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AN ACT
to create a road commission for Jones, Haskell and Taylor counties by making members of the Commissioners Court ex-officio members of said commission, and defining duties, powers, salaries and qualifications of the same; and providing that said salaries shall be paid out of certain funds and fixing a penalty for failure of any of said road commissioners to comply with any of the provisions of this Act; and defining the duties, powers salary and qualifications of all overseers of said County, and fixing a penalty for the failure to comply therewith; and imposing certain duties upon the following officers, to-wit: Treasurer, Collector and County Judge, and fixing a penalty for the failure

districts, and prescribing the manner of laying off same. And further providing that all roads may be dragged at certain times and prescribing the manner of such dragging and fixing a penalty for such persons driving upon said road at certain times after such dragging; and providing the manner of raising a road tax for road purposes in Jones, Haskell and Taylor Counties, and fixing a penalty relative to driving across bridges, destroying property pertaining to public roads, for obstructing public roads, bridges or causeways, or diverting water from its proper channel, and for leaving dead animals in public road or within certain distances of said road. And further providing that this Act shall be notice to all courts in this State, and that it shall be cumulative of the general laws of Texas upon the question of public roads, and when in conflict with any of the provisions of said General Laws, this Act shall control as to the counties of Jones, Haskell and Taylor, and providing a penalty for all violations of this Act and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. That the members of the Commissioner's Courts of Jones, Haskell and Taylor Counties, shall be ex-officio road commissioners of their respective districts, and under the direction of the Commissioner's Court, shall have charge of all teams, tools and machinery belonging to the County and placed in their hands by said Counties and it shall be their duty, under such rules and regulations as the Commissioner's Court may prescribe, to superintend the laying out of new roads, the making or changing of roads and the building of bridges. Each of said commissioners, before entering upon the duties of his office in addition to his regular bond as such County Commissioner, execute a bond for \$1,000 with two or more good and sufficient sureties payable to the county judge of said county for the use and benefit of the road and bridge fund, conditioned that he will perform all of the duties required of him by law or by the Commissioner's Court, and that he will account for all moneys or property belonging to the County that may come into his possession.

Sec. 1a. Any County Commissioner of Jones, Haskell and Taylor Counties, whether elected or appointed, shall have the power to appoint one deputy road commissioner or supervisor by written deputation, which appointment shall be recorded in the County Clerk's Office. Such deputy shall take the oath of office prescribed by the constitution, and he shall act in the name of his principal, and may do and perform all such official acts as may be lawfully done and performed by such commissioner in connection with the working of the public roads of said county, the care of teams, tools, etc., but shall not be authorized to perform any of the duties of County Commissioner prescribed by the General Laws of the State.

Sec. 2. Each County Commissioner, when acting as road commissioner shall be entitled to \$2.50 per day for services absolutely performed; provided, that

he shall not receive more than \$60.00 per quarter. Said per diem shall be paid out of the road and bridge fund of his precinct after the account thereof shall have been approved by the Commissioner's Court, provided, that the said Court shall not approve said account unless the commissioner presenting it shall make oath that the account is just, due and unpaid. Said account shall specify the number of days actually performed by him, when and where performed, and that it was necessary to be done. And if he worked only a part of the days the number of hours shall be stated, and no commissioner shall be entitled to pay as Road Commissioner while he is performing the duties as County Commissioner, nor shall he receive any other pay than that provided for in this Section for the inspection or supervision of the roads of his precinct, or for any other road service.

Sec. 3. The Commissioner's Courts of said counties may require all county convicts not otherwise employed to labor upon the public roads under such regulations as they may prescribe, and each convict so worked shall receive a credit of 50c on his fine first and then on the costs, for each day he may labor, and for each Sunday while confined. The Commissioner's Court, shall, at a regular term, allow to the officers and witnesses one-half of their costs for the arrest and conviction of said convict; provided, he works out his entire fine and costs, which amount shall be paid to the officers out of the road and bridge fund on the warrant of the county judge. The Commissioner's Court may provide the necessary houses, prisons, food, medicine, medical attention and guards for the safe and human treatment of said county convicts.

Sec. 4. The Commissioners' Court may offer rewards for the capture and return of any escaped convict, not to exceed in any case ten dollars and mileage and necessary expenses, which amount shall be taxed up as costs against said convict, who shall be required to work out said amount at the rate of twenty-five cents per day. No reward shall be paid to any person who had charge or control of said convicts at the time of escape. Said reward shall be paid out of the road and bridge fund as other costs. The Commissioners' Court may grant a reasonable commutation of time to convicts for faithful and meritorious service; provided, that in no case shall the time allowed be equal to more than one fifth of the whole time.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners, in acting as road commissioners, to inform himself of the condition of the public roads of his district and he shall determine what character of work shall be done upon said roads, and shall direct the manner of grading, draining or otherwise improving the same, which directions shall be observed and obeyed by all road overseers of his district.

Sec. 6. The Commissioner's Courts of said counties shall have full power and authority, and it shall be their duty to adopt such system for working, laying out, draining and repairing the public roads in said coun-

ties as it may deem best, and from time to time said courts may change their plan or system of working. Said Commissioner's Court shall have full power to purchase such teams, tools and machinery as may be necessary for the working of its roads. Said courts shall have power to construct, grade or otherwise improve any road or bridges by contract. In such case such courts or county judges of said counties may advertise in such manner as said courts may determine for bids to do such work and the contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, who shall enter into bond payable to the county judges of said counties, for the use of the road and bridge fund, with good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by said courts, and in such sums as such courts may determine, for the faithful compliance with the right to reject any and all bids. At the time of making such contract, the courts shall direct the county treasurer to pass the amounts to a particular fund for that purpose, and the treasurer shall keep a separate fund and same shall not be used for any other purpose, and can only be paid out on the order of said court; and the said courts shall have authority to employ any hands or teams to work on the roads, under such regulations and for such price as they may deem best, but not to exceed \$2.00 per day, of ten hours per day for a team and driver; and not to exceed \$1.25 per day for hands, and no road hand when working out his time on the road shall be required to work but eight hours per day; but when hands are hired by the day they shall be required to work ten hours per day.

Sec. 7. The Commissioner's Court shall lay off each road commissioner's district into a convenient number of road precincts, numbering each and defining as accurately as possible the boundaries thereof.

Sec. 8. An overseer shall be appointed by said courts for each road precinct at the time of establishing the same, and at the first regular term of the courts

of each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable either at a regular or special term, the said courts shall appoint an overseer for each road precinct in the county, who shall under the direction of the road commissioner of his district have charge of all public roads and all the hands liable for work on the same that are situated or reside in his precinct. It shall be his duty to call out all hands liable for road work and to cause all the roads in his respective precinct to be worked at least twice in each year, and at such other times as may be necessary. He shall also work on the public roads of his precinct any county convict that may be assigned to him under the direction of the Commissioner's Court or county judge; and shall have authority to call out any person liable for road duty to act as a guard for said convict or convicts in his precinct.

Sec. 9. At the first regular term of the Commissioner's Courts in each year all road overseers shall make their reports under oath upon the forms furnished them by said courts, and all accounts for service or labor performed for over work by said overseer during the past year and of all moneys received by them shall be audited and credited.

Sec. 10. Each county commissioner shall have charge over all road overseers in his district and shall deliver to each of them all teams, tools and machinery necessary for working the roads in the district of said overseers so far as he has been supplied therewith by the County Commissioner's Courts, taking receipt of said overseer therefor, specifying each item and giving its value, which receipt shall be a full answer of the liability of the commissioner, and shall fix the liability of the overseer. Any commissioner or overseer who shall have been entrusted with any teams, tools or machinery belonging to said county shall be liable for any damage that may occur to same, while in his possession, caused by negligence or want of due care of the same,

and shall not use or permit the same to be used for private purposes without the consent of the Commissioner's Court. It shall be the duty of the road overseer, when he has finished his work on his road, to return to said commissioner all teams, tools and machinery received from such commissioners and take up the receipt given therefor. If any such teams, tools and machinery shall be damaged while in possession of any commissioner or overseer, it shall be presumed that the same was on account of the negligence of such

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Alarm Clocks.

The season has come when the Alarm Clocks is in demand. The school boy needs one for his own use, the school teachers needs one; the farmer needs a clock to get him up early; the wife needs one for her kitchen use the fact is that in every home there ought to be an Alarm Clock. They are handy for giving medicine. Get one and get a good one from Evans.

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to comply therewith, and defining the powers and duties of the Commissioner's Courts and fixing a penalty for non-compliance therewith and providing that certain convicts may be worked upon the public roads and prescribing the manner, condition and credits to be allowed said convicts for each day's work; and defining what shall consist of a good day's work, and defining the duties of all persons liable to road duty, and fixing a penalty for failure to comply therewith, and further providing that upon certain contingencies each road commissioner may appoint one deputy, and defining his powers, duties, qualifications and salary; and fixing a penalty for failure to comply therewith; and providing for the laying out, opening, working and grading of public roads in Jones, Haskell and Taylor Counties, and for the letting, building and repairing of all bridges in said counties. And providing how contracts may be let for building bridges, grading roads and opening roads, and creating a certain fund out of which to pay for such work; and providing that each commissioner's district shall be laid off into a convenient number of road



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Seldom has a sapling grown to a tree in the time in which that young offshoot of the postoffice department, the rural delivery system, has attained its full dimensions, says the Baltimore American. The development of the system that found its inception in Carroll county in this state, has been a marvel of public convenience. Up to the present time the service has cost the government \$170,000,000, and the third year has not yet expired of the time of its full adoption. It now numbers daily 20,000,000 patrons and covers 40,919 routes. The advantage of the service and the extensions it has made to the postal facilities have done more than any other one thing, aside from modern methods of transportation and the telephone and telegraph, to promote intelligence in the country and to break the isolation of country districts. Yet when the service was started it was bitterly opposed for interested motives and the people whom it was designed to serve lamented the innovation.

Hazing will receive a severe check in the dismissal of the Post Point cadets convicted of hazing Cadet Sutton. The punishment of ruined careers is a hard one for the folly in which the young men indulged, but they had the choice, with open eyes, between folly and a career, and if they chose the former they must, if the army service is to be maintained at a high standard of discipline, take the consequences. A young man thinks it of importance that "cocky" newcomers should have "the nonsense taken out of them." Public opinion and all experience show that it is far more important that the first lesson a soldier must learn is the great one of obedience, says the Baltimore American. If the two standard excuses of youthful folly will contend that that of military obedience must go, if it is understood that punishment in this case is irrevocable, the persistence of hazing is apt to give way to determined authority.

Hon. Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission, believes there will be a tremendous increase in railroad tonnage this fall, and he doubts the ability of the carriers to handle the loads. The great crops and the general revival of business mean a big demand for freight cars, with the likelihood of scarcity and congestion similar to the conditions of two and three years ago. Prudence would dictate, as the Wall Street Summary suggests, that the railroad companies make immediate provision for an increase of equipment. Indeed, that journal maintains that there should be always a reserve of 20 per cent. of the number of cars in common use, for the periods of emergency and pressure. The car builders should get a move on, and thus keep the track clear for the procession of reviving business.

As plans mature it becomes apparent that the Hudson-Fulton celebration is to be one of the greatest affairs of the kind on record. It is officially announced that the display of warships will be bigger than has ever been seen, with one or two exceptions. The representation of American naval vessels will consist of 18 battleships, three armored cruisers, three scout cruisers, 12 torpedo boats, four submarines, two parent ships attending these craft, one tender and 13 auxiliaries. When to these shall be added the foreign naval vessels there may be some conception of the imposing show that is being prepared to take place in the waters where the Half Moon explored and the Clermont first attested to the value of steam as a means of navigation.

Oyster raisers are said to be bringing the finest and fattest oysters ever taken on the coast to the markets of the east, to start the season. If this information is supplemented by oyster packers with effort to give western consumers oysters worthy the name, there will be joy in this section also. There was a big improvement in the character of the shipped oyster last year, and the trade picked up in consequence. Therefore it may be expected that the shippers will endeavor to cultivate further consumption by doing the right thing with the oyster and with the buyer in western markets.

Next to the dismay at the waste of the natural resources of America is the gratification at the extent of the movement to remedy the loss and to prevent further extravagance. Conservation congresses are being held in all parts of the country, and rightly, for north, south and east, as well as the west, have been affected by the prodigal methods.

Though the north pole has been discovered it will hardly be overrun with pioneers.

THIRTY MEN KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

MEN'S LIVES SNUFFED OUT FOLLOWING EXPLOSION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA SHAFT.

RESCUE WORK HAMPERED

Fumes and Heat From Mines Drive Men Back—Death List May Be Increased.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 6.—Thirty miners are known to be dead as the result of an explosion at Extension mine No. 2 of the Wellington Colliery Company yesterday. The death list likely will be even larger, as between fifty-five and sixty miners were entombed and only part of this number were rescued, badly injured.

The shock was terrific, but its effect was confined to the slope wherein it occurred. All the men in the other slopes and levels escaped.

Five bodies have been recovered. Fifty men were engaged in rescue work. Hundreds of inhabitants and miners volunteered aid, but the nature of the rescue work precluded more than fifty being engaged.

The explosion was due to fire damp, the fumes in two levels at once igniting.

Residents of Nanajao have been prevented from going to the extension where the disaster occurred, and only rescuers, miners and officials are on the scene. Only meager details were available late last night.

