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Farmers' Union Affairs.
Wednesday was the second day of the National Farmers' Union convention in Fort Worth. The committee on membership gives the order a total membership of 5,385,663, a growth of nearly two and one half million members since last year. During the same period state unions have been effected in 14 states and the movement for organization has swept across the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Maine to Florida.

President C. S. Barrett delivered his annual address at the morning session and the reading of this consumed a large part of the time.

President D. J. Neill of the Texas union, chairman of the committee which has as its duty the fixing of a minimum price on cotton, stated that one meeting of the committee had been held, but that as yet the members had not thoroughly organized and got down to the real work before them.

"I can't even say whether the price the committee will name will be a fixed one or a flexible one," said Mr. Neill. "In fact, we have done so little in this respect that even as the chairman of the committee, I am unable to give any information that will throw any light upon our probable action."

According to Mr. Neill, the first and only meeting of this committee was devoted largely to a study of the cotton situation all over the south and the sounding and taking of estimates of the general output. The impression generally prevails about the convention hall that in the event a fixed or even a flexible price is made the distribution and sale of the product of the union members will be left largely to the discretion of the presidents of the various state unions.

In the course of his address, President Barrett touched upon politics and the position of the National union on party or political issues:

"Legislation," he said, "for the past four years, bears the imprint of the Farmers' union. We do not go into politics, personally. I have made it a point to caution our members against partisanship, in any nature, form or variety. It has been the death of organizations that once sought to do the work we are doing, and it must not and will not be allowed to creep into this one. But our influence upon the enactments of just law for the regulation of transportation problems and for protection of the rights of property, has been large and effective. We do not hesitate to take the initiative in legislation that vitality concerns our membership."

The general trend of the address was along the lines of the work already accomplished by the farmers while working under an organized movement and the bright and flattering future which, he declared, pointed to success in all future undertakings. The greatest obstacle to the progress of the union, especially as far as the governing of the price of cotton is concerned, he said, was the fact that many farmers heretofore have always faced indebtedness and have been forced to dispose of their products in order that they might repay pressing obligations.

This, the greatest obstacle confronting the success of the union, he declared, was rapidly being eliminated, the farmer being placed on a higher credit basis and the old order of things undergoing a complete evolution.

"We have gained the farmer a reputation and clothed him with ability as a business man, in a manner new in the history of the world," said Mr. Barrett in closing.

"We do not ask for him any more than his dues, but we intend to see that he gets that due. We are not, as some of our enemies

claim, striving to upset economic laws, to ignore the laws of supply and demand or to take unrighteous advantage of our patrons. We are simply seeking, in a business like way, to secure the rights and privileges that belong to us and which will not come to us without effort on our part.

"Already, the larger future of the union is beginning to materialize. We are getting into direct relations with the spinner and the consumer everywhere. The spinners and the growers' conference held in Atlanta last fall, at which your president and other officers participated, is an instance in that direction. When we meet spinners and consumers, we lose no time in impressing upon them the honesty, sincerity and practicability of our purpose. And we are gaining headway in their confidence every day."

Gompers at Fort Worth.

Fort Worth, Sept. 5.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, opened the campaign for the democratic national ticket here last night. He began with a defense of unionism and diverted to a discussion of strikes, saying the strike was the weapon labor was to use in cases only of extreme necessity. He closed with an appeal to the voters to support Mr. Bryan. Gompers today stated that he will decline the invitation or challenge of Eugene Debs to a debate. No special cause for the declination was given by Mr. Gompers.

Donley County Is It.

Commenting on the Chronicle's advocacy of diversification, State Press in Dallas News says:

"They can grow almost everything in Donley county. Indeed, Donley is one of the most interesting and remarkable counties in the state. It is a succession of hills and valleys, and they say there are a thousand springs in it. They are beginning to grow a fine quality of fall and winter apples up there, and it is predicted that within a few years Donley will be as famous for that fruit as Smith county is for its peaches."

The only serious mistake made by the state democratic convention last week was the defeat of Congressman Randall's resolution that no member of the legislature shall, during his term of service, receive any employment or compensation from any public service corporation or any trust. The vote was 285 for to 335 against—an adverse majority of 50. All the counties of this senatorial district except Burnet voted for the resolution. A similar resolution offered by a Mr. Vaughan had been previously defeated in the committee on platforms and resolutions. In both cases the reason given for its defeat was that "it was a reflection on Senator Bailey." And thus it came to pass that because Senator Bailey has done what a few of his friends defend, a resolution that ordinarily would receive a unanimous vote in a Texas democratic convention was turned down. How have the mighty fallen! All through this campaign the defeat of that resolution will be used as a club to beat the democratic head.—Williamson County Sun.

Monday was the end of the fiscal year with the state government. State Treasurer Sparks announced that he had \$300,000 in cash available to begin the new fiscal year. Deficiencies created during the fiscal year just ended aggregate approximately \$50,000. There will be plenty of cash to meet all state obligations. It will require \$3,578,671 to run the state government the new fiscal year.

Murrell sharpens lawn mower
Phone 49.

Nominate Kone for Commissioner of Agriculture.

Austin, Sept. 1.—The state democratic executive committee nominated Ed R. Kone, county judge of Hays county, for the office of commissioner of agriculture, succeeding R. T. Milner, who has declined the nomination to become president of the Agricultural and Mechanical college. Commissioner Milner has been awaiting the committee's nomination to resign his office, as it is understood the governor will appoint the nominee to supply the unexpired term of the incumbent.

Judge Kone's chief opponent was E. A. Calvin of Lamar county, who was defeated on the fifth ballot, after eight others had been dropped or had withdrawn. The committee held two secret sessions during the day. In fact, only that portion of the concluding session during which the balloting was conducted was open to the public and press.

Would Clean Out Corrupt Washington.

Eugene W. Chafin, prohibition candidate for the presidency, in a speech delivered at Spokane, Wash., Monday night said that one of the first things he would do after inauguration, should he be elected, would be to "clean up the District of Columbia."

"There are few worse cities in the world," he said. "There are few with a viler lot of gambling dens or a worse 'tenderloin' section. What is called the 'division' is run wide open almost within sight of the capitol and the White House. The last one of the different species of dens will have to close, even the one patronized almost exclusively by members of congress. All are run in violation of the law and the president has ample power to act."

But Two Rangers at Amarillo.

Capt. Johnson of the state rangers announced Tuesday that the company of rangers stationed at Weatherford will not be removed to Amarillo as previously planned. Two men will be kept at Amarillo to help enforce local option by order of the governor.

