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## Coahoma News

Local and Personal News Items Gathered by our Special Correspondent.

Commissioner Hutto was in town Monday.

D. C. Riley spent Monday in Big Springs.

Mrs. Lela Yell spent a couple of days this week with friends in this vicinity.

Put Cantrell and Wyley Davis of Center Point attended services at the R- Methodist church Sunday.

Clem Millhollon of Sturry county is visiting friends in this neighborhood this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McIntosh of Luther visited relatives near R- Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Powell of Coahoma were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Read one day this week.

P. L. Fletcher, the popular manager of the Coahoma Telephone Company, spent Tuesday in Midland.

Several from this neighborhood attended the Fourth of July celebration, seven miles north of Vincent, on the Colorado river. Plenty to eat and drink, and the jolliest folks on earth, is the verdict of the visitors.

W. B. Bookman, the popular assistant cashier of the First State Bank of this place, left Monday night for the eastern part of the state. It is understood that he has accepted the position of cashier in a bank and will permanently locate there.

Walter Gallemore, who has been manager of the Burton-Lingo lumber yard here for several months, left last week for Abilene where he will make his home. Mr. Gallemore will have a position with the same company but at an advanced salary.

## Presbyterian Church

We would call the attention of the Sunday schools, and especially the officers and teachers of the Sunday schools of the town, to the fact that Rev. Dr. A. L. Phillips, our Assembly's Sunday school superintendent, will be with us on next Sunday, July 9th. Dr. Phillips will preach for us at the eleven o'clock hour. He will also be present at the Sunday school exercises and will possibly spend a good part of the Sunday school hour on the general work of the Sunday school.

In the afternoon at four o'clock he will conduct an institute for the benefit of all the Sunday school workers of the town and any of the surrounding country who may be able to come in. To this service we invite all the Sunday school workers and urge them to come as it will be helpful to you in your work, and you may be able to suggest lines of thought that will be helpful to others.

L. O. CUNNINGHAM.

## Big Log Rolling

The celebration to be held under the auspices of the West Texas Log Rollers Association in Sweetwater, Texas, on August 3rd, 4th and 5th will be the biggest event of the kind ever held in the west. Arrangements are being made to entertain a large crowd. The association includes W. O. W. lodges with a membership of more than 40,000. The territory includes the whole of West Texas from Fort Worth to El Paso, and to Amarillo on the north.

## The Fourth at Midland

Tuesday was a big day in Midland. The crowd that gathered there to attend the Fourth of July celebration and barbecue was estimated at 5000. A parade of decorated autos and vehicles was given with prizes, loving cups, gold medals and cash. An address on West Texas capabilities was delivered by Will Sargeant, immigration agent of the Texas & Pacific and was heard by 1,000 people. In the base ball game Big Springs beat Midland 6 to 4. The polo match by the Midland Polo club, broncho busting, cigar race and potato race by cow boys were interesting and exciting events. A grand ball was given in the evening at the Midland club rooms.

## The Town Builders

The Commercial Secretaries met at Temple on June 27-28 and discussed the problems of Texas development. Putting all the home dollars to work and bringing new dollars into Texas was the general line of discussion and the solution proposed was education both at home and abroad. The Texas dollar has not in every instance the courage of its conviction and frequently seeks safety in our bank vaults or invests in vendor hen securities rather than take a chance in the productive lines of industry. It is short in both courage and volume.

The foreign dollar is more or less excusable until it has taken a course of instruction from the commercial secretaries and learns of the wonderful opportunities awaiting it in Texas. We must look to the secretaries to tell us of our resources and to teach the nations the possibilities of Texas investments.

## Texas Factories

Uncle Sam has just completed an inspection of his Texas factories and he finds the factory dollar a busy dollar. Every value added to the raw material. Out of every dollar produced by the factory, labor received 51 cents.

## Texas Play Ground

Port Arthur is building a Texas play ground on Sabine Lake. They will spend \$250,000 in constructing a pleasure pier out in the water. It will cover an area of ten acres and will be supplied with up-to-date equipments. Out ports are our play grounds, for people will always love to congregate where land and water meet.

## Will Plant Beans

R. R. Haley and F. W. Crum, who have dealt pretty extensively in the wheat industry this year have begun planting 50 acres of frihole beans on some of the land they had in wheat near Wastella. As far as we know this is the most extensive experiment made in this part of the country on frihole beans and the venture will be noticed with much interest. Roscoe Times.

## Don't Worry

About hot weather. Come to our soda fountain where you can always find something sparkling, refreshing and cooling to drink. All of the newest and latest frappes, sundaes and sodas served in the most delicious and appetizing manner. They are made from the purest materials so they are healthy and invigorating as well as pleasing.

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The Price is the Thing.

## Postal Savings Bank to be Established Here

Postmaster Geo. H. Sparenberg has received orders from the Postmaster General's office at Washington that the post office at this place would be designated as a postal savings depository on the 27th of this month. The establishment one at this place so soon after the postal savings bank has been established is due to the efforts of our postmaster, Mr. Sparenberg, who is always looking out for the interest of our people. We are convinced that it will be a benefit and help to a large number of our people and will be liberally patronized.

For information in regard to matters connected with the postal savings system apply at the post office, where the postmaster and his clerks will be pleased to answer all inquiries in regard to same.

G. D. Griffice and son are preparing to build a new blacksmith shop on the site formerly occupied by the Palace hotel.

Mr. Echols of the Moore school community was in town Tuesday with a load of watermelons which he disposed of at good prices. This was the first home grown melons brought to town this season.

Judge S. J. Isaacs of Midland spoke at the Baptist Church here Friday night in the interest of state-wide prohibition. He is an able speaker and made one of the best speeches that has been made here in some time.

Mrs. J. O. Gibson died very suddenly last night at her home in the Cole and Strayhorn addition. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss. The remains will be shipped to her old home at Weatherford for burial.

Rev. C. W. Hearon spoke at Moore school house Friday night in the interest of state-wide prohibition and received the undivided attention of a large audience. He spoke on the street Saturday afternoon on the same subject and his speech was well received by a good sized crowd.

The merchants and Bankers of Big Spring enjoyed a two days holiday Monday and Tuesday, and on Tuesday about 100 of our people went to Midland to help the citizens of that town celebrate the 4th. Every one that went from here had a good time and say that Midland certainly did treat her visitors royally.

Right in your busiest season when you have the least time to spare you are most likely to take diarrhoea and loose several days time, unless you have Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand and take a dose on the first appearance of the disease. For sale by all dealers.

B. Reagan returned Wednesday morning from Rochester, New York, where he attended the meeting of the W. O. W. and reports a very pleasant time while at Rochester he made a trip to Niagra Falls, and before starting for home he visited relatives in Massachusetts. He came home by steamer from New York to New Orleans.

M. W. Harwell attended the 4 of July celebration at Midland and said he enjoyed the day immensely. He met several of his boyhood friends and school mates and they put in the day talking over old times and what each had experienced since they were together last. Such meeting are very pleasant indeed and it does good to be present.

## C. W. B. M. Meeting

The regular meeting of the C. W. B. M. was held at the Christian Church Monday, July 3, at 5 o'clock, with Mrs. W. V. Ervin as hostess. Mrs. M. G. Bradley acted as leader, having for the lesson subject, "The Debt of the church to the C. W. B. M." The program given was most interesting, an instrumental duet which started the program was beautifully rendered by Misses Ethel and Gladys Read. Highly interesting papers were read by Mrs. Ike Maxwell, Mrs. J. D. Birdwell and Mrs. W. V. Ervin. Pleasing solos were given by Mrs. D. D. Darling and Miss Margaret Crawford. A feature of the evening was a talk by Mrs. W. H. Penix of Mineral Wells, which was much enjoyed by every one present. After the quiz and the business session, dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. T. L. Cardwell and daughter of Ft Worth are here on a visit to their parents, and grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Can Powell.

The Texas & Pacific Ice Company are building a cold storage house in the east end of the railroad yards, which they expect to occupy next week.

Workmen began Wednesday tearing down the wooden building belonging to S. A. Hathcock to make way for the new brick he will erect on the lot.

John Smith of the Gay Hill country was here yesterday after a row binder but found the supply exhausted and will have to await the arrival of another shipment.

Clarence L. Parker, money order clerk at the post office, left Saturday night on his annual vacation and will visit at Bluffdale, Brownwood and other points.

For summer diarrhoea in children always give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil, and a speedy cure is certain. For sale by all dealers.

Miss Mabel Hatch was severely burned Tuesday afternoon by her clothing catching on fire from a gasoline stove. Her hands and one of her lower limbs were burned. It was only her presence of mind and quick action that saved her from a more serious burn.

Newspapers preach sermons every week, but how much good those sermons do, no one but God alone knows. Seed sown by the wayside. Some of the seed falls on stony ground. Some falls among the brambles and is choked out. And some, let us hope, falls on good ground. But sometimes we would like to know if our efforts are really appreciated by others and if our daily toil amount to enough to compensate us for our labor. Editors may exhort and strive to do good, but they sometimes get discouraged and feel that is of no use, but when one looks back over a year's files and casts up the results of seed sowing, the writer is not sorry that it has been an opportunity given to do some good for humanity. This seed sowing is bound to end in a reaping by and by and then one will see and understand. They will find that they have not worked in vain and their sheaves of rejoicing will be ample to repay for the sowing of the seed. Then as you peruse our editorials, pause and think. Read between the lines profit by our many sermons.—Ex.

Reagan's fountain is the popular place.

## Lots of Baseball

Five games played by Big Springs Teams.

Monday afternoon West's Colts met and defeated Coahoma by the score of 6 to 2. battries—Colts—Vaughan and Scott. Coahoma—Bynum and Hale. Strike-outs, Vaughan 12, Bynum 7.

Some minutes later the Colts defeated the shop boys by the score of 9 to 2.

battries.—Colts, Hurt and Scott. T. & P. Waugh and Horton. Strike-outs, Hurt 11, Waugh 4.

Tuesday the 4th the Colts went to Midland and defeated the College team by the score of 4 to 2. battries.—Colts, Sullivan-Scott. Midland, Stanley-Garret.

Hits Colts 8, Midland 2. Strike-outs, Sullivan 10, Stanley 16.

The Coahoma team defeated the Shop team two games. first game 7 to 2. battries.

T. & P. Waugh and Horton. Coahoma, Hale and Hale. Strike-outs—Waugh 4, Hale 10.

Second Game—Coahoma 8, T. & P. 6. battries.

T. & P. Armstrong, Nicholls and Cravings.—Coahoma, Bynum and Hale.

Strike-outs, Armstrong 1, Nicholls 6, Bynum 17.

Mrs. Wm Robinson returned to her home at Toyah the first of the week after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Can Powell, of this city.

Monday afternoon Chauncey, the oldest son of S. A. Penix and wife fell out of a tree and broke one of his arms. He is getting along nicely and we hope he will soon be well.

## The Steam Engine

The record of civilization is accurately written in the progress of the steam engine. The use of steam has enlarged the purposes of the human race, built up civilization and developed mankind. Of all the potential energies, it is the most useful and it renders a service to every living creature.

The steam engine has been in more political brawls than any other force in nature and the politicians have been trying title with the owners ever since it became a factor in transportation. This mighty force of nature has often been handicapped by having boards and commissions placed over it who have neither knowledge or experience in the business and free railroads have become as popular a campaign issue as free trade.



Railroad mileage is the yard stick of progress. We have in Texas 14,000 miles of railroad and rank first of all states in the Union in mileage. In miles per area, we rank fourth, having 5.15 miles of railroad per 100 square miles of territory. In mileage per population, we rank nineteenth, having 38.43 miles of railroad per 10,000 people.

The comparative test of railroad facilities is in miles per area. If we had the mileage per area that the state of Illinois has we would have 25,500 miles; that Indiana has 24,000 miles and that Iowa has 26,000 miles. We have only 14,000 miles.

According to the last Interstate commerce commission report, compiled June 30, 1909, we constructed 273 miles during the previous year and ranked fourth in the list of states in the Union in construction during the year. We are more in need of railroad construction than any other state in the Union. The railroad development of Texas has not kept pace with the development of other lines of industry. Our railroad mileage during the past ten years has increased 25 per cent; the value of manufactured products has increased 22 per cent; the value of farm lands 157 per cent and the development of all lines of industry has been retarded for want of railroad facilities.

Texas is the most important field in railroad construction of any state in the Union. According to the 1910 comptroller's report, we have forty-seven counties in Texas without railroad facilities and we have approximately 40,000,000 acres of territory that is a distance of ten miles and over from a railroad.

