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HASKELL COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

(Reported by T. C. Williams.)

Haskell County Teachers' Institute closed its annual session November the 27th. All teachers were present except one who was unable to come on account of sickness. A more faithful body of workers could not be found than these worthy teachers. If the patrons and trustees throughout the country will cooperate with the teachers in their work during the session much will be done for the betterment of the opportunities for the boys and the girls of the county.

The work was planned and conducted in away that each teacher could get help in his or her line of work. The primary department was under the supervision of the most successful experienced primary teachers. The study of the most successful ways and methods of dealing with the child during the first years of its school life was the principal feature of this department. It was generally decided that the most important part of the school work was the primary work; that more attention should be given to the child during the first three years of its school life than is generally given.

An educational rally was given under the auspices of the Women Clubs of Haskell. Some excellent talks were made and some instructive papers were read, chief among which was the talk by Mr. R. E. Sherrell, and the papers read by Mrs. N. McNeill and Mrs. R. J. Turrentine. The various organizations of the city of Haskell are doing much to assist in the school work.

It would be well indeed if the teacher could see his final product, much as the sculptor beholds his statue. It would be worth something to to-morrow's teaching if he could see the man of his moulding, walking about full-grown among his neighbors, performing his daily duties and graces. No other measure of our work equals the sight of the product put to its full use. It is the best test—corrective to our blunders, the quickest engagement to efficient work. But it is not given to the teacher to set the daily lessons emerged in the ultimate man. The full power of the teacher is exerted in one generation, that of his students in another. For him who teaches there is no final measure of his daily work. It lies somewhere beyond his vision in time and place. The next generation may attempt a full estimate of his labor, but he himself may not. He builds toward the dream-image of a man, ignorant of the final approximation. Even the changing child, stumbling youthfully over its lessons or boisterous at its play is no fair measure of the passing influence of the teacher. School training is but a small part of life. Other conditions than those of school have swayed him for good or evil. Home and community have brought their vital pressure to bear. The teacher has been only one of the factors in the making of this changing personality. In the maze of educative forces that have made the child what it is, his work is lost to recognition. Where, then, shall the teacher find the measure for the hourly judgment of his teaching? Standard there must be, if the intricate ministry of teaching is to be

come a more than a crude art where blind saith and subtle intuition, and the crude methods of trial and error, work out their ends together. Such standards are at hand to make teaching a rational profession. They are found in those qualities of human personality which have an abiding worth under the tests of our civilization. They are the measures of personal culture and social efficiency. The teaching that fosters these ends succeeds; the teaching which neglects them fails.

In America the profession of teaching has become one of the greatest of man employments. In one year more than a half million teachers are in charge of more than sixteen million pupils. Nearly one-fifth of our entire population is constantly at school. Notwithstanding these facts and the abiding faith and love of the teacher for the betterment of human progress, the great army of teacher are making their demand for help from other quarters. The active support of other educational forces must be enlisted if we insure the ultimate end of the great work.

It is wonderful to note the progress made in the educational conditions of our country during the past decade, and still more wonderful to know what Texas has made twenty-five years of progress in the past five years. It seems that the onward tide of immigration filling the country with an uneducated people, the recognition of the physical training and its relation to the mental, the need of an educated citizenship have called out and organized many needed forces that have and are doing much for the educational uplift of the country.

There was a time when the teacher was the only educational factor about which people disturbed themselves. We heard little of the course of study, the nature of the child, and the need of social adjustment on the part of the school. The one fact stressed in the organization of the school was the teacher's qualities. The measure of the teacher was the measure of the school. Society and the child,

STORY TELLING GAINING INTEREST

The story telling hour for the past two weeks has been conducted by Mrs. Key and as usual a large crowd of children were present and gave excellent attention. Next Saturday at the usual hour Miss Lipscomb will have charge and she will tell the children Dickens "Christmas Carol." Again the mothers are urged to be present and hear the stories so that they may, when they wish, retell these stories to their own and other children. The library is well patronized but the club is planning a campaign to make it larger, more attractive and more helpful. Your interest, influence and aid will be needed to make it a success.

\$250,000.00 Dollars To Loan.

I have plenty of money to handle all the good loans offered in Haskell and surrounding Counties. Weekly Inspections and the best service possible. Over \$25,000 accepted this week. I make loans a specialty and give the quickest service.

J. L. Robertson,
Haskell, Texas.

course of study and the teacher, were not regarded as separate factors not even for the convenience of thinking. The public and professional mind saw the whole of the school situation in the personality that was made master of the school.

But education has become vastly more self-conscious. Its consciousness has become scientific; and one by one the factors in the school situation have been raised to the level of general law and guiding principle. It was not enough that the teacher's personality be orthodox in religion, politics and morals; he must have a scholarly command of specific subjects he was to teach, and later the movement for a larger scholarly or cultured attainment among teachers was in full swing. Later, another emphasis and another movement directed attention to the need for a better understanding of the child as a condition of the educative process.

DON CUPID IS NOT ALWAYS BLIND

I believe that, with a few fortunate exceptions, almost every wife is, in the secrecy of her heart, a little disappointed with the life marriage has brought her.

Where is the perfect companion who thought with us, worked with us, laughed with us, whose whose brain stimulated ours, who made us witty, brilliant, subtle—in whose company we always shone as with no one else? Where is the perfect friend whose sympathy and understanding never failed? Where, oh, where is the perfect lover whose embrace was a deep delight beyond all words and whose ideal of joy we alone realized?

A Man After Marriage

This man who at intervals rushes into our home, eats hasty meals, sleeps the sleep of the just, the weary, and the indifferent, then rushes off again—can he be the only concrete realization of that perfect mate, our lover, friend and hope?

Can this conversation over the dinner table about the insurance bill, and the most lasting kind of metallic filament lamps, and whether or no all the bolts of all the ground floor windows need to be fastened at night?—can this the only food for brain and soul that we are to have?

And the hasty kiss upon the temple, or wherever it happens to fall, the pat upon the cheek—gods! is this our share of the banquet of passion?

Is this all we may realize of the divine, mysterious madness that once created such strangely beautiful imaginings in the deepest recesses of our hearts, such delicate dreams tinged with the bitterness of things too sweet?

He is very kind, this stranger—man whom our children call father. All his work, his hurry, his preoccupation is for us—that we may lack nothing. He pours out the fruit of his toil for us; uncomplainingly he slaves and plans—all for us.

He is infinitely patient with our mysterious melancholy. It will pass, he thinks, it always

does—and mean while the state of the share market requires immediate attention.

When Love Ceased to Be Blind.

Who can say how we first begin to fall out of love? I think one of the earliest signs is that trifling mannerisms never before noticed now jar on us—affect us unpleasantly. When we really care, everything in the loved one seems right. When we fall out of love all is wrong. Even the most insignificant details about him or her become acutely distasteful to us.

How is it that, in all these years, we never noticed—much less minded—the irritating way he coughs? We were not even aware of her little trick of constantly touching her hair that now so maddens us.

Nothing wears out a woman's love more utterly than passion without tenderness. Her need for passion is limited, but her craving for tenderness is insatiable, and therein lies many a woman's tragedy, for few men can be tender, and of those who can most of them won't.

I believe that man's love is often killed by the boredom consequent on ceaseless craving for tenderness. If men only knew it, tenderness is the master key that opens all women's hearts, but it must be a virile tenderness. The femininely tender man gets jilted long before the wedding day.

"The ideal lover" has occupied many poets and novelists. In their clear light of prose he must be very young, it seems, unless he is past forty.

Women Like Reckless Lovers.

As a rule, it is only a very young man (apart from this matter of tenderness, in which he, too, is generally lacking) who is capable of loving a woman in the way she wants—that is, recklessly, gloriously and entirely regardless of appearances.

Past thirty, a man is always greatly preoccupied with the fear that his love may be apparent to others. Strange to say, he is ashamed of loving. Women, however, glory in it.

Man hides his love with far more shame than his sins. Woman flaunts hers as she never does her virtue. I have heard

MORE NEW AUTOMOBILES FOR HASKELL

E. E. Marvin, our live automobile dealer, has just returned from Dallas, where he went after two new cars. One was a 1913 model Overland for W. A. Whatley and the other a 1913 Ford, which he has sold also. It is very evident the "Overland" is "IT" from the fact Mr. Whatley bought another after driving his old one for two years and selling it then going in at once and buying another of the same make.

Mr. Marvin has the agency for the Ford and Overland and has a number of cars sold but has been unable heretofore to make deliveries owing to the fact that the factories can not put them out fast enough. He represents the two leading automobile manufacturers in the U. S. as the Ford and Overland make more cars than any other make. We can look for a number of new cars in soon as Mr. Marvin has a car load of 8 five passenger Fords ordered from the factory at Detroit to be shipped direct to Haskell and which will be shipped sometime this month. Several of these cars are already sold and the balance will be very easily disposed of, as the Ford is the poor man's car of today and are giving splendid satisfaction wherever they are used. When thinking of buying a car be sure to see Marvin and let him show you the new 1913 models of Ford and Overland right here at home and see the big reduction in prices of the year.

Another good thing is, Marvin carries the largest stock of automobile supplies and accessories west of Fort Worth, including tires of all sizes, which is very seldom found in so complete a stock as he handles in a town of this size.

this adduced, by men, of course, as a proof of superior masculine refinement! The very young man has this pride of love in common with a woman.

He advertises his passion by every possible device, drags hints about it into his conversation even into his letters, and generally makes a display of it in a way that women find irresistible. I believe this accounts largely for the attraction very young men have for mature women.

When the Man is Forty.

There only remains to add that the most tolerable lover is generally past forty. By then a man has learned something of women's needs. He is kinder, more considerate and much more grateful for love.

He has not the drawback of the young man's inexperience, and life has knocked a little of the selfishness out of him. He is much more faithful, because he knows exactly what he wants in woman and is thankful if he finds it.

The most unsatisfactory of all lovers are men between thirty and forty. They desire their own good above all else. They have lost their awe of woman without realizing their need of her. Pity the wretched woman who falls deeply in love with a man between these ages.—Mrs. Maud Churton Brady in "The Love Seeker."

