Cummings.

Mr. R. W. Herren was in from his ranch Saturday to receive two yearling Hereford bulls. They were as fine as were ever brought to the county. Mr. Herren paid \$100 a piece for them, and they possessed all the fine points as steak producers.

There were a number of Methodist pastors from outside points who attended the laying of the corner stone Monday.

Rev. F. L. Meador of Hamlin attended the laying of the corner stone here Monday.

Mr. B. W. Mann of Rule called at our office Monday and set his subscription up one year.

Mr. Henry Alexander has entirely recovered from a recent attack of pneumonia and is again at his post with the Alexander Mercantile Co.

By some oversight the District Deputy Grand Master was not informed or requested to be here and participate in the laying of the corner stone of the M. E. Church Monday, so the Masonic fraternity did not participate in the ceremony.

Modern Implements.
The Standard Cultivator has every adjustment possible to adapt it to the needs in working. It has been the leading cultivator in Texas for over 30 years. It does just what you want it to do, does it easily, and always gives satisfaction.

The Oliver Cultivator is off in a class to itself. It is very strong, and is operated entirely with the feet, leaving both hands free to handle the team or rest. There is nothing else like it. It is a revolution in cultivator making.

Every farmer ought to examine it.
These two lines are the two best made.

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The Standard Planter is in every way reliable. Test at experiment stations have shown that it is more uniform than any other planter in its class. The makers of this planter made the first combined cotton and corn riding planter, pioneers in this line.

The Case is a universal favorite all over the state. It is strong, simple, easily operated, sure in its work, in every way reliable, what more could any one want.

The Ledbetter One Seed is the only planter made of this class, dropping just one seed at a time and at any distance wanted. It has just about every adjustment that any one can think of. Strong, simple and universally liked. Will plant anything.

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Sherrill Bros. & Co.

BROOKS-MOORE.

On last Tuesday evening at 2:30 p. m., at the residence of the bride's mother, in this city, Mr. Tom Brooks and Miss Mattie Moore were married in the presence of the family and a few relatives. Rev. Raynold McDonald officiated. The groom is a promising young business man, and the bride is one of Haskell's most beautiful and accomplished daughters. The Free Press extends best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

Rev. J. W. Patton, (colored), pastor of the colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America at Abilene, was here this week soliciting subscriptions to build a church. He said several of the white citizens had contributed liberally to the building fund. He preached at the oil mill and at the home of a colored man on Mr. Pace's place Sunday. Rev. Patton has the honor of being the first colored preacher to preach in Haskell county.

We most earnestly desire to thank all those who by acts and deeds of kindness manifested their sympathy for us in the loss of our infant daughter, and wish to assure you that we cannot fitly express our appreciation of the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Hankerson.

The State Board of Health is anxious to have Texas be the first Southern State to be included in the "registration area" in order that this may be, we urge that the registration of births and deaths be attended to more promptly.

Haskell Magazine Club.

H. M. Rike can insure your property against fire and tornadoes and give you lowest rates according to the new law just gone into effect. In most cases rates are lower than formerly. Can insure country tenants and dwellings also.

Kaffir corn for sale here in Haskell and on my farm 7 miles west of Haskell. In the absence of cash, will take good note. Lee Pierson Haskell, Texas. Phone No. 260.

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WRITE FOR PRICES

Rev. W. D. Droomgoole was in the city Monday in company with Mr. I. A. Leonard. Rev. Droomgoole subscribed and paid for a copy of the paper to go to his friend, Mr. Leonard.

Horse Shoeing and Blacksmithing done right and promptly.
Hughes, Starr & Co.
Fresh Chocolate Candy just arrived at Stephens & Smith's.

NOTICE.
Renters for two good houses, 100 acres second years land to each house, wells of good water each place, 17 miles northeast Haskell 8 miles east Weinert, steam gin, six hundred yards field. Phone me via Weinert. Men only who have good teams and expect to cultivate land need apply. No rough riders wanted. 5-4tp
J. D. ROBERTS.

