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Too Many Homicides in Texas.

At a meeting of the Texas Chiefs of Police and City Marshals' Associations in Fort Worth this week, John G. Blackburn, chief of police formerly at Houston, made the statement that the greatest percentage of homicides of the United States occur in Texas. The United States percentage is 30 times that of London and the percentage of Texas homicides to the population is nearly double that of the United States, he says.

He further states: "In England the jury's verdict stands for more than elsewhere in the world, it is seldom appealed from and it is significant that they grant an execution in every three homicides. While in our republic, where there is thirty times as many homicides as there is in London, there is one execution to every 72 homicides committed. There were in Texas in 1905 1,182 indictments for murder and there were 34 death penalties. The United States is 30 times as bloody as ungodly London, and Texas, with not 5 per cent of the population of the union, commits 10 per cent of the homicides of the United States."

In support of these statistics Mr. Blackburn urged a more stringent enforcement of the law and said that more should be hanged for murders.

Northeast Texas Stormswept.

A tornado swept over the northeastern part of the state Monday afternoon. The town of Ridgeway in Hopkins county suffered worst, being nearly swept out of existence and several persons killed. Among the dead are, Loyd Brazile, Ray McFall, Crawford Martin and one or two others reported. B. F. Stephenson, wife and child are badly injured, a grandchild killed and their house blown away.

Near Celina the damage was very great, some five tenants on farms losing their all. In the vicinity of Roseland and of Lone Oak considerable damage was done to property and a few persons injured.

In Hopkins county D. B. Birthright's residence was moved fifteen feet and partially wrecked and ten of his tenant houses wrecked.

Poking Fun At the Ditch.

The Commoner of last week says:

"The Rapid progress of work upon the Panama canal will soon be greatly accelerated. The commission has just made requisition for a lot of articles that will greatly facilitate the work. Among other things asked for are six porch swings, "four feet long and thirty-two inches deep," fifty refrigerators, thirty dozen demijohns, 500,000 paper napkins, 100 rocking chairs, 100 double beds with springs, 250 mirrors, 5,000 soup spoons, 100 sideboards and a full supply of ice cream freezers and water coolers. Just as soon as the supplies arrive renewed activity will mark the work on the canal. In order to write fully of the progress of the work after these necessary canal supplies are received, the commission has also ordered 684,000 writing pens and an adequate supply of stationery. The written sheets will be held together by 500,000 clips."

The will of Silent Smith, which disposes of \$75,000,000 that eminent inheritor left behind him, is to be shredded in court, as a matter of course. Every man who leaves \$75,000,000 is of unsound mind on the face of it.—St. Louis Times.

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The Farm For Real Living In Content.

On the streets of our large western cities, a few days ago, the writer met an old farmer. He looked quite like "a fish out of water," and the conversation that followed showed that his appearance did not belie his situation. He said that after making a great success on the farm he had removed with his children to the city; that at first, while he had the education of his sons and daughters to look after, he had been reasonably content, but after a few years, when the young people had finished their schooling, gone into business for themselves and married, he began to find city life intolerable.

"I hate the noise, the dirt, the smoke and the perpetual excitement, hurry and worry," he exclaimed. "I long for the country. I am going out to the farm again. I shall surround myself with the things I like—horses, cattle, hogs, chickens, etc.—and spend my old age under the clear sky in quiet and content. My wife held out for a long time, desiring to be near the children, but last week she decided for the farm, and, thank God, we are going back!"

The experience of this good friend was typical. No life is sounder, sweeter or better than that of the farm. He who has known its joys may be happy amid other surroundings if provided with congenial occupation, but when he has nothing to do the changed situation becomes unbearable. The city has its attractions and advantages, but for real living and rational enjoyment of God's good gifts to man give us the farm every time. It is the best place to live, the best to grow old and the best place to die.—Iowa Homestead

Keep Your Record Clean.

Learn to box, swim or row, my boy. But first learn to be a gentleman. To be a gentleman means more than being merely polite. The real gentleman is always clean inside, no matter how soiled his clothes may be. He is clean of mind, clean of body and clean of heart. He willingly soils his hands with honest toil, but he scorns to soil his mouth with unclean language or his mind with unclean thoughts. Almost the last words of John B. Gough were: "Young man, keep your record clean."

