Chee Observer tells What he

That is the question, what are people. you doing to help matters? Don't sit and grumble, but do something.

It was real noticeable last week to see the men that came here to stay and help build up the country. When the farmers began to pour into town to do their holiday trading, with their big, fine mule teams and wagons, nice horses, fine carriages and buggies, they made a splendid showing; fine looking old gentlemen and young men that were dressed equal to the business men of the town. It was remarked by several traveling men and strangers last Saturday that there was the finest looking lot of people in Big Springs they ever saw in any town the size of Big Springs on any kind of a trading day. High compliments were passed on the fine looking old ladies and beautiful young girls while the children loked as though they were dressed for Sunday school.

Quit talking hard times and get to doing something. Our country is not in as bad condition as a g est many would lead one to believe, and that fact was brought out by the people who were doing the last two weeks buying holiday goods and the pocounities of life. OBSERVER.

Resolutions of Respect

Where an Almighty God in His wise providence, has called our friend and brother, D. H. Dunean, from our midst, we bow in humble submission to His divine will, yet we would not forget the service Brother Duncan has ren-Association of our city while he served on its Board of Directors and up to the time of his death as a member of the advisary board.

Resolved that we deeply regret his loss to the Association, as he was a wise councelor, firm in convictions and a Christian gentleman. We therefore pray God's choicest blessings to rest upon the loved ones he has left behind.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother, a copy furnished each of our weekly papers and that the same be spread apon the minutes of the Associa-B. REAGAN,

JAS. E. MORRIS, Dec. 29, 1910.

Card of Thanks

inner sent out to the worthy poor of our town.

Nine well filled boxes of nicely prepared provision was sent them the full meaning of this, happiness and prosperity to all the good people who responded the rich blessings it brings to be cheerfully and bountifully to humanity. this worthy cause.

After Summer Normal

multien from the teachers wn met with the directors n securing the school.

Resolutions of Thanks

At the last regular meeting of is very often I hear someone the Commercial Club held at the day at the Christian church and sking of hard times and the court house on the 29th, it was it is the earnest desire of the ity of money. The question moved and unanimously carried should sak those men is, what that a vote of thanks be tendered of business they are in and the Enterprise for its work in aid present and answer to their the justifies them to continue in of the Club during the past year. name. Don't forget to come beg or if they are working or do- It has given the people the use of cause I will be disappointed if ing snything at all, or just sitting its columns in support of all pubaround waiting for somebody to lie enterprisees, and this is apsome along and buy their prop- preciated by the members of the erty and pay them a big bonus? club and, we trust, by all our

> By order of the Commercial Club. GEO. D. LEE. President.

Commercial Club

The Commercial Club met yes terday afternoon with only a small attendance. It had been announced that officers for next year would be elected at this meeting, but it was a mistake as the time for electing new officers will be at the January meeting. Let every member be on hand at the next meeting and put new into the organization.

J. W. Neill Visits Big Springs

Friday afternoon W. J. Neill. of the State Department of Agriculture, addressed a good sized audience of farmers and others at the court house on the principles of scientific farming. His lecture from beginning to end and will no doubt be very beneheard it. The matter of selecting home grown seed for planting was brought out forcibly by the speaker and his advice is well worth following in this regard.

We Need a "10,000 Club"

West Texas newspaper man and printer, who was on his way from of their apportunities we ought to have a town of 10,000 by the feda "10,000 Club" and get to work? Now is the time to start, and once started never stop pushing.

Christmas Eve at the Christian Church.

The Christian church was filled Texas. to its utmost capacity Christmas gram prepared by the little folks for the occasion and to meet Santa Claus at the Christmas tree. The program prepared, and so beautifully rendered by the children, was one of the best and most appropriate we have The United Charities take this ever witnessed. In the rendermethod of thanking all those ing of this beautiful programme who donated so liberally to the the children did credit to themselves and reflected great credit on their trainers and delighted the audience by bringing before out. May the New Year bring the most sacred of holidays, in all of its beauty and purity and

A the close of the exercises a donation of \$10.00 was made for the benefit of the Old People's Home.

