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Conflagration at Lubbock Saturday Night

A fire started in the Methodist Church at Lubbock last Saturday night by the explosion of an oil stove, and the building was entirely destroyed.

Just north of the church was the building and home of the Avalanche Publishing Company, and this property, including the equipment of the printing plant, was an entire loss.

On the lot north of the Avalanche building was a building occupied by a candy factory, and it was also burned. All buildings destroyed were of frame construction and were built in the early days of the town.

The Jackson Bros. Feed and Grain Company's property was damaged considerably.

The exact loss was not announced but much of the property destroyed carried insurance. A social entertainment was being held at the Methodist Church at the time the explosion of the stove occurred. The buildings where the fire started were all close together and of frame construction and it was difficult for the Lubbock fire department to stop the blaze, and their efforts were directed more to preventing the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings, several of which were damaged nevertheless. A party which came down from Lubbock while the conflagration was under way stated that there was a lack of water for the fire department to use in fighting the fire.

The Avalanche management inounced that arrangements had been made to have the paper printed in a neighboring town, and that they would not miss an issue while securing new equipment.

A very significant fact that means much for the future city of Slaton is that the townsite is owned by the Santa Fe Railway Townsite Company, and that one-half of the town lots are still the property of the company. Another good omen is that seventy or eighty per cent of the Santa Fe men have bought lots from the Santa Fe and built their homes here. Section men, shop men, yard men, office men, trainmen, and officials own Slaton property and have thus placed their financial as well as moral support behind our city. These conditions backed by one of the most productive farming sections that a town has ever been blessed with gives a foundation to build on that will carry Slaton into the future years with substantial and permanent development.

Asks \$100,000 for the Killing of Her Husband

It was announced here Monday that the widow of Ed Simms, who was killed at Snyder some time ago, has entered suit for \$100,000 for the death of her husband against the parties alleged to have been implicated in the killing.

The attorneys for the plaintiff are Cunningham & Oliver of Abilene and Beall and Douthitt of Sweetwater. The suit was filed at Snyder.

It is understood that Simms had \$30,000 life insurance and that it has been paid to the beneficiary. Under the terms of Simms' will his brother has entire charge of his property without bond. The will is to be probated in Garza County in February. — Abilene Reporter.

FOR SALE.—A scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College. We can save you money on a business course.—Slatonite.

Drakes Predominate Among Wild Ducks

Dr. G. H. Branham, deputy game warden and incidentally an authority on game, states that he has noticed a very peculiar thing about the percentage of drakes and hens among the ducks this year. The ducks that pass over the Slaton country and are killed by Slaton hunters contain many more drakes than hens, and the doctor says that there is something wrong at the breeding grounds. A large flock of mallards were on the Brazos lakes north of Slaton Saturday and Mr. Branham and two associates shot forty-three of them, and four out of every five killed were drakes. It must be that poachers or some animal at the breeding places of the ducks kills the hens and destroys the eggs, and only in this way could there be such a preponderance of drakes. The unequal percentage of drakes and hens is the same among the canvas backs and the pintails also, as we know from the bag of ducks secured on the trip Wednesday.

Regarding the kill Saturday, Dr. Branham had a good laugh on some of the other hunters. They went up and down the creek for miles and came back and reported that there was not so much as a duck on the Plains. Then Doc went out with his men and shot just as fast as the geese would boom until the limit of the law was reached, and came back and had enough for a large circle of friends.

The editor of the Slatonite knows just a little about how the doctor shoots ducks when the other fellows do not. He lured us into accompanying him on a shooting trip to the Brazos Valley lakes in S. I. Johnson's 06 pastures just north of this city Wednesday and after we had traveled thru the swamps of Louisiana, the sands of the Sahara, and the hills of the Rockies (at least that is the way it seemed to us) during one forenoon and explored most of the United States and part of Texas in the afternoon; after crawling miles over cockleburrs, sandburs and mesquite for the pleasure of only about twenty seconds of intense nerve strain while trying to drop a duck or two before the flock went over the rise a mile away, we learned many of the reasons why so many fellows fail to bring home any meat.

Not so with Doctor Branham. He can walk two miles and crawl one mile and shoot forty ducks before they know that he is in the neighborhood. He stationed the editor and the Rev. F. A. Whiteley, who was with us, at an advantageous point to keep a lookout and shoot the game when the flock flew over us while he stalked the ducks, and it was worth much trouble for the opportunity of seeing him play the game. He crawled and wiggled along on the brown grass for a half of a mile so quietly that the ducks never anticipated his presence, while we laid perfectly still behind a screen of large rocks and the ducks kept their eyes on us all the time. When the doctor was in about fifty yards of the ducks he opened fire with his Remington automatic, and after the smoke cleared away and the ducks quit dropping out of the circumambient atmosphere, Branham had one good day's kill on the ground around him.

Lots of Implements. The Emerson standard line—the kind that satisfies. If in the market it will pay you to look them over. A. L. Brannon.

The new seniority list for the railroad trainmen involved so much work that it will not be complete until Feb. 15th. Under the new adjustment several of our families will move to Amarillo and several families will move from Amarillo, Clovis, and Canadian to Slaton. The new Slaton Division placed Slaton on the railroad map in a way that no other South Plains town can begin to compare with our city in importance in the railroad world. All the business of the entire Plains is reported to the Slaton offices and audited and placed on file, all railroad business is operated from Slaton.

Supt. A. Ewing of the Slaton Division went to Chillicothe, Ill., last week to visit his family for a few days. He returned Tuesday, coming in his private car.

Tractor Demonstration Saturday Attracts Large Number Farmers

A large number of people attended the demonstration of the Emerson-Brantingham tractor Saturday afternoon on the Wilson farm just south of Slaton, and everyone took a special interest in seeing this kerosene mule turn over the soil.

The tractor used was a model Q make and it pulled a five-disc plow in flat breaking, and then a two-row lister in listing and re-listing. The fuel used in this tractor was kerosene, and the tractor traveled at a speed of two and one-third miles an hour at work in the field. There are lots of tractors that will plow and list, but the Emerson claims the distinction of being the only tractor that will re-list.

The demonstration was given for the A. L. Brannon Hardware, local agent for the tractor. A. J. Burkhead of Plainview, district salesman, supervised the demonstration, and O. D. Snoddy, expert machinist, handled the tractor.

The field in which the plowing was done was very dry but the tractor never even hesitated, and impressed everyone with the power it seemed to have for handling the work. The dry ground gave the tractor an excellent opportunity to show how it could pull plows.

The Emerson has three speeds and is geared to work in the medium speed and it can be dropped to low in a tight pull, when it travels at the rate of one and three fourths miles an hour. On the road or when going from one field to another it is run in the third speed at the rate of four and three fourths miles an hour.

W. A. Litchey, a farmer nine miles south of Slaton, purchased the tractor and plow used in the demonstration, and Mr. Brannon sold also a model L tractor and five-disc plow to O. M. Coleman.

C. R. Madsen from the Clovis shops has succeeded E. B. Lee as foreman of the Slaton shops and roundhouse. Mr. Madsen comes to Slaton well recommended as a very efficient machinist and as a splendid fellow, and Slaton extends a hearty welcome to him.

Chas. Shannon, conductor on the passenger run from Slaton to Carlsbad, returned to his work Tuesday after a leave of a few days. He was called to Pecos by the severe illness of his father-in-law, who died one day last week.

THAT good long leaf yellow pine lumber will make a house that will stand and hold its shape for a life time. Talk it over with the A. C. Houston Lumber Company.

Do You Appreciate Foot Comfort?



Just So! SHOES.

If so you will be satisfied to buy all your Shoes here for the first point we study is the ease of our customers feet. The Shoes we sell are beauties from the standpoint of appearance, and positively boons to the feet by reason of their comfortable and glove-like fit. We have the best made Shoes for men, women and children at fair prices.



SLATON and SOUTHLAND. BOTH PHONES 100

State Surveyor is Making Corners of Terry Sections

Mr. Twichell, a state surveyor, is making his headquarters in Taboka while surveying the sections in Terry county and placing a steel marker at each section corner.

A couple of weeks or more ago a couple of tents were pitched north of the King livery barn and a large quantity of stakes, such as are used in running surveyors' lines, were piled in front of one of the tents. Beside the other tent several hundred feet of inch and a quarter pipe were unloaded. Quite a bit of curiosity has been manifested as to just what was the object of these maneuvers; rumors of a railroad surveying crew working out of Taboka west began to float around.

A reporter of the News called on the tent and was given the above information.

If the work of this surveyor will stabilize the land lines in Terry county, it is indeed a move in the right direction.—Taboka News.

J. M. Landis, chief clerk under Superintendent A. Ewing of the Santa Fe general offices in Slaton, rented the Paul residence formerly occupied by E. B. Lee and moved into it last week. Mr. Landis' household goods were shipped from Beaumont, Texas.

Slaton grows every day.

E. B. Lee, foreman of the Santa Fe shops and roundhouse in Slaton, was transferred last week to the Amarillo shops where he has a position as night foreman. Mr. and Mrs. Lee are most excellent people and they have taken a prominent part in the social life of the city, and the many friends they have made here regret to learn that they are moving away. Mr. Lee is an excellent machinist, and he is popular with the Santa Fe boys.

If you want the best in everything, see Mrs. Graves' line of dry goods, ready to wear and millinery.

Services at the Methodist Church

The epidemic is now about over and we must get busy at our church work again. We have had many things to hinder us this winter in our work, but if we will each of us diligently apply ourselves from now on we can gain back much that we have lost. So let every one that possibly can be in their place in Sunday School and church next Sunday morning. Remember that the Sunday School hour is 9.45; be on time. Preaching both morning and evening. Morning subject, "Paul and the Collection;" evening, "The Leaving of the Waterpot." All strangers are given a cordial invitation to come and worship with us. T. C. Willett, Pastor.

Happy New Year for 1917

The good year 1916 has brought us many new customers and has more firmly cemented our friendship with those who have contributed to our success in the past.

We indulge in the hope that each of our customers, old and new, may find this Yuletide season fraught with more happiness, good will and prosperity than ever before. Permit us also to express our genuine appreciation of your patronage, attended by the assurance of continued high class service in the years to come.

The Slaton State Bank

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

J. C. PAUL, President J. H. PAUL, Cashier
A. L. ROBERTSON, Vice Pres. J. G. WADSWORTH, Asst Cash

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Six Nights a Week
Show Starts Promptly at 7.30

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Next Tuesday Night

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Guaranteed for 20 Years--30 Days Free Trial

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HARDWARE AND FURNITURE

Aubry Ansley Sent to Jail

After An Examining Trial

Aubry Ansley, charged with a statutory criminal offense against a fourteen year old girl, was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace C. G. Landis yesterday afternoon.

After a long and exhaustive trial the defendant was remanded to jail without bond to await the action of the grand jury, which convenes March 19th. E. T. Miller, district attorney, represented the State and Alec Mood the defendant.—Amarillo News.

Ansley lived in Slaton over a year ago and had a position as meat cutter in a market in this city. He has been working in the army as recruiting officer until recently. He formerly lived at Hamlin and it is reported that he was under a suspended sentence for killing a man by the name of Brown. It seemed that he killed Brown because of trouble that arose over Brown's attention to Ansley's wife. Ansley has a wife and two children, but they have been separated since the homicide.

Ansley, thru his legal representatives, has instituted habeas corpus proceedings to gain his liberty.

Go to Dowell Bros. Cash Grocery for bargains.

The Epidemic Situation

The patience of the people of the Missouri Valley has been sorely tried this winter with attacks of the la grippe and the complications that sometimes follow. Every town has had its quota of sickness and reports that the Slatonite editor has from places five hundred miles away it seems that the grip epidemic is no respecter of localities nor sections. It is prevalent everywhere.

With the weakened condition of the body and the ailment being so universal it is only natural that epidemics should appear. Slaton has had its full share of colds and la grippe and their complications, and following this measles appeared in the schools and have been scattered all over town. There have been so many cases of measles that some people have become fairly alarmed and various rumors of appalling and devastating epidemics and scourges have been repeated until they assumed vast proportions. Some nervous ones have perhaps even censured the local officials in a way that perhaps was not deserving, even when all reasonable effort was being made to meet the situation.

Measles, chicken pox, scarletina and scarlet fever were reported and it was thought best to close the schools until the situation cleared. Several houses were placed under quarantine by Dr. S. H. Adams, city health officer, and every effort has been made to see that the people respect the quarantine.

About ninety per cent of the trouble has developed into nothing but measles, yet many people do not understand the serious consequences that are liable to follow the measles. The death rate from measles is said to be greater than from many diseases supposed to be more seriously epidemic and contagious. So the people are asked to respect the rules for the prevention of the spreading of the contagion. The measles is prevalent in nearly all our neighboring towns, and there is nothing to be feared from publicity.

Dr. S. H. Adams states that there is scarlet fever at the homes of Joe H. Smith and J. S. McDonald, and that the death of the son of L. W. Smith was due to scarlet fever. He is confirmed in this decision by Doctors Ponton and Surmann of Post,

who were called into consultation. So the people have need to be careful that the scarlet fever does not spread. The doctor stated that in his opinion all other cases under his care were measles.

Dr. Luther Wall had Doctors Wm. L. Baugh, Chas. F. Clayton, and M. C. Overton of Lubbock visit a number of Dr. Wall's patients Monday, and all the doctors pronounced all these cases measles.

There are two influences which are making it difficult for city officials to handle the situation. One is the people who are under quarantine and are naturally inconvenienced and are unfortunate in having disease in their home. The other is the home that is fearful lest a disease will appear there, and these homes are demanding a more rigid quarantine. Between the two the city has a difficult proposition, but with a reasonable amount of patience and sober judgment by all, the situation will right itself in a short time. But it is very vital to the interests of every home that scarlet fever does not get a hold there.

Those who have had the measles are lucky and those who have not had them may hope for the best and prepare for a possible two or three weeks of unpleasantness.

