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The Cost of the Courthouse Whistle.

During the campaign for democratic nominations which preceded the July primary a card was printed in advocacy of the claims of a certain aspirant for the office of district judge, which was signed by sixty-four lawyers of the city of Dallas, and which contained the following instructive statements:

"The largest item of expense in the state government is the maintenance of the courts. It costs the state and county from \$50 to \$75 a day to run a district court during trial of jury cases, not counting witness fees and other costs paid by the losing party, and which in protracted trials becomes ruinous to litigants. Every case appealed means a cost to somebody of from \$50 to \$500. Every jury case tried a second time because of error in the first means a cost to the tax payers from \$50 to \$75 per day. Keeping these figures in mind anyone can see why the expense of the court swells the burden of the government too enormously."

This picture is not overdrawn. On the contrary, it is misleading because the expense to the taxpayer is but a tithe of the total expense of running the courts. The litigants who waste their time and money through the unnecessary delays in the courthouse pay out probably ten dollars where the taxpayers pay out one to maintain this extravagant performance. The state of Texas expends every year nearly \$1,000,000 upon the courts, and it only pays the salaries of the appellate judges, district judges, district attorneys, fees in felony cases, attached witnesses in criminal cases, and a few other minor items. The bulk of the court expense which is defrayed out of public funds comes from the county treasuries, and the total sum expended by the state and the counties is but a bagatelle compared with the enormous sums paid by the litigants and the loss entailed upon the witnesses in attendance upon the courts.

Speaking roundly, it costs the state something like an average of \$3,000 dollars a day to run the courts. The cost to the counties is perhaps \$6,000 a day, and the expense to the litigants is at least more than double the aggregate of these two sums. The total cost to tax payers and litigants is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$7,500,000 a year.

In other words, the people of Texas are spending enough every year on the courts to build and equip a railroad running from Red river to Galveston.

It would not be far from the truth to say that the total cost of the courts is approximately as much as the total sums actually in controversy in the cases disposed of in the courts.

Thus considered, our courts cease to be forums for the adjudication of civil rights, and take on the aspect of the magnificent gambling houses which entertain their hysterical guests for a few brief hours and then shatter their illusions by raking off the entire stakes into their own capacious maws.

Is this comparison odious? Perhaps so, but who that is familiar with the facts will deny that it is accurate?

In a certain city in this state a business man of the highest probability rejected the solicitation of another business man that he should incorporate the goods of the latter in a proof of loss under the policy of insurance held by the former. The first had stored the goods of the second as a matter of accommodation. The second owed the first a sum of money and had refused to

pay it because the first would not call upon the insurance company, through the medium of a false proof of loss, the loss of the second. The first sued the second for his debt. The second reconvened because the first did not collect insurance upon his goods and got judgment upon a fanciful theory that ignored the principals of common honesty. The net result was that the business man who refused to swear a falsehood for the benefit of his neighbor not only lost his debt, but had to pay out in court costs more than the amount of that debt and more than the amount he was asked to help filch from the insurance company. These facts are all of record in our appellate court reports, except the sum of court costs. I have often wondered just what the loser would say about the quality of our justice and the cost of it if he were to express his exact opinion. Can it be doubted that in the light of such an experience, he would rather sacrifice two-thirds of any meritorious claim than appeal to the courts to enforce it?

One truck railroad in this state has found by casting up an accurate account that of the total sum it expends upon litigation, including the judgments given against it, sixty per cent represents the principal sum of the judgments and forty per cent the cost of litigation. For every dollar it pays out to an opposing litigant it pays out 66 2/3 cents in court costs and other expenses growing out of litigation. The aggregate of these expenditures borne by all Texas railroads makes a perceptible impression upon freight rates.

These conditions have a far reaching effect upon every branch of industry and every department of our social life.

When men first struggled to be free from despotic rule and influence they found that all laws and systems which promised social blessings were but sounding brass and tinkling cymbals unless courts were established which vigorously and promptly redeemed the pledges of the law.

A land without efficient courts is a land where neither life nor property rights has the guarantee of security promised by the constitution of every civilized state.

A land whose courts charge more for their decrees than they are worth, commercially speaking, thereby places a serious embargo on industrial progress.

Men hesitate to make heavy investments which cannot, if necessary, invoke the prompt arm of the law without ruinous expense. Our farmers have been endeavoring to secure financial help to enable them to sell their cotton slowly and to avoid crowding the market and forcing down the price. I am told that one serious obstacle which they have had to face is the objection that funds advanced for this purpose might be indefinitely tied up whenever a case should arise for litigation.

No business interest is willing to fritter away years and years in litigation. Business plants its feet upon the solid rock of results, not upon theories.

The ordinary course in a lawsuit in Texas, under the existing conditions, means indefinite harassment and loss which cannot be approximated to all parties engaged. It is one investment that pays no dividends to anybody except the feasters at the pie counter. Even the lawyers find their fees so curtailed by the demands for court costs and their labors so multiplied by the infinite detail which has grown out of eccentric decisions that they are now among the heaviest sufferers from these court-room evils.

It is high time for a general awakening to the fact that the people are paying too dearly for their court-room whistle and getting results which are meager compared with the cost.—Senator Senter in Farm and Ranch.

To Make Farm Life Inviting.

During the discussion at the Dallas meeting of the president's Farm Life Commission, Henry Wallace said he believed that with competent superintendents the county farms—"poor farms," some call them—could be made experimental stations without any cost whatever.

Walton Petee, a farmer, said the government should establish demonstration homes to show how to beautify homes and surroundings and arrange conveniences, drainage and other features. He believes, too, in national help and advice in the interest of good roads.

Prof. S. E. Ellis said money alone could not uplift the farmer and his family. "For 13 years," he said, "I worked in the asylums for the insane in this state—Texas—and I know that more farmers' wives go insane because of monotony of farm life than any other class. Farmers themselves have access to free, fresh air and the sunlight all the time, but they are far from being the healthiest class of people. They lack proper sanitation and health conditions."

"The condition in the rural school is not satisfactory. What I wish to plead for is that while we do need a juster treatment in financial matters, we have to have a system of education that will broaden the lives of the people in the rural communities. We should make the rural schools a social center. In the country we want to develop a school suited to the needs of the farmers."

"Next year 8,000 teachers will have to teach agriculture, and there are not 8 of them who know anything about it. Then the schools ought to be kept open 12 hours a day and all sorts of clubs and organizations for the parents should be organized and meet there with a lecture course at night. Have domestic economy, manual training, literary training and a good library in your schools."

