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Value of Wireless Again Demonstrated.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 30.—The inestimable value of wireless telegraphy was again demonstrated tonight in Hampton Roads, when a message flashed through the air telling of the collision of the Old Dominion liner Hamilton with a car barge of the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk railroad, and calling for aid. Within five minutes tugs were en route to the scene, and the Hamilton, badly battered, but still afloat, was towed to her pier, arriving here at 9:30. The collision occurred off Old Point. The extent of the damage to the liner is not known, although she was rendered helpless and shipped considerable water forward. The barge was little damaged beyond the loss of six freight cars, which were knocked overboard. There were over two score of passengers bound for New York aboard the Hamilton. It is said they were in no danger.

Land Deal of 200,000 Acres at \$3,000,000.

Big Springs, Tex. Jan. 28.—Probably the biggest land sale ever recorded in this section of the state was concluded today, when R. L. Slaughter, representing C. C. Slaughter, the millionaire land owner and cattleman, whose home is in Dallas, sold the Long S ranch, comprising 200,000 acres to Iowa capitalists.

The land included in this gigantic deal is situated in Garza, Dawson, Howard and Borden counties and was the most extensive ranch property in this section of the state. Recently a syndicate of Iowa capitalists, incorporated under the name of the W. P. Soash Land company, became interested in the property and the sale was made today. It is stated that the consideration was approximately \$3,000,000.

The purchasing syndicate has just finished selling the 100,000-acre Slaughter ranch in Hale and Lamb counties, and will begin immediately to divide the Long S ranch into quarter sections. It is proposed to sell these subdivisions to farmers from Iowa and Illinois, and the first train of homeseekers will arrive here from Kansas City early in March.

The representatives of the Iowa syndicate assert that 1,200 families of thrifty Iowa farmers will have purchased land and settled permanently in this section within two years.

Half Million For War Balloons.

Congress spent much time Friday discussing points of order raised by Mr. Macon of Arkansas and Mr. Sherley of Kentucky against the proposed appropriation or war balloons. The point was ultimately overruled by Mr. Perkins of New York, who occupied the chair with the result that the provision was retained.

Religion in Texas University.

Of the 1,411 students in the University of Texas at Austin, 940 are said to be members of some church, while eighty-two are without church preference. The Baptists number 237, the Catholics 52, the Congregationalists 11, the Disciples 128, the Episcopalians 144, the Jews 26, the Lutherans 24, the Methodists 452, the Presbyterians 339, other churches 16.

An old man told his son, who was about to take a trip to Buffalo, to catch the train for the return home just as calico commenced to look like silk. When the anti lobbyists commenced to appear as patriots to some of the submissionists, then and there they should have returned to their constituents.—Decatur Messenger.

"Colonizing the Culls and Scalawags."

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Extraordinary experiments were related and radical measures advocated last night at one of the largest meetings of Chicago physicians in the history of the city for the discussion of problems of heredity.

Dr. Eugene Davenport of the university of Illinois created a great sensation when he advocated the appropriation of the fundamental principles for the improvement of the human race. His treatment of the subject was based not only on the paper read to the meeting, but also on his own vast experience in meeting the practical problems of live stock breeding.

His chief proposal was that all the "culls" or "scalawags" of the human race should be taken before the courts, scientifically investigated and, if found unworthy, colonized and allowed to die off.

Scarcely less interesting was the recital of Dr. W. L. Lower, who told of experiments in intermarriage of Anglo-Americans, German-Americans and Irish-Americans with the Indians of southern Mexico. He announced that important deductions had been arrived at as a result of comparing these with similar experiments with different varieties of a certain small South American beetle. Other men who have studied heredity in pigeons, evening primroses, guinea pigs, turtle doves, rabbits and rats showed the results of their experiments.

Wants Articles Labeled.

Austin, Jan. 29.—Messrs Pharr and Mobley introduced this bill in the house:

"If any person shall print or be concerned in printing in any newspaper or other publication, any article or articles purporting to be news matter, or editorials, for which he shall receive either directly or indirectly any money or valuable consideration and shall fail to insert at the end of such article the word advertisement, in type equal in size to that used in the body of said article, he shall be deemed guilty of false publication, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, and in addition thereto shall be imprisoned in the county jail not more than one year."

Without a dissenting vote the Banden race gambling bill has passed the lower house of the State of Washington. The bill makes pool selling and bookmaking on horse races a felony. Under it the possession of gambling paraphernalia is prima facie evidence of a violation of the act.

The government plan of old-age pensions goes into effect in Australia and New Zealand on July 1, 1909. The plan provides that every person of sixty-five years, permanently incapacitated for work, will be qualified to receive a pension. Women of sixty may also qualify.

Kansas newspapers are printing "The Way to Jayville." The directions inclosed are simple. Follow the bad road on the wrong side and keep turning to the left until you reach a dilapidated settlement that boasts of being "entirely free from bonded debt," and where the merchants refuse to advertise in the local paper. Then hitch to one of the wooden awnings, because you're there.—Chief.

The submission question still hangs fire before the legislature. The prospects are very flattering for its defeat, notwithstanding every member of both houses was pledged by the platform to its adoption. The distillers and brewers have plenty of money.—Claude News.

Victims of Fraudulent Telegram.

Cumby, Tex., Jan. 28.—The case of the First National Bank of Cumby vs. Western Union Telegraph company, in which the bank sought to recover from the defendant company \$2,250 paid out in September on a fraudulent telegram, was today compromised, the Western Union paying \$2,000.

This was a case where a man walked into the bank and asked to have a telegram sent to a bank in Kansas City asking if it would honor his check for \$2,250, waiving identification. A reply was received in about three hours from the Kansas City bank saying it would honor the check, waiving identification. The telegram had every appearance of being regular and genuine but payment on the check was refused on the ground that the party had no funds in the Kansas City bank and upon investigation it was found that the telegrams had not been handled by the Kansas City office of the telegraph company nor by the Kansas City bank.

The Land of Divorces.

"Sioux Falls, S. D., has a population of 15,000, and 10 per cent are applicants for divorce," said Norman F. Rose of New York to a Washington Post reporter. "I had business in Sioux Falls, and the colony of divorce applicants was enumerated when I was there, and there were 1,500 of them. The business is so common that none of the natives pay any attention to it. Half the litigants are from New York, where divorce decrees are almost impossible except for the most flagrant violation of the marital vows.