Rapidly spreading fire prevented rescuers from completing their work. Rescuers are making an effort to force further entrance into the two levels affected by the explosion.

The men employed in the colliers on Vancouver Island are of the better class of British miners. All are well paid and have comfortable homes.

Walsh Case Affirmed.

Chicago. The verdict of the trial court which found John R. Walsh guilty of misapplication of the funds of the Chicago National bank, was affirmed by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here Tuesday. Walsh was convicted nearly two years ago, and sentenced to five years in the Federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Flood Victims in Mexico.

Monterey, Mexico: Reports from the isolated districts of Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas show that a great deal of destitution still exists throughout those districts, and the suffering has been made more acute by the sudden cold wave which has prevailed in Northern Mexico during the greater part of last week.

Find Oil in Shackleford.

Moran: The Texas Oil Company completed the derrick one mile south of town September 28. A strata of rock was struck at thirty feet, but they soon went through that. Water is bubbling up and gas escaping from the well now, necessitating casing. Oil was found.

Four Killed in Wreck.

Farmer City, Ill.: In a collision near here Tuesday night between a special from Springfield and a southbound passenger on the Illinois Central, four persons were killed and thirty injured, several fatally.

Would Sell Water.

Denton: From one artesian well the owners are advertising to sell a half million gallons a day at 15c a thousand, this offer being in excess of what the firm needs in operating a big flouring mill and a fifty-ton ice factory.

To Test Lime Rock.

Brownwood: Further tests are to be made of the lime producing rock which is found in the hill near town as indicated by the fact that certain large manufacturers of lime have asked for additional samples of the stone.

Child Burned to Death.

Houston: Theodore Flech, the 5-year-old son of Lewis Flech, was burned to death Monday afternoon while playing in the back yard of his home.

Military Surgeons Meet.

Washington: Military surgeons from all parts of the United States and from eleven foreign countries, were in attendance when the eighteenth annual meeting of the association of military surgeons of the United States began here Tuesday.

Earth Shocks Are Felt.

Salt Lake City, Utah: Three sharp and distinct earth shocks were felt here Monday night. The first occurred at 7:42 and the last at 7:45. All three were felt at points in Idaho.

Humane Associations.

St. Paul, Minn.: Delegates from 450 humane societies in the United States were in St. Paul Tuesday attending the American Humane association meetings. Governor Eberhart briefly welcomed the delegates.

Big Fire at Gainesville.

Gainesville: After burning for probably two and a half hours early Tuesday night flames were extinguished which had caused damage estimated at over \$100,000.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

The most disastrous fire that has occurred in Uvalde in many years occurred Sunday morning, doing damage amounting to \$15,000.

Two men were killed and eight other passengers seriously injured, four of them probably fatally, Sunday night in a street car accident, in Pittsburg, Pa.

With the date for the opening of the San Angelo fair a few days off, the city is rapidly filling with visitors.

Texas shippers contemplate establishing an independent steamship line from Atlantic seaboard points to Texas City and Galveston.

A number of Marshall men have organized a company and will bore for oil along the banks of the Cypress Bayou, in Marion and Harrison Counties.

The Brownsville sewerage company will apply for a charter with a capital of \$30,000, which has already been subscribed and 50 per cent of which will be paid in at once.

Work is now completed on buildings of the Quannah Creamery and Butter Company, and as soon as the machine arrives, same will be installed and it is expected that the plant will be ready for business by Oct. 15.

Thursday Will Gillespie was shot and killed at Roans Prairie, Tex. Gillespie was coming into town. Four shots were fired, two taking effect, one in his temple, the other in the breast. Gillespie only lived ten minutes.

Stamford will have a committee of the Texas Postmasters' Association, which meets in Dallas Oct. 23, to invite that association to hold its next annual meeting in Stamford.

James J. Jeffries would like to fight Jack Johnson in Galveston, according to Sam Berger, Jeffries' manager, who is in San Francisco. Berger received a cablegram Friday that Jeffries will leave Paris for New York on Oct. 16.

The streets of Belton will be illuminated by the end of next week, as the work of installing the lamps is now in progress and Manager Fairweather of the power company states that he will push the work.

The Spanish force from Zelan reconnoitering Friday in the direction of Sokel Jemis, Morocco, encountered the Moors and met with a severe reverse. Gen. Biaz Vleario, three other officers, and fourteen men, were killed and 182 men wounded.

The initial run of the fifty barrels of flour was made Friday by the El Paso Grain and Milling Company's flouring mill. The first 400 barrels of the mill's output are to be donated to the Young Woman's Christian Association's building fund.

The oil rig in DeKalb that has been idle for some months was sold a few days ago to parties who expect to drill at once for oil and gas. Both oil and gas is showing up pretty strong in the old wells that were abandoned but never finished two years ago.

In view of the invasion of so many railroads the Business Club has decided that San Angelo must have a union depot. A committee has been appointed to make a thorough investigation with reference to securing a suitable site.

A permanent organization of the 35,000 postal employees of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Arkansas was formed at Thursday's session of the convention in Kansas City. It will be known as the Southwest Postal Association.

Petitions are in circulation which have been numerous signed by large property owners, praying for an election to issue bonds to the amount of \$40,000 or \$50,000 for the erection of two large brick public school buildings in Mt. Pleasant.

After a five-year campaign the congregation of the Ervay Street Baptist Church in Dallas have succeeded in starting work on their new \$40,000 home, to be built on the corner of Ervay and Corinth.

The first pecans of the season are being marketed at Brownwood. The first to arrive sold to the merchants at 10c per pound, but the price to be paid will no doubt be about 7c. The crop, like others, is a spotted one, many claiming there will be a large crop, while others say the crop will be small.

The session of the German Evangelical Synod of North America, Wednesday accepted the offer of a new college at Waco, Texas.

T. J. Hillians' store and the post-office at Pinehill, near Henderson, was burglarized Tuesday night, \$400 cash being taken. There is no clew.

A sensational advance of \$1 per ton in the price of cotton seed was made at Waxahachie Tuesday as the result of competition between the oil mills and one or two local gins. The mills began paying \$27 per ton early in the morning, the gins raising the price another dollar.

One effect of the protracted drought in the Southwest was the arrival near Waco, Wednesday and Thursday, of wild fowl exhausted from thirst and in some cases in a condition too weak to escape capture at the hands of boys.

According to Dr. H. H. Harrington of Fort Worth, of locating committee selected to choose suitable locations for the experimental farms and feeding stations, there will be four experimental stations located in West Texas, instead of two, as originally planned.

EVENTS BOILED DOWN

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

NOTHING GOOD GOT AWAY

Everything important That Could Be Confined to a Small Space is Here Found.

By a vote of over two to one the citizens of Deaf Smith County decided last Thursday to erect a modern court house to cost \$125,000.

Thomas H. Swope, millionaire and philanthropist, died suddenly at his home in Kansas City, Sunday, following a stroke of apoplexy. He was born in Lincoln, Ky., Oct. 21, 1827.

A contract to build a railroad between San Antonio and Brownsville has been signed between J. F. Edwards and the Chamber of commerce of San Antonio.

From the returns received it is now an assured fact that there will be at least 455 state banks in Texas in the guaranty fund system, which will be in operation on and after Jan. 1, 1910.

Hope Lodge No. 181 and R. A. M. Chapter No. 147 of Comanche, Texas, announce the date of the laying of the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple at Comanche as Tuesday, October 5.

C. L. Witherspoon has brought in an excellent gas well on the Stone lease at Corsicana, the pressure being so strong that water is forced 100 feet above the derrick.

While at work in the Drozda Gin near Rice's Crossing, Thursday, Charley Bryan, a young workman, nephew of W. B. Norman, was caught in the machinery and horribly mangled.

The first steps were taken Tuesday to establish a butter factory in Dalhart, about a thousand dollars being subscribed and 300 milk cows pledged to begin with.

E. A. Dryer, of Texarkana, has been experimenting with long staple cotton, and with splendid success, on his farm near town this year. A few days ago Mr. Dryer brought in a bale of this cotton and sold it for 15c per pound, and Saturday he sold another bale of it in the market for 20c per pound.

The campaign against the suffering of the Mexican flood victims is just beginning. The relief work is being continued under the direction of American Consuls, according to a dispatch received at the State Department Sunday in Washington, from Consul General Hanna at Monterey.

Two cases of pellagra have been found in Travis County. One victim, a negro, died after suffering with the disease for some time. The other, a boy of 15, is in the first stage of the disease, and local physicians are to make a full study of the disease in this case.

The Green County warehouse at Eutaw, Ala., owned by the Merchants and Farmers' Bank of Eutaw, was destroyed by fire Saturday, incurring a loss of \$25,000. About 200 bales of cotton and a lot of cotton oil mill machinery, which had been put in storage, were destroyed.

Hereafter the Armenians, Turks, East Indians and other Asiatics will be put in the category with Chinese and Japanese as ineligible for American citizenship. This decision was announced Friday by Judge Campbell, chief of the division of naturalization of the Department of Commerce and Labor, in Washington.

Six persons, two pronounced fatally, were injured Friday morning when a high-power touring car coming to the city from the Hot Wells Hotel, in San Antonio, where the party had been spending the evening, leaped from a ten-foot culvert into the ditch, the gasoline tank exploding and destroying the machine.

Consolidated statement of 489 national banks in Texas, exclusive of the banks in the six reserve cities, at the close of business on Sept. 1, shows loans and discounts amounting to \$103,283,185, lawful reserve money in the banks \$8,621,984, aggregate resources \$176,563,445 and individual deposits \$96,049,067. The average percentage of legal reserve to deposits was 18.96.

About 12:30 Friday the Progressive Lumber Company's planer, in Gilmer, burned. Cause of the fire unknown. Loss estimated at about \$25,000.

William J. Bryan is to have another duck hunt in Mexico this fall. As on the previous occasion, he will be a guest of Col. J. A. Robertson, proprietor of the Monterey News and a leading business man of Mexico.

Twenty million dollars is the estimate placed by well-informed banking men of the City of Mexico, on the loss resulting from the unprecedented freezing weather which has wrought destruction over a considerable section of the north central portion of the Republic of Mexico and has practically destroyed the entire corn crop in the valley of Mexico.

James Wilson, who has been Secretary of Agriculture in Washington since March 4, 1897, a longer period of service than any Cabinet officer in history, is expected to step out about about Jan. 1 next.

Worried by the responsibility of assistant to Aeronauts Wright and Curtiss, in the preparation of their airship flights over Governor's Island, New York, Quartermaster Sergt. Caron of the Twenty-Ninth Infantry, committed suicide in his bunk outside the redoubt at Fort Jay Thursday, shooting himself through the head with a rifle.

J. P. Jones, one of the Justices of the Peace of Corsicana Precinct, died Monday night.

The Hopkins County court show was held Saturday on the public square. One hundred fine coats were on display, competing for prizes.

The Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce has closed a deal with a New York capitalist for \$100,000 cotton factory here to employ 125 hands.

John Wiley Strauss, the 1-year-old son of P. H. Strauss of Diboil, near Laflin, accidentally fell into a tub of water Monday and was drowned.

W. Harry Cottam, a wealthy rancher, who was injured with five others in an automobile accident, in San Antonio, Thursday, died Sunday. Cottam recently inherited a fortune of 250,000.

A car load of alfalfa seed, weighing 16,799 pounds, was shipped from Texhoma Monday. It was valued at \$2,687.84 and consigned over the Rock Island to Dallas.

Work train No. 37 and local freight train No. 57 on the Trinity and Brazos Valley road came together head-on Monday afternoon a short distance north of Corsicana. Three men were injured.

Mrs. Allen H. Adcock, was killed in a street car accident Saturday afternoon, in Oklahoma City. She attempted to board a moving train on the electric railway when dragged beneath the wheels.

While working in the Southern Pacific yards in San Antonio Monday night, Carlos Wueste, aged 20 years, was run over by a freight car and both legs and one arm severed from his body. He died in a short time.

An organization known as the George Washington fund has been successfully launched in New York to help stranded and worthy Americans abroad to get back home, and worthy Germans stranded here to get back to the Fatherland.

Registration for government lands in the Cheyenne river and Standing Rock reservations began with a rush Monday in South Dakota, and within an hour thereafter 7800 persons had registered at the six registration centers. Land-seekers are here from all over the United States. A woman was the first to register.

Responding to many complaints and a number of requests from all parts of the State, the Texas Optical Association has started a campaign to prevent or to punish the fraudulent practice of optometry in Texas.

Chinamen in Pittsburg are deserting the Christian religion because the Second Presbyterian Church no longer permits a woman instructor for each scholar in the mission conducted by the church.

Superintendent of Indian Schools John D. Benedict, Okla., is on a trip into the Cherokee Nation, where he will endeavor to induce the full-blood Cherokees to send their children to school. The Government is making an effort to educate these children and would like to see more of them in the schools.

It is announced that in attendance on the annual convention of Eclectic physicians of Texas at Dallas Oct. 26-27 will be Prof. H. H. Helbing of St. Louis, Prof. W. M. Durham of Atlanta and Prof. John Uri Lloyd and L. C. Russell of Cincinnati, all prominent in the eclectic medical world.

