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Mr. Bryan Sharply Challenges President Roosevelt to Prove Charges.

Detroit, Sept. 22.—The remarkable spectacle of a presidential candidate rebuking the chief executive of the nation for making statements deemed to be unjustified was witnessed today, when W. J. Bryan, in a telegram to President Roosevelt, defended Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma, the treasurer of the democratic national committee, against the charge that he had unlawful connections with the Standard Oil company.

Mr. Bryan serves notice on the president that, as the candidate of the democratic party, "I shall not permit any responsible member of the republican organization to misrepresent the democratic party in the present campaign." The telegram concludes with the statement that "the democratic party is making an honest and honorable fight in defense of its principles and policies, and expects and will demand honorable treatment from those who are in charge of the republican campaign."

Mr. Bryan addressed the following telegram to Mr. Roosevelt in reply to the president's statement issued yesterday:

"Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States—Dear Sir: In a statement given out by you yesterday and published in this morning's papers, you indorse a charge against Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma to the effect that he was once in the employ of the Standard Oil company, and as such employe was connected with an attempt to bribe Attorney General Monnett of Ohio to dismiss suits pending against the Standard Oil company. In indorsing this charge you attack the democratic party and its candidate, saying that 'Gov. Haskell stands high in the councils of Mr. Bryan, and is the treasurer of his national campaign committee, and you add that the publication of this correspondence not merely justifies in striking fashion the attitude of the administration, but also casts a curious side light on the attacks made on the administration, both in the Denver convention which nominated Mr. Bryan and in the course of Mr. Bryan's campaign.'

"Your charge is so serious that I cannot allow it to go unnoticed. Gov. Haskell has denied that he was ever employed by the Standard Oil company in any capacity, or was ever connected in any way with it, or with the transaction on which your charge is based.

"Gov. Haskell demanded an investigation at the time the charge was first made, offering to appear and testify, and he demands an investigation now. I agree with you that if Gov. Haskell is guilty as charged, he is unfit to be connected with the democratic national committee, and I am sure you agree with me that, if he is innocent he deserves to be exonerated from so damning an accusation."

Governor Haskell, treasurer of the democratic national committee, has announced that he would depart Sunday next for Ohio to make a speaking tour of that state. Governor Haskell says he expects to be away from Oklahoma some time but would return on twenty-four hours notice ready to meet any republican in the state in joint debate.

John Murray Dowie, 83 years old, father of John Alexander Dowie, the founder of Zion City, who was repudiated by his son, died Tuesday at the home of his son's widow, Mrs. Jane Dowie, on White Lake, Mich. He went to live with Mrs. Dowie when his son denied him and had been in declining health since.

Roosevelt Answers Bryan.

President Roosevelt spent almost the entire day Wednesday getting his answer to Bryan ready, holding a consultation with cabinet members in the afternoon on the subject.

The answer makes 3,000 words and was handed out Wednesday night.

Roosevelt says that in his previous statement he purposely made no specific allusion to the Ohio matter in regard to an alleged attempt at bribery, and then took up the relations of Haskell as governor with the Prairie Oil and Gas company of Oklahoma.

Roosevelt says the court records show that after the attorney general of Oklahoma had secured an injunction against the Prairie company that Haskell interfered and the injunction was suspended and the company permitted to continue the work of laying its pipe line. Roosevelt contends that the company was a subsidiary concern of the Standard and contrasted Bryan's action in the Haskell case with Taft's as regards Foraker, as set forth in Roosevelt's previous statement.

Mr. Roosevelt also condemned Gov. Haskell for vetoing the child labor bill.

Haskell Game.

Governor Haskell gave out an answer from Guthrie Wednesday night to President Roosevelt's letter to Mr. Bryan. Mr. Haskell said he had the case against the Prairie oil company dismissed because the company was acting under a federal charter granted before statehood began by "Roosevelt's secretary of the interior."

He vetoed the child labor bill, he said, with the advice of union labor because it contained other matters inimicable to labor.

A Citizen's Primary Legal.

In reply to an inquiry by the president of Fort Worth's board of trade, J. L. Walthall, of the attorney-general's office, says a non-partisan primary may be held and its nominees be placed on the ballot, without violating the Terrell election law.

Mayor Harris of Fort Worth is quoted as saying:

"A primary, without the democratic pledge, and with nothing more than the qualification 'I am a qualified voter,' and 'I agree to support the nominee,' can be legally held.

"All this talk to the contrary is nothing more than a bomb, and I think the newspapers ought to explode it.

"Heretofore we have held primaries in which everyone who is qualified to vote and is willing to support the nominee has participated, and there is no use in arguing that it is necessary to have 'I am a democrat' on the ticket in order to make the primary legal."

Communication between shore and the vessels of Admiral Sperry's battleship fleet when they reach Manila will be governed entirely by the cholera situation there. If it is believed that danger of communicating the disease exists, shore leave for the men and visits from the shore will be prohibited.

Why shouldn't Senator Foraker still entertain hope of re-election? Look what Joseph Weldon Bailey accomplished in Texas.—Kansas City Star.

As the result of an explosion of a can of gasoline at Weatherford Thursday W. H. Sandlin, a tailor, seriously burned himself and damaged his shop \$300. Sandlin was using gasoline to clean a skirt at the time of the catastrophe.

Murrell sharpens lawn mowers Phone 49.

Hearst Refuses to Arbitrate.

New York, Sept. 21.—William R. Hearst, who has been campaigning for the national ticket for the Independence party in the south and middle west, returned to this city tonight and soon afterward issued a statement concerning the challenge of Gov. C. N. Haskell of Oklahoma. In recent speeches Mr. Hearst had charged Mr. Haskell, who is now treasurer of the democratic national committee, that he had sought in 1899 to influence Attorney General Monnett of Ohio to dismiss certain suits then pending against the Standard Oil company. In a telegram to Mr. Hearst which he made public last night, Gov. Haskell invited Mr. Hearst to publicly prove his charges before a committee of editors.

Mr. Hearst refuses to accept the suggestion of an editorial board of arbitration.

Tax Talk.

The following statistics, furnished by the Texas Commercial Secretaries' association, indicate the tax sources of Texas and the amount of revenue which the various tax measures yield the state, also the revenue derived from state, county and municipal purposes.