"It is no trouble to pick out the divorcees," continued the New Yorker. "They are divided into two parts—the newly come and the old residents of two weeks and more. When the train brings in a new squad it rushes to the leading hotels, registers, goes into immediate retirement and remains in seclusion for ten days or two weeks. Then the room doors are opened and the colony is augmented at once. There is also the old resident, who breaks the newcomer in. Men do not quite take the ten day limit.

"Three or four days gets them posted, and they are out making the best of their exile before the first week is ended. The timid woman, who thinks it awful and does not want to get her picture in the home papers, is discovered by some other woman who has got over being timid, and then the pretense is off. It is horseback riding and rowing with other plaintiffs, mostly women, but enough men to go around.

"There are two women divorcees to one man divorcee up there. The native woman can be told from the imported article by her features. Most divorcees are blonds with expensive shoes. The natives are demure and retiring. Nobody invites them to go horseback riding. There are a few churches for the natives, no children with the divorcees, and the blandest lot of lawyers ever gathered within the corporate limits of a town. All of them are specialists on divorce. Everybody on being introduced is asked, "When does your case come up?" and nobody gets lonesome after meeting the barbers, manicurists or the old residents who know the folly of grieving where nobody else grieves."

Advertise in your home papers if you want home trade. Advertise and let the people know what you have for sale. Advertise, advertise, and keep home trade.—Anti-Mail Order Journal.

hat Conservation Means.

The National Conservation Commission has submitted its first report to congress. The report is merely a rough estimate of the natural resources of the country, coupled with an equally rough outline of the principal channels through which our appalling waste passes. Yet, rough as it is, it is a tremendous piece of work. It enters upon absolutely new statistical territory, in many cases.

At random we take a few of its briefly stated yet immensely significant facts:

Our coal supply will approach depletion before the middle of the next century.

High grade iron ores cannot be expected to last beyond the middle of the present century, nor will petroleum last longer.

The waste in the extraction and treatment of mineral products in 1907 was equivalent to more than \$300,000,000.

The average yield of wheat in the United States is less than 14 bushels per acre, in Germany 28 bushels and in England 32 bushels.

The greatest unnecessary loss of our soil is preventable erosion. Second only to this is the waste, nonuse and misuse of fertilizer derived from animals and men.

Our wild game and fur-bearing animals have been largely exterminated. With game birds the story is much the same.

Not less than 50,000,000 acres of forest is burned over yearly.

One fourth of the standing timber is lost in logging. The boxing of long-leaf pine for turpentine has destroyed one fifth of the forests worked. The loss in the mill is from one-third to two-thirds of the timber sawed.

On each \$1,000 feet which stood in the forest an average of only 320 feet of lumber is used.

By reasonable thrift we can produce a constant timber supply beyond our present needs, and with it conserve the usefulness of our streams for irrigation, water supply, navigation and power.

Remarkable Storage Battery.

A St. Louis company, capitalized at \$200,000, is putting on the market a storage battery, which electrical experts say, will revolutionize the present system of using electricity for commercial purposes.

It is a departure from the accepted theory in construction of storage batteries, and its promoters declare it has, weight for weight, three times the efficiency of any other form of battery.

It is the invention, after 7 years' experiments, of William Gardiner of Chicago and John Stirlen of Fort Wayne, Ind. The increase in efficiency lies in the pasted plate used in the battery. The grid itself is a new invention and the active material or preparation inserted in the grid a new discovery. When charged with electricity the battery manifold the charge to such an extent that an average lighting bill is reduced to one-third in cost, it is claimed.

A householder can install a battery in his home for from \$135 to \$150. The battery, 14x16 inches, is a veritable electric light plant. Charging it from the regular electric light current, at a cost of 25 cents a charge, one battery will manifold the current and light an average flat of six to eight lights from eight to ten days.—St. Louis Times.

The price of cane seed has dropped from \$2.50 to \$1.90 within the past week. The Kansas crop coming in is given as the cause.—Claude News.

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Legislation.

Following a new house bills:

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to five years in the penalty, or fine of \$100 to \$200. Poles and wires, however, may be removed from roads upon order of the commissioners' court.

Providing that it shall be the duty of justices of the peace, without a jury, to hold inquests in the following named cases: Where a person dies in prison, or dies un- naturally, except under sentence of the law, or the body is found and cause and circumstance of death are unknown, or where the circumstances are such as to cause suspicion that death was caused by unlawful means.

Providing that candidates shall not expend more than the sums indicated in their campaigns: Governor, \$5,000; United States Senators, \$5,000; lieutenant governor, \$2,500; heads of departments, \$2,000; members of congress, \$1,200; state senators, \$800; all other district officers, \$600; county officers, \$500. The penalty is a fine of \$100 to \$1,000.

To prevent the commission of fraud in compromises and settlement of claims for damages for injuries received by any person, receiver or corporation operating a railroad or interurban or street railroad, etc., and declaring an emergency.

To prohibit corporations in incorporated cities and towns furnishing water, electricity, gas and telephone to citizens of such cities from discontinuing same without notice, and prescribing conditions under which they may discontinue same where controversy arises from charges of such corporation, and prescribing penalties for violations of the provisions of the act and declaring an emergency.

For the better protection against injury or damages resulting from the operation of steam engines and boilers by incompetent engineers and others.

Prohibiting the use of fraternal emblems by any but authorized members of the lodges, clubs, etc.

House passed finally senate bill to create a new judicial district in the Midland country. Passed to be engrossed house bills creating new judicial district in Panhandle; creating criminal district court for Harris county and reorganizing Galveston courts; making burglary of residence at night a capital offense; prohibiting blacklisting; providing for codification of state laws. It defeated Mr. Wortham's resolution for joint committee to codify insurance laws, but same may be revived.

Christian Endeavor Day.

Next Sunday, Feb. 7, will be observed throughout the world as Christian Endeavor Day. In many societies special preparation will be made by united prayer during the preceding week, and in most of them next Sunday will be observed as a day of consecration and decision.

Tampered With.

What in the d—is the matter down at Austin? When the legislature first met the submissionists were 'way in the majority, with votes to spare; but today there are not enough of the boys to do a thing. That "personal liberty" fund has evidently been opened.—Decatur Messenger.

STATE NEWS.

Bob Gracy was fined \$25 and given 60 days in jail at Lampasas for bootlegging whiskey.

