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## The Officers and Directors of This Bank Thank You

For the business given them the past year. It has been a pleasure to us, and we trust profitable to you. Hoping we may merit your future patronage, and wishing you a happy and prosperous year, we remain, yours for business.

## West Texas National Bank

Big Springs, Texas

### Capital City Letter.

Austin, Texas, February 2.—Events of considerable importance have developed during the past week, some of them belonging to the executive department, some to the courts and some to the rulings of various officials. Politics has been somewhat quiet in spite of the efforts of the executive committee of the prohibition branch of the Democratic party and the efforts of the Rev. Dr. Rankin to stir up something.

Following a meeting of the penitentiary investigating committee which reported to the governor in the exercise of the legislative authority given that it would be a wise policy to lease the Rusk iron furnace, the governor approved a contract between the state penitentiary board and John L. Wortham, of Dallas, and associates, for the leasing of the plant at Rusk. The lessee is required to buy at least 200 tons per day from the state at 90c per ton, and 45 per cent shall be iron. The annual rental is to be \$10,000, payable monthly, and under the contract the board remits the first year's rental for improvements necessary to put the plant in operation.

The railroad commission has issued an order refusing the petition of the Dallas cement industry, and providing for an equalization of rates to and from El Paso, a 28 cents rate on cement, carload lots, to common point territory except Galveston, where the rate is made 25c.

The supreme court has decided in the local option case from Cooke county that several precincts may not be bunched for the purpose of holding one local option election, as the constitu-

tion provides that an election shall be held in each precinct. This nullifies the election held in eight precincts of Cooke county, which voted for local option.

The state printing board has finally agreed to have printed eleven hundred copies of the annual report of the railroad commission, and because of the many demands for this work the committee has decided to have an additional seven hundred printed at its expense.

The state printing board has also granted permission to have 1,000 copies of the new sanitary code printed in pamphlet form.

It is claimed that the reclamation of Texas Valley lands along the rivers of Texas will be one of the most important subjects to come before the thirty-second legislature. Commissioner Stiles says that the work he is now doing under the direction of the state levee and drainage board and with the co-operation of the United States geological survey must be on a limited scale because of the limited appropriation.

By a ruling of the attorney general it is held that a county attorney is entitled to his fee in each habeas corpus proceeding where the defendant is charged with a felony when there is an actual trial or hearing at which he is actually present and represents the state without reference to the grounds upon which the defendant has involved the writ and the merit of the judge's action in granting the writ. It is further held that the county attorney is entitled to only one fee when two or three defendants join in the same writ. This ruling applies as well to district attorneys.

Following a hearing based on

a complaint of fire insurance rates at Fort Worth, the fire rating board has issued its first cut in insurance rates, eliminating all exceptional charges in all schedules hereafter filed by all insurance companies on account of use of gasoline lighting systems or kerosene oil distribution lighting systems where they are installed and operated in conformity with the regulations prescribed by the board. The exceptional charges eliminated by this ruling aggregate 60 cents on the \$100, and it is estimated that about 16,000 insurers will be affected and the amount of premiums be reduced by about \$120,000.

The federal grand jury has been occupied with the investigation of alleged conspiracies to hold persons with the lease of county convicts in a state of penance in connection in Burleson county, and three arrests were made last week by special government agents, one of the defendants being a justice of the peace, one a constable and one a lessee of the convicts and manager of the plantation on which the convicts were worked. Some 25 white and 15 colored witnesses were brought to Austin to testify before the grand jury, and they told some of the most harrowing tales, if they told in the grand jury room what they told outside, that it could be possible to imagine. It is stated that government agents have been investigating this condition for several months and that the government has expended \$10,000 in the effort to apprehend those guilty of disregarding the laws of common humanity.

### Baptist Church.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject "Lest We Forget."

Jr. B. Y. P. U. meets at 3 p. m.

Sr. B. Y. P. U. meets at 4 p. m.

Sunbeams meet with Mrs. S. H. Morrison at 3 p. m.

Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

You are cordially invited to attend our services and to worship with us. Come—it will be good for thy soul.

WILSON C. ROGERS, Pastor

C. E. Talbot has been awarded the contract for the construction of the new public school building at Lamesa.

### City Council Doings.

The city council of Big Springs met in regular session Tuesday night with all members present. The following matters were attended to:

Motion carried that the franchise of the Western Telephone Company, as read, be adopted.

An order was passed allowing the independent school district to close up the alley in the north half of block one, Bauer addition, for the purpose of erecting a school building across same.

A permit was refused the Pacific Express Company to turn their building so that the side would be to the east.

A motion carried that the mayor issue a proclamation calling an election for the 5th of April at the city hall. R. F. Harris was appointed presiding officer.

An order was made that the city make a special rate of \$3.00 on street tax if paid by May 1st, and that notice of same be published.

A motion carried that J. M. Morgan be granted the contract to finish the city hall complete according to plans and specifications for the sum of \$2,350, if he will take city script for same.

Motion carried that the mayor appoint a committee to confer with the property owners from center of Fourth street to center of T. & P. right of way and 160 feet back from Main street east and west, who own frame buildings to see at what time the council could condemn such buildings and give them time to build. R. P. Jackson was appointed chairman with privilege to select his own committee.

A motion carried that the city let the contract to construct a concrete bridge 60 feet long on Third Street on west side of Runnels street.

It was decided that an election be held on the 5th of April to determine whether or not a bond issue for water purposes be authorized by the voters of Big Springs.

### Santa Fe Grading West of Sterling City.

It is understood that the Santa Fe is grading westward three miles west of Sterling City. This report was made by a citizen of Sterling City. What is meant by this action or where the road is headed for is a matter of much speculation, but it is the general belief that the Santa Fe is headed for Pecos by the way of Stiles, and on through several other western towns that are far from any railroads.

It is also understood that the Santa Fe owns the big Pecos Salt Lake. In the purchase of this lake, it may be that the Santa Fe is going to build its line by it and develop the lake. There is an everlasting quantity of salt at that place, and to develop it will mean the realization of much capital.

While the route that the Santa Fe is taking in making the grade from Sterling City is not known, the idea is put forward that it is headed for Pecos City, where it will join the Pecos Valley Railway of New Mexico, a line which is controlled by the Santa Fe and terminates at Pecos City.

A report was made to the effect that a surveying party was at work near Stiles, but nothing concerning what railroad was surveying there was mentioned. It is believed, however, that it is the Santa Fe, and that the road is silently working its way out of Sterling City across some of the best sections of West Texas.

While in the city a few days ago, F. G. Pettibone, the general

## The Medicine You Take

Whatever medicine you get at this store is exactly right. If you could see how your medicine is prepared here, the care that we give every prescription that comes into our store, if you had the professional training to appreciate the quality in all the drugs used and the skill used in preparing, you would never think of going elsewhere for even your simplest drug store wants.

People who deal here never have any doubts about the medicine they get. Bring your prescriptions to us, no matter who your doctor is.

## WARD'S

The Price is the Thing

manager of the Santa Fe in Texas, made a trip to Sterling City and selected the site for the depot there, but nothing concerning this grading was given out. In fact, Mr. Pettibone made no mention whatever of the extension from Sterling City. Several of the towns beyond Sterling City have during the past few weeks been offering bonuses for the extension of the Santa Fe, but their offers have not been heeded.—San Angelo Standard.

### Jr. B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject, "Peter, the Apostle."

Leader, Ruth Holmes.

Song, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go."

Scriptural reading, John 1: 41, 42.

Prayer.

Brief Outline of Peter Before Pentecost.

Song.

Two minutes talks on the following:

1. "Peter Brought to Christ," Florence Willis.

2. "Peter Called to be a Disciple," Mary Holmes.

3. "Peter Walks on the Sea," Alta Hull.

4. "Peter Confesses Christ," Anna Dell Taylor.

5. "Peter Backslides," Eleanor McCamant.

6. "Peter Restored," Gladys Orenbaun.

7. "Peter Preaches," Jettie Turner.

8. Song. Benediction.

### Services at Christian Church.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m., subject: "God's Way." In the evening at 7:30, theme: "The Price." You are invited to attend these services.

E. S. Bledsoe, Pastor.

### A PAID SECRETARY

For Big Springs—\$5,000 is Raised for Commercial Club Work.

The mass meeting held Friday afternoon was one of the largest gatherings held in some time. The meeting was called for the purpose of raising money to carry on the work of the Commercial Club. Speeches were made by E. S. Bledsoe, Ellis Douthit, S. H. Morrison, C. L. Alderman, J. B. Littler and others. After the speeches an opportunity was given all who had not subscribed to the fund being raised a chance to do so. There was enough added to the list to bring the amount up to about \$3,500, and a committee has been at work this week and is succeeding finely. They are sure they will raise the \$5,000 asked for by the club.

Several new names have also been added to the roll of membership and it is hoped that every citizen will join and assist in the work to be done for the upbuilding of Big Springs and Howard county.

The next meeting of the club will be Thursday afternoon, Feb. 10th. At this meeting officers for the year will be elected. The officers to be elected are president, vice-president and treasurer, and it is important that all members be present.

### Poll Tax Payments

Up to closing time Monday there had been issued by the county tax collector 1,278 poll tax receipts and 33 exemption certificates for young men who have reached the age of 21 years since the first of January last year. The city tax collector issued 490 poll tax receipts.

## Fifteen Days' Special Sale

Overstocked on Preserves, Jellies, Pickles, Olives, Etc.

For a few days we will give you a chance to buy these articles at 25 to 33 1-3 per cent discount. We mean what we say. Come and see. We are going to offer you special bargains in all lines. Sale lasts only 15 days.

## POOL BROTHERS

The Price Makers

## Our 50-33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>-25 per cent Reduction Sale

### On Ready-to-Wear Clothes

Is now in full swing. This is an enormous reduction on merchandise of unquestionable high class

## J. & W. FISHER

Established 1882

STEAMSHIP TIPPING.

As a ship nears land after a trip across the Atlantic inexperienced travelers are always in a ferment in regard to the proper tips to give their various stewards. Of course, one may give what one chooses, and, no matter how small, the amount will never be questioned by the recipient, though his looks may mean much. I may say, however, that it is customary to give the table steward about three dollars. Your bedroom steward should receive not less than two dollars, the steward that polishes your boots of a morning one dollar, and your bath steward two dollars. In the very large boats in which there are lifts that run between the E and A decks, saving you the climb of five flights of stairs, should your cabin happen on E deck, it is now customary to give a "pouboire" to the boys who operate the cars. It is advisable, by the way, to engage a position for your deck chair and indicate the time at which you desire to take your morning tub at the time when you engage your passage.

Twelve or fifteen years ago the American automobile was hardly known, and those desirous of purchasing high-grade machines had to buy them abroad and import them. To-day the best autos in use are of American make, the capital invested in automobile manufacturing aggregates hundreds of millions of dollars and the business is increasing rapidly. The Wrights, like Zeppelin, have capitalized their success, and find any amount of American money ready for investment in their own and other schemes of aviation. A company in which the brothers are interested has a capital of \$1,000,000, and doubtless others of equal or larger amount will be started. There are still many problems to solve in connection with aerial navigation. But the business assuredly has become commercially possible.