T. V. Munson of Denison thought the federal government should devote much attention to the fight against tuberculosis, from which, he said, 8 million people now living in the United States will, according to reliable statistics, die.

The resignations of five teachers in Enid Ok., were requested by the school board Saturday because the teachers attended and participated in the Elks Thanksgiving ball. Two weeks ago the school board adopted a rule preventing teachers from dancing. The board's action incensed several of the pedagogues who defy the authorities to remove them. They rely on their yearly contracts. They assert that they will not be ousted.

Anent the Anna DeSagen affair, the Henrietta Review pungently says: "Touching the report that Anna Gould is about to apply for another divorce, it might be suggested to this misguided woman that when she wearies of the merely spectacular she might try most any kind of an American. He would at least treat her better and be less a conspicuous ass with money. Or failing to rope in the American, she could do much better than so far in her history by hooking up with a nigger."

The department of agriculture has ordered a quarantine against the entire state of Maryland as far as cattle and sheep are concerned on account of the appearance of foot and mouth disease.

Bankers Sentenced.

A verdict of guilty as indicted was returned by the jury in United States court in the case of C. E. Mullin, cashier, and R. L. Hissem, president, of the defunct farmers and Merchants' National bank of Mount Pleasant, Pa., and E. H. Steinman, former president of the Acme Lumber company. Saturday at Pittsburg, Pa., the indictment charged Cashier Mullin with misapplying the funds of the bank and Hissem and Steinman with aiding and abetting him. The shortage is alleged to be \$140,000. There are 19 counts and each count the defendants are liable to from 5 to 10 years in the penitentiary.

William Montgomery, former cashier of the Allegheny National bank, also was sentenced to serve 15 years in the penitentiary. Montgomery was sentenced upon two indictments charging embezzlement of over \$500,000.

Destructive Prairie Fire.

Reports from the south side of Paloduro canyon state that a very destructive fire raged there from Tuesday until Thursday morning. Nothing definite could be learned as to individual losses, except that J. T. Holland had his feed crop and a new tenant house destroyed, and that John McGehee lost his feed.

The fire covered a vast extent of territory and most of the grass and other forage between the canyon and Tulia was destroyed. Great difficulty was experienced in saving the town of Tulia, but finally the wind changed and the flames swept around the town.

The fire extended about 30 miles south from the canyon and several miles wide. Diligent effort has been used to get particulars but phone connection was destroyed in several places and no particulars could be learned up to Thursday.

LATER—The fire originated at the thresher on the Evans ranch; first struck Helms Bros and burned grass and feed to the amount of \$400; next, John McGehee, who lost 2,000 bushels of grain and \$500 worth of bundle stuff; H. Fisher and Mr. King lost all their feed; J. T. Holland, new four-room house burned, a loss of \$2,000. Mr. Holland looked through his cattle after the fire, found many of them singed and about one half of them missing, supposed to be in the canyon. About sundown the wind changed to the southeast, went by Jackson Bros. and burned everything there. When the fire passed Helms Bros. it covered 5 miles in width.—Tulia News.

Cotton that is being held by the producer may look mighty good a little later on. The crop has not this year been up to the average anywhere, and the lower counties are taking their turn at the report "all in." In North Texas the cotton continued its growth up to the November freeze, which finding it still full of sap turned even the nearly matured bolls watery. As a whole, the crop in this region is cut, perhaps, 33 per cent. The effect on prices should be seen in the near future.—Henrietta Review.

From all reports the lower Panhandle will produce a crop of cotton 40 per cent less than last year's crop. The increase in acreage this year exceeds last year's by about 25 per cent. The freeze of two weeks ago did the greatest damage.—Quanah Tribune.

Oklahoma's 8-hour law is believed to have received a knockout blow. In a test suit, brought at Tulsa by local union labor officials, the New State Paving company was acquitted of law violation. In defense the company showed that its men were anxious to work more than eight hours, and the contention was upheld.

Raising Hogs in Texas.

Texas ought to be raising six million hogs per year. It is the ideal place for swine to thrive. The climate is mild at all seasons. No winter so severe that cold proof shelters are required; no summer so ardent but what a shade tree will mitigate it. In most sections water, living or artificial, is plentiful. As to feed and forage, everything that hogs like to eat is produced in abundance. Corn, milo, maize, kafir corn, peanuts, soy beans, a half dozen varieties of peas, tankage, mill feed, cotton seed meal for solid fattening purposes; alfalfa, burr clover, sorghum, oats, rape, rye, wheat and barley for succulent growth compelling effect, and all these grow in profusion for the planting or can be purchased at prices that will afford profit to the hog breeder.

Texas is cotton mad. Its farmers are organized to control the planted acreage, the amount to be ginned, the amount to be sold and the price at which it will be turned loose. And yet with all these elaborate precautions there is more profit in a thousand dollars worth of hogs, which require no arbitrary rules to boost the price, than in a thousand dollars worth of cotton, and the amount of labor required to produce the hogs is infinitely less than the work demanded by a cotton crop.

People can patch up last year's clothes and manage to get along, but they cannot warm up next year the crop of pork they eat this year. Hunger must be appeased every day, and a normal appetite needs satisfying three times a day. So the demand for the hog is constant, insistent, world wide. The demand for cotton is sporadic, dependent upon the presence or absence of prosperous times, and can be put aside as a whim of the hour.

Cotton at a bale per acre at present prices yields at the top of the market a gross price of \$45 per acre to the producer. That is one crop per year. Hogs at the present top market price, two crops a year, yield a gross price to the producer of \$250 per acre. Texas has made money out of cotton; it can make more money out of hogs. Cut the cotton crop in half and double the hog crop is the way to increase the profits of your farm.—Murray's Swine Breeder.

Common Sense Much Better.

Can a girl reform a man? a magazine writer asks. Well, it depends on the man and the girl. It is not safe to try it, for failure is nearly always the result and a girl had better learn to let dissipated men alone. It is a good plan to let some other girl do the reforming act and save trouble that will last for a life time. Romance is all right but common sense is still better.—Higgins News.

Amarillo Packing Co. Chartered.

Austin, Nov. 27.—The Panhandle Packing company of Amarillo, with a capitalization of \$150,000, was chartered Friday. O. W. Butts of Kansas City and H. B. Shanborn and O. H. Nelson of Amarillo are named as the incorporators.

Attacks Both

"I don't know just what this foot and mouth disease is," says Mrs. Taukaway, "but I guess it is football. That seems to be what's kept feet and mouths busy the last week."—Star.