Through streets ablaze with bunting and lined with the greatest crowds ever gathered in New York, 20,000 men and fifty-four floats paraded Tuesday before envoys of twenty-one nations participating in the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

The first day of the Dalhart Trans-Canadian Fair opened Wednesday with the heaviest attendance in its history of six years and an excellent line of exhibits. Fully 3,000 persons attend from abroad.

One life was lost, one person was seriously injured and property estimated to be worth about \$35,000 was destroyed by a fire which burned three modern flats and badly damaged a fourth in Dallas, Friday night.

A number of farmers northeast of Paris will try diversified farming by sowing a considerable acreage in wheat this fall.

Work is fast reaching its completion on the new \$25,000 depot of the Quannah, Acme and Pacific Railway in Quannah, and they are now putting on the finishing touches to the first story.

A. C. Bayless of Hill county has received notification of his appointment as a demonstration agent of the United States Agricultural Department under District Agent J. L. Quicksall, and assigned to duty in McLennan County.

Only six days in September showed any clouds at Dallas. One was productive of rain. Nineteen days the south wind prevailed. The other eleven days had north wind. Less than one-third of an inch of rain fell in the month.

The first frost of the season made its appearance Tuesday morning at Tyler. It was in low places and no damage will result from it.

Col. R. M. Wynne Tuesday, in Austin, executed his oath of office and secured his commission as superintendent of the Confederate Home, subsequently entering on his duties.

T. D. John, a farmer living five miles from Midland, brought to town Wednesday five watermelons, a total weight of 405 pounds, or an average weight of eighty-one pounds.

Miss Emily Kennedy, daughter of Ed Kennedy of Anson, was accidentally shot with a target rifle Wednesday. The gun was on the wall under some clothes. She may recover.

At Congressman Morris Sheppard's request the United States Weather Bureau will establish two special river observation stations, one at Finley and one at Ringo Crossing, Texas.

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WHERE THEY LEARN ECONOMY

Matron Knew What She Was About When She Went to Engage Maid.

The manager of the employment agency was used to hearing women in search of maids ask applicants all sorts of queer questions, says the New York Tribune, but this matron made him mildly curious. Of 14 girls in turn she had inquired: "Have you worked in a minister's family?" None of them had. "Too bad," said the matron to the manager. "None of these girls will do."

"May I ask," said the manager, "why you are anxious to know if these girls have worked in ministers' families?" "Why, the fact is, we're very hard up just now," said the matron, candidly; "I want a girl who knows how to economize, and those who have worked in clergymen's families, I've discovered, have learned that lesson."

HIS REAL WOE



"Why so glum, old man? Won't she return your love?"

"No. But the worst of it won't return the presents I give."

Ours and Theirs.

"A play on names unconsciously perpetrated by my youngest son was very funny," said a Flatbush man the other day. "We live next door to a family named Feltenour, and the other night while my family was busy reading in the library we heard a racket on the back porch. My son went out to investigate, and on his return my wife, always inquisitive, asked what had caused the noise. "Nothin' but a couple of cats," Jim told her, and then I heard her ask: 'Did you see whose they were?' "Yes; one was ours and the other was Feltenour's."

On a Time Limitation.

In spite of the reputation for latitudinarianism he gained from his early trial for heresy, the late Prof. Jov of Oxford was intolerant of profligacy and shallow conceit. A self-satisfied undergraduate met master one day. "Master," he said, "have searched everywhere in all philosophies, ancient and modern, and where do I find the evidence of God?" "Mr. —," replied the master, "after a shorter pause than usual, you don't find a God by five o'clock this afternoon you must leave this college."

CHILDREN SHOWED IT Effect of Their Warm Drink in the Morning.

A year ago I was a wreck from coffee drinking and was on the point of giving up my position in the school room because of nervousness.

"I was telling a friend about it and she said, 'We drink nothing at meal time but Postum, and it is such a comfort to have something we can enjoy drinking with the children.'"

"I was astonished that she would allow the children to drink any kind of coffee, but she said Postum was the most healthful drink in the world for children as well as for older ones, and that the condition of both the children and adults showed that to be a fact."

"My first trial was a failure. The cook boiled it four or five minutes and it tasted so flat that I was in despair but determined to give it one more trial. This time we followed the directions and boiled it fifteen minutes after the boiling began. It was a decided success and I was completely won by its rich delicious flavor. In a short time I noticed a decided improvement in my condition and kept growing better month after month, until now I am perfectly healthy, and do my work in the school room with ease and pleasure. I would not return to the nerve-destroying regular coffee for any money."

Read the famous little "Health Classic," "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

WHISPERING SMITH

By FRANK H. SPEARMAN.

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SYNOPSIS.

Murray Sinclair and his gang of wreckers were called out to clear the railroad tracks at Smoky Creek. McCloud, a young road superintendent, caught Sinclair and his men in the act of looting the wrecked train. Sinclair pleaded innocence, declaring it only amounted to a small sum—a treat for the men. McCloud discharged the whole outfit and ordered the wreckage burned. McCloud became acquainted with Dickie Dunning, a girl of the west, who came to look at the wreck. She gave him a message for Sinclair. "Whispering" Gordon Smith told President Bucks of the railroad, of McCloud's brave fight against a gang of craved miners and that was the reason for the superintendent's appointment to his high office. McCloud arranged to board at the boarding house of Mrs. Sinclair, the ex-foreman's deserted wife. Dickie Dunning was the daughter of the late Richard Dunning, who had died of a broken heart shortly after his wife's demise, which occurred after one year of married life. Sinclair visited Marion Sinclair's shop and a fight between him and McCloud was narrowly averted. Smoky Creek bridge was mysteriously burned. McCloud prepared to face the situation. President Bucks notified Smith that he had work ahead. McCloud worked for days and finally got the division running in fairly good order. He overheard Dickie criticizing his methods, to Marion Sinclair. A stock train was wrecked by an open switch. Later a passenger train was held up and the express car robbed. Two men of a posse pursuing the bandits were killed. McCloud was notified that Whispering Smith was to hunt the desperadoes. Bill Danning, a road line man, proposed that Sinclair and his gang be sent to hunt the bandits. A stranger, appearing with authority, told him to go ahead. Danning was told the stranger was "Whispering Smith." Smith approached Sinclair. He tried to buy him off, but failed.

CHAPTER XI.—Continued.

"Well, you know now how to get into trouble."
"Every one knows that; few know how to keep out."
"You can't lay your finger on me at any turn of the road."
"Not if you behave yourself."
"And you can't bully me."
"Surely not. No hard feelings, Murray. I came for a friendly talk, and if it's all the same to you I'll watch this wheel awhile and then go over to the Wickiup. I leave first—that's understood, I hope—and if your pink-eyed friend is waiting outside tell him there is nothing doing, will you, Murray? Who is the albino, by the way? You don't know him? I think I do. Fort City, if I remember. Well, good-night, Murray."

It was after 12 o'clock and the room had filled up. Roulette balls were dropping, and above the faro table the extra lights were on. The dealers, fresh from supper, were putting things in order for the long trick.

At the Wickiup Whispering Smith found McCloud in the office signing letters. "I can do nothing with him," said Smith, drawing down a window shade before he seated himself to dictate his talk with Sinclair. "He wants a fight."

McCloud put down his pen. "If I am the disturber it would be better for me to get out."

"That would be hauling down the flag across the whole division. It is too late for that. If he didn't center the fight on you he would center it somewhere else. The whole question is, who is going to run his division, Sinclair and his gang or the company? and it is as easy to meet them on one point as another. I know of no way of making this kind of an affair pleasant. I am going to do some thing, as I told you. Kennedy is working up through the Deep Creek country, and has three men with him. I shall ride toward the Cache and meet him somewhere near South Mission Pass."

Gordon, would it do any good to ask a few questions?"

"Ask as many as you like, my dear boy, but don't be disappointed if I can't answer them. I can look wise, but I don't know anything. You know what we are up against. This fellow has grown a tiger among the wolves, and he has turned the pack loose on us. One thing I ask you to do. Don't expose yourself at night. Your life isn't worth a coupling-pin if you do."

McCloud raised his hand. "Take care of yourself! If you are murdered in this fight I shall know I got you in and that I am to blame."

"And suppose you were?" Smith had risen from his chair. He had few mannerisms, and recalling the man the few times I have seen him, the only impression he has left on me is that of quiet and gentleness. "Suppose you were?" McCloud was resting one arm on top of McCloud's desk. "What of it? You have done for me up here what I couldn't do. George. You have been kind to Marion when she hadn't a friend near. You have stood between him and her when I couldn't be here to do it, and when she didn't want me to—helped her when I hadn't the privilege of doing it." McCloud put up his hand in protest, but it was unheeded. "How many times it has been in my heart to kill that man. She knows it; she prays it may never happen. That is why she stays here and has kept me out of the mountains. She says they would talk about her if I lived in the same town, and I have stayed away." He threw himself back into the chair. "It's going beyond both of us now. I've kept the promise I made to her to-day to do all in my power to settle this thing without bloodshed. It will not be settled in that way, George."

"Was he at Sugar Buttes?"

"Yes, his gang was there. The

quick get-away, the short turn on Van Horn, killing two men to rattle the posse—it all bears Sinclair's earmarks. He has gone too far. He has piled up plunder till he is reckless. He is crazy with greed and insane with revenge. He thinks he can gallop over this division and scare Bucks till he gets down on his knees to him. Bucks will never do it. I know him, and I tell you Bucks will never do it. He is like that man in Washington; he will fight it to the death. He would fight Sinclair if he had to come up here and meet him single-handed, but he will never have to do it. He put you here, George, to round that man up. This is the price for your advancement, and you must pay it."

"It is all right for me to pay it, but I don't want you to pay it. Will you have a care for yourself, Gordon?"

"Will you?"

"Yes."

"You need never ask me to be careful," Smith went on. "That is my business. I asked you to watch your window shades at night, and when I came in just now I found one up. It is you who are likely to forget, and in this kind of a game a man never forgets but once. I'll lie down on the Lincoln lounge, George."

"Get into the bed."

"No; I like the lounge, and I'm off early."

In the private room of the superintendent, provided as a sleeping apartment in the old headquarters building many years before hotel facilities reached Medicine Bend, stood the only curio the Wickiup possessed—the Lincoln lounge. When the car that carried the remains of Abraham Lincoln from Washington to Springfield was dismantled, the Wickiup fell heir to one piece of its elaborate furnishings, the lounge, and the lounge still remains as an early-day relic. Whispering Smith walked into the bedroom and disposed himself in an incredibly short time. "I've borrowed one of your pillows, George," he called out, presently.

"Take both."

"One's enough. I hope," he went on, rolling himself like a hen into the double blanket, "the horse Kennedy has left me will be all right; he got three from Bill Danning. Bill Danning," he snorted, driving his nose into the pillow as if in final memorandum for the night, "he will get himself killed if he fools around Sinclair too much now."

McCloud, under a light shaded above his desk, opened a roll of blue-prints. He was going to follow a construction gang up the Crawling Stone in the morning and wanted to look over the surveys. Whispering Smith, breathing regularly, lay not far away. It was late when McCloud put away his maps, entered the inner room and looked at his friend.

He lay like a boy asleep. On the chair beside his head he had placed his old-fashioned hunting-case watch, as big as an alarm clock, the kind a railroad man would wind up with a spike-maul. Beside the watch he had laid his huge revolver in its worn leather scabbard. Breathing peacefully, he lay quite at his companion's mercy, and McCloud, looking down on this man who never made a mistake, never forgot a danger, and never took an unnecessary chance, thought of what between men confidence may sometimes mean. He sat a moment with folded arms on the side of his bed, studying the tired face, defenseless in the slumber of fatigue. When he turned out the light and lay down, he wondered whether, somewhere in the valley of the great river to which he was to take his men in the morning, he should encounter the slight and reckless horsewoman who had blazed so in anger when he stood before her at Marion's. He had struggled against her charm too long. She had become, how or when he could not tell, not alone a pretty woman but a fascinating one—the creature of his constant thought. Already she meant more to him than all else in the world. He well knew that if called on to choose between Dickie and all else he could only choose her. But as he drew together the curtains of thought and sleep stole in upon him, he was resolved first to have Dickie; to have all else if he could, but, in any case, Dickie Dunning. When he awoke day was breaking in the mountains. The huge silver watch, the low-voiced man and the formidable six-shooter had disappeared. It was time to get up, and Marion Sinclair had promised an early breakfast.

CHAPTER XII.

The Quarrel.

The beginning of the Crawling Stone line marked the first determined effort under President Bucks, while undertaking the reconstruction of the system for through traffic, to develop the rich local territory tributary to the mountain division. New policies in construction dated from the same period. Glover, with an enormous capital staked for the new undertakings, gave orders to push the building every month in the year, and for the first time in mountain railroad building winter was to be ignored. The older mountain men met the innova-

tion as they met any departure from their traditions, with curiosity and distrust. On the other hand, the new and younger blood took hold with confidence, and when Glover called, "Yo, heave ho!" at headquarters, they bent themselves clear across the system for a hard pull together.

McCloud, resting the operating on the shoulders of his assistant Anderson, devoted himself wholly to forwarding the construction plans, and his first clash over winter road-building in the Rockies came with his own right-hand man, Mears. McCloud put in a switch below Piedmont, opened a material yard and began track laying toward the lower Crawling Stone valley, when Mears said it was time to stop work till spring. When McCloud told him he wanted track across the divide and into the lower valley by spring, Mears threw up his hands. But there was metal in the old man, and he was for orders all the time. He kept up a running fire of protests and forebodings about the danger of exposing men during the winter season, but stuck to his post.