That Texas is inimical to capital is more in the knock than in reality. There are many states in the union where the investment of capital is hampered much more than in Texas, and if the Texas laws are studied closely and their results followed, it will be found that they have really created better conditions for legitimate investments of capital. Take New York state, for instance, with its public service commissions and its corporation tax laws; it is much more oppressive to capital than is any state west of the Mississippi river. It has been the boast of New York state for many years that there has been no state tax levied on general property values. Not only do the corporations pay it all, but out of the receipts from this source there is considerable state funds divided up each year among the counties for the schools, roads, agricultural fairs, etc.—Beaumont Enterprise.

The next annual meeting of the American Association of Farmers' institute workers will be held at Washington, D. C., Nov. 16 and 17. At the same place and beginning Nov. 17 will be held the annual meeting of the association of American agricultural colleges and experiment stations.

In an attempt to lynch a negro who had attacked a white girl while on her way to work in Chicago Tuesday a mob of nearly 200 men and boys made a charge on a policeman, and would have taken and hanged his prisoner but for the timely arrival of policemen.

For the best shoes go to Bryan-Land Co.

Bryan's Son to Marry.

Miss Helen Berger, only daughter of Alex Berger, president of the Berger-Crittenden Milling company of Milwaukee, Wis., is the fiancee of Wm. Jennings Bryan, Jr., only son of the democratic candidate for the presidency.

For a number of years Mr. Berger was a resident of Lincoln and he was largely interested in the grain elevators in Nebraska. His daughter attended school in Nebraska, where the son of Mr. Bryan also was a student.

The young man is still at college and it is said the wedding will not take place for some time, possibly a year or longer, not, at least, until young Bryan has completed his education and started upon his chosen career.

Cotton Figures.

Secretary Hester of the New Orleans Cotton exchange reports the commercial cotton crop of the United States for the season of 1907-08, ending Aug. 31, to have been 11,571,966 bales, as compared with 13,510,982 in the season of 1906-07.

The total exports were 8,579,892 and overland movement 859,450, while southern consumption is placed at 2,193,227 bales.

Program B. Y. P. U., Sunday, September 6.

Subject: Bible Characters—"John the Baptist." Leader, Miss Adrian Brown.

Scripture—1 John 2:18, 3:24.

Hymn.

Three short addresses:

1. "John's Youth and Early Manhood"—Mr. Joslin.

2. "John's Public Ministry"—Mr. Shannon.

3. "John's Arrest and Death"—Mr. Abbott.

Duet—Misses Neely and Bourland.

Reading—Letitia Rhodes.

"What Is True Greatness?"—Paper by May O'Neill.

"Jesus Comes First"—Paper by Miss Witt.

"Courage for the Truth and for the Right"—Address by Rev. A. C. Burroughs.

Closing exercises.

Memphis.

Democrat.

George Bugbee sold a 480-acre tract this week.

A. R. Letts, a prominent Clarendon country ranchman, was in the city Saturday.

Miss Bryan of Clarendon is an honored guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Baldwin.

Leonard Price, a Shoobar boy, has been having some trouble this week a spider bite on his hand.

Almon Hightower, from the hills, was in this week overhauling his binder and says he will be ready for the public soon.

John Campbell of Sulphur Springs, who has been the guest of J. S. McGill, left Monday for a visit among Clarendon friends.

O. H. Brown, manager of the Clarendon steam laundry, was in the city Saturday to look after that institution's interests at this place.

Mrs. Jessie Hill of Clarendon came in Friday on a visit to her friend, Miss Dovie Stewart, whom she accompanied the following day on a visit to friends in Mansfield.

Walter Crump's baby was spider bitten on its back Sunday. At first it was thought that serious results would follow, but up to the hour of going to press it was improving.

W. G. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith of near Lakeview was appointed to a free scholarship by Senator J. W. Veale in the Denton college, and will assume his duties on the 16th of September.

This office for neat job work.

STATE NEWS.

Col. E. A. Hull of Carthage has been a Mason 68 years. Despite his 90 years he attends the blue lodge regularly.

Steele Johnson, a young man, died at Huntsville from an overdose of some opiate, believed to have been taken to relieve a headache.

Oscar Bowden, wife and baby, were thrown from their buggy in a runaway near Blanket Sunday. The baby was killed and Mrs. Bowden injured.

Mrs. John Reinhardt, aged 25, dropped from her chair dead at Beaumont Tuesday while testifying in behalf of her husband charged with murdering Ed Cantrell a month ago.

Dr. M. E. Seale was twice shot and instantly killed 12 miles north of Cameron Monday. Burt Ford, Jr., a prominent young farmer of that vicinity, surrendered and complaint has been filed charging him with the killing.

Two boys, the sons of A. S. Mahan, aged 8 and 10 years, were drowned in the Colorado river at Smithville Tuesday. They, with two other boys of about the same age, were in bathing and got in water over their depth.

Miss Carrie McDonald killed herself about noon Monday on the farm of W. T. Cunningham some eight miles southwest of Childress. She was 17 years of age and quite beautiful. The family had moved back there from New Mexico a few months ago.

Wm. R. Hearst will probably visit Texas with Hisgen and Graves, the independence party nominees. The fair grounds auditorium has been engaged at Dallas for Sept. 21, at which all there will make addresses. Other Texas cities will be visited.

It is announced from Sulphur Springs that Hopkins county democrats are planning to boom Judge Howard Templeton for governor two years hence and it is said Templeton will accept the nomination. Templeton was formerly judge of the civil appeals court at Dallas.

At Mineral Wells Wednesday Dick Beeman, a Fort Worth druggist, was seriously wounded by the accidental discharge of a gun in his own hands. He was crawling through a fence when the weapon was discharged. The entire charge entered his leg, necessitating amputation.

The old grade of the Dallas & New Mexico railroad, leading from Dallas to a point in Jack county, was sold under the hammer Tuesday to satisfy a court judgment. The price paid was \$26,000. The purchasers will not talk, but it is believed they intend completing the line and equipping it.

Al Florey, a well known Katy engineer, residing in Denison, was the victim of an accident in the yards at Fort Worth Sunday morning, which resulted in the loss of his left arm at the shoulder and his right hand at the wrist. He was working under his engine when a Texas & Pacific switcher threw a string of cars against his train, with the results as stated.

C. C. French of Fort Worth says that the production of alfalfa in Oklahoma is so great now that it has led to the development of a new industry, the manufacture of alfalfa meal. Mills for the grinding of this meal are now as thick in Oklahoma as cotton oil mills were in Texas 10 years after the discovery of the value of that product. These mills grind the leaves, bloom and stalk to a meal, that makes a highly nutritious feed for hogs as well as other stock.

