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The Baird Star.

Our Motto: " 'TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIT-UP-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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Seasonable Suggestions to Successful Farmers

OUR SERVICE AND WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

We are here to help in real team work. You are planning a big year on the farm—the biggest in your life time. Good Tools and Farm Machinery is half the battle.

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Means the very best in every way. We have a full and complete line of these implements in both Riding and Walking Plows, Planters and Cultivators and from our immense stock you can select whatever kind of Farm Implement you want as you well know. The J. I. Case people make the lightest plows on the market and at the same time they are guaranteed to give the best service in every way. Farmers who have used this line of implements will bear us out in this. They are adjusted in every way to give service and maintain strength. Let us show you this line of farm implements before you buy any for the beginning of your farm work.

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Stores at Baird, Clyde, Cross Plains and Denton

BAIRD, TEXAS

COLD WEATHER

As usual last Sunday was cold. 18 degrees and a light snow. A second norther hit this section Wednesday night and the thermometer registered 13 degrees Thursday morning. It was very cold last night and the thermometer registered 12 degrees at 8 o'clock this morning.

WANTED.—Man to work on farm and ranch, prefer married man with small family.

W. R. Hickman,
Baird, Tex.
8-1f-adv.

NOTICE.—Will the party who took the grubbing hoe from the Belle Plain Cemetery please return same to the Cemetery and no questions will be asked.—Cemetery Committee. 8-1f

M. C. COUNCIL DEAD

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. M. C. Council, of Clyde, on Wednesday night. Mr. Council was a well known attorney. At times Mr. Council acted as correspondent for THE STAR and occasionally wrote on different subjects. Mr. Council was only ill a short time, and his death came as a shock to his family and friends. We shall miss our genial friend, who was always in a pleasant humor and had a good word and a smile for all. Peace to his memory. A good, kind hearted man has "passed over" ere he had reached the meridian of the average life of man.

BIG STRIKE IN GERMANY REPORTED

Seven hundred thousand workmen are out on a strike in Berlin. Near a million in all throughout the country. The workmen demand peace. If reports are true as to strike and food conditions in Germany and Austria most anything may happen. The cry for bread and the beating of a single drum started the French Revolution and drenched Europe in blood one hundred and twenty years ago. The German population are evidently becoming restless and no telling what may happen. Something is going to crack before long, but no one can say what nation will feel it first.

Fresh Oysters on Tuesdays and Friday's at B. L. Boydston's market. 8-2t-adv.

SURGICAL DRESSINGS

Since St. Louis is asking for the out put of surgical dressings through the work room, rather than through the teaching of classes, there will be but one more class of surgical dressings taught in Baird. There will then be enough supervisors to show those who come into the work room as volunteer workers how to make the dressings that the Red Cross is calling for as needed. The appeal for volunteer workers is urgent. We ask the ladies of Baird to give us all the time they can spare. The work room will be open Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 5 p. m. The new class in Surgical Dressings will be enrolled Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 5th. Workers are requested to bring aprons, head coverings and scissors. Mrs. J. M. Wagstaff, of

Abilene, spent Wednesday in Baird and gave the final examination to the Surgical Dressings class, which she has been conducting for the Red Cross.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Next Sunday will be the fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. H. M. Peebles, of the Presbyterian Church, and the occasion will be appropriately celebrated at the morning service. Regular communion service, reception of members and baptism of children if parents desire. All members and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend these services at 11 o'clock. The evening service at 7:15 will be a public service by the Christian Endeavor. Music, reading, etc. It will be interesting and helpful. Come.

Make your hens lay while eggs are high by giving them "More Eggs". Mrs. W. Y. Switzer has it.

MARRIED

Miss Eva Gillit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gillit and Mr. Charlie Brandon, of Putnam, Tex., were married at the Methodist parsonage Jan., 19, 1918. They will reside near Putnam where Mr. Brandon has charge of a farm.

DR. SIMMONS

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, of Abilene, will be in Baird, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Office with Dr. Griggs. 9-3

WANTED—an electric generator for charging automobile batteries. Any one having one for sale see me. 9-2t
Harry Berry, Garage

J. H. TERRELL

OPTICIAN-JEWELER-DRUGGIST

Some Facts Concerning Your Watch

The balance wheel, in modern watches, make one revolution each time the watch ticks. The watch ticks five times each second, 300 times in one minute, 18,000 times in one hour, 432,000 times in one day and 157,370,000 in one year. And yet we only have a watch cleaned once a year, to have it keep perfect time. As an expert of 23 years experience in the repairing of all makes of watches we know we can give you absolute satisfaction and guarantee perfect time. Consultation free.

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Come to the best—when you think you need Glasses. If you don't need them we will gladly tell you. That is our reputation. We make glasses to stop Eye-strain, Headaches, Blurred Visions or any Eye discomforts caused from some Optical defect of Vision. Your reading and all close work will be easy, and enjoyable. No strain, no effort. We guarantee a perfect vision, both far and near. Kryptok Lenz. Seamless for reading and distance

And About Your Jewelry

Undoubtedly you have some old fashioned Locketts, Chains, Rings, etc, given to you when a child, or something in Jewelry that mother had—and you just can't part with it and it is too old fashioned to wear now. Do you know that we can melt it and make it into new designs that you can wear, with very little cost? We also repair and finish like new any piece of Jewelry brought us. No charges made for cleaning Jewelry.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER

has been a household remedy all over the civilized world for more than half a century for constipation, intestinal troubles, torpid liver and the generally depressed feeling that accompanies such disorders. It is a most valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia and liver trouble, bringing on headache, coming up of food, palpitation of heart and many other symptoms. A few doses of August Flower will immediately relieve you. It is a gentle laxative. Ask your druggist. Sold in all civilized countries.—Adv.

One Failure.

"Everything is striking about this mansion."
"Yes, everything but the clocks."

A BRIGHT, CLEAR COMPLEXION

is always admired, and it is the laudable ambition of every woman to do all she can to make herself attractive. Many of our southern women have found that Tetterine is invaluable for clearing up blotches, itchy patches, etc., and making the skin soft and velvety. The worst cases of eczema and other torturing skin diseases yield to Tetterine. Sold by druggists or sent by mail for 50c. by Shuptrine Co., Savannah, Ga.—Adv.

Appropriate Results.

"Did the actor get a hand on his nose?"
"No; he made such a fist of it."

Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills contain nothing but vegetable ingredients, which act gently as a tonic and purgative by stimulation and not by irritation. Adv.

"Certainly," says the average man, "if all the fools were dead our ideas would soon become universal."

AVOID A DOCTOR'S BILL on the first of the month by taking now a bottle of Mansfield Cough Balsam for that hacking, hollow cough. Price 25c and 50c.—Adv.

Year of Christ's Birth.

History tells us that for 500 years the Christians had no calendar of their own, but reckoned the years according to the customs of the nations to which they belonged. The Roman Christians used the "Anna Urbis Condita" or year of the founding of Rome, to count from; others counted from the reign of Diocletian, calling it "the Era of the Martyrs;" and still others used the calendar of the Copts of Egypt. In the sixth century Denis the Little, a Greek monk living in Rome, made a calendar counting from the Incarnation, the date of which he fixed at 753 A. U. C. So we commonly say that Rome was founded in 753 B. C. At the beginning of the eighth century, the venerable Bede pointed out that this was an historical blunder. But no general notice was taken of his criticism, and the error has continued to this day. Historic facts have enabled modern scholars to determine, without much possibility of doubt, the exact year of the birth of Jesus, and to place it at what we call 5 B. C.

Origin of "Assassin."

The drug hashish or Indian hemp, for which Egyptians will pay such a high price, has given us our word, "assassin." These desperadoes formed originally a secret society in Persia, relates London Chronicle, in the eleventh century, members of which were under a vow of blind obedience to their chief. They were called upon to perpetrate the most atrocious deeds, and before these ruffians were sent out to perform their gruesome tasks they were given hashish, by which they were thrown into a kind of ecstasy or intoxication. Hence they were called "Hashishin," meaning hemp-eaters. The word became part of Western languages, but was changed into "assassins."

When a man sets a good rule of life, often he feels like exhausting the exceptions to prove the rule.



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"There's a Reason"

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By WILLIAM A. RADFORD.

There are many good reasons for building a home and making it entirely modern, both in its outside appearance and in its interior arrangement.

There is pride of ownership which benefits the entire family, making them more self-respecting and more to be taken account of in the affairs of the community. There is the matter of sound construction, which keeps down the coal bills and makes the house more livable in all kinds of weather—an advantage that is not always a possible attainment in the rented house. And then there is the advantage of convenience to the family, and especially the housewife in doing her work.

We are coming more and more to give first importance to this proposition of convenience in the home. Running water, both hot and cold, basement heating plant, modern lighting, either by electricity or acetylene, and built-in furniture, are all essential features of a really up-to-date residence, and no one would think of building today without providing for them. They

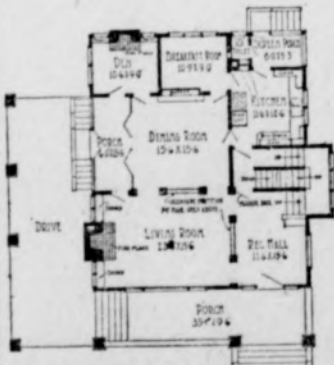


cost a little, but not much as compared with the benefits to be derived.

Strangely enough, the farm homes have not kept pace with city homes with respect to these conveniences, and this in spite of the fact that the average farmer can buy and sell the city dweller several times over. Farmers have been just a little slow in taking up with these improvements, probably because of imagined difficulties connected with their installation; or because they imagined the expense would be far more than it really is.

There has been a great deal of talk about farm labor—and the shortage of it. The farmers have been urged by everybody who can write an article for the papers, to produce as great a crop as possible. But there has been little said about the farmer's wife—and what all of this increased production means to her.

When the farmer himself is hard pressed, as at harvest time, he can generally secure additional help to take care of the crops. He may have to pay a little more than in normal times, but he secures the additional



First Floor Plan.

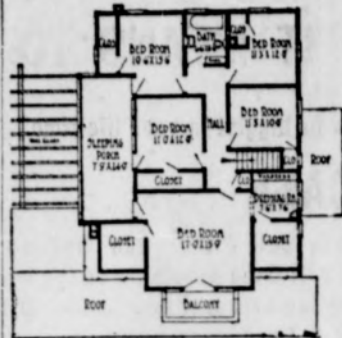
labor as a general proposition. But the farmer's wife is not in such a fortunate position. She can't very well call in additional help.

Every increase in acreage upon the farm means additional work for the farmer's wife. Every time another "hand" is employed, it increases her work, of course. Already burdened to the breaking point in normal times, the farmer's wife now finds herself sorely pressed to drag through the day's toll, made heavier by the increased acreage with its attendant increased labor in the fields.

The farmer's wife never has been appreciated in this country to the extent she should be appreciated. She doesn't figure in the calculations as

she deserves. She is not equipped with the proper working tools, as a general thing, and conveniences and comforts are not provided for her as they should be. Many a well-meaning farmer who believes that he does his duty toward his wife will spend a hundred dollars for an implement to be used in the fields, and then complain at spending 10 cents for a cooking utensil that would save his wife a lot of labor. He will go to great pains to provide water for the stock, as he should, but he overlooks providing for the kitchen. He appreciates the advantages of labor-saving machinery for the fields, but fails to note that it would also prove advantageous in the home.