The state tax rate for general revenue purposes is 6 1/2 c on the \$100 assessed valuation; school rate 16 3/4 c; average county tax rate about 40c; average city rate about \$1 50.

The ad valorem tax for general revenue amounts to \$1,357,300; school, \$3,600,000; county, \$8,500,000; city tax, \$11,000,000. The state receives from sources other than general property the following amounts: Gross receipts, \$700,000; franchise tax, \$354,000; charter fees, \$109,000; occupation (mainly liquor), \$1,000,000; poll \$350,000; miscellaneous receipts, \$244,000. Total tax collected in Texas from all sources and for all purposes, about \$27,000,000. Of this total, agriculture pays \$7,000,000; town and city real estate, \$8,500,000; railroads, \$3,000,000; other property (mainly corporation), \$5,500,000; receipts from sources other than property, \$3,000,000.

A Calamity Wail.

President Roosevelt, in a letter to Wm. B. McKinley, chairman of the republican congressional committee in New York, says that a failure to elect W. H. Taft to the presidency and a congress to support him and his policies would be a public calamity.

Cholera at Manila.

Cholera is developing at the rate of sixty cases daily, one third of which is fatal. Unless the situation improves materially the Atlantic fleet will only formally enter the harbor. Governor Smith convened the Philippine commission Monday to plan a drastic campaign against the disease.

Matrimonial troubles were under discussion. The eldest son of a rich manufacturer remarked: "I hold that the correct thing for a husband is to begin as he intends to go on. Say that the question was one of smoking. Almost immediately I would show my intentions by lighting a cigar and settling the question forever." "And I would knock the thing out of your mouth," cried the imperious beauty of the group. "Do you know," replied the young man, "I don't think you would be there."—Kansas City Star.

A Texas and Pacific brakeman, R. B. Jones, fell from the top of a box car near Weatherford, receiving injuries which may cost him his life. He was taken to Fort Worth.

Wells Fargo and Whiskey Shipments.

Muskogee, Ok., Sep. 22.—The general manager for Wells Fargo Express company, has issued a general circular to agents for that company to the effect that any agent who accepts for shipment to any point in Oklahoma any package of liquor will be fired without notice. This appears to be a sentimental action on the part of the superintendent of the company, because the order was not made until it had been decided that the express companies could handle shipments of liquor if they want to. Mr. Wells is said to be an ardent prohibitionist himself, and it is alleged that the prominent prohibitionists of the state prevailed upon him to make the order for the effect it would have in enforcing prohibition in the state.

The express companies are not able to tell how great the volume of liquor business over their lines is, because nearly all of the packages are plain with nothing to indicate they contain liquor. Bottled beer shipped in barrels or cases is almost invariably labeled 'mineral water' and when smaller packages of liquor are shipped they are usually marked 'merchandise.' The express companies have no way of telling what such shipments contain unless they are broken open.

May Ask Bailey to Resign.

The Chicago American of Monday says: "In Texas where the speech of Mr. Hearst containing the Sibley letter telling of Senator 'B.' and the letter from Mr. Archbold, the Standard Oil magnate, to Sibley inviting Senator Bailey to come to the New York office of the Standard Oil created a great sensation. There was no talk of a successor for Senator Bailey, but it was declared by prominent men of the democratic party that a resolution would be introduced in the next legislature calling for the resignation of Senator Bailey.

"By explanations and protestations Senator Bailey was enabled to arouse a sympathetic interest which barely won him re-election to the senate after a hard and bitter campaign on account of the Standard Oil taint which clung to him then. Reports from Texas today indicated that Mr. Hearst's last speech has settled Bailey's political career in that state."

Bray.

CHRONICLE CORRESPONDENCE

Railroad! Bray is going to have a railroad after all. Our citizens held a mass meeting Monday night and appointed a committee to solicit a bonus of \$25,000. That will be very easy for a city the size of ours, for we boast a population of six.

Bob Stephens entertained our town with a moving picture show Monday night.

J. L. Allison has put in a pea huller and is ginning his pea crop, which will amount to about 100 bushels.

Mrs. Upton of Wise county returned home the first of the week after a two months' visit with her daughters, Mrs. McCarroll of Bray, and Mrs. Duckworth of Hedley.

The contract has been let to Claude Hill to put down a well at the school house.

Rev. Amos commenced a series of sermons Wednesday night here. Mr. Powell has his stock of groceries in and can accommodate the people to most anything they want.

JOSIAH.

Before the airship becomes popular one of two things must be done: Either the airship must be made more secure, or the earth's surface must be better upholstered.—Kansas City Star.

Prods Bank Examiners.

Washington, Sept. 21.—I say to you emphatically that your work must be improved. Embezzlements have failed of discovery; defalcation and dishonesty have been concealed from you and in many cases you have failed to correctly or even approximately estimate the value of the paper and the securities held by the banks.

This was the declaration made today by Comptroller of the Currency, Lawrence O. Murray, in addressing the conference of national bank examiners representing practically all the territory east of the Ohio. The conference, which is being held behind closed doors, is expected to continue several days and is the first under the comptroller's call of Sep. 9, designed to discuss the bank examiners' work with a view to real improvement. Later Mr. Murray will hold a conference with examiners at Chicago, probably.

Today's address was along the lines of securing better methods, Mr. Murray in his speech, saying that some of the reports to him indicated that a few examiners do not realize the obligations of the office and indicate hurried work, and said examiners could call on a committee of two or three members from the board of directors to go over the entire accounts of the bank with the examiner; that the examiners must be ready to accept assignment anywhere in the United States and that "if you are unable to discover the true standing of a bank, do not send excuses, but send in your resignation and your commission for cancellation.

Giles Gossip.

Reported For THE CHRONICLE
Mrs. Ranson Johnson's new house on the east part of her land is looming up and will soon be ready for her tenants.

P. D. Burgis has sold his crop, stock and farm implements to W. T. Walker and will move his family back to Tennessee, his old home.

A big congregation of the Baptists of Hedley came down to baptize 14 of their converts to that faith. The baptizing took place in the pool south of Coursey's place.

A Miss Thaxton of Texline opened school here Monday.

Mr. Mann, son-in-law of Mrs. A. M. Bailey, has rented the W. T. Walker place. His brother, who came with him, failed to get a place and returned to his home in Clay county. There is plenty of land to work but a scarcity of tenant houses.