Life On Panama Canal
has had one frightful drawback—malaria trouble - that has brought suffering and death to thousands. Germs cause chills, fever and a que, biliousness, jaundice, lassitude, weakness and general debility. But Electric Bitters never fail to destroy them and cure malaria troubles. "Three bottles completely cured me of a very severe attack of malaria," writes Wm. A. Frtwell, of Lucama, N. C., "and I've had good health ever since." Cure Stomach, Liver and Kidney Troubles, and prevent Typhoid 50c. Guaranteed by Colliers' Drugstore.

Boll Cotton Notice.
Remember that I can pay more for boll cotton than anybody. Don't sell till you see me. We also gin bolls for customers.
F. T. SANDERS.

The Best Hour Of Life
is when you do some great deed or discover some wonderful fact. This hour came to J. R. Pitt, of Rocky Mt. N. C. when he was suffering intensely, as he says, "from the worst cold I ever had, I then proved to my great satisfaction, what a wonderful Cold and Cough cure Dr. King's New Discovery is. For, after taking one bottle, I was entirely cured. You can't say anything too good of a medicine like that." Its the surest and best remedy for disease lungs, Hemorrhages, La Grippe, Asthma, Hay Fever any Throat or Lung trouble. 50c. \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Colliers' Drugstore

At the Christian Church.
The subject for discussion at the Christian Church Sunday morning will be "Miracles." Our choir will render special music and we will make the service an interesting one. Preaching at night at the usual hour. Everybody is invited to be present at these services.
Ranald McDonald, Pastor.

A few minutes delay in treating some cases of croup, even the length of time it takes to go for a doctor often proves dangerous. The safest way is to keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and at the first indication of croup give the child a dose. Pleasant to take and always cures. Sold by All Dealers.

THE COLLEGE BOY.
For three seasons this clever comedy with music, from the pens of Messrs. Boyer & Leslie, with Lyrics by John W. Baume, has enjoyed most prosperous engagements. And, for this reason, it is well written and well acted by Mr. William Haenel and most excellent company. It will visit Haskell Opera House on February 11th, and we predict for that evening a large audience to witness the performance. The College Band and Orchestra is a rare treat.

THE BIG SHOP
All kinds of machine work at Hughes, Starr & Co.

NOTICE.
I am prepared to break gardens, move household goods or do hauling of any kind.
A. C. Dooley,
6-1t-p Residence, Ballew St.

Six broke mules and four young broke horses for sale 1/4 miles northwest of Haskell.
4-3t W. F. Draper.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HASKELL.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS.
W. H. Parsons, Plaintiff.

vs
E. V. Cardwell, et al, Defendants

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Haskell County, Texas on a judgment rendered in said court on the 23rd day of November 1909 in favor of W. H. Parsons and against J. S. Crawford and H. A. Montgomery in the above styled suit, numbered 596 upon the docket of said court, I did on the 6th day of January 1910 at 9 o'clock a. m. seize and take into my possession the following described tract of land, to wit: All that certain tract or parcel of land in Haskell County, Texas, known as lot Three (3) in block Thirty-four (34) of the Brown & Roberts Addition to the town of Haskell, Texas as the same appears upon a map or plat of said addition recorded in volume 20, pages 22 and 23 of the deed records of Haskell County, Texas, same being a part of the Isidro Ramos League and labor survey No. 109, certificate No. 605, abstract No. 351, patented to the heirs of John R. Cunningham April 29, 1870 by patent No. 105, volume 18. And on the 1st day of February, 1910, being the first Tuesday of said month between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said date I will offer for sale and sell at public auction at the court house door in the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas for cash the above described property foreclosing the vendor's lien thereon as the same existed on the 7th day of May 1908, and will apply the proceeds upon the aforesaid judgment which is in favor of said W. H. Parsons and against the said J. S. Crawford and H. A. Montgomery for the sum of Seven Hundred Ninety Six and 58-100 (\$796.58) Dollars, with interest thereon from November 23, 1909 at 10 per cent annum and all cost of suit.