The accompanying perspective view and floor plan present a style of house that has found great favor during re-



Second Floor Plan.

cent years. This is a residence style that builds the attractiveness of the bungalow design into a two-story residence. This plan shows some new and pleasing features. Some of the attractive details are the drive with two side entrances; the wide porch, commanding a sweeping view; the folding doors just off the dining room, giving an outdoor eating place; the attractive den; the novel openings between the hall, living room and dining room; the economy of space used in building the main and service stairs; the arrangement of the kitchen, which tends to give maximum efficiency in the preparation and service of meals.

On the second floor the arrangement of the bedrooms and the sleeping porch gives a maximum of usefulness. There

are large, roomy closets in each room and a special feature of the front room is the dressing room with a triple mirror. All of the closet doors have bevel plate mirror panels. The kitchen is fitted with a built-in cooler, bins, wood lift, ironing board and sundry cupboards. There are no cut-up moulds or useless trim to catch dust and make a burden for the housewife to carry. The exterior finish is spruce siding, rough side out, stained brown. The interior is Douglas fir, stained golden oak to preserve the figure of the wood. The dimensions, exclusive of the porch, are 34 feet by 43 feet. This is a thoroughly modern design, which is equally good for the farm, village, or suburban town. It is the story-and-a-half bungalow type that makes full use of the space up under the roof. Some very graceful ideas are worked into this dwelling, both for outside ornamental effects and disposition of the space inside. It is a design that can be studied with profit by any prospective home builder.

William Wilkie Collins.

Wilkie Collins, the English novelist, visited the United States in 1874, and gave public readings of two of his short stories. His fame as a novelist culminated with the publication of "The Woman in White" in 1860, and great crowds went to see and hear him read. The two stories he read in this country were "The Frozen Deep" and "The Dream Woman," which had not yet been published. His full name was William Wilkie Collins. He never made public or literary use of the William, although it was his father's name. The father was a celebrated painter of Royal academy fame, and, as a London critic said, "the son describes a picture as happily as the father painted it," not meaning that the son described painted pictures, but referring to his graphic style. He wrote a biography of his father.

German Miners' Superstitions.

Speaking of miners' superstitions, in Germany the workers underground believe that the mines are infested by gnomes that prowl about, filling and emptying the lodes and engaging in all sorts of mischief, observes a writer. If displeased with a worker, they are likely to throw him down a ladder or crush him beneath a fragment of rock. Chief of the Teuton mine gnomes are Nickel and Kobold. The former is a benevolent and helpful goblin, but Kobold is wicked and malevolent. To propitiate them, two metals, nickel and cobalt (both originally discovered in Saxony) were named after these subterranean bogies.

How Financial "Sharks" Work

Experience of John Jones in Speculation; Sound Advice for Investors

By S. W. STRAUS (Prominent New York and Chicago Banker)

John Jones, a prosperous business man in a middle West city, slit open an important-looking envelope just handed to him and unfolded the crackly letterhead. Across the top of the sheet was engraved:

SMITH & BROWN
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Below was a closely typewritten letter starting with a friendly "Dear Mr. Jones." Jones leaned back in his chair and started to read.

An unusual opportunity, it seemed, was being offered to him. A New York brokerage firm was organizing a syndicate whose purpose was to manipulate the grain market and clean up a fortune on wheat. To do this in a big way, Smith & Brown were mobilizing the capital of hundreds of investors. The funds secured in this manner, added to their already immense resources, would enable them to run away with the market.

"In union there is strength," read the letter. "Thousands of investors with moderate means wish to share in the stupendous profits of Wall street. But what chance have they against the millions of Rockefeller, Morgan and Gould? It requires money to make money and our plan is to take the \$50 or \$100 of an individual investor and make it felt, instead of being a mere drop in the bucket."

The letter was quite reassuring. "No client of ours has ever lost any money," it was stated. Had Mr. Jones looked for it, he would have discovered no information as to when the business was established. But he was too absorbed in the glowing account of the system of Jim Smith—that wizard of finance—to beat the market. It developed after years of study and experience, and had netted him millions. He had astounded veteran speculators and Napoleons of finance with his marvelous success. Now he was going to do the biggest thing of his life. He was to give the small investor an opportunity to enter into a deal with him. And when the people got together, anything could be accomplished! 500 per cent profits were assured!

Mr. Jones thoughtfully restored the

letter to the envelope and decided he would go over it again that night.

In the quiet of his home he argued the matter out. In the letter it was stated that Smith & Brown courted the most rigid investigation and suggested that prospective clients inquire of Gunn & Bradburn, a commercial agency, as to their standing. Mr. Jones decided such would be a reasonable test, and accordingly wrote a letter to Gunn & Bradburn, asking for complete information regarding the firm of brokers. The reply was very favorable. "Smith & Brown are responsible and have ample capital. We recommend them without qualification," said the report.

Mr. Jones sent \$100 to become a member of the syndicate.

The days that followed were full of anxiety for him. How was the venture progressing? When would he receive the letter apprising him of the outcome?

The news came in an unexpected manner. It was in the metropolitan newspaper he received weekly. His read:

ANOTHER MARKET SWINDLE

Smith & Brown, "brokers," collect thousands from would-be speculators and decamp.

The thing he feared had happened to him. He was swindled!

A week or so later a letter came to him from the Society for Protection of Investors. It stated that if he had had any unfortunate dealings with the unscrupulous investment houses they, a society formed purely for protective purposes, would look into his case and see what could be done. But Mr. Jones had become wary through his experience with Gunn & Bradburn, deciding that he would stick to business and not mix in with high finance. In this he was very wise, for the Society for Protection of Investors was in reality backed by the owners of the defunct Smith & Brown. Its purpose was to direct Mr. Jones to their newest venture. And the Gunn & Bradburn commercial agency was also backed by the renowned Jim Smith and his nefarious associates for a purpose that is readily apparent.

Such, in brief, is the composite experience of thousands who trust themselves to the doubtful mercies of firms in the same category of Smith & Brown. Their appeal is subtle and often blinds the shrewdest.

How can you discriminate between the legitimate and illegitimate investment banker? First, beware of the financial house that offers stock that will on a specified date sell for a higher price, or where extravagant dividends are guaranteed, or where stock is sold "way below par" and a large commission paid to agents. These are generally the earmarks of the offerings of an unscrupulous house and should be shunned. Second, inquire at your local bank as to the standing of the firm with which you propose dealing.

INVENTORS' FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

How They Have Struggled to Obtain Money; Your Thrift Helps Progress of World

By S. W. STRAUS (Prominent New York and Chicago Banker)

It has been said that there is room for just so much in the human brain and if one's ability is as highly specialized as an inventor's, there is no chance of being capable in business affairs. Certainly, this has been borne out in the case of most inventors. Those servants of civilization have, almost without exception, faced financial difficulties of the most disheartening character. Only a few were fortunate in connecting up with men of business ability who relieved them of financial responsibilities.

Watt, the inventor of the steam engine, was so situated. When he started his experiments he was the possessor of a prosperous instrument-making business, employing sixteen men. He soon became greatly in debt and formed a partnership with a Doctor Roebuck, who agreed to pay \$5,000 of his debts, provide money for further experiments and secure a patent. In return for these advances he became a two-thirds owner. After the two had achieved partial success Doctor Roebuck suffered financial reverses. He was forced to transfer his interest to Matthew Boulton, a famous merchant of Birmingham, to whom he was in debt. Boulton was just the sort of business genius Watt required. He built a factory for the manufacture of steam engines and financial difficulties hampered Watt no more.

Edison, on the other hand, early in his career refused an offer for a partner. Although he has built up a large fortune he has frequently lost practically everything he possessed and been forced to start all over again. His "business methods" were sometimes impractical in the extreme. Once Edison was offered \$100,000 for an invention. He voluntarily offered to receive payment in annual installments of \$5,000 without interest! Again, he once received an offer by cable for "30,000." He accepted. When he received his remittance he was greatly surprised to learn that it was \$30,000. He had expected \$30,000.

Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin, never really freed himself of financial worries. He went in partnership with a Mr. Miller, and the two were forced to fight almost continually for their rights. While Whitney was experimenting and producing his

first machine, people heard of the wonderful invention and broke into his house. They carried away the model and soon a dozen similar machines were in use. This was before Whitney could obtain a patent. He worked night and day to produce another model so that he could go to Washington and patent it, but he was handicapped for lack of funds. At length the patent was secured and then two years of struggle elapsed before Whitney succeeded in proving the superiority of his machine over the imitations.

In 1795 he returned from the South to New Haven, where his factory was located, only to find that it had burned down. All his machines and papers were destroyed. In answer to his letter apprising Miller that had occurred the latter replied, "I will devote all my time, all my thoughts, all my exertions and all the money I can earn or borrow to encompass and complete the business we have undertaken."

Whitney set to work to replace his factory. He had great difficulty in securing the necessary capital. To add to his difficulties, a certain manufacturer in England stated that the product of the machine was unsatisfactory. Whitney wrote to Miller, "The extreme embarrassments which have been for a long time accumulating upon me have now become so great that it will be impossible for me to struggle against them many days longer."

He was still forced to fight in the courts because of infringements. Law suits went against him.

At last Whitney succeeded in selling rights of his machine to the state of South Carolina for \$50,000. He reported this in North Carolina and Tennessee. But then when success seemed within his grasp, South Carolina attempted to rescind its action and announced it would not pay the \$50,000 and tried to have the money already advanced to Whitney returned.

Affairs were at the darkest point in Whitney's long struggle. Just as he was about to give up, South Carolina thought better of its decision and paid the inventor in full.

But a better day seems to have arrived for inventors. Modern industrial progress has made so many demands for better methods that inventors are now eagerly sought after and usually treated fairly. Financial aid is easier to secure. The individual inventor, when he purchases his bond may be assisting the development of an invention every bit as revolutionary as the cotton gin. Without the aid of his thrift the world's progress could hardly proceed.

What Then?

"Here's a doctor says you shouldn't eat when you're worried."
"But suppose you are continually worried for fear you won't be able to get anything to eat?"

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"What did it feel like?"
"I dinna ken. He never spoke after-war-lds."—Judge.

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This distressing ailment should be relieved at once and save strain on Nervous System. CAPUDINE gives quick relief. It's a liquid—Pleasant to take.—Adv.

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"So Marie is engaged?" "Yes, to an undertaker." "An undertaker? She must be dead in love."

PROMPT RELIEF.

can be found in cases of Colds, Coughs, La Grippe and Headaches by using Lavative Quinine Tablets. Does not affect the head or stomach. Buy your winter's supply now. Price 25c.—Adv.

A Mistake.

"A laboring man has very little choice of occupation." "There you are mistaken. He can always take his pick."

Destitute in Syria.

It is reported that 1,200,000 persons are destitute in Syria, including Palestine.

To keep clean and healthy take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They regulate liver, bowels and stomach.—Adv.

Second Line of Defense.

To maintain one soldier at the front requires the labor of four men in productive pursuits.

And Uncle Sam should see that we get pure food for thought.

The best husker doesn't always make the most racket in the fodder.



For Constipation Carter's Little Liver Pills will set you right over night. Purely Vegetable Small Pill, Small Dose, Small Price

Carter's Iron Pills Will restore color to the faces of those who lack iron in the blood, as most pale-faced people do.

BRONCHIAL TROUBLES Soothe the irritation and you relieve the distress. Do both quickly and effectively—by promptly using a dependable remedy—PISO'S

LEGISLATIVE INQUIRY PRACTICALLY OVER

GENERAL COMMITTEE DESIGNATES SUBCOMMITTEE TO DRAFT ITS REPORT.

University Report is Considered Almost Entire Day and Several Amendments Adopted.