P. M. Watts, local manager of in Abilene, in Taylor County, fternoon and saked the Club's the Western Telephone Company, Texas, on the 14th day of Januaor town should feel a personal to do anywhere up or down the properly come before said meet. erest in and do what they can line, P. M. is put on the job .- ing. Rossoe Times.

Roll Call Day

Next Sunday will be Roll Call pastor that every member be any member fails to be there.

E. S. BLEDSOE, Pastor.

Hogs Are a Money Crop

The Crop Report issued by the Federal Agricultural Department Those who have obeyed the inhouses located in Texas the farmers are always sure to get souri and is 20 cents and better prosperous year. on the 100 lbs. than that of Arkansas, lowa, Neoraska, Minnesots and a number of other states. This healthy market condition is largely due to our packing houses which make us a market or basing point for prices. Without packing houses was interesting and convincing our hogs would sell at Kansas City and Chicago prices less the ficial to those of our farmers who freight. Plant hogs and build packing houses.

A Ten Year Race

Texas has begun the race for 1920 census honors by importing a carload of babies from the east. This however is no reflection on A. D. Matheny, a well known the Texas Stork as a population producer as this spienged bird has worn the blue ribbon as a Gand Falls to Rochester to spend Census promoter for the past half the holidays with his daughter, a century and has kept 'lexas at spent Friday here. It was his the head of Uncie Sam's big first visit to Big Springs and, family column. Neither can it like all strangers who come here, be construed as dissatisfaction place of amusement and a clean was very much surprised to find over the work of the immigration show always, as well as to apply we have the best town in this agent whose accomplishments are part of Texas, and said that if closely interwoven in the comour people will take advantage mercial fibre of our progress. It simply means that the commercial clubs are on the alert and eral census. Why not organize have struck a new lead in populating the state and that they are going to win the pennant in 1920 at all hazards. We are getting eastern capital, eastern men and now we are importing eastern

Creditors.

In the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Texas, at Abilene, in the matter of Loy Hamilton Jarvis, bankrupt, No. 230 in Bankruptcy. Office of Referee, Abilene, Texas, Dec. 28, 1910. To the creditors of Loy Ham-

lton Jarvis, individually and as

member of the firm of Flanigan & Jarvis, of Big Springs in the The Season's Greetings County of Howard and District aforesaid, bankprupts. Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of December, A. D., 1910, the said Loy Hamilton Jarvis, idividually and as a member of the firm of Flanigan & Jarvis, was duly adjudged a bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his ing to give the people of Big creditors will be held at my office Springs and the Big Springs this is a matter every citizen of the matter.

The sunday irem minthe fact that, in adjusting the Western Company has a several days the fact that adjusting the Western Company has a several days the fact that adjusting the Western Company has a several days the fact that adjusting the Western Company has a several days the fact that, in the face of the severest drouth adjusting the Western Company has a several days the afternoon, at which time the best efforts for the advancement that adjusting the Western Company's said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, every one a happy and prospersus their claims, appoint a trustee, ourselves and the country enjoyto the fact that, in the face of the severest drouth adjusting the Western Company has a several days the afternoon, at which time the determinant of the fact that, in the face of the severest drouth adjusting the Western Company's said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, ourselves and the country enjoyto the fact that, in the face of the severest drouth adjusting the Western Company has a sexamine the bankrupt, and transtour aged over the fact that, in the face of the severest drouth adjusting the Western Company has a sexamine the bankrupt, and transtour aged over the fact that, in the face of the severest drouth adjusting the Western Company has a sexamine the bankrupt, and transtour aged over the fact that, in the face of the severest drouth adjusting the Western Company is an adjusting the Western Company has a sexamine the bankrupt, and transtour aged over the fact that, in the face of the severest drouth adjusting the Western Company is a sexamine the bankrupt, and transtour aged over the fact that, in the face of the severest drouth adjusting the fact that, in the face of the severest drouth adjusting the fact that, in the face of the severest drouth adjusting the fact that, in the face of the severest drouth adjusting the fact that, in the face of the severest drouth adjusting the face of

