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## Condensed Statement of the Condition of the West Texas National Bank

Big Springs, Texas

Made to the Comptroller of Currency at close of business Jan. 31, 1910

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts \$376,446 65	Capital Stock \$ 50,000 00
U. S. Bonds 80,000 00	Circulation 50,000 00
Prem's on U. S. Bonds 1,000 00	Surplus and Profits 80,954 36
Furniture & Fixtures 2,565 65	Deposits 202,935 39
Real Estate 14,338 52	
Cash on Hand 86,840 93	
\$663,191 75	\$663,191 75

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### Capital City Letter.

Austin, Texas, February 28.—Attorney General Lightfoot appointed S. F. Caldwell of Mount Vernon, last Monday to fill the vacancy made in the attorney general's office by the resignation of J. F. Sluder. Mr. Caldwell has filled the office of County Judge two terms in his county, and is a graduate of the State University—he comes well recommended.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Wagner is investigating a complaint recently made against the Bartlett and Florence railroad construction company, charging failure to comply with contract with laboring men. Laboring men, it is said, are promised \$3 and \$3.50 per day for labor, but at the end of the week workmen are paid only \$1.50 and \$1.75 per week. Mr. Wagner says that if these charges are true, and there is no law covering such abuse of contract, that recommendations will be made to the next legislature to regulate employment agencies in Texas. A petition was received Saturday by the railroad commission from the law firm of Baker, Batts, Parker, and Garwood of Houston, counsel for the H. & T. C., and T. & N. railroads praying for a rehearing, on an order issued some time ago by the commission requiring the railroads entering Dallas to construct and maintain a union passenger depot for that city. The commission adopted this order after due consideration, and refused to grant a rehearing. The citizens of Dallas, for many years have made a strong effort to have established this union depot, and unless it is prevented by injunction they will no doubt succeed.

That our Texas University is a religious institution, the following

census report of the Y. M. C. A. just concluded will prove. Out of 1552 university students now in attendance, 1118 are members of the church. The detailed statistics are as follows: Methodist members 371, preference 113; total 484. Presbyterian members 216, preference 61; total 290. Baptist members 188, preference 38; total 169. Christian members 107, preference 40; total 147. Roman Catholic 55, preference 7; total 62. Jewish members 16, preference 3; total 19. Lutheran members 18, preference 3; total 21. Congregationalist members 9, preference 2; total 11. Unitarian members 1, preference 1; total 2. Universalist members 1, preference 1; total 2. Christian Science members 1, preference 1; total 2. Evangelist members 2. United Brethren member 1. Christadelphian member 1.

Quite a number of the Texas delegates to the National Educational Convention, which convenes in Indianapolis March 1st, left Austin for that place last Sunday. These gentlemen are confident that they can land the big convention for Texas in 1911; at any rate, they left loaded to the guards with determination, and that means something.

The State Department of Education last Saturday, made the largest monthly apportionment of the available school fund ever made in the history of the State—\$2 per capita for March, for the 949,006 school children shown in the last scholastic census of the State. The amount apportioned was \$1,893,012 and with this apportionment the State has paid off \$4.25 of \$8.25 apportionment made for this year by the State Board of Education. Up to this time, the apportionment of the

available school fund has rarely exceeded \$1 at any one time, and usually fell much below.

State politics seems to have absorbed local politics at this place entirely—up to this time, there has not been a single public announcement of county or district candidates—prosperity seems to be an absolute cure for political performat.

### Notice of City Election.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the City Hall in the City of Big Springs, Texas on Tuesday, April 5th 1910, for the election of a Mayor three Aldermen, a City Secy. Assessor and Collector and Marshal for the term of two years and one Alderman for one year to fill out the unexpired term of Alderman S. A. Penix resigned. For the said City of Big Springs, Texas, R. F. Harris is appointed presiding officer of said election. Every person not disqualified by law who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years and is entitled to vote for members of the legislature of this state and shall have resided within the corporate limits of the City of Big Springs for six months next preceding said election is entitled to vote in said election provided if subject to a poll tax He shall have paid the same prior to February 1st, 1910.

By order of City Council.  
GEO. D. LEE,  
Mayor.

### Pulpit Themes.

At the First Presbyterian church on Sabbath morning the theme of the pulpit will be, "The Power of the Gospel."

In the morning the message will be on the theme, "The Voice of an Awakened Conscience."

Visitors and strangers are cordially invited.

### City Council Doings.

Motion by J. A. Davis that block 21 be not cut of the fire limits, carried.

Motion carried that the franchise of L. L. Stephenson be passed to next meeting.

Motion carried that the resignation of S. A. Penix be accepted.

See The Gem City Furniture Co. for new line of matting; some good patterns and very best quality.

### Mass Meeting.

At the Methodist Church Tuesday p. m. 4 o'clock a woman's mass meeting was held at which time, our women who have lined up on the Prohibition side, perfected a thorough organization.

Mrs. Wilson C. Rogers was elected chairman and Mrs. Lee Perminter, Secy. Many good suggestions were offered and those adopted which were thought to be most practicable in so short a time. Several committees were appointed to perfect these plans adopted. Rev. Odom and Mr. B. Reagan were present, each made short talks and suggestions that added much to the enthusiasm already manifested. Mr. Reader was present also and extended to the ladies a special and most cordial invitation to make the Prohibition Headquarters their stopping place down town and lend their assistance in the work.

The white ribbon bow was adopted as our badge and every citizen of the county favoring our cause is invited to call at Headquarters and have one pinned on and if you don't call we'll look you up as we have a committee to "Bow Up the Public." We ladies don't want to vote, but we do want your vote and protection and we will gladly assist or encourage whenever or wherever needed in this campaign to keep out saloons.

The fight is on.  
We are in it to win.  
We want a glorious victory.  
On with the battle.  
Mrs. Lee Perminter, Secy.  
Mrs. Wilson C. Rogers, chairman.

### District Court.

Russell Bros. vs. R. E. Shaw et al, judgment foreclosing lien.  
Ada Miles vs. R. E. Miller, divorce; no decision.  
Sam Newberry vs. C. C. Scripture et al, nonsuit.

Sallie Mathis vs. J. A. Mathis, divorce; granted.

The case of F. M. Coffee vs. G. T. Walker et al, damages, was called Wednesday morning and is still on trial. There are about 40 witnesses in this case and it may consume the balance of the week.

The grand jury has returned several indictments and is still in session. One witness that appeared before the jury refused to answer questions. His case was referred to Judge Shepherd who fined the witness \$50 and ordered him placed in jail until he was willing to answer questions which he soon decided to do.

### White Sale

The Ladies Aid of the Christian church will hold their Easter White Sale on the 21th, 25th and 26th of March. They will have a nice assortment of white goods especially designed and made for Easter wear. Place of holding sale will be announced later.

### Meeting Closed.

The meeting at the First Presbyterian Church Monday night. Rev. Cunningham is an earnest, logical reasoner, a fine Bible instructor, and did a splendid work here and we trust his labors will result in great good to those who heard him while here.

As a result of the meeting seventeen new members were added to the Presbyterian church and three were added to the Methodist. All being converted during the meeting.

### Banana Car Here.

I now have on the railroad track a car of nice fresh bananas and will be here a few days. If you want nice fruit, now is the time to get it.  
SMITH,  
The Banana Man.

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OF BIG SPRINGS.

## GUARANTY FUND BANK.

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## SPECIAL NOTICE

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Undertaker Big Springs, Texas.

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Thousands and thousands were guided by it in 1909 and thousands more will take the same road this season.

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We are doing our best to give you no cause to bring the trouble to our door.

While most every article in our line has advanced, still we are overcoming a great many things by buying in carload lots and are endeavoring to share these benefits with our customers.

Never before was our Grocery Stock more complete.

OUR FEED STORE is full up with Oats, Bran, Chops, Hay, Etc. A car of Fine Texas Red Rus Proof Oats. Oats. Come at once and get enough to plant a few acres.

We have what you want and we are only too glad to have you for a customer.