Austin.—The central investigating committee appointed a subcommittee to draft the report of the central body. They were instructed to get their report ready as soon as possible.

Monday was devoted to the discussion of the report of the subcommittee that investigated the state university. It was defended by Representative Davis and adopted with but few amendments.

Austin Goes Dry by 102 Majority.

Austin.—Prohibition carried in Austin, capital city of Texas, by a majority of 102 Monday. A comparatively light vote was polled.

Two Aviators Killed in Collision.

San Antonio.—Two cadet aviators, Frank L. Seery of Evanston, Ill., and V. C. Dunham of Rochester, N. Y., were killed in a collision in the air at Kelly field.

One Killed and 15 Hurt in Collision.

San Antonio.—Fireman W. D. Coursey of Waco, was killed and 15 others were injured, several seriously, when a passenger train from St. Louis on the M. K. & T. collided with a steam shovel in the suburbs of San Antonio.

Gunners Go to Target Range.

Fort Worth.—Artillerymen, whose hike to the target range 15 miles west of Camp Bowie was postponed on account of the cold weather, began leaving the cantonment Monday and pitching their tents at the Corn and Hildreth ranches.

Big Property Loss in Temple Wreck.

Temple.—Seven cars of merchandise and dead freight including a car of gasoline, were piled up and almost totally destroyed in a wreck of a Santa Fe freight train two miles west of Temple.

Milam County Saloons Closed.

Rockdale.—Saloons closed in Rockdale Wednesday night as a result of the recent local option election in Milam county.

Zero Weather at Colorado, Texas.

Colorado.—The thermometer registered 6 degrees below zero here Tuesday morning.

One Killed, Eight Hurt in Wreck.

Corpus Christi.—Will McClane, 40, conductor of the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico railway, was killed and eight others were injured when a train on the Texas Mexican en route from Laredo to Corpus Christi crashed into an eastbound train of the Brownsville line.

AVIATION CADETS TO DALLAS

Washington.—Dallas has been officially designated as the concentration point for aviation students being taught to fly for the armed American forces that will fight in Europe.

Ft. Worth Enjoins Lone Star Gas Co.

Fort Worth.—The city of Ft. Worth has obtained a temporary injunction restraining the Lone Star Gas company from discontinuing the gas supply now being furnished the Fort Worth Gas company.

War Flour to Save Millions of Wheat

Houston.—Under the new rules and regulations governing millers, 264 pounds of 58 pounds per bushel or heavier clean wheat is required to make 196 pounds of 100 per cent flour.

Reappoints Burleson Postmaster Gen.

Washington.—President Wilson has sent to the senate a renomination of Postmaster General Burleson. This action was taken because of a law which stipulated that the postmaster general shall not hold office for more than 30 days after the end of the term for which he was appointed.

Two Killed and Seven Hurt in Wreck

Denison.—Two men were killed and several injured when the Katy Texas special left the track three miles north of Beils Friday evening. One of the dead, J. C. Blair, engineer pulling the train, was the oldest engineer in the service of the Katy system.

4,000 Men at Dallas Fair Grounds.

Washington.—Formal contract with the government has been executed by Representative Hatton W. Summers, acting for the Dallas chamber of commerce and Colonel C. G. Edgar of the signal corps, for the government's use of the Texas state fair grounds as a concentration station for the aviation activities in the southern states.

Galveston Exports \$19,456,200 in Dec.

Galveston.—The value of exports from Galveston during the month of December was \$19,456,200, as shown by figures compiled by the department of commerce and received at the customs house.

Try to Wreck Train at Waxahachie.

Waxahachie.—Trainmen and officials believe that an attempt was made to wreck a Houston and Texas Central passenger train in the yards here. The crew of a freight train which had taken a siding, found a telephone cross beam secured to the track in such a way as would have resulted in a wreck.

Campaign for Food Production Begun

Austin.—The maximum food production campaign for Texas, to be pushed by Governor Hobby in cooperation with the state council of defense and food administration, has been launched formally.

Dallas Dr. on State Board of Health.

Austin.—Dr. T. B. Fisher of Dallas has been appointed a member of the state board of health to succeed Dr. Littler of Fort Worth, resigned.

59,000.00 Bushel Wheat Crop Wanted.

Fort Worth.—Fred W. Davis, commissioner of agriculture, and Mr. Dove, an assistant, were in Fort Worth to meet with the executive committee of the Texas Grain Dealers' association.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of the Sunday School Course of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.) (Copyright, 1917, Western Newspaper Union.)

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 3

JESUS LORD OF THE SABBATH.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 2:13-17. GOLDEN TEXT—The son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath.—Mark 2:28. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS—Ex. 20:3-11; Isa. 58:13, 14; Neh. 10:31-32; Matt. 12:1-14; Luke 4:1-15; Acts 13:14-15; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2; Col. 2:16, 17.

I. The Sabbath a Boon, Not a Burden

(vv. 23-28). It has been suggested that this passage, particularly verse 23, indicates something of the poverty and simplicity of the lives of the disciples, that they lived not only a day at a time but literally from hand to mouth.

Patriotic Environment.

Happy is the home where Red Cross Bell Blue is used. Sure to please. All grocers. Adv.

Had Similar Feeling.

Miss—It's only fair to warn you, Bridget, that my husband swears a little sometimes.

Not So Much Work.

Mr. Bangor—William, have you broken another glass? William—Yes, sir; but I was very fortunate this time. It only broke in two pieces.

Expensive Hospitality.

"I like to stop at this hotel." "Why?" "The proprietor makes me feel as if I owned the place."

Economizing Time.

"What will you have for dinner?" asked the affable waiter. "Go ahead and bring what you are serving today," replied the hungry man. "Don't make me guess."

SELF DEFENSE

Defeat Backache and Kidney Trouble With Anuric

Many people in this section have suffered from rheumatism and kidney trouble and have found that Anuric was the most successful remedy to overcome these painful and dangerous ailments.

America's Great Heritage.

The man was really and organically sick; he had a withered hand which all could see—no "moral error" about it at all, and he was really healed. The Lord's Day is America's great heritage.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

To get the genuine, look for the name LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of W. W. G. J. V. Cures a Cold in One Day. 2c.

Calomel Users! Listen To Me! I Guarantee Dodson's Liver Tone Your druggist gives back your money if it doesn't liven your liver and bowels and straighten you up without making you sick.

Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. It's horrible! Take a dose of the dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you may lose a day's work. Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones.

Put a .. Stop to all Distemper CURES THE SICK. The English government has improved the quality of the ale brewed in that country.

For Pimply Faces. To remove pimples and blackheads smear them with Cuticura Ointment. Wash off in five minutes with Cuticura Soap and hot water.

Wisconsin's Fine Potato Crop. Wisconsin furnished 36,400,000 bushels of the entire potato crop of the United States, which amounted to 440,000,000 bushels in all.

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Well, Why Not? "Pa, why do we pray for daily bread?" "Why?" "Why don't we pray for potatoes?"

Bargains in new and slightly used pianos, nice stool and scarf to match. Terms if desired. Mail orders solicited.

Girl Bank President. A girl president lives in Cleveland, O. She is president of a bank, and is only seventeen years old.

Stoppage of the bowels. More cause of pain of the bowels and being distressed than from all other bowel troubles.

Dr. David Roberts' LAXATIVE. Price 50c. Sufferers from constipation, indigestion, flatulence and stoppage of the bowels thus avoiding distressing which is dangerous in itself.

Dr. May's Treatment conquers worst cases of Epilepsy, Spasms, Convulsions, Nervous Disorders. Generous \$2.00 bottle sent free.

FOUR BALES PER ACRE. The record of Vandiver's HEAVY FRUIT-EAR COTTON. Forty-six per cent lint, 1/8 inch staple.

IT'S THE SAME STORY EVERYWHERE. Irving, Tex.—"After using two boxes of Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets, I have found relief from being disturbed about three times at night; rheumatism in elbows is gone also; appetite and general health are good."

Dawson, Texas.—"I gladly give a statement as to the merits of Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets. Am nearly 78 years of age and think I can safely say that Anuric has done me more real good than anything I have ever taken for the ailment for which it is recommended."

You will escape many ills and clear up the coated tongue the sallow complexion, the dull headache, the lazy liver, if you will take a laxative made up of the May-apple, leaves of aloes, root of jalap, and Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. Adv.

Entered at the Postoffice at Baird, Texas, as second class mail matter.

W. E. GILLILAND,
Editor and Proprietor.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

One Year \$1.00
Six Months .50
Terms: Cash in advance.

The "colored troops (Mexicans) fought nobly" at El Paso, Wednesday, and the city remains wet.

Will Trotsky give up all of Poland and two or three times as much more of Russ territory that that old land robber, Fredrick the Great, failed to swip in the 18th century?

Reports come that the Russian navy has been demertized. This means that the Russian fleet like the Russian army, has been demoralized and ceased to exist as a fighting force.

Leon Trotsky's Commissioners have refused to carry on further parleys with the Germans unless the meetings are held in some neutral country, Stockholm preferred. Some believe that this is all mere play to blind the Russian people to the fact that Trotsky and Lenine have sold them out body and soul to the German Kaiser.

The war is gradually getting closer to each one of us. The marshalling of American troops will effect every family in America before another year, if the war lasts that long, and the war tax and food regulations are already felt. Let us all do our part, obey the rules regardless of consequences. That is the only way to win.

Some of Kaiser Wilhelm's subjects are talking awful sassy to one of the only divine right rulers in the world. Why does he not have these saucy socialists and liberal editors shot? There is but one answer, he is afraid to. The Hohenzollern and Hapsburg dynasties are hanging over a dangerous political volcano, and they may be snuffed out any day just as were the Russian Romanoffs. The signs may all be misleading, but it does look like the judgment day for the Kaiser and his Austrian ally is near at hand.

Rev. B. M. Tipple, who has spent many years in Italy expresses the opinion that it will take from two to four years to win the war, and in order to do it America must put forth every ounce of her strength. Rev. Tipple says that things are pretty badly smashed now and doubts that a single government over there will survive the war. He expects great political changes all over the world as a result of the war.

This is one campaign year in which THE STAR man expects to be absolutely independent and we intend to let the politicians and office seekers fight their own battles and if they scalp each other it is none of our affair. It will be rather a novel experience for us if we can remain out of the scrimmage, but for over forty years we have taken an active part in each campaign, fought, bled and died, so to speak, for our man, but the thing is getting old with us and the love of political scrapping has lost most of its charm for us.

The pros are calling for a convention to nominate a dyed-in-wool prohibitionist. If the different factions of the democratic party are not willing to abide by the action of the Democratic party the next legislature should repeal the primary law. It can be easily seen conventions to nominate candidates to go before a primary election will prove infinitely more objectionable than the old time conventions participated in by all factions. For instance a few pro leaders in the large cities will name the pro candidate to go before the primary, and a few antis in the same cities will name the anti candidate. The primary law intended to cure the abuses of the old con-

vention system will prove a absolute failure.

There is much oil talk all over this county, but whether or not it is more hot air and wild cat speculation or based on real prospects we do not know. No oil wells have been brought in in this county. A well was bored near Putnam last year and a fine flow of gas was reported, but no oil. The party wanted oil not gas and the well was abandoned at a depth of 3400 feet we believe. Most of the land has been leased in this county. We would be glad if oil and coal both could be found in this county and no doubt both are here, but whether in paying quantities or not we do not know until wells are bored. The whole business looks to us very much like wild cat speculation not only here but in other parts of West Texas. Moran has oil and gas wells, Coleman county has oil wells and why not Callahan they say. That sounds plausible, but we have had so much "hot air" promotion, leases and so on, we would like to see some holes bored and see what is below us.