Dated at Haskell, Texas this 6th day of January 1910.
M. E. Park,
Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas,
By J. H. Meadors, Deputy,
No. 2-4t

ESTRAY NOTICE
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Haskell,)
Taken up by P. P. Ulmer and estrayed before J. O. Stark, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3, Haskell county: One dark bay or brown horse, 12 years old, about 14 1/2 hands high, unbranded, two saddle marks on back and small white spot in forehead. Appraised at forty dollars.

The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 20th day of January 1910.

J. W. Meadors,
Clerk, County Court, Haskell Co.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.
The land firm of Williams, Rives & Hurd has dissolved. Mr. T. G. Williams, having purchased the interest of Messrs. Rives and Hurd, will continue the business. He is arranging to bring land buyers and those who want to sell together.

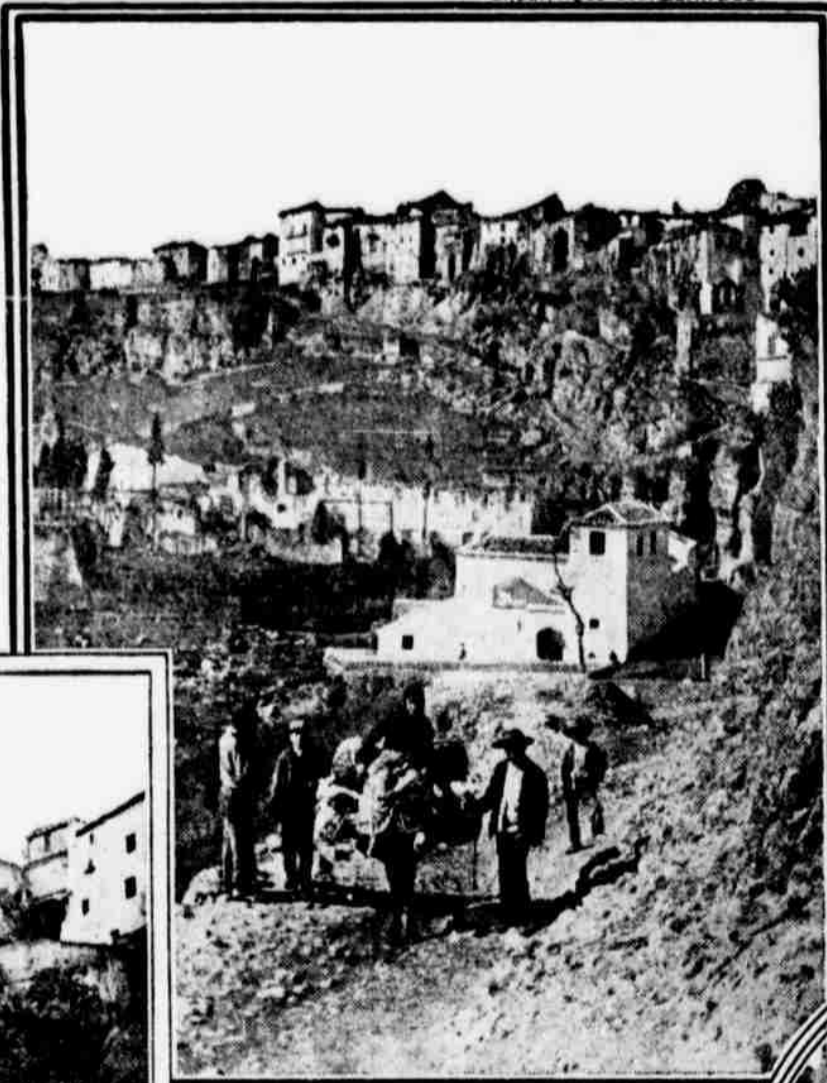
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on land at 8 per cent and 9 per cent interest also to buy Vendors Lien Notes, if you want a loan come and see us,
Sanders & Wilson,
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Transmission grease for your autos, Mobile oil for your autos, Columbia Ignite Batteries, the best. McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