Metcalf Bill Passes House

Austin, Texas, Jan. 30.—In the house this afternoon was passed finally the Metcalf bill providing for the establishment of a West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College. There was practically no opposition to the measure. The bill now goes to the senate for action. The house also passed finally the house joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution requiring all foreigners to be naturalized before exercising the right of franchise.

Notice to Hunters

The open season for hunting is now over, and I want all persons to refrain from hunting and camping in my pastures, the V Ranch. I have given you the freedom of my pasture during the open season, and I now ask the courtesy of you that you do not camp nor hunt there any more. Respectfully,
A. B. Robertson.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends for the many acts of kindness during the late illness and death of our darling boy, Edwin L. This thoughtfulness in our dark hours of grief will long be remembered by us.
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Smith.

To Stockmen

The Slatonite has a very complete line of horse and jack cuts and can print your advertising bills promptly and to your satisfaction. See us about this work and place your order early.

A cowboy on the Frank Norfleet ranch near Hale Center gave himself a ducking recently in a peculiar way, according to the Hale Center Record. It was during the cold weather when ice froze over the entire top of the tank where the cattle drank, and the man, Edward Knutz, took an ax and went out on the tank to cut the ice. He cut the ice all around the edge and started to leave by skating out. He had placed himself on an iceberg and as he neared the edge his weight tipped the ice and he was treated to a plunge in the icy depths below.

IF YOU ARE NOT ashamed of your company phone No. 20—that's the Slatonite—and tell us about it.

Try a sack of White Ribbon Flour; it's guaranteed.—Dowell Bros. Cash Grocery.



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Our New Stock of DRESS GOODS is a select showing of AUTHENTIC STYLES

Never before has our buyer been confronted with such a Bewildering Array of Materials and our large and varied assortment embodies the Newest Weaves, Colorings and Fabrics and is, without a doubt, the Greatest Early Season Showing of DRESS GOODS ever seen in Slaton.

Our Store is Full of New Goods
Lowest Possible Price on Everything.

We invite the discriminating shoppers of our vicinity to come in and look over our Immense Line and be convinced that we are as well prepared to supply their requirements as though they had the stocks of the large city stores right here.

The Grand Leader

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"Slaton's Great Bargain Store"

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Local and Long Distance

Speedy and Sure

We Exercise The Greatest Care

In filling your prescriptions with the best pure drugs on the market. We give you the full benefit of our extended experience in compounding medicines and of our carefully selected stock of drugs.

We hope to retain your confidence in our ability to serve you well.

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The Most Valuable Article any Home Can Have is a COLUMBIA GRAFONOLA



Come in and let us demonstrate for you.

We keep a complete inventory of the latest records for our Columbia Patrons.

Howerton's

LODGES

I. O. O. F.

Slaton Lodge No. 861 I. O. O. F. meets every Tuesday at 7.30 p. m. Visiting brothers cordially welcome. R. H. Tudor, N. G. L. P. Loomis, Secy.

A. F. AND A. M.

Slaton Lodge A. F. and A. M. meets every Thursday night on or before each full moon, at 7.30 o'clock. A. E. Howerton, W. M.; J. W. Richey, Secy.

O. E. S.

Slaton Chapter No. 585 O. E. S. meets the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month, in the Masonic Hall. Mrs. Lula Butler, Worthy Matron; Mrs. Janet B. Lee, Secretary.

WOODMEN.

Slaton Camp No. 2871 W. O. W. meets 1st and 3rd Friday nights in the month at the MacRea Hall. W. E. Olive, C. C. B. C. Morgan, Clerk.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Slaton Grove Woodmen Circle No. 1320 meets every other Thursday at 2.30 o'clock in the MacRea hall. Visitors cordially welcomed. Mrs. Almira Hannan, Guardian. Mrs. Nellie Wade, Clerk.

The Brotherhood of American Yeomen meets every second and fourth Fridays at 8.00 p. m., at the hall. J. C. Stewart, Correspondent.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

SANTA FE.

California and Gulf Coast Trains. Limited, daily.
No. 921 (west bound) from Galveston arrives in Slaton at 4.25 a. m. Departs for all points west to California 4.35 a. m.
No. 922 (south bound) from California arrives in Slaton at 12.10 p. m. Departs for central Texas and Galveston 12.35 p. m.
Slaton-Amarillo Trains, Eastern and Northern Points, daily.
No. 903 leaves Slaton for Amarillo at 6.40 a. m.
No. 904 from Amarillo arrives in Slaton at 11.55 a. m.
Slaton-Lamesa Local. Daily Except Sunday.
No. 908 from Lamesa arrives in Slaton at 11.15 a. m.
No. 907 departs from Slaton for Lamesa at 2.00 p. m.

S. H. ADAMS
Physician and Surgeon
Office at Red Cross Pharmacy
Residence Phone 26
Office Phone 3

Dr. Luther Wall, M. D.
Physician and Surgeon
Office next to City Market
North Side Square, Slaton
Office Phone No. 21
Residence Phone No. 60

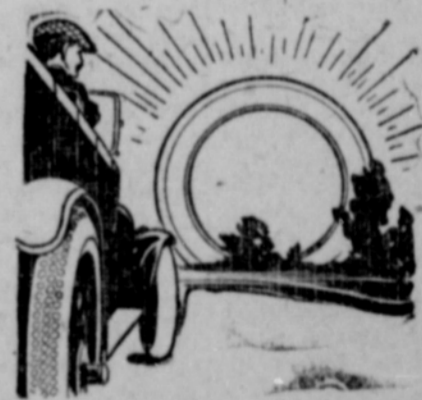


You May Talk to One Man

But an advertisement in this paper talks to the whole community.

They are coming to Slaton.

Dependable Tires Reel Off Sunny Miles and Make Motoring a Pleasure We Can Supply Your Car Needs



From our large stock of accessories, comprising speedometers, pumps, horns, spark plugs, etc., you are sure to find something the autoist needs. The matter of prices is discretionary as we have articles at all prices.

Slaton Garage

PHONE No. 73

Lee Green and Son. A. K. Green, Manager

AN APPEAL FOR FAIR PLAY

When the Stomach, Liver and Bowels rebel, and—

Refuse to perform their regular functions,—

Play fair,—

Give Nature the help required, by trying

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

Harsh Intimation.
He—I suppose you think I couldn't make any woman happy.
She—Yes, there is one woman you could.
He—Who's she?
She—Your widow.

GOOD FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN

Children love **Skinner's Macaroni and Spaghetti** because of its delicious taste. It is good for them and you can give them all they want. It is a great builder of bone and muscle, and does not make them nervous and irritable like meat. The most economical and nutritious food known. Made from the finest Durum wheat. Write **Skinner Mfg. Co., Omaha, Neb.**, for beautiful cook book. It is sent free to mothers.—Adv.

Contrary Methods.
"He tried to hang himself because he was cut up."
"And he didn't succeed because he was cut down."

Important to Mothers
Examine carefully every bottle of **CASTORIA**, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the **Signature of J. C. Fletcher** In Use for Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

A strike of undertakers took place at Liverpool, England, recently.

Isaac Gaskill, age ninety, of Mulville, N. J., is a devotee of dancing.

When Work Is Hard

That kidney troubles are so common is due to the strain put upon the kidneys in so many occupations, such as: Jarring and jolting on railroads, etc. Cramp and strain as in barbering, moulding, heavy lifting, etc. Exposure to changes of temperature in iron furnaces, refrigerators, etc. Dampness as in tanneries, quarries, mines, etc. Inhaling poisonous fumes in painting, printing and chemical shops. Doan's Kidney Pills are fine for strengthening weak kidneys.

An Oklahoma Case
W. F. Doorley, 121 E. Broadway, Kingfisher, Okla., says: "My kidneys were so weak that I had little control over the kidney secretions and I suffered from a constant pain through the small of my back. I can't describe the awful misery I endured. On a friend's advice I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they fixed me up in good shape. Whenever I have taken them since, I have had fine results."

Get Doan's at Any Store, 50c a Box
DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS
FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.



Mr. Witz—"Do you know what's good for rats?"
Miss Stone—"Why, poison, of course."
Mr. Witz—"No, that would kill them—cheese."
Do you know what's good for a cough, throat and lung troubles, that will allay inflammation and insure a good night's sleep with free and easy expectoration in the morning? The answer always the same year after year, is

Boschee's German Syrup

Soothing and healing to bronchial and throat irritation. 25c. and 75c. sizes all Druggists and Dealers everywhere. Your grandfather used it 51 years ago. Try it yourself and see how it stops a hacking cough like magic.

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We handle cotton on consignment only and have the finest concrete warehouses with almost unlimited capacity, where your cotton will be absolutely free from all weather damage. Highest classifications and lowest interest rates on money advanced. Write us for full particulars.

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The oldest and largest exclusive cotton factors in Texas.
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"ROUGH on RATS" Does Rats, Mice, Bugs, etc. die of course. See and buy.
W. N. U., Oklahoma City, No. 3-1917.

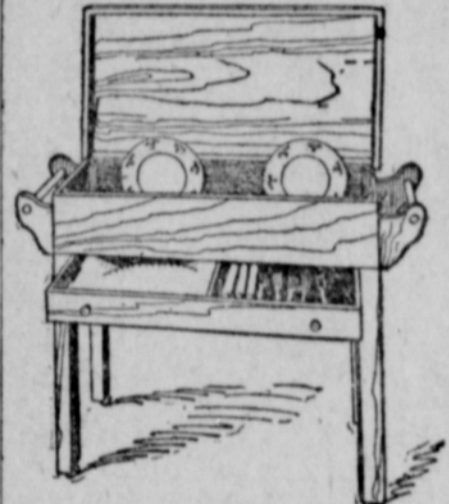
TO LIGHTEN WORK

LABOR-SAVING DEVICE THAT WILL BE APPRECIATED.

Roller-Tray Wagon Combines Many Conveniences—May Be Made From Variety of Articles That Have Been Thought Useless.

A number of labor-saving devices which will lessen the housewife's work may be constructed quickly and easily. The following contrivance actually being made and used by women county agents in the field and by the women who are working as their demonstrators in connection with the extension work, south, states relations service, can be made on the farm during spare time:

A step-saving device made by the members of the demonstration club mentioned is a roller-tray wagon. This convenience comprises a china closet, serving table and roller tray all in one. This device was built by using a box five inches deep for the top and placing it on four wooden posts for legs. Dimensions: Top of table 31½ inches long by 16½ inches wide and 29 inches high, and a serving compartment 5 inches deep. The top of the table is put on hinges and straps or small chains fastened to it to keep the top from falling back too far when opened. The bottom of the serving compartment is five inches below this top. Around the sides of this compartment are little screw hooks on which cups may be hung. In the compartment, which may be lined with white oilcloth, is space for serving dishes for six. Below the serving compartment is a drawer which is divided in the center by a one-half inch strip. One side is used for the linen and one side for the silver. The side used for the silver is lined with blue outing flannel because this serves the same purpose and is cheaper than felt. A spool was cut into halves to make the knobs for the drawer and a pair of these knobs was placed on each side so that the drawer



Combined China Closet, Serving Table and Roller Tray.

could be used from either side. The legs were square pieces of wood 1½ inches square with rollers. Old rubber-tired wheels from toy wagons or discarded baby coaches may be used. This is an improvement because the tray rolls noiselessly. In some cases the legs from old tables can be used in place of having these made. At each end two brackets were placed so that the table could be pushed or pulled. When the soiled dishes were taken to the kitchen and washed, they were placed in this serving compartment with one handling only, the lid placed down and the roller tray rolled into the dining room, with the dishes and silver ready for setting the table at the next meal. It is not necessary to put them away because they are out of the dust when the top is down. The estimated cost of this convenience is:

Dry goods box	.....	\$0.25
1 yard blue outing flannel	.....	10
1 remnant white oilcloth	.....	15
2 hinges	.....	20
4 rollers	.....	30
1 can of mahogany stain	.....	30
Total	.....	\$1.05

BILIOUS, HEADACHY, SICK "CASCARETS"

Gently cleanse your liver and sluggish bowels while you sleep.

Get a 10-cent box. Sick headache, biliousness, dizziness, coated tongue, foul taste and foul breath—always trace them to torpid liver; delayed, fermenting food in the bowels or sour, gassy stomach.

Poisonous matter clogged in the intestines, instead of being cast out of the system is re-absorbed into the blood. When this poison reaches the delicate brain tissue it causes congestion and that dull, throbbing, sickening headache.

Cascarets immediately cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will surely straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist means your head clear, stomach sweet and your liver and bowels regular for months. Adv.

No Hope.
"You are not foolish enough, are you, to think you can drown your sorrows in drink?"
"Of course not. My wife can swim."

WOUNDS OF HORSES

Abscesses Classed as Acute and Cold or Chronic.

SORES AFTER INFLAMMATION

Ripening Process Should Be Hurried by Frequent Hot Fomentations and Poultices—Treating Gangrene and Ulcerations.

(From the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Abscesses consist of accumulations of pus within circumscribed walls, at different parts of the body, and may be classed as acute and cold or chronic abscesses.

When an abscess occurs about a hair follicle it is called a boil or furuncle; when several hair follicles are involved, resulting in the formation of more than one exit for the inflammatory products, it is called a carbuncle.

Acute Abscesses.

Acute abscesses follow as the result of local inflammation in glands, muscular tissue, or even bones. They are very common in the former. The abscesses most commonly met with in the horse (and the ones which will be here described) are those of the salivary glands, occurring during the existence of "strangles," or "colt distemper." The glands behind or under the jaw are seen to increase in size, becoming firm, hard, hot and painful. At first the swelling is uniformly hard and resisting over its entire surface, but in a little while becomes soft (fluctuating) at some portion, mostly in the center. From this time on the abscess is said to be "pointing," or "coming to a head," which is shown by a small elevation or projecting prominence which at first is dry, but soon becomes moist with transuded serum. The hairs over this part loosen and fall off, and in a short time the abscess opens, the contents escape, and the cavity may gradually fill up—healing by granulations.