With food products of all kinds extremely high in price, the people of Long Beach, L. I., may account themselves fortunate in experiencing a visitation of whiting, also known as "frost fish," which were cast upon the beach recently in such numbers that the coast for five miles was a solid ridge of fish. Residents along the beach gathered as much as they could eat immediately and packed away for future use, and then hauled tons of the fish to their gardens and farms to enrich the soil. The whiting is one of the best food fishes of the winter season, and the surflet at Long Beach would have made many a lover of fish happy if it could have been shared without expense that would have made the distribution profitable.

China would be better off if its emperor could disabuse his mind of the foolish notion that he represents God on earth, and is of too fine a substance bodily and otherwise to be more than looked at, if even that, by the common people, says Brooklyn Citizen. For, after finding from his own observation how little real difference, except in opportunity, there is between the common people and the uncommon exceptions, he might be convinced that his own position would be safer with a community that had something to do with its own ordering, and thus be willing to enlarge the liberties of the new provincial assemblies elected recently.

The landing at Vancouver, B. C., of a consignment of 116 barrels of eggs from China reveals the alertness of the Chinese for commercial opportunities. Eggs have ruled at high prices throughout the year, and if it is possible to get them from China without inordinate loss through decay in shipment, there may be a movement from the far east that will put out of business those who buy up the product so freely that eggs remain firm and high even at the season when the hens are the busiest.

Football remedial legislation is talked of in several states. The fatality attending the game this season has shocked and alarmed college authorities and families of players. Either a way must be found to play the game with more security to life and limb or aroused public sentiment will demand its abolition. Established as it is in the national sports, it is hardly worth the sacrifice of human life for its continuance.

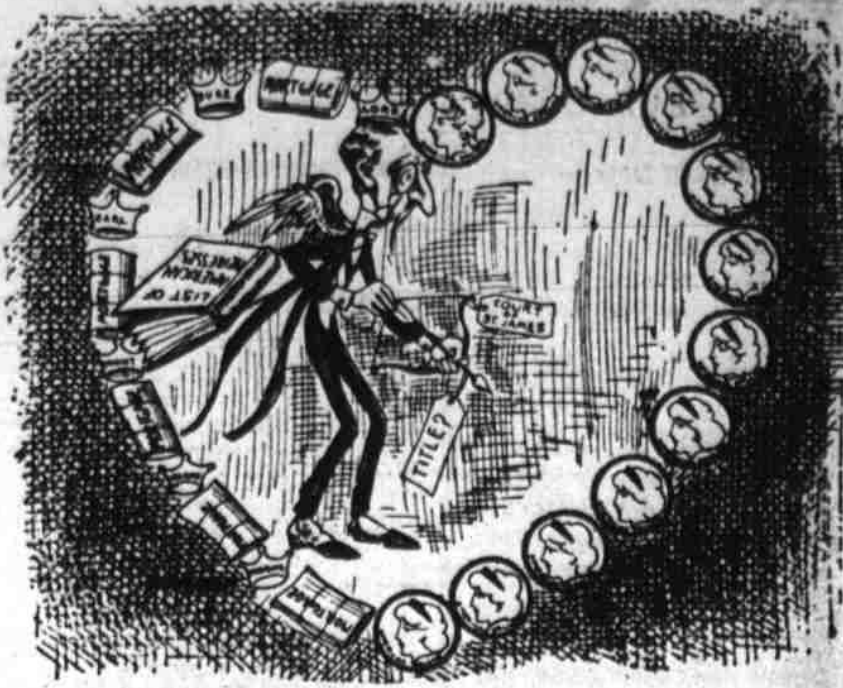
The average Nicaraguan soldier shoots in the air," laughs a New Orleans writer. In a few years all nations will be doing that—if flying machine development continues.

A wanderer calling himself the king of tramps has arrived in this country. The American police are no respecters of kings.

If Zelaya is a real man of affairs he will find some way to utilize the advertisement he has been getting lately.

SUGGESTION FOR AN UP-TO-DATE VALENTINE

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149 POSSIBLY DEAD  
79 BODIES FOUND

HORRIBLE MINE DISASTER OCCURS IN PRIMERO, COLORADO.

RESCUERS ARE AT WORK

The Camp is a Scene of Indescribable Horror—Men Working to Clear Shafts.

Primero, Colo., Feb. 1.—Seventy-nine bodies of the victims of an explosion in the Primero mine today were found piled in a mass at the foot of the air-shaft shortly after midnight.

When the explosion occurred the men evidently made a rush to escape through the airshaft and were suffocated as they battled with each other for freedom. It is shown by the time-keeper's records that there were 149 men in the mine at the time of the explosion. None are believed to be alive. The main shaft of the mine is completely wrecked.

Miners were rushed to Primero from Trinidad, Segundo, Starkville, Sopris and Cokeville and are laboring frantically to clear the main shaft, relieving each other every few minutes. It is impossible to determine how much of the main shaft has caved and it may be days before the shaft is cleared and the total death list known. There is little hope that any of the men are alive.

The company clerk reports that seventy-nine safety lamps are missing and it is sure that number of men are entombed.

Many of the miners, however, say that 150 men are missing. Most of them are Slavs and Hungs. Pit Boss Wilhelm is known to be among the missing.

The camp is a scene of indescribable horror. While every able-bodied man is taking his turn to clear the shaft, the women and children, kept back by ropes, have gathered about the shaft weeping and calling wildly upon their loved ones who have not been found. Experts from all the coal camps of the state have been gathered to assist Superintendent Thompson.

Members of the first rescue party say that the effect of the explosion underground is indescribable. The bodies recovered were horribly burned and unrecognizable. One body was impaled on broken timbers.

BALLOON TO CROSS ATLANTIC

Dirigible Now Being Constructed Will Attempt the Flight.

New York: A balloon trip across the Atlantic will be undertaken in May. New York and Berlin are behind the scheme and the big dirigible for the purpose is now being constructed in Germany. The bag will carry 60,000 cubic feet of gas and will have two fifty horsepower motors. It is planned that the balloon shall leave Berlin on May 15.

MARKET IS DEAD; PRICES DOWN

Prices on Lamb and Beef Have Fallen Considerably.

New York: The market is dead, agitation against high prices did it, is the declaration of wholesale meat dealers. Action in local markets, both wholesale and retail, confirmed the dealers' assertion.

Lamb dropped one cent wholesale, pork loin two cents and some dealers in beef cut prices one cent or more per pound.

\$150,000,000 Copper Merger.

New York: Following closely upon the absorption of the Consolidated Copper Company by the Utah Copper Company it has been announced that directors of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company had launched plans for the acquisition of properties at Butte, Mont., and increasing Anaconda's capital from \$38,000,000 to \$150,000,000. The two moves, separate in themselves, are regarded as having direct bearing upon the long-talked-of copper merger.

TO FIGHT THE BOLL WEEVIL HARD

\$215,000 PROVIDED WITH WHICH TO CONTROL THE WEEVIL.

Amendment Sought to Secure \$500,000 Additional.

Washington: The Agricultural bill has occupied considerable attention of the House of Representatives.

When the paragraph relating to boll weevil in the cotton states was reached it soon became evident that the interested Democrats were present in large force, while Chairman Scott was unable to assemble a majority. The Committee on Agriculture had provided \$215,000 for the control of the boll weevil. Representative Dickson of Mississippi sought in an amendment to increase this to \$500,000 and he and other members of the Mississippi delegation delivered earnest speeches in its support.

AGAINST THE ANTI-TRUST LAW

INDICTMENT AGAINST OKLAHOMA COTTON MEN QUASHED.

The Court Ruled that the Law is Too Vague.

Guthrie, Ok.: Judge Huston of the Logan County District Court has sustained the motion to quash indictments returned at the instance of the state against prominent cotton dealers, and held against the anti-trust law of the First Legislature. The court ruled that a law which makes an act against public policy a crime is too vague upon which to imprison a person, in view of the right of a defendant to know definitely with what he is charged, and there being no way to determine what the public policy is, save before a jury. The court did not rule on the civil features of the statute.

Patrick is Disbarred.

New York: Albert T. Patrick, who has been a prisoner for nearly ten years and who is now serving a life sentence in Sing Sing prison for the murder of William Marsh Rice, has been formally disbarred as a practicing lawyer by the appellate division of the Supreme Court. Taking advantage of his position as a member of the bar, Patrick has been able to fight his case for years. Patrick can not now represent himself in future court proceedings, but must retain a lawyer in good standing.

10,000 People Welcome Capt. Shipp.

Chattanooga: With bands playing "Dixie" and "Home, Sweet Home," Capt. Joseph F. Shipp was greeted here Sunday by at least 10,000 of his fellow-citizens when he alighted from the train that bore him to his home from Washington, where he had just completed a sentence in prison for contempt of court in connection with the lynching of Ed Johnson, a negro. It was the most unique reception ever accorded a private citizen of Chattanooga and the country.

Revert to Government.

Seattle, Wash.: United States District Judge C. H. Hanford decided that title to 1,024 acres of valuable coal lands in Lewis County, claimed by P. C. Richardson and several members of the R. S. Wilson family, all of Seattle, should revert to the Government.

New Bridges for Texas.

Washington: The Senate has passed the bill for a railway bridge across the Rio Grande at Laredo, and has also agreed to the House amendment to the bill for a railway bridge across the Red River near Sherman. Both measures are now awaiting the President's signature to become laws.

Big Fire at Colorado.

Colorado: The new High School building burned here. Loss about \$20,000.

May Impeach Governor.

Guthrie: Reference to the possibility of the impeachment of Gov. Haswell and other state officers was made in a resolution introduced in the lower house of the legislature here by Representative Humphrey.

Case of Yellow Fever Reported.

Panama: A steamship passenger, arriving at Colon from England, and stopping two days in Cartagena, Colombia, is now isolated in the Ancon Hospital, suffering from yellow fever.

URGES REMOVAL OF TARIFF ON MEAT

REPRESENTATIVE THINKS MOVE WOULD MATERIALLY LOWER PRICES.

PRIEST ADVOCATES STRIKE

New York Alderman Wants Cold Storage Products Labeled in Markets.

New York, Jan. 31.—Otto Foelker, now in the House of Representatives, who, when State Senator was carried from his sick bed to cast the deciding vote on the Hart-Agnew racing bill, will introduce a bill at Washington to suspend the tariff on meats for one year. He believes the price will then come down with a rush. And Frank Dowling will introduce this week an ordinance aiming to make it impossible to sell storage eggs, meats, fish and other foods as fresh. The ordinance will provide that all cold storage goods must be so labeled for sale and tagged with the date of which they went into storage.

The Rev. Henry Frank, in addresses on the boycott, delivered at the Berkeley Theater yesterday, advised against abstention from meat.