Spring found the construction of the valley line well advanced, and the grades nearing the lands of the Dunning ranch. Right-of-way men had been working for months with Lance Dunning over the line and McCloud had been called frequently into consultation to adjust the surveys to objections raised by Dickie's cousin to the crossing of the ranch lands. Even

three carried rifles slung across their pommels, and in front of them rode the stranger.

Fragments of the breakfast-table talk of the morning came back to Dickie's mind. The railroad graders were in the valley below the ranch, and she had heard her cousin say a good deal on a point she cared little about, as to where the railroad should cross the Stone ranch. Approaching the fork of the two roads toward which she and the cowboys were riding, she checked her horse in the shade of a cottonwood tree, and as the party rode up the draw she saw the horseman under surveillance. It was George McCloud.

Unluckily, as she caught a glimpse of him she was conscious that he was looking at her. She bent forward to hide a momentary confusion, spoke briskly to her horse, and rode out of sight. At Marion's she had carefully avoided him. Her precipitancy at their last meeting had seemed, on reflection, unfortunate. She felt that she must have appeared to him shockingly rude, and there was in her recollection of the scene an unconfessed impression that she had been to blame. Often when Marion spoke of him, which she did without the slightest reserve and with no reference as to whether Dickie liked it or not, it had been in Dickie's mind to bring up the subject of the disagreeable scene, hoping that Marion would suggest a way for making some kind of unembarrassing

to dam up that basin, and the irrigation laws will protect our rights."

"I certainly can't put a grade in below the flume, and you refuse to talk about our crossing above it."

"I certainly do."

"Why not let us cross where we are, and run a new level for your ditch that will put the flume higher up?"

"You will have to cross below the flume where it stands, or you won't cross the ranch at all."

McCloud was silent for a moment. "I am using a supported grade there for eight miles to get over the hill within a three-tenths limit. I can't drop back there. We might as well not build at all if we can't hold our grade, whereas it would be very simple to run a new line for your ditch, and my engineers will do it for you without a dollar of expense to you, Mr. Dunning."

Lance Dunning waved his hand as an ultimatum. "Cross where I tell you to cross, or keep off the Stone ranch. Is that English?"

"It certainly is. But in matter of fact we must cross on the survey agreed on in the contract for a right-of-way deed."

"I don't recognize any contract obtained under false representations."

"Do you accuse me of false representations?"

Lance Dunning flipped the ash from his cigar. "Who are you?"

"I am just a plain, every-day civil engineer, but you must not talk false representations in any contract drawn under my hand."

"I am talking facts. Whispering Smith may have rigged the joker—I don't know. Whoever rigged it, it has been rigged all right."

"Any charge against Whispering Smith is a charge against me. He is not here to defend himself, but he needs no defense. You have charged me already with misleading surveys. I was telephoned this morning to come over to see why you had held up our work, and your men cover me with rifles while I am riding on a public road."

"You have been warned, or your men have, to keep off this ranch. Your man Stevens cut our wires this morning."

"As he had a perfect right to do on our right of way."

"If you think so, stranger, go ahead again!"

"Oh, no! We won't have civil war—not right away, at least. And if you and your men have threatened and browbeaten me enough for to-day, I will go."

"Don't set foot on the Stone ranch again, and don't send any men here to trespass, mark you!"

"I mark you perfectly. I did not set foot willingly on your ranch to-day. I was dragged on it. Where the men are grading now, they will finish their work."

"No, they won't."

"What would you drive us off land you have already deeded?"

"The first man that cuts our wires or orders them cut where they were strung yesterday will get into trouble."

"Then don't string any wires on land that belongs to us, for they will certainly come down if you do."

Lance Dunning turned in a passion. "I'll put a bullet through you if you touch a barb of Stone ranch wire!"

Stormy Gorman jumped forward with his hand covering the grip of his six-shooter. "Yes, damn you, and I'll put another!"

"Cousin Lance!" Dickie Dunning advanced swiftly into the room. "You are under our own roof, and you are wrong to talk in that way."

Her cousin stared at her. "Dickie, this is no place for you!"

"It is when my cousin is in danger of forgetting he is a gentleman."

"You are interfering with what you know nothing about!" exclaimed Lance, angrily.

"I know what is due to every one under this roof."

"Will you be good enough to leave this room?"

"Not if there is to be any shooting or threats of shooting that involve my cousin."

"Dickie, leave the room!"

There was a hush. The cowboys dropped back. Dickie stood motionless. She gave no sign in her manner that she heard the words, but she looked very steadily at her cousin.

"You forget yourself!" was all she said.

"I am master here!"

"Also my cousin," murmured Dickie, evenly.

"You don't understand this matter at all!" declared Lance Dunning, vehemently.

"Nothing could justify your language."

"Do you think I am going to allow this railroad company to ruin this ranch while I am responsible here? You have no business interfering, say!"

"I think I have."

"These matters are not of your affair!"

"Not of my affair!" The listeners stood riveted. McCloud felt himself swallowing, and took a step forward with an effort as Dickie advanced. Her hair, loosened by her ride, spread

low upon her head. She stood in her saddle habit, with her quirt still in hand. "Any affair that may lead my cousin into shooting is my affair. I make it mine. This is my father's roof. I neither know nor care anything about what led to this quarrel, but the quarrel is mine now. I will not allow my cousin to plunge into anything that may cost him his life or ruin it." She turned suddenly, and her eyes fell on McCloud. "I am not willing to leave either myself or my cousin in a false position. I regret especially that Mr. McCloud should be brought into so unpleasant a scene, because he has already suffered rudeness at my own hands—"

McCloud flushed. He raised his hand slightly.

"And I am very sorry for it," added Dickie, before he could speak. Then, turning, she withdrew from the room.

"I am sure," said McCloud, slowly, as he spoke again to her cousin, "there need be no serious controversy over the right-of-way matter, Mr. Dunning. I certainly shall not precipitate any. Suppose you give me a chance to ride over the ground with you again and let us see whether we can't arrive at some conclusion?"

But Lance was angry, and nursed his wrath a long time.

CHAPTER XIII.

The Shot in the Pass.

Dickie walked hurriedly through the dining room and out upon the rear porch. Her horse was standing where she had left him. Her heart beat furiously as she caught up the reins, but she sprang into the saddle and rode rapidly away. The flood of her temper had brought a disregard of consequences; it was in the glow of her eyes, the lines of her lips, and the tremor of her nostrils as she breathed long and deeply on her flying horse.

When she checked Jim she had ridden miles, but not without a course nor without a purpose. Where the roads ahead of her parted to lead down the river and over the Elbow Pass to Medicine Bend, she halted within a clump of trees almost where she had first seen McCloud. Beyond the Mission mountains the sun was setting in a fire like that which glowed under her eyes. She could have counted her heart-beats as the crimson ball sank below the verge of the horizon and the shadows threw up the silver thread of the big river and deepened across the heavy green of the alfalfa fields. Where Dickie sat, struggling with her bounding pulse and holding Jim tightly in, no one from the ranch or, indeed, from the up-country could pass her unseen. She was waiting for a horseman, and the sun had set but a few minutes when she heard a sharp gallop coming down the upper road from the hills.

All her brave plans, terror-stricken at the sound of the hoof-beats, fled from her utterly. She was stunned by the suddenness of the crisis. She had meant to stop McCloud and speak to him, but before she could summon her courage a tall, slender man on horseback dashed past within a few feet of her. She could almost have touched him as he flew by, and a horse less steady than Jim would have shied under her. Dickie caught her breath. She did not know this man—she had seen only his eyes, oddly bright in the twilight as he passed—but he was not of the ranch. He must have come from the hill road, she concluded, down which she herself had just ridden. He was somewhere from the north, for he sat his horse like a statue and rode like the wind.

But the encounter nerved her to her resolve. Some leaden moments passed, and McCloud, galloping at a far milder pace toward the fork of the roads, checked his speed as he approached. He saw a woman on horseback waiting in his path.

"Mr. McCloud!"

"Miss Dunning!"

"I could not forgive myself if I waited too long to warn you that threats have been made against your life. Not of the kind you heard to-day. My cousin is not a murderer, and never could be, I am sure, in spite of his talk; but I was frightened at the thought that if anything dreadful should happen his name would be brought into it. There are enemies of yours in this country to be feared, and it is against these that I warn you. Good-night!"

"Surely you won't ride away without giving me a chance to thank you!" exclaimed McCloud. Dickie checked her horse. "I owe you a double debt of gratitude," he added, "and I am anxious to assure you that we desire nothing that will injure your interests in any way in crossing your lands."

"I know nothing about those matters, because my cousin manages everything. It is growing late and you have a good way to go, so good-night."

"But you will allow me to ride back to the house with you?"

"Oh, no, indeed, thank you!"

"It will soon be dark and you are alone."

"No, no! I am quite safe and you have only a short ride. It is you who have far to go," and she spoke again to Jim, who started briskly.

TO BE CONTINUED



"Cousin Lance!"

when the proceedings had been closed, a strong current of discontent set from the managing head of the Stone ranch. Rumors of Lance Dunning's dissatisfaction often reached the railroad people. Vague talk of an extensive irrigation scheme planned by Sinclair for the Crawling Stone valley crept into the newspapers, and it was generally understood that Lance Dunning had expressed himself favorably to the enterprise.

Dickie gave slight heed to matters as weighty as these. She spent much of her time on horseback, with Jim under the saddle; and in Medicine Bend, where she rode with frequency, Marion's shop became her favorite abiding place. Dickie ordered hats until Marion's conscience rose and she practically refused to supply any more. But the spirited controversy on this point, as on many others—Dickie's haughtiness and Marion's restraint, quite unmoved by any show of displeasure—ended always in drawing the two closer to each other.

One March afternoon, coming home from Medicine Bend, she saw at some distance before her a party of men on horseback. She was riding a trail leading from the pass road that followed the hills, and the party was coming up the bridge road from the lower ranch. Dickie had good eyes, and something unusual in the riding of the men was soon apparent to her. Losing and regaining sight of them at different turns in the trail, she made out, as she rode among the trees, that they were cowboys of her own ranch, and riding, under evident excitement, about a strange horseman. She recognized in the escort Stormy Gorman, the ferocious foreman of the ranch, and Denison and Jim Baugh, two of the most reckless of the men. These

amends. But such opportunities had slipped away unimproved, and here was the new railroad superintendent, whom their bluff neighbor Sinclair never referred to other than as the college guy, being brought apparently as a prisoner to the Stone ranch.

Busied with her thoughts, Dickie rode slowly along the upper trails until a long detour brought her around the corral and in at the back of the house. Throwing her lines to the ground, she alighted and through the back porch door made her way unobserved to her room. From the office across the big hall she heard men's voices in dispute, and she slipped into the dining room, where she could hear and might see without being seen. The office was filled with cowboys. Lance Dunning, standing with a cigar in his hand and one leg thrown over a corner of the table, was facing McCloud, who stood before him with his hand on a chair. Lance was speaking as Dickie looked into the room, and in curt tones: "My men were acting under my orders."

"You have no right to give such orders," McCloud said, distinctly, "nor to detain me, nor to obstruct our free passage along the right of way you have agreed to convey to us under our survey."

"Damn your survey! I never had a plat of any such survey. I don't recognize any such survey. And if your right-of-way men had ever said a word about crossing the creek above the flume I never would have given you a right of way at all."

"There were never but two lines run below the creek; after you raised objection I ran them both, and both were above the flume."

"Well, you can't put a grade there, and some of my neighbors are going

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M. R. Hemphill states that the lake at his park will be completed in a short time. He has contracted with Mr. Whitaker to sink an artesian well 1200 feet and the well is now being bored. The auger has passed two hundred feet and the contractor is pushing the work, as soon as the water is obtained it will be pumped into the lake, which will attract flocks of wild ducks in the fall and winter and will furnish fine shooting. The lake will be stocked with fish and boats provided. The park will be planted with nut growing and forest trees and by irrigation and along the banks of the lakes the graceful elm, willow and native pecan will spread their boughs. There will be pavillions, bathing booths and all the modern conveniences of the sea side resort. At night the park will be illumined by electricity.

The work is being pushed as fast as men, teams and money can. Mr. Hemphill has secured the franchise for a street car line and we hope to see the same in operation soon. The lots are being taken rapidly and Hemphill Heights promises to be the most picturesque suburb in all the west. The heights has an elevation of 50 to 60 feet above Haskell and in case of necessity the lake could supply the city with water.

Haskell is just simply growing all the time. Town property is being sought by all prospectors coming to the west. Located almost in the geographical center of the county, surrounded by vast stretches of fertile prairies and inhabited by people who believe in its future, Haskell is destined to be one of the greatest cities of the west. Her factories and business houses are of iron, stone and brick, and she has more concrete buildings than any city of its size in the South.

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Our industrious farmers are busy engaged in gathering and marketing the fleecy staple.

J. A. Via was trading in Haskell first Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mitchell were shopping in Haskell Wednesday.

Our prayer meeting is doing nicely under the leadership of Bro. Berry, every body is invited to come out and take part.

