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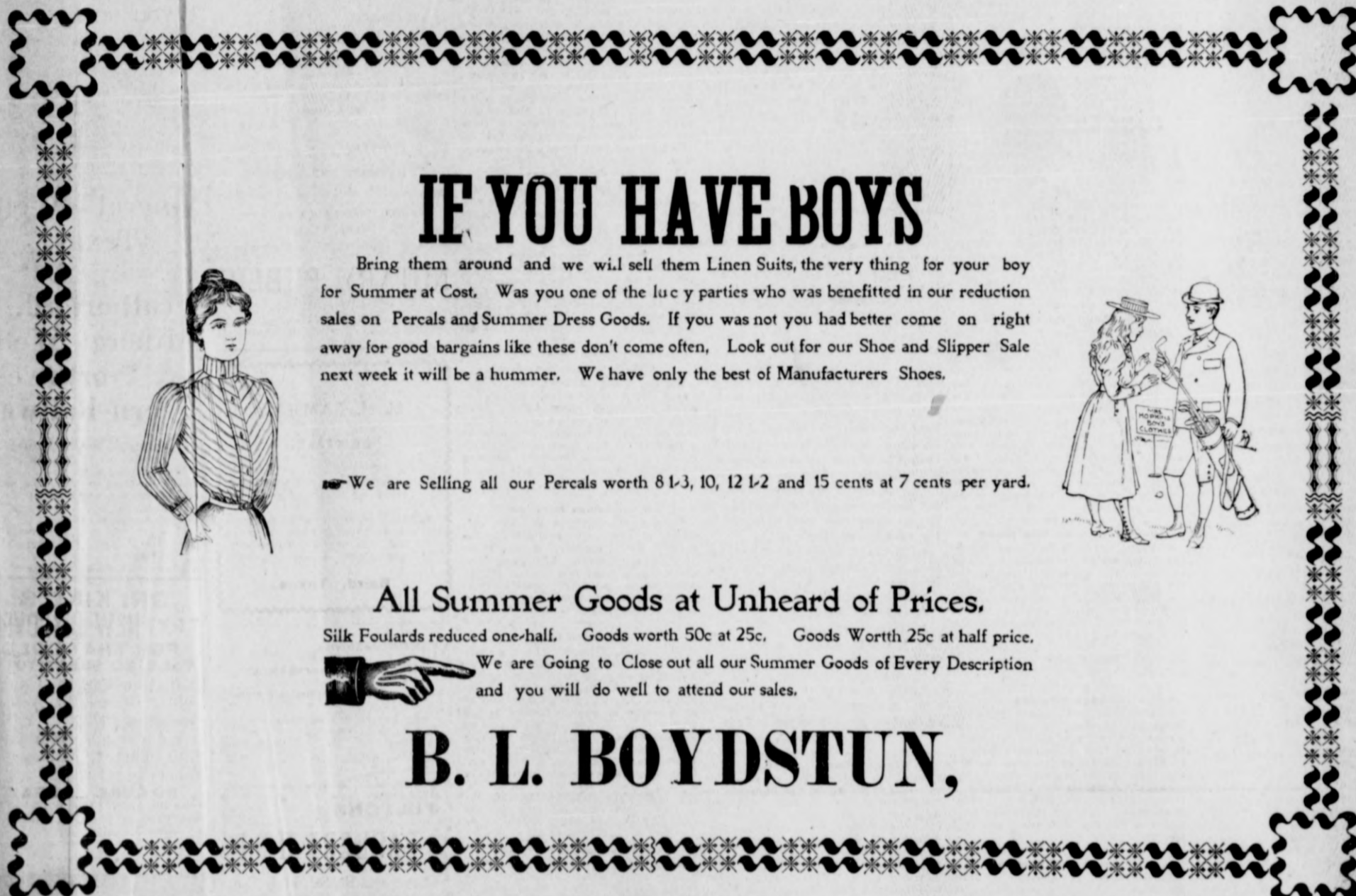
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VIGO.
June 9.—Everything is looking fine in Vigo. Cotton chopping is the order of the day.
The health of our community is not very good. The little babe of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hart has been very sick. Mr. J. C. Ross is very sick, but both are reported some better at this writing.
Mr. John Taylor of Vigo, is moving to Baird. We regret very much to lose such men as Mr. Taylor.
It is reported that Mr. F. L. Alvord will move back on his ranch the last of the week.
Mrs. E. B. Hart and daughter, of Stonewall county, who have been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jackson, and brothers, C. H. and J. A. Jackson, left for their home Tuesday.

Mr. Albro Wilson, of Seranton, passed through Vigo last Monday, or rather stopped in Vigo while up looking after his interests and to get a good drink of cistern water.
Mrs. George Barker of Big Springs has been visiting Mrs. J. A. Jackson the past week.
Miss Maud Burge attended the show in Baird last Friday night.
Quite a crowd of Vigotites attended church at Admiral Sunday. All report a pleasant time.
Misses Mayme and Gertie James, of Baird, stopped off at Vigo with Miss Peale Jackson last Sunday and took the train Monday morning for Ft. Worth where they go to make their future home. Misses Mayme and Gertie have many friends here who regret to see them leave.
Prayer meeting every Sunday night at Grandpa Jackson's.
Bob Summers came home last Sunday accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Hall.

We have another young man in our neighborhood, Mr. John Morrison. He is putting in a big cotton crop. Look out girls! There is a chance for some good cotton picker.
Miss Becca Hart who has been visiting her brother, Mr. J. E. Hart returned home Tuesday.
Mrs. O'Keefe, of Rough Creek is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Taylor. Ed Summers your new buggy sure does shine.
Wild Bill is still ahead on farming.

He has his cotton chopped out and is watching his tater patch. He thinks the yield will be bountiful.
Mrs. Frank Harp and Miss Harp, went to Baird Monday.
We understand Bro. Moss came down Sunday evening to fill his appointment but on account of sickness and the rain found no one there. Don't get discouraged Brother Moss, try us again.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jackson, of Putnam, visited in Vigo Sunday.
Mr. Arthur Wise went to Admiral last Sunday. Wonder what for? Just to be with the boys I guess.
Mr. H. Burge has given up his job of railroading and is now a full fledged farmer.
There will be church at Vigo on the fourth Sunday. Everybody invited.
WILD BILL.

CLYDE.
June 10.—Everything is moving along quietly. Crops are growing nicely. Cotton chopping and potatoe digging is taking the farmers time. Potatoes are nothing like as good as was expected. The hailstorm damaged them about half.
Mollie Bailey show was in Clyde Thursday night and was well attended and everybody seemed to have a good time. Mrs. Bailey made application for eleven town lots in Clyde that shows what people that travel think of our little city.
Prof. H. F. Powell and family left Sunday for Rannels county to be absent for several weeks. Mr. Powell has accepted a position as principal of a school in Taylor county. He says he hates to leave Clyde, but has a higher position and a better salary than he was getting at Clyde. Prof. H. C. Darden has been employed as principal of Clyde school.

Rev. W. A. Barnhill, of Merkel, is painting Mr. J. H. Baxter's new house.
Mr. A. G. Whittington left Saturday night for Peck City to visit his family.
Rev. Rountree of Eals, preached at Clyde last Sunday.
George Johnson and Oscar Marshall came in last Friday night from El Paso, where they have been employed on a new railroad for some time. George has come to stay and will take charge of his blacksmith shop.

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ANTI-ANARCHY BILL

It Passes the House After a Debate of Several Days.

VOTE WAS 195 TO 38

The Motion of Mr. De Armond to Re-commit the Measure Was Defeated—Senate Exonerates Commissioner Jones.

Washington, June 10.—When the house met yesterday the pending question coming over from Saturday was, on motion of Mr. De Armond of Missouri to recommit the anti-anarchy bill with instructions to strike out section 3, which made the killing of foreign ambassadors and ministers punishable with death, and section 13, which creates legal presumptions under the act, that officers be protected by its provision who are engaged in the performance of their official duties at the time the offense was committed. On roll call the motion was lost, 71 to 125. The vote was then taken upon the passage of the bill, Mr. Lanham of Texas demanding the ayes and noes. The bill passed, 175 to 38.

The bill passed Monday by the house for the protection of the president is a substitute for the senate measure, which contained no anti-anarchist provision omitted from the substitute for a bodyguard for the president.

The substitute constitutes of 13 sections. It provides that any person who shall unlawfully, purposely and knowingly kill the president, vice president or any officer entitled by law to succeed to the presidency, or any foreign ambassador or minister accredited to this country, while engaged in the performance of his official duties, or because of his official character or because of any of his acts or omissions, shall suffer death. Any person who attempts to commit any of the above offenses shall be imprisoned not less than ten years.

Any person while engaged in an unlawful attempt to inflict grievous bodily harm upon the president or any person entitled to succeed him, if he inflicts injuries which cause death shall be imprisoned for life; if such injuries do not cause death such offender shall be imprisoned not less than five years.

Any person who aids, abets or conspires with another to commit any of the above offenses shall be deemed a principal. Any person who knowingly harbors, conceals or aids with intent that he may avoid arrest or punishment any persons who has committed one of the above offenses shall be imprisoned from one to twenty-five years.

Any persons who advocate the unlawful killing of an officer of the government or of the government of any civilized nation because of his official character, or who openly justifies such killing with intent to secure the commission of any of the above offenses shall be fined from \$500 to \$5000 and imprisoned from one to twenty years.

Any person who conspires or advises any person to assault or kill, within or without the United States, the chief magistrate of a foreign country because of his official character shall be punished as follows: If the attempt is made and death results such offender shall suffer death. If such attempt does not result in death the punishment shall be a fine of \$500 to \$5000 and imprisonment from five to twenty-five years.

Section 11 provides that no person who is opposed to all organized government of is a member of any organization entertaining or teaching such opposition shall not be admitted to the United States, and that any person who aids such person to enter shall be fined from \$500 to \$5000 and imprisoned from one to five years.

Section 12 prohibits the naturalization of anarchists and empowers the courts to investigate, and before issuing final papers to require the affidavit of applicant affirming the truth of every material fact necessary for naturalization. The last section provides that in all prosecutions under the first seven sections of the act it should be presumed until the contrary is proved, that the president or other officers was engaged in his official duties at the time of the offense.

Smith Courtmartial Proceedings.
Washington, June 10.—Records of courtmartial proceedings in the case of General Jacob H. Smith, who was tried in the Philippines for alleged cruelty in Samar, have reached the war department.

The papers were placed directly in the hands of Secretary Root without having gone through the usual channels. The secretary will take the case to the White House for the president's consideration and meanwhile no statement in regard to it is available at the war department.

Commissioner Jones Exonerated.
Washington, June 10.—The senate adopted the report of the committee on Indian affairs exonerating Indian Commissioner Jones in the case of the charges concerning the leasing of Indian lands of Standing Rock reservation, South Dakota.

FIGHT WITH YAQUIS.

Mexican Troops Almost Wipe Out Half a Thousand Indians.

Tucson, Ariz., June 10.—Meagre dispatches received at Hermosillo tell of a battle fought at daybreak Monday between Gen. Torres and the Yaqui Indians on the San Manhattan mountains, 20 miles north of Mines Prestas. The Yaquis numbered between 500 and 600 men, while the command of Torres numbered 250. The fighting was most severe. The Indians were driven from their fortifications with great loss in killed and wounded. Between the killed, wounded and capture the Yaquis forces were almost completely destroyed. The dispatches fail to state the number of Mexican soldiers killed, but it is believed here that the Mexicans suffered severely.

Gen. Torres has been instructed to exterminate all Yaquis that are found in arms.

Tannery at Hillsboro.

Hillsboro, Tex., June 10.—About six months ago a tannery was started here in an experimental way. The result has proved so satisfactory to the parties interested in it that they have purchased several acres of land and are now erecting a large two-story building and will go at the work on a large scale. The samples of leather manufactured have been tested by the saddle and harness makers of the city and pronounced to be as good as any they buy. It is no longer regarded as an experiment, but as a sure thing. Several thousand dollars have been invested in it.

Stricken in the Pulpit.

Sherman, Tex., June 10.—Rev. W. R. Grafton, pastor of the Cherry Street Cumberland Presbyterian church, is in a critical condition. He filled his pulpit as usual Sunday morning. At the conclusion of the song he arose to deliver the benediction, and it was noticeable that the tone of his voice was completely changed. He sank back into his chair and said to those who went to his assistance, "I believe I am paralyzed." Soon afterward he relapsed into unconsciousness, and is in that condition now. His right side seems totally paralyzed.

Two Branches for Rock Island.

Chicago, June 7.—Two new roads have been added to the Rock Island system. One is the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern which gives the Rock Island a direct outlet to St. Paul and Minneapolis, and the other is the Rock Island and Peroria, which has been operated by the Rock Island for a number of years. A ninety-nine lease from June 1, 1902, was taken on both roads.

Lynchers Pardoned.

Montgomery, Ala., June 10.—Gov. Jelks has pardoned George Howard, Martin Fuller and John Strength, three of the four white men convicted in Elmore county of lynching the negro, Robin White, and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. The case is famous as the only instance in Alabama where a white man has been convicted of lynching a negro. The men had served one year.