"Don't starve to frighten the trusts," he said, "but strike to frighten them." "A strange situation," he continued, "when eighty millions of people are gripped at the vitals by fifteen men who are defying the courts. Let all the workers in every slaughterhouse in the land unite in a general strike for an increase in wages proportionate to the increase in the cost of living. They would enlist the sympathy of the entire nation and other strikes would follow until the general industry of the national would be so affected that trusts would have to lower the prices of foodstuffs permanently."

AIRSHIPS FOR SAN ANTONIO, TEX

Wright Aeroplanes to Arrive About February 13.

San Antonio: It is announced that Fort Sam Houston that the Wright aeroplane, with which demonstrations are to be given at Fort Sam Houston by the Signal Corps, will arrive in San Antonio about Feb. 13. This lends added interest to the coming of Clifford B. Harrison of New York and George B. Harrison of Los Angeles, who are to start here in an effort to break all long distance balloon flights. The Wright aeroplane will be in charge of First Lieut. B. D. Foulers and he will bring sixteen to eighteen trained men with him. Other officers and enlisted men will be trained at Fort Sam Houston.

NEW COMET IS GOING TO PIECES

Electrical Disturbances Cited As Being Possible Cause.

New York: The latest bulletin from the Columbia University astronomer on the subject of the comet "A. 1910," calls attention to the splitting of its tail. The announcement says: "The splitting in the tails of comets has been noticed before, but the causes of the phenomena are not definitely known. It may be due to electrical disturbances. The discovery of sodium in the composition may account for the unusual brilliancy of the present visitor. Usually comets are composed of hydro-carbons. What the present comet is, what is its orbit, and how great is its velocity, can not yet be known."

TRADES HIS LAND FOR WHISKEY

One Hundred Thousand Acres for One Hundred Thousand Gallons.

San Antonio: James E. Alkops, a Fort Worth real estate dealer, stated he had just exchanged one hundred thousand acres of land in Brewster and Presidio counties for one hundred thousand gallons of whiskey to a wealthy distiller of Dayton, Ohio. The land is valued at \$1.10 per acre and the whiskey at \$1.10 per gallon.

Coal Near Jackoboro.

Jackoboro: A solid vein of fine bituminous coal without any partings, thirty-six inches in thickness, in Lost Valley, Jack County, has recently been reopened by W. P. Stewart and is being mined with the view of having a thorough test of its quality made by the Gulf, Texas and Western Railway, which has agreed to use in their engines until thoroughly satisfied. It has recently been demonstrated that it is in every way suitable for commercial purposes and an excellent blacksmith coal.

Refuses ON Concern's Taxes.

Austin: E. W. Fordyce tendered the State \$3,168 tax on gross receipts during the last quarter on business done by his oil company, successor to the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, but same was refused by the state on advice of the Attorney General, who is holding it up. The refusal was based on the failure of the company to report on uncollected sales accounts and sales by wholesale to consumers where the product was not to be sold again.

TO LEASE RUSK IRON WORKS

THIRTY DAYS ARE ALLOWED WORTHAM TO CLOSE.

Action Taken Following Report of Committee

Austin, Texas: Governor Campbell has approved the contract leasing the penitentiary iron industry at Rusk to John L. Wortham of Dallas. Mr. Wortham has thirty days within which to determine whether or not he can procure satisfactory rates on coke and to ascertain that the ovens are in usable condition. If the contract is accepted it will begin to run Feb. 26 for a period of three years, being subject to seven years' extension upon three months' notice in advance of its expiration. The rental is fixed at \$10,000 a year, the State to furnish 200 tons of ore each day at 90c a ton.

The Governor signed the contract immediately following the report of Chairman Gilmore that a majority of the penitentiary investigating committees of the Legislature recommends the abandonment of State operations of the industry.

FARMERS AND OIL MEN FIGHT

Struggle Started for Supremacy Over Railroad Rates.

Fort Worth: It became known that Texas farmers and the cotton oil mills of the south are involved in a gigantic struggle for supremacy over railroad rates and prices on cotton seed. The farmers have discovered a secret attempt that will be made to abolish the present interstate rate on cotton seed which netted them \$25,000,000 last year. The present rates are much lower than the former and enable Texans to concentrate their products at common points, and hold them there until the mills pay the price demanded. Mill owners have asked the railroads for a secret hearing to abolish the rate and the farmers are preparing for a big fight. Texas now sells her cotton seed throughout the south for \$35 per ton, where formerly it was compelled to sell here at greatly reduced prices.

TRINITY RIVER IMPROVEMENTS

Total of \$180,000 Will Be Available for This Cause.

Washington: It has been definitely settled that the Trinity River will not have to content itself with mere \$20,000 for work on only one new lock and dam, but will receive a like appropriation for a second new structure of this kind. This makes the Trinity River appropriations in the new bill as follows: For completion of the work at Hurricane Shoals, \$35,000; for maintenance of the river, \$45,000; for beginning new lock and dam at White Rock Shoals, \$25,000; for beginning new lock and dam No. 7 at the Midland bridge, \$25,000; total for Trinity River, \$180,000.

LAND FOR TEXAS UNIVERSITY

George W. Brackenridge Donates 400 Acres to State Institution.

Austin: George W. Brackenridge of San Antonio, a member of the Board of Regents of the University, is making full arrangements to transfer to the university 400 acres of land lying along the Colorado River, which he offered to that institution some time since, provided it could make some practical use of it. The land will be deeded to the university within a short time.

Russia Rejects U. S. Plan.

St. Petersburg: The council of ministers has decided the United States' proposal for the neutralization of Manchurian railways is not acceptable to the Russian government at present.

A. and M. Summer School.

College Station, Tex.: The faculty for the Summer School for Farmers and the summer normal for teachers, to be held at the A. and M. College June 20 to July 25, will soon be announced. In the teaching of agriculture the entire agricultural faculty of the college will be present. Entrance to this summer school will be on equal terms for men and women. The normal will be under the authority of the State Department of Education.

State Banking Business.

Austin: The growth of the State banks during the past three years has been most healthy, according to figures arranged by Bank Clerk Royall. Compared to three years ago the resources and the deposits have both more than doubled, though the number of state banks has not increased to that extent, nor has the capital stock. According to the statement of condition on Dec. 3, 1907, there was \$59 State banks in Texas with an aggregate capital stock of \$10,007,760, resources of \$24,725,244 and deposits of \$20,478,123.

Available School Funds.

Austin: The available school fund will have \$602,500 for distribution in February, which will give the 194,000 school children an amount of about 54c each. This will be apportioned to each county in exact proportion to the number of school children within scholastic age. Warrants for the several amounts will be forwarded from the Controller's office during the next few days. This amount represents the December collection.

Advertisement for 'Facts' medicine, featuring a large 'Facts' logo and text: 'YOU LOSE MONEY when you allow any of your stock or poultry to remain weak a day. They give you less results in beef, pork, work, or eggs, when they are not in perfect health. Take a little interest in your own pocket book and doctor them up with Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine. It will pay you to do this. It has paid thousands of other successful farmers and stock and poultry raisers. This famous remedy is not a food, but a genuine, scientific medicine prepared from medicinal herbs and roots, acting on the liver, kidneys, bowels and digestive organs. Sold by all druggists, price 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1. per can. Write for valuable book: "Success with Stock and Poultry." Sent free for 25 cents. Address: Black-Draught Stock Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

"CROPE THROUGH A CRACK"

Uncle Eph Had at Least One Idea of How His Hogs Might Have Got Away.

Uncle Ephraim had two hogs, which he kept in a pen at the rear end of his little lot. They were of the "ragback" variety, and although they were fed bountifully with kitchen waste, it seemed impossible to put any fat on their attenuated frames. One morning when he went out to feed them they were not there. They had disappeared, leaving no clew to the manner in which they had made their escape.

"What's the matter, Uncle Eph?" inquired a neighbor, noticing the deep dejection with which the old man was looking down into the empty pen.

"My haws is done gone, sah," he answered.

"Stolen?"

"No, sah. I don't see no signs dat anybody tuck 'em."

"Did they climb out over the top?"

"No, dey couldn't a done dat."

"How do you think they got away?"

"Well, sah," said Uncle Ephraim, "my 'pinion is dat dem haws kind o' raised deirselves up on aidge an' crope through a crack."—Youth's Companion.

Fog-Eye's Plaintive Protest.

Fog-Eye Smith of northwest Wyoming bore an appalling facade. His style of beauty was a blight. Depending upon his horrid exterior, he was in the habit of trying to awe newcomers. On one occasion, affecting some displeasure at the manner in which a pallid stranger watered his liquor, Mr. Smith announced, frowning, that unless he detected immediate amendments he would send the neophyte home in a market basket. "Which'll sure tear you up a whole lot," said Fog-Eye. Half an hour later Mr. Smith was found groping about on the floor under the poker table, hunting for his glass eye, and muttering to himself. The stranger asked with some evidence of impatience what new line of sentiments Mr. Smith was now harboring. That injured resident, glaring malevolently from beneath the furniture, replied: "Which I sure do hate a man with no sense of humor."

HARD TO DROP But Many Drop It.

A young Calif. wife talks about coffee: "It was hard to drop Mocha and Java and give Postum a trial, but my nerves were so shattered that I was a nervous wreck and of course that means all kinds of ills."

"At first I thought bicycle riding caused it and I gave it up, but my condition remained unchanged. I did not want to acknowledge coffee caused the trouble for I was very fond of it. At that time a friend came to live with us, and I noticed that after he had been with us a week he would not drink his coffee any more. I asked him the reason. He replied, 'I have not had a headache since I left off drinking coffee, some months ago, till last week, when I began again, here at your table. I don't see how anyone can like coffee, anyway, after drinking Postum!'"

"I said nothing, but at once ordered a package of Postum. That was five months ago, and we have drank so coffee since, except on two occasions when we had company, and the result each time was that my husband could not sleep, but lay awake and tossed and talked half the night. We were convinced that coffee caused his suffering, so he returned to Postum, convinced that coffee was an enemy, instead of a friend, and he is troubled no more with insomnia."

"I myself, have gained 8 pounds in weight, and my nerves have ceased to quiver. It seems so easy now to quit coffee that caused our aches and ills and take up Postum."

Send the little book, "The Road to Well-being," in page "There's a Reason."

How read the above letter? A new way of thinking from those on whom they are depended, from, and that of honest testimony.

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Bring it in and we will make it new—or as good as it was when it was new.

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## Local and Personal

Valentine to \$3.00 at Ward's. J. G. Carter, of Glasscock county, was here Tuesday.

Valentines, Valentines, Valentines at Reagan's.

C. A. Stewart, of El Paso, was here the first of the week.

Favorite Headache Tablets, best on earth. 25c at Ward's. p

G. T. Walker and P. F. Riley, of Auto, were in town Tuesday.

Paints, Varnishes and Stains at Reagan's Drug Store. p

Claude Townsend, of Lampasas, is here on a visit to relatives.

Dean's Antiseptic Tooth Powder, 25c at Ward's. p

Miss Mamie Winfrey returned yesterday from a visit to friends in Lamesa.