W. B. Merchant was in Temple last week on business.

Mrs. C. H. Merchant and daughter, Mrs. E. Berry visited at Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Merchant of Roberts Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Via were in Haskell Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Densmore and family of Haskell visited Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Sunday.

C. H. Merchant and sons Richard, Bob, Author and Ernest Berry went to Haskell for first Monday.

Sunday Oct. 3rd, Mr. Marvin and Miss Katie Miars stole a march on their friends and relatives, driving to Rowden City and embarking upon the sea of matrimony.

Miss Katie is the youngest daughter of Mrs. C. Miars and has a hoast of friends who wish for her a happy life in her new sphere.

The groom is an esteemable young man and has many friends who congratulate him and wish him all hapiness. We extend them our heartest wishes for a happy and successful life.

John Roberts and wife visied relatives in our midst Sunday.

Author Via was in Monday trading first Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Via and baby were in Haskell Thursday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Spraybury visited in Rule last week.

Will Merchant was in Haskell Monday.

Lon Barker was in Haskell Saturday. "Ena."



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Mr. Norman is a most promising business young man and has been with S. L. Robertson in the general mercantile business the past few years. The bride is one of Haskell's most accomplished and beautiful young ladies and has been with C. M. Hunt & Co. for several months.

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Misses Dora and Ella Ballew have returned home after spending a few days with the family of Dr. Cherry at Sagerton.

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W. L. Hills, manager of Alexander Mercantile Co's. house at Rule, was in Haskell Monday.

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Mrs. J. F. Jones of Rule was shopping in Haskell Monday.

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C. L. Mayes, manager of the Alexander Mercantile Co's. store at Munday was in Haskell Monday.

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Thos. P. Hughes of Georgetown, Texas, who is interested in Haskell county real estate, was in Haskell Monday.

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S. B. Street of Graham, Vice President of the Alexander Mercantile Co. spent several days this week with the Companys Haskell, Munday and Rule houses.

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Mr. R. A. Stone who lives west of town has twelve acres of splendid Kaffir corn. He exhibited several heads to us this week, that is well enough advanced to be beyond injury from frost. He also has 12 acres of fine maize. These grains were planted about the first of July.

Miss Cowan who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gilliam of this city, has returned to her home.

Miss Mattie Moore visited Stamford this week.

Judge J. D. Pickins of Jones county was in Haskell this week.

Great Georgia Minstrel—40 negroes will show at the Opera House, Oct. 13.

C. B. McConnell, employed at the Haskell Broom Factory, left Wednesday evening for Milwaukee to attend the convention of the International Broom and Whisk Makers Union which is to be held the next week. Mr. McConnell is a member of the Executive Board, having been elected 1st vice president at the convention in Detroit three years ago.

W. M. Sager of Sagerton spent several days this week in Haskell.

Seed Wheat and Oates at Williams & English's.

Alexander Mercantile Co. has put into operation their cash carrier system this week, Chas. Parsons has the position of cashier.

Everybody will see Georgia Minstrel, Opera House, Oct. 13.

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Roscoe Riter was married a few days ago at El Paso, Texas. Mr. Riter use to live in Haskell where he has many friends to wish him happiness and prosperity.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Ritchie of the northwest part was in Haskell shopping Tuesday.

To trade for unincumbered land, several good houses and lots near the square in Haskell. No incumbrance. 40-4t G. E. Ballew.

Warren Fitzgerald who now has a ranch in Yoakum county, is visiting this, his old home. Mr. Fitzgerald says that country is about in the same state of development this country was in 1886.

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Have you a photo of your home? Adams. 41tf

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Simmons visited Mrs. Simmons' parents at Rule, Sunday.

Mrs. Kempler and Mrs. Gamble of Knox City, were shopping in Haskell Wednesday.

Mrs. O. M. Guest has returned from a visit to friends at Granbury.

NEXT SUNDAY

at the Methodist church will be read the general rules of the church. Hope to see every member present. C. B. Meador, Pastor.

If you want seats—get them now for Georgia Minstrel, Oct. 13.

Mr. Chas. Irby is on a trip to Arizona.

Big show—The Georgia Minstrel will show at Opera House Oct. 13.

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1. Miss Willie Franklin.
2. Mrs. A. C. Hinkley (2)
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14. Charlie Higgins.
15. W. A. Colvert.
16. J. E. Hickman.
17. Geo. Sands.
18. R. A. Adams.
19. F. T. Younge.
20. Laurence Stanley.
21. Dedle Smith.
22. N. C. Johnson.
23. E. J. Branierd.

Jones county has by an election held a few days ago adopted the stock law and declared for an issue of \$100,000 00 worth of bonds for a new court house. The bond proposition carried by a large majority.

Arthur Cummings has returned to his ranch in the Van Horn country.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mrs. H. S. Beal (nee Miss Fannie Cummings) of Stanton, Texas, ordering the Free Press sent to her address. We are glad to comply with her request.

Mr. Marshall Pierson has returned from Roswell, N. M.

NOTICE

Our collector will start out Oct. 1st for the purpose of settling up the past three years business, and those that owe us, will greatly appreciate same if you will call and settle as soon as possible. And to those that we have carried two and three years, must insist on early settlement, as we need our money. Just because your account is small, do not think that we do not need it. As we have 1729 accounts on our books a few dollars from all will help considerably. Collier's Drug Store.

I have taken stock in the Grist Mill with G. O. Gossett. We will keep the best of white corn meal, chops and all sorts of feed. We solicit your patronage. G. J. Miller, Haskell, Texas.

J. E. Reese of Stamford, had business in Haskell Monday.

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For sale—A gasolene engine and two large tanks. See the Street Sprinkler.

Henry Tandy and sister, Mrs. S. W. Scott, are visiting relatives in Fort Worth this week.

The County Union will meet Oct. 22nd and 23rd with Cook Springs Local, five miles northwest of Rule. G. E. Courtney, Pres.

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I have moved my Studio to the up stairs in the Hamilton building. E. L. Adams. 4t tf

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The latest in photography. Adams. 41tf

Born, Friday, Oct. 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. Burwell Cox, a son.

B. M. Young of Stephenville, who has been visiting his brother, Frank Young, of this city, returned to his home Wednesday.

Miss Hattie Curtis was shopping in Haskell Wednesday.

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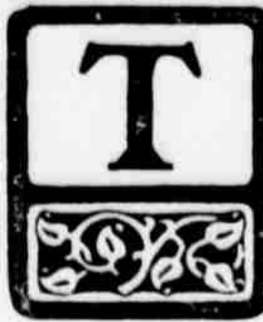
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FROM KEELBOAT TO AEROPLANE

PICTURESQUE PAGEANTS ILLUSTRATING THE WORLD'S PROGRESS FEATURES OF ST. LOUIS' CENTENNIAL.

By EMERY STEELE and HUNTINGDON

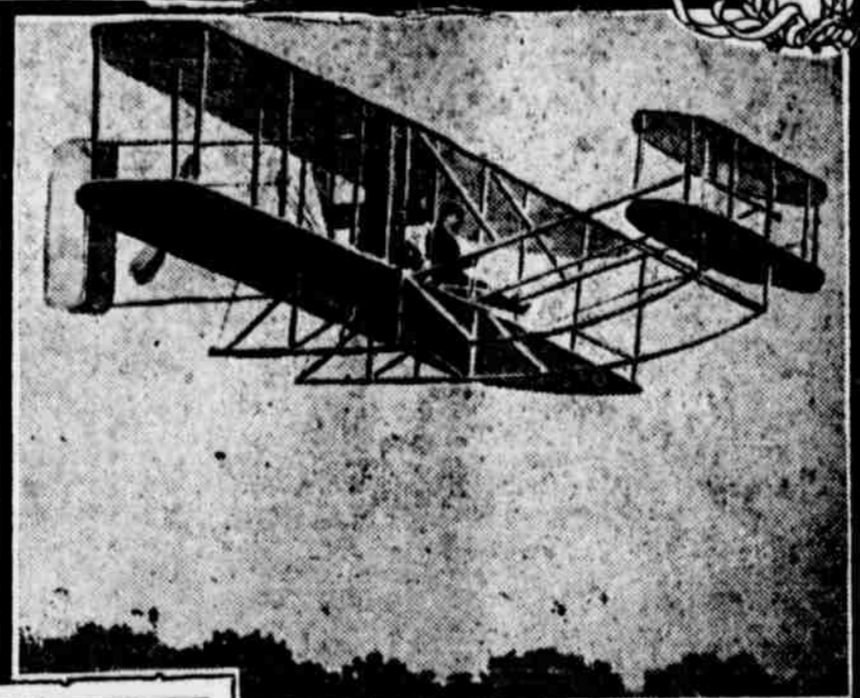


THE MIGHTY activities and marvelous progress the world has seen in the past 100 years are strikingly illustrated in the centennial celebration of the incorporation of St. Louis. Picturesque pageants with everything in the way of the spectacular which is most likely to stir the imagination of the spectator into appreciating the work of the past through contrasts with the present feature the week's program.

The greater part of the history of early St. Louis is really more fit for the unwritten American epic poem than it is for mere prose. Its work as a frontier town in the first half of the nineteenth century made it the mid-continental city of the United States in the second half. Its pioneer trade routes are now the great routes of steam transportation between the Rio Grande and the Canadian border and between the Mississippi and the Pacific. It established the first water routes from the headwaters of the Ohio to the mouth of the Missouri and of the Illinois, opening the first water connection for steam transportation between the Ohio and the upper Mississippi and Missouri, developing the Ohio river states on both sides of that stream.

Every state now on the map west of the Mississippi was penetrated by its business pioneers, establishing the first centers of trade. The whole west is interested with St. Louis in celebrating this great event, because in founding the first great city of the trans-Mississippi west the pioneers made the western beginnings now explained in scores of other western cities and in actual thousands of other incorporated towns, which, if they are not already great, are not unduly modest in their expectations of becoming so. The invitation to a thousand mayors of American cities to participate in the festivities shows that St. Louis fully appreciates its position as the pioneer city of the great west.

As there were less than 200 houses, including outhouses and barns, in the St. Louis which incorporated in 1809, it could not have had much over 800 people. The town was already the chief seat of the western fur trade, with its trading stations pushed to the headwaters of the Arkansas and far towards the sources of the Missouri and the Yellowstone. Doing business wholly by barter, with almost no money in hand, in sight or in circulation, with resources represented almost wholly by the spirit of its 800 people; with the ax and rifle and blacksmith's sledge as its implements, with the one-horse cart, the keelboat and canoe as its transportation facilities, the little town, when it incorporated, already looked on its work as that of opening up the United States of the future to the Rocky mountains and beyond them to the Pacific. In 1809 it had lost Meriwether Lewis, but



WRIGHT AEROPLANE CARRYING ORVILLE WRIGHT.

France. Laclède landed at the foot of what is now Market street, organized the village and resided there for 14 years. He named the new site St. Louis in honor of Louis XV, the reigning sovereign of France. The territory was transferred by France to Spain by secret treaty in 1762, but it was not announced in the new village until October, 1764. In 1803 Spain retroceded the sovereignty to France and on April 30, 1803, France sold all the territory west of the Mississippi river, known as the Louisiana purchase, to the United States for \$15,000,000, Napoleon remarking: "This accession of territory strengthens forever the power of the United States."

With less than a thousand inhabitants when the whole country had not quite seven and a quarter million in 1809, St. Louis emerged from the era of the keelboat and progue to pioneer the steamboat on western rivers. Loading its first



THE FOUNDING OF ST. LOUIS BY LACLÈDE. BY SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE PRINTING BY F. L. STODDARD

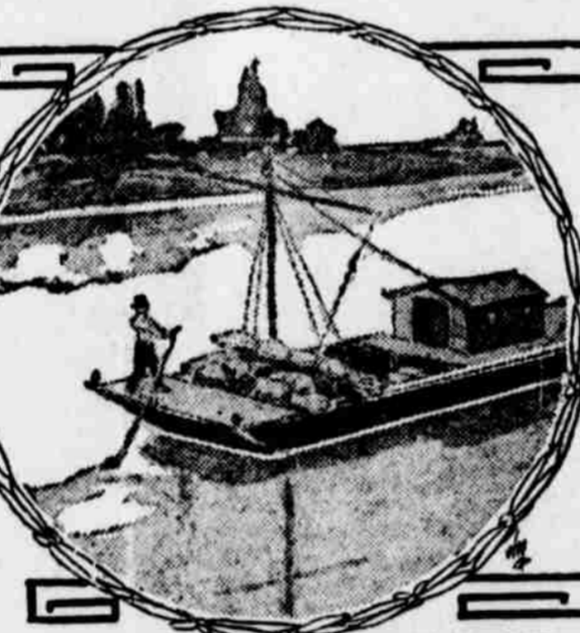
mind. In point of fact in St. Louis it is only a matter of the third generation between keelboat and aeroplane. In 1907 the first airship on record as crossing the Mississippi river crossed it at St. Louis during the International contests of that year. It is something to remember now as part of the record to which belongs the history of the first locomotive crossing the Mississippi at St. Louis in 1852 to complete the work of the St. Louis argonauts of 1849, crossing to the Pacific in their "prairie schooners."

If we suppose aeroplanes and airships circling in the air above the St. Louis keelboat landing of a hundred years ago we may imagine, if we can, how they appear to the men whose grandfathers not only navigated the river in keelboats, but lay flat behind the goods the boats were loaded with while they were being shot at by Indians along the banks.