POOL BROTHERS

Groceries and Grain



Aside from every other consideration, primary or incidental, in relation to the boycott of meats, it is certain that abstinence from meat for a considerable time by a larger number of consumers will result in a lesser demand for meat foods even after the boycott shall have been declared off. Scientists are agreed that the average person eats too much meat. Diet is largely a matter of habit. Once let a family demonstrate to its own satisfaction that less meat means better health and larger savings, and the meat bills will be kept down as a feature of family economics. Of course, there must be a substitute for meats. The best and most available substitute is vegetables, says Kansas City Star. If there is anything in the law of supply and demand the greater demand for vegetables will result in somewhat higher prices for this food. But in the matter of vegetables it is within the power of many families to "beat the market." The back yard garden has most interesting possibilities. It can be made to more than offset, at the lowest calculation, any increase in the cost of vegetables that would result in the larger consumption of those articles of food.

The report made by one of the mercantile agencies, showing the bank clearings of 1909, affords additional and powerful testimony to the revival of industry and general business throughout the country. The total was \$166,103,966,306, which was a gain of 25.2 per cent. over 1908, when the improvement over the panic conditions generated in 1907 was well under way. The figures also indicate an increase of 2.3 per cent. over 1906, when business was at high tide. Analysis of the returns shows that every section of the United States reported increased business, though some districts had a larger percentage than others. This was even a better condition than in 1906, for in that year the different sections varied widely in the proportion of business done. Taken all in all, this exhibit is one of the most satisfactory possible, containing as it does proof not only of increases last year but promise of continued activity and profit this year.

Spitzbergen, which is a practically uninhabited region lying in the far north, has come into prominence since the discovery of large mineral wealth there, and the matter of settling and governing the region may be one of international conference. Sovereignty is supposed to be vested in Norway, but that country has given little heed to the section, because there was no need of more, about the only use of the islands heretofore having been as a stopping place for whalers and explorers. Now provision is to be made for those who will be employed in developing the natural resources and one proposition is to stock the country with Laplanders and reindeer, to be used for transportation and other purposes. Americans have an interest because some of them are concerned with mining in Spitzbergen.

This is a great corn country, and some great corn is raised here. An Indiana farmer has just received the prize offered at the Omaha Corn exposition for the best bushel of grain in the world, and another farmer in the same state gets the prize for the best ear of corn. In each case the prize is a silver trophy valued at \$1,000. Apparently the facts prove that Indiana is the champion corn state in all creation. Two years ago the best ear of corn at the Omaha exposition sold for \$550. This of course was for seed purposes. The statement goes to show that there is money in raising the best. General improvement in the character of agricultural products would be certain to increase still further the wealth of the farmers.

Transformations have often been wrought "as by a stroke of lightning," but seldom has there been such a change as that actually brought about by a thunderbolt at Dalhart, Texas. During a storm there lightning struck the mountainside near a farmhouse owned by a woman and tapped a spring of petroleum. The owner of the farm had just a scanty living heretofore, but now she is assured of a comfortable fortune. No doubt she hopes the lightning will not strike twice in the same place and set the oil well on fire.

If, as that doctor says, the stomach is not essential to life there may yet be hope of escaping the increased cost of living, at least so far as eating is concerned.

The earth is to pass through the tail of Halley's comet next May, but those who are accustomed to the trail of an automobile will not mind it.

Good eggs sink in salted water. Why not sell eggs by the pound, with a bucket of salt water near by?

## DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN

IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE ENTIRE WEEK REDUCED FOR BUSY READERS.

### CONDENSED AND IMPORTANT

Carefully Prepared for Those Who Desire to Keep Thoroughly Posted on Events.

#### WASHINGTON NEWS

The House Committee on public lands reported favorably the Senate act granting the Standard Oil Company a right of way across the public lands in the State of Arkansas, which measure the Senate passed over the protest of Senator Jeff Davis.

Peary's proofs that he reached the North Pole have been called for by the Naval Committee of the House. A member of the Naval Committee said that the committee believes it should be furnished with something more official than "general reports" that Peary reached the pole.

Senator Owens, who was a member of the subcommittee that drafted the postal savings bank bill and helped write into the measure, as is now before the Senate, the clause requiring deposits kept in the local districts, has prepared a substitute for his committee's bill which in effect seeks to replace the postal savings bank bill by the Oklahoma guaranty bank law.

The House has concluded consideration of the Indian appropriation bill, which it passed practically in the form recommended by the committee. The bill carried appropriations aggregating about eight and a quarter millions of dollars.

The President sent to the Senate the name of Eugene Nolte for reappointment as United States District Attorney for the Western District of Texas, with headquarters at San Antonio.

The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Affairs has reported favorably the bill by Representative Garner to authorize the Arkansas Pass Channel and Dock Company to construct a bridge across the Morris and Cummings channel.

The disclosures made before the Senate Committee on Territories by the Helaine proposal to pay heavy royalties for the privilege of mining coal in Alaska, and by the testimony of Managing Director Birch and General Counsel Steele of the Morgan, Guggenheim Syndicate, as to the enormous value of the coal deposits in Canada, led Senator Beveridge, chairman of the committee on Territories, to introduce bills which are designed to prevent the rich mineral resources of Alaska from being monopolized by a powerful syndicate.

#### DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS

The Texas State Health Department reports vital statistics for January, showing 1,700 deaths, as against 3,969 births. The Dallas County births have not been received and are not included. There were thirty-four sets of twins reported in all.

Hogs at the Chicago yards are scarcer than ever, the situation is distinctly worse, and the \$10 hog is only a few days away and will come as soon as the packers start active buying, according to close observers at the stock yards.

Secretary W. M. Woodall of the Temple Commercial Club, has received a telegram from W. J. McDaniel at Dallas stating that the latter had closed a contract with D. J. Grigby of Dallas for building the Temple Northwestern Railway from Temple to Hamilton, and that a contract had also been let for steel rails. This news was received with much satisfaction.

It is reported at Fortress Monroe that the missing naval tug Nina has been found on the coast of Virginia, where she was driven by a severe storm, which it is thought washed her to the bottom of the Atlantic.

Work will soon start on one of the largest projects this section has known for some years, the levee to be built on the Brazos River just opposite Bryan for the protection of the many fine plantations that line the river. Many crops have been destroyed by the floods from the Brazos and the planters along the banks in this section are taking this means to prevent a recurrence.

A fierce gale has swept over the British Isles, doing an immense amount of damage. The harbors are all crowded with shipping seeking shelter. Incoming vessels report extremely rough passage.

Heavy overcoats and warm furs will be in demand all over the country during the present week, according to the forecast made by the Weather Bureau in Washington. Unusually stormy and cold weather is the indication, especially in all districts from the Rockies to the Atlantic Coast and from the Rockies over the North Pacific States.

The French aeroplane contractors have decided jointly to send a lawyer to the United States to defend French interests in the suits brought by the Wright brothers.

Hope of solving the fate of the little tug Nina practically has been abandoned by the United States Navy, and the problem will likely go down in history among the untold stories of the sea. In the opinion of the Navy Department, she foundered, carrying down her entire crew of thirty-two men, off the coast of Delaware on Feb. 6 or 7, only a few hours after she left Norfolk on her fateful voyage.

A fire in Milford, Ellis County, did damage to the amount of \$100,000. The pattern storehouse of the Minnequa plant of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company was destroyed by fire in Pueblo, Colo. Loss about \$1,000,000. The forty-five-round championship battle between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson on July 4 for a purse of \$101,000 will be fought in San Francisco.

The state of West Virginia won a substantial victory in the United States Supreme Court over the state of Maryland in a dispute over the boundary line between the two states.

Stockmen report quite a number of deaths of cattle caused from exposure during the blizzard in Oklahoma. The temperature Friday morning was 10 degrees below zero at Ft. Towson.

Rev. J. B. Hawthorne, one of the most notable Baptist ministers in the South, and widely known in the North, died in Richmond, Va., aged seventy-three years. He led thirty-one members of his Mobile congregation into the Confederate army.

Despite the frantic efforts of the packers to break the ranks of the railroads, the latter are standing fast with respect to increase in the rates on packing house products and dressed meats from the West to Chicago, St. Louis and the seaboard.

The demand for the school land in the Toyah oil field in Reeves County continues to grow. Some seven or eight sections have already been sold there and another section has been sold at \$25 per acre by the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

The First Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., held its opening services Sunday in the new \$20,000 church building just completed in Jacksonville, Tex. Rev. Columbus Polk Goodson of Chicago preached the opening sermon to an audience of approximately 1,000 people.

According to testimony of F. W. Boltz of Cleveland, Ohio, traffic manager of the National Petroleum Association, given before the State Corporation Commission in Guthrie, Okla., the Standard Oil Company is generally favored by railroad companies, giving it rates from 50 to 150 per cent lower than those given to independent oil refiners.