Mexico Oil Fire Out.

The great oil well fire which raged at Dos Bocas near Tampico, Mex., for two months was extinguished Sunday.

Six giant centrifugal pumps poured gravel and mud into the mouth of the burning well for 10 days and this, coupled with persistent dynamite blasting, choked the orifice and smothered the flames. The oil has again worked its way to the surface and the well is flowing at the rate of 25,000 barrels a day.

Owing to the remoteness of the well from steamship or railroad facilities, the oil is being banked in great reservoirs. It is estimated 3,000,000 barrels, valued at \$3,000,000, was consumed by fire.

Left the Train While Asleep.

Bessie Peterson, aged 11 years, while walking in her sleep, left the train at Sinton on which she and her mother, Mrs. B. C. Peterson, of San Antonio, were enroute home from Corpus Christi, Sunday night, and was found some time later by a farmer and his wife standing on a bridge about a quarter of a mile from the depot, still asleep.

Mrs. Peterson discovered her daughter's absence immediately after the train left Sinton, and at the next stop, Skidmore, took a train back to Sinton and walked about the town all night, finally locating the child at the home of the farmer two miles from Sinton. The little girl told her name and address after being awakened, and willingly accompanied the farmer and his wife when told that communication with her parents that night was impossible.

Woman and Her Ways.

When God created woman he wept and smiled, because he knew that he had brought trouble and its solace into the world.

A woman will smile in the very face of death and sit down and weep her eyes out because a new frown wrinkles in the back.

A woman will forgive an aspersion on character quicker than a criticism of her taste.

A woman's definition of a bore is another woman who persists in talking about her children when she wishes to relate the cleverness of her own.

When a man calls his wife "mother" it indicates her as a failure as a wife.

Every woman who loves is a domestic tyrant, therefore suspect the affection of the wife who permits her husband a latchkey.

When a woman begins every sentence with "John says," it is a certificate of domestic felicity strong enough to draw money on at the bank.

It is the tragedy of her sex that all that life offers many a woman is to have the latest design in shirt-waists.

A woman never hesitates to marry a roue, because her vanity makes her believe that she can hold him against all other women.

By the time a woman has learned to cook and keep house she has generally killed off her first husband with dyspepsia.

A young girl demands that the man she marries shall love her deeply, passionately, romantically, with a love he has never felt before. After a woman has been married 10 years she is satisfied to get along in reasonable peace with him.

There is nothing so wonderful as the things that a woman can believe except the things she can suspicion, once her credulity has been shaken.—Dorothy Dix in New York American.

Want One Section Smooth, stiff land near Clarendon, Texas. Name lowest price for cash.
21] J. W. HOKE, Marlin, Tex.

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Clarendon's demand for a 40 or 50-room hotel is as urgent as ever and will grow more urgent until it is built. Who will take the initiative?

Nine coal mines have been closed down in the McAlester, Ok., district, throwing 2,000 men out of employment. This is due to the law providing for timbering of mines.

Judge J. W. Houston, in the district court at Guthrie, Ok. Thursday declared unconstitutional the Oklahoma separate school law providing separate bonds and separate schools for negroes in the new state.

The republicans of Tarrant county have planned to have a campaign newspaper in Fort Worth. The paper is to be a weekly edition for the benefit of republicans in Tarrant county and adjoining territory.

Where a county is thinly populated and all the crime is committed in the county seat, as is the case in Potter county, it looks like there is not much effort to enforce the law by the local officers when it is necessary for the governor to send state rangers there to do what should be the duty of the local officers.

At the Farmers' Union in session at Fort Worth yesterday President Nell, of the Texas organization, stood for a minimum of 14c, while other members of the committee wanted to fix the minimum at 12c. This was the rock upon which the ship struck, and the result is that there was no agreement. Much dissatisfaction prevails.

A New York item says that Mrs. Robert G. Ingersoll is investigating spiritualism with a view of communicating with her husband's spirit. During Ingersoll's life his wife accepted his agnostic teachings. The desire to communicate with him has weakened her belief of no hereafter. She says she must have positive communications regarding sacred incidents of her life before marriage before she will believe. If Mrs. Ingersoll does get in communication with her former husband we hope she will send us his experiences since his departure from Old Earth for publication. We imagine it would make mighty interesting reading.

There are some men who think that a divorce proceeding is an unnecessarily expensive and cumbersome way of swapping wives.—Dallas News.

But isn't there as many husbands swapped as there are wives?

Assaulted by Saloon Men.
J. W. Sheldon and F. D. Woodruff, publishers of the News at Electric, a paper that fought the saloon interests in the recent local option election in Wichita county, were attacked on the streets Wednesday night. It is stated that the men were beaten with clubs and severely injured. Citizens went to the rescue. John and Ed Moore, liquor dealers, were arrested in connection with the assault.

The Leading Panhandle College.

Rev. J. T. Hicks attended the opening of the Clarendon college Monday and Tuesday and reports a great time. The attendance was all the college authorities can properly care for. We are glad to note the prosperity of this splendid institution. It is now the leading college of the entire Panhandle. May it continue to grow in size and usefulness.—Childress Post.

Now comes the report that Thaw is demoralizing the inmates of the Duchess county jail in New York state. By what authority do the jailers insist upon adding insult to injury in forcing the thugs, thieves and law breakers to associate with a shining representative of the predatory rich?—Fort Worth Telegram.

Mr. Bryan's Personal Popularity.

What is the secret of the hold W. J. Bryan undoubtedly has upon the confidence and esteem of the American people? That he has that confidence and esteem is not questioned by those who regard truth above partisan advantage and admire the man above the candidate. The answer to the interrogatory propounded must be, or include, the acknowledgement that the eminent Nebraskan has convinced a large proportion of the people that he is an able and sincere man. One who really believes the things he teaches and whose political tenets are conceived in a real and praiseworthy wish to befriend the public.

That the democratic presidential nominee is not altogether free from the weaknesses that beset most public men will scarcely be denied by his most loyal and devoted friend. He likes applause, as do all, and he may on occasion subvert fact or abuse logic to win a handclap from his audience; such is oratory as it is practiced by the professionals. But in the main Mr. Bryan's conception of manly duty and the obligations of citizenship are lofty and secure in their elevation. He stands for something, and that something is virtue. Mr. Bryan is virtuous, meaning there by that order of cleanliness that makes for personal and political purity. The people admire that quality in any man which marks him as one superior to the vices, large and small, which adhere to the characters of so many men in public and private life.—Dallas News.