It is almost if not quite as hard now to imagine what the world meant before the age of steam as it is to think out what will be its meaning in the age of the perfected airship and aeroplane. Every contrast possible in the St. Louis centennial week of pageants is a challenge to look backward and forward in the attempt to find out what a hundred years already mean, as the first success in the attempt to find what it is to mean shortly, for this generation and for the grandchildren of this generation in 2009.

The makers of the centennial week program were keenly alive to the opportunities for spectacular effect suggested by the most striking events of the world's progress. The aeronautic events such as balloon races, aeroplane and dirigible balloon contests, suggest the future possibilities of transportation in contrast with those of 1809. For comparison with automobiles and aeroplanes the bateau of Laclède's day, with its stumpy mast, its cordelle and its sweeps, is an educational feature of the water pageant, which includes crafts of all the kinds which now ply the waters of the Mississippi. The Veiled Prophet's pageant, unique and picturesque, is another feature which is full of romantic interest. The educational parade, the parade representing 3,000 of St. Louis' industries, the procession of a thousand mayors and the other events which find a place on the program all suggest that as a great week for St. Louis its centennial week is still greater, as it belongs to a hundred years of history-making for the continental United States.

The city of St. Louis was founded by Pierre Laclède Liguest in 1764. The territory west of the Mississippi river was then in possession of



MISSISSIPPI RIVER KEELBOAT IN 1809

steamboat in 1817, it had more than doubled its population of 1810 in 1820. From 4,000 in 1820, two decades of steamboating gave it 16,469 in 1840. About that time it began its great transcontinental work with the "prairie schooner," reinforcing the steamboat in overland transit. With the transcontinental overland movement, to Oregon as well as California, growing, in 1850 it had 77,860 people and was beginning its work as the first pioneer of railroads to the Pacific. After bringing the first locomotive west of the Mississippi in 1852, it more than doubled its population in that decade, reaching 185,587 in 1860. With the foundations of the states now west of the river, already laid along its first trade routes in 1860, it advanced in the next two decades to 350,552 people. Chicago was passing it in population then, without being able to take from it its historical place as the "first great city of the west," the pioneer and founder of the west of the present. Since 1880 it has doubled its population once more, advancing from 350,000 to over 700,000. At its present rate of increase, responsive to that of the Mississippi valley, St. Louis is doubling business in a little over 10 years. Its bank clearings increased from \$292,000,000 in 1869 to \$3,074,000,000 in 1908. Its tonnage of merchandise received and forwarded was 20,162,000 tons for the first six months of this year. Its bank resources reported June 23, 1909, at \$385,891,000 more than double the total of the tenth year back.

Such figures illustrate much more than local progress. They are mid-continental before they become local, in the sense that the people of the whole area between the Allegheny and Rocky mountains are now exerting new energies and utilizing new forces of growth, unforeseen even a late as 10 years ago. As the percentages of this growth are of course greatest west of the Mississippi river, St. Louis has almost "made itself over" in 15 years in growing up to the new growth of the country. Since it began work for the world's fair, celebrating the Louisiana purchase, it has learned to look back on itself in the last decade of the nineteenth century as "old St. Louis." It boasts that as a frontier outpost it led the progress of the continental United States. In looking forward, in its centennial year, it can see that the greatest results of the history it has made are only the beginnings of greater results, which belong to the immediate future of the continental United States, whose progress makes the frontier town of 1809 the mid-continental city of 1909.

GRAFT FOWL BONE ON JAW.

An unusual surgical operation was performed at St. Joseph's hospital, in Omaha, recently. A portion of the jawbone of Lucretia Norris was removed and a piece of chicken bone inserted in the place of a diseased section. The girl is six years old, and was born with malformed jaw. It was to remedy this that a bone from a freshly killed chicken was inserted.

HAVING FUN WITH A BANKER

Practical Joke That Doubtless Was More Appreciated by the Player Than the Victim.

Councilman F. A. Drew is fond of playing practical jokes on William H. Lee, president of the Merchants-Laclede National bank. Mr. Drew was for years a director in Mr. Lee's bank.

While the bankers were waging their recent war upon prohibition, Mr. Drew late one night rang up Mr. Lee at his home and represented that he was a reporter assigned to get Mr. Lee's views on the situation.

Mr. Lee complained somewhat bitterly on being called out of bed at that hour of night to give an interview, but finally got warmed up to the subject and for 30 minutes pictured the deplorable situation that would result in St. Louis if Missouri went dry.

"Let me see," said Mr. Drew at the conclusion of the interview, "you are Mr. William H. Lee, whisky man, aren't you?"

"No," snapped Mr. Lee. "I am Mr. William H. Lee, the banker."

"Oh," said Mr. Drew, apologetically, "I am very sorry, but I wanted to talk to Mr. Lee the whisky expert, and not Mr. Lee the financier."

Mr. Drew hung up the receiver before the explosion occurred on the other end of the wire.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good Starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Defiance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

Repertes in the Bright Family.

"The newspapers are making a great stir about men's disinclination to marry," remarked Mrs. Bright.

"The Bible says there are no marriages in heaven," commented Mr. B. "And what has that to do with us?" Bright laughed.

"Perhaps they are figuring on having a little heaven on earth."

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The Minority Position.

"Saw Peleg down to the public library yistiddy." He wuz reading all the old newspapers he could find."

"Yes; he can't remember for sure whether the Panama canal is to be sea level or lock, and whichever it is he's agin it."

We desire to be classified according to our exceptional virtues; we are apt to classify our neighbor according to his exceptional faults.—Henry Bates Dimond.



5 STICKS 5 CENTS!
Every stick is a delicious mouthful. Every mouthful has the delicious flavor of real

SPEARMINT LEAVES
WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT PEPSIN GUM
WRIGLEY'S MINT PEPSIN GUM
WRIGLEY'S MINT PEPSIN GUM

The flavor lasts. Look for the spear.

FINE FOR DIGESTION

QUICKEST WITH SAFETY
PISO'S CURE
THE BEST MEDICINE FOR COLIC & COLDS

For the baby often means rest for both mother and child. Little ones like it too—it's so palatable to take. Free from opiates. All Druggists, 25 cents.

Work While You Sleep
Millions of people have CAS-CARETS do Health work for them. If you have never tried this great health maker—Get a 10c box—and you will never use any other bowel medicine.

CASCARETS are a boon for a mother's treatment of her children. They are the best in the world. Millions know's worth.

HER PHYSICIAN ADVISED

Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Columbus, Ohio.—"I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound during change of life. My doctor told me it was good, and since taking it I feel so much better that I can do all my work again. I think Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a fine remedy for all woman's troubles, and I never forget to tell my friends what it has done for me."
—Mrs. E. HANSON, 304 East Long St., Columbus, Ohio.

Another Woman Helped.
Graniteville, Vt.—"I was passing through the Change of Life and suffered from nervousness and other annoying symptoms. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored my health and strength, and proved worth mountains of gold to me. For the sake of other suffering women I am willing you should publish my letter."
—Mrs. CHARLES BARCLAY, R.F.D., Graniteville, Vt.

Women who are passing through this critical period or who are suffering from any of those distressing ills peculiar to their sex should not lose sight of the fact that for thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which is made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills. In almost every community you will find women who have been restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

SICK HEADACHE

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.
Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Heavy Eating. A perfect remedy for Biliousness, Headache, Dizziness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable. SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.
Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature. *Warranted* REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

Live Stock and Miscellaneous
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In great variety for sale at the lowest prices by
WESTERN NEWSPAPER UNION
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Readers of this paper desiring to buy anything advertised in its columns should insist upon having what they ask for, refusing all substitutes or imitations.

DEFIANCE STARCH—It comes in the package—other starches only 12 cents—same price and "DEFIANCE" IS SUPERIOR QUALITY.

DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY! Great relief and cure for dropsy, edema, and all forms of fluid accumulation. 10 days' treatment. Price 50c. Dr. H. H. GIBBS & SONS, New York, N. Y.

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

There is a vital distinction between work and toll. Work is exercise that you enjoy; toll is exercise that you do not like. Work is invigorating; toll wears one out. It pays to be interested in our work.

It is a good thing to be ready for the job at hand so as to lose no time at the beginning, but it is not good to tire yourself out getting ready so your freshness and vim will dissipate before work commences.

In some sections the chronic growers are complaining because the showers come too often; in other sections they grow because the showers don't come often enough. No matter what the weather does the grower is always with us.

Every farmer should own his own corn binder and he should not try to cut by the acre for others. The wear and tear of a corn binder is greater than on other machinery, as grit will get into the bearings, and he who buys one to do custom work will hardly do so a second time.

Some people wonder why the boys prefer playing ball to sawing wood or pushing a lawn mower on a hot day. Of course, this will do to wonder about, but usually the freak of a boy who would mope around alone and saw wood or mow lawns rather than play ball or any other game with his fellows is likely to become a first-rate mollycoddle.

CO-OPERATE IN COTTON SEED

Good Method is to Select Agent with Authority to Contract with Buyers for Delivery.

There is no reason why members of the Farmers' union should not cooperate in the sale of their cotton seed and every reason that they should.

Action taken last year in Van Zandt and other Texas counties along the lines of selling cotton seed produced the very best results and procured from the buyers the best prices that had been paid for years. The method pursued by these brethren was to select an agent who had the capability to handle the business, give him the authority to contract with buyers for the delivery at certain fixed points of approximately a certain tonnage of seed and then give him (the agent) the assurance that they (the owners of the cotton seed) would furnish the seed and deliver at the price offered.

In this manner an agent can notify buyers that he can deliver on the cars at a shipping point at a given time so many tons of seed, prices being right. That there will be no doubt about the quantity of seed being on hand and that he, the agent, can and will contract to do as he says.

The fact that the seed is concentrated at a common point on the railroad and can be delivered at the minimum of expense will stiffen the price and enable the agent to ask and get a better price than the ordinary market calls for.

The main point to impress upon the brethren is to stand by their agreement with their agent and not be deluded into doing something just at the time that the agent has made a contract to do something else. Don't let it be again said that a farmer won't stick to an agreement. Show the world that you propose to do business like other business men, because if it pays others it certainly should pay the farmer who has the raw material that the other fellows have got to have.

There is no doubt about this proposition to sell your seed, for it was an eminent success where tried last year, and if successful once it will be again. Cotton seed is one of the most valuable of the by-products of cotton and leads all others in the number of merchantable products that are manufactured from it, and from this fact the demand for it is incessant, and if the producer will only act in a sensible business way in marketing the seed by co-operating one with another and bulk their holdings they can command most any price, even up to \$20 or \$23 a ton.

See the price of cotton to-day, and it would have been higher even than it is if the holding movement had been continued on into this year and the crop marketed slowly. Experience is the best teacher by long odds and the experience gained by the members of the union in the last two years, reports indicate, has been an educational benefit in marketing products in the future.

Farm Trolley.

There was never a farm touched by an interurban trolley line but what its value was greatly increased. Farm lands on interurban lines have advanced to as high as \$300 per acre, says Southern Fruit Grower. It really converts a country home into a suburban home. Thousands of people move into the country with their families, where they live the year round, while their work is in the city. We need many interurban trolley lines in the south, and there are many places where the owners could make them profitable.

EDMONSON'S ANNUAL REPORT

Secretary and Organizer of Farmers' Union Submits Yearly Communication at Galveston.

Mr. Joe E. Edmonson, secretary and organizer of the Farmers' Union of Texas, submitted his annual report to that body at the recent meeting held at Galveston. It is as follows:

Feeling a just pride in the honor conferred upon and the confidence reposed in me at the last annual convention, and with my zeal and every desire for the upbuilding of this great organization, I went to work earnestly to build up the order in Texas. After looking over the situation I found that the demand for lecture work in the organized territories was very great, because of the great desire on the part of the membership to become educated upon co-operative business principles and the treasury being able to give me but little financial aid I could not hope to furnish speakers for one-fourth of the calls. But I did the very best I could.

I went day and night visiting district and county unions, making and filling dates in the different parts of the state. I made over 150 speeches during the year, and have had over 200 commissioned assistants, a part of whom have devoted most of their time to work, lecturing to local, district and county unions, who left their homes, their families, everything dear to them, to work for the organization they love so dearly. Too much credit cannot be given these noble, self-sacrificing men for the good work done by them.

But notwithstanding the amount of lecture work done among the unions I am able to report 13 new districts, three new county organizations and one county re-organization and about ninety new locals, and over 250 local re-organizations.

While this is no great number most of the work was lecturing to the already organized, as above stated, without which the union would have been almost a thing of the past in Texas. I found that the paralyzing effect of the recent money panic and the failure to get 15 cents for cotton had so bewildered and disheartened the farmers that the most courageous and determined were almost ready to give up the fight, hence, one great necessity for lecture work.

While the union has not given a great deal, yet I am able to report the numerical strength to be as great as when I took the lecture and organizing work in charge and better informed and more determined.

I feel that the organization is on safer grounds than ever before and by placing the proper men at the head of the different departments, and giving them your hearty co-operation and support, without which they are helpless success, will be yours.

I wish to say that my association with the other officials have been most pleasant, and I have learned to respect and love them because of their zeal and honesty.

I now surrender this, my report, together with my office, feeling that I have done all that could have been done under the circumstances and, knowing that I have done my best, my conscience is clear and my heart still beats in loyalty and zeal to this great organization.