RONDA: A MOORISH TREASURY

By R.W. SNEDDON

THE report that Mr. Perin of Baltimore has discovered during excavations under his recent purchase, the Casa del Rey Moro at Ronda, what may prove to be a valuable contribution to the history of the Moorish occupation of Spain, in the shape of treasure, mosaic and tombs will no doubt direct fresh attention to the town of Ronda itself. Ronda in the days when the Moors were all-powerful in Andalusia, a province which was the first and the last to own their sovereignty, was a place of supreme importance from the fact of its situation on an almost impregnable rock, and though it does not rank with Granada, which holds that jewel in Spain's crown, the Alhambra, it yet preserves sufficient trace of its former greatness to en-



THE OLD CITY OF RONDA, SET WITHIN WALLS AND FORTS ON THE HILL



PUENTE DE SAN MIGUEL, RONDA



THE GREAT BRIDGE WHICH SPANS THE GORGE OF THE GUADALEVIN AT RONDA



A QUIANT PART IN THE OLD TOWN OF RONDA

able to rank favorably with its sister cities of the province, Seville and Cordova.

Ronda has always been a town of horse tamers and smugglers, traits no doubt derived from the Moor; for the Andalusian has in his blood something of the oriental, which is reflected in his speech, his manners and customs. Almost all the terms of farming and husbandry he employs are Arabic while the dance and music he revels in has a distinctly eastern character. He invariably has, too, in his head some idea of treasure finding, and, as many know to their cost, he has succeeded in interesting with his "Spanish Prisoner's Treasure" tale many who own to have been bitten. Now, however, it seems as if there was some ground for the treasure seekers' hallucination. Treasure has been stated to have been found, and in a spot where it might reasonably have been expected to be. The castle of the Moorish king, in the Calle San Pedro, Ronda, built in 1042 by a worthy fellow, Al Motabeh, who had the pleasing habit of converting the skulls of his captured enemies into jeweled drinking cups, from which he could drink his wine, and who must often have gone forth to cool his heated head on the platform which to this day hangs over the vast chasm of the Tajo, seems ready to reveal its secret. There is already one subterranean passage known, the Mina de Ronda, which leads by a stair of 385 steps, one for every day in the year, to a grotto below which was excavated by Christian slaves at their Arab master's bidding, so as to provide the city with water in case of a siege, which gave rise to the proverb, "Dios me guarde del zaque de Ronda," since in such event the poor slaves would be set to the endless task of raising water from the depths below. Whether it is a branch of this passage which has been found to lead to the subterranean galleries which report had always located as being under the castle, we have not full information, but it seems reasonable to suppose so.

Ronda itself is two towns in one. There is the old Moorish town, whose winding lanes play strange freaks of ups and downs, full of quaint small houses with heavy walnut doors and heavily grated windows, sheltered by the old Arab towers and walls, perched on a spur of the hills, circled by the Guadalevin, which girdles it as the Tago does the city of Toledo. There is the new town, which is more or less a typical Spanish town of badly paved streets and low white-washed houses, but which is the most interesting to the neighbors of Ronda, since it contains the Plaza de Toros, where the Andalusian bull provides brave sport during the annual FERIA, one of the most interesting fairs in Spain, and which possesses this striking advantage—that the carcasses of the tired old hacks bestridden by the picadores can be cast over the precipices which fringe it and left to the scavenging offices of the vultures, which it pleases the inhabitant to point out to the unwary stranger as being the more kindly eagle.

If you can conceive a great rock cut in twain by a vast chasm having on its north part the new town and on the south the old, you have Ronda. Between the two halves at a depth of nearly 400 feet hangs and swirls the turbulent river, which still serves to turn the Moorish mills, where corn is ground in the same way as it was done five—seven—nine hundred years ago.