The weather is fine since the rains of last week. Crops are looking well.

The Shoe Bar's shipped out 15 cars of cows and calves Sunday to St. Joe, Mo.

Bourland & Noel shipped five cars of fat cows and calves from here Saturday.

G. G. Willingham was shaking hands with old acquaintances in Giles Saturday and Sunday.

John Gist and two of his cousins, Messrs. Gist and Webb, of eastern Texas, were here Saturday.

Memphis.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gibson died Monday.

A. R. Letts, one of the extensive cattle raisers of the Clarendon country, was in the city Saturday on business.

J. N. Gamble, former resident of this place, came in Sunday on a visit to his son, John. He has just returned from an extended trip to Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee, and left Tuesday for his home at Tucumcari, N. M.

Latest designs in fancy post cards—5,000 to select from. Fleming & Bromley.

STATE NEWS.

S. Arari and T. Mitsuhashi, Japanese nurserymen of Alvin, Texas, have gone to Osaka, Japan, where they will ship 100,000 orange trees to Alvin.

Cotton in Howard county is late and damaged by worms. Some fields are a total failure. A fair crop of corn has been made, though the acreage is small.

While playing at Marfa Monday night, the six-year-old son of Geo. A. Howard accidentally killed the four-year-old daughter of R. R. Ellison with a target rifle.

It is reported that H. H. Harrington, formerly president of the Agricultural and Mechanical college at College Station, expects to make Fort Worth his future home.

Down at San Antonio suit has been filed against H. E. Hildebrand, manager of the central Democratic anti prohibition club, by five local newspapers for \$230 alleged due for advertising during the recent campaign.

A. Russell Peabody, who had a leading part in the defense of Harry Thaw for the murder of Stanford White, died suddenly Wednesday at Babylon, L. I., of pneumonia. He had been ill only since last Saturday.

The mangled body of a man, believed to have been Prat Taylor, aged 50, a carpenter, was found on the Denver tracks near the station in Wichita Falls Tuesday. A union card shows he had lately worked at San Antonio and Beaumont.

A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed in the Federal district court at Fort Worth Monday by John Henry Smith, a retail grocer of North Fort Worth, showing liabilities of \$3,502.05, assets \$8,080.35, and claiming exemption for \$635.

James Nunnally of Brooksmith, 15 miles south of Brownwood, is in a critical condition from injuries received by being thrown from a horse Tuesday. Nunnally's shoulder blade, wrist and collar bones were broken and other injuries sustained. The horse was killed.

Fire in Fort Worth Wednesday, caused by the explosion of a gasoline engine, damaged the Texas Grain & Elevator Co.'s property \$3,000. The engine room and two store houses were completely destroyed. Two cars of corn on a nearby siding were also burned.

County officers arrested some 18 negroes living in the northwestern part of Anderson county this week. They are now in jail charged with hog and cattle theft. Beeves and hogs at the Cook, Derden and Garrett ranches have been mysteriously disappearing for over a year. Several confessions have been made. Other arrests will likely follow.

David Myers, aged about 75 years, a Confederate veteran and a retired Houston & Texas Central railroad conductor, was found dead in his bed at Mineral Wells Monday. He had been in ill health for some time, and had gone to Mineral Wells in an effort to recuperate. He was a member of Sterling Price camp, United Confederate veterans, of Dallas. His body was taken to Corsicana for burial.

A. C. Anderson of Snyder states that the building of the Roscoe, Snyder and Pacific into Snyder has made it a cattle shipping point of no mean proportions. An official report of the road shows that there have been 10,000 head of cattle shipped from that point since the completion of the line in May, whereas, prior to that time, the cattle of that section were driven to other points for shipment over other lines.

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CLARENDON, TEX., SEP. 26, 1908.

William J. Bryan took the bit in his teeth in New York State and delivered ten speeches, bitterly attacking President Roosevelt for what he said was his failure to enforce the anti-trust laws, denouncing Senator Platt and Dewey as having betrayed the people, charging the republicans with having turned the financial system of the country over to Wall street, and finally pouring a volley of denunciation into the Standard Oil Company.

Gov. Campbell has granted a pardon to Will Garner, an escaped convict, who walked 1,000 miles to Austin the latter part of last March to try his hand personally with the governor and intercede in his own behalf. Garner was convicted from Snyder, in Scurry county, and given a term of two years in the state penitentiary on a charge of embezzlement. He made his escape from the Fowler convict camp March 1, 1908, at which camp he had been at work.

United States Senator Bailey spent Wednesday afternoon in St. Louis on his way to Washington. He visited the Commonwealth Trust company in company with John H. Kirby of Houston, Frank Andrews of Houston, L. J. Wortham of Ft. Worth, and B. F. Bonner of Houston, in conference with Tom Randolph, president of that institution. He declined to discuss the Standard Oil disclosures of William Randolph Hearst against Senator Foraker of Ohio and Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma with his St. Louis friends.

The presidential campaign is warming up and is likely to grow into personal bitterness between the candidates. While it is likely that charges will be made by all parties that cannot be proven, it is hoped that all crookedness and sell-outs will be laid open to the public, no matter who the offender may be. No guilty man should be shielded, regardless of his political cloak. Too much of that has already been done, and this is why the masses are losing confidence in political leaders and in the official class. As a result of Hearst's charges Foraker has already been sent to the political scrap heap, and it now looks as though Haskell, the treasurer of the democratic campaign committee, may be. We have been an admirer of Haskell, but if he is guilty of thwarting the prosecution of a trust, we say he should be downed.

Yes, Mr. Foraker, that's the worst thing about coal oil—once get it on your fingers and you can't wash off the odor.—Fort Worth Record.

And it is therefore useless for the Record to try to rid a Texas senator of the smell.

Servile Newspapers.

Buying newspapers to be directed secretly by political agents has become a part of Standard Oil policy. It has found that editors, when properly superintended, make efficient gardeners in its vineyard. Newspapers bought or sustained with Standard Oil money are not required openly to espouse the cause of Standard Oil. Indeed, even if their servility were animated with that degree of enthusiasm they would be restrained, for such a course would hamper them in their chief function, which is to promote the political welfare of Standard Oil's agents. It is a case of you elect our man and he will do the rest. Let it perform that service and it may rant all it please against Standard Oil, for what cares Standard Oil about public sentiment so long as it can put on its pay roll men who by false pretense or bold defiance can maintain themselves in places of power?—Dallas News.