We hear it rumored that Callahan county will have a candidate for the Legislature from Brown and Callahan district. Brown county will likely have a candidate too.

The city of Austin has voted local option by one hundred and two majority. Thus one by one the larger cities are voting out the saloons. Most all the smaller cities and towns are saloonless. Texas seems to be headed for the dry zone.

We confess we do not know much about the cause of the muddle at Washington, but at this distance it looks like a political squabble, especially as Gum Shoe Bill Stone of Missouri, and Teddy Roosevelt are mixed up in it. We do not think any official ever gets too great in this country to make himself immune from criticism, but we believe that much of the criticism against President Wilson, and the various departments of the government, are both unfair and unjust. Further, more it looks like the proposed law to create a "War Cabinet" is an effort to prevent President Wilson from exercising his constitutional rights as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy. This unseemly squabble at Washington will doubtless give the enemy great comfort, and the German Kaiser certainly needs all the assistance, morally and otherwise that he can get just now. Of course all parties will vehemently deny that they want to help the Kaiser, but that is what they are doing just the same.

In this issue we publish a short article from Judge Bowyer on the Ferguson episode. The main reason we do this is our love of fair play. The article was sent one of the state dailies which refused to publish it or anything else written in Mr. Ferguson's favor and the article was published in the San Saba Star and sent to us by a cousin living in Rannels county. Had the State papers published the article we would not perhaps have published it. There was, if not now, apparently an understanding among the daily papers to ignore Gov. Ferguson and his friends. It is not out of place to note here that all the grand jury indictments returned against Gov. Ferguson before his impeachment have been dismissed. Having served the purpose of discrediting Gov. Ferguson before the people and the legislature we suppose, the authors considered them no longer useful. One rather remarkable statement by the District Attorney of the Austin district was made at the time the cases were dismissed and it was that he informed the grand jury before the indictments were returned that the evidence was not sufficient to convict Gov. Ferguson or any of his appointees, a number of whom were indicted at the same time. The question naturally arises where did the grand jury get the legal advice to indict Gov. Ferguson and his appointees? The whole thing looks like a frame up.

REGISTRATION OF ALIEN ENEMIES

Suggestions and Instructions to Registrants

Persons required to register should understand that in so doing they are giving proof of their peaceful dispositions and of their intentions to conform to the laws of the United States.

Every registrant should read carefully the form of registration affidavit handed to him and ask the registration officer for explanation on all points not clear to him before attempting to fill out the blanks. Registration officers are instructed to give registrants all possible aid in the way of explanation and advice.

Each registrant is required to furnish four unmounted photographs of himself, not larger than 3 by 3 inches in size, on thin paper, with light background. All four photographs should be signed by the registrant across the face of the photographs, so as not to obscure the features, if the applicant is able to write.

Three blank forms of registration affidavit must be completely filled out by the registrant or his representative (with the exception of the blanks indicated to be filled out by the registration officer and the description of the registrant and the placing of finger prints on the blank) and must be produced by the registrant personally to the registration officer and be signed and sworn to by the registrant in the presence of and before the registration officer, who will fill in the description of the registrant and supervise the fixing of the finger prints and the attaching of the photographs. If the registrant can not write he must make his mark in the signature space and affix his left thumb print in the space provided opposite the signature space.

The finger printing is a method of identification and follows the practice observed in the military and naval service of the United States.

The registrant is hereby informed that he must again present himself before the registration officer who took his oath after 10 days but before 15 days from the day fixed for registration in his registration district to obtain a registration card, upon which he must sign his name, or make his mark, and place his left thumb print in the presence of the registration officer.

In all towns of less than 5000 population these Aliens will be required to register with the Post Master of his town, in towns of over 5000 population with Chief of Police, registrations will be looked after by Postmaster, beginning Feb., 4th to Feb., 9th, 1918.

Very Truly,
Baylor Crawford
Deputy, U. S. Marshal.

PEOPLE TO RIGHT WRONG INFLICTED ON JIM FERGUSON

Our friend, Otis Bowyer, of Baird, has stated the following facts in such an admirable manner we herewith give them to the Star readers as they came from Mr. Bowyer's pen. He says:

"Apparently all is serene, not a ripple on the surface. So far the plan has worked to a perfection, and yet 'The best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft a gley.'"

There is a very bitter feeling in Texas growing out of the impeachment of Governor Ferguson. Pros and antis, priests and laymen, Ferguson men, men who are in favor of higher education, and men who are not, alike believe that a great outrage has been perpetrated in this state that ought not to go unwhipped of justice. Many feel that a deliberate attempt has been made to prevent Ferguson's going before the people. They also remember nearly every charge upon which he was convicted had been passed upon in his second election. The evidence in the impeachment trial was generally read and well understood by the people at large that evidence did not disclose any "High crimes and misdemeanors" or other offences of such gravity as would justify impeachment.

Andrew Johnson, while president

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce the following named candidates for office subject to the action of the Democratic primary:

DISTRICT OFFICES

For District Attorney:
W. R. Ely
of Baird
For District Clerk:
Thos. H. Floyd,
Baird
Mrs. Katie Burkett-Grubbs
Clyde

COUNTY OFFICES

For Tax Assessor:
C. W. Conner
Baird
Jack Jones
Baird
Melvin G. Farmer
re-election
For Tax Collector:
W. P. Ramsey
Baird
Roy Kendrick
of Eula
W. A. Everett
of Cottonwood
For County Clerk:
Chas. Nordyke
re-election
For Sheriff:
C. H. Corn
of Putnam
Geo. W. Williams
of Clyde
Pete Fulcher
of Baird
For County Judge:
R. L. Suries
of Baird
For County Treasurer:
J. S. Yeager
of Putnam

Rates for announcements in THE STAR as follows:

For District Clerk, County Attorney and Sheriff, \$5.00 each. All other county offices, \$10.00 each. District offices \$10.00 each. The money must be paid before the announcement is published. All candidates who pay \$5.00 will be allowed 30 lines free to make any announcement they desire. Those who pay \$10.00 will be allowed not more than 60 lines free. Any number of lines over this limit will be charged for at the regular rate.

THE BAIRD STAR

of the United States, was impeached by the house of representatives and upon the trial of the articles of impeachment in the senate of the United States came within one vote of being convicted. "The mists have rolled away" and we now know that he was not guilty of any offense and that his impeachment grew out of partisan politics. No candid man believes for one moment that James E. Ferguson was guilty of any dishonest act.

As sure as the night follows the day the people of Texas are going to resent this thing. The fires are smoldering, but they have not been quenched. For those who are responsible for this nefarious business Nemesis is not far off, and the people, too, know pretty well who are responsible for this unholy, unjust and disgraceful proceeding. Though they may feel secure and comfortable now, a day of reckoning is coming. The effort to close all the avenues of publicity will not succeed. The higher and tighter the dam the deeper and more extended the overflow.

Ferguson lifted the penitentiary system out of the "Slough of Despond" and put it on a paying basis, and the papers won't even mention his name in this connection, but attribute its solvent condition to every cause other than Ferguson's business skill and management. Until he became governor, the penitentiary system had been for years the financial bugbear of Texas.

The question is not now Ferguson altogether, but resolves itself into whether or not such a great public wrong can take place in Texas and be done with impunity.—Otis Bowyer in San Saba Star.

Gov. Hobby has announced as a candidate for governor and Attorney Looney's friends who claim he is an ardent prohibitionist will be a candidate. Former Gov. Ferguson when he was removed from office announc-

ed that he would be a candidate for re-election. O. H. Morris is a candidate and perhaps half a dozen in all will be in the race as ardent pros or ardent antis or half-baked pros or half-baked antis.

TRUKEYS FOR SALE.—For sale, 2 or 3 Toms, \$6.00 each. W. P. Brightwell, Rt., 1 Cross Plains, Texas.

OVER THE TOP

Sunday before last the Superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School made an announcement to the effect that all collections Sunday would go to Buckner Orphan Home and the class giving the most would receive a nice box of candy from him. The results were far beyond expectations and all previous records of Orphan Home Offerings were broken. The Total collections amounting to \$52.25.

GEM THEATRE

Program for Week Beginning February 1st.

FRIDAY,

"JIM BLUDSOE"

An Exciting Triangle Production in 5 Acts, featuring Wilfred Lucas Also a Triangle Comedy

SATURDAY:

"THE MEDICINE MAN"

with Roy Stewart, Bart's close second in the leading role. This is a thrilling Western Triangle play. Also a comedy

"THE BOOMERANG FRAMEUP"

and the 19th number of "LIBERTY"

MONDAY:

"EASY MONEY"

A new Brady-Made Production in 5 Act featuring Ethel Clayton also "You Know Me Al" Base Ball Comedy.

TUESDAY:

"INDISCREET CORINNE"

Featuring Olive Thomas. Advance information says this is one of the best plays Triangle has ever produced. So don't miss it.

"HIS HOUSEHOLD BUTTERFLY"

Comedy. You will not regret making a special effort to see this show

WEDNESDAY:

"STINGAREE"

in another exciting adventure. A Black Cat Feature and two good comedies

THURSDAY,

"A WOMAN'S WAY"

A very interesting "Brady-Made" Feature. A good comedy and "The Ford Weekly"

FRIDAY, Feb'y. 8th

TRIANGLE PROGRAM

A Tip-Top week's Program. We strive to please you and we appreciate your patronage.

H. T. HODGES, Mgr.

Groceries and Fresh Meats

We carry at all times a full line of fresh staple and fancy Groceries and are prepared to supply you with the best. We also carry all kinds of Fresh Meats, which makes it very convenient to order your Groceries and Meat at the same time and have all delivered at the same time. Prompt and careful attention given all orders.

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Prompt Delivery

Every Saving Depositor is Interested

in the new Federal Reserve Banking System, established by the United States Government, of which we are a member, because it makes the banking business of the country safer and sounder than ever before. But even more because it makes practically impossible another of those currency panics which in the past have caused business depressions, shut-downs and lack of employment.

Part of every dollar you deposit in this bank goes directly into this new system, making it stronger and adds to the security of your money so deposited.

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J. W. Turner, Asst. Cashier
J. B. Cutbirth.
Tom Windham

MEN'S AND BOY'S TOGS

Our new goods are beginning to arrive for Spring, and our line will be most complete. We have no old goods, everything is new, and it is our aim to give the best for the money. Let us measure you for that new Spring Suit. Our new lines are here and we guarantee absolute satisfaction. We have the celebrated Ed V. Price and International lines.

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of the very best quality of Georgia Marble and Granite at reasonable prices see me. Satisfaction guaranteed. I shall be glad to show you through my beautiful design book. Woodmen monuments a specialty. The emblem of any order put on any monument. I will appreciate the opportunity to show you thru. Telephone, write, or come to see me, or allow me to see you

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365 days in each year.
With Holmes Drug Co.

Just Put 5¢ in our **Xmas Banking Club**

Increase it 5 cents weekly and have **\$63.75** next Christmas.

You can also begin with 1 or 2 cents or 10 cents the first week and increase your deposit the same amount each week

In 50 weeks:
1 cent club pays \$ 12.75
2 cent club pays \$ 25.50
5 cent club pays \$ 63.75
10 cent club pays \$127.50

You can put in \$1.00 or \$2.00 or \$5.00 each week and in 50 weeks have \$50.00 or \$100.00 or \$250.00

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E. L. Finley M. Barnhill C. C. Seale

PERSONALS

Mrs. Tom Marshall and little son, Tom, Jr. of Fort Worth, were week-end guests of Mrs. Chas. Amacker.