## Texas Exhibit in New York

The Commercial Secretaries in their meeting at Temple last week raised five thousand dollars to defray the expenses of an agricultural exhibit at the New York exposition next fall. Descriptive literature of Texas will be distributed free at the exposition. Exhibit advertising is about the most convincing method of presenting our possibilities and New York is a good place to make the display.

## Texas Industrial Notes

4500 bags of rice were recently shipped from Beaumont to Rotterdam via the steamship "Logician".

A bond issue for \$200,000 to be spent in street improvement, school building, etc. was carried in Waco on the 27th.

Mount Pleasant will spend \$5,000 on a and Country Club House.

One of the largest ice cream factories in the state has been opened at Paris. The plant is equipped with electric freezers and a large force of workmen is maintained. Shipments are made by every train leaving Paris and the plant is decidedly a paying proposition.

Orange County has voted an additional \$43,000 bond issue for improving the Sabine Lake Canal and the Sabine River.

Garrison has organized a \$25,000 stock company to promote their mineral water interests.

Lockhart is building a new school building at a cost of \$11,500. The building will be ready for occupancy by September.

Work has begun on the macadam roads in Caldwell County. Recently \$25,000 was voted for the improvement of roads in the Lockhart district.

A new cotton gin has been erected at Stowell in Chambers County and is in readiness for this years cotton crop, of which there is about 2,000 acres in that section. A gin is also to be put in by the Beaumont Cotton Oil Company in time for this years harvest.

The truck shipments from the country immediately surrounding Beaumont amounted to more than 200 cars for the season just ended.

Mineola is building a canning factory which will be open for business in the near future.

Cameron is preparing to hold an election for issuing bonds for good roads in Milam County.

Herdman County, of which Quannah is the county seat, is preparing to hold an election for the purpose of building good roads.

50 miles of macadam roads are being built leading out from Abilene in six different directions.

Never leave home on a journey without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed and cannot be obtained when board the cars or steamships. For sale by all dealers.

**\$10.00 Reward**  
Strayed or stolen from my ranch, seven miles west of Gail, one black horse mule, about 14 1-2 hands high, 4 or 5 years old, one ear split, no brands. Last heard from at the Munger ranch on June 13th. Will pay \$10.00 reward for his return or information leading to his recovery. C. E. Slayton, Big Springs, Texas.

## THE BIG SPRINGS ENTERPRISE

W. V. ERVIN, Editor and Publisher

BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

This is the time to swat the fool who rocks the boat.

The electric fan is the busiest and best thing of the hot season.

A bald head never seems to worry the man who has a sense of humor.

But how can a woman kiss her pet poodle if he's muzzled as the law requires?

The man who refuses to wear a straw hat is guilty of undue restraint of trade.

Uncle Sam has called in all \$1,000 bills, but this will not disturb the ultimate consumers.

Goldfish worth \$800 were recently stolen from Philadelphia, but the consumer must have sardines.

It takes a considerable amount of assurance to induce a man to commit suicide on account of hot weather.

In Detroit a receiver is to get \$968,000 for his work, the word receiver thus reverting to its original meaning.

Dr. Wiley says that it is easy enough to keep cool, but not if he's going to keep on finding fault with everything we eat.

Look out for a man on your front door step almost any day now with a complete history of the Mexican revolution, written right up to date.

When we visit that old farm must we shun the old yellow gourd, the straight handled gourd, the time honored gourd that hangs by the well?

Chicago grocers are in favor of selling eggs by weight. If eggs were sold according to their strength some of them would be worth their weight in gold.

The only excuse that there ever was for tipping disappears when the one who receives the tip is compelled to hand it over to the operator of a tip trust.

In New York an automobile tire exploded and hurt two persons, and in Elgin a golf ball blew up. What are the perils of the proletariat as compared with these?

A Chicago woman is suing for divorce because her husband got into the habit of being shaved by lady barbers. Another strong argument in favor of whiskers.

The man with a fish story may be a pest but he is outclassed in pestiferousness by the proud amateur who boasts of the achievements of the garden in his back yard.

School girls in Chicago are being taught to alight from street cars gracefully, but we are willing to wager that few of them learn to do it gracefully in a hobbie skirt.

A western society is carrying on a campaign to substitute apple blossoms for orange blossoms as bridal flowers. Some married men are mean enough to propose lemon blossoms.

The population of Ireland keeps decreasing, but not because the Irish are losing vitality. The main reason is that it has become so easy to get from Ireland to this country.

A New York physician demands that the statue of a perfect man be placed in every school building. The boys are all in favor of the man who invented the summer vacation.

Will the unwashed soda water glass and the beer glass, which takes long chances in passing from lip to lip, learn something from the fate of the public drinking cup? The answer is, "Not yet."

A woman's club has appealed to the sterner sex for answer to the question, "Has a girl the right to propose?" to which almost any nice bachelor will reply, "Yes, if she is the right girl."

The Chicago man who seeks divorce because his wife will not let him scrub the floor in peace is firmly convinced that while a man may be too young to marry he never is too old to repent.

"If you murder one person you get hung," says a Washington paper. No, you don't. Pictures sometimes get hung, but people who kill others get hanged, provided the law is permitted to take its course, which is not always the case.

A college professor who hadn't anything else to do has made the discovery that the average man uses only 400 words per day in conversation. It seems a very small number of words, but the average man's wife probably succeeds in maintaining a fair average for the family.

In one of the schools of Massachusetts the boys are permitted to figure baseball averages for the purpose of stimulating their interest in mathematics. Why not get them to learn to write by permitting them to practice on the names of the ball players instead of scribbling epigrams by Benjamin Franklin?

## GEN. C. A. EVANS ANSWERS LAST ROLL

AFTER LONGER ILLNESS PROMINENT CONFEDERATE DIES.

### SIX CHILDREN SURVIVE HERO

Prominent in Military Affairs, Yet a Presiding Elder of the Methodist Church Many Years.

Atlanta, July 3.—After lingering at death's door for nearly a month, Gen. Clement A. Evans, formerly commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, died at his home in this city Sunday afternoon at 4:10 o'clock of Bright's disease. His death was not unexpected and several of his children were at his bedside when the end came.

Gen. Evans, who was 79 years old, had been confined to his home since the first of April, but he had been in ill health for several years. He was born in Stewart County, Georgia, in 1833, and came to Atlanta to make his permanent home in 1889, when he was appointed presiding-elder of the Griffin district in the Northern Georgia conference of the Southern Methodist Church. At the time of his death he was still a member of the North Georgia conference, holding the office of treasurer of the Preachers' Aid Society.

Gen. Evans was elected commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans in April, 1908, and served two years, declining to accept re-election on account of his health. He was then elected honorary commander in chief, being the first member of the Veteran organization to be accorded that honor.

Gen. Evans, since his early manhood, had been prominent in the affairs of Georgia, military, business and civil, and in the work of the Methodist Church, of which he was a minister for twenty-five years.

### 14 HEAT VICTIMS IN CHICAGO

Hundreds Prostrated and Many Compelled to Sleep in Streets.

Chicago, July 2.—Fourteen dead and hundreds prostrated is the result in Chicago of the hottest July 2 in the history of the local Weather Bureau. But for the fact that it was Sunday with few people laboring, hospital and police authorities say the list of deaths would have been doubled.

The official temperature was 94 at 2 o'clock, the high mark, but street thermometers showed 107 above. In the streets there was no air and the humidity was smothering. In the Ghetto and other congested districts the people deserted their stuffy homes and slept in the streets.

The bathing beaches were crowded beyond their capacity and several who sought relief from the heat by swimming in the lake met death by drowning. There were two cases of men fishing from the piers, struck by the deadly heat and knocked into the lake, where they drowned.

Reports from outside cities and towns tell of intense heat, the temperature going above 105 in many localities.

### A LONG FRISCO EXTENSION

El Paso Terminus Is Again Brought Forward.

Houston: That it is still the intention of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad company to construct a line across the western part of Texas and the southeastern portion of New Mexico, with El Paso as the objective point, is shown by the activity of the engineers now engaged in locating the proposed route. The construction of this line was commenced two years ago by the Quanah, Acme and Pacific, a subsidiary of the Frisco. The line was completed between Quanah and Paducah, a distance of over forty miles and is now being regularly operated between those two places. Sam Lazarus of St. Louis, who was associated with B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the Frisco executive board, in the construction of the Quanah, Acme & Pacific, and R. D. Yoakum, a brother of Frisco head, is third vice president of the line.

A corps of engineers is now in the field making the final survey of the route and it has been announced that construction on the line will be resumed as soon as the route is finally located. This is taken as evidence that plans for the proposed extension have been revived.

One of the largest towns through which the line will pass is Roswell, N. M. The distance from Quanah to Roswell is about 350 miles, while from Roswell to El Paso, over the proposed route is another 150 miles. This makes the entire proposed extension 500 miles long.

On July 25, 26 and 27 the State Swine Breeders' Association will hold their annual meeting at College Station, Texas. An interesting program for the three days' session has been prepared.

## TEXAS NEWS HAPPENINGS

Petty has let contract for a \$12,000 school building.

The State Bar Association convenes at Waco July 4 and 5.

Pilot Point has voted \$5000 for an addition to the high school.

Gen. Diaz is at Weisbaden, Germany, taking the baths cures.

Paving the business portions of Hillsboro has been commenced.

Work has commenced on the new government building at McKinney.

Duncan, Oklahoma, is arranging to spend \$60,000 on road improvements.

Ex-Gov. C. N. Haskell of Oklahoma is to speak at Denton Saturday, July 8.

Hon. Jack Beall of Texas delivered a Fourth of July oration in Hartford, Conn.

Contract has been let for a brick bank building and Masonic hall at Sunset.

L. A. Marshall is arranging to install an electric light and power plant at Tlaga.

Hoke Smith was Saturday inaugurated governor of Georgia for the second time.

Last week Taylor voted favorably to \$16,000 school bonds and \$4000 crematory bonds.

A few days since Teague voted \$30,000 street improvement bonds by a vote of 142 for, 40 against.

Train dispatchers and road masters of Texas Central Railway have moved from Walnut Springs to Waco.

Orvin Moore and Lee George were both killed in a difficulty eight miles east of Greenville Saturday afternoon.

Bishop-Elect Joseph P. Lynch of Dallas will be consecrated as Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Dallas on July 12 at 10:00 o'clock.

The Methodist Southern University Dallas, has let contract for a Woodbine stratum well, to produce at least 200,000 gallons per day.

Five people in a horse drawn vehicle were killed on grade crossing near Ozone Park, New York City, Saturday.

The plant of the American round bale cotton gin at West was destroyed by fire. The oil mill adjacent was endangered, but suffered no damage.

The new sewerage system is well under way of installation at Belton and the work is strictly modern, placing the city well forward in rank in this respect.

Work has commenced on a five-story office and store building for Pecos Land Company at Pecos. The lower story will be used for stores and is already leased.

The State Levee and Drainage Board met and re-elected Arthur A. Stiles State Levee and Drainage Commissioner for the ensuing two years.

Arrangements have been completed for the twenty-eighth annual wool growers' picnic to be held at Hamilton, July 6 and 7. Special excursions will be run.

The Corsicana City Council has purchased twenty-five fly traps. They were distributed over the city and are catching flies in large numbers.

A carnival company's Ferris wheel turned over and wrecked while every seat was occupied at Boonville, Miss. One was killed and a dozen badly injured.

T. G. Harris, late president of the Southwest Texas Normal at San Marcos, and removed by Governor Colquitt has accepted the presidency of the Baptist Academy at San Marcos.

Amarillo has bought a new automobile fire truck. This additional apparatus will advance Amarillo's equipment well to the front rank in the State.

I. D. Wall, Jr., aged thirty-four years and one of the leading members of the Beaumont bar, killed himself Saturday morning, using an automatic revolver, in his room, according to the finding of the coroner.

In small sections along the Dallas and Collin County lines, web worms have done serious damage to growing cotton.

County Superintendent of Education Millard F. Horton estimates the entire scholastic population of Dallas county at 28,413, as compared with 27,577 last year, the difference being 836.

Auto owners of Colorado have done considerable improvement of the roads between that city and Lorraine a distance of ten miles.

Work has been started on a wireless telegraph station at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio. The tower will be of steel three hundred feet high, with concrete foundation.

Three residence fires in Sherman Sunday destroyed property to the value of \$25,000.

An attack upon the validity of the two-cent fare laws in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois may be made by railroads connected with the Central Passenger association, if plans now under consideration are carried out.