The common house fly is the object of a nation-wide crusade that has been launched against him in Washington. A moving picture campaign of education in the theaters throughout the United States and Canada was perfected by enthusiastic men and women who have organized themselves into the special fly fighting committee of the American Civic Association. By the moving picture firms they expect to educate everybody to the dangers of the house fly.

The announcement from the White House that President Taft had by his own motion cut to four the number of Administration measures he would demand at this session is received by Republican leaders with unmixed feelings of relief. The Administration program was so formidable that members who are warmly supporting the Taft policies hardly knew where to begin. A schedule including only the bills to amend the interstate commerce law, provide for the regulation of issuance of injunctions, start Arizona and New Mexico on the road to statehood and validate the withdrawals of public lands for conservation purposes is regarded as quite possible of attainment.

Methods of dry farming are becoming better understood in Oklahoma and Texas Panhandle country. Many farmers in the Panhandle of Oklahoma and Texas, who during the extreme drought of last year, went to better watering sections of the country to earn a livelihood, are returning courageously to plant another crop. Prospects are good for an excellent crop of wheat and oats. The broom corn acreage is being enlarged and alfalfa and milo maize will be more important than in former years.

The new city directory of Taylor, a 175-page cloth bound book, now in the hands of printers and binders, gives the total population of Taylor as 6,612. The figures are based on a census of the number of families in Taylor.

It is unofficially reported that Capt. Codfrey Fowler, formerly of the United States Army, who commanded Gen. Chamorro's artillery in the engagement at Tisma, Nicaragua, on Tuesday, has died from his wounds. Capt. Fowler is a nephew of the late John H. Reagan, and his home is in Palestine, Texas. He is a member of Texas National Guards.

In a pitched battle between whites and negroes at Hale's Bar, near Chattanooga, Tenn., three negroes were shot to death.

Hogs at \$9.50 on the Chicago market broke the year's record and that existing since 1879, when the price was over \$10.00.

The Stamford Creamery and Ice Cream Factory has been organized with a capital stock of \$10,000, practically all of which has been paid. The object of the company is to conduct a general creamery business and manufacture ice cream.

National Committeeman Lyon of Texas saw President Taft in Washington in regard to the judgeship for the Eastern District of Texas, made vacant by the death of Judge Bryan. Col. Lyon says he has the strongest kind of Republican indorsement for his candidate, Mr. McGrady of Bonham, and that he is confident that McGrady will receive the appointment.

Final details closing up the \$63,000 merger of the four street car companies in the south division of Chicago has been completed and the Chicago City and Connecting Railways Company becomes a fact.

## NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

With ideal weather prevailing, Louis Paulhan made six successful flights in his aeroplane Tuesday at Kirby Station, eight miles east of San Antonio. J. A. Muckleroy, B. S. Roberts and W. P. Allen of Terrell have purchased a tract of 3,129 acres of black land in Denton County at a cost of about \$90,000.

The Beach Hotel fund, started just seven days ago in Galveston, aggregates \$410,900. The committee announces it will push on past the \$500,000 mark.

Jack Estes of Neville was killed by a cyclone Monday at San Augustine. His wife and daughter were injured and his house blown down. Several other small houses were wrecked.

The largest Sunday school convention ever held in the South is expected to convene in Dallas March 17-21, when there will be held the meeting of the Texas Sunday School Association.

The negro, Thad Brown, who a short time since killed R. H. Lattrell, a white man, at Eagletown, Okla., about twenty miles from Idabel, was shot to death by citizens.

W. L. Holman, manager of the Navarro Cotton Oil Company, of Corsicana, exhibited a very palatable cake made of cotton seed meal and made up with cotton seed oil.

Work has been resumed on the new roundhouse for the Texas and Pacific at Bonham. This work was started last fall, but for some reason was stopped after a part of the foundation had been laid.

Mitchell County has her first lady aspirant for county office, in the person of Miss Zilpha Fox, who announces for the office of County and District Clerk. The outcome will be watched with much interest.

Miss Agnes Lenelle Elkins, niece of United States Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia, died at a hotel in Kansas City as a result of a bullet wound she inflicted upon herself.

A warrant for \$5,800 was issued by the comptroller in favor of Mrs. Nanie E. Huddle of Austin in payment for a portrait and painting of Davy Crockett which hangs in the lobby of the State House.

At a meeting in Dallas attended by members of the faculty, students and former students of the Southwestern University of Georgetown, it was voted to erect on the college property a building of native stone to cost not less than \$225,000.

The two Waco lodges of Masons have purchased ground and will erect a new temple. The lot is 11x172 feet. The price paid was \$9,000. The temple will be built of brick, stone and steel and will cost about \$40,000.

Grandpa Moore, one of the oldest citizens in the State of Texas, has passed away at Abilene. He was the father of Thomas Moore and Mrs. J. W. Christopher of this city. Grandpa Moore was born in the city of New York in 1806, in the days of the third President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson.

Over 7,000 persons gathered at Washington Park in El Paso to see Charles K. Hamilton fly, using a Curtiss machine. Hamilton made three attempts, but was not able to go higher than twenty feet, and at the third attempt the machine was partially wrecked and Hamilton slightly injured.

One section of mineral land in the neighborhood of Dalberg, in El Paso County, has been sold by the land Commissioner at \$15 per acre to a prospector who has found mica hereon. A strata of considerable width of this mineral has been found at a depth of 600 feet, at which he is confident of striking a heavier deposit of his material.

The population of Amarillo, based on the school census, is 16,000. This will be the figure shown in the next city directory, which will be off to press in a short time.

The Galveston beach hotel and aggregates \$423,600, an increase of \$12,300 over Monday. The Central Hotel committee Monday appointed a soliciting committee, districted throughout the downtown business section, to solicit stock subscriptions. There is talk of building a \$1,000,000 hotel instead of a \$500,000 structure, as originally set out.

The Waco City Board of Commissioners awarded contracts for building fifteen blocks of vitrified brick pavement, the price being \$1.72 per square yard for brick laid flat with bituminous filler, to deaden sound and \$2.05 for brick laid edgewise with cement filler.

Three collectors of customs in Texas have been confirmed in conditional terms by the Senate. They were James J. Haynes of the strict of Corpus Christi, Francis L. B. for Galveston and Robert W. Die of Satura.

George W. Littlefield hasn't closed a deal whereby he sold 33,000 acres of land in Menard County for \$112,000 and 10,000 acres for \$50,000. Capps & Zesch, which, together with a sale of 4,900 acres in the Kansas City market at \$41 a head, perhaps constitutes the largest transaction Ann has had for several years.

Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds W. C. Day, of Austin, has notified Mrs. Rebecca J. Ober, president of the Daughters of the Republic, that he is ready to turn over the custody of the Alamo property, San Antonio to that organization.


### THE APPROVAL of the most EMINENT PHYSICIANS and its WORLD-WIDE ACCEPTANCE by the WELL-INFORMED, BECAUSE ITS COMPONENT PARTS ARE KNOWN TO BE MOST WHOLESOME AND TRULY BENEFICIAL IN EFFECT, HAVE GIVEN TO

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Herbert M. Wilson, of the United States geological survey, places the annual damage and waste by smoke in the United States at \$500,000,000 in the large cities alone, or about \$6 to each man, woman and child of the population.

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## SYNOPSIS.

"Mad" Dan Maitland, on reaching his New York bachelor club, met an attractive young woman at the door. Janitor J'Hagan assured him no one had been within that day. Dan discovered a woman's finger prints in dust on his desk, along with a letter from his attorney. Maitland dined with Bannerman, his attorney. Dan set out for Greenfield, to get his family jewels. During his walk to the country seat, he met the young woman in gray, whom he had seen leaving his bachelor's club. Her auto had broken down. He fixed it.

## CHAPTER II.—Continued.

"Don't!" she insisted—as much as to say that he was fabricating and she knew it! "We must hurry, you know, because . . . There, I've dropped my handkerchief! By the tree, there. Do you mind—?"

"Of course not." He set off swiftly toward the point indicated, but on reaching it cast about vainly for anything in the nature of a handkerchief. In the midst of which futile quest a change of tempo in the motor's impatient drumming surprised him.

Started, he looked up. Too late; the girl was in the seat, the car in motion—already some yards from the point at which he had left it. Dismayed, he strode forward, raising his voice in perturbed expostulation.