Abscesses in muscular tissue are usually the result of bruises or injuries. In all cases in which abscesses are forming the ripening process should be hurried by frequent hot fomentations and poultices. When they are very tardy in their development a blister over their surface is advisable. It is a common rule with surgeons to open an abscess as soon as pus can be plainly felt, but this practice can scarcely be recommended indiscriminately to owners of stock, since this little operation frequently requires an extra knowledge of anatomy. It will usually be found the better plan to encourage the full ripening of an abscess and allow it to open of itself. This is imperative if the abscess is in the region of joints, etc. When open, do not squeeze the walls of the abscess to any extent. They may be very gently pressed with the fingers at first to remove the clots—thickened pus—but after this the orifice is simply to be kept open by the introduction of a clean probe, should it be disposed to seal too soon. If the opening is at too high a level another should be made so as to permit the most complete drainage. Hot fomentations or poultices are sometimes required for a day or two after an abscess has opened, and are particularly indicated when the base of the abscess is hard.

The cavity should be thoroughly washed with stimulating antiseptic solutions, such as 3 per cent solution of carbolic acid, 3 per cent solution of compound cresol, 1 to 1,000 bichloride of mercury, or 1 per cent permanganate of potash solution.

Cold Abscesses.

Cold abscess is the term applied to those large, indolent swellings that are the result of a low or chronic form of inflammation, in the center of which here is a small collection of pus. They are often seen near the point of the shoulder, forming the so-called breast boil. The swelling is diffuse and of enormous extent, but slightly hotter than surrounding parts, and not very painful upon pressure. A pronounced stiffness, rather than pain, is evinced upon moving the animal. Such abscesses have the appearance of a hard tumor, surrounded by a softer swelling, involving the tissues to the extent of a foot or more in all directions from the tumor. This diffused swelling gradually subsides and leaves the large, hardened mass somewhat well defined. One of the characteristics of cold abscesses is their tendency to remain in the same condition for a great length of time. There is neither heat nor soreness; no increase nor lessening in the size of the tumor. If, however, the animal should be put to work for a short time the irritation of the collar causes swelling of the surrounding tissues which after a few days' rest disappears, leaving the tumor as before or but slightly larger. Upon careful manipulation what appears to be a fluid deep seated in the center of the mass may be discovered.

Cold abscesses mostly, if not always, are caused by the long-continued irritation of a loose and badly fitting collar.

Treatment.

The means recommended to bring the acute abscess "to a head" are but rarely effectual with this variety; or, if successful, too much time has been occupied in the cure. More rapid methods of treatment are necessary. These consist, first of all, in carefully exploring the tumor for the presence of pus. The incisions must be made over the softest part

and carried deep into the tumor—to its very bottom, if necessary—and the matter allowed to escape. After this, and whether matter is found or not, an acute inflammation of the tumor must be induced, in order to promote solution of the thick walls of the abscess. This may be done by inserting well into the incision a piece of oakum or cotton saturated with turpentine, carbolic acid, tincture of iodine, etc., or the incision may be packed with powdered sulphate of zinc and the orifice kept plugged for 24 hours. These agents set up a destructive inflammation of the walls. Suppuration follows, and this should now be encouraged by hot fomentations and poultices. The orifice must be kept open, and should it be disposed to heal, some of the agents above described must again be introduced. A favored treatment with many, and it is probably the best, is to plunge a red-hot iron to the bottom of the incision and thoroughly sear all parts of the walls of the abscess. This is to be repeated after the first slough has taken place if the walls remain thickened and indurated.

It is useless to waste time with fomentations, poultices, or blisters in the treatment of cold abscesses, since, though apparently removed by such methods, they almost invariably return when the horse is put to work. Extirpation by the knife is not practicable, as the walls of the tumor are not sufficiently defined. If treated as above directed, and properly fitted with a good collar after healing, there may not remain any track or trace of the large, unsightly mass.

Gangrene.

Gangrene, or mortification, denotes the death of the affected part, and is mostly found attacking soft tissue near the surface of the body. Gangrenous areas may occur as a result of shutting off their blood supply. Constitutional diseases, such as ergotism, anthrax, and septicemia, predispose to gangrene. Among external causes are acids and alkalis, freezing and burning, contusions, and continuous pressure that interrupt the circulation. There are two forms of gangrene—dry and moist. Dry gangrene is most often seen in horses from continuous lying down or from uneven pressure of some portion of the harness.

Symptoms.

There is a lack of sensation due to the death of nerves. In dry gangrene the skin is leathery and harsh, while in moist gangrene the tissues are soft, wrinkled, and friable; the hair is disturbed, and the skin is usually moist and soapy and sometimes covered with blisters. The tissue surrounding the moist gangrenous patch is usually inflamed, swollen, and hot, but this is less noticeable in the case of gangrene. Moist gangrene often spreads and involves deeper tissue, sheaths of tendons and joints, blood poisoning and death. Dry gangrene is seldom dangerous, but the rapidity of its spread will indicate its virulence.

Treatment.

The preventive treatment consists in avoiding all the influences that tend to disturb the nutrition of the tissues, such as excessive cold or heat or continuous pressure. Gangrene following sores caused by lying down may be prevented by using soft bedding and frequently turning the animal from one side to the other. In dry gangrene moist heat in the form of poultices or anointing the tissue with oils and fats will be found beneficial in hastening the dead tissue to slough off. When the outer skin begins to suppurate, it should be removed with a pair of pincers, and the patch treated as an open wound. In moist gangrene the tissue should be thoroughly disinfected with a 3 per cent solution of compound cresol, or particularly an alcoholic tincture of camphor. Continuous irrigation with antiseptic fluids prevents the accumulation and absorption of poisonous liquids. Incisions into the dead tissue may be made, and when sloughing commences the tissue should be removed with forceps and the resulting wound treated as in dry gangrene.

Ulceration.

An ulcer is a circumscribed area of decay occurring on the skin or mucous membrane. As in the case of gangrene, disturbances of circulation are among the most frequent causes. A wound to a tissue with slight reparative power may be followed by ulceration, as in tumors. Certain germs may produce ulcers, as the glanders bacilli, which cause the ulcerations on the nasal septum in glanders.

Treatment.

This consists in removing the exciting cause at once. The secretions of the ulcer should be washed off with antiseptic solutions and the formation of granulation tissues stimulated by antiseptic salves, such as carbolated vaseline, lead ointment, or by dressings of camphor. Where the ulcers are inflamed, warm lead water or lead water and laudanum will be found efficacious. Callosity ulcers are best removed by a curette, knife or hot iron and then treated like a common wound. Mechanical irritation should be avoided.

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"I hear the coal barons are again raising prices."
"That's foolish. The public are mad enough as it is, and this continual raising of coal only adds fuel to the flames."

THAT GRIM WHITE SPECTRE, Pneumonia, follows on the heels of a neglected cough or cold. Delay no longer. Take Mansfield's Cough Balsam. Price 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

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"Smithers dressed up that story he told."
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The average man has to sprint occasionally in order to keep up with his running expenses.

It is the man who resolutely puts his hands to the grindstone that keeps the other fellow's nose to it.

Weak, Faint Heart, and Hysterics can be rectified by taking "Renovine" a heart and nerve tonic. Price 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

Adam had one thing to be thankful for. Eve didn't buy him a box of cigars for a Christmas present.

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(BY L. W. BOWER, M. D.)

Backache of any kind is often caused by kidney disorder, which means that the kidneys are not working properly. Poisonous matter and uric acid accumulate within the body in great abundance over-working the sick kidneys, hence the congestion of blood causes backache in the same manner as a similar congestion in the head causes headache. You become nervous, despondent, sick, feverish, irritable, have spots appearing before the eyes, bags under the lids, and lack ambition to do things.

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low loss of flesh, or emaciation. These come from impoverished blood. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery enriches the blood, stops the waste of strength and tissue, and builds up healthy flesh. Thin, pale, puny and scrofulous children are made plump, rosy and robust by the "Discovery." They like it too.

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SUDAN HAY FOR SALE—Have limited amount of baled Sudan Hay for sale. See me at once.—Andy Caldwell.

SHORT HORN RED DURHAM BULL will make the season at my place in South Slaton. Terms: \$2.00 cash with return privilege.—I. W. Meyer.

WANTED—A farm on shares. Who has a small farm, team, and will board a single man for part of the crop? Address Box 1201, Amarillo.

FOR SALE—Ford car in first class condition at low price. All so 8 shafts.—Alex DeLong.

FOR SALE—Complete set of furniture for front room, dining room, bedroom and kitchen for sale at a bargain. Will rent house to person who buys furniture. Ask at Slatonite Office.

FOR SALE—Team good heavy mules and one good heavy horse. Also sulky plow, planter and section harrow, all good material. Come and see.—F. M. Vermillion at Blacksmith Shop.

FOR SALE—Eight registered and graded Jersey cows to be fresh soon. Also thoroughbred Duroc Jersey pigs and one registered Duroc Jersey sow. Prices reasonable.—Forney Henry, in South Slaton.

Danger.

A protest against the use of red rear lights for motor cars was made by William D. Schler, chairman of the Massachusetts highways commission, at the recent conference of the uniform motor legislation commission in New York. Ordinarily they work well, but several railway engineers have complained that upon rounding a curve they have stopped, thinking a switch must be open, only to find that the red signal was the vanishing tail light of an automobile on an adjacent road. No harm has come from it as yet, but it is possible that some time an engineer might take a danger signal for an automobile lamp, with disastrous consequences. The color of the automobile tail light is perhaps not very important, if it is generally agreed upon; red is the natural thing, but no doubt several others would do.

Cleaning Nickel.

All kinds of nickel can be kept in good condition by using a mixture of equal quantities of alcohol and liquid ammonia, stirring in whitening to the consistency of cream.

Government Ownership.

The supreme court of Panama has sustained a recent law whereby the government reserves ownership in metal mines and deposits of coal and oil.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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C. S. Sipe let the contract last week for a house in South Slaton that he is building for himself.

For the classiest line of dry goods, ready-to-wear and millinery at popular prices. Call at Mrs. Graves.

Mrs. J. P. REYNOLDS Music Class at residence opposite school house. Two lessons weekly. Tuition \$4 per month.

Paul Certain of Glazier came to Slaton last week and accepted a position with the A. C. Houston Lumber Company as bookkeeper.

PLANNING to build? Call and ask for one of our big books of house plans. They will help you.—A. C. Houston Lumber Company.

Lots of Implements. The Emerson standard line—the kind that satisfies. If in the market it will pay you to look them over. A. L. Brannon.

O. W. Davis is now completing quite a nice residence just east of J. H. Brewer's home in West Slaton. Mr. Davis is building this house for his own home.

Mrs. Graves has returned from the markets where she has selected one of the most stylish stocks of general merchandise consisting of dry goods, ready-to-wear and millinery at prices to suit.

Alex DeLong is building quite a nice residence just two blocks south of the Square. The building will be forty by thirty-six feet with porches additional, and will be a splendid addition to that part of town.

It will soon be time again to plant trees. Trees add to the attractiveness of a city, and we would like to see every home beautified. Remember that all trees should be placed eight feet from the property line.

Jas. L. Benton county commissioner from this district, is in Dallas this week attending the convention of county commissioners and county judges. J. H. Moore, county judge, is also attending the convention.

Mrs. Graves has the finest and largest line of millinery of all. Call and see for yourself.

Mrs. Graves is authority on styles. See her for your spring outfit, ladies.

H. H. Robinson is pulling the throttle over a new Ford which he purchased last Saturday.

Miss Pearl Dunscomb is building two residence houses two blocks south of the Square.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Young and their son, Flake, went to Weatherford Tuesday on a vacation trip of several days, combining business and pleasure.

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E. B. Lee sold his Slaton residence just recently completed to Conductor Geo. McCarty, who has signed up for the Slaton Division. Mr. McCarty comes to Slaton from Canadian.

L. B. Murray and C. H. Luce of Kansas City, Mo., were in Slaton the first of the week visiting Mr. Murray's brother, R. J. Murray. Mr. Luce purchased one and one half sections of South Plains land while down here.

The epidemic situation is rapidly righting itself and there are few if any more families developing any cases of measles. There have been no more cases of scarlet fever. The measles is prevalent over the entire Plains country.

From the actions of the legislature of Texas and that in New Mexico it would seem that many of the candidates who ran as prohibition advocates are at heart, or rather stomach, whiskey lovers, and they can't vote against their stomachs.

The quarantine was raised from the Joe H. Smith residence Wednesday. The family has had an unusual amount of sickness but they have been entirely recovered for several days and feel glad to be at liberty again. Mrs. Smith is just recovering from a recent operation in the hospital.

The Panhandle Steam Laundry at Amarillo burned last week. It will be rebuilt. Mrs. Jas. O'Connor, Slaton agent, states that arrangements have been made for other laundries in Amarillo to handle the Panhandle's trade until the laundry is rebuilt and that the baskets will go regularly from Slaton as heretofore.

Literacy Test Bill Passed Over President Wilson's Veto

Washington, Feb. 5.—Congress has overridden a veto by President Wilson for the first time and enacted into law the immigration bill with its long fought literacy test provision.

The senate voted today 62 to 19 to pass the measure notwithstanding the veto and in spite of the eleventh hour information that Japan had again protested against the language of the Asiatic exclusion section.

The house overturned the veto last week by a vote of 287 to 106, so the senate's action ends the contest of twenty years' standing in which three presidents have repudiated similar bills passed by Congress.

Only thirty vetoes have been overridden in the United States and but four of them have been within the past thirty-five years. In 1882 congress passed a river

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and harbors bill over President Arthur's veto. In 1886 one of 524 pension bills vetoed by President Cleveland was forced thru congress. In Roosevelt's administration a bill to extend time for construction of a dam on Rainey river in Minnesota was passed despite executive disapproval, and President Taft's rejection of the Web Kenyon Interstate commerce liquor law was repudiated.