Christian Church Convention.

Dallas, June 9.—At the Central Christian church here, commencing at 10 o'clock this morning and continuing through the greater part of the week the Texas Christian convention will be held. This body represents the Christian churches of Texas and its proceedings are of more than ordinary importance. Between 500 and 600 delegates are expected.

Killing at Madril.

Madril, I. T., June 10.—Lem Phillips was shot and instantly killed here Saturday night. Just who fired the shot is unknown. Phillips had been engaged in an altercation with a man, and T. J. Whitehead, the town marshal of Madril, in company with J. R. Duncanson and Frank Vaden, were attempting to arrest Phillips when the shooting occurred.

A Boy Drowned.

Vinita, I. T., June 10.—News has reached here that Roy Patton, the 8-year-old son of John H. Patton of Claremore, has been drowned in a small stream which flows into the Verdigris river near Claremore. The body was found in a place where the water was five feet deep.

Killed by Lightning.

Columbus, Ga., June 10.—A heavy wind and thunderstorm which passed over this city Sunday afternoon caused the death of two people, perhaps fatally injured a third by lightning and caused considerable damage to buildings.

Judge West Dead.

Woodville, Tex., June 10.—Judge Stephen P. West, judge of the First judicial district, died here after an illness of about two weeks. He was stricken with typhoid fever about two weeks ago while on the bench at Jasper.

Child Burned to Death.

Smithville, Tex., June 9.—The 8-year-old girl of Frank Frytag, living three miles east of here, was burned to death in an awful manner. She had kindled the fire with coal oil and left the can sitting near the fire.

Jockey Booker Dead.

New York, June 10.—Jockey Arthur Booker, who was thrown Memorial day from the two-year old Red Knight at the Gravesend track, died Sunday. He was 19 years old.

Big Tomato Shipment.

Jacksonville, Tex., June 10.—Up to date there have been 100 carloads of tomatoes marketed which were grown within a radius of ten miles of this place.

Mississippi Academy Bill Passed.

Washington, June 6.—The senate passed the Mississippi academy bill without amendment.

DEATH FROM A FIRE

Nine Men and One Woman Lose Their Lives at Chicago.

SEVEN ARE MISSING

The Sanitarium of Saint Luke's Society Totally Destroyed—More Than Thirty Persons Injured, Some Seriously Hurt.

Chicago, June 10.—Nine men and one woman were killed and about thirty persons were injured in a fire which destroyed the sanitarium conducted by the Saint Luke's society at the corner of Wabash avenue and Twenty-first street. The society occupied the building which was long known as the Hotel Woodruff, and for a brief period as the Hotel Lancaster. By far the greater portion of the patients received in the institution were those seeking cure from the drink habit and those who were addicted to the use of drugs. When the fire broke out there was on the fifth floor a number of patients suffering from delirium tremens, and some who were deranged by drugs. Several of these were strapped to their beds and it was found impossible to save them, so rapidly did the fire spread through the building.

The list of dead as far as known at present is as follows: S. J. Newell, Carl A. Carlson, Joseph Harryglon, Samuel Dalzell, Dr. J. T. Stanton, George A. Ribbeck, Hillsdale, Mich.; G. S. Gott, Laverne, Ill.; William Kent, alderman of Chicago; John B. Knapman, Mrs. M. Baumman and B. H. Boyd, 78 years of age, a member of the medical staff of the institution.

The officials of the institution gave out the following list of missing. It is known that they were in the building when the fire broke out.

M. J. Cahill, attache of the sanitarium, but ill in his room for the last three days.
William Eggleston, patient.
G. Harrigan, patient.
M. B. Loucks, patient.
C. McGrath, keeper of a restaurant in the building.
Malcolm Morris, patient.
Thomas Ryan, patient.

The fire originated in the basement of the building and spread rapidly to the upper stories through the elevator shaft. The blaze was discovered by James Newell, a grocer. He shouted to several men to give the alarm, and to alarm the inmates of the building. Several hurried to do this, but by the time they reached the first floor of the building the flames had been carried to the roof, had eaten through it and were leaping high in the air.

As the cry of fire rang through the building patients sprang from their beds and before they could be prevented several had jumped from the windows to the pavement. The fire department was on the scene within a few minutes and as the windows were filled with people, shrieking for help, the firemen devoted their first efforts to save lives and allowed the fire to burn. While a large number of people were being carried down the ladders by the firemen the fire got such a headway that there was almost no chance for those on the upper floor of the building to make their escape, and those who were not suffocated were killed or badly injured by leaping from the windows.

Death of Dr. Lsw.

Belton, Tex., June 10.—Dr. F. M. Law of Bryan, one of the best known men in the state, died here. He had been in failing health for some time and was here to attend the commencement exercises of Baylor Female college, of which he was president of the board of trustees. His remains were taken to Bryan for interment, and as a mark of respect all the commencement exercises of the college were called off. A mere formal delivery of diplomas will be made.

Charged With Murder.

Houston, Tex., June 10.—An indictment was found by the grand jury here against Ella Koenig, charging murder. Miss Koenig is the 16-year-old girl who is charged with having shot and killed Patrick Valentine on Houston avenue about three weeks ago. She was perfectly frank in the admission of the deed. At present she is out on bond, having waived examination before Judge Matthews. Her bond was fixed at \$1000, which she gave. She was confined in jail two or three days before she gave bond.

Pardon for Convicted Americans.

Havana, June 10.—President Palma has signed the bill granting amnesty to all Americans under sentence or waiting trial in Cuba and proceedings have begun by the courts to quash the complaints against such Americans and liberate those who are in jail. President Palma has offered Gen. Maximo Gomez the position of general-in-chief of the Cuban rural guard and it is said that Gen. Gomez is inclined to accept this post.

Disastrous Fire at Saratoga.

Saratoga, N. Y., June 10.—Fire here destroyed the Arcade and the Citizens' National bank block and the Shakerford building and caused the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Mabee, Mrs. Sarah Burns, Mrs. David Howland and Miss Farrington. Chief Engineer Shadwick was seriously injured while rescuing people from the building. The property loss is estimated at \$200,000, with insurance of \$225,000.

CULBERSON'S SENSATION.

His Main Point Is That Secretary of War Is Suppressing Information.

Washington, June 7.—The presentation last Tuesday in the senate by Senator Culberson of the papers in the case of charges against Sergt. Edwards and Lieut. Arnold by Private Weir has raised about the greatest disturbance incident to the Philippine debate. The greatest noise is about the source from which Senator Culberson obtained the copies mentioned. But the real issue involved is the direct charge by Senator Culberson that Secretary Root is deliberately suppressing information which congress and the country are entitled to, in order to shield certain officers and to obscure the real condition of affairs in the Philippines. No answer has been made by the war department or any of the administration friends in the senate to Senator Culberson's charge. The only response has been a great noise to the effect that somebody in the department is giving away secrets to Democratic senators, and so far the department has not been able to prove this.

Mont Pelee in Eruption.

Fort de France, June 7.—Another volcanic outburst is coming from Mont Pelee, but no damage done.

Negroes Holding Orgies.

London, June 9.—Letters which are arriving here describe the negroes of the island of Martinique as holding orgies, because the whites are all dead. The negroes say they have elected a negro governor who countenances all excesses.

Alaskan Volcano Disturbed.

Seattle, Wash., June 7.—Mount Redoubt, Mount Hluna, and Mount Augustine, in Cook Inlet, Alaska, have been throwing off smoke and steam for the past several months, according to a dispatch brought down on the steamer Bertha. Mount Redoubt threw a sprinkling of ashes that fell around the Bertha ten days ago.

Mount Rainier Disturbed.

Tacoma, Wash., June 10.—Two columns of steam are rising from the apex of Mount Rainier. Melting snow by the heat of the sun, lifting and driving of the snow from the summit by the wind and several other possible explanations of the phenomenon are offered but none seems satisfactory.

Rice Will Case.

New York, June 9.—The appellate division of the supreme court has handed down a decision affirming the order of Justice Bischoff in the case of Albert T. Patrick, individually and as an executor of what is known as the 1900 will of William M. Rice against Surrogate Fitzgerald. Justice Bischoff dismissed an alternative writ of prohibition and denied an absolute writ forbidding the probate of either of the alleged wills of Mr. Rice. Under the decision of the appellate division the surrogate may go ahead with the case and may probate either of the wills.

Flood Damage in Oklahoma.

Kansas City, June 9.—Trains from Kansas and Oklahoma are arriving one or more hours late, on account of floods. The Santa Fe has been the worst sufferer. Further rain is expected. Except loss by delay to traffic, the railroads have not been greatly injured. Crops in bottom lands have been overflooded and damaged, and in southern Oklahoma the wheat harvest has been suspended.

Serious farm loss is reported near Emporia, Kas., where the usually unimportant Neosho river has become a sheet five miles wide.

Shot by an Unknown Man.

Dublin, Tex., June 10.—Sunday morning as the Fort Worth and Rio Grande moved out from the depot Dora Guile, a transfer man, was shot by some unknown man with a shot gun, the lead taking effect in the left side. He is resting well.

President No Power to Act.

Washington, June 7.—The president cannot appoint a commission to investigate the coal strike with a view to bringing the trouble to an end, as the law that once gave such authority was repealed in 1898.

Race War Fear Over.

Meridian, Miss., June 10.—Fears of a race war in Lauderdale county are abating. The two negroes arrested as leaders of the turbulent blacks have been released owing to the want of proof.

Texas Elected President.

Portland, Ore., June 9.—The national convention of the Travelers' Protective association selected Indianapolis as the place for the meeting in 1902 and elected Howard W. Peake of Texas president.

Killing in Missouri.

Chillicothe, June 10.—In a street fight here Harvey Gibbons has been shot and fatally wounded by his brother-in-law, John Galvin, the result of an old grudge. Galvin is under arrest.

Child Scalded to Death.

Ladonia, Tex., June 7.—A 5-year-old child of J. A. Dossey, four miles east of this place, fell into a pot of hot water and died from its injuries.

Alvin Williams Killed.

Hill Prairie, Tex., June 10.—News was received here of a killing in the Upton neighborhood, five miles south of here. Alvin Williams was shot and killed.

Kruger Not Ill.

The Hague, June 6.—There is no foundation for the reports that Kruger is ill. On the contrary, he is enjoying good health.

Creek Indian Agreement Ratified.

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M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night, Rev. W. W. Moss, Pastor. Sunday school at 9 45 a. m. T. E. Powell Superintendent.

BAPTIST CHURCH. Preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 a. m. and at night, Rev. J. Frank Leake, Pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. W. M. Coffman, Superintendent.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Services 2nd and 5th Sundays. Rev. J. W. Keeble, Pastor. Sunday school at 10 30 a. m. Mrs. F. W. James, Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Preaching every 2nd Sunday. Church meeting at 2 p. m. every Sunday, W. A. Barnhill, Elder.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. J. C. Gray, Supt. Services at Presbyterian Church 3rd and 4th J. M. Brooks.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Preaching 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night, W. F. Kirby, Pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. J. N. Rasing, Supt.

LODGES.

BAIRD LODGE, No. 522, A. F. & A. M. Meets every Saturday night on or before full moon at 7 30 p. m. W. C. Powell, W. M. Geo. B. Scott, Secretary.

BAIRD CHAPTER, R. A. M. No. 182. Meets 3rd Friday night in each month. HARRY MEYER, H. P. B. L. RUSSELL, Secretary.

BAIRD LODGE No. 4, K. of P. Meets in Castle Hall Odd Fellows building every Thursday night at 8 p. m. Visiting Knights always welcome. Van Jones, C. C. H. SCHWARTZ, K. of R. S.

BAIRD CAMP No. 28, W. O. W. Meets in the Odd Fellows Hall, 1st and 2nd Monday nights of each month. W. G. BOSWIS, C. C. Oris Phillips, Clerk.

BAIRD LODGE No. 271, I. O. O. F. Meets every Saturday night. J. J. ALLEN, N. G. H. SCHWARTZ, Sec.

ABILENE COMMANDERY, K. of T. No. 27. Meets 2nd Monday of each month. J. H. PICKENS, E. C. C. W. ROBERTS, Rec.

BAIRD LODGE No. 142, A. O. U. W. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month. Visiting brethren fraternally invited and members expected to attend. J. A. EMMONS, M. W. JOHN J. ALLEN, Recorder.

BAIRD LODGE No. 806, BANKERS UNION of the World. Meets in the Odd Fellows Hall 1st and 3rd Monday nights in each month at 8 p. m. L. L. BACKUS, President. J. H. COCHRAN, Sec.

CAMP ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON, No. 1, U. C. V. Meets at Baird at 1 p. m. 4th, Saturday in each month. JNO TRENT, Capt. J. E. W. LANE, Adjut.

BEAUTIFUL AS A POEM.