"But—I say—!"

Over the rear of the seat a gray gauntlet was waved at him, as tantalizing as the mocking laugh that came to his ears.

He paused, thunderstruck, appalled by this monstrosity of ingratitude. The machine gathered impetus, drawing swiftly away. Yet in the stillness the farewell of the gray girl came to him very clearly.

"Good-by!" with a laugh! "Thank you and good-by—Handsome Dan!"

## CHAPTER III.

### "Handsome Dan."

Standing in the middle of the road, watching the dust cloud that trailed the fast disappearing motor car, Mr. Maitland cut a figure sufficiently forlorn and disconsolate to have distilled pity from the least sympathetic heart.

His hands were thrust stiffly at full arm's length into his trousers pockets; a rumped silk hat was set awry on the back of his head; his shirt bosom was sadly crumpled; above the buttons to a casual glance, he presented the appearance of a man carefully attired in evening dress; below, his legs were sodden and muddled, his shoes of patent leather, twin wrecks. Alas for jaunty and elegance, alack for ease and aplomb!

"Tricked," observed Maitland, casually, and protruded his lower lip, thus adding to the length of a countenance naturally long. "Outwitted by a chit of a girl! Dammit!"

But this was crude melodrama. Realizing which, he strove to smile; a sorry failure.

"Handsome Dan," quoted he; and cocking his head to one side eyed the road inquiringly. "Where in thunder d'you suppose she got hold of that name?"

Bestowed upon him in callow college days, it had stuck burr-like for many a weary year. Of late, however, its use had lapsed among his acquaintances; he had begun to congratulate himself upon having lived it down. And now it was resurrected, flung at him in sincerest mockery by a woman whom, to his knowledge, he had never before laid eyes upon. Odious appellation, hateful invention of an ingenious enemy!

"Handsome Dan!" She must have known the all the time—all the time I was making an exhibition of myself.

"Wentworth? I know no one of that name. Who the dickens can she be?"

If it had not been contrary to his code of ethics, he would gladly have raved, gnashed his teeth, footed the dance of rage with his shadow. Indeed, his restraint was admirable, the circumstances considered. He did nothing whatever but stand still for a matter of five minutes, vainly racking his memory for a clue to the identity of "Miss Wentworth."

At length he gave it up in despair and abstractedly felt for his watch fob. Which wasn't there. Neither, investigation developed, was the watch. At which crowning stroke of misfortune—the timepiece must have slipped from his pocket into the water while he was tinkering with that infamous carbureter—Maitland turned eloquently red in the face.

"The price," he meditated aloud, with an effort to resume his pose, "is a high one to pay for a wave of a gray glove and the echo of a pretty laugh."

With which final fling at Fortune he set off again for Maitland Manor, trudging heavily but at a round pace through the dust that soon settled upon the damp cloth of his trousers' legs and completed their ruin. But Maitland was beyond being disturbed by such trifles. A wounded vanity engaged his solicitude to the exclusion of all other interests.

At the end of 45 minutes he had covered the remaining distance between Greenfield station and Maitland Manor. For five minutes more he strode wearily over the side path by the box hedge which set aside his ancestral acres from the public highway. At

length, with an exclamation, he paused at the first opening in the living barrier; a wide entrance from which a blue-stone carriage drive wound away to the house, invisible in the waning light, situate in the shelter of the grove of trees that studded the lawn.

"Gasoline! Brrr!" said Maitland, shuddering and shivering with the combination of a nauseous odor and the night's coolness—the latter by now making itself as unpleasantly prominent as the former.

Though he hated the smell with all his heart, manfully inconsistent he raised his head, sniffing the air for further evidence; and got his reward in a sickening gust.

"Tank leaked," he commented with brevity. "Quart of the stuff must have trickled out right here. Ugh! If it goes on at this rate, there'll be another breakdown before she gets home." And, "Serve her right, too!" he growled, vindictive.

But for all his indignation he acknowledged a sneaking wish that he might be at hand again, in such event, a second time to give gratuitous service to his gray lady.

Analyzing this frame of mind (not without surprise and some disdain of

These opened from ceiling to floor and should by right have presented to his vision a blank expanse of dark glass. But, oddly enough, even while thinking of his lawyer's warning, he had fancied. . . . "Ah!" said Maitland, softly.

A disk of white light, perhaps a foot or 18 inches in diameter, had flitted swiftly across the glass and vanished. "Ah! The devil, the devil!" murmured the young man, unconsciously.

The light appeared again, dancing athwart the inner wall of the room, and was lost as abruptly as before. On impulse Maitland buttoned his top-coat across his chest, turning up the collar to hide his linen, darted stealthily a yard or two to one side, and with one noiseless bound reached the floor of the veranda. A breath later he stood by the front door, where, at first glance, he discovered the means of entrance used by the midnight marauder; the doors stood ajar, a black interval showing between them.

So that, then, was the way! Cautiously Maitland put a hand upon the knob and pushed.

A sharp, penetrating squeak brought him to an abrupt standstill, heart hammering shamefully again. Gathering himself to spring, if need be, he crept back toward the library windows, and reconnoitering cautiously determined the fact that the bolts had just been withdrawn on the inside of one window frame, which was swinging wide. "It's a wise crook that provides his own quick exit," considered Maitland.

The sagacious one was not, apparently, leaving at that moment. On the contrary, having made all things ready for a hurried flight upon the first alarm, the intruder turned back, as was clearly indicated by the motion of the light within. The clink of steel touching steel became audible; and Maitland nodded. Bannerman was in

without rattling the brass rings from which the curtain depended. And then Maitland was in the passage, acutely on the alert, recognizing from the continued click of metal that his antagonist-to-be was still at his difficult task. Inch by inch—there was the tapestry! Very gently the householder pushed it aside.

An insidious aroma of scorching varnish (the dark lantern) penetrated the passage while he stood on its threshold, feeling for the electric light switch. Unhappily he missed this at the first cast, and—heard from within a quick, deep hiss of breath. Something had put the burglar on guard.

Another instant wasted, and it would be too late. The young man had to chance it. And he did, without further hesitation stepping boldly into the danger zone, at the same time making one final, desperate pass at the spot where the switch should have been—and missing it. On the instant there came a click of a different caliber from those that had preceded it. A revolver had been cocked, somewhere there in the blank darkness.

Maitland knew enough not to move. In another respect the warning came too late; his fingers had found the switch at last, and automatically had turned it.

The glare was blinding, momentarily; but the flash and report for which Maitland waited did not come. When his eyes had adjusted themselves to the suddenly altered conditions, he saw, directly before him and some six feet distant, a woman's slight figure, dark cloaked, resolute upon its two feet, head framed in veiling, features effectually disguised in a motor mask whose round, staring goggles shone blankly in the warm white light.

On her part, she seemed to recognize him instantaneously. On his . . .

It may as well be admitted that Maitland's wits were gone wool-gathering, temporarily at least; a state of mind not unardonable when it is taken into consideration that he was called upon to grapple with and simultaneously to assimilate three momentous facts. For the first time in his life he found himself nose to nose with a revolver, and that one of able-bodied and respect-compelling proportions. For the first time in his life, again, he was under necessity of dealing with a housebreaker. But most stupefying of all he found the fact that this housebreaker, this armed midnight marauder, was a woman! And so it was not altogether fearlessness that made him to all intents and purposes ignore the weapon; it is nothing to his credit for courage if his eyes struck past the black and deadly mouth of the revolver and looked only into the blank and expressionless eyes of the wind mask; it was not lack of respect for his skin's integrity, but the sheer, tremendous wonder of it all, that rendered him oblivious to the eternity that lay the other side of a slender, trembling lip.

And so he stared, agape, and presently the weapon wavered and was lowered and the woman's voice, touched with irony, brought him to his senses.

"Oh," she remarked, coolly, "it's only you."

Thunderstruck, he was able no more than to parrot the pronoun: "You—you!"

"Were you expecting to meet any one else, here, to-night?" she inquired in suavest mockery.

He left his shoulders helplessly, and tried to school his tongue to coherence. "I confess. . . . Well, certainly I didn't count on finding you here, Miss Wentworth. And the black cloak, you know—"

"Reverable, of course; gray inside, as you see—Handsome Dan!" The girl laughed quietly, drawing aside an edge of the garment to reveal its inner face of silken gray and the fluted tuffles of the gray skirt underneath.