John Clark tells us he expects to begin ginning cotton next week.

Talk of Ousting Haskell.

New York, Sept. 23.—It became known at democratic national headquarters tonight that several committeemen are preparing to use every influence to bring about the removal of Governor Charles N. Haskell from the office of treasurer of the national committee.

This is a result of the publication of charges that Mr. Haskell, as governor of Oklahoma, declined to permit the state to prosecute the Prairie Oil company, a subsidiary company of the Standard Oil company.

Charges that Governor Haskell had been identified with several railroad promotions in this city which are said to have been unfortunate in the manner of consummation, are reported tonight as also having tended to increase the feeling of these national committeemen that the time has about come for Mr. Haskell to resign from the committee or be removed.

National Chairman Mack is taking no action in the matter, nor would he state tonight what the outcome might be with reference to the Haskell matter, though his attitude is known to be such as to oppose the continuation of any man on the national committee whose affiliations are proved to be with corporations which are opposed to Mr. Bryan. Mr. Mack said tonight that he had had no communication with Mr. Bryan or Governor Haskell on the matter, and he would take no action unless President Roosevelt brought absolute proof of the charge.

It was made plain by national committeemen tonight that when Governor Haskell was selected as treasurer of the national committee there was not the slightest knowledge that any charges or suggestion could be made against him with regard to his attitude or reported connection with railroad promotions, and that Mr. Bryan himself had no knowledge of the matter. Mr. Mack declared today that if charges against Governor Haskell were proved he would expect him to resign.

Haskell Nothing to Say as to His Removal.

Guthrie, Ok., Sept. 23.—Gov. Charles N. Haskell when shown the Associated Press story from New York to the effect that an effort was being made to effect his removal from the treasurership of the democratic national committee, said that he had no statement to make.

"I cannot see anything in this that seems to require a reply from me," he said. "That the publication of the Oklahoma Prairie Oil & Gas company story has occasioned this movement on the part of the democratic committeemen, I do not believe to be true."

One hundred and ninety was the total enrollment at the College of Industrial Arts at Denton Wednesday, a considerable decrease from last year, accounted for by raising the standard of entrance requirements and limiting the preparatory classes.

At Galveston Wednesday Robert Hinman, a seaman, aged 32 years, who was acting as quartermaster on board the Mallory liner Nueces, was killed by falling from the mast-head to the deck, a distance of 75 feet.

How to Cure Watery Eyes.

To have the eyes water is not only annoying and distressing, but it is at times exceedingly embarrassing. Do not strain the eyes in any way and do not use them for any trying work at night. A mild eye wash, which will bring relief in most cases, is made of one ounce of pure water and one ounce of distilled witch hazel. Bathe the eyes frequently with this wash, which is especially excellent for eyes irritated by the wind.

How to Clean Gold Lace.

To clean gold lace buy some rock ammonia from a druggist, pound it finely and apply it with a piece of clean flannel to the lace, rubbing briskly. After thorough brushing the lace will look as good as new.

How to Kill Worms in Flowerpots.

If your plants in flowerpots seem inclined to decay, try sticking half a dozen matches in the earth around them, heads down. The sulphur in them will kill the worms that probably are eating away the roots.

STATE NEWS.

Georgia capitalists will establish at Fort Worth a stove foundry with capital stock of perhaps \$75,000.

Trescott Mercantile company of Trescott, Knox county, capitalized at \$25,000, has filed its charter at Austin.

The residence of Mrs. Frank Fitzhugh was burned at Paris Thursday morning. The loss was \$10,000, with \$5,000 insurance.

The big barn of J. L. Lovejoy, southwest of McKinney, burned, together with a horse, buggy and considerable feed belonging to J. B. Milstead Thursday.

Night riders have posted on the Williams ginney in Greenville county S. C. a warning not to gin cotton during the present low prices. This is the first warning of the kind in that state.

A mass meeting was held in Vernon Tuesday and about \$7,000 was subscribed towards the \$20,000 asked for to build the railroad from Vernon to some point on the Orient, in Foard county.

While the men employed on the government quarter-boat were blowing up stumps and drift in the bend above Arthur City with dynamite a monster catfish, weighing over 100 pounds, was killed by a blast.

Ulas Johnson was attacked at his home in Celina Collin county early Wednesday morning by a robber, who stabbed him several times with a knife. Though badly wounded Mr. Johnson beat off his assailant, who made good his escape.

Tuesday evening in Fort Worth John Carruth, aged about 50 years, a citizen of Amarillo, was enticed into the rear room of a saloon and after drinking several bottles of beer was robbed of his bank roll which contained about \$115. Heruan Grant and his wife, Willie Grant, who live in the neighborhood of where the robbery took place, were arrested.

Walter Burton, 27 years of age, was found dead by his father last Wednesday afternoon in a field six miles southwest of Denton. Beside the dead body lay a shotgun with both barrels discharged, while a hole in the back of young Burton's head bore mute witness as to the cause of death. Nearby was a dead crow and the theory is that Burton, who had been hunting, in some manner accidentally discharged his gun while going through a passing gate in the field to secure the bird he had just shot.

Mrs. William Springer of Marshalltown, Ia., arrived in Dallas Sunday and next day was wedded to a man who claimed to be from Young county. The match was made through a matrimonial advertising agency. Wednesday the husband said he was going to the country to buy some stock for his Young county ranch and the wife gave him \$1,150. He failed to return and she went before the grand jury and was told that they could do nothing. She was a widow when married and has several children, one of them being with her. The case is a pathetic one.

Attorney General Davidson has advised Secretary of State Davie that the Remington Typewriter company, not having a permit to do business in Texas, cannot furnish the state typewriters under the contract recently entered into by its representative and the state printing board. The Tobin Book store of Austin is the local representative of the typewriter company and Secretary of State Davie advised it that unless a permit to do business in the state was taken out that the contract would be cancelled. In the event that the company takes out a permit it will pay into the state an amount equal to that which the state would expend for typewriters during the next two years.