Notwithstanding a denial of the report that the Katy had taken over the Kemp lines out of Wichita Falls, Katy officials last week named an inspector of the lines, looking to improvement and extensions.

## GOOD ITEMS OF NEWS

ENTIRE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS THAT ARE WORTH PASSING NOTICE.

### WHOLE WORLD THE FIELD

Current Domestic and Foreign News Boiled Down to Readable and Small Space.

June 26 was official clean-up day in Temple.

The Santa Fe has just completed a depot and station at Eagle Lake at a cost of \$10,000.

The Rosenberg district will vote soon on the issuance of \$60,000 road improvement bonds.

There are now thirty lepers in Texas, and some plan must soon be devised to more properly care for them.

Joe A. Balfey, Jr., son of the Senator was painfully hurt in a runaway in Clarke county, Va., where he was visiting.

The Gulf Coast Canning Company, located at Bay City, began operation late last week, their first week being the canning of a quantity of beets. Next they began on a run of tomatoes.

The Coleman-Fulton Pasture company are putting in an electric light plant to furnish the little city of Taft with lights. The stores, gin, hotel and packing house will be supplied by this plant.

Two eggs were thrown at Comptroller Lane Monday night after he had concluded his speech and taken his seat in the front row of the audience. He had made a strong appeal for State-wide prohibition at San Antonio.

Automobile dealers in Dallas and those interested in the use of the machines are working on details for a truck automobile parade to be held sometime in the near future.

The Dallas chapter of the American National Red Cross has donated to the city eight tuberculosis tents to be used at the city hospital. They are completely furnished and are ready for use.

The city of Dallas has made a contract with a Stoughton, Wis., party, under which the latter is to take off the city's hands all dead animals and utilize the bodies in a fertilizer factory.

A white man, name unknown, was struck by a H. & T. C. engine in Dallas Tuesday and fatally injured, dying within three hours after the accident without regaining consciousness.

Paul Ehrlich, a carpenter, died in the Santa Rosa hospital, San Antonio, death resulting from injuries received June 17, when he was knocked down by an automobile, rendered unconscious and taken to the hospital, where he was not identified until the next day.

A unique application for divorce was filed in the county court at Belton, the complainant being a bride of 83 who charges her husband, aged 26, with "cussing" and abusing her. The pair were married on the Bell county farm several months ago.

Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad is receiving material for a modern bridge at Stone City. When the bridge is completed the road will be extended to Giddings.

The Confederate veterans of Joe Johnston camp No. 94, Mexia, have let the contract for a large, new pavilion at the park west from Mexia and promise to have same in readiness for the coming reunion, August 1 to 4 inclusive.

The magazine "Trust," a combination to coerce dealers so as to kill the sale of the weaker publications and thus destroy them, has brought about a suit and an investigation which will result at least in a dissolution of "regulations in restraint of interstate trade" in periodicals.

Assistant Attorney General Mead has ruled that a County Commissioner or other persons holding a Federal or State office of emolument or county or city office is ineligible to become a judge in the special prohibition election on July 22.

A new Methodist church, to be the handsomest in that section of the State is being completed at Victoria.

Joe Carranza, a Mexican, aged about 30, was shot twice by Policeman Fred Lenzen, of Dallas, and may die. Lenzen was attacked by the Mexican with a knife and stabbed, shooting in self-defense.

The program of the Texas Baptist encampment, which will be held at Lampasas July 24 to August 14, are ready for distribution. The program is very attractive and there are some very prominent speakers engaged.

The two-year-old child of O. T. Knight, who lives near Brookston, was found drowned in a shallow pool of water near the home Tuesday.

J. W. Fullen, aged 92, died suddenly at Waco Tuesday morning of apoplexy. He leaves a widow and eight children.

The pumping station is nearly completed. The concrete foundation for the pumping engine is done and the assembling of the parts of the 20,000, 000-gallon machine will begin. The erection of the engine will be a matter of months.

Masons laid the cornerstone of a new school building at Timpson Saturday.

The road bond issue for \$150,000 in the Palestine precinct carried by a large majority.

An election held in Galveston resulted in 267 against, 90 in favor of road improvement.

Some men seem to think that they have to lead a fast life to keep ahead of their creditors.

France will soon have an aeroplane squadron of 300 machines manned by captains, lieutenants and other officers.

Trenton, N. J., adopted the commission form of government by an election held June 20.

Texas Cotton Seed Crushers' Association held its annual session in Galveston Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

After having spent two years in jail without trial Ed Collins, under indictment for murder of N. S. Board, has been released on bail.

Monday a building permit for the Adolphus Hotel was issued by the city of Dallas for \$650,000, the largest ever issued in that city.

Plans are now being drawn by the Milwaukee street car company for an elaborate funeral car to accommodate both corpse and mourners.

The program for the Texas Realty Association's annual meeting at Temple, July 10 and 11, has been published and the meeting bids fair to be well attended.

Houston's per capita bank deposits are \$104 greater than those of any other Southern city, Richmond being her closest competitor in this respect.

Governor Colquitt hopes to be able to restore the Alamo to its original appearance, and will include in general appropriations a sum for this purpose.

The Stone & Webster corporation recently advertised the value of their Dallas holding at a value of \$5,900,000, and has sworn to an assessment of \$1,400,000.

Bell County Confederates will hold a reunion at Belton August 4 and 5.

Dallas has hopes of landing the International and Great Northern offices, since that property has passed into the Gould control.

"Harriet Kelly, stewardess" of the steamer Andrew, who perished when the steamer burned in Boston harbor Sunday, it was discovered at the inquest, was a man who had posed as a woman for thirty years.

Sam Gillard, a negro, shot and instantly killed "Son" Lipscomb, another negro, in a negro saloon on Elm street, Dallas, Monday afternoon. The killing was wanton and without provocation on the part of the victim.

All who practice veterinary arts in Texas must hold a diploma from a recognized veterinary college or else pass an examination before a board created by the last legislature for this purpose.

The Department of Agriculture has addressed an open letter to the press of Texas, urging co-operation with the department for the development of the pecan industry in Texas. It is shown that comparatively little attention has been paid to this product in Texas.

Italians and Americans started a race riot at Weaver, a small town 15 miles from Elkins, W. Va., and four Italians were probably fatally wounded before peace was restored.

Saturday night an attempt was made to wreck an H. & T. C. train south of Almba by placing crossties on the track. The obstruction was discovered and removed by a freight crew preceding the passenger train.

Frank Stewart Osborne, foreman of the jury which convicted the Hay Market anarchists in Chicago in 1886, died in Arverne, N. Y., recently.

Chief David Campbell of the Portland, Ore., fire department was instantly killed and three firemen received serious injuries in a blaze at the plant of the Union Oil Company.

Sterling Kerr Jr. of Washington has been appointed secretary general of the supreme council, thirty-third degree, Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons.

A maximum speed of 21,637 knots, 857 greater than the contract requirement, was attained by the new United States battleship Utah, the latest addition to the Nation's Dreadnoughts, during her standardization tests over the official course at Rockland, Maine.

Justin: G. W. Butler, while on Denton creek fishing was bitten by a snake. He was found between the creek and home in a dying condition, and said he had been bitten by a snake, and then he became unconscious, remaining so till death. He leaves a widow and three children.

The second bank for Gladwater opened last week.

Supreme Court Catching Up.

Austin: According to data made public the Supreme Court had a remarkable term, which just ended, 164 cases having been decided during the term. At the beginning of the present term there were 199 applications for writs of error on file, 363 filed during the term, and out of that number 301 were refused, 103 granted, 44 dismissed for want of jurisdiction, 2 refused in part and only 18 carried over for next term.



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### Some Aviation Records.

Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria is the first crowned head who has made an aeroplane flight. The aviator who took him up is the first man who ever was knighted in midair. Prince Henry of Prussia is the first professional aviator of royal rank. Mr. Roosevelt is the first prominent statesman to have made an ascension in an aeroplane. Arthur J. Balfour is the second.

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Dr. M. I. Hill of El Paso, Grand Conductor of the O. E. S., spent Sunday in the city the guest of Mrs. J. W. Ward.

Mrs. Sidney Davis and children are visiting her parents in Fisher County, and Sidney says keeping "batch" is not a bit funny.

London Purple and Paris Green at Reagan's.

A. L. Woody of Soash was here Monday.

Get a gulky for your baby. Morton has them.

Ellis Douthit of Sweetwater was a visitor here yesterday.

Phone 325 for clearing, pressing, repairing and alteration. J. O. Gibson.

D. F. Samson of Alvarado was here this week looking after business interests.

If you are in the market for a gasoline or oil stove don't fail to see my line. Morton's Furniture Store. Phone 414.

Several small parties from town spent the 4th picnicing in the country.

Mrs. E. S. Bledsoe left Friday evening for Italy, Texas, on a visit to her mother.

Mrs. W. O. Miller returned Sunday night from a visit to her parents in Missouri.

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Dr. I. E. Smith is spending this week at Pecos, Toyah and other towns in that part of the state.

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The report reached here this morning that a good rain fell at Soash last night. We are glad to know that it is raining somewhere occasionally and hope our turn will come soon.

Do not let your interest in the Sunday school work lag on account of the hot weather. There is a nice, big cool class room at the Christian church and you will be welcome each Sunday morning at 9:45.

### Colts-18, Stars-2.

The St. Louis Star Ladies base club undertook the job of defeating Manager West's Colts, now this is no easy stunt to beat these Colts as you can see by the score. They must have used the cork center ball for 8 times a cork sent the pill over the canvas.

The score by innings:  
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 Colts, 2 14 7 0 2 2 0 7-18 22 2  
 Stars, 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1-2 2 11  
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J. P. Collier of El Paso County was here this week on business.

Mrs. S. L. Bacon and little daughter returned Saturday night from a visit to relatives in east Texas.

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W. H. Penix and family, who were here on a visit to his brother S. A. Penix and family, left Tuesday evening for their home at Mineral Wells.

The commercial secretaries held their annual institute at Temple last week and over one hundred secretaries registered for instructions. This is the third annual institute the association has held and each year interest and attendance increase.

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 Senior at 5 p. m.  
 Preaching at 7:15 p. m.  
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Furniture and fixtures . . . . . 2,083 57	Bank deposits subject to check . . . . . 9,825 51
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## THE ENTERPRISE

# CHICHEN ITZA, THE HOLY CITY OF THE ITZAS

By SYLVANUS G. MORLEY

**L**ONG before the discovery of America there flourished in southern Mexico, Guatemala, and parts of Honduras a great civilization, which has been called the Maya. It may be said at the outset without exaggeration that this civilization had reached a height equalled by no other people of the western hemisphere prior to the coming of the white man. In architecture, in sculpture and in printing the Mayas excelled. Their priests were astronomers of no mean ability, having observed and recorded without the aid of instruments of precision such as are known to us the lengths of the Solar and Venus years, and probably the lengths of the Mercury and Mars years. In addition to this they had developed a calendar system and perfected a chronology which in some of its characteristics was superior to our own.

The ancient glory of this people had long since departed when Hernando Cortez first came in contact with them on the coast of Yucatan in 1519. Their star had set. Their greatest cities had been abandoned and lay in ruins, and their country was prostrated by the quarrels of a score or more of petty independent chieftains, each of whom was waging war on the other. Even the memory of the older cities, of their culture, such as Palenque, Copan and Quiniqua, for example, seems to have passed from the mind of men, their former existence forgotten. Famine, pestilence and internecine strife are said to have been contributory causes to the decay and eclipse which overtook this brilliant aboriginal civilization several centuries before the Spanish first set foot in the new world.

Probably the largest, and certainly the most magnificent, of the ruined cities which the Spanish conquerors found on their arrival in Yucatan was Chichen Itza, around which even in its desolation there still cluster a thousand traditions of former sanctity and splendor. The name Chichen Itza is Maya, and means Chimuht, Chen-wells and Itza, the name of the Maya tribe, who lived in the neighborhood of the place. "The Mouth of the Wells of the Itzas" therefore is the meaning of the name; nor could a more appropriate one have been applied to the place by any people. The whole peninsula of Yucatan is a vast limestone formation with little or no surface water. One may travel for miles and miles and never cross river or brook, or even chance upon a modest spring. Indeed, in the northern part, where most of the great ruined cities are located, water is fully 70 feet below the surface of the ground. The modern inhabitants overcome this difficulty by means of wells and windmills, which afford the only source of water supply during the dry season (December to June) excepting what little rain water may have been caught during the rainy months and stored in cisterns.