Groom.

Having seen nothing from this part of the Panhandle for some time, I thought I would give you items.

Health in this community is generally good. C. E. Boydston, who has been threshing for this community, says that notwithstanding the damage done by the heavy hail in June, wheat made an average of 15 bushels per acre and oats no less than 25 bushels per acre.

Our public school opened last Monday with bright prospects under the conductorship of N. C. Duggins as principal and Miss Zora Triplett, assistant.

The farmers are rejoicing over the heavy rain which fell last Tuesday morning, as it insures them a first class crop this year and will enable them to sow a large acreage of wheat this fall.

Miss Maggie Massey, who has been visiting Miss Edna White, returned last week to her home at Clayton, N. M.

A. M. Cobbs sold his place one-half mile south of Groom last week to C. R. Slay at \$25.50 per acre. Mr. Cobbs will leave next week for Quanah, where he will reside this fall and winter.

B. F. Campbell who went to Oklahoma City three months ago to be treated for rheumatism of the face, we understand, is much better and is expected home in a few days. A PRECEPTOR.

John H. Simpson, republican candidate for governor of Texas, is quoted as saying that he believes he has a chance to win. This is very much like a cattle owner reading the brand on the far side of a steer a mile away, and then telling his cow punchers to round the animal into the herd.—Telegram.

A dispatch from Murphy, Cal., which is connected with the Calaveras Big Trees hotel, says that a forest fire has entered the grove of mammoth trees at the upper end near where the "Mother of the Forest" stands, at Sequoia, 327 feet high and 78 feet in circumference. The only hope for the magnificent monsters of the forest is a change in the wind, as the fire fighters are powerless to stop the flames.

All kinds of good electric lamp globes at Murrell's shop. Phone 49.

Bryan-Land Co. carry a full line of the best shoes, hats, etc.

Bray.

Crops are looking very well since the late rains, especially late feed. W. A. Jolly visited Oklahoma last week.

Rev. A. A. Jolly and wife of Medcalf, Ok., are visiting their son, A. A. Jolly, this week. Grandpa Jolly is very old, but he preached two very interesting sermons Sunday and Sunday night to a large congregation.

A. J. Akens was baptized into the Baptist church Sunday.

Work is progressing nicely on the new store house of Mr. Powell. Mrs. Eula Bishop of Hedley is visiting the family of W. E. Mullins this week.

J. T. Kidd left Tuesday for Archer county, where he will spend a few weeks with a daughter, and then he will go farther south to spend the winter.

The school trustees have met and showed their appreciation of Miss Irene Burdett's ability as a teacher by raising her salary from \$50 to \$60 a month.

New desks for the tiny tots, 15 yards of new black-boarding and erasers are among school improvements.

The pupils are studying agriculture by catching insects and studying them and are planning to put out some locusts.

Mrs. Muncie visited our school Monday.

Mrs. O. C. Hill's sister and brother, of Palestine, are visiting her.

W. R. McCarroll and wife visited Hedley Sunday.

J. K. P. Kyser and Olin had business in Clarendon Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Caraker, Mrs. Tom Kidd and Miss Rebecca Mullins were shopping in Clarendon last week.

D. M. Wilson of Bridgeport and G. P. Kelley of Cotoundale are among the visitors and prospectors this week.

Ben Casey of Clarendon and Miss Rebecca Mullins were quietly married Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. Horn officiating. We wish them a happy and prosperous life. JOSIAH.

Col. John N. Simpson, republican nominee for governor, was given a non-partisan and hearty welcome Tuesday night at Dallas on his return from St. Louis.

While riding in a carriage together at Wichita Falls Thursday night, Mrs. Walter Allen, wife of the proprietor of the St. Charles hotel, shot and killed Lillie Wheatley.

It was when Otis Harlan ran out to Pittsburg from New York to look at the production of one of his road companies that he fell into conversation with McGonigle, a stage hand whom the manager had recently engaged to go with the troupe as an assistant property man. McGonigle was complaining of the discomforts of travel.

"Of always feel so dirty," he said. "O'm not used t' goin' widout a brush an' comb."

"Surely," protested Harlan, "your trunk is not so full that you can't get a brush and comb into it."

"Trunk?" repeated McGonigle. "I've got no trunk."

"Then you'd better get one," advised Harlan.

"What for?"

"To carry your clothes in, of course."

"What!" cried McGonigle. "An' me go naked?"—Saturday Evening Post.

Protecting the Chicks.
Henry G. Burton of Atchison, whose slum work has given him wide knowledge of the poor, was praising America's many country week associations. "They do a deal of good," he said, "and nothing is more interesting than to go on one of these country week excursions in charge of a lot of slum children who have never seen the country before. A kind hearted little slum girl in my part saw one evening a mother hen about to gather her brood of chicks under her wings. The little girl rushed up to the hen and shouted:

"Shoo, you ugly thing! How dare you sit down on those beautiful little birds?"

All kinds of repair work done at Murrell's shop. Phone 49.

Market Report.
The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Thursday:
Steers \$3.40 to \$3.75.
Cows \$2.00 to \$3.25.
Calves \$3.50 to \$5.65.
Hogs \$5.75 to \$6.70.

STATE NEWS.

A two-inch rain fell over west Texas Wednesday from Toyah to Abilene.

On account of a proposed raise in price of business telephones all merchants of Italy had their phones cut out.

While cleaning the notes out of a gin at Victoria, six miles east of Mart, Thursday, Will Dickson got his right arm lacerated by the saws and it had to be taken off just below the elbow.

The 4-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Allen was choked to death at Aubrey near Denton Thursday by swallowing a collar button. The button lodged in the throat and it was kept alive two hours by artificial respiration.

Sylvester Caldwell, aged 18 years, was killed Wednesday at Garrison. He was riding a freight train on a platform. He tried to dodge a pile of ties but was hit and hurled beneath the wheels of the train and ground to pieces.

State Food Inspector Abbott has filed charges at Dallas against I. C. Mayfield, on charge of violating the pure food law. It is alleged cocaine is the drink, "Celery Kola," manufactured outside of Texas. Mayfield represents the company.

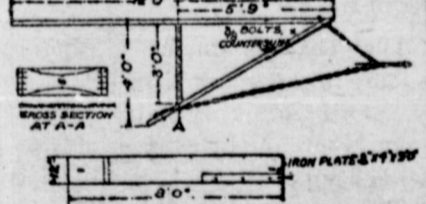
Fire Wednesday night destroyed between \$50,000 and \$75,000 worth of property in San Angelo. Four firms are losers, the Central Drug company, completely destroyed; W. S. Madison, grocery store, completely destroyed; Santford's cigar store and billiard hall, badly damaged. When the alarm was turned in the fire company had just been called to a cottage in the edge of town. Hastily returning, one of the horses fell dead. The horse was cut loose and a cow puncher hitched his horse to the wagon and assisted in pulling it to the fire.