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HANDLING BEDS AND BEDDING
 How to Keep Them in a Healthful Condition.

At this season of the year the bedroom, of all rooms in the house, must be given a thorough renovating. A large proportion of one's time is spent in bed, and a bed that is uncomfortable means a real torment, especially in case of illness. It pays in the end to buy a good mattress and to take care of it after having bought it. If thoroughly beaten once a week it will not become matted.

If the mattress is not thoroughly beaten at frequent intervals it will become impregnated with dust and decidedly unhealthful. A good hair mattress that needs remaking should be attended to at this season and a few pounds of hair added to make up for the waste in combings.

Of all the bed furnishings, pillows should be of none but the best quality, for even if the very best quality is bought this does not represent a large outlay. All pillows should be fitted with ventilators, too, so that the life may be kept in the feathers for the longest possible time and a thorough airing be permitted. Lumpy and lifeless pillows that have become filled with dust through long use are as dangerous to health as one could imagine. All kinds of bacteria are found in the dust from renovated pillows, even those which have had but little use, and so perfect ventilation for the inside of the pillow is essential.

There can be bought pillow ventilators which can be set into the ends of one's pillows, if these are in good condition, but even though the ticking be covered with a washable outer case, thus keeping the tick clean, this does not prevent the feathers from getting into a bad condition, and therefore pillows that are in constant use should be renovated frequently. A day in the open air once a month seems to prolong the life of the feathers.

In regard to the outer coverings of the bed, the plainer the bed is dressed the better taste it shows. The sheets should be of as good quality as one can afford, and, in the summer time especially, the upper sheet at least should be linen.

When an enamel bed has become shabby looking it is wiser to give it a thorough scouring with any good enamel cleaner before attempting to give it a new coat of enamel. It may be surprising to find that nearly all the places that need repainting are made by rubbing against other furniture when moving. Always wrap cloths about a metal bed every time it is moved, and a brass bed must be wrapped in this way, else it will be ruined. Never scrub a brass bed or apply any gritty substance, for these beds are covered with a lacquer to preserve the gilt. A soft, damp cloth is sufficient until the lacquer wears away, and then it must be sent away to be relacquered.

If the brass has become merely tarnished it may be treated at home. First scour the gilt with the fine powder used for cleaning silver, or else apply whitening with a damp cloth, so that the gilt is not scratched. Have ready 10 cents' worth of lacquer, and when the gilt portions are free from tarnish paint neatly with the lacquer, applied with a fine camel's hair brush.

How to Preserve Pineapples.

The easiest method of preparing pineapples for preserves is to slice off as much of the outside portion as possible with a sharp carving knife. Next cut the slices as thin as possible and cut dark portions from the edge with a pair of sharp scissors. It is a more convenient method than using a knife and less dangerous. Remove all core, weigh or measure the fruit and use the same bulk of sugar, pint for pint. Use just enough water to make a thin sirup, letting it boil first before adding the fruit. Test with the tines of a fork. When done seal in the usual manner while the liquor is still at boiling point.

How to Scale Fish Properly.

When scaling fish hold them under water in a dishpan. The scales will not fly all over if this is done, but will fall to the bottom of the pan. When the water has been poured off of them they can easily be transferred into the garbage pail. The kitchen will be free from the scales, which fly about if the fish is scaled in the ordinary way, and a great deal of extra and troublesome labor is saved. Dipping the fish in boiling water for a moment and then into cold will make the scales come off without trouble or delay.

How to Hang a Skirt Properly.

It is impossible to be too particular in securing straight seams when making a skirt, those at either side of the front breadth requiring more care than the back seams. Where the material is plaited over the hips the tucks should take a straight line upward into the belt and should on no account be allowed to deviate either toward the side or the front. Seams or plaits which curve outward or inward, however slightly, spoil the hang of a skirt.

How to Relieve Painful Burns.

Moisten a common lump of starch to a soft paste, cover the burned part thickly with it, then wrap with a cloth or medicated cotton, keep the starch wet, and the pain will soon be removed. Common baking soda is effective used in the same way.

How to Revive a Plant.

One of the best ways to revive a drooping potted plant is to place it overnight in a vessel of water that reaches nearly two-thirds to the rim of the pot. This treatment is especially beneficial where the soil has become hardened.

Groceries



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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Judge T. M. Wolf of McLean spent yesterday in town.

Mrs. Guss Johnson is visiting relatives in Amarillo.

Pete Gilpin has returned from a trip down in Old Mexico.

Mrs. Wes Lane is visiting friends in Canyon City this week.

A hard rain fell here in town yesterday afternoon for a few minutes.

G. B. Bagby will open up a news and book stand in the postoffice building.

J. R. Blessing and Rolla Fisher of Wellington were here this week on business.

Mrs. Mollie Gray left yesterday for Hereford to engage in some Eastern Star work.

Mrs. Dodson, mother of Mrs. J. S. Hayter, came over from Wellington on a visit this week.

W. A. Land is building an addition to his residence and is making a full fledged carpenter himself.

A. A. Beedy, near Hedley, sold 80 acres of land this week through Kersey & Martin to a Mr. Meador.

Mr. Goodman has sold his interest in the drug store to John McKillop and will move to Fort Worth.

John McClelland left Wednesday for Knox county, where he is foreman of a ranch, after a three days visit with his parents here.

Judge G. F. Morgan has returned from Alamogordo, N. M., where he was a witness in the E. Crow case. The jury failed to agree.

Miss Dorinda Tatum is now an attache of The Chronicle office for the purpose of learning the art preservative. She is making good progress.

S. C. Chesnut and Mr. Clark have bought the shop machinery of Dick Allen near the bridge. They are experienced workmen and we are pleased to see them enlarging their business.

Mrs. Vannie Hill has bought through Kersey & Martin a fourth block of ground in the southwest part of town from Ben Chamberlain at \$200. She will build a neat residence on it and move back to Clarendon.

The pastor of the Baptist church will preach Sunday at 11 a. m. on the text: "Make the Valley Full of Ditches." At 7:45 p. m., sharp, the theme will be, "Record Making." All are cordially invited to attend these services.

J. M. Clower is over at Mangum this week to arrange for moving there. His son, W. M. Clower, will continue the jewelry business here. Mr. Clower is a clever business man and a good jeweler. We regret to see him leave.