The literacy test provided for in the bill excludes from the United States all aliens over 16 years of age who cannot read the English language or some other language or dialect, including Hebrew or Yiddish. Any admissible alien, however, or any citizen of the United States may bring in or send for his father or grandfather, over 55 years of age, his wife, mother, grandmother or unmarried or widowed daughter, if otherwise admissible, regardless of whether such relatives can read.

President Cleveland vetoed the first immigration measure with a literacy test provision. President Taft disapproved the second bill, and in 1915 President Wilson rejected the third. President Wilson wrote his second veto message a few weeks ago.

Ad day is Tuesday.

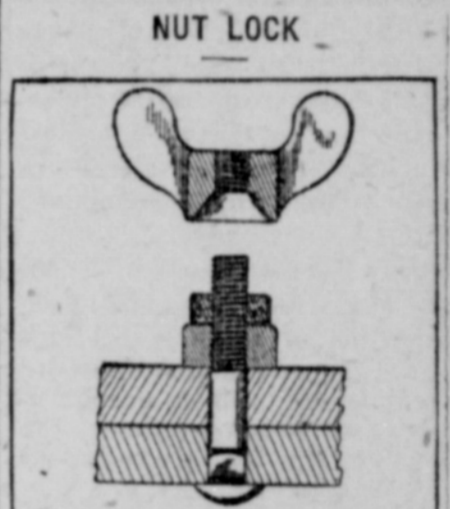
CHURCHES.

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Preaching services every Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., and at 7.30 p. m.
Sunday School every Sunday at 9.45 a. m. C. C. Hoffman, Superintendent.
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Union Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Methodist church. Everyone welcome.

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Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m. J. G. Maybin, Supt.
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Preaching services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 7.30 p. m.
Ladies Aid Society meets every Wednesday at 3 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
The Church of Christ meets every Lord's Day at 2.30 o'clock for communion. Preaching every Fourth Lord's Day in each month at the Methodist Church at 3 o'clock p. m. by Elder Liff Sanders.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
At the Movie Theater.
Sunday School at 10. m. followed by Communion Services.
J. S. Boone, Supt.



This nut lock is particularly adapted for use in securing fish plates to railway rails, but, of course, is capable of general application.—Scientific American.

Daily Thought.
The one best provision for the future is the best possible use of the present.—Whittier.

Lack of Eligible Members.
Why can't we have a league to enforce common sense?—New York Sun.

Express Has Splendid Record.
During the nearly twenty-five years that the Empire State express of the New York Central railroad has been running it has carried approximately eight million passengers without a single fatal accident.

California Like Island.
California, covering almost ten degrees of latitude, lies well within the warm temperate zone, with conditions of temperature conducive to a luxuriant vegetation. The state is peculiarly isolated, as the high mountains and deserts to the east offer an impassable barrier to plants from the Atlantic side of the continent, while to the south are the deserts of Mexico and Lower California, and on the west lie the shores of the Pacific. The state thus has many of the characteristics of an oceanic island.

Coconut Tree's Blossom.
The blossom of the coconut tree is not unlike a head of cauliflower and is esteemed very much as the "cabbage" of the cabbage palmetto, which grows to some extent in Florida. The coconut blossom is boiled or eaten raw with a salad dressing. From the blossom of the tree the natives also make a pleasant drink, soft when first made, but strongly intoxicating when fermented, and quite often it is allowed to ferment. By one treatment of this flower-liquor it is also made into a native vinegar.

Facts in the Case.
"Do you mean to say that I am a liar?" asked an angry man excitedly during a heated argument.
"On the contrary, my dear sir," calmly rejoined his adversary. "I have often remarked that you are the only man of my acquaintance who always tells the truth—but I always offer a reward of twenty-five dollars to any man who will swear that he believes me when I say it."



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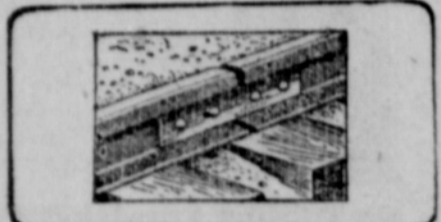
Twenty years ago the railway system on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, had 23 1/2 miles of track. Now there are 127 miles, including plantation spurs. At first this railroad almost ruined its promoters. Now it is one of the best-paying investments in the Hawaiian archipelago. The company owns 22 locomotives, 44 passenger cars and 520 freight cars. It has 36,000 feet of wharf and can store 20,000 tons of sugar. Taxes on property from Ewa to Kahuku plantation, writes a Honolulu correspondent of Commerce Reports, which is tapped by this railroad, amounted at the time the road started to \$28,853; in 1914 the taxes on the same property totaled \$310,000. This is one example how the land along the line has increased in value in the last twenty years. The railroad paid \$87,324 in taxes in 1914, which means that every two years the company pays back to the government the amount of the subsidy granted to the railroad, which was \$196,950. The gross earnings of the road twenty years ago were \$120,000, and now they are \$1,300,000; the freight earnings were \$43,000 and today they are \$513,000; the passenger earnings were \$25,000, and now they are \$300,000. Twenty years ago 79,000 passengers were carried yearly, while in 1914 about 1,140,000 persons patronized the cars. There were 907,000 passengers carried one mile twenty years ago; in 1914 they numbered 15,435,000. Passenger rates show less than two cents

a mile; this is lower than the average rate on the mainland. This railroad, which starts in Honolulu, taps five of the largest sugar plantations in the Hawaiian islands, all the big pineapple plantations, a sisal plantation, several stock farms and several rice and banana plantations; skirts the shores of Pearl harbor, where the United States government is building a \$2,000,000 naval station and dry dock, and indirectly taps one large American army post and one of the strongest fortifications under the American flag, Fort Kamehameha, which guards the entrance to Pearl harbor. In addition to its commercial importance the road opens up some of the finest scenic features on the island of Oahu.

RAILS ALLOWED TO EXPAND

Scientific Building Provides for the Effect of Heat on the Lengths of Steel.

Anyone who is observing will notice, if walking along a railroad track in winter, that the ends of the rails do not meet. There will be a space between the rails of from one-fourth to one-half inch, according to the length of the rails, character of the



track and climatic conditions. On side

tracks the rails will often be found butting together or spaced one inch apart, all within a few hundred feet. This is simply because the tracks are unimportant and are laid with as little expense as possible.

The rails on the main line of a trunk road will be found equally spaced with unending regularity. This is done on account of the expansion of the rails in the hot summer, for if the gap was not provided when the steel was laid, the heat would cause such a tremendous end pressure that the tracks would assume a grapevine appearance.—World's Advance.

Expensive Locomotives.

Specifications for the 400 locomotives recently ordered by the Russian government call for copper fire boxes. It will require 1,600 tons, or 3,200,000 pounds, of copper to make these fire boxes. In this country the railroads use boilers made wholly of steel. They could use copper for the lower part of the boilers, but this would only add to the expense of the locomotives. The question has been asked, Why should Russia not content herself with steel instead of copper? Engineers say that Russia has used the copper fire boxes so long that she wants no other kind. They say that the climatic conditions in Russia do not preclude the use of all-steel boilers. Anyway, Russia will have 1,600 tons of copper which she would not otherwise have had. She may eventually do what the Germans were reported to have done, to replenish ammunition shells; that is, strip the locomotives of their copper fire boxes and substitute iron boxes.—New York Times.

SIGNAL LAMPS IN DAYLIGHT

Their Use on Electric Railroads Especially Has Been Made an Object of Much Study.

The use of signal lamps for daytime signaling on electric railroads, as well as for night signals, thus dispensing with semaphores and operating mechanism, has been the subject of extensive experiments and study lately.

The recent introduction of hooded lamps and the development of the lenses and artificial backgrounds has gone a long way in placing this simple equipment far ahead of the old-style moving mechanisms and semaphore movements over the face of a stationary light.

The first signal system based on scientific principles, for both day and night service, was on the Brooklyn bridge in 1907. The signals had five-inch lenses, giving both red and green indications, and were equipped with ten-inch hoods. These lights were not equipped with any artificial background. Behind the lenses were mounted 15-candlepower lamps. These proved only partly satisfactory, and from then until 1911 there were but few attempts to use light for daytime signaling.

In 1912 the use of deeper hoods, artificial backgrounds and the strong white light of the tungsten lamps so improved the signal as to provide the first long-range indications under the most severe daylight conditions.

The latest development of this phase of railroad signaling is the successful installation and operation of more than fifty miles of these signals on the system of the Indiana Traction company. These signals have 40-watt lamps and eight-inch hoods, and in daytime the signal indications can be read clearly at 3,500 feet and at night more than 2.5 miles.—World's Advance.

Another Lure of Publicity.

Many a man donates to some public movement the money he might well have used to pay his butcher, baker, or grocer.—Macon News.

To Groom the Cat.

A wire hairbrush, such as you can buy for ten cents, is just the thing for keeping the cat's fur in good condition.

Gardener Wants to Know.

Why is there so little infant mortality among the cutworms?—Minneapolis Journal.

Spring Announcement



Men who appreciate Sound Values and Style Smartness

are cordially invited to see the exceptional display of International and Lamm Models and Fabrics Especially Designed for Spring and Summer Wear

The selection is superb. You can buy either International or Lamm Made-to-Measure Clothes at varying prices and in every instance you secure unprecedented value.

If \$25.00 Matches Your Idea we can show some wonders at this price.

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"Surest Thing You Know" is correct English when speaking of the Good Quality Groceries you get when you order from our store. We will be at the same old place, on the Avenue, during 1917 with one of the most up to date, clean and sanitary stocks of Groceries anywhere.

I wish to thank my many customers for their patronage during 1916 and trust that I may serve them in the year 1917 as in the past.

J. M. Simmons Grocery

Phone Us Your Order



For some of our oats, corn or other feed. We will deliver it promptly and charge you no more than if it were just the ordinary grade of feed. But you will find ours much different and much better. If your stock could talk they would say so too.

And don't fail to include a sack of White Ribbon Flour in your order.

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—you see in your local paper each week all the news of events taking place around you—among the people you know and love. You'll also find the more important happenings of the world chronicled in this paper—yes, this is your paper in every sense of the word. It leads the fight for everything that will make this community a better place in which to live; it's looking after your interests all the time and right now we have arranged to offer you double value for your money.

Brain Against Brawn

Why do some farmers prosper and enjoy many luxuries, while others, who work just as hard, are always hard up? The answer is simple: one has used his brains and kept posted on up-to-date farming methods, while the other has felt that there is nothing for him to learn. He will not even read a first-class farm paper because he thinks no one can possibly tell him how to run his farm. FARM AND RANCH is prepared especially for farmers, gardeners, live stock and poultry raisers and fruit growers of the Southwest—the home builders. It has been the Southwestern farmer's right hand man for more than a third of a century.

Double Value This Year

This Year Holland's Magazine is just as large and much more interesting than ever before and the publishers are entering all subscriptions TWO FULL YEARS for the same price you formerly would have paid for a one year subscription. The short stories and special articles are clean, snappy and timely. The departments for the house-keeper are many and complete; the fashion pages show the late styles, and the children have a corner of their own. Holland's is truly a Southwestern Home Magazine of sunshine and good cheer which, in ten years time, has become indispensable to more than three quarters of a million people in the Southwest.

Send us your order for these three publications—our paper one year, Farm and Ranch one year and Holland's Magazine TWO YEARS—right away; also show this BIG VALUE OFFER to your neighbor who is not a subscriber to this paper. New and renewal subscriptions will be accepted at the rate advertised, so bring or mail your order now and get the benefit of the combination price.

BETTER THAN THE ARC LAMP

Filament Lamps of High Candlepower, It is Believed, Will Soon Take Their Place.

The new metal filament lamps of high candlepower are likely to take the place of arc lamps for outside lighting in many cases, and one of these is for the lighting of railroad yards. A good example is a large freight station and yard on the Continent which was newly installed last fall. Current at 6,000 volts comes from an outside electric plant into a transformer house where it is reduced to 200 volts. For the lighting which is needed for loading and unloading of freight there are used 24 ironwork poles, each 26 feet high and carrying a 200 candlepower metal filament lamp, while the lighting of the outer tracks comprises 14 similar poles 40 feet high with the same lamps. In other places, 50 candlepower lamps are employed. A suitable device allows of lowering the lamps from the poles when they are burned out, but ordinarily they require no trimming as in the case of arc lamps. A small winch and steel cable lowers the lamp in about the same way as an arc lamp, so that a new lamp can be readily put in. For use inside of freight cars, sets of hand lamps on flexible cables are used, the cables working by trolley upon wires stretched alongside the tracks.—Scientific American.

FIRE ALARM ON TELEPHONE

Automatic Device Sends Warning to Nearest Station, Indicating Location of Trouble.

An automatic signaling device has been patented which can be attached to ordinary telephone sets for sending in a fire alarm to the nearest fire headquarters, at the same time indicating the location of the party desiring protection. The mechanism, according to the Electrical World, consists of a push button on the subscriber's set which when pressed releases the signaling apparatus, thereby selecting the proper line from the exchange to the fire headquarters and sending in a signal characteristic of the station where the alarm originated. If the telephone line is in use as a called line, the fire-alarm signal breaks in and severs the existing connection. If it is in use as a calling station, the call box is restrained until the existing connection has been broken and the switches returned to normal.

Keeping Parts Together.

In the motor car repair shop considerable time and trouble can be saved by keeping component parts together

when disassembling the car or parts thereof. The carelessness in this respect, which exist in so many motor car repair shops, is really appalling. For example, a carburetor may be removed for inspection. To remove it several nuts are taken off. Often these nuts are laid on the running-board or inside the channel of the frame, or perhaps placed on the bench near the carburetor. On inspection it is found that the carburetor needs a new nozzle, or a part of it requires repairs that require a delay of some hours or days before it is replaced. The nuts are forgotten. Often it is necessary to remove the bottom cover from the crank case or the cylinders from the crank case. In either case as soon as the parts are taken off the nuts should be screwed back on their studs.

Source of Santa Fe River.