But of wells and windmills the ancient Mayas knew nothing, and, generally speaking, had it not been for the great natural reservoirs which nature had scattered here and there over the country Yucatan never could have been colonized.

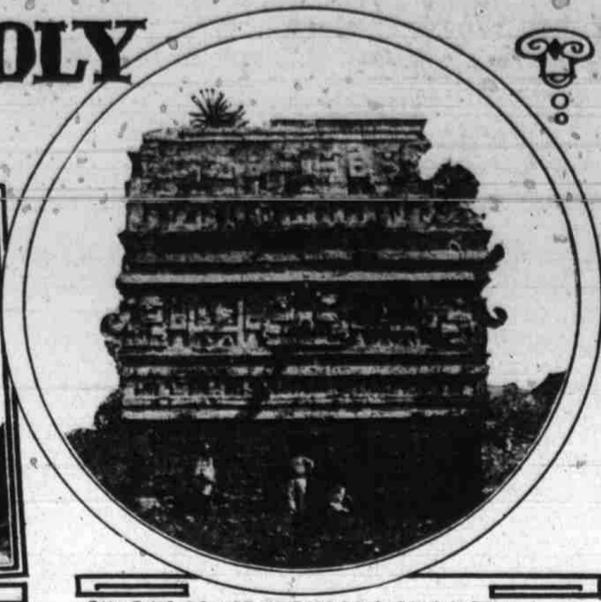
These great natural wells, or, as the Mayas call them, cenotes, are found all over Yucatan. They are usually about 150 feet in diameter, or sometimes more, and about 70 feet in depth to the level of the water. Geologists say that these cenotes are places where the limestone crust, which everywhere covers the surface of Yucatan, has become weakened by the washing of subterranean waters and has collapsed of its own weight, forming great sink holes or natural wells on a large scale. And now it is clear why the ancient inhabitants of Chichen Itza so named their city. In the course of their wanderings, the general trend of which was northward, the Itzas, entering Yucatan from the south, finally reached the two cenotes, around which Chichen Itza later was built, but which then was probably nothing but wilderness. Here the striking contrast afforded by such an abundance of water in a country so generally parched could not fail to have attracted their attention. The place must have seemed to the thirsty wanderers a God-given site for the location of their new home. By right of discovery they claimed the place, and to the city which grew up around the cenotes they gave the name of Chichen Itza, "The Mouth of the Wells of the Itzas."

The two cenotes at Chichen Itza have been known by the Mayas from time immemorial as the Cenote Grande and the Cenote Sacra, or the large Cenote and the Sacred Cenote, respectively. The first of these only in former times was used for the water supply of the city, the Sacred Cenote being reserved for religious use exclusively. It is the latter, however, and the religious observances held in connection with it, which gave the city its holy character. From far and near all over Yucatan, and probably even from points more distant, pilgrimages were made to the Sacred Cenote. It seems to have been the most holy shrine of the Maya people, comparable only in importance to the Mohammedan Mecca and the Christian Jerusalem. In time of drought offerings of all kinds were thrown into it—treasures, and in cases of extremity even living human sacrifices.

Chichen Itza today is somewhat changed in appearance from the time when pilgrims came from far and near to appease with human sacrifice the wrath of offended deities. Now the city lies buried in a thick jungle, which has steadily won its way into the very heart of the holy place. Colonnades have been overthrown and pyramids covered with trees to their summits; courts have been lost in a tangle of thorn and creepers; and palaces stripped of their sculptured, embellishment. Desolation has spread everywhere, in the wake of the encroaching vegetation.



END VIEW OF THE MONJAS OR MONASTERY



BUILDING CALLED THE IGLESIA, OR CHURCH



VIEW OF TEMPLE CALLED CHICHANCHOH



THE CASTILLO OR CASTLE



PANORAMA OF THE RUINS OF CHICHEN ITZA

To visit the ancient city now, one jolts for 15 long and weary miles in a two-wheeled covered cart drawn by three mules over the roughest kind of a highway imaginable. This present inconvenience fortunately is not to be one of long standing. A new and straight road is about to be built and an automobile service to the ruins probably established, which will shorten the present length of the trip from four hours to about half an hour. Now, however, this ride from Citas, the nearest railroad point, seems interminable. The road, so called by courtesy only, winds through the impenetrable bush, which everywhere in the natural state covers northern Yucatan. Through this the creaking cart finds a dubious way mile after mile until every muscle in one's body groans an agonized protest. Finally, when it seems that the limit of physical endurance has been reached, the cart suddenly lurches around a sharp turn in the road and as if by magic the lofty Castillo flashes into view, towering high above the plain and the rest of the city in its lonely magnificence.

This imposing structure, the highest in Yucatan, rises 78 feet above the plain. The pyramid on which the temple stands is 195 feet long on each side at the base and covers about an acre of ground.

The Castillo would seem to have been the center of the ancient city, and probably its chief sanctuary. To the north lies the Sacred Cenote and the causeway, just mentioned, leading to it. On the east is a vast group of buildings, colonnades, courts and pyramids. "The City of a Thousand Columns," as some one has picturesquely described it. Due west is the group of structures known as the Ball Court. To the south for half a mile or more, scattered through the jungle, are pyramids, courts, temples and palaces. The central location of the Castillo with reference to all of these, as well as its great size and commanding height, argue strongly that it was the chief sanctuary of the Holy City.

Another interesting group of structures at Chichen Itza, perhaps slightly less sacred in character than the Castillo, is the so-called "Ball Court," mentioned above as lying just west of the Castillo. This group is composed of two parallel masses of solid masonry, each 272 feet long, 27 feet high and 16 feet wide, placed 119 feet apart from each other. These two great walls, for such they really are, form a court nearly 300 feet long by 119 feet wide. High on the side of each at the middle point from end to end there is attached a stone ring four feet in diameter with a hole through it. These rings are fastened to their respective walls by tenons of stone, and are so placed that the surface of each is perpendicular to the vertical face of the wall. The arrangement is very similar to the baskets in our modern game of basket ball, except that at Chichen Itza the "baskets" have their openings perpendicular to the ground, while in our game the openings in the baskets are parallel with the ground. To make a basket at the Chichen Itza court a somewhat horizontal throw, as in baseball, was necessary, while nowadays it is a toss that wins the goal.

At the open ends of the court formed by these two walls stand temples, which in effect inclose the area, definitely marking its boundaries. On top of the east wall, at its southern end, there is a beautiful temple; which affords a commanding view of the entire court. This has been called "The House of the Tigers," because of a frieze of stalking tigers, which is sculptured in alto-relievo around the

outside of the building. This temple contains also on the walls of an interior room, an elaborate mural painting representing an attack by some enemy upon a city, perhaps Chichen Itza itself, and its defense by the inhabitants. Some of the poses taken by the combatants in the conflict are extremely realistic; such as in the throwing of javelins, the swinging of war clubs, and the like. This bit of mural decoration in The House of the Tigers at Chichen Itza probably marks the high-water mark of aboriginal painting in the Western Hemisphere; at least it is superior to everything else that has survived.

The identification of these two great walls and the temples associated with them, as a ball court, rests on firm historic foundation. When the Spanish first came to Mexico they found the natives playing a game of ball, which was of sufficient importance to have a special court or ground set apart for its exclusive use. Several of the early Spanish writers have described the game in some detail, and all agree as to its having played an important part in the life of the people. One chronicler has it that the object of the game was to strike the ball so that it would pass through the opening in the stone ring above mentioned as an important feature of the Chichen Itza court. He adds that the feat was one of considerable dexterity, since the ball could not be hit with the hands, but that the hips or other parts of the body had to be used instead. This rule of the game very materially increased the difficulty in making a "Maya basket," so much so, in fact, we are told, that the lucky player making this winning stroke had forfeit to him as a reward for his skill all the clothing and ornaments of the spectators. At such times, the chronicler concludes, the spectators were wont to scatter in all directions without loss of time, hoping thus to escape paying the penalty, but that the friends of the lucky player immediately gave chase and endeavored to exact the full forfeit.

Although the name Ball Court has been given to this group of temples at Chichen Itza, it should not be supposed on that account, that this great court was built primarily for sport. Such an explanation of its fundamental purpose is incompatible with any conception which the American aborigine ever seems to have entertained. To the Itza people the chief function of their Ball Court was doubtless a religious one. Games played there, if not actually held in connection with religious festivals, were at least sufficiently religious in their meaning as to completely overshadow the element of sport as we understand the term. That a game was played in which competition and skill entered in cannot be doubted in the face of contemporaneous evidences, and to this extent perhaps the Mexican Ball Courts were athletic fields; but it must not be forgotten for a moment that its true significance was religious, and that the games which were played there probably were held only in connection with religious festivals. It is not improbable, however, that the Aztecs were breaking away from the religious feature of sport at the time of the Spanish Conquest, but that "The Holy Men of the Itzas," as the people of Chichen Itza are sometimes called in the early manuscripts, had taken any such a radical step is little short of inconceivable, so religious in character was the whole Maya civilization.

To the east of the Castillo lie a great group of courts, pyramids and colonnades, "The City of a Thousand Columns," already mentioned.

Here desolation is widespread. It seems as though an earthquake must have shaken the Itza capital at some time. Row after row of columns have been overturned and now lie prostrate within a foot of their original positions. Perhaps a capital or a drum here and there is broken, but for the most part the stones lie just where they fell. In its entirety this section of the city must have presented an imposing appearance, being literally a forest of columns surrounding and connecting the various courts. As to the use of these great colonnades, tradition and history are equally silent. Some think that they were the law courts of the ancient city, where justice was administered and punishment meted out. Others say that they were the market places, where the produce of the surrounding country was bought and sold. This latter explanation has one strong recommendation in its favor in that the descendants of the builders of the ancient city of Yucatan, the present Maya Indians, still hold their markets under the portals surrounding the plazas in the towns and villages throughout the country today.

South of the Cenote Grande there are a number of well-preserved structures, most of them presenting beautifully sculptured facades. To these fanciful names have been given, which probably have little or nothing to do with the original uses of the buildings. One large structure, for example, has been called "The Akabtzib." The name is Maya and means "The House of the Dark Writing." This building was so called, because of the fact that over one of its interior doorways there is a lintel inscribed with hieroglyphs. This lintel is so placed that the hieroglyphs can only be seen by artificial light, hence the name, "The House of the Dark Writing." Nearby is a round tower, with but one exception the only structure of its kind in the Maya area. This is called "The Caracol." Caracol is the Spanish word for snail, and since the interior circular corridor and spiral stairway of this structure bear some remote resemblance to the convolutions of a snail shell, the name was applied to the building. The Manjós (Spanish for monastery) is perhaps the most beautiful building at Chichen Itza. It is composite, showing three different periods of construction.

The above are only a few of the many structures at Chichen Itza. But in all directions for several miles the brush is strewn with ruins. Crumbling walls and jungle-ridden courts are to be encountered on every side; disintegration so far advanced that these once splendid palaces and temples are now but little more than shapeless mounds of fallen masonry. The total area covered by ruins which may be assigned to this center of primitive population has been estimated by some as high as ten square miles. That larger Maya cities yet remain to be discovered now seem highly improbable so thoroughly has the general exploration of the area been done. Consequently we may affirm with but little hesitation that "The Holy City of the Itzas" was the largest and most important of the Maya civilization and probably of aboriginal America as well.

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## CHAPTER I.

Destiny and the Babu.  
Breaking suddenly upon the steady drumming of the trucks, the prolonging and husky roar of a locomotive whistle saluted an immediate grade-crossing.

Roused by this sound from his solitary musings in the parlor car of which he happened temporarily to be the sole occupant, Mr. David Amber peered aside the magazine over which he had been dreaming, and looked out of the window, catching a glimpse of woodland road shining white between sombre walls of stunted pine. Lazily he consulted his watch.

"It's not for nothing," he observed pensively, "that this railroad wears its reputation; we are consistently late."

His gaze, again diverted to the flying countryside, noted that it had changed character, pine yielding to scrub-oak and second-growth—the rugged vestments of an area some years since denuded by fire. This, too, presently swung away, giving place to cleared land—arable acres golden with the stubble of garnered harvests or sentinelled with unkempt shocks of corn.

To the south a shimmer of laughing gold and blue edged the faded horizon.

Eagerly the young man leaned forward, dark eyes lightening, lips parting as if already he could taste the savor of the sea.

Then, quite without warning, a deep elbow of the bay swept up almost to the railway, its surface mirror-like, profoundly blue, profoundly beautiful. "I think," said the traveler softly—"I think it's mighty fine to be alive and here!"