Holding for High Prices.

A railway official is authority for the statement that many farmers are so prosperous that they are stacking their small grain, and will not send it to market until prices are at the top notch. That means that the northwestern farmer has reached the point when he is able to get all the profit there is in his business.

This will not only make a great difference to him, but to the transportation companies, and to the consumer—poor consumer! Hitherto a large percentage of the farmers have rushed their crops to market as soon as the grain was threshed. The result was a glut of the market, low prices and traffic congestion during the fall, says the St. Paul Dispatch.

As the growers become financially able to hold their produce the market should become more stable. The grain of the country will be sold as needed. The farmer will get what his property is worth instead of rushing it onto the market for the benefit of the speculator, and taking what he can get. The railway companies will have their crop-moving operations extended over a longer period and consequently can give better service.

Hold the Cotton.

That there will be a considerable shortage in the cotton crop of Oklahoma is now a certainty. Recent rains have helped the situation somewhat, but nevertheless the shortage will be unusual. The situation is one which should cause the farmer to do some thinking. If he sells the cotton to the first buyer that comes along the price received will be small. If he is able to hold the cotton for a time the price is certain to go much higher, for the shortage is general throughout the cotton states to a greater or less extent. To hold the cotton means to retain more money in Oklahoma, says the Daily Oklahoman. To sell early and at a low price will mean the loss of millions to the entire state.

Mosquito Breeder.

The stock pond may be handy, but it is a wonderful breeding place for mosquitoes. Better make a reservoir for the water, keep it securely covered and raise the water for the stock with a pump.

THE DANGER SIGNAL



"Yes, Freddy, I'm a sick man!"
"Wot's der matter?"
"Why, I'm gettin' that restless an' wakeful, dat I can't sleep, only at night!"

CHILD ATE CUTICURA OINTMENT.

Spread Whole Box of It on Crackers—Not the Least Injury Resulted.

Cuticura Thus Proven Pure and Sweet.

A New York friend of Cuticura writes:
"My three year old son and heir, after being put to bed on a trip across the Atlantic, investigated the state-room and located a box of graham crackers and a box of Cuticura Ointment. When a search was made for the box, it was found empty and the kid admitted that he had eaten the contents of the entire box spread on the crackers. It cured him of a bad cold and I don't know what else."

No more conclusive evidence could be offered that every ingredient of Cuticura Ointment is absolutely pure, sweet and harmless. It may be safely eaten by a young child, none but the most beneficial results can be expected to attend its application to even the tenderest skin or youngest infant.

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

And He Suffered.

Little Willie, suffering from an attack of toothache, had paid his first visit to the dentist, accompanied by his mother. Father, on his return from the office that evening, was naturally much interested.

"Didn't it hurt?" asked father.
"Sure, it hurt," replied Willie.
"Weren't you scared when the dentist put you in that big chair and started all those zizz-zizz-zizz things?"
"Oh, not so much."
"That was a brave boy. But, surely, you suffered?"
"Of course I suffered. But I just kept repeating over and over the golden text we had in Sunday school last Sunday."

"The golden text? What was it?"
"Why, 'Suffer little children to come unto me,'" replied Willie, glibly. "I kept saying that over and over to myself, and the first thing I knew it didn't hurt any more."

Feeding Farm Hands.

Every farmer's wife knows what tremendous appetites farm hands usually have; but while they eat well they work well, too.

Here's a good suggestion about feeding farm hands. Give them plenty of Quaker Scotch Oats. A big dish of Quaker Oats porridge with sugar and cream or milk is the greatest breakfast in the world for a man who needs vigor and strength for a long day's work. The man that eats Quaker Scotch Oats plentifully and often is the man who does good work without excessive fatigue. There is a sustaining quality in Quaker Scotch Oats not found in other foods, and for economy it is at the head of the list. To meet all needs, Quaker Scotch Oats is packed in regular size packages, large size family packages and hermetically sealed tins (for hot climate).

Guess Where She is From.

The head of the house had been ill for many months, and had lost his appetite entirely.

"I can't seem to fix anything that he'll enjoy and he hardly eats anything," the mistress was saying to the maid, who was a new arrival from the old country.

"That's always the way," returned the girl. "They're all the same, them invalids. All they want is nothing at all, and then when you bring it to them they don't eat it."

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. **Hall's Catarrh Cure**, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co., Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 50c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Reasons Enough.

Father—You seem to look at things in a very different light since your marriage.

Mrs. Newly-Married Daughter—Well, I ought to after receiving 14 lamps and nine candelabra for wedding presents.—Tit-Bits.

For Colds and Gripp—Capudine. The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is **Hick's Capudine**. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10¢ and 50¢ at Drug Stores.

Strange how a girl's ideal can develop into merely her husband.

A NURSE'S EXPERIENCE.

Backache, Pains in the Kidneys, Bloating, Etc., Overcome.

A nurse is expected to know what to do for common ailments, and women who suffer backache, constant languor, and other common symptoms of kidney complaint, should be grateful to Mrs. Minnie Turner, of E. B. St. Anadarko, Okla., for pointing out the way to find quick relief. Mrs. Turner used Doan's Kidney Pills for a run-down condition, backache, pains in the sides and kidneys, bloated limbs, etc. "The way they have built me up is simply marvelous," says Mrs. Turner, who is a nurse. "My health improved rapidly. Five boxes did so much for me I am telling everybody about it."

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

THE DIAGNOSIS



"Anything really serious with my eye, Doc?"
"No, no—simply a pig-ety."

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

The Way of It.

"But I don't love you," objected the young woman.
"Then why," howled the indignant youth, referring hastily to divers memoranda in his pocket diary, "did you eat up a total of 65 boxes of chocolates I bought you during the past year if you didn't love me?"
"Because," she said, with a rapt expression on her lovely features, "I do love chocolate."

Physicians Everywhere Use Resinol With Very Great and Unvarying Success.

During the last six months I have prescribed Resinol in numerous cases of acute and chronic skin diseases and chronic ulcerations with very great and unvarying success. It is a reliable preparation, and its action is prompt and pleasing.

A. F. Volkman, Baltimore, Md.

Weakened by Alcohol.

Dr. Bertillon, the eminent French vital statistician, has shown that tuberculosis is twice as prevalent among the retail liquor dealers of France as among other shopkeepers. He attributes it to the fact that the alcohol which they handle and use all day long weakens their bodies and thus renders them more susceptible to the disease germ.

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.

Beginning Hostilities.

Mr. Perkly—Oh, if you could only learn to cook as my first wife did!
Mrs. Perkly—If you were as smart as my dear first husband was you'd be rich enough to hire the best cook in the land.

Ever Notice?

"Why are the children of the rich so often intractable?"
"Where you see a home without a woodshed, there you are apt to find a spoiled kid."

DON'T NEGLECT THAT COUGH!
It certainly racks your system and may run into something serious. Allen's Lung Balm will check it quickly and permanently. For sale at all druggists.

Many a man's honesty has saved him from becoming a politician.

Constipation causes and seriously aggravates many diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Dr. Pierce's Peppermint. Tiny sugar-coated granules.

Gossip has a thousand tongues—and they all work overtime.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES

Color more goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. One 10c package colors all fibers. They dye in cold water better than any other dye. You can dye any garment without fading apart. Write for free booklet—How to Dye, Gloss and Mix Colors. **MONROE DRUG CO., Quincy, Illinois.**

When a woman has occasion to loaf, she calls it either shopping, visiting or entertaining.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 5c a bottle.

Some men never do anything on time except quit work.

Nervous Women

For nervous, tired women, we recommend **Cardui**. Cardui is a woman's medicine. It acts specifically on the female organs and has a tonic, building effect on the whole system. It contains no harmful ingredients, being a pure vegetable extract. If you suffer from some form of female trouble, get Cardui at once and give it a fair trial.

TAKE CARDUI

It Will Help You

Mrs. W. W. Gardner, of Paducah, Ky., tried Cardui and writes: "I think Cardui is just grand. I have been using it for eleven years. I am 48 years old and feel like a different woman, since I have been taking it. I used to suffer from bearing down pains, nervousness and sleeplessness, but now the pains are all gone and I sleep good. I highly recommend Cardui for young and old." Try it.

AT ALL DRUG STORES

You Are Not Lazy Just Bilious

---LIVER OUT OF ORDER

If the liver is kept in good condition, the secretions so essential to digestion are furnished pure and in the proper quantity, the food is digested and the blood enriched.

Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup

Is honestly made, contains the ingredients accurately and scientifically combined for the cure of liver, kidney and blood diseases. Don't take our word for this, however. Read the formula below, which we guarantee true under the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. Serial No. 935.

The Formula for Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup: *Mandrake (or May-apple), Yellow Dock, Dandelion, Hydrangea (Seven Bark), Sarsaparilla, Gentian, Buchu, Senega, Colony Sugar.*

An analysis of this Syrup will tell you WHY IT CURES.

A FEW WORDS OF PRAISE

"It is a wonderful tonic to the whole nervous system. Its effect upon the liver is remarkable."
Mrs. W. L. Curry, Little Rock, Ark.
"I have taken six bottles in succession, and I feel today as well as I ever did."
J. S. Sibley Brown, Ft. McPherson, Ga.
"For twenty-five years I have lived in constant torture from rheumatism. One dozen bottles of Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup cured me."
W. M. Tanner, Horse Creek, Ark.

All dealers sell 50c and \$1.00 bottles. Send for Dr. Thacher's Health Book.

THACHER MEDICINE CO., CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

LEWIS SINGLE BINDER STRAIGHT 5c CIGAR

You pay 10c for Cigars Not so Good.

F. P. LEWIS Peoria, Ill.

THE HEALTHY MAN ENJOYS SMOOKING—the source of instruction. Tugboat's instruction equipment for practicing Mechanical Therapeutics, curing chronic diseases, strengthening muscular and nervous systems, improving appearance and maintaining perfect health. With this unique and complete course, ELLY'S ASSOCIATION, Box 104, New York. (Save this.)

PATENTS

DEFIANCE STARCH never sticks to the iron.

W. N. U., DALLAS, NO. 41-1909.

Afraid of Ghosts

Many people are afraid of ghosts. Few people are afraid of germs. Yet the ghost is a fancy and the germ is a fact. If the germ could be magnified to a size equal to its terrors it would appear more terrible than any fire-breathing dragon. Germs can't be avoided. They are in the air we breathe, the water we drink.

The germ can only prosper when the condition of the system gives it free scope to establish itself and develop. When there is a deficiency of vital force, languor, restlessness, a sallow cheek, a hollow eye, when the appetite is poor and the sleep is broken, it is time to guard against the germ. You can fortify the body against all germs by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It increases the vital power, cleanses the system of clogging impurities, enriches the blood, puts the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition in working condition, so that the germ finds no weak or tainted spot in which to breed. "Golden Medical Discovery" contains no alcohol, whisky or habit-forming drugs. All its ingredients printed on its outside wrapper. It is not a secret nostrum but a medicine of known composition and with a record of 43 years of cures. Accept no substitute—there is nothing "just as good." Ask your neighbors.

COLT DISTEMPER

Can be handled very easily. The sick are cured, and all others in the same stable, no matter how long they have been ill. It is the best remedy for all forms of distemper, best remedy ever known for horses in fact. One bottle guaranteed to cure one case. 50c a bottle. It is a liquid and is given by the quart. Local agents wanted. Write for free booklet giving every thing. Local agents wanted. **SPORN MEDICAL CO., Chemists and Sanitarians, Cochen, Ind., U. S. A.**

You Look Prematurely Old

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

FARMERS COTTON MANUAL.

The Haskell National Bank has a complete Farmer's Cotton Manual containing a table on weights and sales of bale cotton at any weight or price. It also contains tables on seed cotton, cotton seed, cotton picking, oats, wheat, rye, ear corn, shelled corn, corn in shuck, potatoes, hay and all other commodities sold by pound, dozen, bushel, hundred weight or ton.

Call at the bank Mr. Farmer, and we will present you with one of these manuals.

NOTES AND ACCOUNTS DUE

All parties in debt to me by note or account will please bear in mind that any and all such obligations are now due and many of them long past due. Remember that I have been very lenient and waited on you even beyond my ability to do while I will appreciate your prompt settlement. I am going to ask that you begin to make the payment as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

S. L. Robertson.

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FOR SALE

One six room residence with three galleries, two lots, small barn, well, storm house. Nice home in Highland Addition. One good horse, milk cow and organ. One or all at a bargain. See me at once.

J. W. Corn.

Mr. F. G. Alexander says that Mr. J. F. Bolander who lives on the line of Knox and Haskell, had 200 acres of wheat sown in the dust.

Mr. Alexander further stated that the farmers in the Munday county marketed between seventy-five and a hundred thousand bushels of wheat at Munday last Spring, and that the proceeds of the wheat had helped both the farmers and the business men.

We have known Mr. Bolander for the past twenty-five years. He is a pioneer farmer and located a section of school land on Knox prairie about 1886. He has always raised wheat, oats, millet and other grains, he has been one of the most successful farmers in Texas.

Now since the big rain we urge every body to sow some wheat.

MENDICK-HARRIS

On last Tuesday at 7 p. m. the fifth instant at the home of the brides parents, Mr. F. C. Mendick and Miss Iris Harris were married, Rev. C. Bruce Meador officiating.