Fanned by a 64 mile gale, 7 fires in as many sections of Oklahoma City Friday destroyed property valued at \$200,000.

H. Y. Landers was knocked in the head and robbed of \$62 at Quanah Thursday night in the alley back of the Metropolitan cafe. He is not seriously injured.

While trying to prop a shed during last Thursday's storm, O. E. Devinna, south of Miami, was killed by the shed being blown down on him. His wife had the remains shipped to Versailles, Mo., for burial.

Roy, the 3-year-old child of Walter Harden, who resides in Mt. Pleasant, was bitten Friday by a dog supposed to have had rabies. The dog was killed. The child will be sent to the Pasteur Institute at Austin.

The Rusk Lumber company's planing mill and 150,000 feet of dressed lumber, the electric light plant, ice plant and old crate factory burned Saturday. The loss is \$40,000, with insurance not to exceed \$5,000.

The cotton gin belonging to S. F. McCauley, six miles northeast of Mt. Pleasant, burned Thursday night. The gin was valued at \$2,500, with no insurance. This was the first gin to burn in that county during the past season.

The barn of R. S. Bynum, two miles south of Waxahachie, burned Thursday night. J. A. Whalen, who has the place rented, lost a considerable quantity of feedstuff. All of his harness and some of his farming implements were burned, also a horse.

Working so quietly that no one in the vicinity heard what was going on, burglars blew the safe in the Santa Fe depot at Tolar Friday night, securing \$100 in cash. The front of the safe was blown entirely off by a heavy charge of nitroglycerin or dynamite.

The home of W. E. Tolbert, who is 77 years old and lives in Dallas, was practically destroyed by fire Saturday. Mr. Tolbert has been a victim of a series of misfortunes. He lost his home in the Galveston flood and floated two days on a roof before being rescued. In May last his fruit stand business was washed away in the Dallas floods, and now he is burned out and penniless.

Mrs. Adam Smith, 60 years of age, was burned to death at the home of her son, Enoch Smith, four miles south of Lewisville, Thursday afternoon. The building, a three-room frame structure, was destroyed, entailing a loss of \$500, upon which there was no insurance. Mrs. Smith had been left at the house alone while her son and his wife went to visit a relative several miles away, and therefore it is not definitely known how Mrs. Smith met her death. The theory generally advanced is that her clothing became ignited from an open fireplace and that in her attempts to extinguish the burning clothing the house was set on fire.

Clipped Comment.

One of the foresights of woman is always to make enough baby clothes for twins.

If the good did not die young, St. Peter would soon run out of material for his angel band.

Geese do not lay golden eggs, nowadays. Father dies occasionally, however, and leaves a nice nest egg for geese to dissipate.

When a friend asks you to do something that isn't right and asks you to do it because he asks it, put it down that he isn't a true friend after all.

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CLARENDON, TEX., FEB. 3, 1909.

Denver, Col., will soon have a labor union hospital, costing \$200,000, and accommodating 350 to 400 persons. The city is now the headquarters for the National Union Labor Hospital Association, which is engaged in building hospitals for union laborers.

We have received from the Northern Texas Traction Co. a souvenir booklet, "From an Inter-urban Car Window," showing many beautiful scenes along the line between Ft. Worth and Dallas, there being many fine illustrations of beautiful residences, rivers, etc., on that popular line.

One thing a farmer can boast of is that he does not have to live on adulterated food. He can put up his own meat, have his own bread-stuff ground, make his own molasses and the good wife can put up her own fruits, preserves, vegetables, lard, etc., and know just what they contain. It is true we have a pure food law, but the state nor federal government does not guarantee the purity. The labels only contain the manufacturers' affidavit that they are pure. If not crowded out, we will publish an article Saturday on adulterated foods.

New York had zero weather Monday and there was intensive suffering by the poor. Two thousand applicants for food and coffee were lined up at the Bowery mission during the night. This is the largest number to be fed there this winter. In addition to this 318 persons, including twenty-four women, were given shelter in the city's lodging house and at the pier of the charity department. The street cleaning department had 600 men at work removing the snow during the night but the work had to be discontinued on account of the intense cold. Believe we prefer living in the Panhandle.

Less than 25 working days of the present congressional session remain and at a joint council of the controlling party of the house and senate it has been agreed to confine legislation strictly to appropriation bills. The leaders or bosses of the senate, Aldrich, Hale, Gallinger and Elkins, insist that there is barely time for a consideration of the regular appropriations. The president and some of the members of the house are urging the passage of bills admitting Arizona and New Mexico to statehood but the controlling element in the senate is not favorable to this measure. It has also been agreed that a special session for the consideration of tariff revision will be called for the tenth of March, or six days after inauguration. Of course Mr. Taft, who is now in Panama, will have the final say as to this date or another, but members of the house and the senate, after consultation with Senator Knox who is to be the head of the Taft cabinet, have fixed upon March 10 as a desirable early date to begin work on this bill. It is also predicted that the special session will probably adjourn before the first of July, but there are those who say that it is more likely to be in session until the middle of the summer.

The Commercial has no respect for Collier's Weekly in its miserable attack on the women of the South and its cowardly defense of the black brute or any other brute. Collier's Weekly ought not to be allowed in the home. It is travesty on virtue, a parading, marauding, toothless old hypocrite and shame on decency and society. It is a fraud and not worthy of confidence and support by the southern people.—Georgetown Commercial.

Collier's is surpassed in merit by a number of magazines and its circulation is only maintained by the persistence of its agents who get big commissions. The subscriber is made to believe he is getting something free, when he really is paying a big price for it and also whatever premium is sold with it.

Highways and Waterways.

It is reported that congress failed to become enthusiastic over the request of the National waterways congress that five hundred million dollars in bonds be issued for the "improvement" of inland waterways. Possibly a few congressmen heard from the rural districts. More should hear at another cent is spent dredging sloughs, a hundred should be invested by the government in the improvement of roads are used by all the ways by very few. of the people in the regions of the country, the of their means of transportation and communication, given consideration, thing which interests roads. Given help in roads, the country people tend to their school matelves. We don't realize justice of making a far all of the road along two his farm for the use of the world. We submit to it and of us think it's the only cause it has always been tom. The Oklahoma legislature now in session is trying its work out a system of roads which will tend toward improvement. But there is such a multiplicity of schemes that it's a big job. The very fact that interest is aroused is encouraging. And if we work at it long enough, some plan which will be fair to the whole people will be evolved and put into action.—Oklahoma Farm Journal.