Is religion true? I don't know and don't care. But if it is a lie it is the most beautiful one ever told; one from which truth itself might learn. Could we exist as a nation without it? France tried it. Does it do any harm? No. Then why destroy it? Don't. It is as old as civilization. It was a part of our father's lives. It was almost all of our mother's—all except the part we filled. We have been sung to sleep a thousand times by its hymns. We are better men and women now whenever we hear them sung. They are joined to tender emotion. It has made many a man happier and better, more honest, tender and forgiving. Many a tired man and woman have lain down in its shade to awaken nobody knows where. Don't destroy it. Why, nine-tenths of the mothers in America believe in it. That's enough for it. It has been growing on our hearthstone for ages. Let it stay there. It can't hurt you. It is such a loving religion. What will you give in its stead if you take it away? Philosophy? What are you to do when tired and homesick? Love! Earthly loves are so selfish. Is it a delusion? If so, it is such a beautiful delusion. Don't destroy it. Weave the silver threads to reach down from the Star of Bethlehem into the golden wool of sunlight. Train its clinging tendrils around the bare walls of our lives, and cover up the jagged, rough corners, unsightly places with this beautiful story of Calvary.—Unknown

Happy Time in Old Town.

"We feel very happy," writes R. N. Beville, Old Town, Va., "when Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured our daughter of a bad case of scald head. It delights all who use its for Cuts, Corns, Burns, Bruises, Boils, Ulcers, Eruptions. Infallible for Piles. Only 25c at Powell & Powell, Baird Texas and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas, drug store.

Kodacks and kodack supplies at Terrell's

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Notice.

All persons indebted to the firm of S. M. Moon & Co. are requested to settle up. The undersigned has the books and notes of said firm who are anxious to close the business. Ed COPPINS, 261f. At Barnhill's Shoe Shop.

HELPING MINERS.

All Trades Unions Lending the Miners Aid in Their Strike.

Wilkesbarre, June 10.—"The fighting up" process which has been in progress since the anthracite coal strike began four weeks ago continues. All classes of trades unions in the hard coal belt have taken a hand in helping the miners, and now the long predicted move of railroads in the region has been made.

The decision of these men at meetings held in different parts of the region Sunday to refuse aid to the companies in their fight against the miners has encouraged the strikers greatly. Railroads refuse to handle trains carrying deputies, coal and iron police or nonunion men.

Refused to Obey Orders.

Middlesboro, Ky., June 10.—About 5000 miners and coke workers in Buchanan county, West Virginia, and Wise and Scott counties, West Virginia, refused to obey the strike orders, and are at work.

Mitchell Goes to Meet Wright.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 10.—President Mitchell has left here for New York, where he will meet Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor. It is presumed Wright represents the president in the conference.

Attacked by Women.

Hazleton, Pa., June 10.—Superintendent Kudlick of Cox Bros. & Co., was attacked by women on the streets of Freeland, but was not injured.

Democrats of Arkansas.

Little Rock, June 10.—Democratic state convention meets here today to nominate a full state ticket in accordance with the March primaries. The Kansas City plan, which probably will be endorsed.

The convention merely registered the will of the Democratic voters at the primary election held on March 23 last. Gov. Jeff Davis was renominated on the first ballot, having carried seventy out of seventy-five counties. The only new nominees were J. H. Hinson of Pine Bluff, for state superintendent of public instruction; H. T. Bradford of Lonoke, for commissioner of mines, manufactures and agriculture; F. E. Conway of Little Rock for state land commissioner, and three for railroad commissioner, viz.: B. B. Hudgins of Harrison, J. W. Phillips of Newport, and J. E. Hampton of Fordyce.

A resolution will likely be adopted declaring former Gov. James P. Clarke the Democratic nominee for United States senator, to succeed Senator James K. Jones, in accordance with the result in the March primary elections.

Another Church Takes Davis.

Little Rock, June 10.—Governor Jefferson Davis has accepted the invitation of the Baptist church of Russellville, his home, and rejoined that church. The governor's friends claim this is a vindication of him by his home people against the action of the Second Baptist church of Little Rock in withdrawing fellowship from him. It is alleged further by the governor's friends that the action taken by the Little Rock church was the result of resentment for the part he took in the race for United States senator.

Princeton's President Resigns.

Princeton, N. J., June 10.—The chief event in connection with Princeton's one hundred and fifty-fifth commencement, as it was a great surprise, came Monday in the annual meeting of the board of trustees, when President Patton resigned the presidency and Prof. Woodrow Wilson McCormick, professor of jurisprudence and politics, was elected to succeed him.

Boers Continue to Come In.

London, June 10.—Kitchener, in a dispatch from Pretoria, announced the surrender on Saturday and Sunday of 2500 rifles, of which 448 were handed in by Cape Colony rebels.

The remainder were principally from General DeWet's men. The British commander added that cheers were given by the Boers for King Edward heartily.

Engine Goes Through a Bridge.

Oklahoma City, Okla., June 10.—The supports to the new bridge of the Oklahoma City and Western railway over the South Canadian river near Chickasha gave way under the weight of Frisco engine No. 102, and the iron horse went to the bottom. The engineer escaped, but William Wilson, the fireman, had his spine crushed and will die.

Literally Cut to Pieces.

Llano, Tex., June 10.—George Willingham is charged with killing his brother-in-law, John Ferris, at Kamey, Mason county, Saturday night while alone in the woods, hacking his body to pieces with a knife. Willingham gave himself up and is in jail at Mason. Ferris' head was severed from his body.

Fire at Marble Falls.

Marble Falls, Tex., June 10.—City hotel, Turner hall, a warehouse, with fifty wagons and a residence were burned here. All were owned by Geo. S. Turner. Loss \$10,000, with no insurance. The fire originated in the storage room on the first floor of the hotel. Nothing was saved.

Kruger Respectfully Declines.

Amsterdam, June 10.—It is reported here that Kruger declined the facilities offered by Great Britain for his return to South Africa, but accepted Queen Wilhelmina's proffer of a Dutch vessel to convey him to South Africa when he decided to return there.

Must Testify.

New Orleans, June 10.—Judge Parlane of the United States district court decided that local representatives of packing companies would have to answer questions propounded to them by the grand jury now investigating the beef trust.

TAFT'S VISIT TO ROME.

He Shows His Instructions and Creates a Good Impression.

Rome, June 9.—The papal secretary of state, Cardinal Rampolla, held his usual private audience with the pope. Naturally the question of the acquisition by the United States of the friar lands in the Philippines will be a subject for discussion at these daily conferences, but alleged information on the subject is purely surmise, as absolute secrecy is maintained as to what transpires at these official visits.

Cardinal Rampolla was agreeably impressed by the frankness shown by Governor Taft in sending him a copy of Secretary Root's instructions for examination.

The pope has not yet appointed a commission of cardinals to which the matter is to be referred. This commission will consist of five instead of three members.

Cardinal Rampolla returned the visit of Governor Taft at Hotel Quirinal. Governor Taft is greatly annoyed at the inventions of Italian newspapers regarding his visit to Rome. The Italia published an interview with the governor which was entirely "faked."

Result of Georgia Primaries.

Atlanta, June 7.—Incomplete returns received from the Democratic primaries held throughout this state Thursday show the following ticket for governor and state officials nominated:

Governor, J. M. Terrell; secretary of state, Philip Cook; comptroller general, W. A. Wright; state treasurer, R. E. Park; attorney general, J. C. Hart; state school commissioner, W. B. Merritt; commissioner of agriculture, O. B. Stevens; prison commissioner, Thos. Eason; associate justices of the supreme court, A. J. Cobb and Samuel Lumpkin; United States senator, A. S. Clay was renominated for the six-year terms.

All the present congressmen were renominated except T. W. Hardwick in the Tenth district, defeated Fleming, the present representative.

Mrs. Vanderbilt's Present.

New York, June 9.—In memory of her late husband, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt has arranged to present to St. Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopal church a new front and four bronze doors. It was the original intention of Mrs. Vanderbilt to give only the bronze doors, but she decided a better effect could be obtained by remodeling the entire front of the edifice. The improvement will cost about \$200,000. Mr. Vanderbilt was a vestryman of St. Bartholomew's and greatly assisted the institution through his benefactions.

Murdered His Wife.

Valley View, Ky., June 10.—John Laffon, a half-witted man, killed his wife at his home here. Laffon and his wife and small son had just eaten dinner when Laffon secured an axe and brained his wife. The blade was found imbedded in the woman's head. After he had committed the deed he closed the doors of the room, locked them and told a neighbor what he had done. When asked why he did it, Laffon replied that his wife had made him mad. Laffon made his escape and a poise is now hunting him.

British Forces in South Africa.

London, June 7.—An official statement issued by the war office shows that the total reduction of the British forces in South Africa up to May 30 for the present year was 97,447. This includes killed, wounded, prisoners, deaths from disease and men invalided home. Of these many have recovered and rejoined their regiments leaving 28,434 dead or permanently incapacitated. The total number of troops killed in action, or who died of wounds is 7792 while the total number of deaths from disease is 13,250.

Twenty-Five Persons Injured.

St. Louis, June 9.—Twenty-five persons Saturday were injured, two fatally, in a collision between a car of the suburban electric line and an engine of the Missouri Pacific at the surface crossing at Brentwood, St. Louis county. The two men fatally injured are: Wm. Layton, motorman of the electric car, and George Gibbons, a negro laborer.

The First to Come Before It.

The Hague, June 9.—The international court of arbitration has been notified of the conclusion of an agreement between the United States and Mexico to submit to the court the dispute regarding the payment of damages in connection with certain church property in California. If this convention is ratified, it will be the first case to come before this court.

Highest Price for Beef.

Kansas City, Mo., June 7.—New records were made on prices paid for dressed beef steers at the stock yards here Thursday. A Piersh of Formosa Kan., received \$7.60 for sixty-five cattle, averaging 1343 pounds, and Peter Tribble of Missouri, was paid the same price for 32 grade short-horns.

Miles Not Summoned.

Washington, June 7.—Secretary Root declares General Miles has not been summoned to Washington. The general, it is said, is now enroute from Fort Riley, Kansas, to West Point in response to an invitation to attend the centennial celebration there next week.

Kindled Fire With Coal Oil.

Nacogdoches, Tex., June 7.—The 10-year-old daughter of Warner Linthum a well-known farmer living near Appleby, kindled the fire with kerosene. The can exploded and she was fatally burned, dying in six hours. Her mother was badly burned and the dwelling and contents were destroyed.

Terrell Appointed Attorney.

Washington, June 10.—Henry Terrell has been nominated for United States attorney for the Western district of Texas.

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Will satisfy the demands of the most fastidious.

This guarantee with every pair "Money refunded after four weeks' trial if corset is not satisfactory"

Look for these Trade Marks—the signs of quality—on label of box and on inside of corset.



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More than \$250.00 worth of new wall paper to select from at Powell & Powell. 20-1f

Nice line summer dusters in linens, whipcords, etc. 50c to \$1.50 at Boyles' 20-1f

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I have the cheapest Baird residence properties ever offered. Also farms and other lands cheaper than anyone. See me early. A. G. WEBB, Baird Texas. 4t

Anything bearing Terrell's label is trade mark of purity. 22-1f

Go to Terrell's drug store for your drugs, jewelry, stationery, paints, oil. 22-1f

Make Weak Women Strong.

I have taken your REMICK'S PEPSIN BLOOD TONIC. I know it is the best TONIC ever made. It will make even weak women strong. I cannot praise it enough.—Mrs. O. D. Pickering, Onley, Ill. For Sale by Powell & Powell. 1-1f

ONE DOLLAR.—All of Dr. Broiles' remedies are only one dollar each and can be had at any drug store in Baird. 21

We are here for business not for fun. Come see us. Phillips & Son. 24

Another shipment of our new wall paper in this week. Beautiful satin striped and tapestry patterns. Come and see them. Powell & Powell. 20-1f

Groups of Camp Albert Sidney Johnston U. C. V.'s. for sale at the Home Studio. 24f

Call for your photo ticket when making your purchases at Phillips & Son. 24f

SPEAKING.

J. M. Dean, candidate for the democratic nomination for congress will speak at Cross Plains, Thursday, June 12th at 2 o'clock p. m. and at Cottonwood same date at 8:30 p. m. and at Putnam on Friday, June 13th at 8:30 p. m.

Is your subscription to THE STAR out? If so send us the money or if not wanted any longer notify us, but don't forget to pay up when you do so. 34-1f

If you have any news give it to THE STAR. We cannot always know what you know if you do not tell us. 24f

Carter & Spencer have fresh groceries. Cheap, try them. 18-1f

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There is something new at the Home Studio. Ask Swafford to show you, and tell you about them. 16.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.

This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspepsias have been cured after everything else failed. It prevents formation of gas on the stomach, relieving all distress after eating. Dieting unnecessary. Pleasant to take.

It can't help but do you good

Prepared only by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago. The 51c bottle contains 2 1/2 times the 20c size. 28-1f

HAVE A PURPOSE IN LIFE.