We sell crutches, trusses and all rubber material. Biles & Gentry. p

Mrs. E. S. Bledsoe, who has been quite sick several days, is reported better.

Belle of Waco, the guaranteed flour, at C. F. Morris', phone 250.

The meeting at the Methodist to still in progress and the attendance is good.

We have shoulder braces that will hold you straight. Biles & Gentry. p

D. M. Waters left Tuesday night for Lancaster and will be gone several days.

Just received a large shipment of the best Maple syrup.

McGowen Bros.

FOR SALE.—fine young Jersey, cow, come fresh next month. See Dr. Baird.

Mrs. E. S. Bledsoe is training a party of young people for a concert to be given the last of this month.

We guarantee to fit every one who wears a truss. Biles & Gentry. p

You ought to try a pound of President coffee.

McGowen Bros.

Miss M. E. Carnes of Lamesa is here on a visit of several weeks with the family of E. E. Winfrey.

Call up 305 and ask Dunman to send you a sack of Alfalfeed for your cow, the best on market for milch cow.

## United Charities.

The United Charities met at the Y. M. C. A. Hall Wednesday, Feb. 2nd.

The meeting was opened by prayer by Mrs. Westerman, after which the reports of committees were called for by the president.

Mrs. Notestine, superintendent of investigations, reported two new cases investigated and one was found worthy and was readily helped. The other the committee did not consider in need of help from the United Charities.

Also, more funds were needed to assist a case that had been previously investigated and considered worthy and this call was also given immediate attention.

It was further decided to add two more members to the investigating committee, and Mesdames John Crawford and W. B. Allen were added to this committee.

Mrs. Westerman, chairman of the soliciting committee, reported as follows: After placing cash boxes in the post-office and some other places of business in town the collections from these were \$9.66. Quite a lot of clothing, etc., had been donated to the society for distribution.

Other matters of business were discussed by those present.

A proposed amendment of one of the by-laws was suggested and announced by the president to be voted on at the next regular meeting of the society.

A committee was also appointed, consisting of Mesdames McDowell and Gilbert to visit the commissioners court at its next regular term and ask some desired information for the United Charities. As the attendance was small some other business of importance was postponed until the next meeting, which was called by the president for the first Wednesday in March. The meeting was then adjourned to meet at the Y. M. C. A. Hall on the above date, and we wish to call especial attention to this meeting and earnestly solicit everybody who is interested in this work to come out and help in carrying out the aims of this organization. We consider everyone interested in benevolent work a member of this society, be they man, woman or child, and hope we may have a good attendance at our March meeting.

## A. J. Prichard

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Will practice in all Courts. Room 2, Ward building. Come and see us. Big Springs, Tex.

Try Reagan's remedy for killing prairie dogs. p

E. E. Winfrey returned yesterday from a two weeks visit to his Youakum county ranch.

Ward's Kidney Kidney Pills for that lame back. 50 cents at Ward's. p

Let us frame your pictures for Christmas. New line of mouldings and matboards just in. Gem City Furniture Co.

Boys, Reagan has the Valentines.

The ladies of the Christian church will give their annual white sale next month, and will have lots of nice things for Easter wear.

"Mound City Paints may cost a trifle more, but—! B. Reagan."

J. T. Joyner, of Dawson county, was here yesterday and said cattle are wintering nicely on the S ranch.

Rid your place of prairie dogs by using Reagan's famous receipt. p

If you want the best flour on the market, flour that will rise, get a sack of Belle of Waco from C. F. Morris, phone 250. Every sack guaranteed.

G. A. Merrick, of Stanton, was here Monday looking after his property located on East Third Street.

Lilac Belle Talcum Powder, 25c at Ward's. p

Juanita flour is the perfection of the best mills in Missouri.

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Ed Fulton and wife, of Lampasas, arrived here Tuesday morning on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Stockton.

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District Court convenes here on the 21st, and there is considerable business that will come before the court for consideration.

National Bank Examiner Marshall was here this week, checked up the books of the two national banks and found everything in a very satisfactory condition.

## The Good Herefords Bulls in Service

Stretton 9404, son of Corroctor 48076. Marchon 21st, 116244, son of (imp) Marchon 79035. My cows are of the best strains.

FRANK GOOD, Sparenberg, Tex.

The report of the condition of the West Texas National Bank appears in this paper and shows that institution to be in a very prosperous condition, and carrying over \$200,000 in deposits.



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## Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

Life would leave us all fools but for the seasons of affliction.

Be sure that you have good seed, then plant.

People who give sunshine never have to beg sympathy.

Telling the best of men will most often incite to increased efforts.

As long as people wear fine woollens, just so long will merino wool be in demand.

Our children and neighbors have a great deal to do with keeping us in the straight road.

A small boy said that he could never learn to spell because his teacher kept changing words on him every lesson.

Farmers as a class have never gotten what was coming to them, but the day of their salvation seems near.

The man who is forever defending his actions is sure to raise suspicion against himself—and generally there is good reason for it.

Last year's crops, as finally figured up by Uncle James Wilson, were corks, but the demand for everything grown is so big that prices keep up.

Old farmers say this winter, so far, has been the most ideal in many years, from the planter's point of view.

Organization, education and co-operation are each more popular to-day than ever before. Farmers' organizations are winning respect from those who at first poo-pooed. An age of thought is bearing down upon us.

There are thousands who are not willing to pay for success with the sterling coin of hard work and patient waiting. This does not apply to the farmer who has worked hard and, God knows, has been patient.

The hands of the indicator all point in one direction. Indications all point to a higher plane of living in the open country. Intelligent thinking has brought it about. Intelligence pays in agriculture, as in other walks of life. Bone and brawn are being mixed with brain.

### ERADICATE THE BOOL WEEVIL

Cotton Planters of South and Mexico Urged to Meet in Convention and Agree on Plan.

In the Vicksburg Herald is a paragraph stating that in the section of Mexico where the boll weevil originated, there are now no boll weevils at all for the reason that for the past two years they have been unable to grow any cotton there by reason of droughts. This is pretty good evidence that the boll weevil positively requires cotton, if not to feed on after he is grown, at least to lay eggs and hatch in; and leads me to submit to the cotton planters of the south that they ought to call a cotton convention for the whole south and Mexico, to be attended by one delegate from each cotton producing county in and each province of Mexico, elected by the cotton growers of each county or province, to decide upon a plan whereby the boll weevil might be "starved out," something like the following:

Let it be agreed that for two years beginning with the lowest part of Mexico where there are boll weevils, a certain section of Mexico, say the lower half, shall plant no cotton; at the end of the first year the second section of Mexico will plant no cotton, continuing to plant none for two years. Then the third year the lower half of Texas will plant no cotton and the whole of Mexico will plant; and so on through the entire boll weevil section. In this way the boll weevil would be systematically starved to death in the course of some 12 or 15 years, writes J. T. Netterville of Vicksburg, Miss., in Co-Operator.

Some say: "How will the people live during these two years in which they are to raise no cotton?" They will live better than they did before. They can raise cow peas, for which there is always a good market; they can raise soy beans which they can sell to the oil mills at a good profit; they can raise corn which can always be sold at a profit; they can raise hogs which can always be sold for good prices; they can raise sugar cane and make syrup, which can always be marketed at a good profit in the central, northern and western states, and there are various other things that can be raised and sold, and that without an additional outlay of money for tools, etc. They can live better at home because they will have more time to devote to raising good things to eat, and when the two years are up and they can go back to planting cotton, what, with their poor, overburdened land having had a sorely needed two years' rest from cotton, and the absence of the boll weevil, they will be enabled to grow cotton at such a profit as to make up for what they may not have made during the two years spent in starving out the weevil.

Of course we would have to get expert opinion as to whether such a course would exterminate the boll weevil before calling such a convention; and I merely submit this suggestion as the only practical way of exterminating the boll weevil, subject to such expert opinion. It is a drastic remedy, but this is a serious case.

### PREVENT DISEASE IN HOGS

Some Timely Suggestions by J. E. Sammons Before Texas Swine Breeders' Association.

Mr. J. E. Sammons in an address before the Texas Swine Breeders' Association held recently at Sherman, Tex., gave some timely suggestions on feeding, pasturing and treatment of hogs to prevent disease. Among other things he said:

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

To carry 80 to 100 head of hogs through the year, and to fatten from 50 to 70 head for home consumption, all corn is not to be thought of. Have a Johnson grass meadow to produce the corn on.

To keep a herd of hogs in a healthy condition, I know of nothing better than charcoal, wood ashes and salt; for vermin and lice I have gone back to crude oil, applied with a flower-pot sprinkler—it is cheap, and a certain remedy.

For treating hog cholera, and swine plague, bicarbonate of potash is used with most satisfactory results. A dose of this salt is one teaspoonful for each hog once a day. My plan is to dissolve it in hot water and put in drinking water for the hogs that are sick, and to put into the slop for the exposed herd. Be sure and give plenty, as no harm can result. Discontinue after six doses have been given. It is a powerful alkali, and readily assimilates in the system, destroying the microbes upon which the swine plagues depend. The careful hog raiser can know whenever his hogs are infested with, and can check the disease before he has any losses. Looseness of the bowels and dropping about the hog lot should put him on guard as to the swine plagues.

I am not so certain about cholera, as there is some difference in the symptoms. Lime should be sprinkled about the pens and runways as it is the most convenient vehicle to thoroughly disinfect with. Within 15 months I have had two outbreaks among my hogs, some of them coughing like they had eaten cotton seed; others getting up, refusing to eat. As soon as treatment was given they got well. With some of the worst, or sickest, their ears dropped off and the hair slipped from their hips and shoulders. These hogs, as a consequence, were well marked, and when butchered a few days ago their lungs were apparently normal and healthy, as was also their liver and kidneys. All this was very gratifying; the hogs had taken on flesh well, and were well lined with lard.

It is claimed by standard authors on pathology, that in the process of micro-organisms, or microbe growth, there is a peculiar substance excreted or formed, which is harmful to its own microbes, and when this substance reaches a certain proportion it destroys its own microbes if the infested animal lives that long. This looks reasonable, for we know that the yeast fungus, when placed in an infusion of malt, at a suitable temperature, evolves rapidly, until alcohol is formed to a certain per cent; the alcohol then retards the further growth of the yeast fungus and the fermentation is destroyed. These facts are of the utmost importance in the treatment of disease when the pathogenic infectious disease like swine plague would consist in bringing about in the system as soon as possible something analogous to that of their own spontaneous product, which is sufficient quantity proves inimical to their own existence. Bicarbonate of potash and other remedies in its class does this, in producing the microbe growth before the life of the hog is destroyed.

### IDEAL PLACE TO RAISE HOGS

Texas Has Mild Climate and in Most Sections Water is Plentiful, with Abundant Forage.

Texas is said to be an ideal place to raise hogs, and ought to be raising 5,000,000 hogs per year. The climate is mild at all seasons; no winter being so severe that cold-proof shelters are required, or summers so hot but that a shade tree will mitigate it.