A Record Stock Market.

Ft. Worth, Tex., Jan. 30.—Fort Worth holds the banner, in breaking all records on live stock receipts, for a market of her age. For the live-stock year ending with Jan. 1, 1909, the market has passed the 2,000,000 mark and showed a gain of over 300,000 over the preceding year. It took Kansas City fourteen years to reach the figures Ft. Worth has established in five years.

Hog receipts have been especially gratifying, showing receipts from Jan. 31, 1908, to Jan. 31, 1909, of 700,642, as against 32,815 the year previous.

Poll Taxes Paid.

The number of poll tax receipts issued in Donley county were 740 against 711 last year, an increase of 29, while the whole state shows decided decrease.

The Dallas News report says, "On the basis of the reports received it is indicated that the decrease will be about 2.8 per cent. This would give qualified vote, adding 15 per cent for exemptions in Texas in 1909 of 546,642, against 562,389 for 1908 and 457,376 for 1906. The reports received from 169 counties, complete and incomplete, give the total number of poll taxes paid at 382,638. The same counties had in 1908 394,219. When the usual 15 per cent is added for exemptions the total qualified vote, based on the returns in the counties reported, would be 440,023. For the same counties in 1907, with 15 per cent for exemptions, it would have been 453,351."

Some legislator thinks a whole lot of his dog. He has introduced a bill making it a felony to steal a dog.

The town of Nowata, in Oklahoma near the Kansas line was almost wiped off the map Saturday, during the blizzard, by fire that destroyed 13 business houses, including two banks and the county court house, which latter held the records of that section of Oklahoma. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. Intense cold made it difficult to fight the flames.

Rev. R. C. McRoy, now of Clarendon was in Childress Tuesday on his way to Dallas.—Index.

W. F. White, the auto enthusiast, has received a car load of automobiles, some of them beautiful machines. He has the agency for one of the largest companies.

Shade trees, shrubs and fruit trees at cut prices. See W. E. Ayers at residence or nursery. 611

Cost of Living in New York.

Prices for the necessities of life in New York, and especially in the area bounded by Seventy second street and One Hundred and Thirtieth street, on the west side, are higher than at the close of the Civil war, when people paid 20 cents a pound for sugar. Sixty cents a dozen for eggs, guaranteed fresh laid, was the average retail price yesterday, and fifty cents a dozen for eggs which have been in cold storage since last June and are known to the trade as "June eggs." They will not keep more than fifty-six hours after being exposed to an interior temperature. Cream—real golden tinted cream—was sold in New York ten years ago for 25 cents a quart. The present price for a whitish cream thickened by an artificial process is fifty cents a quart. It does not resemble the cream skimmed from the shallow pans of milk in the old fashioned dairy—and doesn't taste like it.

The price of celery is higher than before known—30 cents a bunch of three stalks. A great deal of the celery sold in New York is bleached artificially and its flavor destroyed. A small head of cabbage costs 15 cents, cauliflower is 25 cents a head for the hot house variety, which is almost flavorless.

Tub butter of fair quality was quoted yesterday at 40 cents a pound retail, about the same as last year and the year before, but higher by 10 cents a pound than in 1903-04. Philadelphia print and Orange County print butter ranged from 45 to 50 cents a pound.

Poultry was higher yesterday than during the Christmas holidays, or just before Thanksgiving Day, when the demand was far greater than in January. The ruling price for turkeys was 30 to 32 cents a pound, roasting chicken, duck and goose each 25 cents a pound. The price of a small pair of guinea fowl broilers was \$1.50, and chickens, a little larger than broilers, sold for 35 cents a pound. In the way of meats, beef, lamb and mutton were about the same as a year ago. The cheapest meat in the markets, fully as nutritious as beef or mutton, and better liked by many persons, was rabbit. A good one, sold in flesh and enough on it to afford a hearty meal for four, could be bought yesterday for 30 cents.—The World.

STATE NEWS.

Contract has been let for the Hemphill county court house, at Canadian. It will cost \$31,278.

B. L. Bennett of Childress county topped the Ft. Worth hog market Monday with a car of hogs which brought \$6.50. The Live Stock Reporter says: "The Panhandle has a fine reputation for its hogs, and Mr. Bennett is doing his part in keeping it up."

L. B. Smith and T. Galloway, brakemen on the Trinity & Brazos Valley, were crushed to death Monday at the gravel pit switch, four miles east of Waxahachie. Both men were caught under the tender when the engine was derailed and their bodies were mangled in a frightful manner.

Isabel, the 3 year old daughter of Dr. C. B. Slaughter at Dallas, was burned to death Sunday at their home where her clothing caught fire. Her mother was painfully burned in trying to extinguish the flames. She was the granddaughter of Rev. S. H. Slaughter, a well known Texas divine.

Miss Louisa Holland, an aged lady, was burned to death at Gonzales Monday morning. She rose during the night and lighted a candle. The flames from the candle ignited her flannel night gown and in a moment it was a mass of flames. Cries brought neighbors to the scene, but too late. Her body was charred from head to foot. Death resulted in a very short time.

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

Neat job printing at this

WASHINGTON LETTER.

COMING INAUGURATION—INADEQUATE NAVY YARDS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—All the details of President Roosevelt's departure from Washington have been prearranged. He will, as is customary, ride with the president-elect to the capitol and there witness the inauguration ceremonies and perhaps attract as much attention as his successor, but he will not return from the capitol to the White House. In this respect he will depart from an old precedent. He will as a private citizen drive from the capitol immediately to the Union station and take a train to Oyster Bay. There yet remain to him about 30 days of his remarkably strenuous term and the navy department just now is coming in for his reforming, or as the boss senators of his party will perhaps put it, "meddlesome and mischief-making activity." There is no doubt a great deal of mildewed red tape in use in the navy department. Its management is by a cumbersome and antiquated system. The president, while assistant secretary of the navy, became aware of this and it is remarkable that he has put off changes and reconstruction until the last month of his term. Now, however, he seems determined to set the ball rolling with the assurance that his successor as the devise of the Rooseveltian policies will carry this out also. It is to be hoped that he may.