T. A. Corbet came in from the plains country this week. He and Mr. J. D. Conley have been in the piano business in the west for several years.

SPENCER & RICHARDSON

CAN SUPPLY YOUR WANTS IN

HOLIDAY GOODS

We have a complete stock of CHRISTMAS GOODS and it will pay you to come see our line before buying elsewhere.

Our prices are right and we appreciate your business.

SPENCER & RICHARDSON
"Your Druggists"

LOCAL NOTES

Arthur Roberts and family have moved to Anson.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Murchison are visiting at Seguin.
Meet your friends at Spencer & Richardson's Drug store.
T. C. Williams made a business trip to Rockdale this week.
Miss Vivian Smith visited friends at Anson last week.
Christmas Gifts for All.
2t West Side Drug Store.
Mr. Cecil Koonce of Wichita Falls was in the city Tuesday.
Judge P. D. Sanders made a business trip to Abilene Monday.
J. J. Stein made a business trip to Fort Worth the early part of the week.

Look out for our Xmas Goods. West Side Drug Store.
Make our store your store. Spencer & Richardson—Drugs.
Mrs. D. W. Pitchford has returned from a visit to friends at Wichita Falls.
Clement Guest, of the Swenson ranch, visited his sister, Mrs. Will Dunwoody Sunday.
Mrs. Jno. B. Baker went to Dallas the early part of the week to hear Nordica sing.
Misses Ora and Mae Simmons visited Miss Patcy Lee Koonce at Wichita Falls last week.
For those who discriminate we recommend Allegretti's Candies—Spencer & Richardson's.
A great treat in store for all the ladies at Alexanders Tuesday afternoon luncheon served.
Ben Lee of Belton, and old friend of Judge and Mrs. A. J. Smith, visited them last week.
Miss Nan Mauldin, a teacher from Royce city is visiting her Uncle, J. R. Mauldin of the city.

Queen Quality
SHOES

ASK THE WOMAN WHO WEARS THEM



\$3.50
to
\$5.00



The Christmas spirit should find its proper expression in gifts that are useful.

What better way to further this sentiment than a pair of dainty "Queen Quality" Shoes for women?

Practical, serviceable & stylish;—stamped with a name that stands for the highest in the realm of women's shoe-making.

Hardy Grissom
"THE STORE WITH THE GOODS"

Big Line of Kodaks.
2t West Side Drug Store.
Ladies don't fail to call at Alexanders Tuesday afternoon. We have a great treat prepared for you.

Messrs. J. M. Hicks, Fred Hicks and V. Snodgrass, of Rochester, spent Sunday night and Monday in the city.

All National Biscuit Company's products will be on exhibition at Alexanders Tuesday afternoon, all invited.

Don't miss the National Biscuit Company's Demonstration at Alexanders Tuesday afternoon luncheon served.

Everybody drinking them now—what? Liquid heaters—Hot Chocolate and Bouillon at Spencer & Richardson's.

Call at Alexanders grocery department Tuesday afternoon. A great treat for you; something to surprise you.

Ladies invited to visit Alexanders Tuesday afternoon on account of Demonstration National Biscuit Products.

S. C. Dean who has a lumber business at Swenson, spent Thanksgiving at home with his family in this city.

Hold your orders for winter coal and save 50 cents per ton, by taking coal from the car, delivered by M. A. Clifton. 38-tt

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bredthuer of the city, spent Thanksgiving with the home folks Mr. and Mrs. Franke, at Sagerton.

Messrs. Marvin and Whately returned from Dallas Wednesday morning, while in Dallas they purchased two autos.

Mr. O. E. Patterson and children have returned from an extended visit to Mrs. Patterson's parents at San Antonio.

National Biscuit Company products are the acme of perfection You will miss a treat if you fail to call Tuesday afternoon.

Master Burnie and Miss Elsie Neatherly, who were visiting in this city, returned Sunday night to their home at Stamford.

E. E. Maryin and Bill Whately went to Dallas Sunday night, to get a new auto. Mr. Whately has purchased from Mr. Marvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Reynolds of Anson, and Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson of Weinert spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

Miss Almeida and Master Lescher McGregor have returned from a visit to their grandmother, Mrs. A. P. McGregor of Waco.

Our Xmas pictures are here. Come & see them Norman.

Hundreds of the latest patterns in Holiday Royal Society package goods and threads just received.

I. P. Carr Dry Goods Co.
A special train bearing the C. B. & Q. officials, who are inspecting the Wichita Valley and Denver, passed through this place Sunday.

A splendid luncheon will be served at our store next Tuesday afternoon. All the ladies are urged to call. F. G. Alexander & Sons.

Dr. Joseph Daly, of Abilene, spent Monday in the city attending to his patients. He will make his next visit here Monday, January 6th.

Mr. Hans Rugsch of Munich Germany, who has been visiting with his sister, Mrs. Chas. McGregor, left Tuesday night for his home across the sea.

Mr. W. B. Roberts of the east side was in city Tuesday and stated to us that he made 24 bales of cotton and plenty of feed on his farm this year.

Mamma, take me to the Oates building next Wednesday. The ladies are going to have a Bazaar and sell the prettiest kind of doll clothes and good old home made candy for us kids! They've got lots of useful things you'll want too.

EVERYTHING FROM EVERYWHERE

Alexander the "Great" wept "because there were no more worlds to conquer."

West Side Drug Store wept, because there were no other Xmas designs in the wide wide world to select from, hence our stock of Xmas goods is as complete as we could find.

DOLLS! DOLLS!! DOLLS!!!

YES, and Doll Furniture, Doll Buggies, Doll Beds, Doll Dishes, and in fact everything from "ABC" Blocks up to a Holy Bible, and from a "Woodrow Wilson" Mule down to a Bull Moose" Toy. Our Xmas stock is complete and in reach of all—LOWEST PRICES, quality considered—If you are looking for real bargains you want to do your Xmas shopping with us.

We are looking for you

West Side Drug Store

Typewriter Ribbons.
2t West Side Drug Store.
Earl Cogdell shipped two cars of cattle to Fort Worth this week.

Miss Sue Baker of Monday visited with Misses Fields Wednesday.

All kinds of nuts and fruit cake ingredients at F. G. Alexanders & Sons.

Miss Shelley Lee of Munday was visiting the Misses Fields of this city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pence returned last week from a trip to Arkansas, where they have been visiting relatives.

Meet me at the Oates building and let's buy our Christmas presents from the ladies of the Christian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Therwanger and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Therwanger of the north side were in the city Wednesday.

Surely you are going to do some Xmas baking, and to make a success use Albatross Flour. At F. G. Alexanders & Sons.

The local gins of this place will have ginned about 5000 bales of cotton up to the last of the week. The receipt will run about 7000.

The ladies of the Christian Church cordially invite you to attend their Bazaar held in the Oates building Wednesday Dec. 11.

The Baptist Ladies will give a free will offering reception at the home of Mrs. Theo Wright Friday December 27th from 3 to 5 p. m. Everybody invited. 1t

The best line of pictures I have ever shown just in 2t Norman.

Among the people from Sagerton, visiting in the city this week, were Mrs. Paul Neinast, N. E. Martin, Frank Dobecka, Frank Piley and Mr. King.

Rube Bowman of Crosbyton, was in the city this week. Mr. Bowman is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bowman of the county, and a brother of T. E. Bowman.

Did you ever find any fault with National Biscuit Company products? They always please. See big assortment and demonstration at Alexanders Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cason have sold out at Rosewell N. M. They spent a few days here this week visiting with friends, and left Tuesday night for Shawnee Oklahoma, where they will make their future home.

C. P. Neal of Abilene and his niece, Miss Butler, of Weatherford, who have been visiting Mrs. A. F. Neal, their mother and grand mother respectively, returned to their homes Sunday night.

Mr. Hardy Grissom went to Abilene Sunday night to meet Mrs. Mrs. Grissom and children who have been visiting relatives at El Paso. They returned Monday morning with Mr. Grissom.

Mr. Wallace Alexander attended the Masonic Grand Lodge now in session at Waco. Mr. Corning also attended this meeting of the Grand Lodge. Mr. Alexander was the delegate from the Haskell lodge to the Grand Lodge.

The Free Press is prepared to do all kinds of job printing. We can please you both in price and workmanship.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill were called by wire Tuesday to attend the funeral of their daughter, Mrs. Dudley, who died at Gilmer Tuesday. Their daughter Mrs. Norman of this city accompanied them.

J. W. Meadors, ex-county clerk of this county, and son, Virgil left Wednesday morning for Roswell, New Mexico. Mrs. Meadows who has been visiting Mrs. Lon Bennett at Memphis, Texas, will join her husband and son at that place and go on to Roswell. The family will remain at Roswell until March when they will return to their home here.

DR. JOSEPH DALY
ABILENE, TEXAS

If you have Eye, Ear, Nose or Throat trouble, or if you need glasses, call and see him. He will tell you plain facts and will not treat you if your case is incurable. Will visit Haskell the first Monday of each month—next visit January 6th.

OFFICE AT THE
WRIGHT HOTEL

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS

The place to get your Prescriptions filled and do your Xmas shopping is at the

West Side Drug Store
HASKELL, TEXAS
H. H. LANGFORD, Manager
Phone No. 180.

FRESH KING'S CHOCOLATES

Cold Drinks

CIGARS

Costs Less Bakes Better



CALUMET BAKING POWDER

ECONOMY—that's one thing you are looking for in these days of high living cost—Calumet insures a wonderful saving in your baking. But it does more. It insures wholesome food, tasty food—uniformly raised food. Calumet is made right—to sell right—to bake right. Ask one of the millions of women who use it—or ask your grocer.

RECEIVED HIGHEST AWARDS
World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago, Ill.
Paris Exposition, France, March, 1912.

You don't save money when you buy cheap or big-can baking powder. Don't be misled. Buy Calumet. It's more economical—more wholesome—gives best results. Calumet is far superior to sour milk and soda.

Well of Course.