Ambition to achieve has saved many a man and woman from an early grave. From a health point of view definite purpose in life, something which the mind is bent on accomplishing, is a factor too rarely considered. The will power which holds one to a set task at times works off physical weakness and weariness better than the drug or medicine which the physicians prescribe. "I must accomplish this before I die, has been the expressed purpose of more than one of the world's greatest workers and though the task proved one, and the accomplishment of it difficult, the strong mind held the ailing body up to its duty and death was cheated for years of its victim. A broken spirited person, discouraged by failure, grief or loss of friends or position, becomes an easy victim of disease and sickness of any kind, with the mind discouraged the body relaxes, the organs are at low ebb and the life itself is held by a slender thread. If there is nothing to live for, nothing to look forward to, no hope or ambition, the patient is in a dangerous mental and physical condition, that requires somewhat unusual remedies. The best tonic that can be administered is to rouse the mind to a state of hopefulness and determination. —Ex.

Read It In His Newspaper.

George Schaub, a well known German citizen of New Lebanon, Ohio, is constant reader of the Dayton Volkszeitung. He knows that this paper aims to advertise only the best in its columns and when he saw Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised therein for lame back, he did not hesitate in buying a bottle of it for his wife, who for eight weeks had suffered with the most terrible pains in her back and could get no relief. He says: "After using the Pain Balm for a few days my wife said to me, 'I feel as though born anew,' and before using the entire contents of the bottle the unbearable pains had vanished and she could again take up her household duties." He is very thankful and hopes all suffering likewise will hear of her wonderful recovery. This valuable remedy is for sale by R. Phillips & Son Baird Texas and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas.

The postal authorities at Washington, reorganizing the liability of postmasters to make mistakes in getting letters in wrong boxes, have fixed a penalty of \$200 for persons taking mail out of the office other than their own and not returning it. The law is intended to have people look at their mail before taking it out of the office, and if they should have mail other than their own to return it at once. It also includes newspapers. The excuse that it is the postmaster's fault "cuts no ice." If you have been getting other people's mail you had better take warning or you may get into trouble.—Bonham News.

Never get into your head that you are too good to mingle with "common people." Nice clothes, and a four inch collar do not necessarily make you too good to be civil to those who wear a pair of blue overalls and a blouse. In young men this feeling is called "swell head," and in old men "aristocracy." Whatever it may be, it is not gentlemanliness. No young man or old one, can be a gentleman who treats the working man as an inferior being. Some of the most intelligent men of the age were at one time —are today—working men, men who are not afraid to take off their coats and work at hard manual labor. But the man who boasts that he never had to work, and has good clothes, and thinks he is doing the working man a great favor by speaking to him, is one the world could get along much better without. The working man could get along without the well dressed gentleman who does not work, but the well dressed gentleman could not get along without the working man.—Exchange.

How to Avoid Trouble.

Now is the time to provide yourself and your family with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoe Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over, and if procured now may save you a trip to town in the night or in your busiest season. It is everywhere admitted to be the most successful medicine in use for bowel complaints, both for children and adults. No family can afford to be without it. For sale by R. Phillips & Son, Baird Texas and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas.

Best equipped prescription department and Laboratory in the city at Terrell's. 28

NOTICE.

If you want to buy or sell land. If you want to buy or sell horses. If you want to buy or sell mules. If you want to buy or sell buggies. If you want to buy or sell wagons. If you have property to rent. If you have debts to collect. If you have business to adjust. I will give you a square deal. Call on or address. J. H. S. Baird, Texas. 28-1f

\$300 REWARD.

The following resolution was adopted by the Progressive Stock Association of California and adjoining counties: "That a reward of \$300 be offered for the arrest and conviction of any person for the theft or unlawful branding of any horses or cattle belonging to any member of this society in good standing." J. B. CRUZMAN, Secretary. F. S. BULL, Secretary.

Get A Ticket

and trade out \$5 with either Meyer, Phillips & Son, Wilson & Oliver, Christian or Hotel Seay and bring it checked to Home Studio and you are entitled to a 16x20 high grade picture free with a job of our \$4.00 platinos, which would cost you otherwise \$5.50.

I want to buy Life Insurance Policies for cash. L. L. Blackburn. 20-4f

The newest styles of picture moulding can be found at Sands' furniture store. 22-1f

Swafford studies your ways, action and features and is pretty apt to get them in your photographs. 17

SWAFFORD

Studies your ways, actions, and features, and is pretty apt to get them in your Photograph.

BEYOND.

Beyond this beautiful and rippling stream, just over the grassy knoll, there is a richly tinted flower.

They tell us that it is so rarely beautiful that it may have blushed to life at the touch of an angel's kiss, and caught its rosy flush from a burning star.

Beyond the pathless mountain that left their blue peaks in the fading distance they tell us there is a charming valley that drinks the diamond dew of the morning and bathes in the liquid sunbeams, that is clad in a verdure of everlasting green and dotted all over with flowers of every hue and shade

Beyond the blue waves of the pathless ocean they tell us there is a clime from which the mellow sunlight of spring never departs, that is laden with the songs of birds of note and plumage, and peace, ease and plenty.

Beyond the curtain of darkness that hangs over the gloomy night there dwells a picture of morning, a picture of new fresh life that seems to wake and move and break away the mists and they tell us its foreground is hope and its background is pleasure.

Beyond the aches and struggles, the fears, the disappointments, the bitter trials and the wearying labors of time we are taught there is an eternity whose higher possibilities give promise of calmer hours and sweeter rest. —Exchange.

A SURE CANCER CURE.

I have a certain cancer cure. It has never failed and never will fail. Cancers taken out by the roots from any portion of the body without pain. No knife used. I will cure any and all cancers at a very reasonable price. No cure, no pay. I also guarantee the cancer to never return. If you suffer with cancer, suffer no longer. Testimonials sent on application. Address THOS. J. FREEMAN, Mineola, Texas. When writing please mention that you saw this notice in THE BAIRD STAR. 28-1f

ABILENE NORMAL.

Attend the Abilene Normal, beginning June 20th. The oldest and best equipped Normal in West Texas. Able and experienced faculty. For folder and full information address. F. W. CHATFIELD, Conductor 28-2t Abilene Tex.

Go to Terrell's for Drugs or anything else usually found in a drug store. 28-1f

My little son had an attack of whooping cough and was threatened with pneumonia; but for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy we would have had a serious time of it. It also saved him from several severe attacks of croup.—H. J. Strickfaden, editor World-Herald, Fair Haven, Wash. For sale by R. Phillips & Son, Baird Texas and Y. Orr, Putnam Texas.

Lowest prices in the city on wall paper sold by samples at present, but will save your money. Terrell 28-1f

Filthy Temples in India.

Sacred cows often defile Indian temples, but worse yet is a foul body that's polluted by constipation. Don't permit it. Cleanse your system with Dr. King's New Life Pills and avoid untold misery. They give lively liver active bowels, good digestion, fine appetite. Only 25c at Powell & Powell Baird Texas and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas. June

Soda fountain and ice cream at Terrell's. 28-4f

TO THE PEOPLE.

Without any desire to stir up any ill feeling, or to rake over the ashes of the past THE STAR desires in behalf of an overwhelming majority of the people in Baird to say to the people of the country that they appreciate your decision at the ballot box last Saturday. People honestly differ as to the best method of dealing with the liquor traffic. We believe the question was decided for the best, however we have no desire to cast any reflection whatever upon those who voted local option, because we know a majority of them personally and know they were actuated by the best and purest motives. We hope the question is settled for many years.

Let us have peace.

A heavy "Frost" fell in Callahan county last Saturday night, but it was a two-legged Frost.

Some of the Pro leaders in this county can console themselves as Col. Crawford of Dallas county did after the State prohibition contest in 1887.

He remarked that the Pros could make more noise and vote less than any outfit he ever knew. A Pro was heard to make a similar remark in Baird last Saturday night, but as he was a church member he did not violate the commandment as Crawford did.

We have been informed that Will Fleming of Clyde, lost a job because of that little joke Aguinardo got off on him. If this be true THE STAR very much regrets it. The letter came in late in the week and while we had barred all comments on both sides of the question we could see nothing but a little pleasantry in what Will Fleming said about the preachers. Elder Chaney was responsible for the little joke which Will Fleming only added a little more to in order to fit his side. Some people enjoy a joke on the other fellow; but get mad when it is turned on them. THE STAR hopes the matter will be dropped. We should have omitted Will Fleming's name and certainly would have done so had we thought for a moment that it would result in any injury to him in any way. Correspondents should be very careful in mentioning people in a jocular manner. It is unfortunate, but it is true, some people do not know a joke when they meet it in the road unless it is labeled in box car letters.

LOCAL OPTION ELECTION.

The Commissioners Court now in session, opened the returns yesterday of the local-option election and recorded the result as shown in the following table.

Voting Places.	Pro.	Anti.
Baird	45	256
Belle Plaine	20	54
Cottonwood	62	127
Tecumseh	6	40
Clyde	53	64
Cross Plains	71	169
Callahan City	28	29
Putnam	79	78
Hart's Box	10	1
Pecan	30	49
Caddo Peak	6	34
Rough Creek	25	43
Aprell	21	38
Gilliland	10	14
Anti Majority	456	936
		480

Our Putnam correspondent says as a heat generator a prohibition contest takes the bakery. What a waste of energy in hot weather. Let us have the next contest in cold weather, if it has to come.

Tom Whipple, of Waxahachie, for the antis, and Elder Chaney, of Dallas county for the pros, had a joint debate in Mollie Bailey's circus tent last Friday. Heretofore Elder Chaney had the closing as the pros claimed all the appointments, but the antis turned the tables on him at this meeting. He boasted that he had put the Divine Healer (referring to Mr. Kittrell) to sleep, which, however, the antis do not admit. However, it was the opinion of both side that the Elder found Mr. Whipple wide awake in his closing speech. Elder Chaney, however, is an able man, and we believe about the best debater we ever heard on the pro side. He has taken up the cause of prohibition and devotes most of his time to that work. He failed, however, to convince the people of Callahan county that any change was necessary.

JOINT DEBATE.

Senator W. P. Sebastian and Hon. W. L. Grogan, of Sweetwater, candidate for the State Senate, met in joint debate at the Court House Monday night.

There is really but little difference between the candidates on the two main issues of most interest to the people, viz. the land and cattle quarantine questions.

Mr. Grogan opened in a fifty minutes speech in which he presented his views on different question to be dealt with by the next legislature. He sailed into Senator Sebastian's record in a vigorous manner and for a time made things look equally for the Senator.

Senator Sebastian then took the floor and outlined his views on the quarantine and land questions. He insisted that there was considerable difference between himself and Mr. Grogan on both the land and quarantine questions. He vigorously defended his record in the legislature for the past six or eight years and contended that he had always voted and worked for the interest of his constituents. The Senator then turned his attention to his opponents record as a member of the 25th legislature. He was particularly severe in censuring him for supporting what is known as the Garner-Wright-Murphy land bill. As the bill never passed the legislature, and as neither speaker read the bill those present had very little idea of what was the purport of the bill. From what we could gather from the speakers themselves the bill in question proposed to sell all school lands in a certain number of counties south of the T. & P. Ry. (Sebastian said 60 Grogan said 30 counties) at 75c and \$1.00 per acre. Senator Sebastian said the bill was pernicious and Mr. Grogan said it was all right. Though he only agreed to support it on condition that his district be exempt believing that this was the best he could do. Senator Sebastian give Mr. Grogan some hot shot.

Mr. Grogan then closed in a 15 minutes speech in which he dealt in some pointed remarks on Senator Sebastian's record. He vigorously defended the Garner-Wright-Murphy land bill and other parts of his record attacked by Senator Sebastian. Those who had heard the gentlemen in joint debate elsewhere say they have toned down considerably. Mr. Grogan has some advantage of Senator Sebastian as to his record as it only extends over one session of the legislature, while Senator Sebastian's record extends over four sessions. Both men showed themselves no mean debaters, however, and amply able to take care of themselves.

THE STAR does not see any reason why Callahan County should go back on Senator Sebastian Saturday. Do you?

WEDDING BELLS.



On Tuesday, June 10, 1902, at 4:30 p. m. Mr. Lige Cutbirth and Miss Eulalia Fry were united in marriage at the McCoy ranch on the Bayou. Rev. J. T. L. Annis officiating.

Mr. Lige Cutbirth is one of Callahan county's most popular and promising young stockmen. He has a bright future before him, and is worthy of the fair young lady who is to go hand in hand with him down the journey of life.

Miss Fry is a beautiful and accomplished young lady who formerly lived in Abilene, but for the past year has made her home in Callahan county.

After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the magnificent home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cutbirth, Sr. at Belle Plaine, where a large number of guests had been invited and a reception, the like of which is rarely ever equalled, was tendered the young couple. Relatives, and friends filled the spacious old homestead to overflowing and the yard was a mass of bright, laughing faces of boys and girls intermingled with the happy contented smiles of older people.

The bride and groom met the guests in the parlor, where they were presented with many beautiful presents which shows the high esteem in which they are held by their many friends.

At 8 o'clock the guests were ushered into the dining room, which was beautifully decorated with vines, evergreens and flowers, there to partake of a feast fit for a king. Everything possible was done for the welfare and pleasure of the guests. It was an occasion long to be remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Cutbirth are at home to their friends at the Johnson Ranch, where Mr Cutbirth has fitted up and furnished a home for his bride.

May the pathway through life of these young people ever be joyous and bright is the wish of their many friends.