728 Acres of Land for Sale
Nine miles from Clarendon, three miles from Southard; sell all or part; 150 in cultivation, 4-room house, well and windmill, good orchard, sheds, etc.
92-1f B. J. RHODRICK.

PLANK DITCH CLEANER.

Method of Construction and How to Use It.

The ditcher or ditch cleaner is a convenient device for clearing ditches and thus keeping a road in good condition. It consists of a guide plank 2 inches by 12 inches by 12 feet and a moldboard 2 inches by 12 inches by 8 feet. These are braced with a crosspiece three feet long, as shown in the plan. The mold-



board should be shod with an iron plate one-quarter inch by 4 inches by 3 feet held in position with three-eighths inch bolts countersunk. The cross brace should be hollowed three inches on each side at the middle, the hollowing to begin not less than four inches from each end in order that its bearing against the guide and mold board planks shall not be shortened nor the nailing space decreased. This is done to prevent earth from heaping up in front of the brace. A light platform is needed to make the use of the ditcher safe.

The ditch is made as shown in the illustration of the plan, the short side of the chain being about two feet three inches in length and the long side eight feet three inches. The chain is made to pass over the moldboard, so that it may clear itself more readily. Two or three horses, according to the difficulty of the particular condition, are necessary to clear a ditch.

To secure the best service from the ditcher a weight of about 200 pounds should be placed over the front end. The essential thing to be gained is to have the ditcher maintain a smooth, even surface on the bottom of the ditch. There is then no obstruction to the flow of water. This requires that soft, muddy holes be passed over lightly and hard, high places be reduced. This result is obtained if the driver shifts his weight forward or backward as a high point or a mudhole is approached. If the driver shifts his weight forward the point of the ditcher is driven into the ground. If he moves back the pressure on the forward end is relieved, and the pull on the chain tends to raise it.

Besides clearing the ditch, the ditcher assists in preserving the slope from the side of the road to the bottom of the ditch. This keeps the road safe from possible accident to traffic from ditches with too abrupt slopes.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

J. R. Boston was here from Hedley on business yesterday.

Dr. J. A. Hayes, of Frederick, Ok., visited Judge O'Neill this week.

Mrs. Roy Kendall returned last Wednesday night from her visit at Stratford.

S. A. Andrews, an old friend of O. N. Hedgepeth, moved here this week from Coryell county.

Mrs. Vannie Hill will be down from Dalhart today. She will make her home in Clarendon again.

Mrs. W. A. Allan has returned from Evanston, Ill., to Clarendon and will now make this her home.

Kersey & Martin report the sale of Charles Baldwin's 160 acres of land to Mr. McClenny at \$25 per acre.

Mrs. Winger and granddaughter, Miss Moore, of White Cloud, Kas., are here this week visiting relatives.

The baby girl, aged 5 months, of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Williams, died yesterday morning and will be buried today about 4 p. m.

John Emory, of Davidson, Ok., visited his sister, Mrs. J. H. O'Neill, this week, and also made a business trip to Goodnight. He will likely move to Goodnight.

Mrs. Janet Woods, daughter of C. N. Bushnell, arrived Wednesday night from Oakland, Cal., on a visit, it having been several years since they have seen each other.

Mrs. J. B. Anthony returned Wednesday from Floyd county, where she had been for some time with her mother, Mrs. V. Foster, during her last illness, and who died Aug. 28.

Rev. H. M. Burroughs, father of Rev. A. C. Burroughs, pastor of the Baptist church here, left this week for his home in Fort Worth, where he lives with his son, Rev. T. E. Burroughs.

Rev. Burroughs will preach at the Baptist church tomorrow at 11 on the subject: "Living and Walking in Christ." At night the subject will be, "Looking on the Bright Side of Life."

W. C. Cole has bought a stock of furniture at Marietta, Ok., and Lucian Carroll will be a partner in the business, and both will move their families to that point. A car load of the McDaniel & Carroll stock is being shipped from here.

Two more of the orders of 15 new consolidated freight engines ordered by the Denver road were received Wednesday and three more are to arrive this week from Chicago. When these next three arrive, it will complete the 15 ordered some time since.

D. B. Sachse and sons of Brice have been busy this week unloading and hauling out their cotton gin machinery. They will rush their plant to completion, as cotton in that vicinity is beginning to open and there will be a big crop of it in that territory.

Mrs. M. E. Harrington of Dalhart came down for a visit with relatives Thursday evening, after a few days' visit in Amarillo. Her health is now good and she gets around well for one of her age. Her granddaughter, Miss Lulu, is attending the Baptist school at Canadian this year.

Conductor Frank Harrington has moved his family back to Clarendon from Childress. Mr. Harrington has tried living in all the best towns on the Denver between Fort Worth and Trinidad, both included, and finds that Clarendon excels them all as a desirable residence town.

Mrs. W. H. Cooke Has Passed Away.

After an illness of some length incident to old age, Mrs. William H. Cooke, mother of Editor J. E. Cooke, of the Banner Stockman of this city, died yesterday evening at 5 o'clock.

Mrs. Cooke was in her 70th year of age. She was born in Calhoun, Tenn., and was married to Dr. W. H. Cooke in 1857, who came to Clarendon from Denton in 1897, and who died nearly two years ago.

The funeral will take place tomorrow, the final arrangement not being complete when we went to press.

Mrs. Cooke has been a member of the Baptist church since her marriage and was a devoted Christian, a loving mother and a kind neighbor. Besides Editor Cooke, she leaves four other children—Mrs. Annie C. Briggs of Dallas, Robt. F. Cooke of Ft. Worth, Mrs. Albert Erwin of Denton and Mrs. Margurite McCormick of Clarendon, all of whom were present at the time of her death, to all of whom we extend our deep sympathy.

J. O. King is prospecting in Canada this week.

H. S. Boydston was in from the Plains on business this week.

There is but little change yet in the condition of M. F. Lee.

There was frost in a number of places in Indiana Wednesday night.

L. L. Cantelou has rented the warehouse vacated by A. L. Conally.

Dr. Burkhead will preach to the old soldiers at the courthouse tomorrow at three, p. m.

The Doshier boys gave a watermelon party last night to their many friends and all enjoyed the feast.