Looking down on them from the new bridge or Porte Uevo, which straddles with one single span the narrowest part of the black gulf, the mills look like toys and the millers like ants. The bridge itself is a marvel, 239 feet across and of immense height. It cost its architect his life, for, falling from the parapets, he was dashed to pieces in the depths below. One may pass by the quaintly interesting old church of Santa Ma-

ria la Mayor, which in Moorish time was a mosque and still retains some of the familiar cupolas, and going to its right descend to the two lower bridges, the Puente de San Miguel and a specimen of Moorish bridge building, the Puente Viego, finally descending to the lowest Moorish mill, past which the river dashes in seething rapids and from which the view to the great bridge above, which seems suspended in the clouds, is a sight to be remembered.

When you ascend to the new town and stand upon the public promenade with its walled platforms and look down upon the clustering roofs of the old town, the fertile tilled land spread out below, the river 600 feet under you and the purple mountains standing out clear and bold against the blue sky, feeling the fresh, exhilarating air blow upon your face, you can well imagine that the dwellers in Ronda cannot help being what they call themselves in their proverbs, "En Ronda los hombres a Ochenta son Polloes"—"In Ronda the men at 80 are chickens," for they have every inducement to preserve their vitality and vivacity, though they take good care not to overwork themselves in their flour milling, fruit growing and vine cultivation, the wine from which, an excellent brand, may have something to do with the Andalusian gaily of spirit, so unlike the reservedness of many of their countrymen.

WOMEN OF THE ARCTIC

Every spring hundreds of brides journey to Alaska and fully as many young women go north, with more or less trepidation, to be married, so that the number of homes in the neighborhood of the arctic circle grows larger each year. The trepidation only lasts while the brides are "chee-chalks," or tenderfeet. After they have watched the ice go out and are real "sour doughs" they want no sympathy because fate sent them to a country where coal is \$30 a ton and lemons \$1

a dozen. You cannot find an Alaskan who will find fault with Alaska and so every one is satisfied, the mining camps at Dawson, Fairbanks and Nome, or the cabins out along the creeks, miles and miles from what we call civilization hold only happy housekeepers, women who know more about canned goods and what can be done with a tin of beans than anybody on either continent, says the Housekeeper.

Everything that comes to their doors is canned, milk, eggs and potatoes, as well as the vegetables that we all use. In the larger camps fresh vegetables are brought in by steamer in the summer and until the shops bloom with a wealth of succulent green things, but only the anecdotes of these delicacies reach "the creeks." The gardens at Dawson are famous, for almost any vegetable will grow if the housewife will bother to plant it. Although the season is so short the sun shines night and day the cabbage keeps the same hours.

Condensed milk is the arctic housekeeper's standby and you would not believe how much was used unless you saw the pile of empty tins. Every woman has to learn to make muffins and cake all over again until she knows just the proportions of milk and water that will produce the light and feathery result. Canned eggs offer a similar course of study and so do tinned potatoes to the woman who must serve three palatable meals a day from canned or dried foods.

It is a wild, free life these arctic women live. They know how to shoot and can keep the larder replenished when the men are busy. They can

also take a big pan of pay gravel and wash it until the specks of gold are free from dirt. In their fur parki and bucklugs they can trot beside the dog sled on the winter trail and when the journey of several hundred miles is over they can play Mendelssohn or Chopin on the piano that takes up half the room in the little cabin.

"We never sleep," declared a happy arctic housekeeper. "In the summer it is light for 24 hours and it is not worth while to go to bed and in the winter, when it is dark for 24 hours, we have to be doing things to forget the darkness, so there is no chance to sleep."

But whether they sleep or not they look fresh and unfagged like the days they go forth to so joyfully meet.

MOTOR CAR CIVILIZATION.

Let our wild people rush up against Mr. Auto and they will not want for a lesson. The auto, like war, is rounding up and quieting and soothing our wild Comanches and Mohicans. Around our greatest cross streets one no longer sees ancient jackass stunts, no howling or shrieking and running; everybody is all attention and, as fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom, so a military attention in an army of wild Willys is the beginning of that blessed discipline which we need.—New York Press.

DEGENERATED THROUGH TIME.