BAIRD COLLEGE.

The third year of Baird College concludes this week. The work has been first-class. As in all young institutions the most difficult as well as the most trying. Labor of those interested, is to create a College sentiment and enforce discipline. We are glad to announce that the College sentiment is growing among the thinkers and best class of our citizens and a complete illumination of all insubordination and the prospects are better and brighter than ever before. The Commencement sermon was preached on the 8th by Rev. L. R. Scarborough, pastor of the first Baptist church at Abilene. The theme, a "God Built Character", was handled in a masterly manner. It was a great, practical, uplifting sermon in the interest of higher Christian education. His advice to the young ladies and gentlemen leaving College for the active duties of life was timely and pertinent. It was delivered to one of the largest and most appreciative audiences ever assembled in Baird. The choir was the largest and rendered the best music we have heard for years. Altogether the Commencement Sabbath of Baird College was a grand and a glorious success in every particular.

On Monday morning from 9 to 12 o'clock was devoted the examination of the primary department in Orthography, reading, primary geography, arithmetic, English grammar etc. A larger number of parents and friends were present than on any previous examination of this department. The class in mental arithmetic did splendid work and showed that Miss Fay Collier has no superior in such work. On Monday night the comedy, "Our Girls in Camp" was rendered by the girls of the College to a large and delighted audience.

Tuesday morning from 9 o'clock to 12 was devoted to the examination of the Preparatory and College classes. All did well. In connection with the long written examinations, this oral work showed great advancement in all lines.

Tuesday night the "Melodies of Mother Goose" was rendered to the great delight of the audience. Every body left the chapel with expressions of pleasure.

Wednesday, 11th, was devoted to declamations, recitations and music by the undergraduates. This days work was encouraging and elevating to all the pupils from the least to the largest.

The teachers feel well paid for their hard work.

(Continued next week)

NOTICE.

I have bought Mr. Triplett's boat and am again in the business at Baird. I will appreciate any business I may receive from my old friends and the public generally.

S. H. MORGAN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates subject to the action of the Democratic party.

DISTRICT CANDIDATES.

For Congress 16th District.
HON. O. T. MAXWELL,
of Cisco.

For District Attorney, 42nd Judicial District
W. R. CHAPMAN,
of Anson.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

For County Judge.
I. N. JACKSON.
For County Attorney.
JNO. W. WOODS.
For County and District Clerk.
W. P. (Dick) COCHRAN.
For Sheriff and Tax Collector.
T. A. (Al) IRVIN.
For County Treasurer.
J. E. W. LANE.
For Tax Assessor.
T. J. NORRELL.
For County Surveyor
T. H. FLOYD.
For Hide and Animal Inspector
W. C. ASBURY.
For Public Weigher, Baird.
JOE MCGOWEN.
For County Commissioner Pre. No. 1.
W. A. HINDS.
For County Commissioner Pre. No. 2.
PHILLIP YOST.
For County Commissioner Pre. No. 3.
J. H. BURNAM.
For Public Weigher, Putnam.
J. H. SHACKELFORD.
For Justice of the Peace Pre. No. 1.
L. O. OLIVER.
For Justice of the Peace Pre. No. 5.
H. C. DARDEN.
For Constable Pre. No. 5.
J. T. (Tom) MARSHALL.

Miss Tommie Froment who has been attending school at Patton Seminary, Dallas, has returned home. She was accompanied by a friend, Miss Dodson of Haskell.

Dr. Lankford wishes to state he is permanently located in Baird and will make his office at Terrell's drug store. Residence with Mrs. Frank Johnson. Calls answered night or day.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Brigance, of Fort Worth, attended the Cutbirth-Fry wedding. They spent Wednesday in Baird with Mrs. Brigance's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McDermott, and returned home Wednesday night.

The stock holders at the Baird College met Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock to elect trustees for the ensuing year. J. N. Rushing, Ous Bowyer, W. A. Hinds and W. J. McGowen were elected. Fred Alvord was elected to fill the unexpired term of I. N. Jackson, who resigned.

Hon Charley Gibson, of Waxahachie was in town last week on business connected with the Odd Fellows Lodge. Mr. Gibson was speaker of the House of Representatives of the 18th Legislature, and for many years held a position in the land office at Austin.

From all accounts the meeting of the stockholders of Baird College yesterday was a pretty warm affair. A new board of trustees was elected. Dr. R. G. Powell, president of the board of trustees, and who perhaps did more than any any one else to start the College, tendered his resignation and refused to serve any further.

TAYLOR DRY.

In the local option election in Taylor county last Saturday the Pros won by a majority of about 200. We will now have a practical demonstration of the good or evil prohibition does in the largest town between Weatherford and El Paso.

If Abilene stays dry any longer than the law requires we will be very much mistaken.

DEATHS.

Miss Mineola Crawford, aged 18 years, grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bowls, died at Stamford last Saturday and was buried there Sunday. Grant Bowls, who had just returned from Fort Worth, and brother Charley Bowls, attended the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford formerly lived in Baird where they have many friends who sympathise with them in the loss of their daughter.

Mrs. Ollie Eslinger, nee Smith, died near Tecumseh last Saturday and was buried at the Tecumseh cemetery Sunday. Mrs. Eslinger was loved and respected by all who knew her and her death caused sorrow in many homes. THE STAR tenders sincere sympathy to the young husband and parents of the deceased lady.

Alex Ogilvey recently purchased a thrashing outfit from the J. I. Case company through Harry Meyer agent. He pulled out to the country Monday and begin thrashing. Wm. Smart informed us yesterday that Mr. Ogilvey was thrashing wheat at Jno. Smart's and that the machine was doing fine work. Mr. Smart will make 12 to 15 bushels to the acre, pretty fair yield for the season.

DR. MOFFETT'S TEETHINA
(TEETHING POWDER)
Cures Cholera-Infantum, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, and the Bowel Troubles of Children of Any Age. Aids Digestion, Regulates the Bowels, Strengthens the Child and Makes TEETHING EASE.
ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 19, 1900.
We have handled Dr. Moffett's TEETHINA (Teething Powder) ever since its first introduction to the people and trade as a proprietary medicine, and our trade in it has steadily increased from year to year until our order now amounts to two or three hundred gross per year, which is a very strong evidence of its merit and the satisfaction it is giving to the mothers of the country, for they say nothing so effectively counteracts the effects of the summer's hot sun or overcomes so quickly the troubles incident to teething.
THE LAMAR & HASKIN DRUG CO., Wholesale Druggists.

J. J. WELCH. J. W. SEAY.
TWO JIMS PALACE
WELCH & SEAY Proprietors.
The Finest Whiskies, Alcohols, Wines, Cigars. ALWAYS ON HAND.
Sacramental Wine Always kept in Stock. Ice Cold Beer 5cts. a Glass.
Baird, Texas.

SUMMER GOODS?
AT GREATLY Reduced Prices.
H. SCHWARTZ.

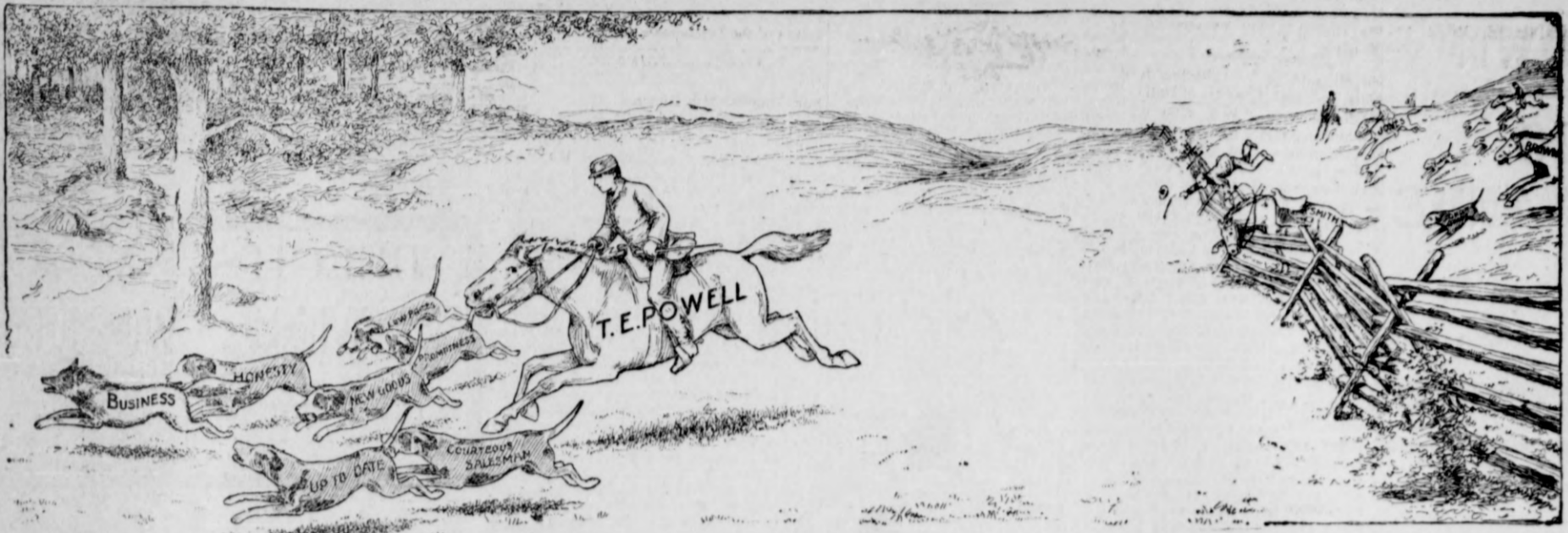
CARTER & SPENCER.
ONE PRICE GROCERS.
Respectfully ask a share of your patronage. We have a complete line of Fresh Groceries and Feed. Give us a trial. Telephone 114.

Several candidates have been in town this week, among them we noted Judge W. R. Smith and Hon. Dan M. Jones, candidates for congress. Hon. W. L. Grogan, of Sweetwater, candidate for the State Senate and Senator W. P. Sebastian locked horns at the Court House Monday night.
Saved From An Awful Fate.
"Everybody said I had consumption," writes Mrs. A. M. Shields, of Chambersburg, Pa., "I was so low after six months of severe sickness, caused by Hay Fever and Asthma, that few thought I could get well, but I learned of the marvelous merit of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, used it, and was completely cured." For desparate Throat and Lung Diseases it is the safest cure in the world, and is inallible for Coughs, Colds and Bronchial Affections. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00 at Powell & Powell, Baird Texas and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas.

Swan's Down' Cake Flour.
IN PACKAGES. HAVE YOU TRIED JERSEY CREAM FLOUR, CHEAPEST AND BEST.
ALL GOODS GUARANTEED. Phone No. 44.
George S. Hardin.
BAIRD, TEXAS.
FOR SALE. I have more horses and wagons than I need and am anxious to sell part of them.
M. M. Terry.

Money to lend ON FARMS AND RANGES.
L. L. BLACKBURN Baird Tex.

"WHERE LIVING WATERS FLOW"
CLIMATE—Invigorating, Exhilarating, WATERS—Healthful, Curative.
One of the Finest Bromide-Litha Springs in the United States. Sixteen Gushing White Sulphur Springs. Excellent Hotel Accomodations.
IDEAL HEALTH AND VACATION RESORT.
NO DUST—NO MOSQUITOES—NO MALARIA.
*Ask Santa Fe Agents about special Reduced Rates to Sulphur, I T Pamphlet on Request. W. S. BURNAN, Gen'l. Pass. Agent.



The above cut is an actual reproduction of the way T. E. Powell conducts his business. Business is always in the lead, a very close second is Honesty, third Up-to-Date, and in the same group will be found New Goods, Low Prices, Promptness and Courteous Salesman. For it is by Honest treatment, Up-to-Date business methods, a large line of New Goods, and Low Prices, together with Promptness and Courteous Salesmen that we have captured the immense Business in the past. Far in the rear comes competition, results is too plain to need comment. It makes little difference how large an up-to-date business man gets his business he always wants it larger. Far in front, like the Fox, business is leading him, for it makes no odds how well it is done it may be better. In the last three years our business has run over \$350,000, and in this same strain we hope and believe we can exceed this amount this year. On hand to-day we have the largest line ever come to Baird, over \$60,000 in New, and Up-to-Date

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Millinery. Etc.

We kindly ask that you inspect this immense stock and see if all of the above statements are not true. Thanking you for all the favors in the past and soliciting a continuance of the same we are yours to please. No trouble to show goods.

T. E. POWELL, Baird, Tex.

LOCAL NEWS

John Windham, of Tecumseh, was in town today.

Coke Cauthen, from near Putnam, was in the city Tuesday.

F. P. Shackelford one of Putnam's bustling business men was in the city Monday.

Mrs. C. Jones and Mrs. C. F. Johnson are visiting relatives in Waco.

Virgil Jones is out in the country mowing wheat for Mr. Howell this week.

Mrs. Zeni Foster and children have just returned from a visit at Stephenville.

Mrs. Radmose and daughter Miss Willie returned from Ft. Worth last Saturday.