Dick Morgan, of Brinkman, Okla., is visiting his sisters, Mrs. M. M. Terry and Mrs. Frank Hinds.

J. B. Williams and T. A. Daniels, of Eagle Cove were pleasant callers at THE STAR office Monday.

Mrs. J. B. Cason, of Fort Worth spent a few days in Baird last week the guest of friends.

A. L. Biggerstaff, of Putnam, an old time friend was a pleasant caller at THE STAR office Tuesday. He renewed his subscription while here.

T. P. Bearden, who has been spending sometime in El Paso and other points west, is spending a few weeks with his family here.

Robert Lowery and Nina Manche Blakley, from the Bayou spent Saturday and Sunday in Baird with their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilliland.

Buy the best—at Boydston's Market. 8-2t-adv.

Mrs. Lee Estes left on the Sunshine Special this morning for Fort Worth to visit her son, Robert, of Camp Bowie. There is a rumor that the 111th Engineers to which Robert belongs, will be ordered east soon.

John West arrived home last week from Camp Travis where he went with the second contingent of Callahan county boys. John has had quite a severe sick spell and has been given a leave of absence.

Royce Gilliland, of Headquarters Co. 142 Infantry, Camp Bowie, has been home on a ten days furlough. Royce looks well and evidently army life agrees with him. He returned to Camp Bowie today.

Hal Ramsey arrived home a few ago from Great Lakes, where he has been in the naval training school for several months. Hal has been suffering with throat trouble for some time and has been given a leave of absence for a time.

The town was full of soldiers this morning. They were from California and when they got of the train here one was heard to ask if they had arrived at the North Pole. A troop train passed through yesterday.

Pete Fulcher, of Baird, announces this week as a candidate for sheriff. Pete Fulcher has lived in the county many years, first near Oplin and the last few years in Baird. Those who know him best believe he will make a faithful and efficient officer should he be the choice of the voters at the primary election next July.

A card from Perry Gilliland this week says he was in Washington going east. Perry and Fred Frasier have been together since they entered the army at Camp Travis last September, but they were separated at Fort Hancock, Ga., Fred remaining and Perry going east. Lawrence Bowlius was also ordered east from San Antonio and is at some point in South Carolina. Irvin Mitchell has been sent from Camp Travis to Rock Island, Ill. Baird boys are well scattered from here to France.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Schwartz left the first of the week for St. Louis to buy their new stock of dry goods notions and ladies ready-to-wear garments. They expect to open up the new business in about two weeks. Look for announcement of date of opening. They have had the building remodeled throughout, a modern front with two large show windows have been put in, and it is one of the most modern business houses in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz will spend a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Max Levey, in Cincinnati.

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PUBLIC SENTIMENT IS CHANGING IN GERMANY

PAN-AMERICAN PRESS BITTER IN ATTACKS ON AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN PREMIER.

ANNEXATIONISTS ARE GOING

Deutsche Zeitung Declares it Looks to Federal Princes to Save the Situation.

The Hague.—Berlin papers indicate a different state of public opinion in Germany after Count Czernin's speech from that which previously existed. The pan-German and annexationists press attacks him with all bitterness and sarcasm.

A leading annexationist paper, the Deutsche Zeitung, demands that the German federal princes and the kings of Saxony, Bavaria and Wurttemberg shall interfere "to save the state." The paper asserts that the utmost efforts are being exerted to influence the kaiser in the direction of "influencing or modifying military measures which are now awaiting their developments."

Warning as to Finances.

The secretary of the imperial treasury, Count Rodern, is said to have sent a memorandum to the kaiser reporting that Germany's financial position does not enable her to continue offensive action.

Apparently the Zeitung considers the kaiser already lost to the annexationist cause, for it adds:

"We expect the situation to be saved only by the intervention of the federal princes, who, when all is said and done, are not less interested in the maintenance of the German empire than is the king of Prussia."

This attack on the kaiser is one of the interesting features of the situation. The Deutsche Zeitung adds that the king of Bavaria has already made his influence felt in the direction of securing peace along the lines of the annexationist program.

"It is imperative," says the paper, "that other federal princes should follow the example of the king of Bavaria and tell the kaiser the unvarnished truth regarding the fate to which he and the German people will be led by further following the policy dictated by Czernin."

Attack on Von Hertling.

The attack on Czernin is followed by an attack on Von Hertling, because, although the Pan-German papers draw attention to the differences between his statement and that of Czernin, one paper after another publishes inspired statements that Czernin's speech was made after agreement with the German government and that Czernin was put up to say what the German chancellor himself, in view of the domestic situation, was unable to say.

Italians Tell of Crimes by Austrians.

Washington.—Italian official dispatches continue to tell of atrocities and horrors perpetrated on prisoners of war and the Italian civil population by the Austro-Germans. Near Codriopo the invaders drove Italian prisoners before them to be slaughtered by the gun fire of their comrades and at Pivon the Austrians drove armies of civilians handcuffed and manacled together ahead of their advance. Escaped Italian prisoners report Austrian soldiers tearing rings from the hands of Italian women and many other deprivations.

Suicide Among German Women Great

New York.—Swiss newspapers tell of an alarming increase in the suicide rate in Germany in 1917. In Prussia the number of suicides in 1917 over previous years amounts to nearly 16 per cent, while in Westphalia, Saxony, Hessen Darmstadt and Bavaria the increase is practically the same. At a recent convention of scientists in Berlin the matter was discussed at length and it was regarded as something of grave concern. Seventy-five per cent of the suicides were women, and in most cases war conditions were the cause.

Baker Warns Against U-Boat Drive.

Washington.—Warning that the Germans are preparing for a great submarine offensive against the American lines of communication with France, in connection with the impending Teutonic drive against the west front, is given by Secretary Baker in his weekly military review. Recently there has been a marked decrease in the number of allied merchant ships sunk by submarines. The explanation of this is found in the withdrawal of submarines in preparation for the coming thrust on land and sea.

New Food Rules Now in Effect.

Washington.—Bakers began Monday the manufacture of the new Victory loaf, a war bread containing a 5 per cent substitute for wheat flour, prescribed by the food administration as a part of its 1918 food conservation program. Grocers will sell to householders wheat flour only when the purchaser buys an equal amount of some other cereal. The percentage of substitute flours used by baking establishments will be increased gradually until a 20 per cent substitution is reached on Feb. 24.

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM WEIGEL



Brig. Gen. William Weigel is commander of Massachusetts troops now in France. He has had long experience in military affairs.

NO ADVANCE TOWARD ENDING HOSTILITIES

SPEECHES OF HERTLING AND CZERNIN DESIGNED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION.

Washington.—No advance toward peace is seen here in the speeches made in Berlin and Vienna by the German chancellor and the Austrian foreign minister upon the war aims of the central powers.

Formal comment will be withheld until the texts are put out by an authorized German agency, but after reading press accounts of the speeches officials expressed the opinion that they were framed largely for internal consumption, with the incidental purpose to plant seeds of discord among the allies by suggestions of separate negotiations and to appeal to the sympathies of the Radical Socialist elements in the enemy's countries.

Regarding the design to affect the internal conditions of Germany and Austria, one official suggested that the striking differences of tone in the two notes, the German being almost defiantly aggressive and the Austrian compromising and insinuating, were calculated precisely to meet the varying conditions in the two empires.

In Austria the working people are reported in incipient rebellion and the demands for peace at almost any price are insistent and clamorous.

It is noted, however, that the speeches are interdependent; that Austria will not negotiate without Germany's consent and approval and that Germany gives her sanction to what has been done in Austria. Both spokesmen express confidence in the success of the peace negotiations with Russia, in contrast to the bitter denunciation of the conduct of the Teutons by Leon Trotzky.

In some quarters there was a disposition to find a grain of hope in the concession by both speakers that there were points in the utterances of Lloyd George and President Wilson that might be acceptable to the Germanic powers and afford a basis for further discussion.

The present belief of the officials is that there is not the slightest probability of a compliance by the United States and the allies with the final demand of the German chancellor for the submission by them of new peace proposals.

American Soldiers Lead Clean Lives.

Washington.—There never has been a similar body of men to lead as clean lives as the American soldiers in France. General Pershing said in a cablegram to Secretary Baker in reply to inquiries as to the truth of reports of immoderate drinking among the men. General Pershing's message was made public by Mr. Baker in a letter to Governor Capper of Kansas.

Coal Distribution Zones Being Fixed.

Washington.—Division of the country's bituminous coal fields into 20 districts as the first step toward instituting a zone system of coal distribution is under way by the fuel administration. Boundaries for seven of the districts already have been established and Fuel Administrator Garfield has named a representative in each. With the aid of the railroad administration, the fuel administration next will define consuming districts, each to be supplied from one of the producing districts.

Brit Drop Bombs on Cruiser Goeben.

London.—During the 43 hours seven tons of bombs were dropped on and around the former German cruiser Goeben, stranded in the Dardanelles, and upon the Galata airdrome it was officially announced. Several direct hits were obtained.

Oil Industry Buffers Heavy Fire Loss

Oklahoma City.—The loss by fire to oil and oil tanks during the calendar year 1917 amounted to the astounding figure of \$1,945,060.98, according to the annual report by C. C. Hammonds, state fire marshal. This industry was the hardest hit by fires. The total fire loss was \$5,555,656.23. This is about \$1,000,000 more than during 1916 and the biggest loss since the department was established. The fire loss has increased each year, except in 1913.

CRISIS CONTINUES IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

HUNGARY REFUSES TO SUPPLY CEREALS TO EITHER AUSTRIA OR GERMANY.

OVER MILLION REPORTED IDLE

Majority of Strikers Were Employed in War Industries and They Now Demand Peace.

Geneva, Switzerland.—Some news of a reliable nature has begun to trickle across the Swiss frontier which seemingly proves that Austria and Hungary are in the throes of the greatest economic crisis since the war began. It is estimated that more than a million workmen and women have struck. A majority of these were employed in the war industries and only a small section of them have returned in answer to the bait of higher wages. The remainder, it is said, are assuming a more than threatening attitude and daily are demanding peace and cheaper food.

It is stated that Hungary absolutely refuses to give cereals either to Austria or to Germany and that the Roumanian stocks of grains are exhausted. The military situation is involved and even endangered by the strikes which continue.

Still Strike in Vienna and Budapest.

London, Jan. 24.—Reports received in Copenhagen from Vienna indicate 200,000 men there are still on strike and that the strike continues in Budapest. A Vienna dispatch says that while work had resumed in part the strike continues in a number of large factories. The extremists are not contented with the settlement reached as a result of the government's concessions to the Socialists. They are circulating among the workmen leaflets violently attacking the official party there.

Propertyless Men Will Run World.

New York.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, declared in an address at a dinner here that the time is near at hand "when the men of the working class—the men without property—will control the destinies of the world. The Bolshevik sentiment must be taken into consideration, and in the very near future we must look to the worker for a solution of the great economic questions now being considered. I am not one to carelessly turn over my belongings for the uplift of the nation, but I am one who has come to a belief that the worker will rule and the sooner we realize this the better it will be for our country and the world at large."

Ship Only Wood and Coal—Garfield.

Washington.—An urgent recommendation that an embargo be declared for a few days on account of compliance with the railroads of any freight except coal and wood has been submitted to Director General McAdoo by the fuel administration. This action is imperative, Administrator Garfield said to assure adequate movement of fuel during the balance of the week, when the general transportation situation threatens to become worse daily owing to the prolonged strain on railroads of deep snows and intensely cold weather.