That's mighty good advice, my boy. Keep your record clean. Keep mind and heart and body clean. Physical heroes there are a plenty in this world. What is needed just now more than anything else is the moral hero—the young man who is not afraid to stand forth among his fellows as an advocate of the clean life—cleanliness in body and in mind.—Will Maupin in The Commoner.

It is generally conceded that Governor Hagerman has been unjustly and unfairly treated by President Roosevelt. It was generally understood when Governor Hagerman was appointed, that he received specific instructions from Secretary Hitchcock to clean out the grafters in the territory. That Hagerman proceeded to do this cannot be denied. The astounding part of the whole proceeding is that President Roosevelt would remove him from office for removing admitted corrupt officials from office and that the grounds upon which the governor was removed was irregularities. That Governor Hagerman is guilty of any wrong doing is so utterly absurd that the charges are not taken seriously by anyone, the parties filing the charges against Hagerman not excepted.—Texico Democrat.

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On the Trail of the American Missionary.

Today we begin on last page a series of very interesting, illustrated articles by Wm. T. Ellis, the distinguished American journalist, who is traveling abroad for the purpose of investigating the American foreign missionary, from a disinterested, secular and non-sectarian standpoint, dealing with conditions in all heathen lands. This will be high quality magazine matter, and you should not miss it. We will give about three columns each Saturday.

LEGISLATIVE.

Clovis, N. M., is to have a newspaper.

Claib Burnett has bought 600 yearling steers at Bellvue at \$13.75.

Travis county, in which Austin is located, will vote on local option June 1.

Mrs. Rachel Gordon died from an overdose of laudanum at Texico a few days ago.

Mrs. Vashti Knight died of lock jaw at Lorena as a result of running a splinter in her foot.

Lightning struck the Frisco depot at Custer City, Ok., and the worth of property burned was about \$15,000.

At a dance near Groveton John Ashworth was shot and killed by Ollie Freeman, his cousin, who was arrested.

Rev. J. T. Stanton has resigned as pastor of the Baptist church at Childress and will preach his farewell sermon tomorrow.

Wilbarger, Hardeman and Childress county teachers will hold their summer normal at Quanah from June 4 to July 9th.

Herman Moore, aged 19, was kicked by a horse at Hillsboro this week and perhaps fatally injured. His skull was fractured.

At Palestine while playing with a loaded pistol, a five year old son of John Naismith shot and killed his three year old brother.

President Stahl announces that the next annual meeting of the national Farmers' Union will be held in Fort Worth next fall.

At Delaware Bend on Red River the residence of John Storp burned while he was away from home and his aged mother was cremated in the building.

Secretary Crowley of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association is making a campaign for 1000 new members, so as to run the total membership up to 3000.

W. R. Haymaker, aged sixty-five years, formerly an alderman in Fort Worth, committed suicide in Kansas City Monday because of despondency induced by ill health and the anticipation of being placed on trial at St. Louis next month on the charge of shooting a man there.

Five hundred doctors were present at the opening of the 39th session of the Texas Medical association at Mineral Wells this week. Hon. Albert Stevenson welcomed them to the city and Dr. C. B. Harris did a like service for Palo Pinto county. In his response President Foscue classed Mineral Wells with Carlsbad, Germany, and Saratoga.

All the mirrors have been removed from the government printing office. It is claimed that the women employes lost too much time "priming" before them. The use of mirrors in other departments would be a good thing if it resulted in the chiefs seeing themselves as others see them.—Commoner.

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English critics declare American court procedure is slow and cumbersome. They are right; but it is because American lawyers are quick and slick.—Dallas News.

The Porto Ricans who want a native of the island appointed colonial secretary should remember that there are several Harvard graduates, rough riders and congressional lame ducks who need a job just about that size.—Washington Post.

In San Francisco Tuesday eight men were shot by street car strike-breakers in a fight between officials and former employes, when attempt was made to reopen passenger service.

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The appointment of Judge N. A. Cravens as state revenue agent to succeed B. O. Cannon was confirmed by the senate.

The legislature has passed a law preventing the farmer from trapping or capturing quail or other game on his own land, says an exchange. The legislature found plenty of time to indulge in many foolish things, go on numerous junkets and spout on non essentials. But too crowded for time to enact into law the governor's recommendations.