Mrs. Jesse Rice and little sons, Reynaud and Frank, are visiting relatives at Colorado.

Mr. Miles Cope, of Taylor county, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McDermott this week.

See the professional card of Dr. Lankford in this issue. His office is at Terrell's drug store.

Miss Florence Rushing has returned from Weatherford where she has been attending school.

Miss Louise Spragins has returned from Virginia where she has been attending school for the past year.

Miss Flora Mitchell from Grandbury is the guest of her cousins Misses Lauraetta and Jeff Lambert.

Miss Gerlie Howell returned home Sunday after a several days visit to friends and relatives in Baird last week.

S. L. Driskill has the thanks of the Baird Band for refreshments served them at Christian's ice cream parlor Wednesday evening.

Miss Jennie Brightwell from the Bayou is visiting with relatives in Baird. She will also visit relatives in Abilene before returning home.

The Daughters of the Confederacy served ice cream at the Court House Wednesday evening at 8:30. The Baird Brass and String Bands furnished music for the occasion.

REVERY.

In the early seventies we pulled out of Dallas for the West with government supplies. We had twelve teams and fourteen men. What a lot could be written of the happenings along the old road that ran through Callahan county from east to west. We made our camp near where Eula now stands and placed our wagons in circular shape for protection against the red men who were more savage than the beast they slew.

It calls my mind back to my boyhood days to look over the Eula country where I have seen herds of buffalo and antelope roaming, and now I see beautiful farms, all growing in their splendor. What a contrast to the long ago. X RAY.

We regret to learn that J. W. Payne living at Caddo Peak, met with a serious accident a few days ago. While at work on a house on Mr. Hall's ranch he fell from the roof of the building and had both arms broken. At last accounts he was doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

In the rush in going to press last week quite a number of locals personals and business locals were left out though in type. We regret exceedingly that the College program was omitted, but under the circumstances it could not be avoided. We had to cut out three columns of foreign ads in order to get in matter that was in type that could not be carried over without losing the work entirely.

NOTICE DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMEN.

BAIRD, TEXAS, JUNE 4 1902. The Democratic Precinct Chairmen of Callahan County are reminded that they should hold Democratic Conventions in their respective precincts on 14th inst. and elect delegates to the County Convention which meets in Baird on the 21st inst. They should freely give notice of their conventions, and are recommended to hold them at 2 p. m. They will also elect their Precinct Chairmen for the ensuing two years. The County Convention will be called to order at 2 p. m. on the 21st. W. H. CLIFTON, Ch. Dem. Ex. Com. C. Co.

W. B. Ellis, of Eagle Cove, came down from Abilene Monday.

Squire W. T. Wheeler was in town Friday last.

John Boen of Admiral was in town Tuesday.

Miss Hallie Powell who has been attending the State University at Austin returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Gilliland and daughters, Clara and Willie, of Abilene, are visiting relatives in the county.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Program for Sunday June 15 1902.
1 Leader, Miss Willie Floyd.
2 Song.
3 Scripture lesson.
4 Prayer.
5 Reading of minutes.
6 Song.
7 Readings, Misses Clair Phillips, Lide Spragins, Carrie Wilkerson.
8 Duet, Beautiful Blossom of Pity, Misses Beulah Kendall, Faankie Oliver.
9 Recitation, Miss Josie Turner.
10 Song.
11 Roll call.
12 Benediction.

THE STAR made some enemies and perhaps some friends in the local option contest, but that was to be expected. Some people are so liberal(?) in their views that they resent the idea of a paper having any ideas not in harmony with their own. However, THE STAR is not going to fall out with any one because they don't agree with it on local option or anything else.

B. Y. P. U.

Sunday, June 15, 1902.
Subject, "Why total abstinence is best."
Prov. 20:1. Rom. 14:15-23.
Leader, Miss Bessie Foy.
1 Song and Prayer.
2 Bible reading.
3 Hymn.
4 Paper, "Why should we be total abstainers?"—Miss Chassie Coffman.
5 Hymn.
6 "What can we do to help our community along temperance line?"
General discussion.
7 Closing exercises.

POSTED.—My ranch on the Bayou 15 miles south of Baird is posted and I forbid any one to fish or hunt on my ranch without my written permission. W. M. McMANIS.

Mr. S. H. Morgan has moved back to Baird and has again engaged in the float business. See his local.

DEMOCRATIC CALL.

A democratic Precinct convention is hereby called to meet at the Court House in Baird on Saturday June 14 at 2 p. m.

H. F. Foy, Chairman.

Jack Jones.
Hotel Seay Barber Shop.
YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED.

ARRESTED

J. L. Nickell, Pete Fulcher and Wyatt Hanks all of this county were arrested Monday by Sheriff T. A. Irvin and Sheriff Robt. Goodfellow, of Coleman county, on information filed in the Federal Court charging them with being in possession of the state bank notes obtained in the great train robbery in Montana last year. Several notes of the Montana bank obtained by the train robbers have been put in circulation at Baird and Burkett the last two or three weeks. Sheriff T. A. Irvin and Sheriff Goodfellow of Coleman county it seems both got the information about the same time that the stated notes were being circulated in this section and to them is due the credit of making the arrests. Just how much money was recovered the officers refuse to divulge and besides there is more in the case than the public is permitted to know just at the present. The persons were lodged in jail at Abilene. The unsigned bank notes in question it is claimed was brought to this county by O. C. Hanks one of the men implicated in the train robbery, and who was killed in San Antonio by a police officer a few months ago. It is supposed the money was secreted somewhere in the west part of this county and after the excitement incident to the killing of Hanks at San Antonio had died out the money was put in circulation with the result that has brought the three men to grief.

Mollie Bailey's show hit the town just at the close of the Local Option campaign. She had a good crowd out as usual.

J. D. Boydston, W. J. McGowen and Boy McGowen returned last Friday from a trip through the west. Mr. Boydston has returned to his home at Rockwall.

We could tell some good jokes in connection with the late local option election, but some people cannot take a joke when put in print so guess we had better let them go for the present.

The commissioners court is sitting as a board of Equalization this week. Judge Russell, Merrick, Yost, Williams and Austin are present. Tax Assessor T. J. Norrell and Deputy Eli Gilliland are also present to give the court any desired information on assessments.

FOR SALE.

160 acres of fine bottom land ten miles N. E. of Baird, 50 acres in cultivation. On same premises a "Wonder Pump" boiler, engine and pipe. The above for sale at a bargain and on terms to suit. Address MRS. J. M. INGLE, Abilene, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mahan left Monday evening for Abilene and will go from there to Colorado City, where they will visit friends for several days.

Seasonable Goods!



WATER COOLERS, SCREEN DOORS, SCREEN WIRE, ET. Harry Meyer.

Miss Fay Collier's school will reopen June 23rd, 1902 for a term of five weeks. Special attention paid to Latin and English Grammar, and Arithmetic. Other branches taught upon application. Children's hour from 7:30 to 8:30 a. m. For terms and other information call or write. Mrs. M. O. Powell.

La Creole Hair Restorer. La Creole restores those gray hairs to their youthful color and vigor, cures dandruff without gumming. Stops the hair from falling out and produces ease and comfort. \$1.00 a bottle. Manufactured by the Van-Vleet, Mansfield Drug Co. For sale by Powell and Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson, of Dallas, and Mrs. Alice Walker, of Memphis Tennessee, are visiting friends in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson recently lost their only child which was a sad blow to them. A beautiful memorial of the little girl written by Mrs. Walker was published in THE STAR last week. We sincerely hope the rest and change of scenes will be beneficial to Mrs. Johnson.

A BARGAIN. 13 in second hand farm wagon. Good as new. 1 second hand ranch buggy. C. S. BOYLER.

Phillips & Son have a new stock of wall paper and are selling it at a 10 per cent discount. Call and see it. 24

Dr. R. G. Powell arrived home Saturday night from Chicago where he has been for some time taking a post graduate course in surgery.

Hon. J. M. Dean candidate for congress is in town.

Judge Littler, of Big Springs, Judge Smith's campaign manager, is in the county this week in the interest of Judge Smith.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Preaching 1st and 3rd and 5th Sundays, 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Every Sunday 10:30 a. m. Mr. J. C. Gray Pastor. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night 8:30 p. m. Pastors Reading Room at church, every Wednesday all day.

REV. M. E. CHAPIN.

A. S. Hardwicke of Abilene, candidate for District Attorney is in town. For biliousness use Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets. They cleanse the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels, effecting a quick and permanent cure. For sale by R. Phillips & Son, Baird, Texas. Y. A. Orr, Putnam, Texas.

DOWN BY THE RIO GRANDE

By
H. S.
CANFIELD

CHAPTER III.

Introducing the Honorable Russell Maude.

Balcones ranche faced to the east. In front of it ran Arroyo Pena, a clear stream, shallow for the most part, but having deep dark pools in places. Its banks were thickly grown with willows, cottonwoods, live-oaks and pecan trees. Indeed, Lois had seen the line of them when five miles distant. The arroyo, after traversing the greater part of the ranche land, emptied into the Rio Grande ten miles below the house. Being "permanent water" it was of priceless value to the English colony which had planted itself in that far spot. The house itself covered nearly an acre of ground. It was of one story and built of "adobe," or sun-dried slabs of clay, and it was painted a glaring white with lime. Its roof was of "tule," a description of water grass, laid on to a foot in depth and impervious to the tropic downpour which, though infrequent, yet prevented the country from being a desert. All about the ranche-house were hills, the land having lost its prairie character five miles to the eastward, and these hills were, for the most part, bare, though there were occasional small forests of mesquite and wide stretches of cacti of many kinds. The yellow, turbid Rio Grande wound its way to the sea two miles away at the back. On this river the ranche had a frontage of more than twenty miles. In all this portion of the stream there were but two known fords—one called the "Carrizo" ford from a growth of wild canes near it; the other known as "Palatox" ford. Beginning a half-mile behind the ranche-house, suddenly showing in perfect form on the side of a hill and running straight to the river and beyond, was a wide smooth road. It penetrated far into the interior of the Mexican Republic, it was said, and had formerly been much used by goods trains of carts, but of late not a wheel had touched it. Though disused, it retained its perfection and the hoofs of straying cattle and horses did not mar its surface. It was supposed to be a creation of early Spanish adventurers. Whoever made it, they did their work well—those old-time engineers. Near to the ranche-house proper, not more than a hundred feet away, stood a similar but smaller building, which Lois knew intuitively to be the "bachelors' quarters," of which her companion had spoken. Grouped in the rear were various out-houses, sleeping rooms for servants and cow-hands, a kitchen and so forth. The corrals—several of them—were a quarter of a mile distant.

As the ambulance dashed to the door, the mules stopping without pressure of rein or word of command, a pale lady, with limp figure clad in a loose wrapper, with hair slightly disordered and a bottle of smelling salts in her hand, sauntered forward. This was Mrs. Glynn. She was followed by Glynn himself, a tall spare man, with a pointed beard streaked with gray, a high forehead, hooked nose, the length of limb which seems inseparable from the colonizing Englishman and pleasant brown eyes. He held in his arms a pale girl-child with a tiny, sweet, pathetic face. At his heels, hanging back, were two small boys, evidently sprung for the occasion and evidently uncomfortable about it. Lois recognized "Toddy" and "Miggs" in an instant and smiled at them brightly. They grinned instantly in response and came forward a little more briskly. Grouped at the back were several men whom she did not notice and to whom she was subsequently introduced without remembering their names.

Placing his child carefully on the hard white ground Glynn assisted his new governess to alight, said some words of simple welcome and busied himself about the disposition of the trunks. In a high thin drawl, extending two fingers of her right hand, Mrs. Glynn said:

"Ve'y welcome, ve'y welcome, indeed, to Balcones ranche, Miss English. I trust you ah not tired. I would show you to your room myself, but I am not well. This climate tiah me."

Miss English was not at all tired, she said. The long ride on the train had naturally wearied her, but the trip to the ranche had been most enjoyable and refreshing. She smiled gratefully at Allyn as she said it and he smiled frankly back. No one having thought to introduce the children Lois gravely shook hands with "Toddy" as became his eleven years, bestowed a shoulder-pat as well as a handshake on "Miggs," stooping to whisper to him that she was hungry, whereat his face lightened wonderfully, and then she gathered the little girl into her arms and kissed her on the cheek. With that divination

which is shared between children and the lower animals, "Palomita" instantly snuggled close to her and piped to her father:

"My governess has come, papa."

Glynn laughed and the party went into the house, along whose front ran a gallery, also roofed with water grass. Here a tidy English maid-servant took Miss English's hand luggage and led the way into a wide, dim hall whose walls were covered with deer-horns, gun-racks, whip-racks and so forth. Diverging into a side passage, which in turn made a sharp angle to the right, she found herself after a walk of fifty feet in a large low-ceilinged room, with snow-white walls and comfortably furnished. A narrow door led into a bathroom beyond. Two wide windows in the east side of the apartment opened upon an interior court, a quarter-acre in extent, which was gay with flowers, green with dwarf-palms and palmettos, and in its center a fountain tinkled. This patio, or court, was not roofed. The Maine girl found that the house, as is the case with many houses in that climate, was built around the interior court, forming four sides of a square about it. There were benches here and there in the court, which was paved with flagstones, and the fountain had a cool refreshing sound. Pointing to a hand bell on the center table and intimating that it was to be rung if anything were wanted, the girl made way for the Mexicans bringing in the trunks and withdrew.