Hedley is to have a newspaper, so W. T. White, who was here yesterday, tells. A Mr. Durham, late of Munday, has signed up a contract to conduct a local paper for them at that progressive little town and he is to begin about Oct. 1.

George Washington, who spent some time in Austin after leaving Mineral Wells, and then made a trip down in Mexico, returned to Clarendon Wednesday night. He has not yet decided whether he will remain here or return to El Paso.

The district Presbytery has been holding forth here this week, a number of visiting members being present. We regret our inability to be present at the meetings, and as no reports have been sent in we cannot give the proceedings. The business was finished up last night.

Raise Turkeys. Full blood Bronze, cheap. Mrs. J. H. O'NEALL.

Donley County to Exhibit Products.

The Clarendon Commercial club has already made arrangements to send an exhibit to the Amarillo Fair, and D. C. Priddy, who can talk it up and tell them all about our resources and advantages, has volunteered to take charge of the exhibit. Now, if the farmers of Donley county will take the interest they should and bring in samples of their best products, Donley can outshine anything in the Panhandle. She grows the best corn, the best alfalfa, the best potatoes, both Irish and sweet, as well as onions, cabbage, turnips, melons, apples, peaches and plums, also small grain in addition to all forage crops.

A move is also on foot to send an exhibit to the Dallas fair with a competent man in charge. This will cost more, but the Commercial club will meet this obstacle if others will take an interest and help collect a creditable exhibit. Of course, the exhibit used at Amarillo can be also used at Dallas, but the one for the latter should be more full and complete, as there is more time to get it up. If you have anything good in this line, bring a sample in to the Western Real Estate Exchange, where representatives of the Commercial club will have it arranged and shipped to the fairs.

The farm residence and sheds and household furniture of Mrs. M. E. Fish, seven miles northeast of town, burned a week ago, nothing being saved. Mr. Moran, who works on the place, left after dinner for his work nearly a mile off, no one else being at the house. Shortly after, he noticed the fire, but all was consumed before he could reach it. We are told that there was a total insurance of \$1,200 carried.

C. E. Oakes, a banker of Amarillo, was convicted of embezzlement in the district court at Channing Wednesday and was given two years in the penitentiary.

A common school education now includes short excursions into everything from singing to shooting straight. Classes are operated on a sort of quick lunch schedule, and the urchin is kept on the jump from bell tap to adjournment. And they're making good at it, too. This is the era of plunging, and the plodding critic might as well subsist.—Fort Worth Star.

How to Sew Easily. A small cake of white soap kept in the machine drawer is a great saver of machine needles and makes sewing easier. When a thick place, such as the crossing of two seams, is reached in stitching, rub the material with the soap, and the needle will pass through it as if by magic without breaking or even bending. This treatment is particularly valuable when one is stitching sheer lawns or mousselines and using a very fine needle.

One span of good work mules for sale. C. Baldwin, at Connally Hardware store.

Market Report. The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Thursday: Steers \$3.15 to \$4.25. Cows \$1.85 to \$3.00. Calves \$2.75 to \$4.00. Hogs \$5.70 to \$6.80.

For the best shoes go to Bryan-Land Co.

For Sale. I am offering at a low price the following: One dining table, one iron bedstead and spring, one wooden bedstead, one incubator, one gun, coal oil cooker, two-seated surrey; also several head of horses and young mules.

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For Sale. A fine young stallion; color, velvet brown, with star in forehead, 16 hands and 2 inches high, weight 1,100 pounds, age 2 years and 4 months. Breed, one-half Copper Bottom and one half Morgan. This young fellow is broke to harness and to ride; perfectly gentle in every respect, and is the kindest natured horse to be found in his class. He is a very intelligent animal. Any community would be proud to possess an animal of his class if in need of one. Several farmers should get together and buy him. See me for price and terms. D. C. PRIDDY.

What Are Your Boys Doing?

The parent who turns his boy loose without occupation or restraint will doubtless live to bitterly deplore his negligence.

People are accustomed to talk of crimes as a terrible thing and say the son has fallen dreadfully when he has not fallen at all. He was raised that way. Right here in this country, some fathers and mothers are educating their children in the requirements of first class devils. Of course they do not mean to do so but they are, none the less. Boys are let run wild, are let carouse on the streets until after midnight and are never put to work. It is as natural for the idle boy to go to the bad as it is to live. The influence is that way. Instead of the pure God hallowed atmosphere of home, many boys are let breathe the unwholesome air of a crowd of smokers and listen to the oaths sworn more often than prayers are offered at home. Parents are responsible for their boys and should surround them with attractive home influences and keep them in useful employment. They should have some leisure and amusement, of course, and young association. Train a boy to go in good company and he will go there, let him go wild and his associations will be anything but good.

Hogs Sell at \$2,000 Each. Kirksville, Mo. -- Two young Berkshire hogs of the strain of the famous boar, Star Masterpiece, which were received here a few weeks ago, brought \$2,000 each at the Kinloch farm here.

Star Masterpiece, the head of the line, brought \$5,000 when sold to the local dealers, was said to have been the highest price ever paid for a hog. Fifty others more or less valuable hogs were sold bringing an average price of more than \$200 each. The sale at the Kinloch farm drew hog raisers from all over the country and about 50 bidders were present.

Wilbarger county is perhaps the only county in any of the United States that officially reports more legal voters in the county than children within the school age. Can any one give the solution.—Call.

Feather bed sharks have been "doing" North Texas lately and in many homes straw and shucks are being used for the first time. In this climate people are better off without feathers, anyhow, except for pillows. This will not be much consolation for those who have suffered from the recent steals by road agents, however.—Sherman Democrat.

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A "Lady" Never is Sensational.

We recognize about a lady always the "outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace," signs which are unmistakable and can never be imitated, though there are many who do offer dross to the world instead of the true gold, says Grace Tabor in the New Idea Woman's Magazine for October. But it is quite impossible to ring true without being true.

First and foremost, and above all other attributes that go to make a lady—dear, old-fashioned word—I should place kindness, because I feel that it is the one essential without which no woman can approach that perfect loveliness of thought and act that distinguishes the lady. Good manners—which are the "outward and visible sign"—are, after all, prompted only by this feeling of kindness within; otherwise they fail when any real test comes.