Frank H. Hitchcock has been offered and has accepted the position as postmaster general in President-elect Taft's cabinet. This is the first cabinet position filled. Mr. Hitchcock was the chairman of the Republican campaign committee during the late national election.

7000 Animals at Fat Stock Show.

Over 7,000 animals were ready for the opening Saturday in Chicago when the International Live-stock exposition opened, to continue 12 days. The nominations have England, Belgium, Canada and Mexico, while 22 states of the United States are represented. Every exhibit was subject this year to rigid inspection because of the government's recent edict, but fortunately none but a few sheep were interdicted by the embargo and this affected only New York and Pennsylvania.

STATE NEWS.

John Kendall captured the prize in the Alvord fiddlers' contest last week given for the fastest fiddler in Wise county.

At Paris Friday Miss Lizzie Hicks, aged 66, the largest woman in North Texas, who weighed about 350 pounds, died from cancer in the stomach.

Mace Cox charged with shooting and killing A. C. Page of Ennis Thursday night was jailed at Waxahachie Friday. Cox refused to make a statement.

Wilbur H. S. Spurlin, charged with running a "wildcat" distillery in Oklahoma was arrested at Prairie Hill, Limestone county by Federal Marshal Carper Saturday.

P. L. Grissom, a married man about 55 years of age, living two and one-half miles southeast of Plano, fell from a pecan tree Friday, breaking four ribs, his wrist and fracturing his skull. He is still in an unconscious condition and it is feared his injury will result fatally.

Fire at Abilene Friday destroyed the sanitarium of Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Cates, causing a loss of \$15,000, with no insurance. The fire was of incendiary origin. The owners and patients narrowly escaped with their lives. A thousand dollars reward is offered for the arrest of the firebug.

Attorney General Davidson is asking for the creation of the positions of sixth and seventh attorneys general at a salary of \$2,000 each. He also asks for one additional stenographer and also for \$20,000 for enforcement of the anti-trust law for two years. Slight increases are asking in almost all other appropriations.

According to estimates filed by all state institutes and departments, the total amount asked to run the state government for the next two fiscal years aggregate \$8,908,128 against \$7,544,915 appropriated by the last legislature for the past two fiscal years, showing an increase for the next two years of \$1,353,213. The total asked by all these departments and institutions for the past two fiscal years with \$8,639,236.

Memphis.

Miss Neva Stephens spent Sunday in Clarendon the guest of friends.

Misses Pearl Cowan and Myrtle Spencer were visiting friends in Clarendon Sunday.

Chicken pox have appeared in several places in Memphis. They are not virulent and are under good control.

J. A. Hale who has farmed on Mrs. Crane's place near Giles has decided to return to Tennessee with his family. He got hailed out last spring which put his crop to the bad.

Miss Lulu Fortenberry came in Wednesday from Clarendon and is spending a few days visiting Miss Sallie Raney. Her many friends will be glad to welcome her to Memphis.

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As a pointer, it might be stated that Memphis business men, right on the heels of voting sewer bonds, let contracts for eight brick buildings 25 x 100 feet. They took no stock in financial cripple talk there.

Yes, the Panhandle has astonished the world in its growth of population and wealth the past five years. But we look for this to be doubled in the next three years. She is just now demonstrating what she can do.

The blind tiger booze they sell in Oklahoma either makes the drinker cut some very queer capers, or it makes the editors of some of the papers tell absurd lies. Anyway, one of them says a Tahlequah man, believing that he was a bird, jumped from a second story window in Muskogee and tried to fly. After passing through some telephone wires, he struck the ground on his feet. Believing he was dead, he rushed to an undertaker's, and from there was taken to a hospital, where he was found to be uninjured.

Ex-Governor William S. Taylor of Kentucky is a lucky man. After having been indicted for participation in the murder of Gov. Goebel, he fled to Indiana. The chief executive of the Hoosier state was a republican, and when Gov. Beckham made a requisition for Taylor it was refused. Now there is to be inaugurated a democratic governor of Indiana, and if there should come a request from Kentucky for Mr. Taylor it would be granted. But no such request is to be made. Kentucky has a republican governor and he is willing that Taylor remain where he is.

The friends of Mr. Taft are profuse in their claims that there was really something in the war talk a year ago between Uncle Sam and Japan, but that the pacifying influence of Mr. Root, and also Mr. Taft's genial presence there and his assurances at the Tokio banquet and in private conversation with Japanese statesmen, and now the knowledge that for the next four years he will be commander in chief of the army and navy—all this is conducive to the dissipation of any war spirit. The agreement between the countries represented by the banner of the sun and the stars and stripes is based on the idea of maintaining free international trade and commerce in the Pacific ocean. It has for its foundation a mutual guarantee to respect territorial possessions in the Orient and also defines the attitude of the two countries toward China, binding the United States and Japan to maintain by every peaceful means China's independence and the integrity of her territory and to give equal commercial opportunities in the Chinese possessions to other nations. There can be no doubt but that the understanding embodied in this agreement will have an effect upon the appropriations in the coming congress. Secretary Cortelyou has completed his report of the treasury department and it will show a large deficit and the chairman of the committee of ways and means in the house as well as Speaker Cannon have announced their determination to cut down expenses to the lowest possible figure, and if they can reduce the naval and ship building expenses ten or twelve millions, in view of our peaceful relations with Japan and all the rest of the world, it will be an item of no small consideration. The president on the other hand will doubtless continue to urge the allowance of money for four battle ships of the first class and will point to the fact that the cruise of the formidable American fleet has been effective in producing these friendly and peaceful relations, and that, merely as an economic measure, it is better to expend 30 or 40 million more for the maintenance of a formidable navy than to spend ten

times that much in war and a larger sum in pensions that will follow.

Many members of congress and senators are now in Washington. An interesting short session is anticipated. The tariff is not an exciting or a sensational issue but the intensity of feeling with reference to it in certain quarters is apparent. When the preachers in Missouri are praying for the maintenance of high duty on zinc ore and when a breach in the republican party or rather one between the executive and legislative branches of the nation over the tariff issue is in the air, the probabilities of this chronic bone of contention are quite apparent. The tariff is discussed everywhere and will be discussed, though perhaps not on the floors of congress during the short session. When the special session is called it will divide the house of representatives on the election of a successor to Speaker Cannon and will interfere with the progress of business revival until it is finally settled, or until adjournment.

Lamphere Sentenced.