With a man like Root in the senate, himself well acquainted with the weakness and inefficiency of the clumsy naval establishment, something may be accomplished. But the present system is firmly entrenched in various navy yards scattered along the Atlantic coast from Portsmouth, Maine, to New Orleans and these navy yards are the strongholds of certain senators and contain the machinery and furnish funds through which they keep their seats. Millions of dollars are yearly appropriated for navy yards at Portsmouth, Maine, Boston, Philadelphia, Charleston, Port Royal, Key West, Pensacola and New Orleans. None of these navy yards have dry docks of sufficient capacity to repair large battle ships. They are all inaccessible for the reason that entrance to them is not deep enough to admit large sized battle ships but they receive, as I have said, yearly appropriations for maintenance and improvement which mean that a large number of employees under the patronage of the senators from these states are there for useless work and expenditure. The navy yard for example at Portsmouth near the home of Senator Hale is unfit for building any but small sized ships, such ships as are useless in modern naval warfare and are in themselves merely means of further expenditure in the consumption of food, fuel and wages. The navy yard at Mare Island, San Francisco is another case. Senator Perkins of California has secured \$13,000,000 for the improvement and maintenance of this navy yard although it is impossible to bring a battle ship into it.

The home of Arno Stubinger burned in Dallas Saturday. Mrs. Stubinger is a daughter of G. O. Hunter, editor of the Sherman Democrat.

E. R. Crabtree, a printer, fell from a high porch in Dallas Sunday night and was killed.

A negro froze to death in New Orleans Saturday night.

Lost—Brooch. On last Tuesday afternoon, a cameo brooch with gold mounting. Please return to this office and receive reward.

To Our Friends and Customers. We have moved into our new brick store in the Connolly Block. We are now in a position to give you the best of service. You will find our stock complete in every line carried in an up-to-date hardware store. We make a specialty of cook and heating stoves. Thank you for all past favors and soliciting a nice portion of your business for 1909, we are yours for fair dealings.
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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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Market Report.

The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Monday:

Steers \$3.30 to \$5.60.
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 Hogs \$4.00 to \$6.50.

The Claude News of Friday gave a long list of losses from prairie fires caused by sparks from locomotives the past two weeks.

Luther Lusk was shot and probably fatally injured at Loving, Texas, Saturday night in a difficulty.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

The regular session of commissioners' court begins Monday.

Roy Bussey, from Ft. Worth, has moved here and is employed at the laundry.

J. E. Blankenship and D. F. Daugherty were up from Hedley and spent yesterday here.

Mrs. O. H. Brown, who is in Ft. Worth and recently underwent a surgical operation, is improving.

J. L. Saunders, who travels out of Wichita Falls, spent Sunday here with his brother-in-law, T. H. Allen.

Hall county shows an increase of 93 poll taxes paid, Collingsworth 65 and Randall 12 less than last year.

H. R. Airhart, an old acquaintance of Thos. Willis and the Ross brothers, is here from Marietta, Ok., on a visit.

Walter Connally left last night for a business trip to Big Springs, from which place he will return to his home at Tyler, Tex.

Mrs. Naunie Clark, of Arlington, Tex., is here this week visiting the family of John Clark in Clarendon and of A. B. Clark at Lelia Lake.

Miss Ruth Smith gave her school mates, 25 in number, a farewell party Saturday afternoon. Fruit and cake were served in the way of refreshments.

The laundry has been purchased by O. H. Brown and Mr. Koch, the latter of Ft. Worth. Chas. McCrae is over in New Mexico on business since selling.

Mrs. W. S. Marshall, who has been visiting her sister, Miss Sarah Porter, left Monday for Ft. Worth, where she will visit a few days, then go to her home in Ellis county.

Mrs. Flora Smith and daughter, Miss Mary Lee, are here from Douglas county Georgia visiting J. J. Alexander and family. Mrs. Smith is an aunt of Mr. Alexander.

From two to six subscriptions a day have been coming in on our bargain rate and all say it is a very low rate for such a newsy paper. On the 15th the regular rate will be put on—\$1.50.

P. J. Smith and family will leave tomorrow night for Bentonville, Ark., to make their future home. While we regret to lose them from our county, we wish them success in their new home.

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Kersey & Martin report the sale of the A. M. Beville lot where the insurance office burned last summer, to G. W. Medley and R. M. Dyer at \$1,000. Messrs. Medley and Dyer have also bought from the Masons the Noland corner lot at \$2,000.

Rev. Reed preached two interesting sermons at the Baptist church Sunday, and Rev. Howard of Amarillo held forth at the Christian church in an edifying manner. Both of these churches are now without regular pastors, but have calls under consideration.

C. M. Lane, of Rome, Ga., has bought out Mrs. M. F. Lee at the Cottage hotel and took charge on the first of the month. Mr. Lane is an experienced hotel man and invites the patronage of the public. Clint Lee will leave in a day or two for Dallas to enter a commercial school for a business course and Mrs. Lee may move there later.

Lost—Lady's Coat.
Lady's long, light colored coat, lost Jan. 22. Finder please return to Miss Josephine Chamberlain or to this office and receive reward.

Program.
The following is the program to be given by Miss Grace Clemons Meek of Goodnight at the opera house Thursday, Feb. 4, for the benefit of the B. Y. P. U.:

1. Duet—Misses Dodson and Neely.
2. "The Wedding Picture," Wade—Miss Grace Clemons Meek.
3. Vocal Solo, selected—Miss Ida Harrington.
4. "In Elizabeth's Reign," Coleman—Miss Grace Clemons Meek.
5. Piano Solo, "Bridal Procession," Greig—Miss Beulah Dodson.
6. "Mis' Perkins' Supper," Wade—Miss Grace Clemons Meek.
7. Vocal Solo, selected—Miss Lelia Ross.
8. The Winning of Katherine, J. McCarthy (cutting from "If I Were a King")—Miss Grace Clemons Meek.
9. Vocal Solo, selected—Miss Claudia Williams.
10. A Dark Brown Diplomat, Coke, (by request)—Miss Grace Clemons Meek.
11. Piano Solo, "Sequidilla Op. 327, No. 14," Bohm—Miss Miller.