To ascertain the exact source of the Santa Fe river in New Mexico, the stream was recently followed to the top of Lake Peaks, 12,480 feet above sea level, where was found a beautiful lake, which is the main supply. The peaks are the rim of the crater of an extinct volcano.

ACCIDENTS ON THE DECREASE

Reports Made to Interstate Commerce Commission Show Most Gratifying State of Affairs.

Reports made to the interstate commerce commission by the steam railroads of the country pursuant to law covering the quarter ending March 31 shows that 65 persons were killed and 1,972 injured in train accidents for the quarter. Compared with the same period the preceding year this was a decrease of nearly 100 per cent in the fatalities and of more than 5 per cent in the accidents reporting simply injuries.

There was also a considerable decrease in the number of other accidents, including those of employees engaged in other work than the operation of trains, classed as "industrial accidents."

There were fewer railway accidents in the first quarter of the present year than for the corresponding period of last year.

Altogether the report is an excellent showing for the railways, proving that railway travel is becoming safer every year. The report shows that 74.8 per cent of the derailments were due, the commission finds, to defective roadway and defective equipment. Of the accidents due to defective roadway about 21.2 per cent were caused by broken rails, and of the derailments due to defective equipment 28 per cent were caused by defective or broken wheels.

TOO MANY DISASTERS

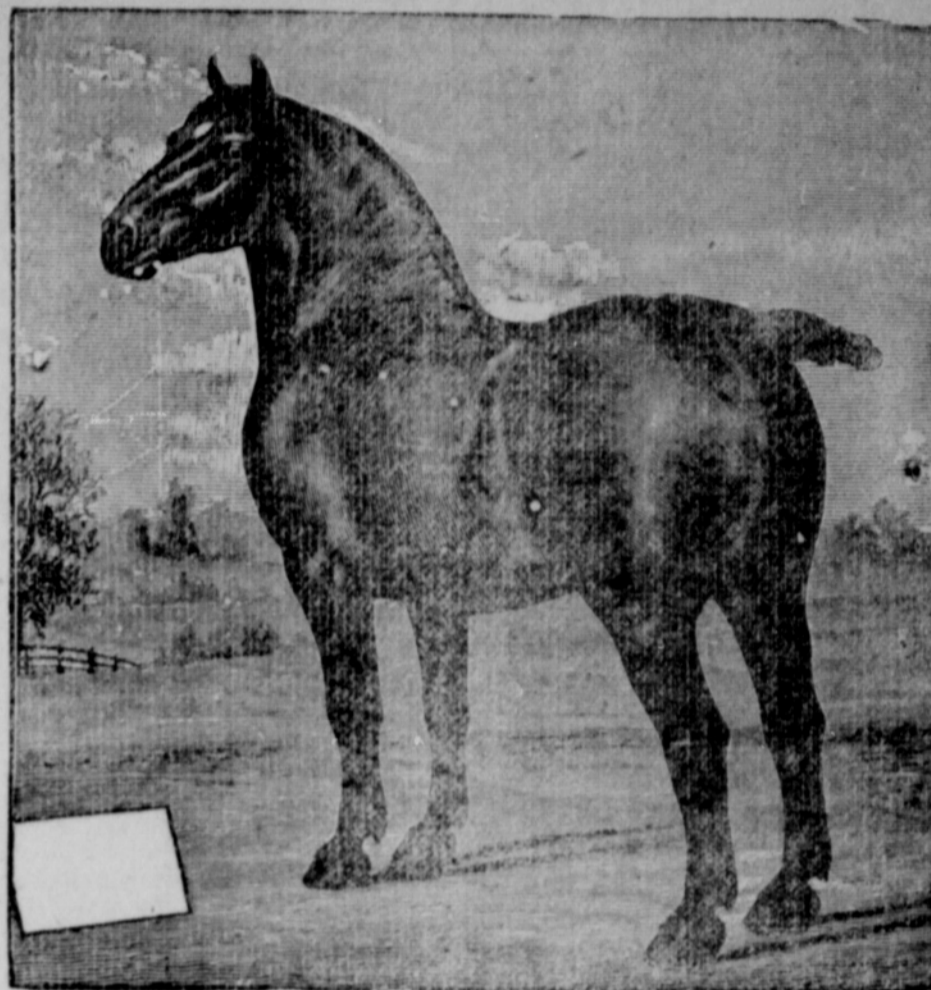
Evident That Extreme Vigilance in All Ways Must Be Maintained if Real Improvement is to Be Accomplished.

The tremendous pressure of war news has caused a series of railroad, steamship and mine disasters to pass with little notice. The loss of life, considerable in itself, has, of course, been small in comparison with the loss in battle. But we can scarcely afford to ignore these small and "usual" disasters. In Utah a dozen men have been imprisoned in a mine. In the St. Lawrence, a Canadian government boat, rammed during a fog, went down with a loss of fourteen lives. But these do not concern us so closely as the numerous railroad accidents. The worst was near Lebanon, Mo., when a St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train rolled from a soft track into a flooded creek. Twenty-seven persons lost their lives.

Near Livingston, Ala., an Alabama Great Southern train was derailed at a switch, with a loss of six killed and twice as many injured. At Memphis an Illinois Central freight train ran down a streetcar, killing eleven persons and injuring fifteen. Near Waldron, Ind., one man was killed when a Big Four freight split a switch, at Morristown, C. H. & D. freight train ran down a gravel wagon. This accident threw open a switch, with the result that two men were badly hurt and twenty-one loaded freight cars were reduced to wreckage. A week or so previously a Grand Rapids and Indiana passenger train ran into a washout near Kalamazoo, Mich., and injured a large number of persons, among them several residents of Indianapolis. It is to be observed that most of these wrecks occurred at switches or at points where the tracks were weakened by floods. Investigation has not disclosed whether any were avoidable.

The "safety first" movement has become general. The idea, which at first was one of stern necessity, has become popular. "Safety first" means vigilance first and always—and in all ways. Railroad managements are impressed with the need for such constant watchfulness. Recent wrecks have been confined to no one system. The New Haven, which for months stood at the top of the disaster list, did not suffer, due surely to the rehabilitation of its official system of management. Accidents, as long as safety depends on fallible humanity, may be unavoidable, but they can be largely reduced in number. The realization of a deeper sense of responsibility on the part of official and employee is necessary.

BREEDERS ATTENTION



The Slatonite has a good line of horse and jack cuts and can print your cards for you to your satisfaction. Call and consult us about printing your stock bills.

Husband and Wife.

A husband and wife have no business to tell one another's faults to anybody but to one another. They cannot do it without shame. Their grievances are to be settled in private, between themselves; and in all public places, and among friends, they are to preserve towards one another that nice consideration and entire respectfulness which their relation enjoins. For they are one in the law; and for a man or woman to publish the truth, that they are not in fact, is to acknowledge that they are living in the relation of an unwilling lover and a compulsory mistress.—Josiah Gilbert Holland.

A. A. Pancake Early Engineer.

Alfred A. Pancake of Harrisburg, who has completed his eighty-sixth year, took the first locomotive from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh, crossing the mountains by ten inclined planes, and from Johnstown to Pittsburgh on a canal boat. He was the first engineer to run the first train from Pittsburgh to Altoona through the Gallitzin tunnel.—Philadelphia Record.

Want Table Against the Wall.

Every head waiter knows that it is useless to offer guests a table in the middle of the room as long as there is one against the wall to be had. Is it some inherited instinct that has come down to us from savage ancestors who knew the wisdom of being protected on the flank or in the rear while they ate?—Boston Globe.

Trifle Fresh.

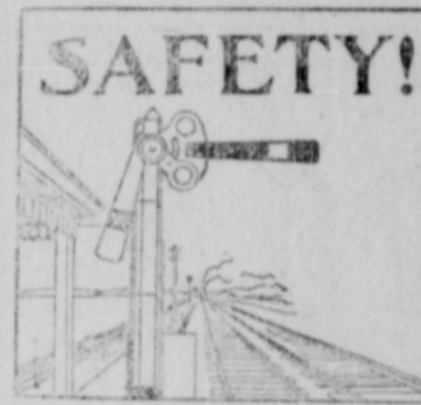
"Sir," said the fair canvasser, "I am selling stock in a peach orchard." "Are you a fair sample of the output?" he inquired. "If so, I think I'll invest."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Prairie Dog Poison

There have been so many demands in the last few days for the Government recipe which has proven so effective for poisoning prairie dogs that we have looked up the recipe and reprint it for your benefit. Cut this out and paste it on the grainary wall:

- 1 ounce powdered strychnine.
 - 1 tablespoonful gloss starch.
 - 1 ounce powdered bicarbonate of soda.
 - 1 tablespoonful heavy corn syrup.
 - 1 8 ounce saccharine.
 - 1 3 quarts grain, feterita preferred.
 - Will treat 420 prairie dog holes.
- DIRECTIONS:** Mix the ounce of strychnine in three-fourths of a pint of water; heat to a boiling point.
- If the strychnine does not readily dissolve add a tablespoon-

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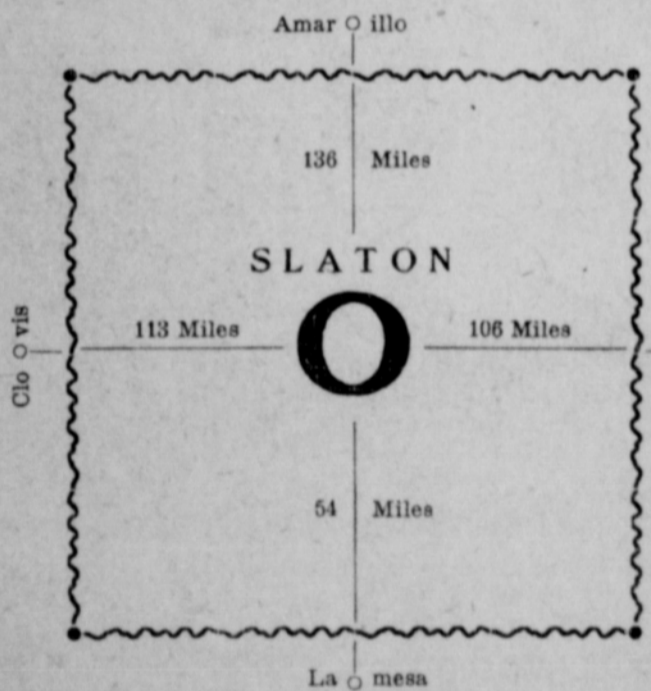
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SLATON LOCATION

SLATON is in the southeast corner of Lubbock County, in the center of the South Plains of central west Texas. Is on the new main Trans-Continental Line of the Santa Fe. Connects with North Texas Lines of that system at Canyon, Texas; with South Texas lines of the Santa Fe at Coleman, Texas; and with New Mexico and Pacific lines of the same system at Texico, N. M. SLATON is the junction of the Lamesa road, Santa Fe System.

Advantages and Improvements

The Railway Company has Division Terminal Facilities at this point, constructed mostly of reinforced concrete material and including a Round House, a Power House, Machine and Blacksmith Shops, Coal Chute, a Sand House, Water Plant, Ice House, etc. Also have a Fred Harvey Eating House, and a Reading Room for Santa Fe employees. Have extensive yard tracks for handling a heavy trans-continental business, both freight and passenger, between the Gulf and Atlantic Coast and the Pacific Coast territories, and on branch lines to Tahoka, Lamesa and other towns.

BUSINESS SECTION AND RESIDENCES BUILT

3000 feet of business streets are graded and macadamized and several residence streets are graded; there are 30 business buildings of brick and reinforced concrete, with others to follow; 700 residences under construction and completed.

SURROUNDED BY A FINE, PRODUCTIVE LAND

A fine agricultural country surrounds the town, with soil dark chocolate color, sandy loam, producing Kaffir Corn, Milo Maize, Cotton, Wheat, Oats, Indian Corn, garden crops and fruit. An inexhaustible supply of pure free stone water from wells 40 to 90 feet deep.

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THE COMPANY OFFERS for sale a limited number of business lots remaining at original low list prices and residence lots at exceedingly low prices. For further information address either

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Local Townsite Agent, Slaton, Texas

....or....

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Local Townsite Agent, Slaton

ful or two of vinegar. Mix starch in one-eighth pint of cold water. Add to strychnine water the starch solution and boil until a clear paste is formed, then remove from the fire. Mix soda with one eighth of a pint of water. Add to the strychnine-starch solution and stir to a creamy mass. Add syrup and saccharine and stir. Pour the solution over thirteen quarts of grain and mix thoroly

until the grains are evenly coated. Let stand several hours before distributing. For small quantities an ordinary galvanized wash tub is convenient and the mixing may be done with a fire shovel. Scatter a spoonful of the prepared grain on clean HARD ground NEAR the hole. Feterita is the best grain because of its bright color. The poison does not soak into the grain but coats it like a sugar coated pill. Cyanide does not add to the efficiency of the poison and should not be used.

SLATON SLATONITE

Slaton, Lubbock County, Texas

Issued Once a Week on Friday Morning
By L. P. LOOMIS
Owner, Editor, and Publisher

SUBSCRIPTION, THE YEAR \$1.00

Entered as second class mail matter at the post office at Slaton, Texas, on Sept. 15, 1911 under the act of March 3, 1879.

New residence houses continue to appear in every section of Slaton, and each week sees many new ones occupied by new families. Slaton is enjoying a building era that portends of a very substantial growth in the city's population for 1917.

One of the most exceedingly strange things about human nature is the inclination to criticize another instead of saying a word of commendation about his actions. Some men move away and the knockers get busy. "Yes, he was a good fellow and worked for the town, but—" and here come along so many butts that the listener wonders just how much good there was in the fellow whose character is being dissected. Why not just leave off the butts?

It is always easy to criticize, but it would seem that if our prohibition representatives and senators were properly organized and working together they could make the anti pass the submission law or take the consequence of having every particle of legislation or appropriation that is proposed blocked. This is a drastic action but when law makers will deliberately override the wish of the people expressed in the primary it is time that something startling is done to bring them to terms.