In most sections water is plentiful. As to feed and forage, everything that hogs like to eat is produced in abundance. Corn, milo maize, peanuts, soy beans, half a dozen varieties of peas, cottonseed meal for fattening purposes, besides alfalfa, sorghum, clover, oats, rape—all these and many more can be raised in profusion.

Even with all these natural advantages, comparatively few hogs are raised in Texas. Everybody in the state seems to have determined to raise cotton—but there is said to be a much larger profit in a thousand dollars' worth of hogs than a thousand dollars' worth of cotton.

Texas has made money out of cotton, but it can make more out of hogs, and the time is not far distant when the cotton crop will be cut in half and the crop of hogs doubled.

### TO CONSERVE WATER

Numerous Factors Involved Embrace Much Public Land.

Long-Distance Transmission of Hydro-Electric Power Will Always Be Most Practicable and Economical in Western States.

Numerous factors of conservation are involved in the development of water power in the arid and semi-arid regions of the west, which embrace substantially all the remaining public lands outside of Alaska. The essential factors are: (1) a saving of the natural fuels—coal, oil, and forests; (2) a lessened expense in the irrigation of agricultural lands and in securing power for mine development; (3) the restraint of flood waters and the augmenting of waters for navigation.

The long-distance transmission of hydro-electric power will always, generally speaking, be more practicable and economical in the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast states since the cost of coal and other fuels for power generation will have locally prohibitive values, due chiefly to cost of labor in mining and the long hauls in transportation. This however, is not true in all localities, as at present the low selling price of oil in Los Angeles and San Francisco removes much of the incentive for hydro-electric development in these cities.

It needs no argument to show that every horsepower developed by hydro-electric transmission conserves just that quantity of nature's fuel necessary to produce the same horsepower, not to mention the fuel used in its transportation; therefore the gain represents the saving of an exhaustible natural resource and the utilization of what would otherwise run to waste.

The natural gift of power in the waters can never be of full service until developed and stored, in countries where there are well-defined wet and dry seasons, and such development is dependent mainly upon private enterprise. Water-power development is probably the major portion of the west is impracticable from a commercial point of view unless coupled with the irrigation of arid lands, the extraction and reduction of minerals, or railway operation. The force of these statements is better understood when it is known that the maintenance of a continuous flow throughout the year in wet and dry seasons requires the impounding of flood or surplus waters. These waters so restrained thereby become in part available for irrigation during crop seasons as well as in the continuous generation of power for electrical transmission. Also thousands of motors are thus capable of use in pumping water to the surface for irrigation to an extent not feasible if fuel were necessary to create power or normal stream flow must be depended on.

Experience shows that the impounding or storage of the waters of mountain streams in the flood season necessarily retards the abnormal seasonal run off and equalizes the flow of the natural streams and rivers, preventing inundation of lands in one season of the year and augmenting river flow in other seasons of low waters, thereby increasing the facilities for navigation.

### WINTERKILLING OF ALFALFA

Chief Cause is Alternate Freezing and Thawing—Land Should Be Thoroughly Drained.

Probably the chief cause of the winterkilling of alfalfa is alternate freezing and thawing. The damage from this cause is greatly increased when any water is left standing on the surface. A blanket of snow is a protection both when a sheet of ice forms over a field the result is usually fatal to plants. The bad effects of alternate freezing and thawing on alfalfa may be observed at the edge of a snow bank. This crop is likewise injured by the rupture of the tap roots caused by the heaving of the soil which occurs more or less in damp situations. When both the soil and the air are dry the field should be supplied with sufficient water for evaporation, but the land should be drained so thoroughly that none of the top soil is saturated. Growth should not be forced by heavy irrigations late in the growing season. If the soil is dry it is all right to irrigate after the plants have stopped growing and the latest growth should be permitted to remain on the ground unwatered as a protection. When a field begins to show signs of deterioration it is time to plow it up and put it into something else.

### Cementing Irrigation Ditches.

Water is so valuable in the irrigated country that the people there have begun to concrete the ditches so as to save seepage. California has led off in this with one water company lining its main canal and laterals with concrete varying in thickness from two to four inches. It is proposed to begin the same practice in Colorado.

### Overhead Irrigation.

The Skinner system of overhead irrigation is gaining in popularity among all classes of producers. It is being installed on large areas in various states. Now is the time to get it in ready for use next spring.

### IRRIGATION AND DRY FARMING

Ideal Combination of Conditions Leading to Success in Agriculture in Western States.

The ideal combination of conditions leading to success in farming in the arid and semi-arid west is found where it is possible to have a relatively small tract of well irrigated land adjacent to a large area of dry farming and grazing land. This permits of the widest diversity of occupation and the rounding out of an establishment practically complete in itself, writes F. H. Newell, in Campbell's Scientific Farmer. The irrigated land is capable of producing each year one or more good crops which can be counted on with almost mathematical precision. Where the climate is favorable, fruit trees, berries, bushes and garden vegetables flourish, and shade trees or flowers are possible for the beautifying of the home.

On the adjacent dry farming land, with ordinary skill and in average years, the grains or other standard field crops can be produced. In exceptionally dry seasons or by reason of hot winds these crops are not successful, the irrigated land tides over temporary depressions until there comes a favorable year when the crops will repay the labor lost during the lean years. The dry farming land also serves a useful purpose from time to time for a home range for the cattle, and if the farm extends up into the foothills to the summer grazing lands the cycle of opportunity is complete.

From the irrigated area there can always be had green fodder for the cattle and hay can be cut for feeding during severe winters. This ideal arrangement has been possible for realization in a few instances on reclamation projects where the farms could be arranged in such manner that 40 acres or more lie under a canal with the remainder extending above the ditch. Attempts have been made also to secure legislation by which the owner of 40 or 80 acres within the irrigated tract could obtain title to a large area of dry land near the project. The suggestion has also been considered of endeavoring to segregate the dry lands which surround the reclamation project, making these available for the use of the entire community as a general grazing ground or home range to be cared for by the water users' association.

### MEXICAN METHOD OF FEEDING

Chili, or Red Pepper, Forms Important Part of Food Given by Them to Turkeys.

(BY C. TOMER, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CAL.)

Of course I knew all about turkey raising when I came west. Hadn't I a nice little nestegg all from my turkey money? Hadn't my turkeys returned me a plentiful supply of pin money for years? And that dreadful year when the cyclone wrecked our house and barn, killed our stock and uprooted our growing crops, hadn't my little band of 350 turkeys—the children and I drove them into the dugout when we saw the storm coming—fed and clothed us and helped us start forming over again?

Yet now I sat looking in disgust at a flock of 25 peevish, unkempt turkeys. No, I had not neglected them, I kept them penned until the alfalfa was dry, then scattered wheat sparsely through their range.

At night I gave them a full feed of fresh curds, then I shut them in their warm, dry quarters, which I always kept scrupulously clean. What more could turkeys need?

They were thriving finely till the long spell of cold winds set in; then, in spite of all my care, they seemed to be on the verge of ruin.

A soft voice interrupted my reflections. I looked up in a friendly brown face. "No feel, had, senora; Mexican save turkey. I cure all—all be good in two, three weeks."

That friendly little neighbor of mine actually came up the hill three times a day to feed and care for my turkeys, sometimes fetching the food already prepared from her own home, sometimes cooking it at my place.

"Turkey got liver like people," she explained. "No got strong gizzard like chicken; no can eat much raw stuff; make weak (sick) turkeys. You feed turkeys all same people, they get well; cold winds no hurt. Mexicans feed everything—beans, meat and bread, all chopped fine and made hot with pepper (chili)."

How those turkeys thrived! It was not three days till they had brightened up and taken a fresh grip on life. At the end of two weeks they appeared well and had grown visibly, vying with my kindly neighbor's own thirty flock.

The red pepper cure is of value in any region where cold winds occur. It should be used in well-cooked foods; can be used liberally, but should not be too strong for a person to eat.

The chili pepper is a mild red pepper and, like all red peppers, is a valuable stimulant. Numerous parties in the eastern states who have tried it on my recommendation have sent favorable reports concerning the Mexican method of feeding. One point should be made clear. It is not a cure for roup or any disease; rather it is a preventive; a stimulant for weak digestion; a tonic for the feeble.

### Alfalfa Withstands Cold.

Full grown alfalfa on dry land withstands the severe winters better than the common red clover. In several instances Pennsylvania alfalfa stood the first winter well enough, but was completely winterkilled during the second winter.

### WORTH KNOWING.

Simple Remedy That Anyone Can Prepare at Home.

Most people are more or less subject to coughs and colds. A simple remedy that will break up a cold quickly and cure any cough that is curable is made by mixing two ounces of Glycerine, a half-ounce of Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure and eight ounces of pure Whisky. You can get these in any good drug store and easily mix them in a large bottle. The mixture is highly recommended by the Leach Chemical Co. of Cincinnati, who prepare the genuine Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure for dispensing.

### INSULT TO INJURY.



Shoemaker—Well, if that isn't all right. Instead of paying my bill, he kicks me down stairs, and with the new boots I've made him, too.

Rather Tall. "That," said Senator Tillman of an opponent's argument, "is an amusing exaggeration."

He smiled. "In fact," he continued, "it is as bad an exaggeration as the story about Ben Johnson's height. They said of Ben, you know, the candidate for sheriff, that when he made a stump speech, instead of getting a stump ready for him to mount, they would, because he was so tall, dig a hole for him to stand in."

With a smooth iron and Defiance Starch, you can launder your shirtwaist just as well at home as the steam laundry can; it will have the proper stiffness and finish, there will be less wear and tear of the goods, and it will be a positive pleasure to use a Starch that does not stick to the iron.

### Luck.

"Does you believe it's lucky to see the new moon over yoh right shoulder?"

"Sho I does," replied Mr. Erastus Pinkney. "Dese here stormy days you's lucky to see any kind of a moon anyway."—Washington Star.

### Children Who Are Sickly.

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**CHAPTER I.**  
Dust.

In the dull hot dusk of a summer's day a green touring car, swinging out of the East drive, pulled up smartly, trembling, at the edge of the Fifty-ninth street car tracks, then more sedately, under the dispassionate but watchful eye of a mounted member of the traffic squad, lurched across the Plaza and merged itself in the press of vehicles south bound on the avenue.

Its tonneau held four young men, all more or less disguised in dust, dusters and goggles; forward, by the side of the grimy and anxious-eyed mechanic, sat a fifth, in all visible respects the counterpart of his companions. Beneath his mask, and by this I do not mean his goggles, but the mask of modern manner which the worldly wear, he was, and is, different. He was Daniel Maitland, Esquire; for whom no further introduction should be required, after mention of the fact that he was, and remains, the identical gentleman of means and position in the social and financial worlds, whose somewhat sober but sincere and whole-hearted participation in the wildest of conceivable escapades had earned him the affectionate regard of the younger set, together with the sobriquet of "Mad Maitland."