Prof. Chas. M. Morton Dead.
Chas. M. Morton, professor of mathematics in Clarendon college, died Saturday after an illness of over a month of a complication of diseases. The funeral was conducted at the Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. O. P. Kiker, Rev. Ferguson and Dr. Burkhead, all of whom referred to his quiet, charming personality and the sadness of his being cut off in the very prime of life. When his useful, kind and generous acts and christian example is so much needed. He was a son of Rev. Marshall J. Morton of Erath county, and was born in that county Sep. 13, 1879, his father dying in 1892. He became a christian early in life. He was always a brilliant student and was awarded the degree of A. B. at Granbury and has been in the normal work at Austin, has held the principal's position at Hico for three years and of Granbury college for two. He was well-liked here by all of his large class in college, was president of the Epworth League, secretary of the board of students and teacher of the bible class of 50 pupils in the Sunday school. He leaves a young wife to whom he had been married just six months and one day at the time of his death. She was Miss Sallie Shackelford, of Tusculumbia, Ala. All unite in saying a good man is gone.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.
Whereas, in the dispensation of His Divine Providence, God has permitted the reaper, Death, to call from its earthly mansion the fleeting breath of our beloved friend and teacher, Prof. Charles M. Morton, we, the pupils of the Young Men's Bible Class No. 1 of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, do hereby resolve:
1. That in Prof. Morton we have lost a most efficient teacher and a very true friend, and as a Sunday School class we will miss his kindly presence with us every Sabbath.
2. That we extend our warmest and most heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved wife in mourning for her irreclaimable dead. That for hope and comfort we would point her to the ever-sympathizing Jesus, who alone is able to console in the hour of grief.
3. That we hold the character of our departed teacher as an example for the members of our class. That in the emulation of such a character we would be better in our lives, nobler in our purposes, and higher in our ideals, and we would unhesitatingly point to the life of Prof. Morton as exemplary in every respect.
4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our Sunday School, a copy be presented to Mrs. Morton and one to each of the town papers for publication.
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How Times Have Changed.

A peculiar characteristic of most men who have passed their sixtieth birthday is that they believe everything in the moral and physical world has undergone a change, since they were young. To prove the correctness of this assertion on some real cold day, ask an old settler of your acquaintance, if he had ever experienced colder weather, and he will tell you that the winters we have been having the past 30 years have been so warm that they remind him of the late summers we used to have along in the early '50s. However should you meet him in the middle of August on a day when it was so hot that the mercury would be spewing out at the top of the thermometer, and ask him if he had ever known it to be so hot the chances are that he would tell you that the winters back in the early '50s were warmer than the hottest summer weather that we have been having for the past 20 or 30 years.

I shouldn't be at all surprised if there were not a lot of old settlers who stood around in the flood till the water got up in their whiskers contending that the rain they were then having was but a gentle shower compared to what they had seen some 300 years before.

I once lived in a town that had a lot of old settlers who would tell you to a man that away back in the '50s the winters were colder, the summers hotter, and that it rained more, and rained less, than now and as to snow and cyclones and sudden changes, we of this degenerate age knew nothing whatever. I once lived neighbor to one of these old timers, who believed with all his heart that God performed all of his mightiest works between the years of '43 and '69. It made no difference what took place, let it be a cyclone or a camp meeting Uncle Billy Stone had "seed" a bigger one about 50 years previous. One day there came up an awful storm and hailstones fell as big as a quart cup and killed young cows and horses and broke big limbs off of trees and knocked the shingles off of every roof in town, and I thought surely Uncle Billy never saw a worse hail storm than that, and as soon as the storm had passed I stepped over to his house to interrogate him about it. When I went in, Uncle Billy was just crawling out from under the bed where he had taken refuge from the hail stones. My first greeting was: "Say Uncle Billy how was that for a hail storm?" He looked at me for at least a minute before he spoke, and I could tell there was a struggle going on in the old man's mind—a struggle with conscience and pride. Conscience said spit'er out Uncle Billy and confess that was about the best organized hail you have ever met, but pride said to him don't go back on the early '50s, Uncle Billy at this late day. But, he made a compromise between them and divided honors about equal by saying: "Well Joe I can't say that I ever seed quite as big hail as drapped around here a while ago, but I seed a hail on the 13'h day of May '59 that was almost as bad that lasted a heetle longer and lightened a powerful sight wussur."

It is the same way with every thing else with the most of the old settlers who have passed the 60th mile post on lifes journey and they are perfectly sincere in their belief that nothing happens on as big scale as it did a long time ago. They look through different eyes then and heard through different ears and their minds and hearts took hold and fondly retained the passing events that most impressed them in the long ago. It is but natural for them to believe that back yonder in the days when life held out its fondest hopes, and the warm young blood surged through their veins, that nature did all things on a much larger and grander scale. They are perfectly sincere when they tell you that the winters were colder and the summers hotter, that the rivers got higher, the sky higher, that the men were taller, smarter, stronger and straighter, that the girls were prettier and friends truer, back in the

days when they were young. Really I think it shows a spirit of unselfishness that approaches the sublime, for one of these old fellows to even acknowledge as did Uncle Billy that he had "never seed" quite as big hail as "drapped" around his house that day; and who could blame him for qualifying it by saying he had seed a hail storm back in '59 that lasted a "heetle" longer and the "lighten a powerful sight wussur."

The day is coming and it is not so far away when the last of these grand old pioneers will have crossed that dark and silent river, so let us of a younger generation listen with patience and gentleness to their accounts of the mighty deeds performed by God and man away back in the '50s.

It will be but a few years more till a whole crowd of us fellows will be telling of the wonderful things that took place back in the '80s, and we would feel hurt if the young men of that day should treat our tales of the mighty work that wrought to the early '90s incredulously as Joe Sappington.

Scramble For Texas Land.

The following was recently given in the press under a Kansas City date line: "People are simply land mad, that's the best way to put it," says W. F. Halsell, one of the richest men in Oklahoma, in speaking of the great scramble for lands in the Southwest. Mr. Halsell lives at Vinita, Ok. and probably owns more land in Texas, Mexico and Oklahoma than any living man.

He refused to state just how much land he owns, but he admitted he refused nearly \$2,000,000 for his Texas holdings.

When asked why he refused such a large sum, he replied: "What would I do with that much cash in Oklahoma? The land in Texas doesn't eat, and is growing more valuable every day; taxes down there are so low at present and getting lower every year, that a man doesn't miss the amount. John D.'s and his crowd have been so completely 'skinned' down there lately that Texas has money to burn."

"Practically every cattleman in Texas is forced out of the business by the hungry horde of landseekers. The day of the so-called 'cattle barons' has passed and gone, and the man with the hoe is supreme. The farmer is the coming baron, and cattle and the poor 'longhorn' raiser will soon be a thing of the past. In fact he has been walking around for several years to save funeral expenses.