Laporte, Ind., Nov. 26.—Ray Lamphere, charged with the murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her three children by setting fire to the Guinness house April 28, was found guilty of arson. Within five minutes after the verdict was reached Judge Richter had sentenced the defendant to the state penitentiary at Michigan City for an indeterminate term of from 2 to 22 years, fined him \$5,000 and disfranchised him for five years.

Attorney Worden for the defense said that a motion for a new trial would be made and should it be refused, an appeal to the supreme court would follow. Mr. Worden declared the verdict to be ridiculous.

"If he was guilty at all," said Attorney Worden, "he would have been guilty of murder. He should have been acquitted."

Porter Tharpe and Young Wife Drowned

Roby, Tex., Nov. 30.—Porter Tharpe and wife lost their lives in Cottonwood creek, one mile from Roby. They had left Sweetwater for Roby on business for the young man's father, and when on the bridge over the creek one of the horses became frightened and the buggy capsized. It was closed with side curtains and a rain apron, making it difficult for them to extricate themselves when the buggy left the bridge. The body of the wife was first discovered about 200 yards below the bridge from which they were thrown into the stream, and the body of Tharpe was found 100 yards below.

Mrs. Tharpe is survived by her father, mother, five sisters and three brothers. Her maiden name was Boykin, she having gone from Fort Worth to Sweetwater, and was married to Porter Tharpe Nov. 13. Tharpe is survived by his father, T. B. Tharpe, a prominent business man of this place, mother, three sisters and one brother.

Rev. Goodell, pastor of Calvary M. E. Church in Harlem, N. Y., is being called a "mean old thing" by members of his congregation. Moving pictures representing the "Burning of Rome," and displaying gatherings of dainty Roman maids in abbreviated costumes and tights, broke up an entertainment at the church. Rev. Goodell had the lights turned on when the supposedly questionable part of the picture show was reached and dismissed the audience. Two policemen had to be summoned to make the people who had paid to see the entertainment leave. They demanded their money back, but were told that another entertainment would be arranged and they could attend it free of charge. Most of the members of the congregation seemed to find nothing wrong.

As we understand Mr. Roosevelt, he doesn't give a hoot who owns the magazine, provided the little brown pay envelope is found waiting for him at the cashier's desk every Saturday evening.—Richmond Times.

Fatally Burned.

Houston, Nov. 28.—One person was fatally burned and injured, and two others in a serious state as result of a fire in Hotel Boyle. Mrs. F. D. Burk was taken unconscious to the Houston infirmary and in dying condition. Miss Agnes Wesheka is at the same hospital suffering from terrible burns. W. A. Graves of Waco was severely burned in his hands and arms while risking his life to save Miss Wesheka from death in the flames. An explosion of gasoline on the second floor, where Miss Wesheka was engaged in cleaning clothes started the blaze, which spread rapidly. Mrs. Burke leaped to the ground, a distance of 62 feet. Loss to the hotel is small.

STATE NEWS.

A heavy rain and a cold snap prevailed in northeast Texas Sunday.

While cleaning a gun, Joe J. Holt, a prominent business man of West accidentally shot and killed himself Monday. He leaves a wife and three children.

Ernest Young, a Gainesville fireman, was badly cut by a negro. Arkirk, another fireman, who came to Young's assistance, beat the negro into insensibility with a sixshooter.

Hischel Hetchcoat, who lives three miles north of Kaufman, while out hunting, killed a snow-white squirrel. It is of the fox squirrel variety and was quite a curiosity. It was snow-white and had pink eyes.

J. A. Tate, who a month ago fell thirty feet from a windmill and received serious injuries at Weatherford, fell from his gallery Sunday night, striking the windmill post, breaking his neck. Tate lay in the rain all night.

Ex Congressman Silas Hare of Texas, a veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars and a former judge, died at his home in Washington, D. C. He was 81 years old. His remains were shipped to Sherman, his former home, for burial.

At Waxahachie Monday John Baker, Jim Brown and Reedy McGrady entered pleas of guilty in the district court to charges of horse theft, robbery and forgery. They were given two, five and two years sentences respectively.

Sunday night, ten miles north of Weatherford C. C. Garner, aged 55 years, ended his life by shooting himself through the head. He waited until the family was asleep, then fired a revolver while sitting in bed. Garner recently suffered financial reverses.

The Baird Electric Light & Ginning company plant was destroyed by fire Thursday and caused a loss of \$6,000, covered by \$4,000 insurance. Three firemen, Hall, Berry and Kerkman, were overcome by the flames and smoke while fighting the fire, but not dangerously injured.

Engineer Ed Holden was drowned and Pilot Buzbee of Shreveport and ten passengers narrowly escaped drowning this morning when the large steamboat Cogley overturned in the Red River near Paris. The vessel is owned by the Ames Shovel & Tool company of this city. The boat struck a pier of bridge after being carried to mid-stream in the swift current.

Miss A. Morgan of Abbott, after buying a vial of chloroform at a drug store at Hillsboro Monday, entered a nearby dry good store and swallowed the entire quantity. The girl is in a critical condition and will likely die. Ernest Wilkerson, whom she is reported to have married on a train near Waco, was arrested and jailed. It is alleged Wilkerson has a wife and child at Tyler.

Public Printer John S. Leech has sent his resignation to President Roosevelt, asking to be returned to service in the Philippines. Samuel B. Donnelly of Brooklyn, N. Y., ex President of the International Typographical union, was appointed to succeed Mr. Leech.

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

Jaunt of the Bluecoats.

Manila, Nov. 29.—With the departure from Manila on Dec. 1 the American battleship fleet under command of Rear Admiral Sperry, the sixteen vessels that are making such a remarkable round the world voyage turn their prows definitely for home waters. They have been gone from Hampton Roads nearly a year.

The officers and men of the fleet have been lavishly entertained at every port they touched. Each government endeavored to outdo the other in the welcome extended the visitors and the result has been a degree of official hospitality seldom before recorded. In Australian waters the Americans were greeted by men of their own race; in Japan and China they saw the splendors of the Orient, and in the Mediterranean Southern Europe will turn out to do them honor.

That's True, Too.

"Clothes aren't everything. The clothing store wax figure is long on dress, but short on brains, you know."

Majority and Plurality.