The announcement that the widow of Ed Simms has entered suit for \$100,000 against the persons accused of killing her husband may come as a surprise

to many people, but similar cases have been tried in the courts, and the plaintiff has collected damages in this way, and the judgments have been affirmed by the higher courts. If the juries of Texas will not punish those who commit homicide, it may be that a few judgments such as the widow of Ed Simms is asking for will tend to discourage the careless handling of shooting irons.

The Lamesa Papers Consolidate

The Lamesa Leader says its swan song last week and the editor, Robt. E. Downey, announced that the paper had been sold to W. A. Brooks, editor of the Lamesa News. Mr. Brooks purchased also the interest of Chas. Houser in the News and has combined the two publications. He is a good newspaper man and with an undivided field at Lamesa should be able to give the town splendid newspaper service. Less than six months ago the Leader was launched upon the newspaper field at Lamesa, and while it was a good publication, there was not business enough for two papers, and it was only a question of weeks until it would have to supercede the News or sell to it, and in the meantime both papers would run at a loss. 'Twas ever thus. A reliable trade journal reports that one thousand small papers have suspended publication during the past few months because of the increase in the price of paper cutting off the small margin of profit they were operating under. No newspaper can be published in a manner that will make it a credit to the town and community without enough advertising patronage to meet the pay roll, and whenever the patronage falls below that or the field becomes crowded thru competition where there is not business enough to justify more than one paper, the town has to suffer thru inefficient publicity service.

To The Lubbock Avalanche

The Slatonite extends the good right hand of sympathy to the Avalanche over its misfortune in the fire of Saturday night, and we trust that Editor Jas. L. Dow will come out of the financial loss with a new brick building to replace the old frame structure and with a new plant and equipment that will be so much better than the old one that he will soon forget the passing of the old plant. The Slatonite editor remembers when we first saw the Avalanche years ago, and it was one of the smallest and humblest of our country exchanges. As the years came by and Lubbock grew, Dow constantly enlarged his plant and paper until it took its place in the front rank with the leading weekly newspapers of West Texas. There are none better patronized and very few that carry as much advertising as the Avalanche does. To have the work of years destroyed in a few moments is indeed a trying ordeal, both professionally and financially. We hope that the Avalanche of the future which builds on the ashes of last Saturday night's fire will be bigger and better than ever.

West Texas has been made the goat of the State government ever since the state was organized and the practice has become so imbedded in tradition that it is second nature to give it up. Some newspapers are advocating a division, but the Times is opposed to that. Let's keep the old sister intact until we pass them in population and then feed them back some of their own syrup of figs.—Abilene Times.

We have been growing and waiting seven years for east Texas to recognize us and they never have. We will never pass east and south Texas in population, but if we could it would still be in the power of those parts to control the West. They recognize that they have a lot coming to them, and for that reason will never give West Texas its proper representation in the legislature.

Construction Work on Brick Buildings Started This Week

Contractor Ed Shopbell started work this week on building extensions to the First State Bank building and the Red Cross Pharmacy building, the work to be of brick construction.

The addition to the bank will be thirty by twenty-five feet in size and will be fitted up for offices.

The addition to the Red Cross building will be twenty four by twenty five feet and the space will be utilized by the drug store in handling its growing business.

This building work will increase materially the appearance of the bank property and will relieve the present crowded condition of that business corner.

Safety First Show Seen by Big Crowd

The Safety Picture Show at the Reading Room Tuesday night given by Doctor Hale, the "Safety First" man of the Santa Fe, was attended by a large crowd which enjoyed the show from the first to the last.

Doctor Hale was introduced by Supt. A. Ewing of the Slaton Division, and as the doctor is an accomplished entertainer he soon had the undivided attention of the audience.

The show is a good one. It is impressive, instructive and educational, and it carries an appeal to the Santa Fe boys that cannot help but reach the heartstrings of everyone.

Doctor Hale demonstrates that a large per cent of accidents that result in permanent injury might well be avoided, and his mission is to help the railroad boys avoid those accidents. The pictures were strong and well selected.

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For anything that you have for sale in the way of second hand furniture, stoves, wagons, hacks, harness, junk, hides and furs.

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Santa Fe Railway Company is Now Building a Railroad to the Land

An extension of the Crosbyten South Plains Railroad
from Lubbock thru Brownfield to Blythe in Gaines County

Prices (Patented Basis) \$10 to \$20 Per Acre Owing to Distance from Town

Terms: \$2.00 to \$2.50 per acre cash; balance in seven payments (on or before) 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 years at six per cent interest

HARRY T. MCGEE
GENERAL AGENT
SLATON, TEXAS

THE GRIP OF EVIL

by Louis Tracy

AUTHOR OF "THE WINGS OF THE MORNING," "THE PILLAR OF LIGHT," "THE TERMS OF SURRENDER," "NUMBER 17," ETC.

NOVELIZED FROM THE SERIES OF PHOTOPLAYS BY PATHE. SAME NAME RELEASED.

John Burton, a worker in a steel mill, suddenly inherits an English title and \$10,000,000. He decides he will spend his life, if necessary, in an attempt to solve the question "Is Humanity in the Grip of Evil?" Each episode of this series forms a distinct story in itself depicting his experiences in his search for the truth.

FOURTEENTH EPISODE

Humanity Triumphant.

The Appeal.

The fuse was a slow one. Evidently it had been selected in order to prolong the agony. Bill Reilly's nerves, less under control than Burton's, yielded to the strain and he seemed to find relief in upbraiding the wretches with whom he once had fraternized but who now hated him with a deadly malice that the man they regarded as chiefly responsible for the gang's threatened disruption.

But, like all criminals, they were cowards at heart, and fled the danger zone long before the hissing serpent between the chairs could release its true venom.

Burton felt quite resigned to this last stroke of an outrageous fortune.

No sooner was the room emptied of the cut-throat gang, not one of whom dared even the slight risk of watching the actual explosion of the bomb through an open window or doorway, than Bill made a determined effort to free himself. He succeeded almost at once, and with a whoop of triumph wriggled out of the chair.

By this time nearly three-quarters of the fuse was consumed, so this daring fellow, without the slightest hesitation, picked up the bomb and hurled it through the porch far out into a disheveled garden. Banging the door, so as to obviate any risk of injury by flying metal, he raced back to Burton's side and began untying him.

The Hell-cats had gone about their business more leisurely with the millionaire, and the knots defied Reilly's nimble fingers at first. He had only partially extricated the man whose life he had risked everything to save, when the infernal machine exploded with a deafening detonation.

But Reilly never ceased his efforts. Ere it was possible to distinguish the light of day again John Burton stood at liberty by his side. The respites thus gained did not endure long. The Hell-cats understood how they had been foiled, and swarmed back like angry bees returning to a disturbed hive. The almost defenseless pair carried no effective weapons, but seized the chairs which had formed their sacrificial altar, and defended themselves valiantly against all comers.

Such human riff-raff as composed this gang of gunmen, however, were not minded to risk broken heads and sore bones in a fair hand-to-hand fight. One of them whipped out a revolver and fired point-blank at Reilly. The bullet struck him in the breast and he staggered and fell. Burton, giving his faithful companion one agonized glance, was momentarily taken unawares and soon yielded to an attack in force.

The whole dramatic scene ended almost as quickly as it had begun. Burton was now a prisoner again, and poor Reilly lay groaning on the floor, little caring what further suffering a vicious fate might have in store for him.

For a few seconds it looked as though the brats of both men would have been shot out then and there. But, as Burton ascertained subsequently, Mother Flannigan had been an interested spectator not only of the fight but of Reilly's unexpected release, with its sequel in the explosion of the bomb outside the house. The old hag herself, aided by Two-Gun Jake, had experimented with fuses of various lengths, and meant making a last attempt to extort ransom from the principal victim before it was too late.

Knowing that the gang did not possess a second bomb, she determined to change her tactics, and intervened shrilly at the very instant one of her henchmen was drawing a pistol with intent to fire point-blank in Burton's face.

"You wait for orders, you boob," she screamed. "Who told you to butt in? Put away that gun, and tie him up in the chair again."

Her command was obeyed with difficulty, since both chairs had been broken in the struggle. While John was being lashed to a rickety seat, he looked calmly into the scowling faces of his persecutors.

"What good will it do any of you to kill me?" he said. "You are only

committing a stupid crime, which will surely be discovered, and lead to a hue and cry of the most determined kind."

Mother Flannigan thrust herself forward. Her evil eyes blazed into his. "Now you're talkin'," she croaked. "Do us a bit of good, an' save yourself. Will you give us fifty thousand dollars, an' keep mum when we turn you loose?"

John shook his head. "That is not my meaning at all," he said quietly. "To buy my life on those terms simply implies the triumph of evil. I will repay you by help and kindness. I will promise you the fair treatment which many of you have never yet received from society, but I absolutely refuse to bargain in terms of money."

"You do, eh?" screamed the virago. "We'll see about that. You are in our hands here, Mr. Marquis, and don't you forget it. If it weren't for the carelessness of some of these blunderin' idiots you and your pal would have gone up a minit since in smoke an' fire. You think, perhaps, that the cops are after us, an' if you can only waste time they'll rescue you. Don't you believe it. To prove my words, I'll give you one hour. If, however, at the end of that time you don't promise to pay down fifty thousand plunks just when and where we want 'em, I myself will drive a knife through your ribs, an' let the boys here finish the job as they like afterwards."

"Very well," he said, "I accept your respite of an hour. Bind Reilly's wounds, and give him some water. . . . Now, men," he added, sweeping the grim circle of Hell-cats with a comprehensive glance, "carry out your terms fairly and squarely."

Meanwhile some stirring events had happened in the city. It will be remembered that Burton had employed a Japanese valet during the absence on vacation of the smooth-spoken English servant who usually filled that office. He had come to like the little brown man, and retained him in his service, so that the two valets alternately performed the same duties.

When the gunmen made their attack on Burton's house, choosing the hours of broad daylight as the safest for their purpose, and depending for success wholly on rapidity of movement, the Japanese happened to be in a dressing room adjoining the library where his master was at the moment attending to some belated correspondence.

Hearing a sudden hubbub of rushing feet and muttered oaths, the little man ran in, only to be blackjacked forthwith. He fell like a pole-axed ox, and the Hell-cats did not care whether or not he was actually dead. The fate of a valet was of no account. What they wanted was a bound and gagged millionaire safe in the limousine of a fast car, and this achievement they carried out with a daring and efficiency worthy of a better cause.

So the Jap recovered his senses, and was able to give the police a fairly lucid account of the attack.

Grace Coe was sitting down to a belated luncheon when her brother ran in with an evening newspaper in his hand.

"I am sorry to be the bearer of bad news, Grace, but feel that you ought to know the worst. Burton has been captured by the Hell-cats!"

The words died away on his lips, for his very heart was chilled by the sight of the wan misery in the girl's face. But she rose steadily enough, and her voice was extraordinarily under control.

"I half expected this," she said. "Yes, I must do what I can. Don't come with me, George. I shall go alone. You do not know the ways of my poor friends. If you are there, they will be dumb, but to me they will tell the truth!"

On reaching the Settlement she found Blanche Griffin there. Her own despair was equalled by that of the girl whom she had dragged out of the gutter, for the newspaper reports made it clear that Bill Reilly, the ex-convict who had found redemption, was missing as well as the millionaire.

Wherein John Burton Solves the Problem.

In looking back through the history of an individual, as of a nation, it would seem as though idle chance played the most important part in human affairs. It is not so, of course. Who, for instance, could possibly have imagined any active connection between the arrival that day of a

worn, frayed, elderly woman at the city's central depot with the deadly menace threatening John Burton and his faithful friend, Bill Reilly? Surely not the poor creature herself! On leaving the train, she stepped into a crowded street, and the bewildered, half-frightened, half-despairing expression betokened by drooping lips and lack-luster eyes showed that she, at least, was irresolute of mind and sadly aware of her own unimportant place in the general scheme of things.

Amid the noisy chaos of the passing multitude she picked out a policeman, and approached him timidly. Fumbling in a reticule which she carried, together with a dilapidated suitcase, she produced a photograph.

"Pardon me, mister," she said in a quavering, apologetic voice, "but do you happen to know a young man who looks like this?"

The policeman gazed down at the questioner. Slightly amused, he took from her trembling hands a photograph of the carte-de-visite order, yellow with exposure, and much stained, it might be, with tears.

"No, ma'am," he said after careful scrutiny. "Who is it?"

"My son," came the answer. "I haven't seen him for ten years, but a man told me he believed he was in this city."

"What's his trade?" inquired the officer of the law kindly.

The wrinkled and tired face, already pallid with fatigue, blanched a little more.

"He used to be a locksmith," she faltered, "but—but—the man said—that my boy wasn't workin' just now."

Then the policeman understood.

"No," he said, "I haven't seen him. He can't be much of a tough, mother, or I'd be sure to know him. So cheer up! Sometimes things ain't so bad as people make 'em out. They're always ready to say the worst, you know. Tell you what—there's a sort of Settlement bureau in this town where young folk who have gone wrong are given a helpin' hand. You may find out something about him there. Even if Miss Grace Coe doesn't know him, someone in the Settlement may be able to assist you."

The woman had named the subject of the photograph "John William Evans," so the policeman was hardly to blame if he failed to detect in the lineaments of a fairly handsome and intelligent looking youth the scowling features of Two-Gun Jake. Nevertheless, his counsel was good, since it led the searcher's faltering steps to Grace Coe at the very moment when the girl was nearly distracted with terror and foreboding as to the uncertain fate of the man she loved.

Even in that hour of storm and stress her sweet disposition and splendid self-control permitted her to listen to the elderly woman's story. She bent over the photograph, but could only return it sadly.

"No," she said, "I have never seen your son, Mrs. Evans."