Though "Snooks" as a name is hardly beautiful, its origin is respectable enough. Kindly people picked up a little foundling boy at Sevenoaks and started him in life after baptizing him "William Sevenoaks." He became lord mayor of London in the reign of Henry V., was knighted and died in 1432. He left benefactions to his native place that were doubtless misused, as was his name, which degenerated to Snooks.

WORTH KNOWING.

Simple Remedy That Anyone Can Prepare at Home.

Most people are more or less subject to coughs and colds. A simple remedy that will break up a cold quickly and cure any cough that is curable is made by mixing two ounces of Glycerine, a half-ounce of Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure and eight ounces of pure Whisky. You can get these in any good drug store and easily mix them in a large bottle. The mixture is highly recommended by the Leach Chemical Co. of Cincinnati, who prepare the genuine Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure for dispensing.

INSULT TO INJURY.



Shoemaker—Well, if that isn't all right. Instead of paying my bill, he kicks me down stairs, and with the new boots I've made him, too.

Rather Tall. "That," said Senator Tillman of an opponent's argument, "is an amusing exaggeration."

He smiled. "In fact," he continued, "it is as bad an exaggeration as the story about Ben Johnson's height. They said of Ben, you know, the candidate for sheriff, that when he made a stump speech, instead of getting a stump ready for him to mount, they would, because he was so tall, dig a hole for him to stand in."

With a smooth iron and Defiance Starch, you can launder your shirt-waist 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.

Luck. "Does you believe it's lucky to see de new moon over yoh right shoulder?"

"Sho I does," replied Mr. Erastus Pinkney. "Dese here stormy days you's lucky to see any kind of a moon anyway."—Washington Star.

Children Who Are Sickly. Mothers should never be without a box of Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children. They break up colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Constipation, Headache, Teething Disorders and Stomach Troubles. Over 10,000 testimonials. At all Druggists. See Ask for day. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

The Modern Polonius. "Pay your debts promptly, my son." "All right, dad." "Then when opportunity knocks you won't be afraid to go to the door."

For Colds and Grippe—Capudine. The best remedy for Grippe and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the itching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects Immediately—10¢ and 50¢ at Drug Stores.

Before she is married to a man a woman always wants to think of him; afterward she wants to think for him.

PILES CURD IN 6 TO 14 DAYS. PAIN OINTMENT guaranteed to cure any case of itching, blind, bleeding or protruding Piles in 15 to 18 days or money refunded. See.

Some cemetery janitors, unless closely watched, raise vegetables in the rich graveyard mold.

ALLEN'S LUNG BALSAM will cure but only a fresh cold, but one of those stubborn coughs that usually hang on for months. Give it a trial and prove its worth. 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

The world is all gates, all opportunities, strings of tension waiting to be struck.—Emerson.

Many who used to smoke 10c cigars are now smoking Lewis' Single Binder straight 5c.

A friend is merely a person we can tell our troubles to.

"The Blood is The Life"

Science has never gone beyond the above simple statement of scripture. But it has illuminated that statement and given it a meaning ever broadening with the increasing breadth of knowledge. When the blood is "bad" or impure it is not alone the body which suffers through disease. The brain is also clouded, the mind and judgement are affected, and many an evil deed or impure thought may be directly traced to the impurity of the blood.

Foul, impure blood can be made pure by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It enriches and purifies the blood thereby curing, pimples, blotches, eruptions and other cutaneous affections, as eczema, tetter, or salt-rheum, hives and other manifestations of impure blood.

In the cure of scrofulous swellings, enlarged glands, open eating ulcers, or old sores, the "Golden Medical Discovery" has performed the most marvelous cures. In cases of old sores, or open eating ulcers, it is well to apply to the open sores Dr. Pierce's All-Healing Salve, which possesses wonderful healing potency when used as an application to the sores in conjunction with the use of "Golden Medical Discovery" as a blood cleansing constitutional treatment. If your druggist don't happen to have the "All-Healing Salve" in stock, you can easily procure it by enclosing fifty cents in postage stamps to Dr. R.V. Pierce, 663 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y., and it will come to you by return post. Most druggists keep it as well as the "Golden Medical Discovery."