An hour later, having emerged from a bath of cool clear water, which ran through wooden pipes, and clothed herself in fresh raiment, Lois opened her door to a faint rap. Looking straight in front she saw nothing, but glancing down there were her three charges, "Toddy" in front with a dusty bottle of claret, a glass and a corkerew, "Miggs" next, bearing a large tray filled with broiled chicken and light biscuit, and "Palomita" last, also with small tray, on which was a teapot and cups.

"I thought you were hungry, Miss English," said "Toddy," depositing the bottle, glass and corkerew on the table, "so I brought you this."

"I thought she was hungry," said "Miggs." "She said she was hungry. You thought she was thirsty, Toddy."

"I thought you wanted tea," said "Palomita," nestling against her.

Lois set the teapot on the table, took the little one in her arms, sat down, and said: "You were the rightest of all, my dear," and asked "Toddy" to carve the chicken for her. Proud of the task, the boy set to work while "Miggs" looked hungrily on. In a quarter of an hour a four-sided luncheon was in progress and at the end of it the new governess and the children were as intimately acquainted as if they had been friends all of their lives. The newcomer found that they did not know much, but that they were not expected to know much. She found, in addition, from unconscious betrayals by the youngsters, that she was expected to keep them out of the way of their mother, and that was all, or nearly all, she was expected to do. It became apparent after awhile that she had been imported more to become their guide, counsellor and friend than anything else, to keep them out of mischief, to teach them a little at such hours as she might select, to form their manners and, above all, to prevent them jarring Mrs. Glynn during her constant headaches.

"I don't know why it is," said Toddy, who had been permitted one small glass of the claret, "but when Mama has a headache she lies down in a cool place and reads a novel hard, I can't read when I have a headache."

Putting the little ones out of the room with the remnants of the luncheon on a tray in the hands of "Miggs," Lois drew a sofa close to a window and lying within hearing of the fountain, dropped into pleasant sleep. She was awakened later on by a maid who told her that the dinner hour was seven. It was then half-past six, but she dressed, as she did all things, rapidly and well, and at the time entered the drawing room which led from the hall near to the front entrance.

It was a chamber thirty feet square, furnished with many evidences of wealth and in excellent taste. A grand piano stood at one side and at the far end, in a wide fireplace, mesquite logs crackled, for the sun had gone down and the November evening was chill. It was a scene for which she was not prepared. Near to the fire stood Mrs. Glynn in an expensive dinner gown of a fashion two years past, talking to

her husband, who, in common with the eight other men, was in full dress, his immaculate white shirt bosom showing below a white tie, his feet in patent leathers, his hair parted with mathematical exactness in the middle, his chin newly shaved. The others were got up with as much care. For the life of her she could not have helped smiling broadly when she saw it. Glynn came forward, smiling in turn. "You mustn't laugh, Miss English," he said. "All this is a little out of the Rio Grande, but we made up our minds when we came out that we would keep up some one of the home customs in order to have with us an active memory of the old life. Sometimes the laundry isn't all that it ought to be, but we do fairly well."

"Dressing for dinner is a necessity to me," said Mrs. Glynn. "It makes some break in the monotony of this tiahsome life."

One by one the men came forward and were re-introduced, all except Allyn, who said that Miss English must remember his name by this time. The Hon. Henry Lascelles, a short, fair, broad man of thirty years, muttered something about "denned assurance" and was privily kicked by Mr. John Royal Deveraux, a short, dark, broad man of the same age. A butler in somewhat faded livery appearing to

announce dinner, Glynn gave the governess his arm. Mrs. Glynn followed on the arm of Allyn and the companionless males brought up the rear. The dining room was kalsomined in olive green, picked out with red. Stags' antlers and boars' heads were on the walls. The long table of mahogany glittered with silver in the light of branches of wax candles. In this room also was a fire of mesquite logs which threw out a faint but pungent scent. Lois found herself at the right hand of the host. Next to her was the Hon. L. Louis Godwyn, a youth of twenty-one, with broad shoulders, a healthy color on his tanned cheeks and a healthy appetite. He devoted himself studiously to his dinner, vouchsafing but one remark during the hour at table: "Had a splendid run this morning," meaning thereby that he had been chasing peccaries.



I Thought You Were Hungry.

Across the table sat the Hon. Russell Maude and the girl told herself that of the men there he was the one most worth cultivation. He was of tall, strong frame, with browned sinewy hands which showed almost black against the table linen. His eyes, small and brilliant, were of the hue of jet. A heavy black moustache shaded his mouth, his nose was hooked and his brown forehead seemed abnormally high and narrow because of the loss of some hair in front. That which remained was black as the crow's wing and un streaked by gray. His chin was massive and protruding, blued from the razor, and his ears small and set closely to his head. When he smiled, which was not often, he revealed an even row of teeth, white as milk and sharp-pointed. Lean and muscular, saturnine, self-contained and forceful, with that nameless unconscious polish of manners which comes from contact with the world, he was not a handsome man, but one noticeable in any assembly. A certain squareness and rigidity of shoulder and measured length of step smacked of early military training and there was an inconspicuous set of limb which said that, in all probability, this training had been in the cavalry arm. He watched with quiet amusement the steady industry of Godwyn, then leaning forward addressed his first remark to the girl, speaking in a deep, quiet voice and with much distinctness:

"I am afraid, Miss English, that you have come a long way to get to a poor country."

It was in a way as if he had challenged her to defend the country, or to disprove his condemnation of it, and she felt a slight resentment stir in her.

"I know nothing about the country as yet," she answered calmly. "You know it better than I. I have certainly come a long way."

"But admit," he went on, "that you were disappointed in it. It is so dry and brown, waterless and unpicturesque."

"I was not disappointed in it, because I had no preconceived idea of it. As for its dryness and brownness, it is not alone in that regard. Other countries share the doubtful merit with it, I suppose. For instance the sands back of Algiers."

She spoke without thinking, but Maude started slightly and his bronze cheek paled. He looked at her for a fleeting moment as if he were about to say or do something startling, then continued smoothly:

"Ah! You have been in Algiers?"

"Oh, no; I have not been out of America. I mentioned Sahara merely as an instance in point."

"Just so. Yes, it is dry in North Africa away from the sea. So, for that matter, is the country of Bokhara. I have been in both places. The Rio Grande region is really beautiful in spring. I hope that you will be with us then, Miss English, and that you will enjoy the intervening winter."

She said "Thank you!" abstractedly and turned to address some remark to her host. Receiving his reply and glancing down the table she was surprised to catch from its far end the bright blue eyes of Allyn fixed on her with a look of warning and deprecation. She did not understand it and she did not, at the time, permit it to interfere with her enjoyment of the dinner and company, but she remembered it afterward. Catching the signal from Mrs. Glynn, she rose and Godwyn, with an unexpected celerity, was at the door to open it for her. He bowed profoundly as she passed out and gave her a grateful glance for permitting him to eat his dinner in peace. The men rejoined them in the drawing room within a half-hour. Being asked to sing, she held them spellbound with some of Trotter's songs, her accompaniment being rendered in a really masterly manner by the Hon. George R. Peyton, a pale young fellow riding after cattle in the west because of lungs that would not permit him to reside with his mother in Yorkshire.

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CHAPTER IV.

A Proposal and No Answer.

At the end of a month the Maine girl fitted into her surroundings as if she had been born on a Rio Grande cattle ranch. Her boy pupils learned to love and trust her without effort. "Toddy" voluntarily forsook the partially emptied glasses of the men, "Miggs" wore shoes for a whole day at a time, religiously put on his hat when out of doors and vowed that he would never run away again unless she ran with him. "Palomita" nestled to her more closely day by day, a fragile, loving and lovable child to whom Lois supplied the long-lacking place of a mother. Mrs. Glynn she saw only at meal-times. That languid lady with her novels and headaches kept to her own apartments, reviving sufficiently only to dress for dinner.

There could not be a more care-free life than that led by those sprigs of English aristocracy, self-expatriated. It seemed to the young woman that they bred and herded cattle merely as a matter of amusement. The animals were cared for, of course, by the large force of Mexican vaqueros, range-riders, trailers, and so forth. The various "Honorables" were in saddle from morning until night, but they were not at work. Polo, peccary-chases, coursing, hunting jack rabbits with greyhounds, hunting black-bellied quail, excursions to the river in search of wild turkeys, stalking the mule-eared deer took up their daylight hours. At night there was music, or moonlit strolls under the soft blue sky, or the twanging of guitars and plunking of banjos on the heavily wooded banks of the arroyo. Grayborough was knee-deep in the snows, but to her the mockingbird was pouring out its full soul to the stars and there was just enough of tang in the air to keep the blood dancing.

But one thing disturbed the idyllic current of her life and that thing was the Hon. Russell Maude. Struck by her beauty when he had first seen her and subsequently charmed by her bold, keen brain, he had set himself to win her with an ardency and assiduity that would not be denied. He was the eldest of all the unmarried men on the ranche, possessed a certain influence over them, though this influence could not be said to be due to liking, and, seeing his determination, they drew back, permitting him a clear field. When, in self-protection, the girl would have sought Godwyn or Peyton, those gentlemen were not to be found. As for Allyn, he seemed to have been effaced completely from her life. He met her, only at table, was seated near her but seldom and then devoted himself to his food with grave reticence. It came to be a recognized thing that when the men entered the drawing room after dinner Maude should seek her out and be near her at the piano, or pen her in a far corner of the room, where his large person shielded her from view of the company. During this time the man exerted all of his undeniable charm. He was well educated, talked with ease, had seen and known many interesting things in many strange lands and was much in love. He had a masterful manner which seemed to say: "You may evade me for awhile, but my will is stronger than yours and eventually I shall have my way." Lois English did not know what fear was, but she sometimes asked herself if it would all end as he wished; if, wearied of incessant pursuit, she would yield merely to obtain relief. There could be no question of his sincerity. When she was near, his dark face lighted up as if some inward fire had flared. When she was far, gloom settled upon him. He drew himself apart from his associates. They found him more than ordinarily taciturn and unapproachable. He was, as C. Claybrough put it, "Dossid disagreeable, don't you know." With it all, his bearing was devoid of open offense. He seemed to plead even when he compelled and she could not see her way clear to checking him. Indeed, he left no opening for remonstrance and she could only wait and wonder, not knowing how it would all end.

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windows to the gallery outside and thence into the hard, white yard. Fifty yards away grew a grove of pecans and to this he bent his steps, she going obediently. She seemed to feel that a crisis was near and her spirit rose to meet it. There was no moon, but in a cloudless heaven was a glory of stars, so large, so brilliant that almost one of her lost northern twilights was about her. Reaching the grove he paused and looked at her for a full minute without speaking. Finding the silence irksome, and anxious, as every woman similarly placed is anxious, for the crucial moment to come and pass, she laughed lightly, though with some constraint, and said:

"You are silent tonight, Mr. Maude. Are you thinking of pig-sticking or of the things in the last London paper?"

"Of neither," he answered gravely, with his face set and his tall form rigid. "I am thinking, as I have thought for a month past, of you."

"It should be unprofitable reflection," she said quickly. "There are matters of much more moment in the world."

"There is not," he replied, speaking with more rapidity and a little thickly, "in the world, or in the universe, a matter of more moment to me—a fact which you know well, Miss English, and have known for some time."

"I know nothing about it," she replied coldly and moving on. "I do not care to—"

He was by her side moving evenly with her and broke in smoothly: "It is a beautiful night, don't you think? What is it that 'Manfred' says: 'On such a night, when I was wandering, I stood upon the Coliseum's hoary wall, 'mid the chief relics of almighty Rome.' The Coliseum by moonlight is a wonderful spectacle, but I like it best when only the stars are shining. It looms larger so and there is even more of mystery to it."

"You told me once that you do not like moonlight," she said. "That seems curious. To me it is a beautiful time. It is lucky that your aversion does not extend also to daylight."

"It does," he replied shortly. "Much of our time is passed in sunlight, particularly in this country, where everything for twelve hours out of the twenty-four is in glare, but I would make it all starlight if I could. You may not have noticed it, but I see as well now as at noon. It is due to some peculiar expansion of the retina. My mother was so."

She looked at him to discover whether by any possibility he was jesting, though she had never known him to jest, and saw, even in the half light, that his eyes were larger and seemed all black, with nothing of the white visible. It gave her an eerie feeling and she drew away from him involuntarily.

"I have found it a valuable faculty in scouting in past times," he went on. "I used in the course of work to do a good deal of night-riding."

This was literally his first reference to his past life and she listened, expecting more, but he broke off with:

"You have been with us for some weeks, Miss English? Do you like the country and the life?"

"I do," she answered unreservedly and unguardedly. "I am charmed with both."

"I am glad to hear you say that," was the reply. "Because I intended to ask you to remain here."