He nodded appreciation of the device, his mind now busy with speculations as to what he should do with the girl, now that he had caught her. At the same time he was vaguely vexed by her persistent repetition of the obnoxious nickname.

"Handsome Dan," he iterated all but mechanically. "Why do you call me that, please? Have we met before?—could swear, never before this night!"

"But you are altogether too modest, she laughed. "Not that it's a bad trait in the character of a professional burglar. . . . But really! It seems a bit incredible that any one so widely advertised as Handsome Dan Anis should feel surprise at being recognized. Why, your portrait and big raply have commanded space in every yellow journal in America recently!"

And, dropping the revolver into pocket in her cloak, "I was afraid you might be a servant—or even Maitland," she diverted the subject, with a nod.

"But—but if you recognized me Anist, back there by the ford, did you suspect I'd drop in on you—?"

"Why, of course! Didn't you tell me that you were coming here?"

"But—"

"I thought perhaps I might through before you came, Mr. Anis, but I knew all the time that, even you did manage to surprise me on the job, you wouldn't call me 'lice.' She laughed confidently, oddly enough—at the same seriously. "You are certainly a bold one, to run around the way do without so much as trouble grow a beard or a mustache, your picture has been published in—"

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him who weakly entertained it) he crossed the drive and struck in over the lawn, shaping his course direct for the front entrance of the house.

By dead reckoning the hour was two, or something later; and a chill was stealing in upon the land, wafted gently southward from Long Island sound. All the world beside himself seemed to slumber, breathless, insensate. Wraith-like, gray shreds of mist drifted between the arched boles of trees, or, rising, veiled the moon's wan and pallid face, that now was low upon the horizon. In silent rivalry long and velvet-black shadows skulked across the ample breadths of dew-drenched grass. Somewhere a bird stirred on its unseen perch, chirping sleepily; and in the rapt silence the inconsiderable interruption broke with startling stress.

In time—not long—the house lifted into view; a squat, rambling block of home-grown architecture with little to recommend it save its keen associations and its comfort. At the edge of the woods the lord and master paused indefinitely, with little purpose, surveying idly the pale, columned facade, aye wondering whether or not his entrance at that ungodly hour would rouse the staff of house servants. If it did not—he contemplated with mild amusement the prospect of their surprise when, morning come, they should find the owner in occupation.

"Bannerman was right," he conceded; "any—"

The syllables died upon his lips; his gaze became fixed; his heart thumped wildly for an instant, then rested still; and instinctively he held his breath, tip-toeing to the edge of the veranda the better to command a view of the library windows

deed justified; at that very moment the safe was being attacked.

Maitland returned noiselessly to the door. His mouth had settled into a hard, unyielding, thin line; and a dangerous light flickered in his eyes. Temporarily the idler had stepped aside, giving place to the real man that was Maitland—the man ready to fight for his own, naked hands against firearms, if it need be. True, he had but to step into the gunroom to find weapons in plenty; but these must be then loaded to be of service, and precious moments wasted in the process—moments in which the burglar might gain access to and make off with his booty.

Maitland had no notion whatever of permitting anything of the sort to occur. He counted upon taking his enemy unawares, difficult as he believed such a feat would be, in the case of a professional cracksmen.

Down the hallway he groped his way to the library door, his fingers at length encountering its panels; it was closed, doubtless secured upon the inside; the slightest movement of the handle was calculated to alarm the housebreaker. Maitland paused, deliberating another and better plan, having in mind a short passageway connecting library and smoking room. In the library itself a heavy tapestry curtain its opening, while an equally heavy portiere took the place of a door at the other end. In the natural order of things a burglar would overlook this.

Inch by inch the young man edged into the smoking room, the door to which providentially stood unopened. Once within, it was but a moment's work to feel his way to the velvet folds and draw them aside, fortunately

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**THE ENTERPRISE**

Big Springs, Texas  
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**A CHANGE.**

Having sold THE ENTERPRISE to Miss Clemmie Dodson I wish to thank the people of Big Springs and Howard county who have given me their patronage for the past eleven and one-half years, and ask that they continue as liberally with my successor it has been by their co-operation that I was able to accomplish what I have during the time I been in Big Springs for myself and the good of the town. Miss Dodson is an experienced newspaper woman and will give you a good paper in every way worthy of the support of the people of every class.

Referring to the above I desire to say to the patrons of THE ENTERPRISE and the public in general that I will do my utmost to deserve your patronage by giving you good service, both in the newspaper and in the job department. Respectfully soliciting your orders, promising prompt and faithful execution of same. My brother, Ed. Dodson, an expert printer is in charge of the job department and you can rely upon him for reliable work.

Very respectfully,  
**MISS CLEMMIE DODSON.**

March 10 is Texas clean-up day. It is more important that we observe it than any other holiday.

No. Of course we do not believe that Peary discovered the Pole. And furthermore, we don't think it makes a bloomin' bit of difference whether he did or not.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They do the work whenever you require their aid. These tablets change weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, gloominess into joyousness. Their action is so gentle one doesn't realize they have taken a purgative. Sold by all druggists.

There will be preaching service at the Peoples Cumberland Presbyterian Church Sunday morning next at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m., R. E. McCain, Supt. Childrens Band at 4:00 p. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday night at 7:45. If you wish to here the confession of Faith that is used by Cumberland Presbyterians come to prayer meeting.

J. P. Mason, pastor.

Prohibition Department.  
 (Advertising.)

**PHYSIOLOGICAL ASPECTS Alcohol Not a Stimulant.**

The traditional role of alcohol is that of a stimulant. It has been supposed to stimulate digestion and assimilation; to stimulate the heart's action; to stimulate muscular activity and strength; to stimulate the mind. The new evidence seems to show that, in the final analysis, alcohol stimulates none of these activities; that its final effect is everywhere depressive and inhibitory (at any rate, as regards higher functions) rather than stimulative; that, in short, it is properly to be classed with the anesthetic and narcotics.

**Alcohol a Poison.**

Alcohol in any form, taken into the body as a beverage, is not only a poison, but produces other poisons, and associated with other substances it may develop toxins. Alcohol is also an anesthetic and not a tonic or so-called stimulant. It increases the waste product of the body and diminishes the power of elimination. It also destroys the phagocytes of the blood, and thus removes and lessens the protective power of the blood cells.—T. D. Crothers, M. D.

**Possibilities of a Bushel of Corn**

The distiller from the bushel of corn makes four gallons of whiskey with the aid of various harmful products and adulteration. These four gallons of whiskey retail for \$16.40.

The farmer who raises the corn gets 25 to 50 cents.

The United States government through its tax on whiskey, gets \$4.40.

The railroad company gets \$1. The drayman who hauls the whiskey gets 15 cents.

The retailer gets \$7.

The man who drinks the whiskey gets drunk.

His wife gets hunger and sorrow.

His children get rags and insufficient food.

**Massachusetts "Dry" Cities vs. Ohio "Wet" Cities.**

Cambridge, Mass., with a population of 91,896, which has been without saloons, for twenty-two years, has a tax rate of 18.3 mills; while Dayton, O., with a population of 85,333, a large supply of saloons and an assortment of brewers, has a tax rate of 25.4 mills.

Somerville, Mass., population of 61,645, no saloons, has a tax rate of 16.4 mills; and Akron, O., population 42,728, conspicuous for its supply of saloons and brewery equipment, has a tax

rate of 28.2 mills.

Newton, Mass., population 33,587, without saloons for years, has a tax rate of 16.4 mills; and Springfield, O., population 38,253, rather priding itself on its beer production, and, perhaps, consumption, has a tax rate of 23.8 mills.

**Tax Rate in Massachusetts Cities.**

The average rate of taxation in the license cities of the state of Massachusetts, as compared with the average in the no-license cities of that state, is a remarkable financial argument in favor of the latter policy. There are 33 cities in the state; 20 of these are "dry" and 23 are "wet." The general average tax rate in these "wet" cities is larger than the general average in the "dry" cities by \$1.09 for each \$1,000 assessed.