In politics the plurality is the greatest of more than two numbers and is also the excess of the highest number of votes cast for any one candidate over the next highest number. When a candidate receives out of 10,000 votes cast 4,000 and two other candidates receive respectively 3,500 and 2,500, the first is elected by a plurality, though he has received less than a majority of the whole vote, and he is said to have a plurality of 500 votes. If the numbers are 6,000, 3,000 and 1,000, the majority is 2,000 and the plurality is 3,000. A majority, therefore, must be more than half the entire vote cast, and a candidate's majority is, then, the difference between the number of votes he received and the combined number of votes cast for all other candidates; his plurality is the difference between his own number and the number received by the candidate nearest to him. Oftentimes a candidate receives a plurality, but not a majority. Unless there is a tie there is always a plurality.—Pittsfielder.

Why Sailors Don't Swim.

"You think it's strange, do you," said the sailor, "that us shellbacks can hardly ever swim?" "Strange and almost criminal," replied the druggist firmly. "Sailors who can't swim—I don't understand it at all."

The sailor frowned. "Supposin'" he said, "on a cold, black night you found yourself in the sea, not a spar left of the wreck, every shipmate drowned, nothin' anywhere but the cold, the blackness, the bitter water. In them conditions," he said, "what would you rather do—swim and swim in agony till you died or sink right down and die at wunst?" "I think I'd rather die at once," said the druggist, shuddering. "So sailors think," said the other, "and it's to spare themselves possible long hours of agony that they like not to learn to swim. And they encourage their sons not to learn, too, if there's any likelihood of the lads follerin' the sea."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Moral of Playing Cards.

Playing cards have had their moral side, it may surprise you to know. At the Blenheim club in London, lecturing on the subject of playing cards from the point of view of the collector, Mr. Alfred Whitman said that the most valuable packs were those that taught Biblical history or inculcated moral lessons. In Italy in the eighteenth century it was customary to issue packs of cards with Old Testament scenes engraved upon them. In Germany of the same period playing cards with fables to which morals were attached were customary. French playing cards of the time of Louis XIV. were used to teach geography and history, while in the England of Elizabeth and the Stuarts playing cards were used as political pamphlets. Most valuable were cards issued in France at the time of the French revolution, when figures of Genius, Liberty and Equality took the place of kings, queens and knaves.—London Saturday Review.

He Has Two Signatures.

There is one New York business man who is reasonably proof against the forger, as he has two signatures and the forger must first get hold of one of his bank checks to get any action. Seeing the signature on a letter or hotel register would do the forger no good. The bank would not recognize it. "I don't particularly fear the forger," the business man admitted, "but my two signatures make me feel safer just the same. I am surprised that everybody doesn't hit on the same plan. It's very easy after you get the knack of signing your name two separate and distinct ways."—New York Globe.

Hard to Do Without Pockets.

"The most annoying thing in navy life for a recruit is the absence of side pockets in the uniform trousers," said a yeoman at the navy recruiting station. "The average man doesn't realize how strong is the custom of thrusting his hands in his trousers pockets until he dons a pair without pockets. I've worn the navy uniform four years now, and I frequently find myself trying to put my hands in my pockets."—Kansas City Times.

Millinery and Dry Goods

I have put on a CLOSING OUT Sale on Dry Goods, Ladies Furnishings, Notions, etc.; also making very Low prices on some millinery. Come see what you can do before buying. Leave your orders for the New Boston Hygienic Corset, which will please you.

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Business locals five cents per line for first insertion and 3 cents for subsequent insertions. All locals run and are charged for until ordered out. Transient notices and job work are cash, other bills on first of month.

Phone for 150 and 11 us all of the local news you can think of that will interest our readers. This will be but little trouble to you, and greatly help us to make a more newsy paper.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Leslie, the painter, moved to Dublin, Tex., this week.

H. Lott returned Monday from a business trip in Oklahoma.

J. A. Addison and L. L. Gregory were in Amarillo last Friday.

A new boy was announced in the home of W. C. Stewart yesterday.

Mrs. H. B. White left Saturday night for a weeks visit in Plainview.

Miss Mary Smizer, of the college, visited her home folks in Amarillo last week.

Mrs. G. S. Patterson is with her father at Waxahachie, he being seriously ill again.

Mrs. J. E. Carroll and a little girl of Mrs. Jennie Decker's are reported quite ill.

Mike McComas had both ankles or legs badly hurt Saturday while working at a hay baler.

W. P. Decker, who bought the Bennett farm recently, moved in from Ft. Collins, Col., last week.

J. R. Flesher of Thalia is here to buy a home and locate with us. He is a brother-in-law of G. J. Teel.

Mr. Tillery, the new merchant, has moved into one of the Jno. Kelley houses, vacated by Editor Cooke.

We note that Homer Mulkey is enlarging his circuit in doing photo work. He is to spend next week at Shamrock.

The wife of Rev. L. O. Lewis, whose infant was buried here ten days ago, has typhoid fever, says the Dalhart Texan.

Rev. C. N. Ferguson, the new financial agent of Clarendon College, moved in from Amarillo this week and is occupying the Dr. Cooke residence.

Adlai E. Stevenson, beaten by more than 23,000 votes, purposes a contest against Chas. S. Deneen for the governorship of Illinois for the next four years.

The band and fire boys will put on their play here in a few days, "The Bank Cashier." They made a hit at Memphis and will reproduce it here better than ever.

T. L. Benedict has moved back to the central telephone office for the winter. He put out a new telephone card this week and we note that the business is still growing.

Matt Bennett, a brother-in-law of D. C. Sullivan, from Thalia, Ford county, has bought from Judge J. H. O'Neall some \$16,000 worth of land in this county, Armstrong county and Oklahoma, and will move here to make his home.

We note in the Claude News that R. B. Robinson, formerly of Clarendon, is making considerable improvement on his hotel property there and that he is doing a good business. We are pleased to hear this, as Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are worthy and genial.

The First National Bank makes its official statement in this issue. Individual deposits of over \$181,000 is an indicator of the confidence in the financial strength of this pioneer, time-tried bank, and its loans and discounts of near \$170,000 under Mr. Patrick's careful supervision shows that it is doing a fine business.

Chas. Jorden who was hurt at Clarendon some time ago, came in this evening and will remain at home until he is able to resume his studies.—Tulia Standard.

Market Report.
The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Monday:
Steers \$2.75 to \$4.75.
Cows \$1.80 to \$3.10.
Calves \$1.60 to \$4.75.
Hogs \$4.75 to \$5.85.

President Slover Approves.