He lounged back comfortably again, smiling as he watched the wheeling landscape, his eyes glowing with expectancy. For his cares were negligible, his content boundless; he was experiencing, for the first time in many years, a sense of freedom akin to that felt by a schoolboy at the beginning of the summer vacation. The work of his heart and hand for a little time belonged equally to a forgotten yesterday and an unaccomplished tomorrow; he existed only for the content of today. He had put behind him the haunts of men, and his yearning for the open places that lay before him was almost childlike in its fervor; he would, indeed, have been quite satisfied if assured that he was to find nothing to do save to play aimlessly in the sun. But, in point of fact, he looked forward to an employment much more pleasurable; he was off to shoot duck with his very dear friend, Mr. Anthony Quain of Tanglewood lodge, Nokomis, Long Island.

Again the whistle bawled uncannily, and the train began to moderate its speed. Objects in the foreground that otherwise had been mere streaked lines assumed recognizable contours. North of the line a string of squat, square, unlovely "frame" edifices, aligned upon a country road, drifted back. A brakeman popped head and shoulders into the car and out again, leaving the echo of an abrupt bark to be interpreted at the passenger's leisure.

Slowly jolting across a rutted, dusty road, the cars stopped. Amber, alighting, found himself upon a length of board-walk platform and confronted by a strangely matter-of-fact wooden structure, combining the functions of waiting room and ticket and telegraph offices. From its eaves depended a weather-worn board bearing the legend: "Nokomis."

The train, pausing only long enough to discharge from the baggage car a trunk or two and from the day coach a thin trickle of passengers, flung on into the wilderness, cracked bell clanking somewhat disdainfully.

By degrees the platform cleared, the straggling patrons of the road and the station loafers—for the most part half-baked natives of the region—straggling off upon their several ways, some aloof, a majority in dilapidated overalls and buckboards. Amber watched them go with unassumed indifference; their type interested him little. But in their company he presently discovered one, a figure so thoroughly foreign and aloof in attitude, that it caught his eye, and, having caught, held it clouded with perplexity.

Apparently he abandoned his belongings and gave chase, overtaking the object of his attention at the far end of the station.

"Doggot!" he cried. "I say, Doggot!"

His hand, falling lightly upon the man's shoulder, brought him squarely about, his expression transiently startled, if not a shade truculent.

"Doggot, what the deuce brings you here, Mr. Amber?"

Amber cordially educated no response. The gray eyes, meeting eyes dark, steady, and penetrating, flickered and fell; so much emotion they betrayed, no more, and that as disingenuous as you could wish.

"Doggot!" insisted Amber, disconcerted. "Surely you haven't forgotten me—Mr. Amber?"

The man shook his head. "Beg pardon, sir," he said, "you've got my

nyme 'andy enough, but I don't know you, and—

"But Mr. Rutton?"

"Is a party I've never 'eard of, if you'll excuse my sayin' so, no more'n I 'ave of yourself, sir."

"Well," began Amber; but paused, his face hardening as he looked the man up and down, nodding slowly.

"Perhaps," continued Mr. Doggot, unabashed, "you mistyke me for my brother, 'Enery Doggot, 'E was 'ome in England, lakst I 'eard of 'im. We look a deal alike, I've been told."

"You would be," admitted Amber, dryly, and, shutting his teeth upon his inherent contempt for a liar, he swung away, acknowledging, with a curt nod the civil "Good afternoon, sir," that followed him.

The man had disappeared by the time Amber regained his kit-bag and gun-case; standing over which he surveyed his surroundings with some annoyance, discovering that he now shared the station with none but the ticket agent. A shambling and disconsolate youth, clad in a three-days' growth of beard, a checked jumper and khaki trousers, this person lounged negligently in the doorway of the waiting room and, caressing his rusty chin with nicotine-dyed fingers, regarded the stranger in Nokomis with an air of subtle yet vaguely melancholy superiority.

"If ye're lookin' for th' hotel," he volunteered unexpectedly, "there ain't none," and effected a masterly retreat into the ticket booth.

Amused, the despised outlander picked up his luggage and followed amiably. "I'm not looking for the hotel that ain't," he said, planting himself in front of the grating; "but I expected to be met by some one from Tanglewood—"

"That's the Quain place, down by th' bay," interpolated the youth from unplumbed depths of mournful abstraction.

"It is. I wired yesterday—"

"Yeour name's Amber, ain't it?"

"Yes, I—"

"Well, Quain didn't get yeour message till this mornin'. I sent a kid down with it 'bout ten o'clock."

"But why the—but I wired yesterday afternoon!"

"I know ye did," assented the youth wearily. "It come through round closin' time and they wa'n't nobody bound that way, so I held it over."

"This craze for being characteristic," observed Mr. Amber obscurely, "is the only thing that really stands in the way of Nokomis becoming a thriving metropolis. Do you agree with me? No matter." He smiled engagingly; a seasoned traveler this, who could recognize the futility of bickering over the irreparable. Moreover, he had to remind himself in all fairness, the blame was, in part at least, his own; for he had thoughtlessly worded his telegram, "Will be with you tomorrow afternoon," and it was wholly like Quain that he should have accepted the statement at its face value, regardless of the date line.

"I can leave my things here for a little while, I presume?" Amber suggested after a pause.

The ticket agent stared stubbornly into the infinite, making no sign till a coin rang on the window ledge; when he started, eyed the offering with fugitive mistrust, and gloomily possessed himself of it. "I'll look after them," he said. "Be ye thinkin' of walkin'?"

"Yes," said Amber over his shoulder. He was already moving toward the door.

"Knaow yeour wa-y?"

"I've been here before, thank you."

Crossing the tracks, he addressed himself to the southward stretching highway. Walking briskly at first, he soon left behind the railway station with its few parasitic cottages, a dip in the land hid them, and he had hereafter for all company his thoughts, the desultory road, a vast and looming sky, and bare fields hedged with impoverished forest.

Amber had professed acquaintance with his way; it seemed rather to be intimacy, for when he chose to forsake the main traveled road he did so boldly, striking off upon a wagon track which, leading across the fields, delved presently into the heart of the forest.

The hush of the forest world bore heavily upon his senses; the slight and stealthy rustlings in the brush, the clear dense ringing of some remote as, an attenuated clamor of cawing from some far crows' congress, but served to accentuate its insidiousness.

Then, into the silence crept a sound to rouse him from his formless reverie. At first a mere pulsing in the stillness, barely to be distinguished from the song of the surf; but presently a pounding, ever louder and more insistent. He paused, attentive; and while he waited the drumming, minute by minute gaining in volume, swept swiftly toward him—the rhythmic hoofbeats of a single horse madly ridden. When it was close upon him he stepped back into the tangled undergrowth, making room; for the track was anything but wide.

Simultaneously there, burst into view, at the end of a brief aisle of

trees, the horse—a vigorous black brute with white socks and muzzle—rumping freely, apparently under constraint neither of whip nor of spur. In the saddle a girl leaned low over the horn—a girl with eyes rapturous, face brilliant, lips parted in the least of smiles. A fold of her black habit-skirt, whipping out, almost snapped in Amber's face, so close to him she rode; yet she seemed not to see him, and very likely did not. A splendid sketch in black and white, of youthful spirit and joy of motion; so she passed on and was gone.

Hardly, however, had the forest closed upon the picture, ere a cry, a heavy crashing as of a horse threshing about in the underbrush, and a woman's scream of terror, sent Amber, in one movement, out into the road again and running at a pace which, had he been conscious of it, would have surprised him.

A short 50 yards separated him from the bend in the way round which the horse and its rider had vanished. He had no more than gained this point than he was obliged to pull up sharply to avoid running into the girl herself.

Although dismounted, she was on her feet, and apparently uninjured. She stood with one hand against the trunk of a tree, on the edge of a small clearing wherein the axes of the local lumbermen had but lately been busy. Her horse had disappeared; the rumble of his hoofs, dimly remembered, told the way he had gone.

So much Amber comprehended in a single glance; with a second he sought the cause of the accident, and identified it with a figure so outre and bizarre that he momentarily and exuberantly questioned the testimony of his senses.

At a little distance from the girl, in the act of addressing her, stood a man, obese, gross, abnormally distended with luxurious and sluggish living, as little common to the scene

frightening this lady's horse? What are you doing here, anyway?"

Almost grovelling, the babu answered him in Urdu: "Hazoor, I am your slave—"

Without thinking Amber coughed his retort in the same tongue: "Count yourself lucky you are not, dog!"

"Nay, hazoor, but I meant no harm. I was resting, being fatigued, in the shelter of the wood, when the noise of hoofs disturbed me and I stepped out to see. When the woman was thrown I sought to assist her, but she threatened me with her whip."

"That is quite true," the girl cut in over Amber's shoulder. "I don't think he intended to harm me, but it's purely an accident that he didn't."

As much as the babu's explanation had been made in fluent, vernacular Urdu, Amber's surprise at the girl's evident familiarity with that tongue was hardly to be concealed. "You understand Urdu?" he stammered.

"Aye," she told him in that tongue, "and speak it, too."

"You know this man, then?"

"No. Do you?"

"Not in the least. How should I?"

"You yourself speak Urdu?"

"Well, but—" The situation hardly lent itself to such a discussion; he had the babu first to dispose of. Amber resumed his cross-examination. "Who are you?" he demanded. "And what is your business in this place?"

The fat yellowish-brown face was distorted by a fugitive grimace of deprecation. "Hazoor, I am Behari Lal Chatterji, solicitor of the Inner Temple."

"Well? And your business here?"

"Hazoor, that is for your secret ear. The babu drew himself up, assuming a certain dignity. "It is not meet that the message of the Bell should be uttered in the hearing of an Englishwoman, hazoor."

"What are you drivelling about?" In his blank wonder, Amber returned to

and, hitching his clothing round him, made off with a celerity surprising in one of his tremendous bulk, striking directly into the heart of the woods.

Amber was left to knit his brows over the object which had been forged upon him so unexpectedly.

It proved to be a small, cubical box something more than an inch square, fashioned of bronze and elaborately decorated with minute relief-work in the best manner of ancient Indian craftsmanship.

"May I see, please?" The voice of the girl at his side recalled to Amber her existence. "May I see, too, please, Mr. Amber?" she repeated.

## CHAPTER II.

The Girl and the Token.  
In his astonishment he looked round quickly to meet the gaze of mischievous eyes that strove valiantly to seem simple and sincere.

Aware that he faced an uncommonly pretty woman, who chose to study him with a straightforward interest he was nothing loath to imitate, he took time to see that she was very fair of skin, with that creamy, silken whiteness that goes with hair of the shade commonly and unjustly termed red. Her nose he thought a trifle too severely perfect in its modeling, but redeemed by a broad and thoughtful brow, a strong yet absolutely feminine chin, and a mouth—

Well, as to her mouth, the young man selected a rosebud to liken it to.

Having catalogued these several features, he had a mental portrait of her he was not likely soon to forget. For it's not every day that one encounters so pretty a girl in the woods of Long Island's southern shore—or anywhere else, for that matter. He felt sure of this.

But he was equally certain that he was as much a stranger to her as she to him.

She, on her part, had been busy satisfying herself that he was a very presentable young man, in spite of the somewhat formidable reputation he wore as a person of learned attainments. If his looks attracted, it was not because he was handsome, for that he wasn't, but because of certain signs of strength to be discerned in his face, as well as an engaging manner which he owned by right of ancestry, his ascendants for several generations having been notable representatives of one of the First Families of Virginia.

The pause which fell upon the girl's use of his name, and during which they looked one another over, was sufficiently prolonged to excuse the reference to it which Amber chose to make.

"I'm sure," he said with his slow smile, "that we're satisfied we've never met before. Aren't we?"

"Quite," assented the girl.

"That only makes it the more mysterious, of course."

"Yes," said she provokingly; "Joosn't it?"

"You know, you're hardly fair to me," he asserted. "I'm rapidly beginning to entertain doubts of my senses. When I left the train at Nokomis station I met a man I know as well as I know myself—pretty nearly; and he denied me to my face. Then, a little later, I encounter a strange, mad Bengali, who apparently takes me for somebody he has business with. And finally, you call me by name."

"It isn't so very remarkable, when you come to consider it," she returned soberly. "Mr. David Amber is rather well known, even in his own country. I might very well have seen your photograph published in connection with some review—let me see."

Your latest book was entitled 'The Peoples of the Hindu Kush,' wasn't it? You see, I haven't read it."

"That's sensible of you, I'm sure. Why should you?" But your theory doesn't hold water, because I won't permit my publishers to print my picture, and, besides, reviews of such stupid books generally appear in profound monthlies which abhor illustrations."