We never had it in our minds to do anything else but thank all those who so graciously, by donation or otherwise, assisted in making our "Thanksgiving Bazaar" a success, for a decided success it was, replenishing our treasury to the amount of \$120.00 and more to follow. To be sure you did no more than was your duty, but you know so many people refuse even to do their duty in matters of this kind. So again, here's a "thank you" to every one of you with the assurance that just one year hence you will have another opportunity of doing even more than you did this time, for we have a debt on our pastor's home which must be paid, and you have heard it said that what must be done can be done.

The Missionary Society met in regular business session Monday December 2nd, and one important item of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. Without any preliminaries and to a close observer with as little regard to parliamentary usages as a lot of women could get along with, we

succeeded in filling each office with one who is well qualified if she will give her attention to the duties of her special office and take as her motto "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

Ours is a great work and many will be the problems to solve and differentials to meet, but if we will only let God have His way with us, in His name and by His grace we can overcome. 12 books of the study course "Womanism, the Islam of America" had been ordered and were distributed and we propose this year to do more than we've ever done to inform ourselves as to the conditions of our country.

Beginning Dec. we will observe the week of prayer which has been set apart by the Inter-Denominational committee of Home Missions; an occasion which has already been, or will be observed by every Protestant denomination of America.

The following program will be rendered and all who are interested in the conditions of our county are cordially invited.

Sunday 12 a. m. Sermon by Pastor, Subject—Our county's debt to Christ.

Monday 3 p. m. Mrs. Turrentine leader. Subject—American Social Problems.

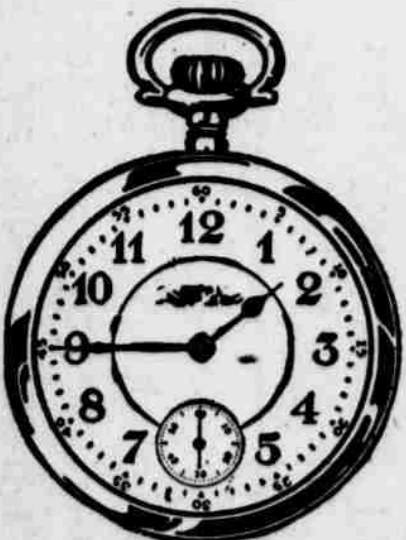
Tuesday 3 p. m. Mrs. Montgomery, leader. Subject—The Frontiers and the Island possessions.

Wednesday 3 p. m. Mrs. Richardson leader. Subject—The Immigrants.

Closing service Wednesday evening at 7:15. Subject—Prayer and fellowship. Led by Pastor.

A glad welcome to all who will come and bring your friends. Services at Methodist Church. Press Reporter.

I Sell the Famous South Bend Watch



An unreliable watch is a liability—an "on-the-dot" timepiece a comfort and an asset. South Bend Watches are mechanical marvels. That is why they are forging to the front so rapidly. In the course of its twelve months making every South Bend Watch is tested for accuracy in an electric furnace and a cake of ice—the severest tests known.

South Bend Watches are made in any models to suit your fancy. They are the watches of the period. Call in and look over our fine line of South Bend Watches for ladies and gentlemen. For perfect construction and positive performance the South Bend watch will delight you.

R. M. CRAIG, JEWELER

Makes the Nation Gasp

The awful list of injuries on a Fourth of July staggers humanity set over against it, however, is the wonderful healing by Bucklen's Arnica Salve, of thousands, who suffered from burns, cuts, bruises, bullet wounds or explosions. Its the quick healer of boils, ulcers, eczema, sore lips or piles. 25cts at Jas. R. Walton.

Notice

To the membership of the Haskell county Union.

A mass meeting is hereby called. For Saturday December 14th at 10: A. M. in the W. O. W. Hall, in Haskell. Important business.

R. C. Whitmire, County President.

Cow in the Cemetery.

We have been requested by the cemetery association, to publish a warning to the person who is in the habit of putting his cow in the cemetery nightly to graze. Such acts strikes the average person as an outrage, and steps will be taken to prevent the same and punish the one who is guilty of the desecration of the cemetery.

Club Notes

The meeting of the Magazine Club on Saturday was one of the best attended of the year. Two new members, Miss Blanchard and Miss Pierson, were welcomed. The club was pleased to have as guests for the afternoon Mrs. Cresap, of Waco, Mrs. Reynolds of Anson and Mrs. Getz, all of them being up-to-date club women. After a brief, well conducted business session, Mrs. Key rendered a beautiful piano solo. Following this an interesting Shakespearean lesson was read and discussed. Miss McKelvin delighted all with her vocal solo and to close the enjoyable program Mrs. Getz gave a most entertaining and graphic report from the State Club meeting which she attended last week in Fort Worth.

Man Coughs and Breaks Rib

After a frightful coughing spell a man in Neenah, Wis., felt terrible pains in his side and his doctor found two ribs had been broken. What agency Dr. King's New Discovery would have saved him. A few teaspoonful ends a late cough, while persistent use routs obstinate coughs, expels stubborn colds or heals weak, sore lungs. "I feel sure its a Godsend to humanity," writes Mrs. Effie Morton, Columbia, Mo. "for I believe I would have consumption today, if I had not used this great remedy." Its guaranteed to satisfy, and you can get a free trial bottle or 50c or \$1.00 size at Jas. R. Walton.

Fruit Farm to Exchange.

87 1-2 acres, 65 acres in first class cultivation, 35 acres in bearing fruit, apples, peaches, plums, grapes, pears, and berries all of very excellent varieties. Good 5 room house, 74 feet porch, good wells, all fenced and cross fenced, sandy land, within 3-4 miles of depot, Clyde, on R. F. D. Clear of encumbrance. Cheap at \$100 per acre. Will trade for farm not over 1-2 miles of Haskell, will not assume, but will take notes as difference or give even trade if property suits. For particulars address. O. C. Kinnison, Clyde, Texas

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of \$150.00 or more. He sought for a quicker and cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of this liniment he was well. For sale by all dealers.

D. L. Livingood Dead

Last Thursday morning, D. L. Livingood, one of the pioneer farmers of the Paint Creek community, started to town in his buggy. A lady, whose name we did not learn met him about two and a half miles from his home and spoke to him but he did not recognize the salutation. About a mile from this point at a turn in the land was the farm of Mr. Neal. When the horse got to this point, he stopped at the gate. Mrs. Neal saw Mr. Livingood sitting in the buggy and from the stooping position he occupied did not recognize him, but thought it was some one intoxicated, and was afraid to go down to the gate to investigate. In about an hour Mrs. Hallmark, who was returning from town to her home, passed and discovered that Mr. Livingood was dead. Judge Smith was phoned for and he and Dr. Cummins the county health officer, went out and held an inquest. It was learned that the deceased had a stroke of apoplexy, and died instantly. It was so sudden that he did not fall from the seat.

The Free Press extends condolence and sympathy to the bereaved family.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that most infectious diseases such as whooping cough, diphtheria and scarlet fever are contracted when the child has a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will quickly cure a cold and greatly lessen the danger of contracting these diseases. This remedy is famous for its cures of colds. It contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given to a child with implicit confidence. Sold by all dealers.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY GET YOUR CLOTHES WHILE THEY ARE CHEAP

IN ORDER TO REDUCE OUR LARGE STOCK OF MENS AND BOYS READY-TO-WEAR WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING REAL BARGAINS

This sale includes our famous Kirchbaum suits for men and Perfection suits for boys—Kirchbaum Clothes are guaranteed every thread wool. They are hand tailored and guaranteed by the maker to give satisfactory wear. They are bargains at regular prices being from three to ten dollars a suit less in price than most Custom made clothes of the same quality. If you need a suit buy during this sale as every suit is offered at a real bargain.

Mens Suits		Boys Suits	
\$25.00 Suits for.....	\$18.75	\$10.00 Suits for.....	\$6.95
22.50 " "	16.95	8.50 " "	5.95
20.00 " "	14.95	7.50 " "	4.95
15.00 " "	11.00	6.50 " "	4.15
12.50 " "	8.85	6.00 " "	3.95
		5.00 " "	3.45
		3.50 " "	2.95
		2.50 " "	2.15

Mens Overcoats		Boys Hats	
\$22.50 Overcoats for.....	\$16.95	\$2.00 Quality for.....	\$1.45
20.00 " "	14.95	1.50 " "	1.15
10.00 " "	7.75	1.25 " "95

Mens Hats		Boys Shirts	
\$7.50 Stetson Hats.....	\$5.95	\$1.00 Negligee Shirts.....	.75
6.00 " "	4.95	60c " "45
5.00 " "	3.95		
3.00 Hats.....	2.25		
1.50 "	1.15		

Mens Over Shirts		Mens Soft Shirts	
\$1.50 Quality for.....	\$1.25	\$1.25 Quality for.....	.95
1.25 " "	1.00	1.00 " "75

10 per cent discount on all negligee shirts

10 " " " " mens underwear

20 " " " " mens and boys odd pants

These are real bargains. Bargains because the goods are of first quality, and are sold at reduce prices.

Hardy Grissom THE STORE WITH THE GOODS

Fooing Your Neighbors.

Young woman, Young man, you need not splurge to keep up appearances. If you think such conduct fools any one you are mistaken. People have seen too many of your kind come and go in this community. If you are a young married woman, the grocery man, the dry goods merchant, the dentist and everybody in town know how hard it is to collect a bill from your overburdened young husband.

You will find that druggists everywhere speak well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. They know from long experience in the sale of it that in cases of coughs and colds it can always be depended upon, and that it is pleasant to take. For sale by all dealers.

Covington Hill County

The Free Press acknowledges a nice letter from Covington, but in view of the fact that it contains personals and locals so far away, and would interest only a few of our readers, we very reluctantly follow a rule we have, of not publishing out of county local news. We appreciate the disappointment of the correspondent, but we have to edit all matter offered so as to give matter of the most general interest.

When you have a bilious attack give Chamberlain's Tablets a trial. They are excellent. For sale by all dealers.

Let The Free Press figure on your next job of printing. We can please you.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

For Sunday Dec. 8th.