**No-License Decrease Taxes in Ohio Town.**

The records of the following representative no-license towns in Ohio show that the voting out of the saloons in these counties decreased the tax by the following amounts:

New Comerstown.....	4.50	mills in 3 years.
Athens.....	8.00	mills in 1 year
Washington C. H.....	1.50	mills in 2 years.
Barnesville.....	3.05	mills in 7 years.
Wooster.....	1.50	mills in 2 years
Wellsville.....	2.40	mills in 3 years.
East Liverpool.....	1.20	mills in 1 year.
Millersburg.....	5.70	mills in 4 years.
Jamestown.....	4.40	mills in 6 years.
Ashland.....	1.75	mills in 2 years.

**Labor Wages and No-License.**

The average yearly wage for cities of Massachusetts is \$542.6. The average in license cities is \$468.66. The total wages paid to labor in all the no-license cities of Massachusetts is \$27,706,941.75, which is \$4,534,085.73 more than the same number of laborers would receive if they were employed in the license cities of the state.

The effect of alcohol on muscular activity has a larger measure of popular interest; indeed, it is a question of the utmost practicality. The experiments show that alcohol does not increase the capacity to do muscular work, but distinctly decreases it. Doubtless this seems at variance with many a man's observation of himself; but the

explanation is found in the fact that alcohol blurs the judgment. As Voit remarks, it gives, not strength, but, at most, the feeling of strength. A man may think he is working faster and better under the influence of alcohol than he would otherwise do; but rigidly conducted experiments do not confirm this opinion.—Henry Smith Williams, M. D., L. L. D.

**West Virginia Figures.**

The five most saloon-ridden counties of West Virginia have 415 convicts; the other fifty counties together have only 413. The dry counties of West Virginia have one convict for every 4,022 of population, while one single wet county (MacDowell) has one convict for every 190 of population.

Increase of taxable valuations in Howard county under prohibition—increase in city from 1907 to 1909 \$264,640. Assessed valuation of entire county for 1906, \$2,096,830. Assessed valuation for 1909 \$4,797,540. A gain of \$2,700,710.

Increase in taxable valuations in Howard county under prohibition. Increase in entire county from 1906 to 1909, \$2,700,710. Increase in City of Big Springs \$264,640.

The distiller gets his profit; the wholesaler gets his profit; the railroad and drayman get their profit. The man who drinks the liquor gets drunk, and many times the fellows stripes. His wife and children get broken hearts, hungry stomachs, cold backs, humiliation and disgrace. Friend, do you vote for all this? You do if you vote for the saloon.

(Advertisement.)

**Christian Citizenship.**

At the Wednesday evening service of the First Presbyterian church the subject of "Christian words: "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Rev. John S. Thomas, the pastor said in fact "the Christian citizen has political duty, and ought to be a voice and not an echo.

"He ought not to negatively consent to the saloon power. Therefore, he ought to raise his voice against the tyrant saloon power.

"He represents, or should, the moral side of every question and therefore should be again the saloon in any form, as they are the greatest menace to religion and morality that we are confronted with.

He quoted from Charles Parkhurst, who said "The salo is the prolific source of nine tenths of the misery, wretchedness and crime; is more than know, responsible for the so evil."

Bro. Thomas' talk was a pointed address to the citizenship of this town, delivered in a christian spirit and will result good to the cause for which many of our people are now giving their aid to promote prohibition.

**Paine Accepted Devoe's C**

Good yarn: How Devoe got at Deihl, N. Y.

Gladstone & Paine were agents; we mustn't tell Devoe wanted 'em Paine was his Big Colonial house. Said it gallons of white for the trim.

Devoe sent him 20 gallons as if you get it all on, so pay; if any left, return it and pay for Agreed.

He returned four gallons and agency. Four or five years ago knows now that his old paint adulterated; that's why it took long to equal six of Devoe.

Go by the name; there is name to go by; Devoe lead a B. L. M. & C.

R. E. Slaughter, merchant, was in town Tuesday said his town is growing and country is settling up there with new people come there to make the He is very sanguine of of Soah and says it is the town of the south plain

There was a prohibition rally at Cohoma Wednesday night which was well attended and very enthusiastic. Rev. Hearn, Morris and Odum were the speakers. A large number from here attended the rally and all of them that we have talked with are well pleased with what was accomplished.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never disappoints those who use it for obstinate coughs, colds and irritations of the throat and lungs. It stands unrivalled as a remedy for all throat and lung diseases. Sold by all druggists.

**Ladies**

combing or out hair to make up. Also faded switches dyed and renewed. Mrs. E. M. GUTHALS, Hair Dressing Parlors, 402, W. Harris Ave. San Angelo, Texas.

See R. H. Pringle for choice Kansas Prairie Hay.

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**For Commissioner.**

J. B. Ryan authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Commissioner of precinct four subject to the Democratic primary. Jess has been a citizen of Howard county 20 years and is well known to most of our people, is a good citizen and if elected will make a good commissioner. He respectfully solicits your support and vote.

Mrs. F. F. Gary returned to Midland this morning.

Three cars Kansas Prairie Hay on the road. Give me your orders now. R. H. Pringle.

R. K. Manion and wife of Dawson county are here today shopping and greeting old friends

W. T. Patterson and wife have both been quite sick with grip, but we are glad to report them better.

Every lady who appears at our Embroidery and Lace Counters Saturday, Monday and Tuesday will be glad she come.

Berry & Devenport.

G. E. McNew and Frank Ross have purchased the business of the McWhorter Ice Cream Co. and took charge last week.

We want to make every lady in Big Springs glad she appeared at our Embroidery Counter Saturday 5th, Monday 6th and Tuesday 8th.

Berry & Devenport.

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**Nature's Gift from the Sunny South**

**What "Marion Harland" Thinks of "Nature's Gift From The Sunny South"**

New York, December 15, 1906

The N. K. Fairbank Company,

Dear Sirs:

Many years ago I discontinued the use of lard in my kitchen and substituted for it as an experiment—COTTOLENE, then comparatively a new product.

Since my first trial of it I can truly say that it has given complete satisfaction, whether it is used alone, as "shortening," or in combination with butter in pastry, biscuits, etc., or in frying; it has never disappointed me.

I wish it were in my power to install this pure vegetable product in the esteem of my fellow housewives in place of the gross, and often diseased, animal fats.

I rarely recommend any proprietary article in print, however good I may think it, but after many years use has proved to my household and myself the excellence of COTTOLENE, I feel justified in departing from the self-imposed rule. I honestly believe it to be the very best thing of its kind ever offered to the American housekeeper, and I am glad of the opportunity to make my conviction public.

Yours truly,

*Marion Harland*

NOTE—"MARION HARLAND" is well known as one of the foremost cooking experts in the United States. She is the author of the famous "Marion Harland Cook Book," and her articles on culinary subjects are widely read and highly prized. Her high standing and long experience with COTTOLENE make this endorsement particularly strong and convincing, and it is doubly gratifying because of the fact that it came entirely unsolicited.



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 Practical Tinner and Sheet Metal Worker  
 Your patronage solicited. A fair deal guaranteed you Big Springs is my home



**GENERAL STRIKE IN PHILADELPHIA**

**CENTRAL LABOR UNION DEPARTS FOR WALKOUT—RE-NEW ARBITRATION.**

**WOMEN KILLED; FOUR INJURED**

Jump Track and Crashes into Front of Cigar Store.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 28.—Action brought with possible momentous consequences to Philadelphia was taken by the Central Labor Union last night when that body, representing 140 unions with a claimed membership of 25,000, voted to begin a sympathetic strike next Saturday in sympathy with the striking street car employes.

The decision came at the end of a seven session of about 700 delegates at Labor Lyceum Hall, which lasted more than six hours. There was apparently no question that the delegates would vote to strike, the split being on the issue of whether it would be started immediately. The more conservative element prevailed, however, and the walk-out was put off until next Saturday. Meanwhile, there is hope that the street railway strike will be arbitrated, despite the repeated declarations of the transit company controlling all the lines in the city that "there is nothing to arbitrate." Nobody doubts that last night's action of the Central Labor Union makes the situation very grave.

There is a strong feeling, especially among business men, that the strike should be settled speedily, as all lines of business suffer because of the stagnation resulting from interference with traffic. Consequently, there is much sympathy for the arbitration proposition made by the clergymen early in the week. Whether this sentiment is strong enough to bring the warring interests together remains to be seen.

**Two Killed; Four Hurt.**

A man and a boy are dead and four other boys were seriously hurt as the result of a trolley car jumping a switch down town last night and crashing into the front of a cigar store.

**WRIGHT BROS. STOP PAULHAN**

Americans Secure Injunction Against French Aviator.