"Oh!" She received this with a note of disappointment. "Then my explanation won't do?"

"I'm sorry," he laughed, "but you'll have to be more ingenious—and practical."

"And you won't show me the present the babu made you?"

He closed his fingers jealously over the bronze box. "Not until."

"You insist on reciprocity?"

"Absolutely."

"That's very unkind of you."

"How?" he demanded blankly.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

His Self-Defense.  
"When a man's married," said Ross Stahl, "his excuses begin. 'Did you ever hear how Sambo got out of it when he was caught in the turkey coop?'"

"Deed, mistah," he said, "deed, mah, I isn't a-stealin' dis yah bird. I see takin' it in self-defense. Hones' I is!"

"Self-defense?" roared the indignant owner, shaking him by the collar. "What kind of a lie are you trying to tell me?"

"Please, sah," wailed the much abused Sambo, "mah wife she say if I doan fetch home a turkey she gwine to break ebery bone in mah body. An' so I jes' bleecked ter perfect mah self!"—Young's Magazine.

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"Oh, I don't know. You misunderstand it. She was honest. She was giving the age of her age, not of herself. She has claimed to be twenty for about that long.—Judge.



So She Passed and Was Gone.

as a statue of Phoebus Apollo had been a babu of Bengal, every inch of him, from his dirty red-and-white turban to his well-worn and cracked patent-leather shoes. His body was enveloped in a complete suit of emerald silk, much soiled and faded, and girt with a sash of many colors, crimson predominating. His hands, fat, brown, and not overclean, alternately fluttered apologetically and rubbed one another with a suggestion of extreme urbanity; his lips, thick, sensual, and cruel, mouthed a broken stream of babu-English; while his eyes, nearly as small and quite as black as shoe buttons—eyes furtive, crafty, and cold—suddenly distended and became fixed, as with amazement, at the instant of Amber's appearance.

Instinctively, as soon as he had mastered his initial stupefaction, Amber stepped forward and past the girl, placing himself between her and this preposterous apparition, as if to shield her. He held himself wary and alert, and was instant to halt the babu when he, with the air of a dog cringing to his master's feet for punishment, would have drawn nearer.

"Stop right there!" Amber told him crisply; and got for response obedience, a low salaam, and the Hindu salutation accorded only to persons of high rank: "Hazoor!" But before the babu could say more the American addressed the girl. "What did he do?"

"He inquired, without looking at her, 'Frighten your horse?'"

"Just that." The girl's tone was edged with temper. "He jumped out from behind that woodpile; the horse shied and threw me."

"You're not hurt, I trust?"

"No—thank you; but—with a nervous laugh—"I'm furiously angry."

"That's reasonable enough," Amber returned, undivided attention to the Bengali. "Now then," he demanded sternly, "what've you got to say for yourself? What do you mean by

English as to a tongue more suited to his urgent need of forcible expression. "And, look here, you stop calling me 'Hazoor.' I'm no more a hazoor than you are—idiot!"

"Nay," contended the babu reproachfully; "is it right that you should seek to hoodwink me? Have I not eyes with which to see, ears that can hear you speak our tongue, hazoor? I am no child, to be played with—I the appointed Mouthpiece of the Voice!"

"I know—naught of your 'Voice' or its mouthpiece, but certainly you are no child. You are either mad, or insolent—or a fool to be kicked." And, in exasperation Amber took a step toward the man as if to carry into effect his implied threat.

Alarmed, the babu cringed and retreated a pace; then, suddenly, raising an arm, indicated the girl. "Hazoor!" he cried. "Be quick—the woman faints!" And as Amber hastily turned, with astonishing agility the babu sprang toward him.

Warned by his moving shadow as much as by the girl's cry, Amber leapt aside and lifted a hand to strike; but before he could deliver a blow it was caught and a small metallic object thrust into it. Upon this his fingers closed instinctively, and the babu sprang back, panting and quaking.

"The Token, hazoor, the Token!" he quavered. "It is naught but that—the Token!"

"Token, you fool!" cried Amber, staring stupidly at the man. "What in thunder—?"

"Nay, hazoor; how should I tell you now, when another sees and hears? At another time, hazoor, in a week, or a day, or an hour, mayhap, I come again—for your answer. Till then and forever I am your slave, hazoor: the dust beneath your feet. Now I go."

And with a haste that robbed the courtesy of its grace, the Bengali salaamed, then wheeled square about



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### An Appeal For Help

So far during the campaign for state-wide prohibition we have seen no argument in favor of the adoption of the prohibition amendment that offered more tangible reasons nor more potent argument for the adoption of said amendment than was made by the report of the Dallas county grand jury printed in last Sunday's Dallas News. It reads like a product of enthusiastic pros, but it came from a wet county and one that in all probability will vote wet in the coming election. Here is an extract from the report that refers directly to the whisky traffic:

"A remedy for the crowded condition of our criminal court is not to increase the facilities but to decrease the facilities for crime. The investigation of the present grand jury shows that 70 per cent of the crimes investigated were committed as a direct result of the sale of whisky. Therefore it is our candid judgment that many people holding licenses to sell intoxicants ought to be deprived of them and their place closes. So long as we have these saloons run by low whites, and sultower negroes, we will always have this crowded condition of our courts, even if we increase their capacity three fold. What we need is to get rid of these crime breeding resorts and in this way get rid of much of our criminal population. Such a population largely resorts to the centers where those saloons are in full blast, and we owe 75 per cent of our criminal population to the presence of our 200 saloons and to other evil resort-fostered by saloons. And just so long as our city is overrun by saloons, dives, clubs and prostitution our courts will be overrun with criminal cases, for under the shadow and within the environment of the saloon crimes multiply and the business of the courts and the grand jury is multiplied. Our great trouble is found in the fact that Dallas is the dumping ground for saloonkeepers, gamblers, prostitutes and the following population, which always moves from dry territory. A general cleaning up of these things is the pressing need of the hour. This will greatly aid in bringing relief to our criminal court and our social conditions. But so long as we harbor these places of crime and vice our courts will be crowded and crime will be rampant. And this grand jury invites the attention of the court and of the good people to this state of thing

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and be a schedule man. The Waltham is the most accurate and reliable of time-pieces. It is the preferred watch on all the great railroads.

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THE PRICE IS THE THING.

and ask them to give these things their serious consideration. Let the state give us fewer schools of vice and crime instead of more courts to dispose of criminals."

The people are giving "these matters their serious consideration" right now and the pros are trying to give the state "fewer schools of vice," by the adoption of statewide prohibition. That grand jury report is a strong indictment of the liquor traffic and reads like a Macedonian appeal for help.

In the prohibition fight in Texas which is now red hot, Oklahoma is being held up as a horrible example on both sides of the question in Texas, and many horrible and distorted statements are being made, misrepresenting Oklahoma in regard to the question. The law prohibits Oklahoma, where ever the officials are in sympathy with law enforcement, and the officials in Lawton are making an honest effort to enforce the law. If the Texas people think that prohibition does not prohibit in Oklahoma they had better interview a who have "six months and \$500," hung onto them. The rank articles appearing in Texas papers regarding Oklahoma conditions are ridiculous.—Lawton (Okla.) Constitution.

This in line with what the Times has always contended. The law against the illicit selling of whiskey can be enforced when the people who are responsible for the enactment of such laws have sufficient backbone to vote for men to fill the offices who will do their duty. When an officer says, even before such a law has been enacted, that it cannot be enforced as well as other laws, he then and there shows evidence against the people who voted for him to fill that office made a great mistake. This applies to all offices—from governor down.—Wichita Times.

### The Texas Negro

The Texas negro is primarily a farmer and the race has made little progress in commerce, mechanics, science and art. Freedom has carried with it responsibilities which have weighed heavily upon the colored race and after a lapse of half a century of freedom they are still the "drawers of water and the hewers of stone." The young are dependent upon the white man for their education and the aged and infirm are his wards.

### The Slave Negro.

In 1860 there were 158,595 slaves in Texas, rendered for assessment at \$106,688,920, giving an average value per slave all ages of \$672.71. The assessed value of all land in Texas at that time was \$122,294,764. The slaves were almost equal in value to all farm property, constituting 26 per cent of the taxable wealth of the state. The state and county revenues derived from taxing slaves annually was approximately \$1,000,000.

Taking into consideration the per cent of true value of property rendered for assessment in 1860, and the rate of interest prevailing at that time, we find the negroes of all ages producing a net revenue of \$100 each per annum. Since the war the colored race in Texas has been able to accumulate approximately \$75,000,000, which is equivalent to \$2 each per annum while masters of their own destinies against a net production of \$100 per annum when under the direct supervision of the white man.

### The Free Negro.

In 1900 the census shows 620,772 negroes in Texas. They owned 65,536 farms, valued at \$56,239,210. Their farms averaged fifty-nine acres each, although fifty-five negroes owned 1,000 acres and over. Over 88 per cent of our negro farmers raise cotton and 18 per cent of all the farmers in Texas are negroes.

There are 184,473 negro children of scholastic age in Texas who receive from our state school fund \$6 per annum per scholar. We have 2,471 schoolhouses and the education of the negro costs \$1,000,000 per annum. The average salary of the teacher in colored schools is \$45.85. The school tax paid on property owned by the negro is approximately \$60,000 per annum, leaving a net amount of \$940,000 per annum given to the negro annually for educational purposes.

The educational and industrial advantages of the negro in Texas exceed those of any other state.

### COMFORTING WORDS.

#### Many a Big Springs Household Will Find Them So.

To have the pains and aches of a bad back removed; to be entirely free from annoying, dangerous urinary disorders is enough to make any kidney sufferer grateful. To tell how this great change can be brought about will prove comforting words to hundreds of Big Springs readers.

Miss Jennie Hooks, Colorado, Texas, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills fixed up to representations in my case. I suffered severely from pains through my kidneys. I had but little control over the kidney secretions and the pains through my back caused me intense misery. Reading about Doan's Kidney Pills and the beneficial results that had followed their use in similar cases, I was led to try them. They removed the pain and soreness across my back and strengthened my kidneys. I am glad to recommend this remedy to other persons suffering from kidney complaint."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cts Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agent for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

#### Citation by Publication

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the sheriff or any constable of Howard county greeting:

You are hereby commanded that you summon J. S. Dublin, by making publication of this citation once in each week, for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published in your county, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Thirty-second Judicial District of the State of Texas; but, if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then, in a newspaper published in the nearest district to this, the Thirty-second Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the county court of Howard county, Texas, to be holden at the court house in said Howard county, Texas, on the 1st Monday in August, A. D. 1911, the same being the 7th day of August, A. D. 1911, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1910, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court, No. 190, wherein R. H. Pringle is plaintiff and J. S. Dublin, F. F. Gary and M. F. Burns are defendants, in which said cause, plaintiff filed his amended original petition on the 29th day of June, A. D. 1911, said amended original petition alleging that F. F. Gary and M. F. Burns compose a co-partnership firm of Gary & Burns Company, and that heretofore, to-wit: on or about the 31st day of December, A. D. 1908 the said Gary & Burns Company at the special request of the defendant, J. S. Dublin, sold and delivered to said defendant, certain goods, wares and merchandise to the amount of \$221.88, on which account there is a credit of \$290 leaving a balance of \$218.98, said account was to draw interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the 1st day of January, A. D. 1909. J. S. Dublin by reason of the premises became indebted to the said Gary & Burns Company as above stated, and that heretofore Gary & Burns Company transferred said account to R. H. Pringle for a valuable consideration, by a written transfer, and agreed to guarantee payment at Big Springs, Texas. That by reason of the premises, J. S. Dublin became liable to and promised to pay plaintiff said sum of money, and that defendants, F. F. Gary and M. F. Burns as guarantors of said account, became liable and promised to pay plaintiff said sum of money. That defendants, though often requested to pay same, have hitherto failed and refuse to pay same, or any part thereof, to plaintiff's damage, \$250.

Herein fail not, but have before said court on the said first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

Witness: J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk of the County Court of Howard County, Texas.

[SEAL] Given under my hand and seal of said Court, in the city of Big Springs, this 29th day of June, A. D. 1911.

J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk, County Court, Howard Co. Texas.

Issued this the 29th day of June, A. D. 1911.

J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk, County Court, Howard Co. Texas.

A true copy, I certify,

M. W. HARWELL, Constable of Justice precinct No. 1, Howard County, Texas.

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Never has it been easier to build than right now—and there is no enterprise more worthy than home building. It opens the purse strings of the banker quicker than anything else, because it means that you have decided to become a part of the community in which you live. Thus almost before you start you find the ownership of a home carries a significance. Start it today—you'll be glad if you do and sorry if you don't. When you're ready to talk lumber we'll be waiting for you, because we have just the lumber you will need, besides a lot of suggestions that may be helpful to you—without any extra charge.