River Rhine Floods Cologne Streets.

Washington.—A flood reported in the upper Rhine valley has inundated the city of Cologne, destroying quantities of provisions stored in cellars, dispatches received here said. In some localities the rise of the river was so rapid that the people had to be aroused by the tolling of bells. Troops were sent to aid the inhabitants. The tributaries of the Rhine also are overflowing, interrupting railroad traffic, while many communities in the valley of the Moselle are completely cut off.

General Wood Wounded in France.

Washington.—Major General Leonard Wood, in France on an observation tour, was slightly wounded by an accidental explosion which killed five French soldiers and hurt two other American officers. It is understood the message was brief and gave no further details. General Wood's tour would carry him both to the front and to the American training camps behind the lines, but there is no indication as to where the accident occurred.

Hoarded Butter to Be Sold at Cost.

New York.—Nearly 31,000 pounds of butter hoarded by Charles Wilner, a Brooklyn retailer, since June in the hope of a raise in price, is to be distributed by the federal food board to hospitals and charitable institutions. It is announced.

Navy Perfects Deadly Anti-Sub Shell

Washington.—The "non-rochet" shell, a weapon as deadly as the depth charge, is the newest device perfected by the navy ordnance experts for use against German submarines. The new shell dives when it strikes the surface of the water instead of bouncing. The charge can be made to explode on contact with a solid surface or at a predetermined depth. The value of the weapon lies in the fact that shots which fall slightly short will be of as much effect as those which register hits.

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GERMAN PEACE TERMS REJECTED BY RUSSIA

REJECTION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES, TEUTONS DECLARE.

Berlin, via London.—The imperial German chancellor, Count von Hertling, in his address before the reichstag, said he still holds fast to the hope that the Brest-Litovsk peace negotiations will reach a satisfactory conclusion at an early date.

Petrograd.—The Russian delegates to the Brest-Litovsk peace conference have decided unanimously to reject the terms offered by the Germans.

The decision of the delegates was announced by M. Kameneff, a member of the Russian delegation. The Germans declared the terms laid down by them were their last offer, and that if the Russians did not accept them hostilities would be resumed and the Germans would capture Revel in a week.

Final decision as to peace or war, M. Kameneff said further, rested with the congress of soldiers and workmen's delegates, which was convened here.

Last Offer of Germany.

M. Kameneff, who returned from Brest-Litovsk with Foreign Minister Trotzky, said the remainder of the Russian delegation had stayed there in order to avoid the appearance of an immediate rupture.

"We were told," he added, "that the German terms were the last they would offer.

"We were unanimous that they should be rejected. Final answer must rest with the soldiers and workmen's delegates.

"The congress is expected to take up immediately the question of peace or war."

Teutons Fall Back at Monte Tomba.

Italian Army Headquarters.—The enemy has evacuated territory on the northern mountain front behind Monte Tomba, extending from the Piave river westward. Their defense lines have now been moved back to Monte Spinocchia. Italian patrols making reconnaissances found that the enemy patrols and sentinels had been withdrawn and later discovered that the enemy had abandoned the entire region. The retirement of the enemy is important as showing that he has given up his effort to force a passage to the Venetian plains by way of Monte Tomba and the west bank of the Piave, at least for the present. He is now constructing defensive works in the rear.

Rebellious Spirit in Germany Grows.

London.—The impressions conveyed in news dispatches from Switzerland and Holland regarding the internal situation in Germany on the eve of Chancellor von Hertling's expected address before the reichstag is one of discontent among the masses suppressed by the triumphant hand of the military party. Efforts of the German censorship to prevent public knowledge of the Austrian strikes and peace demands succeeded for a time, but the news leaked through gradually and Austrian events seem now to be widely known by German workers.

718 Lives Lost With Two Steamers.

London.—By the sinking of two steamers by the enemy in the Mediterranean about three weeks ago 718 lives were lost, it is announced officially. The announcement was made in the house of commons by Thomas MacNamara, financial secretary of the admiralty.

Britain Asks Huge Wheat Shipment.

London.—Great Britain calls upon the United States for 75,000,000 bushels more wheat. This is one of the most important statements Lord Rhondda, British food controller, has made. The controller described the food shortage in Great Britain as most serious, but not such as would be detrimental to the health of the population with proper management of supplies and willingness on the part of the people to accept equal rations substitutes.

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The Young Zoologists

Penrod and Sam Have a Three Weeks' Thriller
With a Horse Hair Snake

By B. OTH TARKINGTON

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FOR a boy, summer-time is the period of highest scientific interest; it is the bug season. Penrose Schofield and his friend, Sam Williams, stood enthralled in Penrose's back yard, staring at a magnificent creature they had discovered upon the stalk of a lush bush in the fence corner. The thing was so still, it might have been a pixie's concubine, painted dusty green and ornamented with brilliant pool balls from a pixie pool table. To Penrod and Sam it was known as a "tobacco worm," and it was the largest and fattest they had ever seen. The two boys stared in silence for a long time; finally Penrod spoke in a hushed voice.

"I wonder what he's thinkin' about," "Thinkin' about how fat he is, maybe," Sam suggested.

"I bet you don't know which end his head is," said Penrod.

"I bet you don't, either."

"Well, whoever said I did?" Penrod retorted crossly.

"Well, did I say I did?"

"Well, whoever said you did say you did?"

A movement on the part of the green creature distracted the attention of both boys momentarily.

"Look!" Penrod cried. "He's movin'!"

"Climbin' up the bush," observed Sam. "That shows which end his head is; it's on top."

"It doesn't have to be on top just because he's climbin' up the bush," Penrod remarked scornfully. "I guess he could back up, just as well as climb up, couldn't he?"

"Well, he wouldn't," Sam argued. "What would he want to back up for, when he could just as easy climb up? His head's on top of him, and that proves it."

Penrod laughed pityingly. "Suppose something was after him; he'd want to have his head on the bottom end so's he could keep watchin' out to see if it was comin' after him up the stalk, wouldn't he? That proves it, I guess!"

So it did—so far as Sam Williams was concerned. Sam was overwhelmed; he had nothing to say. He dug the ground with the toe of his shoe, despondently, then brightened all at once. "I bet I know snappin' about grasshoppers that you don't."

"Go ahead and prove it!"

"I bet you don't know grasshoppers chew tobacco."

At this Penrod yelled in consuming scorn.

"You wait!" Sam began to browse in the grass searching.

"Grasshoppers chew tobacco!" howled Penrod. "Grasshoppers chew tobacco! Grasshopper—oh, ho, ho!"

"Here," said Sam, bringing a grasshopper for his inspection. "You watch now."

He gave the grasshopper a command, squeezed him slightly about the middle, and proved the case absolutely.

"Look there!" he cried, flourishing Exhibit A upon his thumbnail. "Now, say grasshoppers don't chew tobacco!"

Penrod was beside himself, but not (as would have been proper) with confusion; ecstasy was his emotion—and there followed a bad-quarter of an hour for the grasshoppers in that portion of the yard.

"Pshaw!" said Sam. "I've known grasshoppers chewed tobacco ever since I was five years old."

Penrod paused to seek further knowledge at its fountain-head.

"Sam, do you know anything else?" he inquired hopefully.

"Yes, I do!" replied Mr. Williams with justified resentment. "Lemme see. Oh, yes! I bet you don't know if you put a black hair from a horse's tail in a bottle and put water in it, and leave it there for three weeks, it'll turn into a snake."

"I do, too," said Penrod. "I knew that, ever since I was—"

Penrod paused; a sudden light in his eyes. "Sam, did you ever try it?"

"No," said Sam, thoughtfully. "I guess when I heard it we didn't have any horse, and I was too little to get one from any other people's—or—"

Penrod jumped up eagerly. "Well, we aren't too little now!" he shouted.

"Yay!" This jubilant outcry from Sam demonstrated what reciprocal fires of enthusiasm were kindled in his bosom on the instant. "Where's a horse?"

Simultaneously their eyes fell upon what they sought. In a side street stood a grocer's wagon, and the grocer had just gone into the kitchen. Attached to the wagon was an elderly bay horse. Attached to the elderly bay horse was a black tail. The prospective snake manufacturers drew near the raw material.

The elderly bay horse switched his black tail at a fly, a gesture unfortunate for Penrod, upon whose eager countenance it culminated.

"Oof!" He jumped back, sputtering; and the horse looked around inquiringly; then, seeing boys, assumed an expression of implacable fury.

"Go on," Sam urged. "Pull 'em out. Two's enough."

Penrod glanced uneasily at the horse's horizontal ears. You pull 'em,

Sam, he suggested, edging away. "I'll go and be getting the bottles ready to put 'em in. I—"

"No, sir!" Sam insisted. "You started to pull 'em and you ought to do it. I didn't start to pull 'em, did I?"

"Now, see here—Penrod became argumentative.

"You better quit talkin' so much," Sam interrupted doggedly. "Go ahead and pull those two hairs out of his old tail or pretty soon the man'll come out and drive him away, and then where'll we be? You started to do it, and so it's your business to."

"Well, I am goin' to, ain't I?"

"Now!" Sam exclaimed. "He's quit lookin' at us. Quick!"

Seizing this opportunity, Penrod ventured the deed and was rewarded. The elderly horse seemed to have forgotten his animosity in a fit of depression; he hung his head, and marked the ravishment by nothing more than a slight shudder.

Preliminaries to the great experiment were worked out with grave care. The largest empty bottles obtainable were selected, cleaned, and filled with fair water. Then, with befitting solicitude, the two long black hairs were lowered into the water, and the bottles were corked. After that, a label was pasted upon each, exhibiting the owner's name and address. The fascinating work was not complete, however, Penrod paid a visit to the kitchen clock, and after some severe exercise in computation, the following note was inscribed in precise duplicate upon the labels:

"Hair from Jacob R. Krish and eos horse tail put in sixteen minutes of seven o'clock July 11 Snake comes sixteen minutes of seven o'clock July 32."

Penrod took his bottle to his room that night; it stood close by his bedside throughout the long dark hours; and once, waking suddenly, he groped for it feverishly, in fear. His fingers found the smooth, cool curves of its neck, and, reassured, he slept again, a smile upon his face. And in the morning, his waking eyes anxiously sought the bottle and its tenant; all was safe, and Penrod rose in joy.

Never was treasure more closely guarded or more steadfastly watched; and, as the days passed, there developed in Penrod's mind a somewhat definite picture of the little companion soon to be his; he was sure it would have brown eyes—admiring eyes, obedient and faithful, like a dog's. And, while these thoughts floated within him, he would sit by the half-hour, gazing at the bottle, a gentle and warming affection emanating toward it from him.

Twenty-one slow days must pass before the rapturous event; twelve had gone when Sam reported that symptoms of the great change were appearing in his "snake," which he had taken to his home. (They had discarded the term hair on the second day.)

"Yes, sir," said Sam, "he's turned all round in the bottle from the way he was layin' yesterday; kind of looks like he was restless, to me. And there's some little bubbles on him up at the end where his head's goin' to be."

The hair in Penrod's bottle had no such accomplishment for its owner to vaunt; he looked coldly at Sam, and began to whistle.

"Yes, sir," Sam went on, with perhaps too muchunction, "that snake of mine looks to me like it was goin' to make a mighty fine snake!"

"Well, I don't know," Penrod said, slighting. "I like 'em kind of quieter."