"There never was a time in Oklahoma and Texas when common dirt was so eagerly sought after by a class of men who produce wealth by honest industry and true American thrift. I am glad to see this wonderful transformation. It only teaches the old time cattleman that it don't pay to graze an onery old cow, worth \$15 to \$20, on lands that will produce that much every year per acre. I have about all the money I want, and I am willing to see the other fellow get his share.

As a further evidence that people are becoming "land mad" Dan Donovan and Senator Wing of Minneapolis have just returned from the Texas Panhandle with a dozen or more North Dakota farmers, who bought, all told, nearly 55,000 acres. Senator Wing stated last night that hundreds of North Dakota farmers are flocking into Northwest Texas to avoid the rigors of the north, and that Minnesota farmers are going to the southwest in droves. He said the great southwest offers many flattering inducements to northern farmers on account of the climate, and that Missouri and Kansas lands are also being bought by them.

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Treatment of Hog Diseases.

The following paper was read by J. E. Sammon at the recent Swine Breeders' association held at Sherman:

I find that rye, barley and oats sown early in the fall make good grazing for winter and spring; then a few acres of sorghum for early summer and fall. I have had most satisfactory results with milo maize and kaffir corn. I usually plant in rows and when the seed begins maturing, throw to the hogs each day by the wagon load. They relish the stalk as well as the seed and there is very little left except the blades. I plant several acres of Spanish goobers each year and find that it is much better than so many acres of corn. My conclusions are that by the system that I am following I raise fat hogs for about 3 cents per pound. My land is solid Johnson grass and I have been compelled to seek substitutes for corn as far as possible.

To carry 80 to 100 head of hogs through the year and to fatten from 50 to 70 head for home consumption, all corn is not to be thought of, and have a Johnson grass meadow to produce the corn on. To keep a herd of hogs in a healthy condition I know of nothing better than charcoal, wood ashes and salt. For vermin and lice I have gone back to crude oil, applied with a flower pot sprinkler. It is cheap and a certain remedy.

For treating hog cholera and swine plague, bicarbonate of potash is used with most satisfactory results. A dose of this salt is one teaspoonful for each hog once a day. My plan is to dissolve in hot water and put in the drinking water for the hogs that are sick, and to put into the slop for the exposed herd. Be sure and give plenty as no harm can result. Discontinued after six doses have been given. It is a powerful alkali and readily assimilates in the system, destroying the microbes upon which swine plague depends.

The careful hog raiser can note whatever his hogs are infested with and can check the disease before he has any losses. Looseness of the bowels and droppings about the hog lots should put him on his guard as to the swine plague; I am not so certain about cholera, as there is some difference in the symptoms: Lime should be sprinkled about the pens and runways as it is the most convenient vehicle to thoroughly disinfect with. Within 15 months I have had two outbreaks among my hogs, some of them coughing like they had eaten cotton seed, others nesting up, refusing to eat. As soon as treatment was given they got well. With some of the worst or sickest, their ears dropped off and the hair slipped from the hips and shoulders. Those hogs as a consequence were well marked, and were butchered a few days ago. Their lungs were apparently normal and healthy as was also the liver and kidneys. All this was gratifying. The hogs had taken on flesh well and were well lined with fat.

It is claimed by standard authors on pathology that in the process of micro organism, or microbe growth there is a peculiar substance excreted or formed which is baneful to its own microbes and when this substance reaches a certain proportion it destroys its own microbes if the infected animal lives that long. This looks reasonable, for we know that the yeast fungus when placed in an infusion of malt at a suitable temperature devolves rapidly until alcohol is formed to a certain percent of the whole quantity of liquid. The alcohol then arrests the further growth and fermentation is destroyed.

These facts are of the utmost importance to the treatment of diseases when pathogenic fungi are to be considered and for infectious disease like swine plague would consist in bringing about in the system as soon as possible something analogous to that which is spontaneously their own product, which in sufficient quantity proves inimical to their own existence. Bicarbonate of potash and other remedies in its class does this in producing increased alkalinity and

destroys the micro growth before the life of the hog is destroyed.

Danger in Soft Drinks.

According to a writer in the London Lancet, there is hardly less danger to body and mind in so-called "soft" drinks than in those which are unblushingly alcoholic. This gentleman declares with considerable vehemence that if one wishes wholly to avoid the demon of alcohol it is necessary to chew not only lemonade and ale, but even more water is absolutely requisite for quenching the thirst, since, in a large percentage of natural alcohol. The writer agrees with the celebrated satirist that "the only ordinary drinking man is the animal lies in the drink when they are not." He opines that many of the peptic and heart evils which arise from drinking are required to quench the thirst. To indulge in tea drinking, or in seltzer or ale or lemonade drinks, in or quench an unnatural or "educational" thirst, is to confess oneself in the same category as drug taking and dram drunkards.

Much of the artificial-drink abomination of our time is due, says the writer in the Lancet, to the idea that municipal water is mostly tainted, and that it thus accounts largely for the death rate. He points out that the best and purest waters of the natural spring are not free from a certain taint, and that the evils of tannin, alcohol, carbonic acid gas, glucosid and ginger are far more to be apprehended than the impurities of ordinary water, since the human body is not without its own natural poisons and impurities and their natural antidotes. Lemonade, which is so freely recommended as a refreshing and stimulating drink to reforming toppers, is, says this physician, a pregnant source of gastric trouble. At first the harm is not noticed; gradually, however, when the citric acid has had its play upon the coating of the stomach, dyspeptic gases begin to form, the eating of a meal becomes a source of apprehension as regards after effects, and bilious trouble makes its entry. Ginger ale is hardly less harmful; in time the ginger corrodes the coating of the stomach, the same being the case with seltzer waters and ever-infused tea.—New York World.

Uncle Sam's Big Army.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Contrary to the report that has been prevalent recently to the effect that should the necessity arise the government would be unable to arm 500,000 men for war, information from official sources discloses the fact that the United States government could at present arm and equip an army of 750,000 men. It has not been many years since the problem of arming a great force of men was well nigh insoluble, but the Spanish war having demonstrated to the government its weakness along that line, the government arsenals were set at work turning out great quantities of guns, bayonets and other military supplies. Military authorities say that today the United States could not only stock a vast army with up to date Springfield rifles, a much superior weapon to the old ones used in the Spanish war, but could put into the field 100 batteries of 3-inch field pieces of the latest and most approved style.