You can't afford to accept any medicine of unknown composition as a substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery," which is a medicine of known composition, having a complete list of ingredients in plain English on its bottle-wrapper, the same being attested as correct under oath.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels.

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Minneapolis, Minn.—"I was a great sufferer from female troubles which caused a weakness and broken down condition of the system. I read *70* much of what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had done for other suffering women. I felt sure it would help me, and I must say it did help me wonderfully. My pains all left me, I grew stronger, and within three months I was a perfectly well woman."

"I want this letter made public to show the benefit women may derive from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—MRS. JOHN G. MOLDAK, 2115 Second St., North, Minneapolis, Minn.

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Women who suffer from those distressing ailments peculiar to their sex should not lose sight of these facts or doubt the ability of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to restore their health.

If you want special advice write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. She will treat your letter as strictly confidential. For 20 years she has been helping sick women in this way, free of charge. Don't hesitate—write at once.

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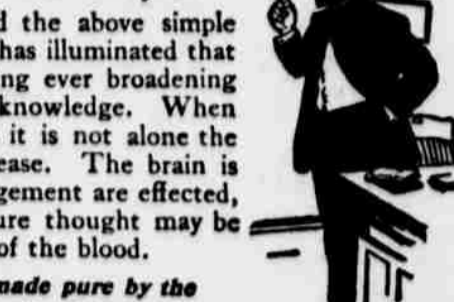
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TWO MORE INQUIRIES INTO HIGH PRICES

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE ORDERS THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

EXPLANATIONS DEMANDED

First Measure Introduced by Payne—Condrey Demands Probe Into Alleged Meat Trust.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The cost of living in the United States is to be thoroughly inquired into by the House of Representatives through its most powerful committee—the Ways and Means. Late yesterday Representative Payne, chairman of that committee and majority leader, introduced his resolution providing for an investigation along the broadest lines.

Prior to introducing his measure Mr. Payne conferred with Representative Champ Clark, minority leader, who has been designated with him by the committee to draft the instrument authorizing the investigation. The committee is to inquire into any alleged increase in the cost of necessities of life, some of which, such as clothing, fuel, furniture, meats, and food-stuffs, are enumerated. Wholesale and retail prices and rates of profit are to be investigated. The question of whether the tariff is responsible for the alleged high cost of living is covered by a general provision "as to whether prices are affected, increased or otherwise by any laws of the United States."

The hearings of the committee will be open to the public. It may sit anywhere in the United States and summon and swear witnesses.

Wants Beef Investigation.

A thorough and far-reaching investigation of the so-called beef trust is provided for in a resolution introduced yesterday by Representative Condrey, Republican, from Missouri. The resolution is drawn in drastic terms and appropriates \$30,000 to be used in getting at the facts. Fines of \$5,000 and imprisonment for five years are provided for witnesses who decline to reveal information to the committee.

The bill provides for a "thorough and complete investigation of the present unreasonable and unnecessary advancing prices made by meat packers and of the reported hoarding of live stock in Western yards, of the refusing of large orders and the holding of supplies in freezers to create the impression of a shortage."

GENERAL RAINFALL IN TEXAS

Comes at Time to Greatly Help Spring Crops.

Dallas: Texas received a general rain Tuesday night, which will be of much value to spring crops. At most places the precipitation was of good proportions and came just at the proper time because much farm land has recently been broken.

The Dallas office of the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company reported rain at the following places in the State: Austin, Corsicana, Dublin, Denton, Fort Worth, Gainesville, Greenville, Hearne, Hillsboro, Houston, Palestine, Paris, San Antonio, Sherman, Taylor, Tyler, Waco, Weatherford and Wichita Falls, the precipitation at the latter place amounting to a downpour. Texarkana and Beaumont reported cloudy condition.