His companions of the day, the four in the tonneau, were in that humor of subdued yet vibrant excitement which is apt to attend the conclusion of a long, hard drive over country roads. Maitland, on the other hand (judging him by his preoccupied pose), was already weary of, if not bored by, the hare-brained enterprise which, inflated on the spur of an idle moment and directly due to a thoughtless remark of his own, had brought him 100 miles (or so) through the heat of a broiling afternoon, accompanied by spirits as ardent and irresponsible as his own, in search of the dubious distraction afforded by the night side of the city.

As, picking its way with elephantine slowness, the motor car progressed down the avenue—twilight deepening, arcs upon their bronze columns blossoming suddenly, noiselessly into spheres of opalescent radiance—Mr. Maitland ceased to respond, ceased even to give heed, to the running fire of chaff (largely personal) which amused his companions. Listlessly engaged with a cigarette, he lounged upon the green leather cushions, half closing his eyes, and heartily wished himself free for the evening.

But he stood committed to the humor of the majority, and lacked entirely the shadow of an excuse to desert; in addition to which he was altogether too lazy for the exertion of manufacturing a lie of servicable texture. And so abandoned himself to his fate, even though he foresaw with warlike

particularity the programme of the coming hours.

To begin with, 30 minutes were to be devoted to a bath and dressing in his rooms. This was something not so unpleasant to contemplate. It was the afterwards that repelled him: Dinner at Sherry's, the subsequent tour of roof gardens, the late supper at a club, and then, prolonged far into the small hours, the session around some green-covered table in a close room reeking with the fumes of good tobacco and hot with the fever of gambling.

Abstractedly Maitland frowned, tersely summing up: "Beastly!"—in an undertone.

At this the green car wheeled abruptly round a corner below Thirty-fourth street, slid half a block or more east, and came to a palpitating halt. Maitland, looking up, recognized the entrance to his apartments, and sighed with relief for the brief respite from boredom that was to be his. He rose, negligently shaking off his duster, and stepped down to the sidewalk.

Somebody in the car called a warning after him, and turning for a moment he stood at attention, an eyebrow raised quizzically, cigarette drooping from a corner of his mouth, hand pushed back from his forehead, hands in coat pockets; a tall, slender, sparsely built figure of a man, clothed immaculately in flannels.

When at length he was able to make himself heard: "Good enough," he said clearly, though without raising his voice. "Sherry's in an hour. Right. Now, behave yourselves."

"Mind you show up on time!"

"Never fear," returned Maitland over his shoulder.

A witticism was flung back at him from the retreating car, but spent itself unregarded. Maitland's attention was temporarily distracted by the unusual—to say the least—sight of a young and attractive woman coming out of a home for confirmed bachelors.

The apartment house happened to be his own property. A substantial and old-fashioned edifice, situated in the middle of a quiet block, it contained but five rooms and comfortable suites—in other words, one to a floor; and these were without exception tenanted by unmarried men of Maitland's own circle and acquaintance. The janitor, himself a widower and a convinced misogynist, lived alone in the basement. Barring very special and exceptional occasions (as when one of the bachelors felt called upon to give a tea in partial recognition of social obligations), the foot of woman never crossed its threshold.

In this circumstance, indeed, was comprised the singular charm the house had for its occupants. The quality which insured them privacy and a quiet independence rendered them oblivious to its many minor drawbacks, its lack of many

ences and luxuries which have of late grown to be so commonly regarded as necessities. It boasted, for instance, no garage; no refrigerating system maddened those dependent upon it; a dissipated electric lighting system never went out of nights, because it had never been installed; no brass-bound hall boy lounged in desuetude upon the stoop and took too intimate and personal an interest in the tenants' correspondence. The inhabitants, in brief, were free to come and go according to the dictates of their consciences, unsupervised by neighboring women folk, unhindered by a parasitic corps of menials not in their personal employ.

Wherefore was Maitland astonished, and the more so because of the season. At any other season of the year he would readily have accounted for the phenomenon that now fell under his observation, on the hypothesis that the woman was somebody's sister or cousin or aunt. But at present that explanation was untenable; Maitland happened to know that not one of the other men was in New York, barring himself; and his own presence there was a thing entirely unforeseen.

Still incredulous, he mentally conned the list: Barnes, who occupied the first flat, was traveling on the continent; Conkling, of the third, had left a fortnight since to join a yachting party on the Mediterranean; Bannister and Wilkes, of the fourth and fifth floors, respectively, were in Newport and Buenos Aires.

"Odd!" concluded Maitland.

So it was. She had just closed the door, one thought; and now stood poised as if in momentary indecision on the low stoop, glancing toward Fifth avenue the while she fumbled with a refractory button at the wrist of a long white kid glove. Blurred though it was by the darkling twilight and a thin veil, her face yet conveyed an impression of prettiness; an impression enhanced by careful grooming. From her hat, a small affair, something green, with a superstructure of gray ostrich feathers, to the tips of her russet shoes—including a walking skirt and bolero of shimmering gray silk—she was distinctly "smart" and interesting.

He had keenly observant eyes, had Maitland, for all his detached pose; you are to understand that he comprehended all these points in the flickering of an instant. For the incident was over in two seconds. In one the lady's hesitation was resolved; in another she had passed down the steps and swept by Maitland without giving him a glance, without even the trembling of an eyelash. And he had a view of her back as she moved swiftly away toward the avenue.

Perplexed, he lingered upon the stoop until she had turned the corner; after which he let himself in with a latch key, and, dismissing the affair temporarily from his thoughts, or pretending to do so, ascended the single flight of stairs to his flat.

Simultaneously heavy feet were to be heard clumping up the basement steps; and surmising that the janitor was coming to light the hall, the young man waited, leaning over the balusters. His guess proving correct, he called down:

"O'Hagan? Is that you?"

"Th' saints preserve us! But 'twas yerself gave me th' start, Mister Maitland, sor!" O'Hagan paused in the gloom below, his upturned face quaintly illuminated by the flame of a wax taper in his gaslighter.

"I'm dining in town to-night, O'Hagan, and dropped around to dress. Is anybody else at home?"

"Niver a wan, sor. Shure, th' house do be quiet's anny tomb—"

"Then who was that lady, O'Hagan?"

"Liddy, sor?"—in unbounded amazement.

"Yes," impatiently. "A young woman left the house just as I was coming in. Who was she?"

"Shure an' I think ye must be dr'amin', sor. Divvie a female—rayspicks to ye!—has been in this house for many a munny th' wake, sor."

"But, I tell you—"

"Belike 'twas somewan fist stepped into the vestibule, mebbe to tie her shoe, sor, and ye thought—"

"Oh, very well." Maitland relinquished the inquiry as unprofitable, willing to concede O'Hagan's theory a reasonable one, the more readily since he himself could by no means have sworn that the woman had actually come out through the door. Such had merely been his impression, honest enough, but founded on circumstantial evidence.

"When you're through, O'Hagan," he told the Irishman, "you may come and shave me and lay out my things, if you will."

"Very good, sor. In wan minute."

But O'Hagan's conception of the passage of time was a thought vague; his one minute had lengthened into ten before he appeared to wait upon his employer.

Now and again, in the absence of the regular "man," O'Hagan would attend one or another of the tenants in the capacity of substitute valet; as in the present instance, when Maitland, having left his host's roof without troubling even to notify his body-servant that he would not return that night, called upon the janitor to undertake the more trained employe; which O'Hagan could be counted upon to do very acceptably.

Now, with patience unruffled, since he was nothing keen for the evening's enjoyment, Maitland made profit of the interval to wander through his rooms, lighting the gas here and there and noting that all was as it should be, as it had been left—save that every article of furniture and bric-a-brac seemed to be sadly in want of a thorough dusting. In the end he brought up in the room that served him as study and lounge—the drawing room of the flat, as planned in the for-

gotten architect's scheme—a large and well-lighted apartment overlooking the street. Here, pausing beneath the chandelier, he looked about him for a moment, determining that, as elsewhere, all things were in order—but gray with dust.

Finding the atmosphere heavy, stale, and oppressive, Maitland moved over to the windows and threw them open. A gust of warm air, humid and redolent of the streets, invaded the room, together with the roar of traffic from its nearby arteries. Maitland rested elbows on the sill and leaned out, staring absently into the night; for by now it was quite dark. Without concern, he realized that he would be late at dinner. No matter; he would as willingly miss it altogether. For the time being he was absorbed in vain speculations about an unknown woman whose sole claim upon his consideration lay in a certain but immaterial glamour of mystery. Had she, or had she not, been in the house? And, if the true answer were in the affirmative, to what end, upon what errand?

His eyes focused insensibly upon a void of darkness beneath him—night made visible by street lamps; and he found himself suddenly and acutely sensible of the wonder and mystery of the City; the City whose secret life ran fluent upon the hot, hard pavements below, whose voice throbbed, sibilant, vague, strident, inarticulate, upon the night air; the City of which he was a part equally with the girl in gray, whom he had never before seen, and in all likelihood was never to see again, though the two of them were to work out their destinies within the bounds of Manhattan Island. And yet.

"It would be strange," said Maitland thoughtfully, "if . . ." He shook his head, smiling. "Two, shall be born," quoted Mad Maitland, sentimentally—

"Two shall be born the whole wide world apart—"

A piano organ, having maliciously sneaked up beneath his window, drove him indoors with a crash of metallic melody.

As he dropped the curtains his eye was arrested by a gleam of white upon his desk—a letter placed there, doubtless, by O'Hagan in Maitland's absence. At the same time, a splashing and gurgling of water from the direction of the bathroom informed him that the janitor-valet was even then preparing his bath. But that could wait.

Maitland took up the envelope and tore the flap, remarking the name and address of his lawyer in its upper left-hand corner. Unfolding the inclosure, he read a date a week old, and two lines requesting him to communicate with his legal adviser upon "a matter of pressing moment."

"Bother!" said Maitland. "What the dickens—"

He pulled up short, eyes lighting. "That's so, you know," he argued. "Bannerman will be delighted, and— and even business is better than rushing round town and pretending to enjoy yourself when it's hotter than the seven brass hinges of hell and you can't think of anything else. . . . I'll do it!"

He stepped quickly to the corner of the room, where stood the telephone upon a small side table, sat down, and, receiver to ear, gave central a number. In another moment he was in communication with his attorney's residence.

"Is Mr. Bannerman in? I would like to do so."

"Why, Mr. Bannerman! How do you do?"

"You're looking 100 per cent. better—"

"Bad, mad word! Naughty!—"

"Maitland, of course."

"Been out of town and just got your note."

"Your beastly penchant for economy. It's not stamped; I presume you sent it round by hand of the future president of the United States whom you now employ as office boy. And O'Hagan didn't forward it for that reason."

"Important, eh? I'm only in for the night—"

"Then come and dine with me at the Primordial. I'll put the others off."

"Good enough. In an hour, then? Good-by."

Hanging up the receiver, Maitland waited a few moments ere again putting it to his ear. This time he called up Sherry's, asked for the head-waiter, and requested that person to be kind enough to make his excuses to "Mr. Cressy and party;" he, Maitland, was detained upon a matter of moment, but would endeavor to join them at a later hour.

Then, with a satisfied smile, he turned away, with purpose to dispose of Bannerman's note.