It is announced from Austin that the legislators are sore and do not hesitate to express their sentiments over the governor's last message. The senators are more "stung" than those of the house. In a nutshell it means that this special session will amount to naught and nothing will be accomplished. It also means that another special session is inevitable, but it will not be now, but in August after the anti-free pass and the anti-lobby laws go into effect.

The statement of the ex-chief of Houston police is rather startling, yet these glaring facts seemed to have no effect on the legislators, who refused to make pistol toting a felony. The man who will wag around with a six-shooter in his pocket is a constant menace to life, and the "killing" desire is in his mind or he wouldn't do it. In Germany only three out of every million are charged with murder; in Canada five, while the U. S. shows up 129, and Texas more than that. Surely Gov. Campbell is right in wanting the six-shooter fiend behind the bars.

Mrs. Smith, postmistress at Rowe, spent yesterday in the city.

A new sidewalk on the north side of Barnett's corner is being put in making quite an improvement.

Another Message From the Governor.

Gov. Campbell came out Wednesday in another special message to the legislature in which he somewhat roasts the members for their derelictness. After telling them of his former message and of how he has urged uniformity and equality in taxation, he says:

"At the beginning of the special session I again submitted to your honorable bodies the subject of revenue and taxation having in view the same objects. That the masses of the people are carrying more than their share of the burden of our state, county and municipal governments is admitted on every hand; and that railways especially, are not paying their just share of the taxes admits of no discussion.

"Now, then, as twenty-seven days of the special session have expired no legislation upon this subject has been secured, I deem it but just to you and myself to say at this time, not in a spirit of dictation, but in a spirit of justice to you and to the people of Texas, that I will not give my approval to any measure or any law that will affect the individual citizen unless legislation properly taxing corporations is passed. I say this in view of the present status of the intangible tax law affecting railroads, and of the gross receipts tax bill affecting those corporations which are known not to be now paying their just share of the taxes. Until suitable and effective legislation is enacted placing these corporations upon the tax rolls in accordance with the constitution it is a waste of time to undertake legislation affecting the interest of the individual citizen.

"Although the time is short, I still urge upon you to make suitable provision for the taxation of railroads and other corporations which is alike demanded in justice and by the necessities of the state, as well as by the constitution and the platform of the Democratic party upon which we were all elected."

Former Senator Patterson of Colorado paid his fine of \$1000 and remarked that the Colorado supreme court was worth just about that amount of contempt—Ex.

The senate passed finally Senator Faust's bill, providing that before district and county attorneys can collect fees in examining trials the evidence of the material witness must be reduced to writing and sworn to.

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STATE NEWS.

J. K. Beckwith was struck by a train at Grand Saline, Tex., dying within an hour.

H. M. Hall fell between cars and was so badly crushed that death ensued in five minutes at Ennis Monday.

As a consequence of the murder of Jim Burke at Big Springs two weeks ago by a negro, all negroes have been run out that town.

In a shooting scrape at Colorado City Thursday, T. C. Hightower was shot by Mack Ferguson, but no serious damage was done. Ferguson was locked up on a charge of assault with intent to murder.

Don't set your milk, cream or butter near decaying vegetables, kerosene or anything that will contaminate it. It's as susceptible of bad odors as a politician is of graft. Remember that cleanliness and eternal vigilance is the price of good butter, and when you put nice clean butter on the market, it will always sell.

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ON THE TRAIL OF THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS

This Distinguished American Journalist is Traveling Around the World for the Purpose of Investigating the American Foreign Missionary from a Purely Disinterested, Secular and Non-Sectarian Standpoint. Illustrated with Drawings and from Photographs.

ONE OF AMERICA'S LARGEST ENTERPRISES

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Mid Pacific. — I am on the trail of the American missionary. His foot-prints are large and deep and many, and I shall certainly come up with him. Then we shall know what sort of individual he is—whether a haloed saint, as the religious papers represent, or a double-dyed knave, as many other papers and people assert, or a plain, every-day American, trying to do an extraordinary job to the best of his ability.

Rather queer, isn't it, that after having been in the business of exporting missionaries for well-nigh a hundred years, America should actually know so little about the article himself, and be so decidedly divided as to his value?