It had come so suddenly, and apparently just when they were farthest from the test, that she stopped still and stammered:

"I—I don't—don't understand." She realized a moment later that this was distinctly weak, but the words were said.

"I ask you now." Maude stood before her, erect, his head thrown slightly back, his face pale, his lips compressed. She felt rather than saw then that he was between her and the ranche-house so that she could not leave him abruptly. This tended to anger her. She thought rapidly. This was a proposal of marriage; the man was asking her to be his wife. He was a gentleman born assuredly, still on the right side of forty, cultured, experienced. He was the friend and associate of other gentlemen, so that there could be nothing radically wrong with him. Before her stretched a prospect of long years in the school-room, the necessity of earning her bread, or of walking alone through the world, under the impalpable shadow which clings about every woman devoid of male protection. It was not cheering. On the other hand, she did not love him. There was so little doubt of it that she had never asked herself the question. He was neither especially attractive nor repellent to her. She felt that he would compel the respect of any woman, but respect is one thing and love is another. She had seen loveless unions and their desperate results and she had no mind to make one. At the same time, he was doing her the highest honor that man can pay. He was willing to take her absolutely on trust. If she knew nothing of his past, he knew nothing of hers, nor had he shown any disposition to inquire. Prying was not a part of Maude's nature. There was a certain recklessness in him that showed sometimes under the iron calm of his manner. He was entitled to consideration. There could be no doubt of that, either. All of this flashed through her brain in the five seconds which intervened between his proposal and her reply. Still he stood between her and the house and this was irritating, so she said clearly and icily:

"I am not going to seek protection, Mr. Maude. I have no thought of fleeing to Mrs. Glynn."

He bit his lip, but moved instantly to one side. Then she half-turned, faced him and went on:

"This is my first proposal. I am twenty-two years old, but you are the

only man who has asked me to marry him. I appreciate the honor you do me, believe me. I appreciate the fact that, not knowing or asking who or what I am, you have offered to make me your wife, to place your name in my keeping. I am flattered by this. I am flattered further by the fact that the offer comes from one who has seen the world and many women. Still, I can not answer you 'Yes.' While you offer me much, you are asking much. It is all of my future life you require. The woman who marries must be prepared to lose her old self and find a new self that will be happier and better. This is sometimes done, but not always. I respect you—I may even say that I like you—but liking is not love and—"

His face had grown grayer as she proceeded. His eyes were fixed intently upon her face as if he would read every thought thereon. Once or twice he had started to speak and checked himself. Now, as he saw the words shaping themselves which would deny him that which he craved, the pent-up passion in him broke loose. He seized her hand roughly, fiercely, and try as she might she could not disengage it. He spoke rapidly and hoarsely:

"Wait! Do not say that which you may repent and which will make my life black. When first I saw you something new and strong came from you to me and entered into me and gripped my soul. You are all earth and the hereafter to me! Sun, moon, stars, the sea and winds, hope, desire, ambition, strength of body and will, life itself are in you. In all past years I have dreamed of a woman. On Asian steppes, on African sands, in tropic forests, on the bosoms of broad rivers, on wind-beaten seas, in the clamor and clangor of huge cities, on peaceful English country-sides, in noon-hours and night-hours she has come to me and I know now that the woman is you. For this I have waited. Other men have fought for riches, or celebrity, or for the joy of fighting. I have striven only that I might win to the

place where you were standing and waiting. I have come; you have come. Some invisible hand has directed our steps. I know not whether this hand is benign or hateful, but it has done its work. Why else should I be here and you here? Lois, I love you. You are more beautiful than any vision that ever visited the aching eyeballs of a dying limner or starved body and throbbing brain. Do not answer me tonight. I have been hurried; I should have waited; but I could not wait longer. You are surrounded by men younger than I; more light-hearted; more suited to you in every way. It seemed to me that I must speak now, or forfeit my chance of happiness. Give me my answer to-morrow, or the day after tomorrow, or a week from tomorrow. I can wait; I will be patient; I will choke back fear, Lois!"

His voice had died almost to soundlessness. His stern face was softened in his passionate pleading. He breathed thickly and quickly. He had dropped her hand and now her fingers were interlaced before her. To her clear cheeks a warm blush had arisen. Her limbs were languorous, so that she swayed slightly. It was sweet to be wooed so, sweet to know that she was all in all to one older, wiser, stronger than she. The tremendous force and earnestness of him had its effect upon her. Yet through it all ran the constant thought: "I do not love him; I can not love him; I am afraid that I fear him, but I have for him no softer feeling; I do not even want him for my friend; I can not give him the answer he wishes, yet he is a brave, strong man and some woman must have loved him well; it is not to be; it shall not be." She spoke slowly, hesitatingly, her deep voice expressing kindness, regret possibly, but nothing warmer.

"I will do as you wish, Mr. Maude. I will consider carefully all that you will give you your answer tomorrow, have said. I do you the justice to believe that you are sincere. That weighs with me. If, however, that answer is not what you wish, remember that a girl's heart is not her own to give or to take away. We do not direct or govern these things. I tell you frankly that I have never seen the man to whom I would surrender my life. It may perhaps be your due to know that I have more interest in you than in any other, but I do not love you. I know that I am far from loving you. I wish to return now."

He said not another word but fell in by her side and walked slowly toward the house. His face again was steeled against the outward showing of emotion. As they reached the steps, he paused, whispered "Tomorrow, then," bowed gravely, and turned toward the bachelors' quarters.

Lois, feeling thoroughly unstrung

and much troubled by thought of the task which lay before her, entered the hall. There were lights in the drawing room, but no sound of conversation. Evidently the happy family had retired. She was surprised therefore when she heard her name called and a moment after Allyn appeared in the doorway. She stood with the light falling full upon her as he said:

"I have missed you and supposed you were walking with Maude. I have something to say to you; I have felt that I ought to say it for some days."

He looked at her curiously as she spoke and then directed his glance past her toward the night which showed through the narrow windows on each side of the hall door. Pondering to herself, Lois mentally asked: "Can this be another proposal? I am not equal to two in a night," and a smile flickered upon her lips. A look into his frank blue eyes, however, reassured her. Plainly he was earnest and plainly he was not thinking of marriage. She liked this man very heartily. In fact there was a strong element of comradeship between them.

"Why, of course," she answered cordially. "You can tell me anything you wish and I will be glad to listen."

She did not suppose for a moment that the matter concerned herself. If she had any well formed idea, it was to the effect that he had some boyish confidence to repose, something about the folks at home, with whom he was in a continual stew over remittances, or a subject of like importance.

"It is late now," he returned, a little dully. "It is time I was getting my beauty sleep. The unholy hours they keep here knock me up awfully. I'm a nine o'clock man and have been since childhood. But may I come to you tomorrow in the school-room? You can let the youngsters run for awhile. This thing is really of importance, or I would not ask to break into your work hours."

"Certainly," Lois answered. "Come to the school-room when you will. I shall be ready to hear you, though I'm afraid I shall have difficulty in getting rid of the children when you are there. Good night!"

She shook hands with him and passed on to her room. Allyn leaning against the wall looked after her steadily. His face was a little pale, but had a shade of determination on it. "It may not be exactly the right thing to do," he muttered, "but she's a woman and alone in the world and I don't know any one whom I like so well."

CHAPTER V.
A Leaf from the History of Maude.

In the school-room next morning, the two boys having been driven out and "Palomita" having left at a whispered request, Allyn sat looking at Miss English and at a loss how to begin. His fair face was flushed, and his blue eyes troubled. On the floor by his chair was his sombrero and his booted feet were alternately crossed and spread wide apart. For the first time in many years he did not know what to do with his hands. The girl watched him with some amusement, lazily patient, waiting for what he had to say. He cleared his throat once or twice, let his eyes wander about the room and finally said, desperately:

"Do you—do you like teaching, Miss English?"

She broke into a peal of laughter, in which he joined raptly. "Why, not especially," she answered. "I like the children, though. However, that is not what you came to tell me."

"No," he assented cheerfully, "it isn't. You see I'm placed in a peculiar position, Miss English. I don't want to seem to be doing anything underhanded, yet I must speak to you. Tell me," and here he brightened considerably, "you wouldn't marry me, would you?"

"Of course not," was the ready response.

"Not if I were to ask you in earnest?"

"Not under any circumstances, at all. Don't be foolish."

"Well," said Allyn, "that clears things up a bit. I can't rest under suspicion of seeking an advantage for myself. Of course if you couldn't be induced to marry me, I'm out of the running and am to be considered in the light of a cousin or something like that."

Lois looked at him with puzzled face, her brows prettily drawn together, her red lips a little tightened. "Now," she queried, "what are you trying to say? You are worse than 'Toddy' when he has been breaking his word to me."

"Just this," her visitor replied, suddenly taking the bit between his teeth. "I like you. We became friends when I brought you here in the ambulance. We are friends yet, aren't we? We are? That's right. Now, I can't see my friend deceived, or imposed upon, or endangered in any way while I stand by and keep my mouth shut and my hands still. I believe Maude is going to ask you to marry him."

A light, faint as yet, but clear and growing stronger, began to break in on her.

"He asked me last night," she said simply.

"Ah! And you answered him?"

"Nothing—as yet."

"Then I'm not too late. I tossed about a good deal last night thinking of it. You mustn't say 'Yes'—you mustn't."

"Why?"

"Now, look here, Miss English, I can't rid myself of the idea that this is a mean thing to do, but it must be done. I'd rather you wouldn't ask me that question and would take my word for it that the thing wouldn't do at all; but, since you have asked it, you have a right to an answer and I won't shrink from it. Look on me as your only near kin in all this wide country and believe that in what I am going to say I am anxious to protect you from the consequences of a mistake made through

ignorance. I am going to do something that whips me worse than I was ever flogged at Eton. I am going to talk harshly about a man who has been my companion, if not my friend."

The girl pitted him, understood the struggle through which he was passing and admired the moral courage that forced him on.

"I understand you," she said softly. "If it is anything I ought to know, tell me."

"Then listen! This is a part of the story of Russell Maude, as we know it. Understand that Glynn was not to blame for his being here, for these things came to us after his arrival. In fact, they came to me and, beyond acquainting Glynn with them, I have said nothing. I suppose that we are the only two men in America who know them:

"Russell Maude's family is excellently well known and excellently well thought of all through the middle shires. My family knows his family; his family knows the Glynn's. He was educated at Harrow and Sandhurst and upon graduation obtained a cornetcy in the Light Cavalry. His regiment was stationed in London for two years, doing duty at public functions. He was a handsome and brilliant fellow, with a considerable income in his own right, all doors were open to him and he went the pace. He was not a drunkard and not specially a libertine, but a fiercer gambler never looked across the green cloth. At the end of the two years he was ruined. He married Emily Stone, daughter of a rich brewer. She brought him many thousands of pounds and at her father's death—she was an only child—many thousands more. In the three following years his troop was in the provinces, but even in the smaller cities within his reach he managed to get rid of the money at a fearful rate. They had no children. His nights were passed at the gaming table; she did as she pleased with her own. She came to be known as a neglected wife, fond of mild flirtation, but nothing serious was ever alleged against her and I don't believe there was any harm in her. I think she was a good woman."

Allyn paused and wiped his perspiring forehead, picked up his sombrero, turned it aimlessly about, put it down and went on:

"The Thirteenth Light Cavalry, which had come to be known by that time as the 'Devil's Own,' was ordered to India, more to get it out of harm's way than for any other reason. Maude and his wife went with it. In Calcutta, in Bombay and in the hills the pace was kept up. The smash came at Simla. Maude was mixed up in some racing transaction of which we have never had the rights. There was much feeling against him and he sold out. He disappeared, going down the country alone. His wife waited for his return, for she loved him with all of her little soul, and then died, the doctors said of a decline and her friends said of a broken heart. Remember that all of this happened when I was a boy and what I am telling you is hearsay with me. He may have had some justification of which we do not know."

"I understand," said Lois, "go on."

"Maude was next heard of in Burma in the service of Thebar. He was Master of the Elephants, or something, and drilled the niggers. You know that we English drift all over the world and it is hard for a man of a good strain to keep himself hidden. He left Burma, for no reason that is known and for three years was out of sight utterly. His family thought him dead. Then there began to come from the interior frontier of Algiers rumors of an Englishman who headed a predatory band of Arabs. Some said his

name was Arabs; some said they were Moriscan Rif; anyhow, there was no doubt that he had them and that they were fatal to caravans. For four years they kept their section of the Sahara in terror. The French government sent one or two expeditions against them and these blacks, led as they were, fought like fiends. The Frenchmen had nothing the better of the encounters. There was a woman with them, an Egyptian, yellow as gold, but of great beauty. It was said that she was the Englishman's wife. It was said also that he abused her. That may, or may not, be. It is certain, however, that the retreat of the band was betrayed by her to French troops and that the band was cut to pieces. Their leader was wounded slightly and captured, after a desperate resistance, in which he pistolled two of his assailants. He fought so gamely, in fact, that the French, romantic fellows at best, rather liked him and instead of shooting him then and there they put him on a camel and started to Algiers, intending to try him and shoot him according to law.

"Now, riding with the French was

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