"Bath's ready, sor."

O'Hagan's announcement fell upon heedless ears. Maitland remained motionless before the desk—transfixed with amazement.

"Bath's ready, sor!"—imperatively. Maitland roused slightly.

"Very well; in a minute, O'Hagan."

Yet for some time he did not move. Slowly the heavy brows contracted over intent eyes as he strove to puzzle it out. At length his lips moved noiselessly.

"Am I awake?" was the question he put his consciousness.

Wondering, he bent forward and drew the tip of one forefinger across the black polished wood of the writing desk. It left a dark, heavy line. And beside, clearly defined in the heavy layer of dust, was the silhouette of a hand; a woman's hand, small, delicate, unmistakably feminine of contour.

"Well!" declared Maitland, frankly. "I am damned!"

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**EXPLANATIONS DEMANDED**

First Measure Introduced by Payne—Condrey Demands Probe into Alleged Meat Trust.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The cost of living in the United States is to be thoroughly inquired into by the House of Representatives through its most powerful committee—the Ways and Means. Late yesterday Representative Payne, chairman of that committee and majority leader, introduced his resolution providing for an investigation along the broadest lines.

Prior to introducing his measure Mr. Payne conferred with Representative Champ Clark, minority leader, who has been designated with him by the committee to draft the instrument authorizing the investigation. The committee is to inquire into any alleged increase in the cost of necessities of life, some of which, such as clothing, fuel, furniture, meats, and food-stuffs, are enumerated. Wholesale and retail prices and rates-of-profit are to be investigated. The question of whether the tariff is responsible for the alleged high cost of living is covered by a general provision "as to whether prices are affected, increased or otherwise by any laws of the United States."

The hearings of the committee will be open to the public. It may sit anywhere in the United States and summon and swear witnesses.

**Wants Beef Investigation.**

A thorough and far-reaching investigation of the so-called beef trust is provided for in a resolution introduced yesterday by Representative Condrey, Republican, from Missouri. The resolution is drawn in drastic terms and appropriates \$30,000 to be used in getting at the facts. Fines of \$5,000 and imprisonment for five years are provided for witnesses who decline to reveal information to the committee.

The bill provides for a "thorough and complete investigation of the present unreasonable and unnecessary advancing prices made by meat packers and of the reported hoarding of live stock in Western yards, of the refusing of large orders and the holding of supplies in freezers to create the impression of a shortage."

**GENERAL RAINFALL IN TEXAS**

Comes at Time to Greatly Help Spring Crops.

Dallas: Texas received a general rain Tuesday night, which will be of much value to spring crops. At most places the precipitation was of good proportions and came just at the proper time because much farm land has recently been broken.

The Dallas office of the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company reported rain at the following places in the State: Austin, Corsicans, Dublin, Denton, Fort Worth, Gainesville, Greenville, Hearne, Hillsboro, Houston, Palestine, Paris, San Antonio, Sherman, Taylor, Tyler, Waco, Weatherford and Wichita Falls, the precipitation at the latter place amounting to a downpour. Texas and Beaumont reported cloudy condition.

**Packery for Oklahoma City.**

Oklahoma City, Ok.: The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce have signed a contract with the Schwarzhild & Sulzburger Packing Company of Chicago for the establishment of a packing plant here to cost approximately \$3,000,000. The contract was signed on behalf of the company by Ferdinand Sulzburger, and provides that the Chamber of Commerce shall have thirty days in which to raise a cash bonus of \$300,000. Options on 500 acres of land near the Morris packing plant in course of construction have been obtained.

**Canyon City Normal Building.**

Austin: The State Board of Education has awarded the contract to construct the large normal building for the West Texas Normal at Canyon City to a construction company of Stamford for \$89,000. This does not include wiring, plumbing and steam heating. All of the latter is to be awarded at some future date. The bids for that work were rejected Tuesday because of the alterations in the plans. New bids will be called for in the near future and the contracts let.

**Paulhan in Denver.**

Denver, Colo.: Forty thousand people have seen Paulhan, the French aliph master, soar 5,700 feet above the sea level here in a flight to demonstrate that rarified atmosphere has no terrors for aviators. "This city is approximately one mile above sea level."

**\$25,000 Fire at Mart.**

Mart, Tex.: Fire destroyed the public school building, entailing a loss of about \$25,000.

**Worth Thinking Over.**  
I wonder if we all coddle ourselves too much, eat too much, think about health too much.—London Truth.

**Sanctum Confidences.**  
"Brooks," said Rivers, "can you give me a synonym for 'utility?' I've used that word twice already."  
"I suppose I can," growled Brooks, "but what's the use?"  
"Use? Use? Thanks; that'll do."  
Thereupon the rattle of the typewriter began again.

**Daily Thought.**  
See that all the hours of the day are so full of interesting and healthful occupation that there is no chance for worry to stick its nose in.—Luther H. Gulick.

**Must Have Accessories.**  
"I hear you picked up an abandoned farm."  
"Yep."  
"Genuine farmer now, are you?"  
"My smart friends won't believe it until I have picked up some abandoned dialect."

**Mountain Climbing.**  
The King of France marched up the hill with 40,000 men.  
"I wished plenty of witnesses," he explained.  
His purpose accomplished, he forthwith marched down.

**Bobbed Up.**  
"See what our ship news man says about the late Capt. Topnotcher?" queried the editor.  
"Why, he says the captain chose the sea for his life work—and began at the bottom."

**Making Himself Heard.**  
Samuel Rogers, the poet, is no doubt a great wit, but he has a turn for malice and even brutality. Some one once asked him why he never opened his mouth except to speak evil of his neighbors. He replied: "I have a very weak voice, and if I did not say malicious things I should never be heard."—Memoirs of the Duchess of Dino.

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All men like to have their names in the paper, and in a conspicuous place, but there are two places they don't like to have it—the police court record and the obituary column.

A man came into our office the other day and remarked that he would like to take the paper all right, but he was too poor. This same man answered an advertisement in one of our exchanges and sent \$2.00 for a recipe to kill rats. The recipe read thus: "Poison them."

A high tribute was paid to Representative Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois, by President Taft, when he ordered the Cannon crowd to throw him out of the Ballinger investigating committee. Mr. Rainey had once criticized Brother Charlie, and this, of course, unfitted him from the Taft standpoint. Furthermore, he is a man that cannot be "reached" or swerved from his purpose, which makes him wholly unacceptable as a member of the Ballinger white washing committee.

The white light of publicity is shining upon New York state republican leaders with uncomfortable intensity just at present. Lieutenant-Governor Horace White is exposed in scandalous relations with insurance looters, and Senator Allds, just elected floor leader to succeed the late Senator Raines, is charged by a fellow legislator with having accepted bribes to influence legislation. From this it would appear that all the political wickedness in New York is not confined to Tammany Hall.

Pennsylvania editors in their state convention the other day "resolved" quite commendably.

One of the objects of their disapproval is the insurance graft, whereby fire insurance companies wring from the public such enormous profits as to enable them to pay 60 to 100 per cent dividends. The editors advocated an investigation of the whole fire insurance question by the state legislature. They also adopted resolutions in protest against the proposition to increase postage rates. Altogether they did a good day's work away from their sanctuaries.

A Fannin county farmer, in a communication to the Bonham News, says: "I fear too much cotton will be planted. Last year's lesson ought to be kept in memory. A small cotton crop pays better than a large one and large corn crops always pay. Hogs are scarce, but they can be grown almost as fast as chickens, and hogs and corn make the best combination the farmer can strike. I never saw so few cattle in this country before and even horses and mules are in big demand at high prices. Some of my neighbors are going to plant a few acres in Bermuda grass and try hogs and cattle on a small scale. Success awaits them. No danger of a failure."

Whether we all get all we want in politics this year or not, we ought to try to see to it that Red River county rolls up the biggest crop in her history next fall. This is a work in which we can all agree.—Clarksville Times.

That is a good platform for every county in Texas to adopt. Of course none of us will "get all we want in politics," and should not expect it, but all can work together for good crops, good roads and town improvements. As to good roads, the Times has a respect for split-log drags, and says of this simple device that should be in every neighborhood: "Some of the streets and roads leading out of town were dragged the latter part of last week, and the improvement was wonderful. Don't forget the drag. It is the easiest way known for constructing good roads."—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

### Raise the Maine

Another bill has been introduced in the house of representatives having for its object the raising of the wreck of the battleship Maine, which for 12 years has been rotting, and its cargo of human bones bleaching, in the

waters of Havana harbor. It is a national disgrace that all these years have gone by without an attempt at any genuine investigation of the wreck of the Maine, or the recovery of the remains of the men who went down in the ill-fated vessel, that they might be given decent burial.

Congressman Sulzer, of New York, made a vigorous but unsuccessful attempt to accomplish something in that respect. It is to be hoped that the present movement will bear better fruit. To this day it is unsettled whether the Maine was wrecked by an internal explosion or an outside mine. What other civilized nation would have tolerated such secrecy and indifference? Public sentiment should unite in demanding the raising of the Maine in a tone so loud as to reach even the calloused ears of congress.

### Religious Activities at the University of Texas

The University of Texas has recently issued a bulletin on religious activities in that institution, in which are presented facts that may be surprising to some, but that must be gratifying to the state at large. In this bulletin it is shown that, while the University is a state institution and therefore debarred from receiving denominational help, as such, it yet has yet effectively operative influences that minister to the higher life of the students of which any school might be proud.

It appears that the different denominations are cordially cooperating in maintaining in the University a moral and religious tone that has elicited from various sources expressions of unqualified commendation. In the bulletin are enumerated the lines of activity of the denominations and of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. Not the least effective forces are those directed by the faculty and students themselves.

Texas is glad to know that its highest educational institution is not a "Godless State University." For whatever may be a parent's religious preferences, he is glad to know that when his son or daughter leaves home the new environment shall be one that makes for noble manhood and womanhood.

We can but congratulate ourselves on the nearly ideal condi-

tions which are found to exist in the University—conditions which are largely due to the harmonious efforts of the various denominations. It is understood that there is a total absence of bickering jealousies among the religious forces at Austin. This is as it should be, for the University was founded for all.

Have you a weak throat? If so, you cannot be too careful. You cannot begin treatment too early. Each cold makes you more liable to another and the last is always the harder to cure. If you will take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at the outset you will be saved much trouble. Sold by all druggists.



### "You Can Lead a Horse to Water

but you can't make him drink." is an old saying. You can feed your horse, too, on inferior food, but he won't do good work for you. Good, nourishing food that will give your beast muscle and fire you will find in our stock of grain, feed, oats, hay, bale cane and alfalfa. We keep nothing but the best, and sell it at low prices.

### C. F. MORRIS

Phone 250

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### Dr. E. A. Lang

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Chili, Enchiladas, Chili and Eggs and Nice Tamales Every Day.

M. GONZALEZ, Proprietor

Miss Gertrude Slayton entertained Mrs. E. S. Bledsoe's Sunday School class Friday night at her home in a most pleasant and enjoyable manner.