For the American missionary has been more a subject of controversy than American canned beef. Hundreds of persons who have visited foreign parts and say that they know, and thousands who declare that they have their information "straight," declare

atives, and sundry other forms of merchandise. But the church members, as church members, who put up the money, profited not at all by this.

Apparently, the missionaries themselves, of whom America maintains 3,776 in Japan, China, Korea, the Philippines, Burma, Siam, India, Thibet, Persia, Turkey, Egypt and the South American countries, do not get rich out of this vast sum. According to the official figures, which I gathered before leaving the United States, the missionary's salary ranges from nothing to \$1,800 a year. The last-named figure is paid to veterans of the Baptist denomination, who are married and have families; the former represents the salary promised to the missionaries of the China Inland Mission, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and a few other undenominational bodies.

What It Pays to Be a Missionary.
The unmarried college-bred man who goes to the foreign field gets



The American Invasion.

that the missionary is a sort of pious bunco-man; that he is not wanted where he works, that he is an unmitigated nuisance, and that he is keenly alert to the welfare of number one.

Contrariwise, a vastly larger number of persons, in every part of the land, firmly believe, and support their conviction by their coin, that the missionary is a saint and a hero, and the selfless servant of a thankless world's welfare. All criticism of him they sweepingly resent; and are loath to hear aught to his disparage. The apotheosis of the missionary is a characteristic of modern religious life.

On a Still Hunt for Facts.
Curiously enough, the public hears only these two opinions of the missionary, one of which represents him as a scoundrel or a fool, the other of which exalts him as a demi-god. So far as I am aware, nobody has ever set out, independently, and representing no board, society or cause, to find out, impartially, the exact facts in the case. This is the mission I have undertaken. My journalistic integrity is pledged to the duty of ascertaining, without favor or fear, exactly what sort of person the missionary is, how he works and amid what conditions, and whether the task he has imposed upon himself is worth doing at all, and if so, whether he is doing it well.

To that end I shall personally examine, on the ground, representative enterprises of all denominational and undenominational missions. I shall attempt to study the workers themselves, and hear their own side of the story. With equal diligence I shall consult qualified native opinion and search out the foremost foreign critics and ascertain their views. In a word, with no other purpose than to give the American public a fair, frank, full story of this controverted subject, I have started on this journey around the world. Whatever the conclusions I may report, they will at least be honest.

The Largest American Business Abroad.
The biggest single foreign enterprise in which America is engaged is this one of foreign missions. The rest of the world, and especially the Orient, knows the Western Continent chiefly by its missionaries. Figured in dollars, the business last year cost the American public \$5,807,165, paid in by an organization with approximately 12,000,000 shareholders of all religious denominations, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Mormon. (The foreign mission work of all countries costs \$15,000,000 yearly.) For all this enormous output the tangible returns to America were practically nothing. True, the missionary helped to create a market for the American packers' products, and for American locomo-

about \$700 a year; it may be a hundred dollars more, or, more likely, a hundred dollars less, according to his denomination. A married man generally from \$1,000 to \$1,200, with \$100 extra for each child, if he belongs to one of four or five denominations. An unmarried woman gets \$500, \$600 or even \$700 a year, with no prospect of increase. The missionary's stipend is based not on the idea of compensation but of simple support. A mere living is all that it is designed to afford the missionary. All who choose this calling, say the boards, must renounce hope of earthly gains.

Every missionary contracts to stay seven years before receiving a furlough; then his expenses home will be paid, and he will receive one-half salary while off duty. He is forbidden to engage in outside money-making pursuits. As a rule, if he writes a book, its royalties must be turned back into the treasury of his board. So it strikes one that, even considering the lower cost of living in the Orient, the financial inducements to a cultivated young person to become a missionary are rather meager. Whether this fact shuts out all but second class men and women remains to be found out.

Sending That Penny to the Heathen.
Everybody has heard the charge that for every penny which gets to the mission field, 99 cents is required to send it. Business men, who believe in business methods even in religious affairs are the most frequent critics of the expensiveness of the conduct of the missionary propaganda. I determined to look this matter up, with quite surprising results. Here are the official figures, in all their dryness, of the cost of collection and administration of foreign mission funds last year by leading denominations:

	Per cent.
United Presbyterian.....	41.3
Methodist, North.....	52.5
Methodist, South.....	57.10
Baptist, South.....	61.10
Presbyterian, North.....	63.10
Presbyterian, South.....	77.10
Reformed Church.....	87.10
American Board.....	103.5
Protestant Episcopal.....	111.10
Baptist, North.....	114

On the way to these interesting figures I learned that last year the average American church member gave 54 cents to foreign missions, the record being held by the United Presbyterians, with \$1.77 per member. It seems that there has been a general increase in giving, the Southern Baptists having doubled their foreign mission gifts within a decade, and the Southern Presbyterians nearly so.