Subject—A World Survey.

Leader—Annie Eastland.

Songs.

Prayer.

Scripture Reading—Acts 17:1-8 by Leader.

Topic, A World Survey, explained by Bro. Ar buckle.

Songs.

Mexico—Willie Jones.

Brazil—Artie McFatter.

Argentina—Louise Davis.

Italy—Joe Thomas.

Duet—Willie Jones and Annie Eastland.

Africa—Cora Killingsworth.

China—Zella Peters.

Japan—Bailey Coljins.

Closing Songs.

Prayer.

All 2.50 coats go at 1.50
 All 3.00 coats go at 1.00
 Can't last at these prices, better come quick

Hats.

Our line of hats is one of the largest in Haskell, the prices the lowest.
 Any J. B. Stebson in the house for \$3.45
 Any \$3.00 hat for 1.95
 Any 2.50 hat for 1.75
 Any 2.00 hat for 1.35
 Any 1.50 hat for .98
 Any 1.00 hat for .75
 Did you ever have such an opportunity offered you before? Don't let it get away from you without seizing it.

Runners, Floor Pillows, Centre pieces, Laundry bags, glove cases, Shirt Holders, Shaving pads on light and dark linen. Also an assortment of Library. Scarfs, Pillow Tops and Centre pieces in the new Fluffe Embroidery.
 Big line of latest novelties in Royal Society Package grades and threads. Just received for the Holiday trade.

Santa Claus Here Saturday

HE'S COMING IN AN AUTO!
 Well, Old Santa really meant it. He'll be here Saturday afternoon, December 7th. A telegram from him today said: "I'll be here with my reindeer and all the boys and girls in town to go with him to his Headquarters for the opening celebration."
 So let's all be there and give the old chap the biggest reception he ever had in his life. He is going to be here for two weeks and wants every boy and girl in town to go with him to his Headquarters for the opening celebration.
BE AT THE COURT HOUSE WITHOUT FAIL

All other staples are priced in the same proportion as the above list. Call and supply yourself while this opportunity lasts.

Don't Fail to call and see our line of Royal Society Package goods and threads. The latest novelties for the Holiday trade.

Now is the time to supply your needs in this line. Nothing please a boy more than a nice suit of clothes.
 The new Fluffe threads and linens in the Royal Society line just received.

6.00 boys suits, sale price 4.00
 5.00 boys suits, sale price 2.75
 4.00 boys suits, sale price 2.50

Shoes

Our stock of shoes is still very complete and in order to reduce them to the lowest level we have cut off all the profit and from now till Xmas you can buy your shoes at wholesale cost. We must have this stock reduced before investing. If this sounds funny to you, come and see and you will buy.

I. P. Carr D. G. Co.

SANTA CLAUS HEADQUARTERS

Xmas Presents for the Whole Family

This is surely a Christmas store where you can get your every want in Christmas goods satisfied. Toys of every description, dolls of every kind, cut glass, fancy china, comb and brush sets, mirrors, handbags, holiday handkerchiefs, ties and in fact we have the most complete and attractive showing of holiday goods to be found in Haskell. Make our store your headquarters. Additional salespeople have been hired to look after your wants. Do your Xmas buying early.

Thousands of Dollars Worth of Goods at Actual Cost

The prices in this "ad" will fill our store every minute of the time from now till Xmas. Buy now at wholesale cost. We had rather invoice money than merchandise. Follow the crowds to the I. P. Carr Dry Goods Company store

Thousands of Dollars Worth of Goods at Actual Cost

YOU CAN NOT AFFORD TO IGNORE SUCH APPEALING BARGAINS AS WE ARE OFFERING

You are cordially invited to visit our Big Sale and Holiday Opening Saturday, December 7th. The real live Santa Claus will be here to give out letters to the children and he will also have a present for each child who comes. Wishing you each and all a merry Xmas, we are

Yours for a bigger business,

I. P. CARR DRY GOODS COMPANY,

Haskell,

North Side Square

Texas

Wall Paper Prices Cut Half

In order to clean up our 1912 stock of Wall Paper and to make room for the 1913 stock, beginning December 2nd and continuing until Christmas, we offer our entire stock of Wall Paper at

HALF PRICE

This doesn't mean odds and ends and mismatches, but nice clean combination patterns. Get yours before the stock is picked over. PAINTS and OILS at greatly reduced prices during this sale. Paint your house while these prices last.

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HASKELL, TEXAS, Dec. 7, 1912.

There is a rumor current that the Katy is negotiating for the purchase of the Wichita Valley railroad. We predict that by the time the Katy gets control of the Wichita Valley, that the Santa Fe will be constructing a line from Post City to Fort Worth via Haskell. When Haskell gets the Santa Fe, the natural advantages of this place will be developed and the artificial town built on wind will witness Haskell come into its own. The big capitalists who have been fighting Haskell have about unloaded their interest, and will cease to oppose us.

We old settlers who have worked and waited will come into our own yet. Haskell has always been the logical point and had the natural advantages to make the city of the west, but it has not suited the interests of the fellow who have been making the big money on West Texas lands.

The Christmas spirit is beginning to pervade the air. Haskell merchants have the holiday goods. Do your shopping early.

Let the Free Press do your job work. All work guaranteed satisfactory.

Reduce the Wages of the Boss.

He is a rather snappy little Irish chap, and he comes in on errands every day or so. The other day I said to him, "How much wages do you pay Hogan (his employer) every week?"

"Me pay Hogan? Don't pay Hogan nothing."

"Oh, I am sure you do," said I. "How do you make it out," said he, "that I pay Hogan?"

"Well, it is this way," said I. "Don't you know as much about the business as does Hogan, and are you able to go ahead every day without his having to show you every little thing?"

"Why, of course not," said he. "I've only been there about six months, and I'm only sixteen years old."

"Well," said I, "if you could do all the things I said, if you could go about your work every day without ever being obliged to ask Hogan for information, if he did not have to watch you, if you could just take hold and push work along like he does, then what do you suppose you could earn?"

"Oh, I guess," said he, "that I could earn about \$26 or 27 a week."

"Then, my dear boy," said I, "don't you see that just because you are not able to do all these things without his standing over you, to direct you in every little detail of your duties, that he is entitled to some wages from you for all this direction that he must give to you?"

"Well, maybe that's it," said the youngster.

"And then, don't you see," said I, "that the wages you are paying to him every week, even though you don't see the cash, equal the difference between the wages you receive and those you would receive if you were able to do all these things?"

"I see," said the youngster, and he did see, for he added: "Then it's up to me to cut down Hogan's wages."

"That's the problem, my boy," said I.—The Chancellor (Omaha, Neb)

LAND LOANS

Come to headquarters for your loans. We make a specialty of the loan business and are prepared to give you most any class of loan, and when it comes to service we are there with the goods. We hold the record for quick loans. None too small or too large for us to handle. We are doing most of our own inspecting this season and save you waiting on an inspector. Do not fail to see me before you place that loan. See me at Haskell State Bank.

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LOCAL NOTES

Get your stove wood from Pinkerton & Loe.

HOLIDAY GOODS at Spencer & Richardson.

M. Pierson of Rule was in the city last week.

Call on Pinkerton & Loe when you need a dray.

Mr. W. M. Drusedow has moved to Milan county.

J. J. Pace is in Bartlett this week on business.

Dick Carney of Stamford was in the city Sunday.

D. M. Cogdell of Abilene was in the city last week.

For Sale Cheap—A family survey. W. A. Carlisle. 2t.

C. D. Beasley made a business trip to Weinert this week.

Mrs. J. S. Williams is visiting at Waco, Marlin and Bremond.

J. W. McNeely made a business trip to Aspermont last week.

Mrs. J. B. Baker returned Monday from a visit to Stamford.

Lots of King's Chocolates. West Side Drug Store.

Miss Bessie Gillam visited with friends at Stamford this week.

Our drays are always subject to call. Pinkerton & Loe.

Look out for our Xmas Goods. West Side Drug Store.

George Courtney made a business trip to Greenville last week.

Baily Collins was in from his papa's farm near Weinert Sunday.

Miss Craig of Ennis is visiting her brother, R. M. Craig of this city.

Miss Vera Neathery of Stamford was visiting in the city last week.

Miss Docia Winn visited in Stamford the early part of the week.

Mrs. Zuma Jenkins of Mineral Wells visited with Mrs. J. J. Stein last week.

J. D. Hall the brilliant editor of the Rule Review, was in the city last week.

Miss Mary Winn has returned from a visit to Miss Neathery of Stamford.

Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Morrison have moved to their new charge at Cleburne.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ferguson visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lambert Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Conley have returned from an extended visit to Throckmorton.

F. M. Todd and Henry Johnson, left Sunday night on a business trip to Fort Worth.

Royal Society Packages and threads just received. I. P. Carr Dry Goods Co.

See our Eastman Kodaks and films for Xmas Gifts. West Side Drug Store.

We take the greatest care of your goods hauled by us. Pinkerton & Loe.

C. H. Graves of Waco, a brother-in-law of R. E. DeBard of this city, was here last week.

Wait to see our line of **HOLIDAY GOODS** before buying. Spencer & Richardson.

C. H. Stonesifer of Rule, called at our office Monday and cashed up his subscription account.

Miss Wilhe Jones spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Miss Ruth, at Simmons College at Abilene.

Mr. W. P. Whitford left Thursday night for Gorman to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Merrit of Stamford spent Sunday visiting with their niece, Miss McKelvain.

Mrs. E. J. Marvin of Anson spent Sunday with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. E. Marvin of this city.

Miss Davis returned Monday morning from Fort Worth, where she attended the teacher's Conference.

Mrs. Heffner and Mrs. Stubbs of Ballenger and Mr. and Mrs. Teaff of O'Brien, were in this city last week.

Miss Allene and Master Teddie Collins visited with their sister Miss Sibyl at Wichita Falls last week.

Miss Bessie Parks, who has been visiting in this city, returned Saturday night to her home at Bomarton.

G. W. Jones, left last Thursday night for Wilks Point, Texas, to make his future home with his son.

Our big stock of **Holiday Goods** has arrived and will soon be on display. Spencer and Richardson.