### At The Lyric

Program for Friday and Saturday nights:  
Romona's father.  
Merry Wives of Windsor.  
Coward or hero.  
The hand of fate.  
The eleventh hour.  
Redemption.  
Priscilla's engagement kiss.

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Unlimited scholarship in the Big Springs Business Academy will sell it or trade for a horse or good milk cow. This is the only scholarship of this kind that is for sale in this school and no more will be issued. Inquire at this office.

Thomas Brothers union barber shop will appreciate your patronage and guarantee good work.

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Sprains require careful treatment. Keep quiet and apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely. It will remove the soreness and quickly restore the parts to a healthy condition. For sale by all dealers.

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# Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

## Matters of Special Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

The fly-screens is now in season. The team is faster than the slow horse. Proper marketing is more than half the profit. Do you do "good roads," or do you talk 'em. "Something is better than arbitrary-conciliation." The only use some make of wealth is to boast about it. Many a bad egg has made a place for itself in society. He is a money maker who knows when to stop the drill. Quality in the barn fowl is more profitable than quantity. Now is the season when the narrow should earn its cost and keep. A bit of hard oil on the everser where it rubs will help matters. For benefits a good garden has reciprocally tied to the starting post. The pull of a smile is far more powerful than the push of the kick. Life's heaviest burdens are the kind we sit up until morning to manufacture. Lack of interest in one's work is a sure way to shut the door of opportunity. After the rush of seeding is over, get the neighbors interested in a "corn picnic." Protect the horse from flies by the use of light nets, not heavy-retaining blankets. "Turning out to grass" is a good thing for the colt, but a bad thing for the boy or girl. A patch of rutabagas or stock carrots decreases materially the cost of milk production. The dearest thing on earth is faith without works, and the most futile thing is work without faith. A pipe-wrench, blacksmith's hammer, and a small assortment of bolts and nuts should go into the field with the machine. Some of those who took part in the Mexican "opera bouffe" war are as dead as though they had engaged in the real thing. Emerson says: "If a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon or make a better mouse trap than his neighbor, though he build his house in the woods, the world will make a path to his door." As exchange says, very correctly, the middle men are the toll gates on the commercial road over which the products of the farm must pass to the consumer. They obstruct the traffic and absorb the profits. To some members of the Farmers' union cooperation appears to mean that their judgment should be taken as the correct thing by other members in and out of season. Right or wrong, they seem to think that they are the only true and tried know-it-alls.

## SPINNERS WAR ON EXCHANGE

Relations Between Manufacturers' Association and New York Institution Disrupted.

The American Cotton Manufacturers' association has declared war on the New York cotton exchange, and the relations between speculator and spinner, which have been strained for several years, are completely disrupted. If other means fail it is proposed to invoke congress to compel the exchange to conduct its operations on a basis less favorable to the wiles of the big manipulators, who have dominated prices and the distribution of the staple with an eye solely to their own advantage. President Marsh of the exchange admits that its affairs are conducted in the interest of cotton merchants rather than manufacturers or any other class engaged in the business, says the Washington Post.

The association has no quarrel with the New Orleans cotton exchange, under the rules of which the worst practices tolerated in New York are prohibited, but the operations on the latter exchange are so much greater than on the first named that the unfortunate effects are practically universal. Persistent price misquotations is the principal source of complaint, and as this trick of the ticker crowd works out to the loss of the manufacturer in making big purchases, the point against the exchange would seem to be well taken. He suffers from the juggling of prices, whether they be abnormally high or correspondingly low.

## Keeping Sheep.

If a ewe keeps her lamb in fine fat condition up to the time of weaning, to save she is a good mother and keep her.

The real value of a sheep cannot be determined, particularly as a breeder, until it is one year of age.

A dairy farm of a dozen cows can maintain a flock of fifteen or twenty sheep almost without expense.

## Profit in Dairy.

A large share of profit in the dairy business is found in the proper utilization of the by-product of skimmed

## BARRETT TO FARMERS' UNION

More Honor in Service Than in Title—Asks Leaders if They Have Kept the Faith.

To the Officers and Members of the Farmers' Union:  
Selfishness is the bane of politics and of every organization, the Farmers' union not excluded. We are gradually scourging it from the Farmers' union. There's less of it among the leaders than ever before. But the purging must be complete before the order reaches the effectiveness destined for it by the national needs it seeks to supply.

Here is an illustration: I know politicians high in favor and in office who could have served the people with twice the efficiency had they stayed out of office. The minute a man begins to run for office, his nobler and broader qualities are likely to suffer. He finds himself compromising with his convictions, when they run counter to his opportunities. He finds his mouth closed in denouncing abuses that work to the harm of the people, because those who perpetrate them may be able to injure him. He makes countless enemies of powerful and good individuals that otherwise he could have kept in line for the public good, had he not injected the bitter virus of partisanship.

The man who would serve the farmer can most often do it best by remaining out of politics. You will have no difficulty recalling men of powerful mentality who could have been of inestimable service to the public weal, had they not tied themselves to the wheel of politics.

There is such a thing as statesmanship in private life. The leader of the farmer, in or out of organization, must train up to that sort of statesmanship, the first requisite of which is the submerging of selfish ambitions for the general welfare.

You leaders among the farmers, have you kept this faith? Has your every effort and energy been directed toward bettering the condition of the farmer or yourself? Would you make for the farmer the sacrifices you have made for yourselves? If you have not, and would not, it is unlikely you will ever be able to give the brand of service that will be truly effectual and that will write your name in history.

Are you in the order for glory and selfish advancement, or to strengthen it by your devotion and abilities that it will further the interests of the farming masses of this country? You would not allow yourself to become easily discouraged if you were working for your own aggrandizement or prosperity. Will you allow yourself to become discouraged when you are working for the aggrandizement and prosperity of the farmer?

Here is this man of the acres who has suffered and been neglected these centuries, and who is just coming into his own. Are you able to point out to him his frailties, and have you the courage to do it? Have you the bravery to stick to his cause when, in misunderstanding and temporary pettishness, he smashes you? Are you broad enough to remain fighting by his side, when you believe he is in the wrong, but know he needs you none the less?

We have solved some big problems for the farmer in the past six years. We will need to solve still larger ones in the future. You must strip for the battle. Unselfishness must be your motto. Self-control must be your guidon. Hanging on in the face of defeat and keeping your head in the flush of victory must be your program.

I admit the program is a hard one but when you consider the immensity of the field you are working in, and that in this particular vineyard the "laborers are indeed few," you will understand more thoroughly the necessity of the qualities I have outlined.

CHAS. B. BARRETT.  
Union City, Ga.

## TO CO-OPERATE IN BUYING

Farmers Begin to Realize Importance of Studying Every Field and Mixing Fertilizer.

A number of progressive farmers have made up a combined order for commercial fertilizers unmixed in the form of nitrate of soda, muriate of potash and acid phosphate. The first order of this kind was sent last year and everyone realizes that they can save money by ordering in this way. They also are beginning to realize the importance of studying every field and mixing the fertilizer for that particular field and crop, which can be done by mixing at home. Some have had great results by using nitrate of soda on the meadows early in the spring when the grass is just starting, and we have learned that we must use more potash to stiffen the straw so that oats will not lodge so badly. When one has these chemicals separately he can run experiments of his own and learn a great deal about the needs and requirements of the soil in order to get the largest crop yields.

## Skim Rich Cream.

Skim as rich cream as is consistent with its handling properties during the different seasons of the year, between 30 and 35 per cent. fat during the cold weather, and between 35 and 40 per cent. during the summer. Rich cream loaves more skim milk to be fed on the farm and less bulk to handle and transport. It keeps better than does this cream, and the creamery men can make a better quality of butter from it.

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Scottville, Mich.—"I want to tell you how much good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Sanative Wash have done me. I live on a farm and have worked very hard. I am forty-five years old, and am the mother of thirteen children. Many people think it strange that I am not broken down with hard work and the care of my family, but I tell them of my good friend, your Vegetable Compound, and that there will be no backache and bearing down pains for them if they will take it as I have. I am scarcely ever without it in the house.

"I will say also that I think there is no better medicine to be found for young girls to build them up and make them strong and well. My eldest daughter has taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for painful periods and irregularity, and it has always helped her.

"I am always ready and willing to speak a good word for the Lydia E. Pinkham's Remedies. I tell every one I meet that I owe my health and happiness to these wonderful medicines."

—Mrs. J. G. JOHNSON, Scottville, Mich., R.F.D. 3.

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HADN'T SEEN IT SINCE.



She—You ought to see that man in evening clothes.  
He—I'd like to; he borrowed my dress suit three months ago.

## BABY'S HAIR ALL CAME OUT

"When my first baby was six months old he broke out on his head with little bumps. They would dry up and leave a scale. Then it would break out again and it spread all over his head. All the hair came out and his head was scaly all over. Then his face broke out all over in red bumps and it kept spreading until it was on his hands and arms. I bought several boxes of ointment, gave him blood medicine, and had two doctors to treat him, but he got worse all the time. He had it about six months when a friend told me about Cuticura. I sent and got a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent, a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment. In three days after using them he began to improve. He began to take long naps and to stop scratching his head. After taking two bottles of Resolvent, two boxes of Ointment and three cakes of Soap he was sound and well, and never had any breaking out of any kind. His hair came out in little curls all over his head. I don't think anything else would have cured him except Cuticura. "I have bought Cuticura Ointment and Soap several times since to use for cuts and sores and have never known them to fail to cure what I put them on. I think Cuticura is a great remedy and would advise any one to use it. Cuticura Soap is the best that I have ever used for toilet purposes."

(Signed) Mrs. F. E. Harmon, R. F. D. 3, Atoka, Tenn., Sept. 10, 1910.

## In Eden.

The Serpent—What's Adam so grouchy about today?  
The Ape—Oh, he says that the arrival of woman means that all his plans for universal peace have been knocked in the head for good.—Puck.

## Smokers find Lewis' Single Binder cigar better quality than most 10c cigars.

Love is the only thing that more than pays for all it gets.

## PUTTING IT RATHER NEATLY

Piece of Humor That Lifted Diffident Professor to the Highest Summer of Joy.

It is told that after Professor Afton had made proposals of marriage to Miss Emily Jane Wilson, daughter of Christopher North, he was, as a matter of course, referred to her father. As the professor was uncommonly diffident, he said to her: "Emily, my dear, you must speak to him for me. I could not summon courage to speak to the professor on this subject."

"Papa is in the library," said the lady.

"Then you had better go to him," said the professor, "and I will wait here."

There being apparently no help for it, the lady proceeded to the library. "Papa's answer is pinned to the back of my desk," said Miss Wilson, as she re-entered the room.

Turning around, the delighted suitor read these words: "With the author's compliments."—Success.

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## Ben's Logic.

"Ben," said his friend, waking up from a reverie in which he had been gazing abstractedly at the shiny expanse of Ben's skatin'-rink-for-files. "Is there nothing you could do for your baldness?"

Ben, by the way, is only forty.

"No, lad," he replied with decision. "Fifteen years ago I was courting, strong, and I tried lots of things. But about that time 't' prince of Wales—Edward, you know—come to open 't' new hospital, and I said to myself as soon as I saw him liftin' his hat to 't' crowd, 'Ben, my lad, tha can give it up as a bad job, and save thy brass. If there was owt 'at 'ud cure a bald head they'd ha' cured his.'"—The Bits.

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"Is this your ball over here?"  
"Is it in a hole?"  
"Yes."  
"A deep hole?"  
"Yes."  
"With slightly overhanging banks so you can't possibly get at it?"  
"Yes."  
"Then it's my ball, all right."

SPORN'S DISTEMPER CURE will cure any possible case of DISTEMPER, PINK EYE, and the like among horses of all ages, and prevents all others in the same stable from having the disease. Also cures chicken cholera, and dog distemper. Any good druggist can supply you, or send to Mrs. 50 cents and \$1.00 a bottle. Agents wanted. Free book. Sporn Medical Co., Spec. Contagious Diseases, Goshen, Ind.

## The Urgent Need.

She (flattering with eyes and voice)—Arthur, dear, I find that we still need a few things to make our little household more serviceable.  
He—What one thing, perhaps?  
She—Well, for instance, we need a new hat for me.—Harper's Bazar.

## TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA

Take the Old Standard GROVES' TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out the malarial and the Iron builds up the system. Sold by all dealers for 30 cents. Price 60 cents.

## The Nature-Fake.

"Congratulations!"  
"For what?"  
"I hear one of your exhibits took a prize at the dog and poultry show."  
"Well, keep still about it. I entered a skye terrier and he took first prize as a Mongolian hen!"

## Stop at the WESTBROOK HOTEL.

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"How did you get your start in life?"  
"I got a flying start; I was born in an airship."

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teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

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You are remarkably fortunate if you are without some skin trouble. It may be only pimples or blackheads, or chapped hands, or the accidental sore, cut, scald, burn or boil, or the carbuncle or felon; or perhaps the more serious diseases of eczema, herpes, erythema, seborrhea, or psoriasis, or inflamed piles, or some common irritation of the skin. There is one standard sovereign remedy within your ready reach, and which you can purchase at any druggist's. It is Resinol Ointment, put up in screw-top opal containers, selling at fifty-cent and a dollar, according to size. It is ever ready for use, and as easy to apply as cold cream or vaseline. Thousands of physicians enthusiastically prescribe Resinol Ointment, and hundreds of thousands of families depend upon it, and are never without it. Resinol Soap is a chemically pure toilet soap of the highest grade. It contains in a modified form the same medication as Resinol Ointment, and is recognized as a preventive for many skin troubles, including blackheads, chapped hands and pimples. There is nothing better for the cleansing of the scalp and shampooing. It prevents the falling out of the hair. It is the infant's soap, par excellence, keeping the skin sweet and healthy and preventing many of the troubles which so often attack the delicate skin of the child. You will find the Resinol Ointment and Soap at all druggists.

Resinol Chemical Co., Baltimore, Md.

## Why He Quit.

"Haven't I the privilege of making suggestions to the man fixing the lawn," she asked, with tears in her voice.  
"Why, certainly," she assured her.  
"Well, just because I made a suggestion to him he throw all his tools in the wheelbarrow in an angry manner and went away without saying a word."  
"Why, what had you said to make him act like that?"  
"I just asked him to plant a few nice dandelions in the lawn."

All mankind loves a lover.—Emerson.

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## 640 Acres

18 miles northeast from Big Springs and 10 miles north from Coahoma, 150 acres in cultivation, 3 room house, barn, lots and well, mill and also 2 room house, sheds, lots, all fenced in convent pastures, more than 75 per cent as fine sandy catclaw and mesquite valley land, balance good grass, lots of big mesquite for wood and pasture. Price \$5500.

## 6080 Acres

The G. C. Cauble ranch, adjoins the town, more than 1200 acres in fine state of cultivation, \$20,000 worth of improvements, 90 per cent smooth, first class firm red and black sandy soil, abundance of fine water, mesquite wood, school on the ranch, land is worth \$30 per acre but it can be bought at the present time for \$20 per acre, for terms apply to G. C. Cauble or R. B. Canon & Co.

320 acres 10 miles south from Big Springs, on public road, 250 acres good smooth valley land, bal. on smooth hill, half fenced, water all around land, valley is prairie. Price, \$10.50 per acre, half cash, bal. on reasonable time.

291 640 acres northeast part of Upton Co. about 30 miles south of Midland, all smooth fine sandy mesquite and prairie land, a little brushy in the southeast corner, no rocks, all good farming land, \$2.50 per acre to state. Price, \$5 00 bonus, half cash, bal. 1, 2 and 3 years.

391b 640 acres in Yoakum Co 10 miles N. E. from Plains the county seat, 2 small houses, well 160 ft, lots of good water, corrals, \$5.87 to the state. Price, \$2,000 bonus, \$740 cash, balance to suit purchaser.

Would trade the last two or either one for good Fort Worth residence.

279b 160 acres 20 miles south from Big Springs, Texas, in the North Concho valley, 2-3 good agricultural land, no improvements. Price, \$900.

Two lots 100x212 feet in Cole & Strayhorn addition close to good well. Price \$150 for one or \$250 for both.

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11 acres in Cole & Strayhorn subdivision \$1,250.

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## Some Exchange Propositions No. 2.

No. 1, 907 acres 9 mi. from Graham, Young county, Texas, on public road, close to school and church, and a mile from gin and post office and store. One-half good tillable land, the other half good grass land; abundance of good water, has about 1500 peach trees. One 5 room house and one 3 room house, on this tract of land. One field of 75 acres and one of 50 acres, both in good state of cultivation; this land is mixed mesquite and post oak land. This land can be traded clear of debt, but there is \$1700 that can be assumed. Will trade for good land here. Price \$20 per acre.

No. 13, One-half section of all good levered mesquite sandy loam land, 18 miles northeast from Big Springs, 120 acres in cultivation, house well, etc. \$2800 against it; price \$20 per acre. Would trade his equity as first payment on small Dallas county farm and give back notes against the land bought.

No. 15, good section of land in El Paso county to trade for auto. This school land bought \$1 per acre, proved up. Would make an even trade.

No. 16, 114 acres Ellis county, 100 acres in cultivation, 5 room house, etc. \$4500, mortgage; price \$75 per acre.

No. 3, 75 lots in the College Addition to Floydada all nice smooth lots, and close in to trade for land or Big Springs property. This is good property and adjoins one of the best schools in the state and the terminus of the railroad and county seat.

No. 6, N. E. 1-4 sec. 11, blk. 34, tsp. 1, N. Howard county 12 miles northwest Big Springs, Texas, 60 acres in cultivation, 2 room house, fenced, big stock cistern, 150 bbl. cistern at house, all smooth red sandy land \$900 against land 3 years at 8 per interest. Price \$15 per acre. Also one house, two big rooms and two side rooms, corner lot in Earl's Addition to Big Springs, handy for shop men, price \$900, clear. Also one 3 room house and two lots in Jones Valley Addition on Stanton road, high ground, across street from the Shumway property. Price \$800, clear. Want to trade part or all of this property for small farm near Coahoma.

No. 9, 1330 acres Kaufman county, well improved, 8 sets houses, 700 acres in cultivation, balance open prairie, to trade for western land. Price \$50 per acre; clear. Also 705 acres Ellis county, all agricultural land, part heavy timber, 325 acres in cultivation, houses, etc. Price \$50 per acre; clear. What have you to offer?

No. 18, 6 sections in solid body school land in El Paso county, 35 miles east from El Paso, and 15 miles from the railroad, all smooth but about 200 acres.

4 sections in solid block, 35 miles east from El Paso city and about 20 miles north from Clint, nearly all smooth-tillable land; house, corrals and tanks. \$1.25 due the state, proved up. Price \$2.50 bonus; will trade for land farther east or good city property worth the money.

221 A. T. 640 acres of all good land in Hunt Co., ten miles southwest from Greenville, 120 acres in cultivation, small house, well, all fenced, farm is fenced from the rest of the land; it is black sandy land. Price \$20 per acre; will trade for western land.

No. 19, 6 sections in solid body school land in El Paso county, 35 miles east from El Paso, and 15 miles from the railroad, all smooth but about 200 acres.

P. Nice fram 7-room house, 2 porches and hall, sheds, lot 75x140 feet on corner, nice home to trade for smaller place and take the difference. Call and see us for terms.

proved up. \$125 to state 3 per cent interest. 2-room house and two tanks, and in the watered district where water can be had by drilling. \$250 bonus; will trade for farm, no encumbrance except state debt.

No. 17, who wants to trade for fine Fort Worth property, modern 8 room residence, close in, all modern conveniences, \$6500. Also 6-room house, nearly half acre. \$1800. 4 room house and 4 lots in Glenwood Addition, \$2250. 51 feet north Main street, \$1300. New 4 room house, \$750. 84 acres heavy timber land, Tarrant county, \$20 per acre. 154 acres Cherokee county, 60 acres in cultivation, no house, \$15. Will trade all or part.

No. 20, 640 acres 6 miles west from Big Springs, Texas, on railroad, three-fourths agricultural land, balance good grass land, shallow water, mesquite timber, no improvements. \$4.00 against the land on long time at 6 per cent, and 8 per cent on part. Price \$12.50 per acre trade for anything worth the money. One year ago this land sold for \$15 per acre.

No. 23, 17850 acres one agricultural land in Bailey county, good improvements, well and mills, two artesian wells only 80 feet deep, price \$10.50 per acre, one half in trade or cash, balance on 6-fore 40 years, 5 per cent interest. Each 174 acres will carry its own in-

debtedness; a good colonization proposition. Will trade 428 acres or more in body, or 17850 acres in solid body. Will trade our equity for anything worth the money.

No. 26, Who wants trade for a nice home in Clifton, Texas? Nice 5 room house nicely located; \$1000; trade for land.

No. 28, 1280 acres adjoining the station of laton on T. & P. railroad, 100 acres in cultivation, 5-room house, two porches, arranged for 4 rooms up stairs and stairs put in, new house, fenced and cross fenced, tanks for water and cistern at house, \$6000 against this land in loan company, runs 10 years from Jan. 1, 1912, at 8 per cent interest. Price \$12.50 per acre. Will trade for eastern farm or city property and assume some difference.

No. 293a, 4180 acres 6 miles west of Siera Blanca, \$2 bonus, has good spring on one section, all join up; bought from the state at \$1.50 per acre except one section that is \$2.43 to state as watered land. This is good grass land but would not be considered farming land; will trade for other land.

7040 Acres

No. 27, 11 sections of land in solid body two houses, plenty of water, good farm, fenced and cross fenced, 7 1/2 per cent tillable, balance fine grass land, in Borden county, 6 miles from the county seat. Price \$12.50 per acre; clear. Will trade for improved black land worth the money.

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1280 acres 6 miles west of Soash, good house, barn, well and windmill, good farm and otherwise improved. For exchange or for sale at a very low price.

220 acres of land 7 miles northwest of town, all good sandy land 186 acres in cultivation, 5 acres in bearing fruit trees, good 4 room house and barn, watered with tank and 2 cisterns. Exchange for other property.

12 acres in Jones Valley Addition, good 5-room house and improvements, large cistern—improvements cost \$1,600, price \$2,000. Terms—300 to 500 cash, balance one to five years 8 per cent interest. Z. R. STEPHENS.

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## Look This List Over and Make Your Selection.

290a 160 acres 10 miles northwest from Big Springs, 104 acres in cultivation, small house and barn, well and windmill, good stock water, cistern at house. Price, \$15 per acre.

285a The best section of land in Howard Co. 6 miles north from Big Springs, 275 acres in cultivation, good 6-room house, good barn and two 3-room houses and barns, with each a large tank for stock water and good large cisterns for house use. Every foot level valley land, no rock or poor land on this section. Price, \$20 per acre.

275a 7181 acres in Val Verde county, good grazing proposition, not much farming land. Watered by springs, 45 miles from Del Rio. Price, \$1.40 per acre, part cash balance long time.

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One 6-room house in Earls addition to Big Springs, 3 nice level lots, east front. Price \$1250; \$15 per month together with 8 per cent interest, each note carries its own interest. This is convenient for the shops or town.

4-room house, corner 8th and Main streets, \$1050. One section of land, all good farming land, all smooth, 2 wells and mills, one 7-room house, one 5-room house, good barn with each house, 400 acres in fine state of cultivation, near school and public road, 7 miles from town; price \$20 per acre; good terms.

320 acres 5 miles from town, all smooth farming land, 200 acres

in cultivation, good well and windmill, dirt tank, cistern at the house, barn, good 6-room house nicely finished. Price, \$25 per acre; small cash payment, balance long time 8 per cent interest. School house in 1-4 mile.

160 acres 2 1-2 miles from Big Springs, good residence, barns, 120 acres in cultivation, 3 acres nice bearing fruit trees, plenty of water, fine home. Price, \$30 per acre.

320 acres 5 miles northwest at Moore school house, 200 acres in cultivation, good orchard, 2 sets of houses and barns, plenty of water. Price, \$25 per acre, part cash, balance can run 15 years.

263a 540 acres 20 miles N. W. from Big Springs, all good and well improved at a bargain.

65 acres 1 mile out, 20 acres in cultivation, 1 house, 2 wells, good water, to trade for other property.

Barber shop, house and good well, and clothes cleaning outfit, business pays over \$100 per month, will trade for small farm or property in Big Springs.

1483 Acres of land near Tenynson, a station on the Orient R. R. in Coke County, to trade for land or other property in or near Big Springs.

14 acres and 5 residence lots in Jones Valley, (all inside the city limits) a 4 room house, also 13 acres in Cole & Strayhorn will trade a part or all together for other property.

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