Smoothing the Investigator's Path.
I found these missionary board officials a civil lot. I could have wished

the Armstrong committee such luck in its investigation of insurance matters. The boards open wide up, and then deluge one with information upon his approach. In fact, the consideration which, more than any other, tends to predispose me, as an investigator toward the missionary people is the heartiness and frankness with which they seem to welcome an investigation. Without hesitation they have afforded me every facility for looking into their work at home and in foreign lands. They say: "Find out the worst and tell the public, including us. We want to see the thing with the eyes of a disinterested observer."

A New Side of College Life.
Picked up in the forest of facts amid which I found myself, is the news that Yale university has established a missionary lectureship, with Prof. Harlan P. Beach, an ex-missionary, as incumbent; and that Yale, Harvard, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania all now have foreign mission enterprises of their own, manned by graduates and supported by alumni and students.

On the foreign field—to make a big jump—there are now 400 translations of the Bible. Of native converts the American missionaries claim half a million, while the total native Christian population of so-called "heathen" lands is a million and a half.

Hard Knocks for the Missionaries.
Quite different are the stories I hear in other quarters. One of the higher officers of the Pacific Mail Steamship company assured me, as one who knows, that "the missionaries are a lot of grafters. But," he added, with the characteristic commercial spirit of the day, "I do not want to see their graft stopped, for it pays us to carry them."

A Hong-Kong merchant aboard ship declared that "the missionaries are a pack of scoundrels. They are overbearing, lazy, pestiferous fellows, recruited only from the very lowest ranks of society in America and Great Britain." That last was a little more than I could swallow, for it went contrary to my personal knowledge in numerous instances. The missionary may prove to be a bad egg when he reaches foreign shores; but every college man in the land knows the stock from which he springs. I recalled while leaning over the rail conversing with Mr. Hong-Kong merchant, that a few weeks before I had read an enthusiastic autograph letter from President Roosevelt to Rev. Dr. Arthur H. Smith (father of the project of bringing Chinese students to American universities) concerning the latter's books on China. A few days previously Dr. Smith had been the president's guest at luncheon.

As a matter of candor I may say that thus far I am having some difficulty in running down to particulars the countless charges against the missionaries. I hope to have better fortune in foreign lands. As an illustration of my troubles, there is the instance of a fellow passenger on the Trans-Pacific steamer, the wife of a Philippine official. She had learned the nature of my quest. "I am glad you are going to get after the mis-



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sionaries, and I hope you will rip them up the back," she began, breezily. "We who travel and live out here know that they are a bad lot." Yet she could not, when urged, become more definite, and, although long a resident of Manila, and an Episcopalian, she confessed that she had never heard or met Bishop Brent, the brilliant head of the Philippine missions of her church.

Good Morals But Bad Manners.
Already I have a dim suspicion that one reason for the antipathy which many travelers have to missionaries is to be found in the latter's attitude toward life aboard ship and in port cities. The missionary is, I infer, often narrow and intolerant, and desirous of imposing his standards upon everybody. He is prone to make unmanly remarks about the amount of drinking that goes on, seven days a week, aboard ship. The incessant gambling, also, of the smoking room and ship saloons gets on his puritanical nerves. He cannot see—and he is entirely too blunt and inconsiderate, I believe, in expressing this opinion—why practices should be counted good form aboard ship that are contrary to the law of the land when ashore. That is the way he justifies his tactlessly-alred opinions.

Tourists do not like to have the narrow standards of the missionaries thus flung at their heads censoriously; and they are not likely to form an entirely favorable estimate of their critics. "Too many young missionaries," said a famous veteran missionary to me a few minutes ago, "think that they must start out by trying to convert the whole ship. They do not try to mingle socially and congenially with their fellow passengers. They acquire an identity as missionaries rather than as men and women."

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