The Hedley school, the largest in the county outside of Clarendon, will open Monday with Prof. Shelton teacher.

Lane & Stanton have the walls of their new concrete shop building about complete. It is 25x115 and will give room for a lot of machinery.

One of the new additions to Jenkins & Caroway's blacksmith shop is an up-to-date cold tire shrinker. With this they can turn off a set of wheels in a very short time.

The members of the Baptist church have bought the lots adjoining the church on the south from Charley McCrae at \$400. The congregation subscribed \$335 of the amount Sunday.

We are told that Capt. Nat Smith has closed a deal whereby a railroad is to be built through Rowe from Arlie to Roswell. He gives them 200 acres for a town site and surveying is already being done.

We are told there were several boys around the depot discharging drunk last night, some of them chronic offenders. This should be stopped, and can be if the officers will but give them the full limit penalty in each case.

The enrollment, so far, at the public school is 497. Some of the rooms are very much overcrowded and it will be absolutely necessary to build a two-story addition before another school year. It should have been done this year.

Newt Kendall slipped off to Memphis Thursday morning, married and returned to Clarendon all in the same day. Miss Nellie McCormick is the bride. Both are well known among the young people of Clarendon and wko, of course, congratulate them. Alder Dubbs went down and performed the ceremony.

Mr. Flowers of the Western Real Estate Co. came in this week with a lot of Colorado prospectors; Ft. Collins being represented by H. T. and Walter Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Greaves and C. Greaves; and Loveland by W. C. and R. E. Hoyt, P. R. Rose and wife, of Illinois, and Mrs. A. R. Fish of Montana are also with them. F. H. Besaw also brought in several.

The Goodnight Industrial Institute opens next Wednesday.

Gas and Oil Near Alanreed.

There is a report of a gas strike near Alanreed just over the north line of this county. The Amarillo Panhandle says of it:

"It is related that a planter of the community by the name of J. K. Mitchell was having a well sunk for water. The drilling had progressed to the extent of 95 feet, when, without a suggestion of warning, the casing shot into the air, lodging in the derrick above.

"The air was strongly laden with the fumes of oil, and the deposits resulting from the blowout on the surrounding space showed marked traces of that fluid. Another feature that added to the peculiarity of the situation was the utter disappearance of water that had been present in the well for several days prior to the explosion.

"It is the prevailing opinion among the people of Alanreed that there will be found oil and gas in paying quantities at the end of extensive tests that are now being arranged for by the citizens.

"Already a company has been formed for conducting these experiments, consisting of Dr. J. A. Coppedge, O. H. Rector, R. D. Kinkaid, D. B. London and J. K. Mitchell. The statements contained in the story are believed to be entirely reliable in every particular.

"In fact, it is stated that there are a number of wells in the community in which the blowout occurred, showing traces of oil so strongly that the water was unfit for use. This adds to the conclusion that deposits of value will be discovered as a result of the investigations and tests that are now being arranged for by the community.

"It is expected that experts will be called from Fort Worth or some other point to determine if the Panhandle really is to develop an oil field of importance."

Rowe.

Reported for THE CHRONICLE. Mrs. Capt. Smith is spending this week in Clarendon.

The ice cream social at Rowe Wednesday evening for the purpose of seating the school house was a very pleasant and successful affair. Nineteen dollars was the proceeds of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Perrine and children left for Fort Worth Monday evening, where they will reside in the future.

The fine rain Monday night and Tuesday was very welcome in our community. The feed stuff and June corn will make fine crops now.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bain are the proud parents of a new girl who arrived Monday.

W. M. Cavness spent Thursday in Goodnight on business.

Miss Brownlee came down from Clarendon Wednesday and put in her application for the school at Rowe.

Messrs. Baker and Duncan returned Wednesday from a prospecting tour through Hall and Cottle counties.

Mrs. Tom Smith will leave Saturday for an extended visit to Stamford.

Rowe was well represented at the Sunday school convention which met at Giles Sunday. The day was pleasantly spent with the hospitable people of Giles and much interest was shown in the Sunday school work. The next meeting will be held at Hedley, the fifth Sunday in November.

The people of Rowe and vicinity are much elated over the prospects of the new railroad from Altus, Ok., to Roswell, N. M., via Hollis and Wellington, crossing the Denver at Rowe. The railroad company has accepted the proposition of Capt. Nat Smith to give them a 200 acre townsite. The surveying crew is here and will commence surveying today.

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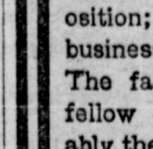
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WASHINGTON LETTER

[Special Correspondence.]
Those cute little electric railroads which were to have connected the senate and house office buildings with the capitol are not to be installed, at least not for the present and perhaps not at all. The subways are to be finished with a coat of cement, hard and white and giving an excellent reflecting surface, but the travel in the subways will be in the good old way, on foot, except that freight will be handled on rubber tired electric trucks.

No Subway Trains.
The house building commission, consisting of Speaker Cannon and Representatives Hepburn and Richardson, has not been enthusiastic over plans for subway electric trains, moving platforms or any other of the various devices submitted for handling traffic between the capitol and the office buildings. They and others among the older members have a strong tendency toward practicality and economy. They even insisted that there should be no ostentation in the finishing, fitting and furnishing of the offices, and in consequence whatever money has been spent for such things has been spent chiefly in the public rooms, where the people and not members of congress will get the benefit of them.

Cost Would Be Heavy.
To install an electric road over the present routes from the capitol to the house building and from the capitol to the senate building would cost from \$80,000 to \$100,000, it is estimated, and to operate it would cost about 15 per cent of that sum annually, perhaps more.

Taking these arguments into consideration, the house building commission practically vetoed the railroad, but left the matter in the hands of Superintendent Woods, who has decided to postpone the embarkation of the government into the railroad business. As for the senate, it has also washed its hands of responsibility and more completely than the house has done, for it gave to Mr. Woods absolute authorization to follow his judgment.

Hundreds of cords of wood are used at the capitol every year, besides quantities of coal, wagon loads of stationery and sundry other items of merchandise. In the future these probably will be delivered by wagon on the C street side of the house building or on the corresponding side of the senate building, unloaded right on to the electric pneumatic tired trucks and whisked swiftly to their destination.

New Elevators in Capitol.
Probably the most important improvement at the capitol this year, from the standpoint of the public, is the work of installing two new passenger elevators at the main door of the house wing.

This will involve moving the post-office to the new house office building, where quarters have been provided for it, and the space vacated will be given to the sergeant at arms. The public will then be able to go upstairs at the door of the capitol and leave the members' elevators entirely for their own use.