Nor did the fact that his treasure exhibit no tokens of the transition disturb him in any way, except thus to rouse his champlouage. No slightest doubt ever shadowed his ardent confidence; never for one instant! Tadpoles became frogs; caterpillars make themselves into cocoons; and cocoons are really butterflies; he had owned cocoons that showed no change in appearance until the very hour of the butterfly's emergence. The hair in the bottle looked every day more and more like an attractive young snake, and by the time Penrod discovered that the thirty-second of July would really be the first of August, it seemed to him that it almost was a snake, already.

The final week of the three was one of internal excitement, heightening almost unbearably as the climax approached. Then, the first of August dawned fair and cool; no sweeter birthday could have been selected in all the year. Penrod woke with the joyous feeling that riches had come to him in his snake.

As his eyes opened and fell upon the bottle, bathed in morning sunshine on the chair by his bed, he stared with joy. The hair had altered its position in the water during the night; the miracle had begun to work, and 15 minutes of 11 would see it consummated.

He dressed slowly and tremulously, wondering what he would name it.

Then, instead of descending to breakfast, he sat upon his bed to gaze upon the marvel, and continued to sit—and sit—and sit. Meanwhile, urgent requests for his presence in the dining room went wholly unheeded, until finally Margaret, his pretty nineteen-

year-old sister, appeared in the doorway.

"Penrod!"

Instinctively, he leaped between her and the sacred bottle, that she might not see it. He trusted no woman in any weighty affair—least of all a sister!

"Papa sent me up to see what you are doing?"

"Nothing."

"Then why in the world don't you come to breakfast?"

"Well, I am coming, ain't I?" His tone was that of a person unjustly attacked. "What you all dressed up for this morning?"

"I never did see such a boy!" Margaret exclaimed.

"You say that every day," Penrod retorted plaintively.

"Penrod! Are you coming?"

"Yes I'm ready," he announced unexpectedly, having managed, with his hands behind him, to conceal the bottle beneath his pillow.

Speeding from the table at the first possible moment, he returned to his own room, and, in the doorway, was struck with an unnamed fear. Katie, the housemaid, was putting the room in order; but she had not touched the bed. Once more able to breathe, he secured the bottle and departed, carrying it under his jacket, in front, without Katie's noticing anything unusual in his manner or bosom.

He started down the back stairs, but retreated, hearing his mother below, in conversation with the cook.

snakeless. There are some things money cannot buy.

"What time is it getting to be?" Penrose suddenly inquired aloud.

There was a little clock on Margaret's dressing table, but it had stopped. Upon an impulse, he jumped up and ran downstairs to the kitchen. There, the noisy old wall-clock reassured him soothingly. It marked fifteen minutes after ten.

"Yay, Penrod!"

This was a shout from the yard, and going to the door, Penrod beheld Sam Williams, radiant with excitement.

"Come on over to our stable," shouted Sam. "Come on! Come on and look at him!"

Penrod did not stop for his hat; a jealous fear, suddenly roused, added fear to his feet. And when they reached Sam's stable he was profoundly resolved to find Sam's "snake" no more advanced toward the great transformation than his own. He expressed the opinion, indeed, that this was much further along.

"Why, how could it be?" demanded Sam resentfully. "I've been sittin' here lookin' at mine ever since breakfast, and never took my eyes off him. Well, sir, I saw him breathe—he did it lots of times! You can't tell it just lookin' at him this way. You got to keep lookin' at him and lookin' at him; you bet I saw him do it, all right! And once he almost wiggled."

"Almost wiggled! Mine 'd wiggle!" Penrod said—and thereafter believed it.

"Well, so'd mine," said Sam.



"You Started to Pull 'Em, and You Ought to Do It."

Proceeding to the top of the front stairs, he heard the voice of Margaret and Mr. Robert Williams, Sam's brother, a senior on vacation. A glance over the railing revealed the collegian, beautifully attired, confronting Margaret, who leaned against the newest post in a way very irritating to a brother who wished to get out to the stable without being stopped or questioned. When Margaret got her back to the newest post like that, Penrod knew she might stay there "hours and hours!"

"Margaret," said Mr. Williams, in a voice wholly inexplicable to Penrod, "I believe you care more for the bowl of gold fish, in yonder, than you do for me."

Penrod retired from the hallway into Margaret's room, and feeling satisfied that she would not come there for a long time, withdrew the treasure from beneath his coat, set it upon her dressing table, and seated himself beside it.

Gold fish!

With the prospect before him of what was going to happen at, or before, 16 minutes of 11, the lives of other people—who had no hope of owning pet snakes, hatched in the bottle—seemed pitifully vacant. He felt sorry for Robert Williams. He pitied the young man for having nothing better to do than to talk to an uninteresting girl about whether she liked him as well as she did some gold fish in a glass bowl!

A motor whizzed in the street, and, glancing out of the window at his elbow, Penrod found occasion to be sorry for another young man, evidently coming to interview the uninteresting girl; and from various over-hearings of late, Penrod had little doubt that this one, too, would be discussing at the first opportunity, what Margaret liked.

He was a dainty, and exquisite young man, more than well-to-do, much encouraged by Mrs. Schofield; and it was he who had given Margaret the bowl of gold fish—which lends some flavor to Robert Williams' dismal comparison. Mr. Ethelbert Magsworth Bitts was generally believed to be a very happy and fortunate youth; he had a yacht somewhere; he had a motor car, then at the curb; he had money enough to buy all the candy in town if he chose; yet Penrod pitied him. Sixteen minutes of eleven that morning would find Mr. Bitts utterly

snakeless. "I want my snake!"

"Where's my snake?"

"Oh, Lord!" wailed Katie, clutching at her heart.

"What'd you do with my snake-ke?"

"What did I do?"

"In a bottle!" he bellowed. "Margaret gave you my bottle with my snake-ake in it! I want my snake!"

"There wasn't any snake in it," said Katie. "There wasn't nothin' in it. Miss Marg'rut says the bottle had your name on it, and I should ask you did you want it, and I showed it to Della and she says she wants it to put some sirup in it, and I wouldn't let her have it till I asked you, and you come in, and I started to ask you what for you wanted it, and you says 'Cat fur to make kitten britches with,' and went on upstairs, and so—"

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"Where's my bottle?" demanded the frenzied boy.

"Here," said Katie, disengaging the empty bottle from the towel with which she was drying it. "You didn't seem to care enough about it to answer me, and I poured the water out, so Della could use it. There wasn't nothin' in it at all—except a hair that must 'a' fell in it somehow, and went down the sink when I poured the water out."

Penrod ran amuck. With a maniacal yell he struck the bottle from her hand and fled toward the front part of the house. In the library he encountered a young cat which had recently been adopted by his mother for "good luck," having followed her on the street. A really intelligent cat would have fled from Penrod's path at highest speed, but this one came running to him, hopefully. It proved to be the most important mistake of the young cat's life.

To one maddened with outrage and injustice, and suffering with the agony of having just had his heart's idol poured down the kitchen sink, the sight of another person's pet—safe, pampered, and wearing a pink ribbon—was merely crazing. With a glad cry, Penrod plunged to meet the advance of the young cat, who turned too late, but precisely in time to leave his extended tail in the feverish clutch of the maddened boy.

Once, twice, thrice, Penrod swung that electrified cat in a great circle, with the radius of a full arm and half a tail. The cat swept the air, shrieking inconceivably with horror, and at the top of its third orbit went so high, and so heartily, it brought down a glass globe from the chandelier.

Startled exclamations came from the parlor, and, following them, the projectors thereof; Margaret, Mr. Ethelbert Magsworth Bitts and Mr. Robert Williams. They reached the library in time to see the young cat become an aviator, and, released from a hurtling hand, mount upward and upward upon invisible currents till it disappeared through the upper section of a window, which was "down from the top."

Crimson, infuriated, Penrod turned upon his dumfounded sister.

"You ruined my snake!" he bleated.

"You watch what I do to your old gold fish!"

He darted out of her detaining fingers, and though she pursued, and Robert Williams pursued, and Ethelbert Magsworth Bitts pursued, he had seized upon the bowl of gold fish and was out in the hall with it before the hand of man—or girl—could be laid upon him.

On the hall table reposed two straw hats; one was Robert's; the other, which bore the mark of a London maker, was the hat of Ethelbert Magsworth Bitts.

Margaret, rushing through the doorway, uttered a lamentable outcry. But Penrod discerned nothing between those hats. With a mighty effort he heaved the bowl of gold fish upside down and poured water and fish as equally as he could into the two hats.

Then he threw the empty bowl boldly into the stomach of Ethelbert Magsworth Bitts, his nearest pursuer, and with a great and demented roaring, dashed out of the open door and completed away into space.

"Ugh!" said Mr. Bitts, and remained where he was, two hands upon the area of contact. But Robert Williams ran swiftly out upon the front porch where a colored boy, with a bucket of soapy water in one hand, and a scrubbing brush in the other, stood gazing in the direction of Penrod's evanishment. Robert seized upon the bucket, and was back in the hall, and had the gold-fish in the soapy water almost instantly, flopping rather feebly, but alive.

"Quick!" he said to Margaret. "Get a pail of clear water. I don't know if they can live in these suds more than a minute. Don't stand there! Hurry!"

And when she returned with the pail he whispered to her: "I'll bring you another glass bowl for them this afternoon. Do!"

"Where's my snake?"

Margaret jumped. "Good gracious! What in the world—"

"I want my snake-ke! I left it in a bottle on your—"

"Oh!" Margaret laughed relieved. "There was a bottle on my dressing table, and noticed your name pasted on it; but I don't think there was anything inside except water."

Penrod jumped up and down. "What did you do with it?" he roared.

"I gave it to Katie, and told her to ask you if you wanted it, and if you didn't—"

Penrod left an overturned chair to blaze his trail. He burst into the kitchen, and Katie was there, bending over the sink.

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"My hat!" said Mr. Bitts. "I believe that little brute has ruined it. I declare it's too bad."

That was why Margaret went walking a little later, instead of driving. And yet Ethelbert had given her the gold-fish, in the first place!

A week later, this young man came forth melancholic from an interview with Miss Schofield. He had received the information from her—in a general way—there were times in a girl's life when the man who appeals to her must be of the general type of a senior in college; and that—generally speaking—if a girl feels that way, the best thing she can do may be—in general—to "wait" for that senior. Generally speaking, she added, she believed so.

As Mr. Bitts walked gloomily down the street he passed a grocer's wagon which bore the title, "Jacob R. Krish & Co." Attached to the wagon was an elderly bay horse, and attached to the elderly bay horse was a black tail. And on the other side of the horse, concealed from the view of Mr. Bitts, stood two boys, staring morbidly at the black tail.

"Yes, sir," said Sam Williams, "a nigger told me that the reason mine never turned to a snake was because you ever to keep it three weeks without ever lookin' at it. If you look at it even once, just to see how it's gettin' along, it's spoiled. Well, we kept lookin' at 'em—a hundred times a day, I bet—and that's what was the matter with 'em! That's why they didn't turn."

"Mine would!" insisted Penrod later. "There wasn't anything wrong with mine. Mine would turn, any way!"

Mr. Ethelbert Magsworth Bitts did not overhear this conversation. And if he had, he could not have understood it. Much less could he have traced any connection between a hair from the tail of Jacob R. Krish's elderly horse and the fact that Ethelbert Magsworth Bitts was destined to remain unwillingly a bachelor.

Home Obedience.

In discussing criminals a thinker said: "I firmly believe that the responsibility for the majority of crimes rests not upon the criminals themselves, but upon the shoulders of their parents!" At first that may sound like a very extreme statement, but upon second thought is it after all an exaggeration? The speaker followed up his first statement with a second: "A child who is not taught the value of obedience in the home will be less likely to respect the laws enacted by communities for the good of that larger family—humanity."