To the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen of Clarendon, Texas:

Dear Sirs:—I want to publicly thank you for the interest you are manifesting in the welfare of our town. Especially do I appreciate your work in presenting to our people such a feasible and practical plan for obtaining a much needed sewerage system. From the standpoint of our schools I hardly think you could make a better move than to install a flood sewerage system, which could be used by our schools, as well as by private residences and the business section. I suppose that there will be little or no opposition to such a feasible plan as yours, that I write to publicly, not only give my hearty endorsement, but to thank you for your enterprise and care for the trust that we have imposed upon you. I feel that you could have made no movement more vital for the future welfare of our town than this move. If we are to be the "Athens of the Panhandle" this is exactly the line on which we must proceed. If we are to attract the best citizenship we must present to them a cleanly town, which means health. If we were considering health alone I think this would be enough to induce us to invest in a sewerage system as early as all practical. I want to assure you that it is my purpose to co operate with you in any forward movement for the benefit of the whole community.

Truly yours,
GEO. S. SLOVER.

Clarendon Dramatic Talent.

The Memphis Herald pays our young people who went down last week the following comment: "The Clarendon Concert band and several friends came down Thursday morning and put in the day here. They were here for the purpose of presenting at the opera house an amateur dramatic performance. During the afternoon a splendid concert was given at the band stand in the court house yard. The play at night was well attended, the opera house being well filled with people. The play was "The Bank Cashier." Several members of the company acquitted themselves with much credit. This was especially true of the gentleman playing Slick and the lady playing Mrs. Goodwill. The part of the leading title roll and villain was also acceptably handled. A soubrette part is not easily carried by amateurs but Miss Boswell took the part of the maid very nicely and won good opinions. Other members were also up to expectations. All around it was an enjoyable diversion and our people are glad they came to see us."

Miss Florence Antrobus of Clarendon is a Thanksgiving guest of Miss Jessie Davis.—Claude News.

Mrs. H. M. Horn and pretty little daughter, Estelline, spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Clarendon.—Channing Courier.

The Monitor Gasoline Sad Iron is the most economical and satisfactory iron made. Two cents worth of gasoline is sufficient for a big ironing. Tarlton Brock at the college is agent. Ask him show it to you.

Carlisle's popcorn booth at the bank corner is the place to buy delightful, fresh corn, peanuts and homemade candies.

Our "Good for Bad Boys" school shoes are the ones for boys. Rathjen's Shoe Store.

Finest cut glass at Fleming & Bromley's, the nicest in town. See the window display.

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The best and cheapest line of cook and heating stoves in town at H. C. Kerbow's—the Charter Oak. Call and see them.

The ladies of the Aid Society of the Baptist church would be pleased to tack your comforts for you. We will tack and hem them at only \$1 each, the proceeds go into the building fund of the church. In giving us your work you will assist us that much in building our new church.

Mrs. Mollie Gray, Pres.
Mrs. C. W. Bennett, Press Rep.

B. Y. F. U. Program for Next Sunday

Subject: "A Fruitful Life." 2nd Peter 1:1-11.

Leader—Miss S. Woodward.

Song.

Talk on Christian Growth—Mr. Arnold.

Special music.

Prayer.

Paper on Love by May O'Neill.

2nd Peter 12: 17.

Talk by Mrs. Gray, 2nd Peter 18: 21.

Closing Exercises.

Mrs. N. J. Neal, a sister of Mrs. Wm. Ward, who lives at Detroit, Red River county, Texas, came to Tulia Tuesday to visit her brother and family.

Mrs. Neal incidentally remarked that she saw more feed crops stacked up in the fields between Clarendon and this place than had been grown in Red River county in the past ten years.—Tulia Standard.

When there is nothing else for the paper trust to do, it raises the price of paper. This week a paper salesman visited this office for the purpose of securing his regular order for a ton of paper. He received it not. The price had gone up to such an altitude that we concluded to buy only a part of a ton.

A ton of paper according to his prices would buy a small sized ranch in Colorado, or build a brick building on Kansas avenue in Liberal.

And nobody except men of finance can afford to fool with brick buildings in Liberal. The salesman gave out further information. He appeared to think that the price would be raised some more. If it does go much higher we shall begin to print on cloth or wall paper.—Liberal News.

Well, they have put it up another 15 cents per hundred.

Bryan-Land Co. guarantee their shoes.

A boy was asked to explain the difference between animal instinct and human intelligence. "If we had instinct," he said, "we should know everything we needed to know without learning it; but we've got reason, and so we have to study ourselves 'most blind or be a fool.'"

School shoes that wear at Rathjen's Shoe Store.

Posted.

Our property on Kelley creek is posted and hunters and other trespassers must keep out or will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	6,533 29
U.S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	3,404 02
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	7,475 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	2,230 13
Due from approved reserve agents	56,913 55
Checks and other cash items	5,495 24
Notes of other National Banks	2,390 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	131 27
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK:	
Specie	\$ 20,125 20
Legal Tender Notes	301 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250 00
Other resources	9 82
Total	\$300,571 52

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	30,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	5,030 25
National Bank notes outstanding	25,000 00
Due to other National Banks	4,792 38
Individual deposits subject to check	181,588 28
Demand certificates of deposit	634 24
Cashier's checks outstanding	2,588 87
Reserved for Taxes	937 50
Total	\$300,571 52

State of Texas, county of Donley, ss: I, W. H. Patrick, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. H. PATRICK, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Dec., 1908.

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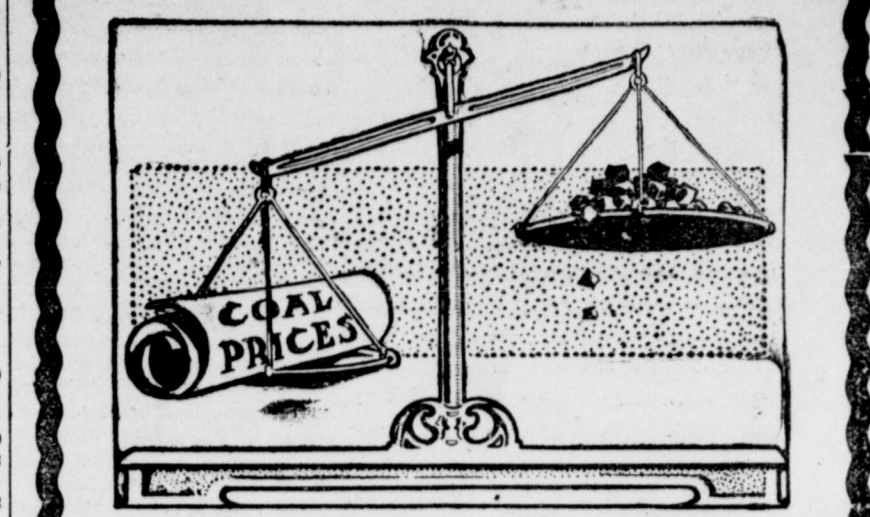
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Tell the Editor About It.