Another piece of work at the capitol is the removal of the partitions between the quarters of the naval affairs committee and the passageway along the light well. This will throw the wall of the committee room out to the light well and will give additional room and light. A similar change will be made on the floor above.

To Condemn Land.
The United States has filed a petition in the District supreme court to secure the condemnation of the property in the five squares bounded by Pennsylvania avenue and B street and Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets northwest, for the purpose of which congress appropriated \$2,500,000. The squares are known on the plat books as 226 to 230. The land is to be used as a site for two or more public buildings.

Plaza Ornamentation.
Plans showing details of the ornamental work for the plaza in front of the Union station have been received by the commissioners, and work will soon begin. In the center will be the memorial statue of Columbus, some distance in front of which will be a large flagpole. On each side the Columbus memorial, slightly to the rear, will be two artistic fountains. At close intervals along the roadway will be placed tall bronze columns and lamp standards. Details of the Columbus memorial have not been worked out, but rough sketches have been prepared. The front will show a prow of a caravel, with Columbus standing at the front. The boat and water effect will be in stone and the figure of Columbus in bronze.

Small Naval Class.
The complete list of the new fourth class at the Naval academy, compiled at the navy department, shows the class to be composed of 208 members. The fourth class, as a rule, contains from 275 to 300 members. The low number is accounted for to some extent by the fact that a large number failed to qualify. Of the 208 about twenty are yet to be re-examined, they having failed on minor physical defects.

At the opening of the term there will be 301 midshipmen enrolled, according to the present outlook. This is considerably below the normal number at the academy, each class being smaller than usual. The first class will contain 177 midshipmen, the second class 171, the third class 255 and the fourth class 208. Last year's first class numbered 201 midshipmen on the date of graduation, that being the largest graduating class in the history of the institution.

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Alma-Tadema's Miraculous Escape From Death.

FREAKS OF AN EXPLOSION.

The Artist's House Was Wrecked, and How He Got Out Alive and Uninjured Is a Mystery—The Puzzle of the Staircase and Hallway.

In 1874 a canalboat carrying a hundred barrels of gunpowder along the Regent's park canal in London exploded just opposite the magnificent house of Laurence Alma-Tadema, the famous artist, across the road. This happened at 4 o'clock on a rainy morning. Every window in London within a radius of a mile was smashed, and the houses in the immediate vicinity, though solidly built of brick and stone, were wrecked.

"I was sound asleep in bed at the time," said Alma-Tadema, "and the first I knew of the explosion was when I found myself standing out on the sidewalk in front of my house in the rain, with my pajamas on and bare feet. How I got there I never know. The entire top of the brick wall in front of the lawn before my house was blown off, and the front of the house itself was as if driven in by the blow of a giant's fist.

"The canalboat, we found out afterward, had blown up underneath a solid bridge that crossed the canal at that point. Had it not been for that my house and the others near it would have been utterly knocked to pieces. It was fortunate, too, that there was no one on the street at the time. Had the explosion occurred in the daytime hundreds of persons might have been killed or maimed.

"But the strangest episode connected with the event concerned the man whose duty it was to keep watch on the bridge during the night. His name was Peter Knox. He was thirty-seven years old, married and had two children. I knew the fellow and had often chatted with him on the bridge. The day before the explosion he had arranged with a friend of his to come at 4 o'clock and relieve him. It was a Saturday, and he wanted to take his wife and children a little trip down to Bushey park on the Thames, and he wished to get to his home in east London in time so as to have breakfast and be off early on Sunday morning.

"Well, as 4 o'clock drew near, Peter, so he told me afterward, began to feel anxious lest his friend should have forgotten the appointment. He paced up and down the bridge and looked up the street, but the morning was so dark and misty with the rain that he could see only a short distance. A few minutes before 4, he said, he noticed a line of canalboats come slowly down toward the bridge, but paid no special attention to them.

"Just before the first boat passed under the bridge he stepped off it, though in doing so he was infringing the regulations, and sauntered up the street in the direction from which he expected his friend to appear. He had gone about forty yards when the explosion took place, and when he turned not a brick of the bridge was left. If he had been less impatient or if his friend had been more prompt, one or both of them would never have been seen or heard of again.

"But my own little adventure was singular enough. As I said, I was not conscious of having been awakened by the explosion, still less of having got out of bed, come downstairs, opened the front door and stepped out to the sidewalk. The shock had knocked all memory of these acts out of my head, and I have never recovered it.

"But what puzzled me most was the condition of things I found when I went back into the house. The hall was a mass of wreckage, and the staircase from top to bottom was covered with pieces of broken glass, sharp as razors and so distributed that I found it impossible to ascend without a light to show me where not to tread.

"Nevertheless I had come down those same stairs, with my eyes shut or unseeing, and had never so much as scratched my bare feet. The thing was impossible, and yet I had done it. I had been skeptical about miracles before that, but since then I have been both a believer and an evangelist."—Chicago Record-Herald.

His Quietus.
The bridegroom relaxed for a moment his arm's tense pressure.
"What would you do," he whispered hoarsely, "if by some terrible accident I should be drowned?"
In the mild moonlight he saw his young wife pale and shudder.
"Oh, don't, Tom!" she cried. "How can you? You know I don't look well in black."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Not Impressed.
"I have been abroad in the best of society," boasted the city youth. "Why, even my trunks bear the labels of Switzerland."
"Gosh, that ain't nothing, sonny!" drawled his rural uncle. "So does a box of cheese."—Chicago News.

She Recalled an Instance.
"Mrs. Peddicord," said that lady's husband, "did you ever say anything that you afterward regretted saying?"
"Certainly. I said 'Yes' once and have been sorry for it ever since."—Detroit Free Press.

When a woman does it at home she calls it the "wash," but when she does it down town she calls it the "wash."—Atchison Globe.

TALES OF THE DERBY

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The Plot to Rob Teddington of the Blue Ribbon in 1851—Leander's Missing Head—A Dramatic Episode—Winners Foretold in Dreams.

If it were possible to write the full and true history of the Derby it would contain some startling revelations of strange doings behind the scenes of which the public has little suspicion and no actual knowledge.

There is, for instance, little doubt that a very different tale would have been told of Teddington's Derby but for the prompt action of his wide awake owner, Sir Joseph Hawley. When the Kentish baronet attended the York spring meeting of 1851 he was amazed to find the bookmakers eager to lay odds to any amount against his colt, who was looked on as a certain winner of the blue ribbon a few weeks later. Sir Joseph at once scented mischief, and, leaving the course, he traveled as fast as relays of swift horses could take him to his training quarters, where he communicated his suspicions to Alec Taylor, his trainer.