It happened that Blanche Griffin was standing near and heard what passed. Though she, too, was racked with misery, she almost unconsciously scrutinized the smirking youth in the print. "May I look at that?" she asked. Taking the little square of pasteboard to a window she examined it intently, and a half-repressed cry of amazement brought Grace to her side.

"It is—it must be—Two-Gun Jake," she whispered excitedly. "Of course, Miss Coe, you don't know him as well as I do, but unfortunately I have seen a good deal of him during the past four years, and sometimes, when in repose, he would look just like that. Oh, if this should be his mother, how fortunate for us!"

"But how?" demanded Grace, intuitively realizing that Blanche would not be so disturbed without good cause.

"Don't you see, miss, he is wounded and in the hospital, and he, if anyone, would know where those wretched men have taken Mr. Burton and Bill Reilly. Perhaps, if we bring his mother to him, she may arouse his better nature, and—"

Grace caught the drift of the girl's notion at once.

"Oh, yes, yes!" she cried impulsively. "We must not lose a second. Let us act alone. Three weak women may succeed where the police have failed."

Mrs. Evans was easily persuaded. Indeed, she was ready to put the utmost confidence in Grace from the first instant of their meeting. A car was in waiting, and the three were taken swiftly to the hospital. Blanche was the first to alight, and was consequently just in time to see Jake being helped into an automobile drawn up by the curb at some distance from the main building.

She recognized the man with him, as a particularly brutal and dangerous member of the Hell-cats' gang, and ere she could frame a startled explanation which could convey the truth to Grace's ears while concealing it from the hapless mother, the other vehicle was vanishing down the road in a swirl of dust.

"Follow that car," she said instantly to the chauffeur.

The pursuit continued until the gunmen's automobile turned into an al-

most disused track leading to the house which held the prisoners. Luckily, Grace Coe's driver detected the maneuver and contrived to pull up his own car behind a clump of trees. Hence Jake's companions—there were two of them, together with the chauffeur—saw nothing alarming when they looked around before entering the house.

Without the slightest hesitation the two younger women led Mrs. Evans towards the building, screening their advance as best they might by taking cover behind a ragged hedge.

At that time more than half of the allotted hour had passed, and John Burton, whose thoughts were centered now in the great purpose which had dominated his whole life, was inclined rather to spend himself in a last effort towards regenerating humanity than in a seemingly futile attempt at self-preservation.

He had made up his mind firmly not to yield to the Hell-cats' demand.

"Say, boys," he exclaimed, attracting the attention of the Hell-cats with-in hearing, "would you mind asking Mother Flannigan and the rest of the bunch to gather round? I want to say a few words which should be of interest to all of you."

"I could talk more easily if you would kindly free my hands," went on John quietly. "There is no fear of my escaping," he added, smiling so genially that his captors grinned in unison.

"There's nothin' to make a speech about," broke in that fierce old harridan, Mother Flannigan.

"That is where you and I differ, ma'am," came the placid answer. "My time is nearly up. I guess I have twenty-five minutes, or thereabouts. We are not giving each other many favors, nor demanding them, but it is not a great deal that a man condemned to death should ask to be allowed to utter his last few words in comparative comfort."

John's bonds were untied; he stretched his stiff arms, and permitted his bruised body to relax.

"I hope you won't interrupt me," he began. "I shall endeavor not to trespass beyond the allotted time, but it will not be my fault if what I have to say does not command a sympathetic hearing."

Then, to their intense surprise, instead of outlining a basis of agreement in terms of money and life, he sketched briefly, but with winged words, the story of his career. He depicted his childhood's days, passed in surroundings with which everyone present was familiar, and thus, at the outset, placed himself on a par with the limited intelligence and dismal experiences of his audience. He told how he had risen to be a foreman in the iron works, how he led the strike, and was befriended like another Samson by a Dallah in fine raiment and anointed with sweet-smelling spices. By a wave of a magician's wand he led them from the dirt and squalor of a working-class quarter to the palaces and well-tended lands of an English nobleman. He even held them spell-bound by describing the unhappy quest which had dominated his manhood's years—that unending and never-successful search for an answer to the far-reaching question—Is Humanity in the Grip of Evil?

Burton, of course, remained in blank ignorance of the astounding fact that his audience was increased, for the three women had crept up unheard, and followed every word through the open window.

Seldom, indeed, in the history of this gray old world has any man spoken to such a group of cut-throats under such conditions. By an inexplicable miracle—probably by the unknown action of that subtle force vaguely described as telepathy—Burton broke off abruptly at an instant when his hearers were keyed up to the highest pitch.

"How is time going?" he inquired, and the words fell from his lips so nonchalantly that for a few seconds none stirred.

Two-Gun Jake was the first to recover himself. He fumbled at a watch with his uninjured hand.

"Guess from what I've been told, you've still got five minutes," he muttered.

A white-faced old woman crouched beneath the window sill gasped when she heard that voice. Mrs. Evans had listened like one in a trance. She understood neither the meaning nor the intent of that strange harangue, but it held her like the others. As the poor old creature put it afterwards, in a sentence which could not really be bettered by a skilled writer: "It was just a movie in words."

Happily, Blanche Griffin was able to stifle the imminent cry with an emphatic hand over Mrs. Evans' mouth, for the mother had found her lost son!

Then John made his big hit. "I want to use those five minutes to good advantage," he said, looking around with a benign expression which utterly baffled and nonplussed the woman and the men who a little while before had been thirsting for his money or his life.

"My own personal record now comes to interest either you or me very

greatly," he continued. "I shall not buy my life at your hands. Soon I myself shall be with yesterday's seven thousand years, while you will go back into the world, not enriched at my expense, but vastly poorer, because you will carry to the grave the memory of one more crime added to the many which have sullied and discredited the great trust which God gave when his Spirit breathed an immortal essence into your mortal bodies. I want to give you one final message—I want you to accept the one great truth common to mankind. The chief, I might almost say the only, real, driving force in the world is love. And love begins and ends with the maternal instinct, which is as strong in the jungle as in the most civilized of communities. Every man among you must have known it in greater or less degree. Even you," and he turned a luminous glance on the withered and shaking hag, "must recall those early years when you were a child at your mother's breast. If you have had children of your own, you must have felt the divine instincts of a mother. You were ready to risk life itself to bring a child into the world. You must have been prepared to sacrifice that same life over and over again for the sake of your offspring while it was still a wee mite looking at you, and you only for help and sustenance. I beseech you then, woman and men, when you go away from this house, to search into your own hearts and inquire whether the selfishness which now inspires you is really worth while. If my example can assist you in finding the better way I shall regard death as a real blessing. You will deprive me of a few troubled years, but I shall count that loss as a gain if my spirit, wandering in the unseen, encounters even one soul which I may have lifted out of the pit. I am not mouthing vain things. A man who has little more than a minute to live can, at least, afford to be candid with himself and others. I repeat that I shall not purchase my freedom. Do with me as you will, but, with my last breath, I implore you to pay heed to what I have said."

Two-Gun Jake strode forward, and stood in front of the prisoners. Though one arm was out of action, the other was as efficient as ever, and his right hand twisted in a businesslike way towards a hip pocket.

"Boys," he snapped, "I needn't tell any of you that I'm mighty quick on the draw, an', to that extent, what I have to say must go. I can't talk like Mr. Burton, but I can make my meaning clear. We're quits with this guy here an' now. Is any of you all particular anxious to argy the point?"

No one will ever know just what might have happened but for the interruption which came from a totally unexpected quarter. Mrs. Evans could be restrained no longer. She rushed in, scattering the startled Hell-cats right and left, and threw her arms around her son.

"That's spoken like my own boy," she sobbed. "I don't care what you've done, John. It's nothin' to me how wicked you have been. I'm your mother, and I'd believe in you if they was to take you to the chair this minute, though I've sought for you an' wept for you through ten long years. You're good at heart, John! You couldn't be my son and your father's, an' be a real bad man. Oh, my boy, my boy. I'm a pore ole woman, but I'm ready to die now with a smile on my lips!"

And thus, in the most effective way conceivable, did John Burton, tenth marquis of Castleton, find the answer to his question. He would scoff today at the conceit that Humanity is in the Grip of Evil. Conviction came through love. Had he searched the wide world he could have found no more beautiful and gracious partner than the girl whom he met amidst surroundings which might well have added one more to the many disillusionments of an eventful career.

Grace would not be a woman if she did not also appreciate the fact that she had become the countess of Castleton. But this new dignity only added to the sweetness of her disposition. It enlarged her sphere of usefulness. The elegancies of a new life rendered her even more noteworthy, while her knowledge of real difficulties of the poor guided her philanthropic efforts into the one true and abiding channel, namely, that of education and self-help.

At this very day her most trusted assistants are Mr. and Mrs. William Reilly, while in the once-dreaded Hell-cats she has a band of willing and enthusiastic helpers, chief among them being a somewhat truculent-looking and energetic person who wins instant notoriety on the platform when introduced to expectant audiences as the famous terror, "Two-Gun Jake."

Why, even Mother Flannigan earns a respectable living in a laundry!

And this is the end. The allegory is plain for all men to read. Even in these days of horrible war, with its outrageous crimes and sanguinary holocausts, it is true now as ever that

God is in heaven, And all's well with the world.

THE END.

SYRUP OF FIGS FOR A CHILD'S BOWELS

It is cruel to force nauseating, harsh physic into a sick child.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Adv.

Applying Physics in a Street Car.

One of the fundamental theories you were taught in your high school physics will save you a lot of trouble every day if you apply it.

Strangers in the street cars lurk forward when the car stops and backward when it starts. It's inconvenient, especially if a 200-pounder hits you. Remember that place in the physics text—"To every action there is an opposite and equal reaction."

Well, apply it. When the car stops, lean toward the rear. When it starts, lean toward the front.

You lurched because you're the opposite reaction to the car's movement. Simple and practical, isn't it?

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Make Cuticura Soap your every-day toilet Soap, and assist it now and then as needed by touches of Cuticura Ointment to soften, soothe and heal. Nothing better to make the complexion clear, scalp free from dandruff and hands soft and white.

Free sample each by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Leap Year.

By the present method of reckoning time every year of which the number is divisible by four without a remainder is leap year, excepting the centennial, or even hundredth years, which are only leap years when divisible by four after suppressing the two ciphers. The year 1600 was a leap year, the years 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not leap years, but the year 2000 will be and every intervening year that is exactly divisible by four. From 1796 to 1804 and from 1800 to 1904 were eight-year intervals without a leap year.

ACTRESS TELLS SECRET.

A well known actress gives the following recipe for gray hair: To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 4 oz. of glycerine. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and make it soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off. Adv.

Full of Trouble. "You're looking awfully gloomy, old top. What's the trouble?"

"Trouble enough old top. Me valet's sick, d'ntcherknow, and I don't know whether I've got on the proper tie and socks that go with the shirt I'm wearing."—Browning's Magaz.

Whenever You Need a C. Tonic

The Old Standard Grove's Castor Oil Tonic is equally valuable a General Tonic because it contains well known tonic properties of QUINA and IRON. It acts on the Liver, out Malaria, Enriches the Blood, Builds up the Whole System. 50

An After Thought. "I told Mr. Thickwitz baby looked like him."

"Of course, he was pl' 'Immensely. He didn't add 'Poor little devil,' under."

RED CROSS BALM. Insures snowy white hair on washday. Buy not just cheap liquid but your clothes greenish. Ball Blue large pack 6 cents. All good grocers.

Power. "Why do people versation?"

"Seems to be about it. They wouldn't rather than to a page."

show. "I'll be in the war."

This Episode of the Grip of Evil will be Shown as a Film Feature at the Movie Theatre Next Tuesday Night.

LONGER SKIRTS PROMISED

Reasons Why New Styles for the Spring Would Seem to Be Inevitable.

LOW SHOES WORN IN PARIS

Scarcity of Leather Responsible for the Lengthening of the Frock—Present Style of Shoes Cannot Be Called Beautiful—Blue Serge for Springtime Wear.

New York.—The smart firms on Fifth avenue are turning out severely tailored and stitched suits of black satin for the south and offering them as the first choice of early spring, and it is quite probable that this fabric will supersede all others for the street, as the season turns from cold to balmy weather.

There is more than uncommon interest displayed in the rumor backed up by facts that Paris will launch longer skirts for spring than we have worn for two years. There is no evidence of this in the new Callot models, but, then, Callot never cared for long skirts. This house cut its evening gowns into a high arch or point in front that showed half the leg to the knee, at a time when other dressmaking houses wouldn't consider such an innovation.

Years and years ago, Callot and Poiret joined hands on this fashion and it was ridiculed by two continents; now every woman wears

bit of hideousness, as the Chinese do, by exaggerating the length of the vamp and running it out into a point like the one-piece shoe worn by the men in the fourteenth century, but we have added to the medieval vamp the tottering spindle heel of the seventeenth century in France. The two in combination make an ugliness that no one thought possible in this day when people really struggle for beauty of line.

Points in French Shoes.
Throughout all this madness in America, France has been steadily wearing what is known as the sculptural shoe; that is, the rounded toe, the broad vamp and the side pieces that cling to the instep and hold it up. She has insisted upon straight Spanish heels for her walking shoes and in every way made herself comfortable, and she has brought her foot, which has never been notable for beauty, into a well-rounded part of her silhouette.

The leather men tell us that even if we wear low shoes, the prices will not be reduced, and this is being said to us in so many ways about every commodity of life, that we have begun to cease thinking about unmeasured prosperity and have turned to face the possibility of the hardships of living that existed during the Civil war in this country.

The shoe people tell us that one factory alone has refused an order of \$1,000,000 worth of shoes to go to Russia, because of the difficulty in getting leather; and yet, they have no excuse for the fact that cloth spats have gone up to \$5 and \$6 from \$2 and \$3.

The KITCHEN CABINET

The world would be better and brighter if people were taught the duty of being happy as well as the happiness of doing their duty. To be happy ourselves is a most effectual contribution to the happiness of others.—Sir John Lubbock.

SCOTCH WAYS WITH MUTTON.

The quality of mutton greatly depends upon the way it has been fed.