Packery for Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City, Ok.: The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce has signed a contract with the Schwarzhild & Sulzburger Packing Company of Chicago for the establishment of a packing plant here to cost approximately \$3,000,000. The contract was signed on behalf of the company by Ferdinand Sulzburger, and provides that the Chamber of Commerce shall have thirty days in which to raise a cash bonus of \$300,000. Options on 500 acres of land near the Morris packing plant in course of construction have been obtained.

Canyon City Normal Building.

Austin: The State Board of Education has awarded the contract to construct the large normal building for the West Texas Normal at Canyon City to a construction company of Stamford for \$89,000. This does not include wiring, plumbing and steam heating. All of the latter is to be awarded at some future date. The bids for that work were rejected Tuesday because of the alterations in the plans. New bids will be called for in the near future and the contract let.

Paulhan in Denver.

Denver, Colo.: Forty thousand people have seen Paulhan, the French airship master, soar 5,700 feet above the sea level here in a flight to demonstrate that rarified atmosphere has no terrors for aviators. This city is approximately one mile above sea level.

\$25,000 Fire at Mart.
Mart, Tex.: Fire destroyed the public school building, entailing a loss of about \$25,000.

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For Remarkably Quick Action on Colds and Coughs.

This prescription will frequently cure the worst cold in a day's time and it is a sure cure for any cough that can be cured. "Two ounces Glycerine; half ounce Concentrated Pine; Put these into half a pint of good whiskey and use in doses of teaspoonful to a table-spoonful every four hours. Shake bottle well each time." Any druggist has these ingredients in stock or will quickly get them from his wholesale house. The Concentrated Pine is a special pine product and comes only in half ounce vials each enclosed in an air tight case; But be sure it is labeled "Concentrated." This formula cured hundreds here last winter.

RALLIED TO THE DEFENSE

Parlor Maid Was Loyal, But It is Doubtful If Explanation Helped Matters Very Much.

Walter Lonsdale, Dr. Cook's secretary, was adducing facts in praise of Dr. Cook.

"And these facts," he concluded, "prove my chief's honor; and the other side's defense is as weak as the well-known defense of the parlor maid."

Mr. Lonsdale glanced at his luggage packed for Copenhagen. Then he laughed and resumed:

"Mary," said a mistress to her parlor maid, "what time did my husband get home last night?"

"Not till four, mum," the maid answered.

"I thought so," said the mistress. "Here, it's evening, and the brute not up yet!"

"The maid bridled defensively. "Oh, but, mum," she said, "he has been up once, mum; but he just drank his bath and went back to bed again."

SCRATCHED SO SHE COULD NOT SLEEP

"I write to tell you how thankful I am for the wonderful Cuticura Remedies. My little niece had eczema for five years and when her mother died I took care of the child. It was all over her face and body, also on her head. She scratched so that she could not sleep nights. I used Cuticura Soap to wash her with and then applied Cuticura Ointment. I did not use quite half the Cuticura Soap and Ointment, together with Cuticura Resolvent, when you could see a change and they cured her nicely. Now she is eleven years old and has never been bothered with eczema since. My friends think it is just great the way the baby was cured by Cuticura. I send you a picture taken when she was about 18 months old.

"She was taken with the eczema when two years old. She was covered with big sores and her mother had all the best doctors and tried all kinds of salves and medicines without effect until we used Cuticura Remedies. Mrs. H. Kiernan, 663 Quincy St., Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1909."

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How Relief from Distressing Kidney Trouble Was Found.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wolf, 388 W. Morgan St., Tipton, Mo., says: "Inflammation of the bladder reached its climax last spring and I suffered terribly. My back ached and I could hardly get around and the secretions were scanty, frequent and painful. I was tired all the time and very nervous. I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, and after taking a few boxes was cured and have been well ever since."

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All in the Name.

Phyllis (up from the country)—But, Dick this is just like the last piece you brought me to see here.

Dick—My dear Phyllis, don't be absurd. This is "The Naughty Girl of Nice," and that other was "The Grasse Widow." Surely you know that Nice and Grasse are two entirely different places.—Punch.

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. Its 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.

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Overheard outside St. Ann's church yesterday:

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