The Chillicothe Hornet has this timely hint:

"One desire of the editor is to please his readers. But it is not always easy to find out whether he is doing this or not. If a mistake is made, he is likely to hear of it. But, on the other hand, if he prints something that pleases, it is not easy to find out. A pleased reader is not so likely to write as a displeased reader is. He is pleased and lets it go at that. There are few things we value more than a letter of honest criticism; but on the other hand it would make our work surer if our readers would, even more than they do, reach out a hand to us and make it evident when they feel we are pleasing them. Not that we seek praise, but we do seek help, and to know when one is on the right track it is just as helpful as to know when one is on the wrong track. It is true you are all busy, and to write a letter takes time. Still it is always time well spent, for it we knew when we were going right we could make the paper stronger and better, and that recompenses you in that you get better worth of your money. We are all inclined to withhold praise, when, in fact, nothing is more stimulating or conducive to better work than a word of honest commendation. So let us ask this: Whenever you are particularly pleased with something we do, take the trouble to tell us your pleasure while we are doing it. It will help us materially and it often happens that such a cherry word comes at the time when the pin feels the heaviest."

Thumb Print Signatures.

It has been several years since the "thumb print" craze ravaged the country as a result of Mark Twain's "Puddin' head Wilson," but it bids fair to be revived by a recent offer promulgated by Secretary Garfield. The Associated Press report recently carried the following interesting story under date of Pawhuska, Oklahoma: "Secretary Garfield and the interior department have officially indorsed the thumb print as a signature concerning the transactions of the Osage Indians. Indian Agent Merrill, located here, has been notified that hereafter the thumb print of each Indian shall be affixed to his receipt for the payment of annuity money, and will also be recognized by the department in signing leases and other instruments in writing. Records will be taken of the thumb prints of the various members of the tribe, about 2,200 in all, and preserved for reference."

He Saved the Parrot.

A fire broke out in the early morning in a fashionable Wilmington, Del., residence and shrill cries from the burning building horrified the neighbors. The family left at 6:30 o'clock to spend the day in Philadelphia, but their neighbors did not know this.

Risking his life, a man dashed into the building. Instead of returning with a man, woman or child, as the crowd of excited persons expected, he carried a parrot in a cage. Polly's feathers were badly singed and the bird was pretty well overcome, but when it recovered it began to "cuss."

Walking one misty night through a street in a Scotland village a minister fell into a deep hole. There was no ladder by which he could make his escape, and he began to shout for help. A laborer passing heard his cries, and, looking down, asked who he was. The minister told him, whereupon the laborer remarked, "Weel, weel, ye needna kick up sic a noise. Ye'll no be needed afore Sabbath, an' this is only Wednesday night."

John D. himself has a remarkable memory, it must be admitted. One day he knows everybody by heart and the next he knows nothing for sure. Memories like that are not only remarkable, but very convenient.—Hereford Democrat.

"Short on brains, maybe, but at least it doesn't say such silly things as some of the 'rah-rahs who drse like it."—K. C. Star.

WASHINGTON LETTER

[Special Correspondence.]

Many Americans, possibly a number of Washingtonians, will be surprised to learn that in the national capital, often called "the city beautiful" and declared to surpass the capitals of Europe, there are within a few blocks of the White House, beautifully trim in its immediate surroundings, large areas where rubbish, filth and tangled masses of wild brush growth abound.

To many visitors to Washington it would be hardly believable to think that almost within a stone's throw of the spotlessly clean White House there are big piles of ashes and trash, a wide area of sluggish marsh land and a matted wilderness of trees and scrub undergrowth. Yet this is the fact.

Ugly Spots in Capital.

"Although a hundred years have rolled by since the White House was built, although civic improvement societies have been hard at work in their efforts to bring reform in the beautification of our American cities and although the national capital has had handsome improvements made in some directions as far away as five miles from the White House," said a well known official the other day, "yet off to the southwest, just beyond the site where the palatial home of the bureau of American republics is rising in the air, there are views which for unsightliness would be hard to surpass."

Great Piles of Rubbish.

"Great piles of old water pipe, old wagons and long piles of manure add their unsightliness to the neighborhood."

"If there is any part of the District which should be kept handsome not merely for the sake of cleanliness itself and the health of the citizens of the District, but more especially for the sake of creating with foreigners and other visitors a favorable impression of America's great capital, it is that section of the city within a short radius of the White House."

Senator Smith's New Home.

Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan has had the old property which he purchased a few months ago at the northwest corner of Sixteenth and L streets northwest remodeled so extensively that it looks like an entirely new house.

The entrance hall extends across the front of the house on the basement floor, back of which is a large stair hall, with broad stairs leading to the main floor. Across the front of the main floor is a spacious drawing room, finished in elaborate decorative plaster work.

The dining room, on this floor, back of the central stair hall, is finished in mahogany, the paneled wainscoting reaching almost to the ceiling, which is beamed in mahogany. The library, which is immediately back of the central stair hall on the basement floor, is to be finished in oak.

To Pasteurize Milk Supply.

In view of the definite tracing of the outbreak of typhoid fever in Georgetown to the owner of a dairy farm, the health officers of the District of Columbia and of the federal government have renewed their efforts to have all milk pasteurized, so as to make it safe for use as food.

In the case of Georgetown it was found that the germs of the disease were conveyed to the milk by a woman who had typhoid fever eighteen years ago and whose body still gives off virulent typhoid germs.

Surgeon General Walter Wyman of the public health service says that it was established that at least 2 per cent of the recovered cases of typhoid were bacilli carriers for a longer or shorter period and that if they handled milk they would infect it, but pasteurization would kill the germs.

Laundry War Planned.

The war which has been waged against unclean lunch rooms and lodging houses by the District health officer for the last several months is to be turned in a new direction. Announcement has been made by the officials that a crusade against the violators of the regulation which requires all persons conducting laundry establishments at their homes to register with the department will be started.

The law was framed some weeks ago and is now in effect. It is estimated that 10,000 persons in the District each week take to their homes soiled linen, which is washed, ironed and returned to the owners. Only 135 of these have registered with the health officer and obtained permits to conduct such a business.