## Every One who Comes to Biles & Gentry's Drug Store

For their Drug Wants is taking the straight road to drug store satisfaction. There is a sign that will point out the way and keep you on the right track in Drug Buying.

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

They know that that sign reads right, that it points out the straight true road to Biles & Gentry's Drug Store. We invite you to join the procession for 1910.

## BILES & GENTRY

Exclusive Druggists

### IF WOMEN ONLY KNEW.

What a Heap of Happiness It Would Bring to Big Springs Homes

Hard to do housework with an aching back. Brings you hours of misery at leisure or at work.

If women only knew the cause—that Backache pains come from sick kidneys.

'Twould save much needless woe. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys.

Big Springs people endorse this:

Mrs. Z. Mullens, near court house, Big Springs, Texas, says: "I suffered from kidney trouble for several years, and the doctor who examined me pronounced it a severe case. However, I managed to drag along week in and week out, but no one knows the misery I endured at times from dull, bearing down pains in my back. The secretions from my kidneys were also too frequent in passage and caused me annoyance. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills advertised, I procured a box at Ward's Drug Store and began using them. They did me a great amount of good. I unhesitatingly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cts. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agent for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

### E. M. Mobley

Authorizes The Enterprise to announce him as a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff and tax collector of Howard county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Mr. Mobley is now serving his second term and has made an efficient and faithful officer, and is willing for his record to stand for his recommendation for asking further favors at the hands of the voters of Howard county. He feels grateful for the confidence and support given him in the past and promises if again elected to render the same faithful service as heretofore.

## See Burton -Lingo Co.

For All Kinds of Building Material.

All our lumber Is Under Sheds

FOR SALE—10 shares of Southland Life Insurance stock. Cost \$30 per share. Must sell as I need the money. Write me what you will give for 10 shares. Address P. O. Box 34, Brownfield, Texas. 172

A freight train was wrecked about two miles east of here early Saturday morning, which delayed traffic several hours. Five or six cars went into the ditch and some of them were pretty badly smashed. The wreck was caused by a broken wheel.

Let us write your cotton insurance. The cost is small and the protection is great.

Hartzog & Coffey.

Ford & Isbell, of Fort Worth, are putting in a lumber yard at Soash. Several cars of lumber and shingles have already gone out there.

## "Nature's Gift from the Sunny South"

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Shortens your food—Lengthens your life

Physicians today are recommending Cottolene for consumptives, dyspeptics, and others in a "run-down" condition. Never heard of them recommending lard for such a purpose, did you? Cottolene is a product of Nature, clean in source, making and manner of marketing. It makes food which the most delicate stomach can digest.

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**NOTICE!**

## The Big Stall Wagon Yard

Just east of Burton-Lingo. Come in and put your team up with me and you will be treated in a way that you will be sure to come back. I also handle flour and meal, buy and sell all kinds of feed stuff.

**E. E. WILLIAMSON** Phone 368

At the Sunday morning service Rev. Wilson C. Rogers tendered his resignation as pastor of the Baptist church, to take effect the first of March. Mr. Rogers expects to enter the evangelistic work. He has made many friends among our people during his stay here, who will regret to know that he intends leaving. There is very strong pressure being brought to bear on him not to go, and it may be that he will be prevailed upon to remain in Big Springs.

R. I. Rushing left Wednesday from a business trip to Lamea. He has never heard so much railroad talk in the same length of time as he did while at Lamea. He thanks O'Donnell the conductor for the south plains.

Fayrose Complexion Powders, 50c. Will not injure the most delicate skin. Ward's.

C. M. Cox and family came in yesterday from Waco and will make their home here. Mr. Cox will be associated with Bart Hill in the grocery business.

**NATURE'S GIFT FROM THE SUNNY SOUTH**

During the Civil War, cotton growing was so profitable that it is said the natives of India purchased silver plow-shares with which to till the cotton fields. Yet, under the stimulus of highest prices, India could raise only three million bales; the South produces over twelve million bales each year. It will be seen therefore that in this product of nature, the South stands supreme.

Not less important is the oil of the Cotton seed which, when refined, ranks in purity and wholesomeness with the choicest olive oil and, in the form of Cottonseed, yields a cooking fat superior to lard.

Cottonseed is vegetable—so pure, wholesome, economical and efficient, that it is truly one of Nature's best gifts from the South.

I. J. Bland, aged 18 years, died in the east part of town about six o'clock yesterday morning. He had only been here a short time, coming here from Plainview with his father. His home is in Kentucky, but his father brought him to West Texas several months ago, hoping to restore his health. This paper joins their friends here and in Kentucky in extending sympathy to the bereaved father in the death of his child, and bid him look to Him who doeth all things well for consolation, knowing that his son has gone where suffering is never known. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

**W. L. DOUGLAS**  
\$3.35 to \$4.50 SHOES  
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If I could take you into my large factories at Brockton, Mass., and show you how carefully W. L. Douglas shoes are made, you would realize why they hold their shape, fit better, wear longer, and are of greater value than any other make.

CAUTION—See that W. L. Douglas name and price is stamped on the bottom. W. L. Douglas shoes, made by the Great Eastern Mfg. Co., Brockton, Mass.

**J. & W. FISHER**

Pink Blood and Liver Pills, best on earth, 25c at Ward's.

**Street Tax Notice**

The city will make a special rate of \$3.00 if paid by May 1st, 1910. If paid by May 1st you will be exempt from street or road duty for the year 1910.

M. D. WILLIS,  
City Collector.

### Report of the Condition OF THE West Texas National Bank Charter No. 4468

The West Texas National Bank, at Big Springs, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Jan. 31, 1910.

announces:

Loans and Discounts	201,644 51
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	6,802 14
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,000 00
Furniture and fixtures	2,585 85
Other real estate owned	14,338 82
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	14,530 96
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies and Savings Banks	4 40
Due from approved reserve agents	57,301 33
Checks and other cash items	500 00
Notes of other Nat'l Banks	3,305 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	16 89
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$ 8,992 35
Legal tender notes	500 00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,900 00
Total	\$363,191 75

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	84,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	10,256 36
Nat'l Bank notes outstanding	50,000 00
Due to other Nat'l Banks	109 42
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	17,389 79
Due to Trust Companies & Savings Banks	61 20
Individual deposits subject to check	186,137 55
Certified checks	5 00
Cashier's Chks Outstanding	46 85
Reserved for taxes	206 48
Total	\$363,191 75

STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Howard,  
I, J. W. Shnell, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. SHNELL, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest:  
G. L. BROWN,  
R. D. MATTHEWS,  
J. J. HAIR } Directors.

Best cigars at Ward's. P

**Notice**

There is quite a lot of clothing that has been collected by the United Charities, and any one in need of same can get it by calling at Mrs. F. B. Gilbert's residence.

**Ingredients for prairie dog poison at Reagan's.** P

Judge A. J. Prichard will leave Monday for Austin, where he will represent a client before the board of pardons.

**Laxative Quinine Cold Tablets** will cure that cold. 25c at Ward's.

Claude Cole and Wm. Hagan sold Mr. Burnett, of Kansas, 100 2-year-old steers last week. Terms of sale are private, but we understand a very satisfactory price was received.

A small young man, of the regular size, arrived at the home of C. E. Talbot and wife Wednesday night and is so well pleased with the reception given him that he has decided to make his permanent home with them.

A bazaar for the benefit of the Cumberland Presbyterian church will be held Nov. 24, 25, 26, 28, 29 and 30 of this year. The place where it is to be held will be announced later. 19-23

Sheriff Mobley left Tuesday night for Idabel, Oklahoma, to bring Charlie Ross here. Ross is wanted on a charge of forgery and was arrested in 1907, but escaped from jail in August of that year.

Our new story, "The Brass Bowl," begins with this issue. It is written by Louis Joseph Vance and is a very interesting story. It has been run in several of the leading daily papers of the country as a serial.

Two dwelling houses on the north side of the railroad, belonging to Mrs. J. E. Johnson, were destroyed by fire about three o'clock yesterday morning, together with most of the contents.

**Open Meeting**

An open meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will be held at the Methodist church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. Wilson C. Rogers will deliver an address. All men are invited.

Fresh candies and crystallized fruits. Biles & Gentry.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following candidates authorize THE ENTERPRISE to announce them subject to the action of the Democratic primary, July 22, 1910.

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

For County Treasurer  
W R PURSER (re-election)

For District and County Clerk  
J I PRICHARD (re-election)

For Tax Assessor  
ANDERSON BAILEY  
J M BATES

For County Judge  
M H MORRISON

For Hide and Animal Inspector  
M H WILLIAMSON

The following parties authorize THE ENTERPRISE to announce them as candidates for city offices.

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

For City Secretary, Assessor and Collector  
F E McCRORY

A party of surveyors were reported seen about seven miles south of town Saturday. It is not known what they were there for, but are supposed to be a party of railroad surveyors. Maybe some road is trying to slip into Big Springs without asking for a bonus.

Best Toilet Soap at Ward's. P

C. D. Ambrose has returned from a visit to Fayetteville, Ark. He was accompanied home by his father, D. C. Ambrose, editor of the Fayetteville Republican and Evening News.

**Citation for Service by Publication**

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Howard County, Greeting:

Whereas, oath has this day been made before me by J. A. Stephens, attorney for D. P. Strayhorn, that J. P. Southern is a non-resident of this state and is a transient person, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on him, you are hereby commanded that you, by making publication of this writ in some newspaper printed in Howard county, if there be one; but if there be no newspaper printed in said county, then by publication in some newspaper printed in the Thirty-Second Judicial District of this state; but if there be no newspaper printed in said judicial district, then by publication in the nearest judicial district to the said Thirty-Second Judicial District for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, summons the said J. P. Southern to be and appear before me at a regular term of Justice Court for Precinct No. 1, in the said County of Howard, to be held at my office in the town of Big Spring, in the county aforesaid, on the 22nd day of February, 1910, to answer to the suit of the said D. P. Strayhorn plaintiff, against said J. P. Southern, defendant, said suit filed on Dec. 30th, 1908, and being numbered 923. Said plaintiff's demand being for the sum of \$117.24, principal, interest and attorney's fees due upon a certain promissory note executed by the said J. P. Southern and payable to the said D. P. Strayhorn, for the principal sum of \$65.00, dated May 31st, 1907, and payable at Big Spring, Texas, on November 1st, 1907, with interest thereon from date thereof until paid at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, with 10 per cent additional on amount due as attorney's fees if said note was placed in the hands of an attorney for collection or if collected by suit.

Herin fail not, and of this writ make due return at the regular term of Justice Court for Precinct No. 1, in said County of Howard, to be held February 22nd, 1910, as the law directs.

Given under my hand this 24th day of January, 1910.

J. W. INGRAM,  
Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1,  
Howard County, Texas.  
Issued on the 24th day of January, 1910.

J. W. INGRAM,  
Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1,  
Howard County, Texas. 19-24

**Jack For Sale**

A good thoroughbred jack for sale cheap for cash, or will trade for other stock. J. C. Hilligley, Big Springs, Tex. 18-41

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