"How's your lettuce this morning?" Teddington was at once removed to another box, placed under the charge of a different boy and a strict watch kept over him night and day. Whatever scheme was on foot to disable the horse was thus effectually checked, Teddington soon resumed his place as first favorite in the betting and, as everybody expected, won the Derby with ease.

Another mystery which has not been solved to this day is associated with Leander and that memorable Derby of 1844. It was more than suspected that Leander was a four-year-old, but there was not sufficient evidence on which to base an objection to his running. In the race his fetlock was broken by a kick from Running Rein, and he was effectually placed hors de combat. He was shot and buried, but when a party of sportsmen who wished to test their suspicions dug up his body at dead of night they found that the head, which alone could settle the matter, was gone.

Ratan, the second favorite for this race, was made safe by a cunningly devised bolus, but who administered it was never discovered, and, to crown this Derby as the most shady and fraudulent on record, Running Rein, who came in first, was found to be none other than Maccabeus, a four-year-old, and thus an impostor of the first water. But when it became necessary to produce the horse for an examination by experts it was found that he, like Leander's telltale head, had been spirited away.

In connection with Running Rein, by the way, a dramatic story is told. A Captain Osborne had backed Orlando for a very heavy sum, and when Running Rein came in first he was faced with the alternative of blowing out his brains or being declared a defaulter. He was just on the point of choosing death rather than dishonor when a note was placed in his hand. "Running Rein," ran the missive, which was from a friendly tout, "is an impostor, and he won't get the Derby stakes. Buy up all the bets on Orlando you can get, and you will make a fortune."

The captain put away his revolver, followed the tout's advice and, instead of providing work for the undertaker, found himself \$18,000 in pocket. Few horses have ever started a hotter favorite for the Derby than McGregor in 1870. So rosy were his chances that odds of 9 to 4 were laid on him to an enormous amount, and the money was considered as good as won. To the consternation, however, of his backers, he seemed unable to move freely in the race and finished a bad fourth behind horses who were not in the same century with him.

There was no doubt whatever that McGregor had been drugged, but who the rascal was who did the dastardly trick is as much a mystery today as it was at the time. It is of this race that the following remarkable story is told: During the night before the race a jockey called Swift saw the finish of the Derby in a dream. He saw Kingcraft, which he recognized, pass the post a winner by a length and a half, followed by a dark brown horse which he could not identify and with Macgregor, the favorite, a bad fourth. In spite of the jeering of his friends, to whom he told the story, he backed Kingcraft for every sovereign he could raise, and, to his delight as to the disgust of the scoffers, he saw his dream exactly reproduced—the favorite badly beaten and the despised Kingcraft winning a small fortune for him.

Even more remarkable is a story of that great Derby race of 1862, won by the despised outsider Caractacus, ridden by Parsons, the stable lad. Although Caractacus was so badly thought of that Jim Goater plant plank refused to ride him and odds of 40 to 1 were freely offered against him, a tipster gave him as a certain winner on the strength of a dream in which his blind daughter had seen the horse win "with a little boy on his back as pale as death." How vividly accurate was this dream forecast was admitted by all who saw the finish of that sensational race.—London Tit-Bits.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Hard Luck.
"Yes," said Mrs. Jiggers, "I can truthfully say that I ain't had nothin' but hard luck all my life. There was Bill Stiggins that I was engaged to first. He went to sea, and I understand he was et by cannibals. Then I married Hiram Woggs, and the Bemises' bull tossed him up into the top of an apple tree, and he fell out of it and broke his neck. Then I married Tom Bagby, and he behaved so all-fired bad I had to spend \$10 gettin' divorced from him, and now I'm married to Jiggers."

"Well," said the sympathetic caller, "there's nothing the matter with Mr. Jiggers, is there?"
"No," said the unhappy woman. "He's as healthy as a two-year-old—feeds like a grown' boy and is as plous as a parson. Don't seem to be no hope of my ever gettin' shot of him. I'm just reglarly cut out to suffer."—Harper's Weekly.

At the Summer Boarding House.
City Boarder—You should be arrested for getting money under false pretenses.
Farmer Ryetop—What now, neighbor?
City Boarder—Why, you said after I had been here a week I'd have an appetite like a horse.
Farmer Ryetop—And ain't you, mister? Begosh! I saw you eating corn off the cob at dinner.—Detroit Tribune.

The Humorous Huckster.
"How's your lettuce this morning?" asked the housekeeper.
"Splendid, lady," replied the facetious huckster. "It's good, and it's cheap, so cheap that we call it the 'advance agent.'"
"The 'advance agent'! Why do you call it that?"
"Because it's one sent ahead."—Philadelphia Press.

He Protested Too Much.
"Dingle made a statement to me yesterday, and I believed him."
"Well?"
"Then he said, 'I mean just what I say.'"
"And then?"
"And then I didn't believe him."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Most of Us Would.



Frayed Fagin—How would you like to be a great man and have yer face on a twenty dollar bill?
Lilyfield Tollnot—I'd rather git me hands on one.—Philadelphia Press.

Braving Unpopularity.
"A man should never be indifferent to the good opinion of those with whom he is thrown by circumstances," remarked the philosopher.
"And yet," answered the common mortal, "we must have besseful umpires and customs inspectors."—Washington Star.

No Room For Doubt.
Miss De Playne—I wonder if Mr. Wiley knows that I'm an heiress.
Miss Penchley—Was he attentive to you?
Miss De Playne—Unusually so.
Miss Penchley—Then he knows.—Chicago News.

Apology Accepted.
Anxious Mother—Did that young man apologize for kissing you?
Pretty Daughter—Yes, mamma, and he did it so nicely that I kissed him several times just to show him how fully he was forgiven.—Denver News-Times.

The Ruling Passion.
"Even if he got into heaven he wouldn't stay there long."
"Why not?"
"Because he'd want to melt his crown into gold dollars, and he'd be hunting for a furnace in the other place!"

His Vulnerable Point.
Magistrate—You must be subjected to a great many temptations, you are up before me so often.
Prisoner—Dat's de fac', boss. Dis here am a world of temptations an' trials. But the trials hit me de hardest, boss.

Well Meant.
Hostess (to distinguished foreigner)—I do hope you won't find it dull here.
Distinguished Foreigner (politely)—Ah, no. I will not find it dull. Are not you and your husband amusement enough?—Harper's Weekly.

To Be Congratulated.
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