Buds to Dance.

All society knows in respect of Ethel Roosevelt's coming out is that she will be presented to it on Dec. 23 at a little dance which is to be one of the most exclusive affairs of the season. Few married folk will be present, the exceptions, outside the parents of the debutante, being Admiral and Mrs. Cowles, the Douglas Robinsons of New York and Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth. Almost all the invitations are to be restricted to the season's buds, a few of last winter and several close friends of the president's daughters who have been out two or more years.

Wild Geese on the Potomac.

Several flocks of wild geese have been seen on the river by the officers of the Washington and Potomac line steamer Wakefield recently. One flock of about a dozen was seen near Cedar Point, and a still larger flock was noticed off the mouth of Potomac creek, about forty miles below this city.

The hunters say that it is seldom that wild geese come to the Potomac so early, and the indications point to a good season this winter. Wild ducks are also reported to be more numerous, and it is thought they will also be plentiful with the coming of cold weather. CARL SCHOFIELD.

WOMAN AND FASHION

An Original Coat Suit.

Braid and buttons are so much used this winter that designers are eager to get new methods of applying them. This coat suit shows one of the best ways. The material is rough blue diagonal serge. The skirt is short, the coat of medium length. The braid is



IN ROUGH BLUE SERGE.

put on the skirt in rows around the back, ending at sides with large, flat braid buttons. The coat has the bands of braid around the back formed into lattice-work in front by bands of braid running from shoulder nearly to hem. The skirt is high waisted, with lapels over the shoulders, so it may be worn without the coat. It is trimmed front and back with bands of braid ending in buttons. The hat is a wide sailor's blue satin trimmed with buff colored osprey.

Buff Evening Gown.

As a rival of white this season for handsome evening gowns there is a pale shade of buff which is exceedingly attractive. It comes in chiffon cloth, satin and gauze.

It will be lined with the same tone in soft silk. It is especially pretty in satin trimmed with gold and silver Grecian embroidery.

One gown of it is in one piece and draped around the waist in slight folds, which are gathered together at the left side under a square buckle of brilliants. From this hang two full streamers of buff flit net edged with gold fringe.

The gown is cut in a deep decollete, which is edged with a three inch band of loose embroidery. There are no sleeves proper. There are two streamers of flit net hanging from the shoulder edged with gold fringe.

To Embroider Gowns.

Hand worked gowns are within the means of women who know how to do some of the fashionable quick embroidery which embellishes many of the most expensive of the thinner costumes. A black chiffon cloth gown which looked like an expensive model had large water lilies decorating the bottom in a band almost eighteen inches in width. The flowers were worked with rather heavy black silk, and occasionally there was a thread of silver. Another effective pattern and one that is easy to do is a row of disks about two inches across. A single or a double row of these used as a border on a net gown will be found unusually attractive.

A Childish Hat.

Little girls this winter are wearing the cutest hats and bonnets. The mushroom shape, so much worn by their mammams, is a favorite model.



SCOOP HAT FOR WEE MAID.

The quaint hat illustrated is of the mushroom scoop variety and is of white felt trimmed with old blue velvet ribbon and a couple of lovely pink roses, one on each side.

Ivory Toilet Sets.

Instead of silver toilet articles many women are selecting ivory or imitation ones on account of the ease with which these latter can be kept clean. All one needs to do is to give the ivory brushes and trays a wiping with a fresh, soft cloth, and there is no rubbing or weekly polishing to go through with. All the little toilet and dressing table requisites are now sold in this material, and the boxes are charmingly decorated with sprays of flowers if one does not fancy the plain or monogrammed backs.

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The Wrestler's Pride.

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How the Dutch Eat.

A Dutch meal is always reminiscent of a game of cards, for the mother deals out all round the table, and when that first hand is played out she deals afresh, and so on until the dish is empty. There is no promiscuous serving, as with us, and the quick feeder (if such a person could exist in leasurely Holland) reaps no advantage. If meals are to be likened to games of cards, our meals in Dutch eyes must look like games of "grab."—London Queen.

The Jaws of Death.

Teacher (after reading the "Charge of the Light Brigade")—Who were the six hundred referred to in the verse, "Into the jaws of death rode the six hundred?" Pupil—I expect they were dentists, ma'am.—Illustrated Bits.

Mark's Triumph Over the Doorkeeper.

Mark Twain tried the other day to go behind the scenes on one of the roofs.

"Ye' can't come in," said the doorkeeper who guarded the entrance from the boxes.

"But I have a pass," said the humorist.

"I don't care if ye have a sayson ticket," said the doorkeeper. "No wan gets through this door. Go to th' rigler stage door if ye' want to git in. I've turned down Iverlybody."

"But I'm Mark Twain," said Mr. Clemens.

"I don't care if ye're Big Tim Soollivan," said the doortender.

Mr. Twain got the manager and was triumphantly escorted through the door. "What do you think now, my man?" he asked, with a bit of kindly malice.

"I tink it's a dom shame," said the doortender. "An' after me toornin' down Eddie Foy no longer ago than lasht night."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

A Witty French Aeronaut.

It would appear that M. Santos-Dumont, the famous aeronaut, has a pretty wit. He was once called as a witness in a case concerning a disputed will, and during his cross examination he was much bullied by a very conceited young lawyer. "Now tell me," said the latter, speaking of the deceased testator, "was not Mr. X. in the habit of talking to himself when alone?" "I'm sure I don't know." "And yet you have told the court that you were an intimate friend of his. Why don't you know?" "Because," replied the aeronaut, amid roars of laughter, "I was never with him when he was alone."—Gaulois.

An Apology.

An excited military looking gentleman entered the editorial sanctum one afternoon, exclaiming: "That notice of my death is false, sir. I will horse-whip you within an inch of your life, sir, if you don't apologize in your next issue."

The editor inserted the following next day: "We extremely regret to announce that the paragraph which stated that Major Blazer was dead is without foundation."—Detroit Free Press.

A Loud Kiss.

Bob Foottle (actor)—Failure? I should think it was! The whole play was ruined.

She—Gracious! How was that? B. F.—Why, at the end of the last act a steam pipe burst and hissed me off the stage.

Season's Changes.

Patience—Is he getting ready for winter?

Patrice—Oh, yes. He's broken off his engagement with his summer girl. —Yonkers Statesman.

Chance For Information.

Myer—A friend of mine has invented a submarine telephone. Gyer—Now I suppose we'll soon know what the wild waves are saying. —Detroit Tribune.

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