For roasting, mutton can hardly be too long hung. The length of time depends upon the weather. In cold, dry weather, in an airy, well-kept larder, 21 days is not too long; in damp weather it will not keep half that long.

Mutton is seasonal all the year round, and those who know say that mutton should be five years old to be in its prime. However, two years is the limit of life for most sheep.

Boiled Mutton and Sauce.—Prepare the meat by wiping it with a damp cloth; if the skin be discolored, scrape it with a knife. Good meat should be red in color, elastic to the touch, and have a fresh smell. The fat should be white and hard. Allow twenty minutes to the pound in boiling and an additional twenty minutes for all joints over three pounds. Plunge the meat, outside down, into boiling water to sear it; after that cover and let it simmer for the rest of the time. Prepare a carrot and turnip and put them with the meat, then add an onion.

Sauce for Mutton.—Take two tablespoonfuls each of flour and drippings, cook until smooth, then add a pint of the mutton liquor, a little milk, if liked, and some chopped parsley. Chopped capers, a tablespoonful with a little of the vinegar to a pint of the sauce. Lay the mutton on a platter, pour the sauce over it and serve very hot. The vegetables may be placed neatly at the end of the dish; the onion may be left out if so desired.

Mutton Stew.—Wipe a piece of the neck or a cheap cut from the shoulder and cut into serving-sized pieces. Place in a frying pan with a little hot dripping, turn and brown on all sides, dredge with flour, add a pint of shredded carrots, cut in strips, not slices, an onion and sufficient hot water to cook well, leaving a sauce to serve poured over the meat and vegetables. Set into a fireless cooker and let stand for three hours or simmer on the back part of the stove for two hours. A little meat in such a dish will season a quantity of vegetables, making a most wholesome and economical dish. Potatoes may be added if desired.

Unless we learn to do our duty to those whom we employ, they will never learn to do their duty to us.—David Copperfield.

FEW HOT BREADS.

Contrary to the rules for yeast mixtures, all foods made with baking powder or cream of tartar and soda must be mixed and baked rapidly.

All material should be cold, and handled very lightly. For corn-breads, gems and muffins the shortening is melted and added the last thing to assure a velvety texture, but for shortcake, biscuits and such mixtures the fat is cut in with two knives, working quickly, then add the liquid and handle as quickly as possible.

Cornmeal Muffins.—Take two cupfuls of cornmeal, a half cupful of flour, a teaspoonful of salt, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, two eggs, two tablespoonfuls of shortening and a cupful and a half of milk. Mix all together, adding the shortening, melted, the last thing.

Currant Biscuit.—Take two cupfuls of sifted pastry flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, a teaspoonful of salt, a fourth of a cupful of well cleaned currants, a cupful of milk and two tablespoonfuls of shortening. Mix together as usual, make in the form of small biscuits, brush with milk and bake in a brisk oven. Eat hot.

Egg Gems.—We may read this and think of the days when eggs were twenty cents a dozen yet refrain from indulging in them while they are 50. Take two and a half cupfuls of sifted flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, a teaspoonful of salt, a tablespoonful of sugar, four eggs, a cupful of milk, and lastly three tablespoonfuls of melted shortening.

As a shortcake made in two layers, with butter between so that the cake divides easily, using any fresh or canned fruit, there is no dessert more easily baked. If you are hurried and there is no time to roll out biscuit, drop the dough in spoonfuls in a greased pan or in greased gem irons and bake.

Hot gingerbread is delicious with whipped cream for dessert. If you wish to make the dish extremely nice, add a half cupful of grated cheese to the whipped cream. Of the whipped, sweetened and flavored cream may be sprinkled with nuts if the cheese is not enjoyed.

A delicious almond may be made from the pulp after making cranberry jelly. Rub it through a wire sieve; apple may be added, and orange juice and a few raisins; a pound of sugar will be ample for a pint of pulp with the orange and raisins. Cook until thick.

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Nellie Maxwell

DECORATED IN MEMORY OF MRS. BOISSEVAIN



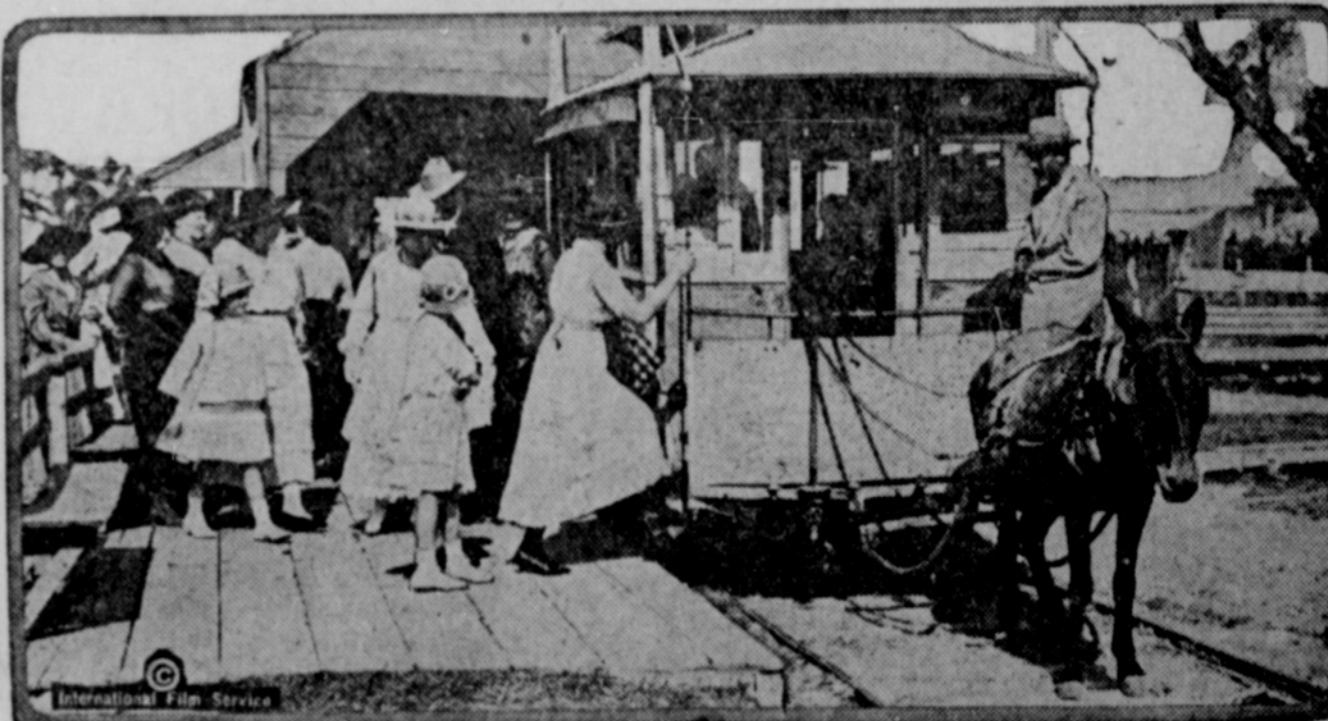
Statuary hall in the capitol at Washington, was swathed in the colors of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage on Christmas day, when memorial services were held in honor of Inez Milholland Boissevain. The services were preceded by a delegation march through the capitol grounds and a display of banners.

HOW AN OCEAN DERELICT LOOKS



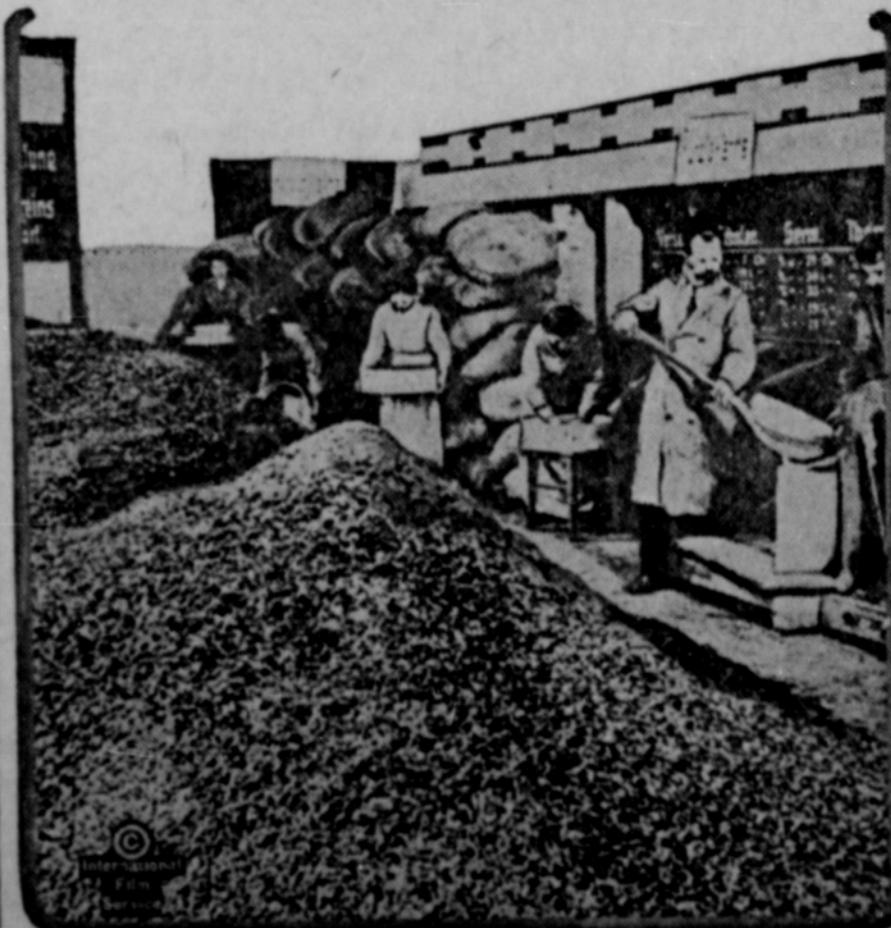
All landsmen have heard of, but few have ever seen, that grave menace of ocean navigation, the derelict. This photograph, taken on Christmas day from the United States coastguard cutter Seneca, shows the wreck of the Brazilian ship Nephthis. The Nephthis got into trouble soon after leaving port. She was towed 5,000 miles, but finally abandoned in a storm when about 150 miles east of New York. The Seneca was then ordered out to bring the wrecked ship into port, and after a two-day search found her and got a line aboard.

ARMY WOMEN SHOPPING IN MEXICO



Wives of American army officers stationed in Matamoros, Mexico, starting out on a shopping expedition by the only available means of transportation.

FRUIT STONES SAVED FOR GERMAN OIL



No fruit stones are thrown away in Germany. They are all collected and crushed. The oil is extracted for drugs and military purposes. The photograph shows the stones being packed to be sent to a crushing mill.

"PAPA" JOFFRE KISSES HERO



General Joffre, the "papa" of all the French troops and now marshal of France, is shown kissing one of the heroic French soldiers at a review. The honor of having been kissed by "Papa" Joffre was considered greater than receiving a medal for valor on the field.



BLUE SERGE APPEARS FOR SPRINGTIME.

It is used in a One-Piece Frock, With a Panel of Plaits in Front and Back of Skirt. The Collar, Cuffs and Belt Are of Dark Blue Taffeta, Run With Black Soutache.

gowns shorter than these first ones without a blush or an apology and, sometimes, without a good reason.

Low Shoes Worn in France.

The commercial interest in the situation is stirred on account of the vast output of high shoes in this country. In Paris there is good authority for saying that this form of footgear is not in first fashion and is rapidly disappearing. The reason is simple. France has no leather, and her women have been wearing low shoes for a year. The oxford tie with the high heel, round toe and broad ribbon bow at the instep has for a year been the first choice of fashion in France, in connection with street costumery. And to meet the situation, France made her skirts longer.

The scarcity of leather is pinching the shoe industry on every side in America. Shoes have advanced from \$8 a pair to \$14, and even higher prices will be asked this spring. Eight dollars is asked for an ordinary pair of laced street shoes at unfashionable places, where the amount of leather used is negligible and the amount of cloth substituted conspicuous.

Longer Skirts Probable.

If women can continue to pay the exorbitant prices asked for high shoes they may be able to continue to wear short skirts, but if France insists upon longer skirts and the bootmakers insist upon frightful prices, it is a safe guess that the low shoe and the longer skirt will be inaugurated in the springtime.

It is not easy to say whether the oxford tie which has ruled in Paris for 12 months will be taken up in this country, for we have, unfortunately, gone quite mad over the subject of ugly shoes, and, although we owe the inspiration for them to eccentric social circles in Paris, we have done things so much worse than France could dream of doing that it is only fair to say that there is no allegiance between the two. We have only twisted the shape of the foot into a serious

It behooves every woman to take excessive care of her footgear at the present hour. Trees, polishing and careful usage will save money and annoyance for months to come.

The Pinafore Sailor.

The world has blossomed out in spring hats at the first approach of winter. There is nothing startlingly novel about the new shapes, except the pinafore sailor that Rebox insists upon. This is made in straw and faced with a bright color, but even this shape has been seen for two months in a modified form, built of satin. The Muscovite turban, which comes in a straight line down from a high crown to the eyebrows, is not featured in any strength in the new models. The effort seems to be to turn the brims away from the headline, with compromise. They go straight in the air, and their shaping and the irregularities of their edges are determined after the quick uplift from the head has been established.

The dominating feature of all the new hats is the fact that they must be worn straight across the forehead, cannot be tilted right or left and must not dip a fraction of an inch in the back below the line which is established for the front. In other words, there is no coquetry about the pose of the new hat; it is as military as the men under arms. It is a trying line for many faces, and yet it is astonishing how quickly the masses have adopted it and contrived to make themselves look very attractive under it.

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Costume Jewelry.

The latest development of costume jewelry is the bracelet and hair band to match. Some of the newest evening gowns have long, floating angel sleeves caught to the wrist by bangles of ginstudded filigree gold of the same design as the circlet worn around the head.