Miss Mabel Baldwin returned Monday morning from Fort Worth, where she attended the teachers Conference.

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

Don't forget that Spencer & Richardson have most everything you might want in **CHRISTMAS** gift goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Fancier and daughter, Mrs. Grace of Seymour, visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Collins last week.

Judge William Pierson of Greenville, who was elected district Judge in the Greenville district at the late election, was visiting his brothers, and fathers family last week.

Expressions of Appreciation.

Because we can't see each of you, and tell each of you in person, how deeply it has all touched us, we employ this method of expressing our appreciation of the deep consideration, the tender thoughtfulness shown us in these black days of our bereavement. Such days are hardly borne at best; they would be utterly insupportable but for such manifestations of the loving regard of dear friends and neighbors.

Mrs. R. B. Fields and Family.

Married

Last Thursday, at the residence of the brides parents, near Weinert, G. D. Therwhanger and Miss Eula Smith were united in marriage by Rev. Stuart. The bride is a splendid young woman, and the groom belongs to one of the oldest families of this county, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Therwhanger.

The Free Press joins their many friends with congratulations and best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

Fire Destroys Barn

On last Thursday, the barn of Frank Tompkins with contents west of town was consumed by fire. A large amount of forage, a separator and two buggies were burned. Mr. Tompkins had small insurance. The fire was caused probably from spontaneous combustion. Mr. Tompkins was in his field at work, and Mrs. Tompkin was in the house. Neighbors saw the fire start in the hay loft.

Money to Loan.

We are again prepared to loan money on land. Will make loans for five years with option of paying at end of 3 years or will divide into 10 payments with option of paying all at end of five years. If you want to borrow on land or all vendor lien notes come and see us.

Sanders & Wilson.

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WE begin in the November issue a series of real love-letters written over fifty years ago by one of our national heroes to his sweetheart during the period of '61 to '65. This great general will go down to posterity as having accomplished one of the most brilliant feats of arms in the history of the world. He was as great a lover as he was a general, therefore these letters combine authentic history and exquisite romance. They sound a human note that no other work of literature has done in a decade; it is war, it is romance, it is history, it is literature. You simply can't afford to miss this wonderful series—an inside story of the Civil War now published for the first time and containing all the freshness of a contemporary happening. These letters will grip you hard, and hold your interest from first to last. Fill out the coupon and send it now before you forget it.



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HASKELL TEXAS

COMMISSION

You have heard of Sales and have seen Sales, but now you have THE ROBERTSON—a damaged goods sale, o

WHAT DOES A ROBERTSON S

All the old settlers know what it means, but it may be necessary to tell some others that it means a general sale along those lines and all of our old friends and customers know that when the Robertsons say bargains they have not traded with us to come to this sale and learn the Robertson way.

Our Sale Opens Friday Dec. 6th

Everything in the store in the lines of staple and fancy Dry Goods, Ladies Dress Goods, Men's and complete line of Notions, Men's and Boy's Clothing and Hats, Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes and you ever saved before in the purchases of a like quality of goods. We are not putting this sale on our stock and make room for a big, new stock of seasonable goods for next Spring's trade and because we suggested that we put on one and give them a chance at bargains in the old Robertson way, and as a treat and, of course, that will necessarily let everybody else in, but we will be glad of that because the Robertson way and the Robertson quality of goods.

It is the usual custom to quote a

But such prices do not mean anything, because you do not know whether they are real or not. We are not quoting any prices in this advertisement. But you will like our prices when you see them and see for yourself, for we know that we will do business with you when we have a sale.

BEGINS FRIDAY DEC. 6th

Our store will be closed all day Thursday, December 5th, while we are rearranging our stock. **CHEAP ENOUGH.**

HASKELL TEXAS

ROBERTSON

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COMPANY

HASKELL TEXAS

REAL SALE. We are not advertising a bankrupt sale, nor a below cost sale, nor
but a ROBERTSON SALE.

SALE MEAN TO THE PEOPLE?

genuine, honest, bargain sale of high grade, dependable goods. We have built up the reputation of our store
they mean BARGAINS and not baits with a few leaders to catch suckers, and we want those who

and will Continue 16 Selling Days

and Women's Underwear, Ladies Suits, Coats and Skirts, Laces Embroideries and trimmings, a com-
and Slippers-all go in this genuine bargain sale at prices that will save you more money than
e on because we are hard up and pressed for money, but because we want to thoroughly clear our
because many of our old customers have reminded us that every body else has had sales this winter and
we have decided to do it. We have had a very fine business this season and can afford to give them a
use it will give us an opportunity to get acquainted with them and for them to get acquainted with

a lot of prices in advertising Sales

really low or not until you look at the goods and see the quality. For that reason we
when you see the quality of goods they go with, So we simply invite you to come to this sale
when you do that. REMEMBER the date and come before the stock is picked over.

CLOSES TUESDAY DEC. 24th

and marking the goods. Our groceries don't go at cost in this sale, but they will be
GH, COME AND SEE

ROBERTSON BROS. CO.

HASKELL TEXAS

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Be cured and be happy. Great opportunities for investment in farm lands and city property. Farmers often make cost of land in one year. Ask

AMOS MOORE,
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CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

A Stitch in Time

Haskell People Should not Neglect Their Kidneys

No kidney ailment is unimportant. Don't overlook the slightest backache or irregularity. Nature may be warning you of approaching dropsy, gravel or Bright's disease is seldom fatal if treated in time, but neglect may pave the way. Don't neglect a lame or aching back another day. Don't ignore dizziness, urinate, or discolor urine, headaches, weariness or depression. If you feel you need kidney help begin using the reliable, time-tried remedy, Doan's Kidney Pills. For 50 years Doan's have been found effective. Endorsed by Haskell people.

Mrs. E. E. Williams, Haskell, Texas, says: "Sometime ago we got Doan's Kidney Pills from Corner Drug Store (now the Corner Drug Store) having heard of their being a good remedy for kidney complaint. We can say that this preparation can be relied upon to relieve backache and pain in the joints. Our experience has convinced us of this fact."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

A Change Of Name

A spinster of uncertain age, while shopping in the city, by chance ran across a man whom she had known as a boy. Greeting him cordially, she was surprised to find out that he did not recognize her.

"Whv, Mr. Smith," she exclaimed, "don't you remember me? I am she that was Cornie Brown."

"Is that so?" responded Mr. Smith.

"And what is your name now?" "Cornelia," she replied.

PEOPLE SHOULD GUARD AGAINST APPENDICITIS

Haskell people who have stomach and bowel trouble should guard against appendicitis by taking a good remedy for kidney complaint. We can say that this preparation can be relied upon to relieve backache and pain in the joints. Our experience has convinced us of this fact."

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"Try Cardui," writes Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I was in a very low state of health, and was not able to be up and tend to my duties. I did try Cardui, and soon began to feel better. I got able to be up and help do my housework. I continued to take the medicine, and now I am able to do my housework and to care for my children, and I feel as though I could never praise Cardui enough for the benefits I have received."

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All For Sister.

It was the celebration of Willie's fifth birthday, and he and his little guests sat around the festive board eager to begin the feast, when the host's sister, a comely spinster, marched in bearing aloft a frosted cake, out of which flared up five colored candles.

Murmurs of admiration and awe followed from all sides of the table, and as sister placed the cake squarely on the cloth and drew back, Willie turned his blinking eyes from the five brilliant candles, and said, enthusiastically, "Sister, if this was your birthday, the whole room 'd be ablaze, wouldn't it?"

Stands Ahead

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He had returned home in the evening, tired and ready for a restful hour or two.

"John, my love," said his wife, sweetly, "did you post that letter I gave you this morning?"

"Yes, my pet," said John, hiding his conscience stricken face behind the newspaper.

"Well, what is your answer," still more sweetly.

"Wh-what is what," gasped John.

"What is your answer, dear?" said his little wife clearly. "That letter was addressed to you."

"Addressed to me?" exclaimed John. "I didn't notice it."

And then, like a foolish man, he fell into the trap and produced the letter from his pocket to see. The envelope was not addressed to him, but a long and severe lecture was.

Itching Piles

I want you to know how much good your Hunt's cure has done me. I had suffered with Itching Piles fifteen years, and when I was traveling thru Texas a man told me of your Hunt's cure. I got a 50c box and it cured me.

John Bradley,
 Caney, Kans.

Meddlesome Uncle Sam.

Two Tennessee mountaineers, meeting by chance in Knoxville, were overheard discussing the recent border situation in the Southwest.

First Mountaineer—"What's all this talk about the sojer, bein' ordered to the Mexican line?"

Second Mountaineer—"Why, it's this way: there's liable to be serious trouble between the people of Texas and the Mexicans."

First Mountaineer—"Well, what the deuce does Uncle Sam want to butt in fer? why can't he leave 'em alone? Texas don't need no help."

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, O., by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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Owing to our large attendance, many students from a great distance and that could not go home for the holidays, others anxious to finish their courses, that they may accept positions awaiting them, we will give no vacation except on Xmas day. New students may continue to enroll and take up work to the very best advantage without being interrupted with a vacation.

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"Well," he answered, "I'll try. But leave the light burning."

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"Have I got to sleep in the dark?"

"Yes."

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<p>Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats</p> <p>AT EXACTLY HALF PRICE.</p> <p>All \$15.00 coats go at \$7.50 All 12.50 coats go at 6.25 All 10.00 coats go at 5.00</p>	<p>The Following Package Goods Just Arrived for the Holiday trade</p> <p>Night Gowns, Combination</p>		<p>Staples.</p> <p>All 12c outing, sale price 10c All 10c outing, sale price 8c All 8c outing, sale price 5c All 10c per case, sale price 8c All 8c per case, sale price 7c All 10c domestic, sale price 6c All 8c domestic, sale price 6c All 10c domestic, sale price 5c</p>	<p>Men's and Boys' Clothing</p> <p>GOING AT ACTUAL COST.</p> <p>If you haven't bought your suit now is the chance of a life-time. Not a single suit left from last season and every one the latest styles. Read the prices below, then come as quick as you can: \$20.00 suits, sale price \$12.95 18.00 suits, sale price 11.25 15.00 suits, sale price 9.45</p>
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Married.