Next to kindness comes self-control. Given these two, the rest is bound to follow. Kindness fills the heart with an intense desire to see others happy; self control gives the ability to efface and forget self to the end that others shall be happy. Kindness prompts all the little graceful acts that in themselves mean nothing, but are rich in meaning when they spring from the heart; self control enables one to feel this kindness towards uninteresting and uncongenial persons.

Kindness and consideration of others induce that quiet composure the outward indication of a lady. Gentle and winning, she never will ingly allow herself to wound the feelings of the humblest—nor the proudest—with whom she comes in contact.

If circumstances focus the eyes of the world upon her, she guards more jealously the quiet dignity of her personal demeanor. She is never sensational, never flustered. Her pride lies deep in her womanhood, a proud humility that values the responsibilities and the privileges of that womanhood so highly that nothing less than perfect loveliness of thought and act will satisfy its demands. She has been born a woman, she feels the diadem bound upon her temples; therefore, "noblesse oblige."

Chickens and Butter.

A Missouri paper gives this little lesson on diversification:

"Besides making general farming pay, a farmer near Windsor believes he has made a record with his cows and chickens. Since January 1, 1908, he has sold \$168.65 worth of butter made from milk from three cows. Since March 1 he has sold \$123.60 worth of eggs and raised \$75 worth of chickens from 175 hens. The amount he has realized to date from the three cows since January 1 and the 175 hens since March 1, is \$367.25.

Black and White Pepper.

Avoid the so-called white pepper unless you know of what it is made. White and black pepper are produced from the same shrub if they are genuine. The former is sold at the higher price, but is inferior to the latter. Genuine white pepper is simply black pepper deprived of its coat. This coat contains a powerful principle, therefore it is evident that its removal deprives the white pepper of much of its stimulating property. The only reasonable foundation for the preference of white to black pepper is the fact that the finest pepper is the young berries which fall from the trees and are whitened by exposure to the weather; but such berries are found in small quantities and are never exported.—New York Press.

Rev. K. F. Swift, a Baptist minister of Lockhart, has filed suit for \$25,000 against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway for injuries received while a passenger on a train. He alleges that in passing down the aisle of a dimly lighted coach he slipped upon a banana peeling and fell. He was confined to his bed for many weeks. He claims permanent injuries from the fall.

Neat job printing at this office.

Rock Island - Frisco - Denver Combine May Dissolve.

Dissolution seems to be in sight between the Rock Island and Frisco and may take place on or about Jan. 1, 1909. It was learned from a very reliable source that such plans are on foot with prospects of their being consummated. Should the Frisco be able to meet its obligations due on that date, the dissolution will not take place, but should the necessity arise that money will have to be borrowed to meet the payment of interest on bonds and the notes the dissolution will be sure to come, it is said.

In July it was thought by many that the dissolution would take place, but it did not. The loan of \$2,000,000 by the Rock Island from the United States Express company tided the affairs of the Rock Island-Frisco people over and as a result the United States Express company has closed a contract with these two lines to use that company on its lines.

It is generally understood that neither the Rock Island nor the Frisco system is paying as much by the consolidation as was anticipated. After being together for two years it was thought that a dissolution would take place, but about that time the Denver road and Colorado & Southern were taken into the family, which gave the Rock Island-Frisco ingress to the northwest, and then the building of the Trinity & Brazos Valley as a Gulf outlet changed the plans. However, should the Trinity & Brazos Valley prove to make good and traffic to the gulf increase the dissolution may not take place.

Comparatively little has been gained by the consolidation of the two systems it is said, because both cover a good bit of the same territory in the north, and all there was to gain was the sections of southwest that neither cover.

The outcome will be watched with great interest by all railroad men. One change has already been made from the Wells Fargo Express company to the United States express on one of the Rock Island lines that has been using the Wells Fargo, that of the El Paso & Southwestern. One of the route agents was in the city a few days and made the announcement of the change, and from what could be learned yesterday, it will be but a short while before the United States Express company will be operating over the Denver road, as the contract with that road has about expired.—Ft. Worth Record.

Then and Now.

In a sermon in Chicago Sunday, Rev. W. A. Bartlett, a Congregational minister, said:

"This seems to be the age when the children rule in the home and school. In the old days they listened with respect at the table while their elders conversed. They gave reverence to their parents and elders. If not they soon found what was coming to them. Now the children frequently monopolize all the conversation; they lay down the law and intimate to their parents that they are back numbers and are ignorant of what all the kids are doing."

Contracts for 75,000 pairs of sailors' shoes have been awarded by the navy department at \$2.72 a pair to Philadelphia and Boston firms, each of whom will furnish a like amount. Two firms of Paterson, N. J., have been awarded a contract for supplying the navy department with 60,000 silk handkerchiefs at 87 1/2 c each.

Wm. J. Bryan, twice defeated for the presidency, Judge Alton B. Parker, once defeated for the same office, and David B. Hill, defeated by both for the nomination, held a conference at Esopus. The participants would disclose nothing regarding the subjects talked of or the conclusions reached.

An electric railway is being built on the Zugspitze, the highest peak in the Alps, on Bavarian territory. Its height is about 10,000 feet. The railway will run to the summit, while a hotel will be built at the 7,000-foot level.

The "Sucker State."

Illinois has been called the "Sucker State" for many years and her natives are known as "Suckers." A dozen reasons or excuses have been given for this strange designation, but the only satisfactory one was told me the other day by a grandson of Ninian Edwards. "The early pioneers adopted many Indian habits. They even strapped their babies to boards like papooses. After they began to raise hogs the mother would leave her little ray of sunshine alone, in the cabin for hours; but to alleviate his solitude she gave him a large piece of raw pork to suck, first tying it to his foot by a string, so that when he attempted to swallow it the natural impulse to kick would save him from choking."—New York Press.

Texas Products Will Be Exhibited in Seattle.

The Texas Commercial Secretaries Association which met in Fort Worth inaugurated a movement for exhibiting Texas products at the Alaska-Yukon exposition at Seattle which opens next June. The association is committed to the proposition by resolution and authorized its president to appoint a special committee to take charge of the work. The president of the association has appointed F. H. Gohlke, secretary of the Wichita Falls commercial club as chairman of this committee and requested him to nominate his associates.