Oklahoma City: Louis Paulhan, the noted French aviator, was compelled to cancel his agreements for flights here Sunday and Monday following the receipt of a message from New York confirming the injunction secured by Wright Brothers forbidding him to use a bi-plane in his flights in America. The injunction papers say Paulhan was infringing on the Wright patents. The injunction demands he deposit three thousand dollars for each day's flights and this Paulhan refused. He left immediately for New York and says he will fly no more until the litigation is settled. This cancels his engagements at Dallas also.

**MORE MONEY FOR EDUCATION**

Board Makes Largest Monthly Apportionment in History.

Austin: The State Department of Education made the largest monthly apportionment made for this year by the State Board of Education. During the month of February the regular State taxes have been pouring into the State treasury at a rapid rate, placing an immense balance in the treasury, and, incidentally, much money in the available school fund.

**Southern Baptist Convention.**

Baltimore: Earliest and hard work in making arrangements for the big Southern Baptist convention to be held in this city in May is being done by the Baptist women of Baltimore. Seven thousand delegates and friends will come here for the convention, and of these delegates 250 will be women. Another feature will be a trip to Washington, plans being under way for a reception of the delegates by President Taft. The Naval Academy at Annapolis will also be visited.

**Waco After Appropriation.**

Waco: The Business Men's Club have addressed a communication to Representative R. L. Henry, asking him to learn whether Congress would be willing to appropriate an additional \$500,000 for a lock and dam just below Waco, providing the city will issue bonds for a similar amount to supplement the government funds, so the lock and dam can be completed quickly. A double shift of men will be put on the job if Congress accepts the proposition. Mr. Henry was asked to give an answer.

**Two Negroes Legally Hanged.**

Wharton: Sam Washington and John Thomas, negroes, were hanged here Saturday at the same time for murder of two negroes several months ago. Washington's neck was broken and he died instantly. Thomas died in seven minutes from strangulation.

**Granbury Confederate Reunion.**

Granbury: The directors of the Granbury Reunion Association have set the date for the 1914 reunion for July 19, 20 and 21.

**NATURAL MISTAKE.**



The Girl—It isn't fair for you to keep on your mask after I have taken off mine.  
The Boy—I didn't wear any.

**IN AGONY WITH ECZEMA**

"No tongue can tell how I suffered for five years with itching and bleeding eczema, until I was cured by the Cuticura Remedies, and I am so grateful I want the world to know, for what helped me will help others. My body and face were covered with sores. One day it would seem to be better, and then break out again with the most terrible pain and itching. I have been sick several times, but never in my life did I experience such awful suffering as with this eczema. I had made up my mind that death was near at hand, and I longed for that time when I would be at rest. I had tried many different doctors and medicines without success, and my mother brought me the Cuticura Remedies, insisting that I try them. I began to feel better after the first bath with Cuticura Soap, and one application of Cuticura Ointment.

"I continued with the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment, and have taken four bottles of Cuticura Resolvent, and consider myself well. This was nine years ago and I have had no return of the trouble since. Any person having any doubt about this wonderful cure by the Cuticura Remedies can write to my address. Mrs. Altie Etson, 93 Inn Road, Battle Creek, Mich., Oct. 16, 1909."

**Weak Spot in His Defense.**

A religious worker was visiting a southern penitentiary, when one prisoner in some way took his fancy. This prisoner was a negro, who evinced a religious fervor as deep as it was gratifying to the caller. "Of what were you accused?" the prisoner was asked. "Day says I took a watch," answered the negro. "I made a good fight. I had a dandy lawyer, and he done prove an alibi wif ten witnesses. Den my lawyer he shore made a strong speech to de jury. But it wa'n't no use, sah! I get ten years."

"I don't see why you were not acquitted," said the religious worker. "Well, sah," explained the prisoner, "dere was shore one weak spot 'bout my defense—dey found de watch in my pocket."—Tit-Bits.

**Premature Repentance.**

The sick man seized his wife's hand in his feeble grasp. "Please tell me the whole, awful truth at once," he begged, gaspingly. "Oh, William!" cried his wife, "it's all right, at last! The crisis is past and the doctor assures us that you will recover!"

"Is he absolutely sure of that, my dear?" "Perfectly."

"Well, then, darling, please do this for me at once. Run and telephone to my partner that I didn't mean what I said yesterday about not foreclosing that mortgage. He'll understand that I must have been out of my head."

**A GOOD CHANGE**

**A Change of Food Works Wonders.**

The wrong food and drink causes a lot of trouble in this world. To change the food is the first duty of every person that is ill, particularly from stomach and nervous troubles. As an illustration: A lady in Mo. has, with her husband, been brought around to health again by leaving off coffee and some articles of food that did not agree with them. They began using Postum and Grape-Nuts food. "She says: "For a number of years I suffered with stomach and bowel trouble which kept getting worse until I was very ill most of the time. About four years ago I left off coffee and began taking Postum. My stomach and bowels improved right along, but I was so reduced in flesh and so nervous that the least thing would overcome me. "Then I changed my food and began using Grape-Nuts in addition to Postum. I lived on these two principally for about four months. Day by day I gained in flesh and strength until now the nervous trouble has entirely disappeared and I feel that I owe my life and health to Postum and Grape-Nuts."

"Husband is 73 years old and he was troubled for a long time with occasional cramps, and slept badly. Finally I prevailed upon him to leave off coffee and take Postum. He had stood out for a long time, but after he tried Postum for a few days he found that he could sleep and that his cramps disappeared. He was satisfied and has never gone back to coffee. "I have a brother in California who has been using Postum for several years; his whole family use it also because they have had such good results from it."

Look in pkgs. for the little book, "The Road to Wellville." "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.



**BURDENS LIFTED FROM BAD BACKS**

Weary is the back that bears the burden of kidney ills. There's no rest nor peace for the man or woman who has a bad back. The distress begins in early morning. You feel lame and not refreshed. It's hard to get out of bed. It hurts to stoop to tie your shoes. All day the ache keeps up. Any sudden movement sends sharp twinges through the back. It is torture to stoop or straighten. At night the sufferer retires to toss and twist and groan. Backache is kidney ache—a throbbing, dull aching in the kidneys. Plasters or liniments won't do. You must get at the cause, inside.

**DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS CURE SICK KIDNEYS**

**TWICE-TOLD TESTIMONY**  
A Cure of Severe Kidney Disease Verified By Test of Time.  
William M. Sears, 429 W. Cherry Street, Nevada, Mo., says: "I was convinced of the great value of Doan's Kidney Pills through personal experience. Four or five months ago I suffered a great deal from a pain across the small of my back, extending at times into my limbs and shoulders. When I stooped or did any work that brought a strain on the muscles of my back, my trouble was aggravated. I tried a number of remedies but without success. After a short time I could see that they were benefiting me, and the contents of two and one-half boxes cured me." (Statement given in May, 1909.)

**How To Tell When The Kidneys Are Disordered**

**PAINFUL SYMPTOMS**  
Backache, sideache, pains when stooping or lifting, sudden sharp twinges, rheumatic pains, neuralgia, painful scanty or too frequent urination, dizzy spells, dropsy.

**URINARY SYMPTOMS**  
Discolored or cloudy urine. Urine that contains sediment. Urine that stains the linen. Painful passages. Blood or shreds in the urine. Let a bottleful of the morning urine stand for 24 hours. If it shows a cloudy or fleecy settling, or a layer of fine grains, like brick-dust, the kidneys are disordered.

**NEVER ANY RETURN**  
A Complete Cure of Kidney Trouble and Dropsy  
Mrs. L. L. Habers, 1615 Terry St., Houston, Texas, says: "I hold a very high opinion of Doan's Kidney Pills and with good reason, for three years ago they cured me of kidney trouble that had clung to me for several years. There was a dropsical swelling of my feet and limbs in addition to other symptoms of kidney complaint, and although I used various remedies, I was not helped until I procured Doan's Kidney Pills. Two boxes of this preparation cured me and I have never had the slightest return of my trouble. I have recommended Doan's Kidney Pills to many people who have questioned me about them, and I know of several cases in which they have done the same good work."

**A TRIAL FREE** Test Doan's Kidney Pills Yourself  
Cut out this coupon, mail it to Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. A free trial package of Doan's Kidney Pills will be mailed you promptly. w.w.v.

**DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS**  
Sole by all dealers. Price 50 cents. FOSTER-MILBURN CO., Buffalo, N. Y., Proprietors.

**A STRIKING PORTRAIT.**



"This is a portrait of Hix, the deaf-mute."  
"A very striking picture. He looks as if he were just going to speak."

**TACK THIS UP**

**Prescription That Breaks Up the Worst Cold in a Day.**  
Every winter this prescription is published here and thousands have been benefited by it. "Get two ounces of Glycerine and half an ounce of Concentrated Pine compound. Then get half a pint of good whiskey and put the other two ingredients into it. Take a teaspoonful to a tablespoonful of this mixture after each meal and at bed time. Shake the bottle well each time." But be sure to get only the genuine Concentrated Pine. Each half ounce bottle comes in a tin screw-top case. Any druggist has it on hand or will quickly get it from the wholesale house. Many other pine extracts are impure, and cause nausea.

**Mournful Pleasure.**

Master.—Since your wife died you have got drunk every day. You had better get married again at once.  
Servant.—Oh, sir, leave me yet a month in my grief.

**For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine.**  
Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's Liquid—pleasant to take—Effects immediately. 10¢ and 50¢ at Drug Stores.

Answer me quick, what help, what hand, do you stretch o'er destruction's brink?—Browning.

**Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.**  
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25¢ a bottle.

It is easy to see the silver lining of other people's clouds.  
Lewis' Single Binder gives a man what he wants, a rich, mellow-tasting cigar.  
Two-thirds of all a man's troubles wear petticoats.

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Color more grade brighter and faster colors than any other dye. One 10¢ package colors all fibers. They dye in cold water better than any other dye. You can dye 50 garments without ripping apart. Write for free booklet—How to Dye, Bleach and Fix Colors. MONROE DRUG CO., Quincy, Illinois.

**To Check Ravages of Tuberculosis.**  
The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis declares that there are two ways of checking the ravages of tuberculosis among school children. The first way is to instruct every school child about the dangers of the disease and to show them how they themselves may prevent tuberculosis in their homes. The second method is to establish open air schools for all children who have tuberculosis or who are suspected cases, segregating them from the healthy children.

**His Landlord's Reply.**  
"This appears to be a pretty slow town. You have no pay-as-you-enter street cars here."  
"No, but we have a pretty good line of pay-before-you-leave boarding houses."

**LOCAL OPTION** and the Acme home treatment for drunkenness is the surest and safest way to rid any community of liquor. Write E. Fortin, Dickey Bldg., Chicago, for a free trial of the Acme treatment.

**Marrying for Money.**  
"Her father doesn't approve of my suit."  
"You ought to show him one with a larger check in it."

**If It's Your Eye Use Pettit's Eye Salve,** for inflammation, stye, itching lids, eye aches, defects of vision and sensitivity to strong lights. All druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

Crosses are of no use to us, but in as much as we yield ourselves up to them and forget ourselves.—Fenelon.

Water your cattle in the most sanitary way out of a Bottomless Tank. Write for Booklet "A." Alamo Iron Works, San Antonio, Texas.

One should take care not to grow too wise for so great a pleasure of life as laughter.—Addison.

**FILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.**  
FAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Files in 6 to 14 days if money refunded. 50¢.

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**ALLEN'S LUNG BALSAM** has been used successfully for years for deep-seated coughs, colds and bronchitis. Everybody should know about it. It is simple, safe and sure.

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"I have used less than one bottle of Cardui," writes Mrs. Gertrude Ward, of Rushville, Neb., "and am feeling fifty per cent better than when I began taking it. "Before taking Cardui, I had suffered with female trouble, for eight years. My greatest trouble was irregularity. I also suffered with severe pains, every month, but now I am greatly improved and will recommend Cardui to all my suffering friends."

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Big Springs, Texas

O. J. Leveretti, who was local agent at this place for the Waters-Pierce Oil Company for some time, has returned, and is now with the Texas Co.

Howard county needs more farms. We would like to see 500 land owners put in 500 new farms this year. If you own land around Big Springs it will pay you to put it in cultivation. The expense will be small compared with the benefits.

Bring us your cow hides; we pay the price for them. See Dunman at the New Feed Store, phone 305.

Frank Good, writing from Shady Grove ranch, says farmers are all busy up there and feeling good over the outlook for good crops.

**A Hat for Someone to Cook.**  
Why do people who do not eat pork as meat continue to use it in the form of lard? Lard is just as indigestible as pork. In a recent article on cooking fat, Dr. Paige Emery, the eminent specialist, writes as follows:  
"The healthful and economical solution of the cooking fat problem is the use of Cottolene." Cottolene is purely a vegetable product, is easily assimilated, and aids digestion. Dietetic experiments have shown conclusively that when a vegetable oil is used in cooking in preference to animal fat, it is more easily assimilated and yields far more nourishment to the body."  
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## RANGE ENUMERATORS

Live Stock Census to be Taken by Them Instead of Special Agents

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—It has been decided by the Census Bureau authorities to have the census enumerators take the census of the number and value of the live stock on the ranges of the western states as a part of the Thirteenth Decennial Census, beginning April 15 next.

The census authorities are convinced that the enumerators will be able to gather these statistics even more expeditiously, correctly and economically than would be possible by the use of special agents under existing conditions.

This decision was not reached until after assistant Director William F. Willoughby had returned to the bureau after a series of conferences throughout the West, which were attended by all the census supervisors in the range states. He was accompanied by Chief Statistician William C. Hunt and Le Grand Powers, of the population and agricultural divisions respectively.

The supervisors in conference recommended that the work be placed in the hands of the enumerators. They assured the assistant director the enumerators can do it in connection with the count of population and farms with greater dispatch and economy than could special agents. They stated that there would be no difficulty whatever if the live stock owners were made to appreciate the fact that in giving to the enumerators the information regarding their live stock holdings there is absolutely no danger of it being communicated to county assessors or forest service officials. The supervisors stated that otherwise there might be hesitancy to furnish this data for fear it might mean an extra taxation or larger grazing charges.

Mr. Willoughby pointed out to them that under the act of congress providing for the present census every supervisor, supervisor's clerk, enumerator, interpreter, special agent or other employee must make oath not to divulge any information contained in the schedules, lists or statements obtained for or prepared by the Bureau of the Census to any person or persons. He informed them that the penalty clause in the law provides that a violation shall constitute a misdemeanor, to be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment not to exceed two years, or by both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. The bureau authorities have always maintained the position that all information gathered by it was for statistical use solely, and would not under any circumstances be imparted to any other branch of the government.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following candidates authorize Tax Enthusiasts to announce them subject to the action of the Democratic primary, July 23, 1910.

For Representative 101st District  
J J DILLARD, of Lubbock

For Sheriff and Tax Collector  
J A BAGGETT  
J W McCUTCHAN  
E M MOBLEY

For County Treasurer  
W B PURSER (re-election)

For District and County Clerk  
J F PEICHARD (re-election)

For Tax Assessor  
ANDERSON BAILEY  
J M BATES

For County Judge  
M H MORRISON

For Hide and Animal Inspector  
M H WILLIAMSON

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1  
W L SHUNAKE  
C A MERRICK

For Commissioner Precinct No. 4  
W. G. STORY.

For City Marshal  
W A HILL  
E A DAVIS  
M W HARWELL,  
T B SULLIVAN

For City Secretary, Assessor and Collector  
F R McCRORY  
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### Election in Howard.

Howard county will vote on the prohibition question again on the 8th of March. Big Springs has been pushing right ahead and doing well without saloons and we do not believe they will be voted back. Gall, to some extent, is interested in the result of this election as our close proximity to a saloon town (if they vote wet) will have a blighting effect here. We hope and believe that Howard will remain dry by an increased majority.—Borden Cidzen.

### Clean Up Proclamation

In compliance with proclamation issued by W. M. Brumby, President State Board of Health, I, Geo. D. Lee, Mayor of Big Springs, Texas, do hereby designate March 10th, 1910, as the annual clean up day for our city.

I respectfully urge and request that every citizen of Big Springs co-operate with me in ridding our city of all filth and trash on that date, thereby adding to the cleanliness and healthfulness of our city. The necessity of placing our city in a sanitary condition cannot be emphasized too strongly, as only by this method are epidemics of contagious diseases lessened if not entirely prevented.

We expect every citizen to do his duty March 10th by co-operating in giving Big Springs a thorough cleaning up.

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