The bride is prominent in church work and is accounted among the fairest and most accomplished of the daughters of Haskell. The groom has for several years been connected with the financial department of the Haskell Telephone Company and in this capacity is well known in business circles.

The following were among the visiting relatives and guests: Edgar Harris of Midland, Clarence Harris of Ovilla, Mrs. Harkader and daughter, Miss Dora of Ovilla, Mrs. E. R. Harris and Miss Rebecca Fort of Mineral Wells, Misses Dora and Ella Ballew, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Todd, Misses Ruby and Kate Davis, Miss Renfro and Mrs. J. W. French.

A two inch rain fell here Friday. This means you should plant some wheat and oats. Sow it in your cotton and plow it in with a cultivator and clean out the stalks later. This is the way they do on Knox prairie.

Evers has the best Cotton Pickers Knee Pads in Haskell.

CLUB NOTES

Saturday, October second was "Presidents Day" for the Magazine Club. Mrs. A. W. McGregor was hostess for the afternoon and there were thirty members present. After roll call which was "Vacation Experiences," the installation of officers took place. For 1909-'10 the officers are: Mrs. A. W. McGregor, President; Mrs. H. S. Long, 1st Vice President; Mrs. G. J. Graham, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. C. F. Elkins, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Lewis Ellis, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. S. W. Scott, Auditor; Mrs. S. R. Rike, Parliamentarian; Miss Houston, Reporter. On October ninth the club will meet with Mrs. Henry Alexander.

The Symphony Club met with Mrs. R. C. Montgomery on Wednesday afternoon, October sixth. The composer for the afternoon was Benjamin Godard and an interesting program was given. Mrs. J. D. Smith was director for the afternoon and the critic was Mrs. Gordon McGuire. The next meeting will be on October twentieth when McDowell will be studied. The program will be: Mrs. Irby, Piano; Mrs. Smith, Paper; Mrs. Key, Piano; Mrs. McGuire, Voice; Mrs. Montgomery, Piano.

COUNTY COURT

County Court convened last Monday with Judge Irby on the bench. The Criminal docket was called and most of the cases set for Oct. 12th. The following case was finally disposed of; State vs Earl Williams, Vagrancy Plea of guilty and \$11.50 fine.

Ear corn for sale. J. E. Dickenson, Devol, Ok. 39

Mrs. W. J. Bolls of Mexico Mo. is visiting her sister Mrs. J. D. Smith of this city.

John Park of Stamford was in Haskell Thursday

The Ladies of the Woodmen Circle will give a moving picture show next Thursday night. Every body cordially invited to attend.

There has been a large quantity of maize marketed here the past few weeks.

Now is the time to buy your Cotton Pickers Knee Pads. Evers at Haskell makes them.

S. W. Scott shipped four cars of cattle to Ft. Worth the early part of the week.

For rent: two nice adjoining rooms for light housekeeping for man and wife, apply to Mrs. Pritchett, Ballew Street.

Mr. Baker of Hico in visiting his brother, Post Master Baker of this city.

If you want good home made Knee Pads, you can get them at Evers Harness Shop. Haskell.

Corn sold on highest bid. J. E. Dickenson, Gen'l Merchant Devol, Ok. 39

Among those who paid their subscription accounts this week were, C. H. Merchant and W. B. Merchant of Vontress, J. M. Riley and C. W. Bartlett of Haskell. We also took several subscriptions from non-residents.

Better Than Refrigerator. It is well known that food can be preserved without undergoing decomposition for a much longer period in a container, from which the air has been nearly exhausted, than in the customary refrigerator. In a nearly absolute vacuum milk, fish and meat have been preserved for months unchanged without further expense than that of withdrawing the air originally present in the receptacle.

Perfect Philosophy. We read of a certain Roman emperor who built a magnificent palace. In digging the foundation the workmen discovered a golden sarcophagus ornamented with three circles, on which were inscribed: "I have expended; I have given; I have kept; I have possessed; I do success; I have lost; I am punished. What I formerly expended I have; what I gave away, I have."—From the Costa Romanorum.

LIBERATI IS TO ATTEND.

Himself, Band and Great Vocal Artists Secured.

VAUDEVILLE FEATURES.

Music Hall Program at Texas State Fair, Which Opens October 16, Includes Many Rare Acts.

Seventy talented musicians, twenty great vocal artists and a grand array of instrumental soloists in a series of musical festivals, under the personal direction of the Imperial Cornet Virtuoso and Band Master Alessandro Liberati, is the splendid offering that the management has secured for Music Hall at the twenty-fourth annual exposition of the State Fair of Texas, which opens at Dallas, Saturday, October 16, and continues sixteen days.

Liberati's band is one of the most efficient musical organizations in the country. Although the leader has shown no inclination to sacrifice the artistic side of his work, it must not be understood that his programs are without the elements of popularity, for he has shown due regard for both sides of the question. In technique he has a way of handling his band which makes it far superior to the average musical organization. He gives ample attention to the requirements of his engagements, and assures the Fair management that he is preparing one of the finest programs of his career for the State Fair.

Every morning, afternoon and evening Liberati's band, soloists and chorus will give free concerts in the Music Hall. His corps of opera singers are men and women with large, full-toned, melodious voices. The chorus is strong and well balanced and will be heard clearly in the splendid hall erected by the management for the purpose. Liberati's band is best in its military and patriotic selections, and selections of this kind are especially popular with State Fair audiences. This famous bandmaster has had a most successful career and has been a bandmaster on this side of the Atlantic for thirty-six years. He has enough medals to make him a suit of armor if he strung them all together.

In addition to the superb band and operatic attractions the State Fair management has secured some of the finest vaudeville artists on the American stage for its Music Hall programs. Of the numerous artists that have been secured special mention should be made of McGarvey, the world-famous impersonator of the gentler sex; Galetti's monkeys in a farce comedy entitled "Green's Night Off," and Mrs. D. H. Kincheole, a Kentucky woman, famous as a whistler, reader, vocalist and pianist. And then there will be acrobatic stunts of a sensational nature; a clown act that promises to be especially popular and many other features.

Bert McGarvey, the female impersonator, who appeared several years ago in Dallas, comes back as an attraction for the State Fair in what is termed the greatest test of "finesse" in his art ever seen. A wonderfully beautiful makeup, exceptionally graceful dancing and with the world's most sensational contralto voice, undoubtedly places him in the front rank and in a class by himself. He is the most vivacious and charming creature imaginable when gowned for his act and in one bubble of life, magnetism and beauty.

Galetti's monkeys are the most famous trained animals in the world. Their absolutely human acts seem to substantiate the Darwinian theory. The monkey band, playing various popular airs in a manner perfect, has astonished audiences throughout the United States. And then the barber shop feature, where the monkey-barber shaves, cuts hair, etc., is one of the most laughable acts imaginable. They appear in a monkey farce comedy entitled "Green's Night Off," an act that keeps merriment a-rolling during the entire time.

As an entertainer, musician, whistler and warbler, Mrs. D. H. Kincheole has no superior in this country. Her whistling would put a mocking bird to shame, and the old southern dialect in which she recites "The Party," ripples over with that sense of nativity enjoyed by every Southerner. She is a very fine musician and is an entertainer of an enviable reputation. The management also considers Mrs. Kincheole one of the star attractions of the coming exposition.

Another feature of the Fair will be the Flower Show at which will be exhibited splendid plants, flowers and shrubs grown in Texas. Practically every flower will be represented and in addition there will be rare bulbs, orchids, etc., from Mexico.

It has been conservatively estimated that the value of the exhibits in the Exposition building at the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the State Fair of Texas, which opens at Dallas Saturday, October 16, and continues sixteen days, will easily total the vast sum of \$2,000,000. Expensive gowns and frocks from Paris, New York and London, rich gold ornaments, diamonds, rubies, emeralds and other jewels, delicate machinery, Persian carpets, shawls of Cashmere that can be drawn through a ring, Brussels carpets, mahogany furniture, ivory inlaid tables of India, in fact all that delights the heart of women and makes the home beautiful will be found in this great structure. And exhibitors are sending thousands of dollars to make their booths attractive and inviting. There will be model bedrooms, parlors, kitchens, etc., of great interest to the housewife. In fact, this section of the State Fair will be like one of those bazaars of Bagdad, with the merchants garbed in Twentieth Century clothes instead of the flowing garments of the tradesmen of the East.

Just a short time now until the gates of the State Fair of Texas will swing toward on the twenty-fourth annual meeting at Dallas, which begins October 16 and continues sixteen days.

SPEEDY HORSES COMING

Sensational Automobile Races Also at State Fair

FOR THE WORLD'S RECORD

Dan Patch and Minor Heir to Contest For Supremacy—Exposition Begins October 16.

Brilliant turf events in the harness and running horse classes, steeplechase races in the way of new and sensational features, and automobile contests for the championship of the world on circular track the last three days of the Fair, will make the twenty-fourth annual exposition of the State Fair of Texas, which opens at Dallas October 16, and continues sixteen days, long live in history. Fifty thousand dollars in purses, taken cups and trophies will be awarded in the speed department, and men, well known in the great racing circuits of the North, predict that this program of the Fair, will be the great Southern event.

In the speed horse program, the offerings are divided as follows: Six harness stake races of \$1200 each; five harness purse races of \$1000 each; eight harness purse races of \$500 each; and other purse races that will be made up each day before contested. Then there will be four great stake races for \$1000 each in the running classes; four great steeplechase races, all \$500 each with subscriptions added; and four running races each day in addition for purses from \$200 to \$400.

All the above stakes have been filled. The horses entered are the greatest on the American turf. The steeplechase horses entered were features of the New York and Philadelphia meets last spring and their work promises to be sensational. Dan Patch, 1:55 1-4 and Minor Heir, 1:59 1-4, two of the world's greatest race horses, Dan Patch holding the world's record for the mile, will race for supremacy on the afternoon of Monday, October 18. These horses cost their owner \$100,000, Dan Patch costing \$60,000 and Minor Heir \$40,000. The race will be for the world championship.

Manufacturers of automobiles have notified the State Fair management that they will make the State Fair automobile meet the Southern event. The management will offer \$4,500 in cash prizes in the races that will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the last week of the Fair. All the great drivers of the Union will be here. The harness track, upon which the races will be held, has been banked in order to protect the automobilists who declare they will lower the track record made by Barney Oldfield in his Green Dragon. In other words these daring drivers are going to endeavor to make this mile in less than 49 seconds, and will bring the greatest racing automobiles in America today to the Fair for that purpose. The races will be for supremacy and as the result will demonstrate the superior qualities of each automobile, the drivers are preparing for a test supreme. Officers will be stationed around the track as the automobilists when going the mile in less than sixty seconds, will have an opportunity of stopping their machines should a break come. There will be hundred mile races, novelty races, roadster races, and races of every conceivable description, and it is declared that Dallas will be the Mecca of the entire automobile world during the last three week days of the Fair.

A splendid program for the entire sixteen days of carnival has been arranged. Every day will have new and novel features, and there will be one continuous round of amusement, entertainment and educational features from Saturday, October 16, to Sunday, October 31. The special days designated so far follow: Saturday, October 16, Children's Day; Sunday, October 17, Sacred Concert Day; Monday, October 18, Dan Patch Day; Tuesday, October 19, Confedrate Day; Wednesday, October 20, Mothers' Day; Thursday, October 21, Dallas Day; Friday, October 22, Panhandle Day; Saturday, October 23, Press Day and Traveling Men's Day; Monday, October 25, G. A. R. Day and Woman's Relief Corps Day; Tuesday, October 26, Spanish War Veterans' Day; Wednesday, October 27, Prosperity Day; Thursday, October 28, Ramsay Day; Friday, October 29, Prohibition Day; Sunday, October 31, Sacred Concert Day.

The dog show at the Fair promises to be the center of popularity. Five hundred aristocratic canines of all breeds will be exhibited in the new building which has been erected for the express purpose.

Press Day at the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the State Fair of Texas, which opens at Dallas October 16 and continues sixteen days, will be Saturday, October 23. On this day the newspaper makers of Texas and their families will be the guests of the association. The official press badge this year, to be a handsome gold plated and ivory tinted for that will entitle the editors and their families to every thing of an amusements and entertainment nature on the Fair Grounds. As it should be, for the Press of Texas has stood by the Fair in fat and lean years and its hearty co-operation has done much to make the institution the success that it is.

The twenty-fourth annual State Fair of Texas will be held at Dallas October 16-31. For this great event the management is expending \$150,000 in improvements. A new division has been created for the school children of the state. In this division manual art work, domestic science and all articles of children's handiwork will be exhibited and generous prizes will be awarded. Wonderful indeed is the influence of this great institution. Its generous offerings encourage the child, cheer and the bruntack breaders. The farmer, the mechanic, the merchant has a right to boast that they have the greatest State Fair on earth.



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Semi-Annual Statement of the City of Haskell, at the Close of Business, Sept. 30th, 1909.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Balance March 31st, 1909, Street and Alley Fund, Receipts to Credit of General Fund, etc.

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I hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

LEON GILLIAM, City Treasurer.

WANTED-A RIDER AGENT advertisement featuring an image of a bicycle and text describing the role and benefits of the position.

8.50 NUBBERN PUNCTURE-PROOF SELF-HEALING TIRES advertisement with an image of a tire and detailed text about the product's features and availability.