It will require a fund of \$25,000 to put the proposition through and a number of influential business men have voluntarily offered to get behind the movement.

Forest Fires Drive Out 4,000.

Fire broke out in Wisconsin forests Sunday and soon reached Gagen and Woodboro. Men, women and children fought valiantly to save their homes, but without avail. Gagen and Woodboro each had about 2,000 residents and nearly all are homeless.

John W. Gates looms up rather larger across the water than he does at home. This from a London newspaper: "Our Washington correspondent telegraphs that John W. Gates, the sporting millionaire, is constructing a golf course that is to cost \$1,000,000. His race course will cost three times as much and his automobile track, 50 yards wide, 34 miles long and constructed entirely of concrete, will mean an expenditure of \$4,000,000."—Ex.

General Freight Agent W. F. Sterley of the Denver road is in receipt of a letter from the agent at Memphis stating that at least 30 cars of hogs would be shipped by farmers from that one point to the local market. From other advices received from agents along the line a proportionate number of cars of hogs will be shipped, and thus within the next year or so all of the hogs needed by the Fort Worth packing houses will be secured in Texas.

Chas. Harris, charged with the killing of F. Graham four years ago, and who has been out on \$750 bond, was surrendered Thursday by his bondsmen at Gainesville.

Archie Conner, aged four, died Thursday at Bonham from swallowing seven pins as a response to a dare from young companions.

The Best Code.

Emily—Why are you waving your handkerchief?
Angelina—Since papa has forbidden Tom the house we have arranged a code of signals.
Emily—What is it?
Angelina—When he waves his handkerchief five times, that means "Do you love me?" And when I wave frantically in reply it means "Yes, darling."
Emily—And how do you ask other questions?
Angelina—We don't. That's the whole code.—Harper's Weekly.

Put Him Wise.

First Porter—Gee, dat man gib me a large tip!
Second Porter—Yep. An' yo' done gib yo'self away by thanking him and smiling.
"Why, ain't dat all right?"
"No, sah. If yo' had acted natchul, he'd felt obligated to do it nex' time. See?"—New York Life.

The Parson (as he fozbles)—R-r-r-r-r! The Caddie—Might as well go ahead and say it, boss. I'm a mind reader.—Louisville Herald.

FACTS IN FEW LINES

There are 77,000,000 bricks in the famous Severn tunnel.

A pigeon postal service has recently been organized in the French Congo.

The average price of the American potato last year was 61.7 cents per bushel.

One part Venetian turpentine to four of glue will make a flexible glue to attach leather to metal.

Ellis Island statistics show that nine male immigrants are landed in New York city to four females.

Last year the Brazilian postoffice handled 520,000,000 pieces of mail as compared with 471,500,000 the year before.

The transient hotel population of New York is figured at 250,000 people a day. The hotel proprietors are valued at over \$80,000,000.

The provincial government of Shantung is building a new telegraph line along the Yellow river, both to better the present service and aid in giving flood warnings.

Some time ago a Brattleboro (Vt.) organ company shipped a pipe organ to South Africa. Recently the company also shipped two organs to Australia and one to the Pacific coast.

F. A. Coburn, the agriculturist who refused a seat in the United States senate when appointed to it by the governor of Kansas, says, "An alfalfa field is said to be a hog's idea of heaven."

Athens is grappling with the dust problem. High winds sweep the dust into thick clouds comparable to sandstorms in the desert. The water supply is inadequate, and the city authorities are ready to try oil.

The shortest time around the world is claimed to have been made by Lieutenant Colonel Burnley Campbell, who left Liverpool on May 3, 1907, and on his return landed at Dover on June 13, 1907, covering the circuit in 40 days 19 1/2 hours.

A curious catch has been made by the Grimby trawler Cardiff while fishing in the North sea. The nets brought up two bundles of London county council tram car tickets dated 1906, the routes and amount of fares being legible.

In the Blue mountains, three hours from Sydney, N. S. W., are many beautiful country houses, mostly bungalows, with wide verandas all round, where Sydney people fly in February and March to get away from the heat of the city by the harbor.

To ship its heavy castings the Bethlehem (Pa.) Steel company has constructed a special flat car, 103 feet long, the main girders resting on two eight wheel trucks at each end. The car thus has sixteen axles and thirty-two wheels. It weighs 150 tons.

The guardian of the museum of the Castello Sforzesco has reported that the ancient gold keys of the town of Milan, which are of great historical interest, have been stolen from the glass case in which they were kept and of which the lock had been forced.

Experiments in the domestication and training of elephants in the Congo Free State indicate that they can be used to advantage for portage work in regions where the opening up of the country is most difficult because of lack of transportation facilities.

Three years ago there were something like 10,000 Chinese students in Tokyo. Now there are only some 4,800. Several schools where they were taught are empty, and there are few if any Chinese now attending the military college founded by General Fukushima.

Cooks pond, in Brookfield, N. H., is one of the most beautiful bodies of water in the state. It is said that after a recent shower the water was so calm and clear that the bottom of the pond was visible for about a quarter of a mile from the shore. Rocks and fallen trees were distinctly seen.

After seeing a flock of sheep walk over a newly plowed field and pack the soil hard a western inventor devised a roller for asphalt pavements equipped with hundreds of small steel feet. After being passed over the asphalt a few times the surface grows so hard that the feet fail to make any impression.

The Farmington mountains, in Connecticut, are to be made a sort of eastern Yellowstone park as far as the preservation of wild life goes. The owners have combined and decided that there shall be no hunting for ten years. It is proposed to stock the country with several game birds, which have been exterminated, like wild turkey, ruffed grouse, and so on.

New Zealand can hardly be said to have covered itself with glory in the matter of a memorial to the most famous of its prime ministers, the late Mr. Seddon. The final meeting of the committee has been held, and the sum total of the public subscriptions was reported to be £1,238, and £400 of this sum came from the railway men, in whose ranks Mr. Seddon started his colonial career.

A recent steamer arriving at Tientsin took a large consignment of oranges to that city from Wenchow. The fruit is said to be poor, but is in great demand among the Chinese, the skins having great medicinal qualities. From the dried skins a kind of quinine tea is made, which is very largely used throughout the whole of China. The fruit is familiarly known as the quinine orange.

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