On last Monday Mr. J. W. Barnes of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Jimmie Johnston of the city were married at the M. E. Parsonage at Rule Rev. O. M. Addison officiated. Mrs. Johnston was a sister of T. E. Bowman of the city and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bowman, a pioneer family, who settled here before the county was organized. The Free Press joins their many friends in best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

District Court.

The district court has been in session most of the week. On the criminal docket, the cases of the state vs. Irby were dismissed. The case of the state vs. R. I. Harrison, charged with perjury; verdict of guilty and two years in the penitentiary. The case of the state vs. McMullin charged with murder, on change of venue from Baylor county, was continued on account of the absence of witnesses. The cases of M. C. Riddle and Pat Han for cattle theft, were set for Monday and Tuesday, respectively of next week.

Ben Lynch, a brother of M. L. Lynch of this city, and who now lives at Los Angeles California, is visiting his brother. Ben was a mere boy when he left Haskell but is now a big fine looking fellow six feet tall.

Mrs. R. C. Stanfield of Wichita Falls, stopped over in Haskell to pay her taxes Saturday on her return from Spur to visit a sick daughter. While in the city she called at the Free Press office and renewed her subscription.

Lost—A lady's watch with Masonic emblem, has J. W. Tubbs name on it, Crawford Lodge no. 166. Returned to McNeil & Smith Hardware Co. and receive reward.

John L. Tubbs.
2t-pd.

Don't wait until Christmas to have your pictures framed. We will be rushed then; bring them now and we can do better work.
2t Norman.

I will sell wood to people who come in on the south side of my pasture, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and will sell wood to those who come in on the north side of my pasture. Thursday and Friday. Do not come for wood when the ground is wet.

R. W. Herren. 1t. p.

Judge J. E. Poole reports that he is getting a good sprinkle of cotton for the Southern States Cotton Corporation. He took in 37 bales Wednesday, and expected to do a good business the balance of the week. He is still most enthusiastic concerning the value of this new way of handling the great Southern money crop, and believes it is going to solve the matter of getting a good price for the cotton crop.

Among those relatives out of town who were here last week to attend the funeral of the late R. B. Fields were Mrs. J. P. Haralson and son, J. P. Haralson Jr., of Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor of Kaufman, the family of Mrs. O. W. Fields of Rochester and Miss May Fields, a daughter from El Campo. Mrs. Dean of Taft, California, another daughter, could not reach here, but is expected to be here this week. Mrs. Haralson is a sister of the deceased, and Mr. Taylor is a brother of Mrs. Fields.

PEOPLE SHOULD GUARD AGAINST APPENDICITIS

Haskell people who have stomach and bowel trouble should guard against appendicitis by taking simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as compounded in Adlerika, the German appendicitis remedy. A SINGLE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY because this simple mixture antiseptizes the digestive organs and draws off the impurities. The Corner Drug Store.

The King Of Christmas

By F. A. MITCHEL

Bickerstaff quarreled with his wife and went out from his home into the world with turmoil in his head and in his heart. He saw a troubled present and a dismal future. He had married rather late in life—forty—having taken a woman ten years younger than himself. The honeymoon was pleasant, but as soon as it was over the groom, who had become set in his ways, found the task of getting used to a woman, who was fast becoming—if she had not already become—also set in her ways, difficult. There was friction. Friction makes fire, and fire burns. Bickerstaff rued the day when he had married. At last he could stand it no longer and went off by himself.

But he had tasted of the sweets of matrimony as well as the bitter. When he had ceased to quarrel his mind settled back on the sweets. He remembered his courtship days; went over the little nothings he had said to his love; dwelt on those feminine idiosyncrasies that had so charmed him.

And now what a contrast was his present life to that brief, happy season with one he had loved and who had loved him! The charm had gone out of his bachelor freedom. He was minded to get a divorce and try marriage again with another woman. No; if he couldn't live with the woman he already loved he certainly could not live with another.

He spent a long while trying to get used to the separation. He hoped some suggestion that might lead to a reconciliation would come from his wife. Then he began to dread lest she would proceed to obtain a divorce in order to supply his place.

Christmas was coming and added to his gloom. Men at business began to talk about getting this done and that done in order that they might be free to enjoy Christmas. This stung him. What in the world should he do, where go to avoid the day which would be full of misery to him as it was of pleasure to others? He could not get rid of it; he must face it.

Then something of the spirit of Christmas must have stolen into his heart, for he wrote a letter to his wife suggesting that they try to live together again or at least spend the Christmas holidays together. Doubtless he had been very impatient with her; he had not considered that her views, habits, requirements were as important as his own. If it appeared by the end of the holidays that they were as discordant as before they could part again.

At their separation his wife had gone to her former home on a farm so secluded that he heard nothing of her through others, and she never wrote him. He waited anxiously for her reply, and when it came was much pleased that she accorded with his proposition. She longed for their union as much as he did. "Try to think of some gift you can bring me," she wrote, "which will so please me that it will make me more patient with you hereafter—something not of pecuniary value. Read the poem of 'Paradise and the Peri' and you will understand. I have something for you that I hope will produce a like result."

Bickerstaff read the poem, in which a sinner takes a gift to heaven that will be acceptable and insure an entrance there. He tried many gifts and finally succeeded by offering a tear of repentance.

Mrs. Bickerstaff wrote her husband that Christmas morning would be the most convenient time to receive him. If they had a lot of children to hang up stockings Christmas eve would be preferable. As it was, let it be Christmas morning. The moment it was all arranged Bickerstaff began to fret over the period that remained before the visit. He had not seen or heard any thing of his wife for months, yet the few days' interval before he was to meet her seemed an age. While reading the poem his wife had recommended—thinking of her—a tear had dropped on the paper. He tore out the page, resolving to take it to her for his gift.

Christmas morning opened bright and beautiful. Bickerstaff had taken the journey the evening before, so he had only to drive from a hotel to the farm. He was received by his wife's parents, who seemed to be very happy. He wondered if their joy was caused by the prospect of their daughter's reunion. They led him upstairs to her room and threw open the door. There she lay in bed, pale, but happy, while a babe was pulling for his breakfast. "My Christmas gift!" she cried.

Bickerstaff made one bound for the bed and encircled his wife and his child in a single embrace.

"Now you have both got a governor," said Mrs. Bickerstaff's father, "perhaps you will not take the law into your own hands and fight it out on that line. He will rule you with a rod of iron. And yet he shall serve as a bond between you stronger than steel. Your lives are changed in this little tyrant, and, although he comes to his father on Christmas morning, a day of peace to all the world, yet shall he drag you from your slumbers at midnight and compel you to walk the floor with him."

"What gift did you bring me, deary?" asked the wife.

"Something that is now utterly useless, a tear of repentance. There will be future at least be nothing of which to repent. Our affairs are of no more importance. We shall live for the requirements of the king."

A Cabman's Experience

By EDWIN BRINSLEY

John Burns, taxicab driver, was not sitting behind the steering wheel of his vehicle on one of the principal streets of New York. It was nearly midnight, and a fine sleet was falling about him.

But John Burns was far more interested in catching a nap than in looking upon the marvelous electric display. But soon he heard his cab door open and shut and a man's voice say:

"Wake up!" John Burns turned and looked through the glass behind him upon the features of a very old man. The only part of his apparel that was not covered by his cloak was his hat, which struck the cabman as something remarkable. It was what is called bell crown, with a large curled brim and covered with a short fur. The changing electric displays lighted the wearer's face, showing a countenance not only old, but there was an evil twinkle in the eye.

"Northward," said the passenger. "On what street?" "The Bloomingdale road." "The what?" "That one." The speaker pointed to Broadway. Cabby put on the power and, turning at the corner, entered that part of Broadway lying north of Forty-second street and now the liveliest part of upper New York. After reaching a less crowded portion of the thoroughfare he asked the old gentleman behind him just where he should take him and received orders to turn into One Hundred and Fortieth street. From that time the passenger kept pointing out the way till he pulled up before an old fashioned house situated among modern edifices. The "fare" opened the cab door and, supporting himself with a staff, tottered up the walk to the front door.

From this point John Burns in telling the story appears confused. He doesn't remember whether the house was lighted or in darkness. He can't say that he saw the old man go into the house. His impression is that there were no lights in the windows and if his fare went inside he must have gone right in through the closed door. The only thing John Burns remembers distinctly is that the wind blew aside the man's cloak, which reached to his ankles and exposed a pair of legs no bigger than those of a skeleton.

However this may be, the cabman, who, it has been said, was in need of rest, soon began to doze in his seat. He was awakened by a blaze of light coming through the doorway of the house before which he was stopping and saw distinctly two persons there. The one was his passenger, the other a lady. The latter was dressed very much in the present mode of high waist, panniers and clinging skirts. The man who was bowing himself out flourished his bell crown hat, bowed very low and scraped excessively with his feet. After a number of such caperings, which made John Burns wonder, he came down the walk, turning to throw a kiss to the lady who still stood in the doorway. Then the illumination seemed to go out all of a sudden, and the passenger stepped into the cab, closed the door and said:

"Down the Bloomingdale road."

Having learned that the Bloomingdale road meant Broadway, cabby asked no questions, but motored southward. He received no order to leave the thoroughfare or to go to any particular place, so he drove on past the junction at Broadway and Thirty-third street and Madison and Union squares and thence straight southward through what is now lower Broadway. The life of the city grew less and less as he proceeded till it became the midnight of a great city. It lived up as they passed the City Hall park, adjoining which most of the newspaper offices linger, but died out as they approached Trinity church, at the head of Wall street. Burns was directed to turn into Rector street, bordering the churchyard on the south.

"Stop!" said the stranger.

John Burns drew up to the curb. "I am under deep obligations to you," said the passenger in a tone that sounded to John Burns very pompous. "You have taken me to call on my wife at her residence, and I am now going to pay a visit to a gentleman whom I was reluctantly obliged to punish for some annoying remarks he made about me. Good evening."