The army and navy of this country are now provided with the very best supplies and arms available and the nation is equipped very comfortably for any exigency that may arise. This is due in a great measure to the lesson of unfitness taught by the Spanish war.

The most severe wind and dust storm in six years prevailed in northwest Oklahoma Thursday afternoon, causing more or less damage. As far known no lives were lost. At Goltry, twenty miles west of Enid, several business houses were blown down, and at Carmen flames, driven by a fierce wind, destroyed half the business houses of the town.

We Are Dying Younger.

In view of all that has been said about the fall in the death rate, it seems strange to realize that we are not living so long as our grandfathers and grandmothers did.

More babies live to grow up nowadays than formerly, but people in later life die younger. Once arrived at adult age the average man or woman has fewer years of survival to expect.

This seems on the face of it so surprising a statement that in order to be accepted it should be backed up by data authentic and indisputable. Such data are furnished by the figures of the insurance companies, which all agree on the point but it is easier to refer to the government census reports, which tell the tale in simple and convincing fashion. Even during the last fifteen years the death rate among all persons over fifty-five years of age of both sexes has risen very considerably.—Health Culture.

Apartment House Life.

When you say you can't help living in an apartment house, you are not only confessing to a lack of initiative, but you are also confessing to a lack of initiative. It is no real home life possible for children—not one, but two or three children—to keep the young mother busy to make believe she belongs to the smart set. And apartments are either too small for that or the landlords won't tolerate children at all. And then there is no neighborhood life. It's a good thing to have gossiping neighbors. You're more apt to be careful of the way you live.

I always think of apartment house life as a sort of joke on socialism—a lot of strangers under one roof with just two mutual interests, a dumb waiter shaft and an artificial palm. And I'm bound to say that I think it is responsible for a heathen race with no children. Children mean sacrifice, and it's sacrifice that make good men and women.—Amelia E. Barr in New York World.

A Scoop.

John L. Toole, the famous English comedian and practical joker, and Mr. Justice Hawkins, who was afterward Lord Brampton, were great friends. They were at supper together one evening discussing the events of the day. The judge incidentally mentioned that he intended on the morrow giving the man he had been trying fifteen years because he deserved it.

As Toole was leaving he blandly inquired: "Oh, would you mind my calling at the newspaper offices and telling them about that fifteen years? It will be a tip for them—exclusive information you know—and will do me no end of good with the press." "Good gracious! No, sir!" exclaimed the judge, who took the precaution of accompanying Toole to his hotel and seeing him safely to bed.

Woman's Spur.

"The scent was excellent that frosty morning. She walked across the field, holding her riding skirt free of her patent leather boots and silver spurs." "Spurs?" shouted the editor. "What ails you, man?"

"Spurs?" the puzzled author repeated. "Don't they wear spurs nowadays? I know they used to." "Women never wear spurs unless they ride astride. They wear one spur—one only. What good would a second be, except to tear the clothes?" "I see," said the other. "A natural error, wasn't it?" "Only a natural error for an ignoramus. But the usual writer of sporting stories is an ignoramus. I rarely read a sporting story but I come across some error quite as blatant as this of yours."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Forced Draft Realism.

"How is it that Scribner's novels thrill with such vital, gripping, realistic portrayal of human passions?" asked Danks.

"Well," said Hanks, "when he gets ready to write a novel he orders a general house cleaning, sends for the plumber to fix the gas jets and for the tinner to fix the stovepipes, bids his little daughter to stay at home to practice five finger exercises, hires a street piano to play German, Irish and Italian national airs in front of the house and tells his wife that her family is not as good as his own. Then he sits and takes notes of what happens."—Brooklyn Life.

Adam's Apple.

The projection in the front of the throat in men, denoting the position of the thyroid cartilage, is styled "Adam's apple." It develops rapidly usually when the voice "breaks," being comparatively small in both children and women. The name arose from the tradition that when Adam attempted to swallow the apple in paradise it stuck in his throat, giving rise to the swelling since seen in all his adult male descendants.

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A Great Man.

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"A great man, my son, is one who manages to gather about him a whole lot of assistants who will take the blame for his mistakes while he gets the credit for their good ideas!"

Not Wholly Personal.

A.—You have used the word "donkey" several times in the last ten minutes. Am I to understand that you mean anything of a personal nature? B.—Certainly not. There are lots of donkeys in the world besides you.

To learn obeying is the fundamental art of governing.—Carlyle.

There is only one cure for public distress, and that is public education, directed to make men thoughtful, merciful and just.—Ruskin.

No One to "Sit on the Lid."

"Usually, when the president goes away from the national capital for any length of time," remarked a stay-at-home official to a Washington star reporter, "he designates some member of the cabinet to 'sit on the lid,' or, in other words, to represent him in Washington in case of necessity. That duty usually has been delegated to either Secretary Root or Secretary Taft, but has sometimes been assumed by other members of the cabinet. For some unexplained reason it was not done this year, and it has happened that the highest official of the government on duty in the national capital for weeks at a time during the summer has been an assistant secretary to one of the executive departments.

"In the past it was extremely unusual for the president and all the members of his cabinet to be away from Washington at the same time for any extended period, but that condition existed, and has occurred frequently since the president went to Oyster Bay early in June last. Neither Secretary Root, Secretary Taft nor any other member of the cabinet has been in Washington for any considerable stretch of time since that date, and it has happened that all of them have been away at the same time. No embarrassment has resulted, however, as the president as well as all the cabinet ministers have remained in close communication with their representatives who remain in Washington throughout the summer, regardless of where they happened to be, so that really there was no occasion for anyone to hold down the lid for the president during the summer."

Women Who Wear Well.

It is astonishing how great a change a few years of married life often make in the appearance and disposition of many women. The freshness, the charm, the brilliance vanish like the bloom from a peach which is rudely handled. The matron is only a dim shadow, a faint echo of the charming maiden. There are two reasons for this change, ignorance and neglect. Few young women appreciate the shock to the system through the change which comes with marriage and motherhood. Many neglect to deal with the unpleasant pelvic drains and weaknesses which too often come with marriage and motherhood, not understanding that this secret drain is robbing the cheek of its freshness and the form of its fairness.

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