From this point of view the obedience of little folks assumes mammoth proportions, for they are not only children, but citizens in the making.

Agave Tree of Mexico.

Chinese history records that one Hui Shen, a Buddhist priest, a native of Cabul, in the year 499 returned to King-Chow, capital of the dynasty of Tsi, bringing with him from the country of Fusang, where he had been acting as a missionary, a number of curious articles as gifts for the emperor. Among these were a material resembling silk, with very strong threads, and a mirror. From the descriptions the former is believed to have been fibrous material from the agave tree of Mexico, called by the missionary, "fusang," the name also applied to the country, and the latter is believed to have been not unlike mirrors used in Mexico and other parts of the American continent.

Horrors of the Sea.

A ship doctor on an English liner notified the death-watch steward, an Irishman, that a man had died in state-room number 45. The usual instructions to bury the body were given. Some hours later the doctor peered into the room and found that the body was still there.

He called the matter to the attention of the Irishman, who replied: "I thought you said room number 46. I was in there and seen wan of thim in a bunk. 'Are ye dead?' says I; 'No,' says he, 'but I'm pretty near dead.' So I was getting ready to bury him."

In the Smashup.

"Were the parties in the automobile accident made nervous by the car's turning over?"

"Well, they were very much upset."

A Boiling Crisis.

"They say the hotels are facing a cook famine."

"Ah, that is one over which the public will stew until it roasts the hotels."

Helps Sick Women

Cardui, the woman's tonic, helped Mrs. William Eversole, of Hazel Patch, Ky. Read what she writes: "I had a general breaking-down of my health. I was in bed for weeks, unable to get up. I had such a weakness and dizziness, ... and the pains were very severe. A friend told me I had tried everything else, why not Cardui? ... I did, and soon saw it was helping me. ... After 12 bottles, I am strong and well."

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Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out? Is your lack of good health caused from any of the complaints so common to women? Then why not give Cardui a trial? It should surely do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women who suffered—it should help you back to health.

Ask some lady friend who has taken Cardui. She will tell you how it helped her. Try Cardui.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of Andrew Jackson Dawkins, Walter Dawkins, and Archie Dawkins, deceased, whose names are unknown and Thomas D. Dawkins, Jefferson Dawkins, J. A. Dawkins, Malissa Dawkins, Rufus Dawkins, Cynthia Green, Dowd Green, Elizabeth Joiner, P. C. Ray and Gus Ray, who are non-residents of the State of Texas, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Callahan County, to be held at the Court house thereof in the City of Baird, Texas, on the 25th day of March 1918, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 25th day of November A. D. 1917 in a cause numbered 1584 wherein Mrs. R. C. Dawkins is Plaintiff and Thomas D. Dawkins, Rufus Dawkins, Jefferson Dawkins, J. A. Dawkins, Cynthia Green, Dowd Green, Elizabeth Joiner, Doc Joiner, P. C. Ray, Gus Ray, Malissa Dawkins, John H. Johnson, Dallas Barnum, John Barnum, Ode Johnson, Brinton Johnson, Bulah Johnson, Vida Johnson, Jewel Johnson, Miles Dawkins, Charlie Worthy, Lois Whitehorn, Grady Whitehorn, Dallas Worthy, Oliver D. Worthy, Fona Worthy, Riley Clifton Worthy, and the heirs of Andrew Jackson Dawkins, Walter Dawkins and Archie Dawkins, whose names are unknown, are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows:

Suit in trespass to try title for title and possession of the following described tract of land, viz: Eighty acres of land situated in Callahan County, Texas, being the East half of the South-east quarter of section No. 44 Deaf & Dumb Asylum land; patented to B. F. Dawkins by Pat. No. 256 Vol. 2. Alleging ownership in fee simple of said land alleging that Plaintiff deceased husband, R. C. Dawkins, filed on said

land and made an application to purchase same from the State of Texas, in the name of B. F. Dawkins, that B. F. Dawkins died on the 28th day of December 1882 and that after the death of said B. F. Dawkins said R. C. Dawkins took possession of said land as his own, paid all purchase money and all fees due to the State of Texas, and all taxes due thereon up to the time of the death of the said R. C. Dawkins on July 14th, 1906, and that Plaintiff has paid all taxes due thereon since her husband's death. That said B. F. Dawkins nor his heirs ever paid any of said purchase money, said fees or said taxes, and Plaintiff further alleges that claiming to have good and perfect right and title to said land she has had and held peaceably the said land and adverse possession of the same, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of more than ten years after defendant's cause of action accrued.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publication, by publishing the same once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof in a newspaper published in your county.

Herein fail not, and have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Baird, Texas, this the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1917.

A. R. Day, Clerk, District Court, 6-4t. Callahan County, Texas.

COTTONWOOD LOCALS

We feel it a duty incumbent on us to first make apologies for our carelessness in dishing our prorata of the Cottonwood locals. We were firmly determined to write last week but we neglected it until Tuesday and then we only thought of it just at mail time that we had no communication and Tuesday was our last day of grace.

Well now it is Monday and we are beginning our communication and will write in installments.

Again yesterday we experienced another bitter day. After a real spring day we were again caused to experience another real blizzard and Sunday it sleeted and this morning the ground has a slight covering of sleet, and very cold, but clear.

Our first snow came at night, accompanied with a severe norther which drifted the snow to the extent, as to conquest travel and destroy telephone lines in numbers of instances. Again Sunday night somewhere about midnight it began snowing and continued until morning and when we arose in the morning we were greeted by a six inch carpet of snow. Unlike the previous one it left the land a little moist.

We fear the present snow will not leave us any moisture.

On Tuesday evening the 17th, the Cross Plains boys met the Cottonwood boys in a game of basket ball at Cottonwood and the results were, Cottonwood 13 and Cross Plains 9.

The oil business is creating some excitement in our midst. A large percent of the land being leased for the purpose of oil excitement.

We presume the questionnaires have all been returned and examinations will begin right soon.

Oral Strahan, from Camp Bowie, was visiting home folks last week but has returned to his command.

Mr. George B. Scott, accompanied by a representative of some of the oil magnates, who was seeking possession by lease of the rights to the oil interests in our real estate. Mr. Scott was sporting a large "Red Cross" the insignia of a wide known and much practiced charity measure of the world war. This mark of rank designated Mr. Scott as a member of the justly popular charity and benevolent party. We think a member of this fraternity, if a loyal one merits the praise of the public. If a citizen can't meet the enemy in mortal combat, he should expend his wealth should he be possessed of the same to ally the fruits of war produced in the better line and the

anxiety of those dependent on them, the result of separation from loved ones. Those who can not muster courage sufficient to meet the enemy face in open field, supply the needs of those who have gone to the field in defense of the country and the worldly goods who are using their best endeavors to evade a trip to the front.

Now Mr. Editor I must bring this to a close, but let me say "He who hath an ear let him hear and he who hath an eye let him see" "Nuff Cd." Now if every one will be just as quite as possible while we "keno." "Uncle Jimmie"

STRAY'S REWARD

Four miles east of Putnam, two brown mares, white spot in forehead coming three years old, Percheon type, unbranded. Reward for return, or for information of these animals. Notify,

R. D. Williams, Putnam, Texas

THRIFT STAMPS

Ask your Postmaster about Thrift Stamps. Nearly everyone can help the Government some and help themselves at the same time. The Thrift Stamp plan is the best saving proposition ever offered those of limited means.

LETTER FROM MONTANA

Editor Baird Star, Baird, Texas.

Well I left the "Lone Star State" Aug. 1, 1916, arriving at Judith Gap, Montana Aug. 6, 1916, finding myself surrounded with rolling wheat fields, which had never been harvested. This was a great sight to me, for I had never seen wheat standing at this time of the year.

I went to work in the harvest fields immediately after I arrived. For miles I could see nothing but rolling wheat, and Sept., the last we had a 15 in. snow. This was something unusual for me, handling wheat in the snow. Oats are raised quite extensively and they are of very best grade, almost entirely used for cereal purposes. Wheat and oats are the principal crops. Flax is also raised here, also Irish potatoes are grown here in abundance.

I am homesteading 320 acres in the north central part of the state, 100 mi. from the Canadian line, 50 miles from a railroad, being 110 miles from the county seat.

I have a cabin of one room built out of pine logs, pine and firs being the only natural timber. Of course this being a newly settled country it is improving fast.

We have a great deal of wild game such as moose, elk, deer, antelope, Rocky Mountain sheep and goat, and in the mountains, black and white bear are plentiful, animals which are protected by the law in all seasons. And of the wild fowls we have prairie chickens, blue and speckle grouse, chinese peasants, which is considered the most beautiful bird on wing, and also the sage hen, a bird as large as a common size turkey, they are only found in sage brush, living entirely on this plant. This wild game is the homesteaders dependence for meat.

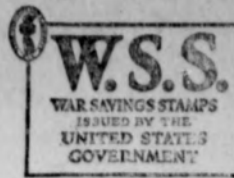
We have had lots of snow this winter, but the chinooks have taken it all away at the present time. It is strange to see a 2 foot of snow melt under a chinook, in 4 hours. At times it gets to be a little cool up here, 60 below zero.

There is a family on every half-section of land in this country. This part of the country only being opened for homesteaders for 3 years.

There are several beautiful rivers here, such as the Musselshell, River, Judith River and the Missouri River. The Musselshell River being 10 miles from me, and the Missouri 20 miles. These rivers make a beautiful scenery. So many people get their supplies by transporting on water, this way is much more convenient than by freighting on wagons.

We have a small store and Post-office just 3 miles away from me. The mail is carried by stage twice a week.

A great deal of fur clothes is used



in this country.

This is giving you an idea of Montana. Will close.

Marshall R. Cochran, Dovetail, Mont.

WARNING TO COTTON RAISERS

It is a very important proposition for the coming crop to consider most carefully the selection of the cotton seed that is to be planted. There are a number of early producing seed known in the cotton world as "Half and Half" that is absolutely unmerchantable and untenderable on any contract in the world.

A various campaign was started two years ago against "Half and Half" variety, as it had proved very disastrous to any territory that had planted it, and the minute that it became known to the world that "Half and Half" cotton had been planted in certain territories, it was absolutely impossible to sell that territory's cotton for within 1.2c to 2 c a pound of the better staple varieties. This penalty would naturally make any one realize that it would be foolish to plant the "Half and Half" variety, as it would cost the country hundreds of thousands of dollars in loss of price on account of having that very inferior variety which is worthless to 90 percent of the spindles of the world, as it is absolutely impossible to adjust spindles to that short a staple.

The value of good staple cotton has been well demonstrated this year that it pays to plant it regardless of the cost price of the seed, and it is very important to the whole Western country to buy the very best seed obtainable of the variety known as the East Texan or North Texas staples. In other words, it would be foolish to try to plant long staples because that requires a low climate and lots of moisture. There is lots of seed in North Texas and East Texas that would be adapted to this country, and the value of the staple would increase the selling price of cotton from \$5 00 to \$15.00 a bale, so it is quite evident that this good staple will be worth so much to the country that it would pay to handle it at any price.

It is important that this is not overlooked in considering the planting of the next crop, and steps ought to be taken immediately to obtain the very best seed possible with a view of raising the standard of West Texas cotton instead of lowering it much worse than it has been this year.

It has been considered by Western and Southern Mills as absolutely impossible to get any cottons from Western Texas that is not almost valueless. This is brought about by the fact that they consider that the staple was worthless so it is evident that it is going to be absolutely necessary to raise the standard of the staple by buying good seed and the urgent necessity of same should be given most careful thought.—Contributed.

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