With a flourish of the bell crown hat, in lieu of a fare, the strange man seemed to sit up the side of a stone wall, through an iron railing, and disappeared beneath a monument located but a few feet beyond the rail.

Whether John Burns awoke from a dream or was so astonished that he didn't know whether he was asleep or awake he falls to make it appear. As to what he did the next day to clear up the matter he is explicit. He motored up to the dwelling where he had taken the stranger and asked of one passing who lived there.

"Don't know," was the reply. "That's the Jumel house. She lived in the early part of the last century and married Aaron Burr in his old age."

"Who was Aaron Burr?" "Former vice president of the United States. He killed his political rival in a duel."

From the Jumel house John Burns drove to Trinity church and, entering the churchyard, went to the monument overlooking Rector street. On the stone is cut:

IN MEMORY OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

Her Decision

By BEATRICE STURDEVANT

When Farmer Merton died, he had been dead several years. His daughter Lucy was seventeen years old. Every one said what a pity it was that she didn't have a lover, so she could be married and thus be provided for. She did have a lover, but he had gone away, no one knew where, for he was a miserably shiftless, worthless. But he was Lucy's age and the only one who had made love to her. That he was an only lover is not remarkable, for she was still almost too young to have any. Inexperienced as she was, he had went out to him, and when he departed he took it with him.

But Providence at the time Lucy was left an orphan raised up a friend for her. Stephen Woodbridge, a neighbor, thirty-five years old, hired a woman to go into the Merton home and remain there with Lucy until she could form a plan for her future. Stephen did more than this. He had her father's farm appraised by several good men in the neighborhood and bought it at a large price than the appraisement, but even with this help Lucy was left with nothing, because her father had died heavily in debt.

What was the poor child to do? A friend of Stephen's said to him one day: "Why don't you marry her? You are alone in the world, and she needs to be provided for." A great joy at the mere suggestion welled up in Stephen's heart. "I'm too old for her," he replied. But, though he knew this, he did not act upon it. He went to Lucy and told her that if she could be satisfied to be his wife her problem would be solved.

Lucy had been thinking a great deal during her trouble about James Tucker, her lover, and wished he were there that he might help her. But he was not there, and she had no expectation of his coming. So she accepted Stephen Woodbridge's proposition. Stephen had his doubts about the arrangement, realizing that she was barely out of childhood and fearing that she would not be happy with one who to her must seem an old man. He deferred the wedding for some time, leaving Lucy and the woman he had provided for her in the house where she had always lived.

It was nearly a year after her father's death before a day was set for the wedding. Stephen was very happy, for Lucy to all outward appearances seemed at least not averse to the marriage. Stephen provided funds for a wedding outfit and made improvements in his house preparatory to the reception of his bride.

But a few days before the wedding all these plans were upset by the appearance of James Tucker. Finding his sweetheart about to marry another, he reproached her. The situation caused her such unhappiness that she could not help showing it. Stephen knew that Tucker had returned and was informed that he had been devoted to Lucy, his informant adding that it would be well for Stephen to look out for the younger man. This was said not only for Stephen's sake, but for Lucy's, since Tucker's worthlessness was well known.

But Woodbridge, far from looking out for Tucker, went to Lucy and told her that he was ready to give her up. Lucy seemed much distressed, but made no reply. "If Jim has nothing with which to support you," added Stephen, "you have means of your own, for since I bought your farm a railroad has been projected to run close beside it, and it is now worth double what I paid you for it. That excess I will return to you."

Still Lucy remained silent, and Stephen went on:

"Everything having been provided for a wedding, it may as well take place—with a change of grooms. Unless you wish it to the contrary I will give orders to that effect. If I don't hear from you during today I will consider my offer accepted."

He left her in great perplexity. That afternoon Tucker came to see her to say goodby, he said. When he went away he had received permission to go to Woodbridge and tell him that his proposition to Lucy had been accepted. It was a great blow to Woodbridge, but he bore up manfully and set about completing the arrangements for a wedding at which he was to have been the groom, but was now to be replaced by one whose age was more in keeping with that of the bride.

The evening before the wedding was to take place Stephen sat down in his lonely house before a fireplace, threw on some logs and gave himself up to despondency. He had met with the disappointment of his life. At that same hour the next evening the girl who was to have been his was to be wedded to another.

While he was sitting there Lucy was trying on the wedding dress that he had provided, to see that all was right. She stood looking at her reflection in a mirror, but she was not thinking of her apparel. Suddenly a resolution came to her. Skimming down a staircase, she left the house and ten minutes later opened the door of the room where Stephen Woodbridge sat and, kneeling beside him, threw her arms about him.

An hour later Lucy in her home was married to Stephen Woodbridge, after all, the man of her choice. Her course may not have been admirable, but it was human. Moreover, it is to be remembered that she was half child, half woman.

A Cowardly Schoolmaster

By ELEANOR TRASK

When my husband got the gold fever away back in the seventies, and declared he would go to Colorado, after trying a long while to dissuade him, I said, "Very well, I'll go with you." He was mighty pleased at that, for I was so opposed to his going that he never dreamed he would have me with him. When we got out to Colorado and Jim went rambling about with his pick I went with him, though about the only thing I could do for him was to cook and mend his clothes. We hit unquitted most of the time, though occasionally we found a deserted half-log and half-earth. But we didn't like to stop at any of them, for there was generally nearly evidence of the failure of prospectors in the shape of holes in the ground.

Up to a certain point we had the same luck as the diggers of those holes, but at last one day while we were taking a noon rest and Jim was seeing some red rock near by that looked as if there might be gold in it I took the pick and, going to where it was, chipped off a bit of it. It looked so well that I awakened Jim, who the moment he saw it declared that it was nearly all gold. We worked the place for several days, at the end of which time it was decided that I should go down to Denver and see if I could get any one to furnish the money to develop our find. I filled a bag I carried with specimens, some of which were intended to pay my way. I left Jim with the claim, walked to the road where the stage passed and when it came along got aboard.

The passengers had been told that it wouldn't be safe to carry any valuables, for the coach had been robbed nearly every day. They were all very nervous and at the least sound were badly frightened. There were a woman with a coarse voice and coarser features, a couple of miners and a schoolmaster. The coarse woman said she didn't care how many road agents we would meet, for she hadn't anything to lose. The schoolmaster shrank back in a corner as though desirous of making himself as inconspicuous as possible. He was a small sized man, but seemed to me not to lack strength. The woman asked him what he would do if he were attacked, and the question seemed to throw him into a panic. He trembled all over.

The road agents stopped us, sure enough. We heard a voice in advance of us say to the driver, "Rein up, Josh," and the coach came to a standstill. It was all so quiet that we could hardly believe we were held up. But presently the door of the coach was thrown open and a man with a revolver in his right hand stood at the opening. As soon as he let go the door with the other hand he took an additional revolver from his belt.

"Step out, please, ladies and gents," he said in a tone so gentle that one would have supposed we had come to the end of our journey. The two miners got out first, then the woman. I saw a glance pass between the robber and her that made me believe they were friends. As she passed him he asked, "Anything worth having?" to which she replied, "There's a man in there playin' schoolmaster, but I suspect he's carryin' funds for a bank." As she said this she threw off her woman's hat and unbuttoned her dress, and it fell at her feet, revealing a he and not a she.

The only ones remaining in the coach were the schoolmaster and I, sitting, he on the front, I on the back seat. But while this was going on he crowded down under the middle seat.

"Come out o' that," yelled the robber, but the schoolmaster failed to obey, and the robber undertook to drag him out. To do this with a revolver in each hand was impossible. He put one weapon back in his belt and with the free hand reached in under the seat and took the schoolmaster by the collar. While he was pulling him out I heard a sharp explosion and saw the robber fall back. But before I had time even to wonder what had happened I saw the schoolmaster jump like a tiger on to the man that had been playing woman and bear him to the ground. The miners, seeing a chance for victory, sprang to his assistance and held his victim till he got a pair of bracelets on the fallen man's wrists.

It turned out that the schoolmaster was a sheriff. The recent robberies had all been committed by two men. One traveled on the coach in various disguises in order to learn what valuables were aboard the coach; the other did the robbing. The sheriff had spotted the traveling partner and had gone as a passenger to break up their game, playing timid in order to lead his enemies into an ambush.

The robber that had been killed was buried before we proceeded. His pal was taken on the coach down to Denver, where he was tried for a highwayman and sent to prison for twenty years. As for the sheriff, he went back to where he had come from and continued his official duties as unostentatiously as if nothing had happened. But he received a large reward from the express company which was sending treasure over the route.

I had good luck in Denver in the sale of my lumps and succeeded in getting capital to develop our claim. The result was "The Schoolmaster Mine," I naming it from the hero of my journey.

His Ward

By EMILY C. BOND

John Wilkins, a teacher of forty-five in his own house, which was taken care of by an old woman who had been in the family for many years, sat down to breakfast alone. Several letters that had just been brought by the postman lay on the table, one of which was from a firm of lawyers, informing him that by the will of the late Edward Burroughs he (Wilkins) was appointed guardian to the deceased's daughter, Alice.

"Ned Burroughs' will!" exclaimed Wilkins, much affected by the news, and for a time he gave himself up to reflections upon the loss of a child of his younger days. Burroughs had come to live in a different state. They had corresponded for awhile, but that inevitable separator, continued absence, had come between them, and for ten or fifteen years that had not met.

Presently the purport of the letter, his guardianship, occurred to him. He could not think of Burroughs as any older than when he last saw him and assumed that his ward was a little girl.

What this guardianship meant, whether he was expected to take care of his ward's property or his ward herself he had no idea, but his mind was soon set at rest upon opening another letter, from his wife herself, which informed him that she was without a relative in the world that she had ever seen and did not know what to do.

It seemed to Wilkins that he must see the child and learn something about her property—if she had any—and how she was to live. But just then he found it inconvenient to get away. He wrote her that the only thing for her to do was to come to him. He told her how he was situated and that Mrs. Hawkins, his housekeeper, would take excellent care of her. A reply to this letter informed him that Alice would arrive in a few days. Wilkins told Mrs. Hawkins to prepare for her reception.

"How old is she?" asked the housekeeper.

"How old is she? I don't know. She may be five or six or ten or eleven or something like that."

Mrs. Hawkins asked no more questions, but prepared a bedroom for the little girl adjoining her own in case Alice were still too young to sleep entirely alone. Perhaps she wouldn't care to sleep alone anyway.

On the morning of Alice's arrival Wilkins told his housekeeper that he would have a busy day and must rely on her to meet his ward at the station. He would send a carriage to the house at a certain hour. Mrs. Hawkins was to bring Alice home, and he would be on hand for a 6 o'clock dinner.

He was so much occupied during the day that he scarcely gave the matter a thought, but on his way home he remembered it and wondered what he would do with a child in the house. However, he could tell nothing about the matter till he had seen his ward. On entering his living room he was surprised to see a young woman dressed for dinner sitting there writing. It did not occur to him that she was Alice Wilkins. But who was she? The young lady rose—she was apparently about nineteen—and advanced to meet him. She seemed herself somewhat taken back at his appearance.

"I'm waiting for Mr. Wilkins," she remarked.

"Beg pardon. Will you tell me—who you are?"

"I'm Mrs. Wilkins' ward."

"You? Mr. Wilkins' ward? I am Mr. Wilkins."

"Dear me! I expected to meet a person the age of my father."

"Your father was just my age."

"Papa was forty. You don't look much over thirty."

During this brief dialogue a very pleasurable sensation was welling up in the bosom of Mr. Wilkins, and at the same time he was perplexed at the result of the mistake.

"Well," he said, after a welcome grasp of the hand, "you're here, and here you will have to stay till we can settle what you're to do. Fortunately, Mrs. Hawkins will make a very good chaperon and will take care of you admirably. Has she made you comfortable?"

"She has."

"I'll be ready for dinner in a few minutes."

It seemed that evening to Mr. Wilkins that his dining room looked different from ever before. The lights burned brighter, the dinner tasted better, the flowers on the table smelled sweeter. Wilkins took up the subject of his ward's future, but made no progress in settling it. As to her fortune, her father had left her nothing, and she must either marry or make her own living.

After dinner the two adjourned to the library and continued to seek for a solution of the problem. About 11 o'clock Wilkins said:

"If I were ten or fifteen years younger we might find a way out, a very desirable way—to me."

Miss Burroughs made no verbal reply to this, but cast her eyes down to the floor. Mr. Wilkins maintained a prolonged silence. Both were thinking hard.

"You might make your home here," he said at last. Still the girl made no reply. "But you would have to marry me."

Silence.

"Will you?"

"Yes."

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Open Letter To Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. J. Cox of the west side handed us the following amusing clipping from the Waco Tribune.

Dear Governor:

I hereby make application for the Cave Creek postoffice and will ask you to give it your kindest consideration. From what I can learn there will be a whole swarm of Cave Creekers wanting you to appoint them to that office, but pay no attention to their application, for I'm the very man you want.

Now, governor, you are going to hear a lot of blamed lies from some of my enemies. They will move heaven and earth to keep me from being postmaster and will not stop at anything to carry their point. They are almost sure to write you that I play pocker, get drunk, fight my wife, and am the biggest liar in the state, all of which I shall ask you to spurn, or to at least spurn the biggest part of it.

Of course I don't claim that I have never been drunk, played cards or fought my wife, but it has been a long time since I engaged in any of these pastimes. I

haven't been drunk since the fall of 1892 and I got in that position then by celebrating Cleveland's election and it has been more than two years since I fought my wife. I'm what you might call a reformed man, and I want you to bear this in mind, governor, when you get ready to consider my application.

Now, as to my Democracy, my bitterest enemy will not assail my record. They dare not. I have fought the Republicans teeth and toe nails ever since I quit wearing dresses and when but a mere child would throw dead cats in their wells, plug their watermelons, tie cans to their dog's tails and bear false witness against their offspring in the school room and a long time before a whisker bump appeared upon my bold and determined chin, I was ever ready to cast a ballot against them, throw rocks at 'em from dark alleys or stuff a ballot box.

Governor, there is no telling how many fist fights I've had in defence of our party. I've actually fought Republicans who weighed at least a hundred pounds more

than I did and who could stand flat footed and lick salt off the top of my head. The hardest fight I ever had was late one night while standing around a bulletin board that was being smeared all over with a Republican land slide from Cape Cod to the south pole.

The Republican in question was an ill-bred cuss who proceeded to yell at the top of his voice every time his party scored a victory. I stood his yells as long as I could and worked myself through the crowd close to where he was standing. I was standing in front of him when Pennsylvania came in with some 750,000 Republican majority and he opened his mouth as wide as he could and yelled "Hurrah for Penn," but he got no further. I landed on his nose with my fist with all my might and knocked him to his knees. We fought all around and through the crowd and when we were finally pulled apart I discovered that I had lost two good jaw teeth and a pants leg, but I was comforted by the sweet assurance of my friends that I had broken the fellow's nose and had chawed all the fat off one of his ears.

Governor, I merely mention the above incident to show you what a legal Democrat I am and how I struggle and fought for the party in its darkest hour of defeat. I'm not like those Democrats who are ready to quit the party when its platform doesn't suit them. I never care a dern what its platforms are, I am a Democrat, first, last and all the time and have no apologies to make for it. When it was for the free and unlimited coinage of silver, I bared my noble bosom and fought for it, and four years later when it was declared for the single gold standard I became an uncompromising goldbug and swore that I had never believed in free silver. If the Democratic party were to favor polygamy I would instantly become the Latter Day Saint and believe that old Josephus Smith was an inspired prophet and would begin to look around for another wife or two. If it should declare in its national platform for close communion, immersion and the final perseverance of the saints, I would not hesitate a moment in adjusting my religious belief to meet its platform demands.

Now, governor, I leave the matter with you. My application is before you and when you come to consider the Cave Creek postoffice remember what I've been to the party and what I've suffered. I want you to remember the fights I've had in its defense, and the many bets I've lost backing its candidates. If appointed postmaster for Cave Creek I'll conduct the affairs of that office with credit to myself, and honor to the nation. Let me warn you once more against my enemies. They are going to do their derndest to keep you from appointing me. No matter what they accuse me of, I want you to remember that I'm a reformed man and have quit all my bad habits to the exception of fighting Republicans. If from any cause you could not give me the Cave Creek postoffice I would accept any other office in the state. The reason I want the Cave Creek postoffice is that I was rearred there and want to make come true a dream of my early youth when it was my ambition to become a Cave Creek office holder. It was my youthful ambition to some day be constable of Cave Creek and when I became of age I ran for it with all my might, but alas just at the time the populist party was in the zenith of its power and I was defeated by a bow-legged, hairy bosomed member of that party.

Hoping you may see your way clear in giving me the Cave Creek postoffice, and if not that, some other postoffice I'm yours for a postoffice.

Joe Sappington.

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ALSO.—A good eleven room frame house, on best rock foundation, located in Austin, Texas, one block from State University. This place is two story and has every modern convenience, including two complete bath rooms, sewerage, gas, lights, water etc. One block to car line, one block to University, six blocks to State Capitol. The lot is 70x128 and is east front with alley at rear. In the very best location. Place now leased for two years at \$60.00 per month. Price \$11,000.00 Enc. \$1500 during Nov. 1913. Will trade for South Texas land in Corpus Christi Country, putting in for about half. Some cash and notes for balance. Both these belong to same party, and will consider a proposition on either or both. Tell me what you can offer.

FIRST CLASS HOTEL.—Large two story brick hotel building, located in Cleburne, Texas, known as the New Raymond House. Has forty rooms, halls, office, corridors, etc. Several good bath rooms with modern fixtures. Sewerage connection, lights, etc. Centrally located, with interurban in front. On corner lot 100x110, facing southeast, and has wide alleys on other two sides, giving access to all sides of the building. Everything in first class condition, present owner having spent \$3500 last year on improvements when the whole place was thoroughly gone over. The place is now leased until next March at \$175 per month, and for two years from March 1st at \$200 per month. Price of this property is \$35,000. The encumbrance is only \$6000, and present owner will clear the place if necessary. Will trade for South Texas property if priced right to about double this amount. Owner has several traddes pending, so if you have anything good to offer, let me hear from you quick. This a good substantial mad and is fully able to carry out any kind of a trade we might offer. For more information write or call on

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- 160 acres, 140 in cultivation, 5 room house, well, barn, etc. 4 1-2 miles of Robston, \$75.
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No. 11. 640 acres, near Ample, Haskell, county, 500 acres in cultivation, balance tillable, two sets of good improvements, public road on two sides of land, abundance of good water, soil is a dark chocolate, land has about an 18 inch slope to the East just enough to drain, good school and church in one mile, one of the best communities in the county, rural route and telephone. This land has been improved in the last 3 years and it is in fine shape. There is \$4000 debt on this land on easy terms at 8 per cent. Price 40 per acre.

No. 12. 20 1-2 Sections in El Paso county near Sierra Blanco. This is a splendid ranch proposition or a fine colonization proposition. If you are interested in a proposition like this get in communication with me at once, this is a snap.

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No. 22. 240 acres of land 7 miles southeast of Haskell, 140 acres in cultivation, good 5 room house with hall and porches, good well water. \$1,100 incumbrance, on easy time.

No. 26. 140 acres of fine black land 3 miles north of Haskell, 100 acres in high state of cultivation, every foot good tillable land, 5 room house, fair outbuildings, young orchard; well, tank and cistern water, public road on north and east of land, good school and church in one-half mile, price \$50 per acre, would trade for good private boarding house in good Central Texas town, \$750 incumbrance, easy.

No. 27. 400 acres of land 4 miles southeast of Goree, Knox county, 135 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture, plenty of mesquite timber, 4 room house, fair outbuildings, good tank and cistern water, dark Chocolate soil, on public road, rural route and telephone, this is a bargain, at \$35 per acre. \$1000 cash and 10 years on balance.

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