K. K. LEGETT, Referee in Bankruptey.

SPRINGS BIG **BUSINESS** MEN

EXTEND NEW YEAR'S GREETING

Western Telephone Co.

gives a comparison of the value manifold advantages and bene- confidence and once again we to supply our patrons with water. of hogs in the United States by fits of the telephone. Our busi- wish to express to you our gratistates on November 15th. Texas ness during the past has been tude for it and to assure you that is quoted at \$7.50 per 100 lbs. very satisfactory and we thank in the future we shall continue to corded us and for the confidence. the public for this patronage. Our pursue the same conservative yet junction to plant hoge are riding service, both local and long dist- progressive policy which has on the crest of a wave of pros- ance, has been greatly improved guided us in the past. perity that will surely bring their and we trust that during the We are careful to throw about ship into port. With the packing coming year still a greater num- us every safeguard necessary to ber of our citizens will give us an a stable bank, and though panics opportunity to install this exten- and drouths may come and go good prices for packing house sive service in their homes and you can always rest assured that products. The price of hoge in places of business, thus adding the established bank will be here Texas is the same as that of illi- to the comforts and pleasures of through it all and that your busnois, Indiana, Kansas and Mis- life. We wish all a happy and iness will be carefully protected.

> Respectfully, WESTERN TELEPHONE Co.

J. W. Atkins, Confectioner

It is with genuine pleasure that take this method of thanking my many friends and customers for a share of their business during the past year and of asking them for a continuance of it during the coming one

I wish every one a happy and prosperous year. Your friend, J. W. ATKINS.

Lyric Theatre

All the world needs amuseevent, and the Lyric, we feel sure, holds a prominent place in the hearts of the people of Big Springs, and we appreciate your patronage. We have striven in the past and will continue to strive to give you a first class candy and other confections.

We wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

Respectfully. LYRIC THEATRE, H. B. Robb, Manager.

A. P. McDonald & Co.

As the holidays are here and the New Year approaches, we babies. There is room for all in wish to extend greetings to our friends and patrons for their favors in the past and promise that Eve, to hear the beautiful pro- Notice of the First Meeting of we will make an earnest effort to merit a continuance of your confidence and good will for the future by handling the highest grade merchandise in our line and always selling the same at reasonable prices.

Wishing every one a happy and prosperous New Year.

Respectfully, A. P. McDonald & Co. Shoes and Gents' Furnishings.

We wish to thank our patrons for the patronage given us during the year that is so nearly past and kindly ask a continuance of the year that will soon dawn upon us. For more than twelve years we have been laborcountry a paper worthy of their support, and at all times and on all occasions have put forth our

Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, we are, Very truly yours, WEST TEXAS NATIONAL BANK.

Hill Grocery Company

One just about gone, the other all shead us, and after all 1910 hasn't boen so bad. If you had the power to go back and change the year, would you do it?

I am sure not. We could have had better crops, better business, etc., we could have lived better lives, done more deeds of kinds nes- but that is in the past, and we have to look forward to the year just about to dawn, 1911.

I wish for every one a full share of prosperity for the New Year. I hope to have the pleasure of serving you in the grocery line and shall try to merit your patronage on a fair square business basis, your money's worth J. L. WARD JEWELRY & DRUG Co. or your money back.

The errors we have made in 1910 only gives us experience to erve you bester in 1911.

I shall see to it that we do not sacrifice quality for price and will

still hold to the motto: Your satisfaction is our success

Yours very truly, HILL GROCERY COMPANY. Wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year.

J. D. McDonald

Despite the fact that the year 1910 has been a dry one and the crops have been a bit short we ciate the trade we have had and people of our town. trust we may have a continuance of it through the coming years. We have moved into more commodious quarters and are better prepared now than ever before to handle our business promptly and efficiently.

Wishing you a most prosperous New Year, we are,

Respecufully yours. J. D. McDonald, New and Second-Hand Goods.

Big Springs Water Co.

Although we cannot say that the year 1910 has been the best in the history of this company or this country, we appreciate to the fullest extent the confidence which our patrons have put in this institution and we feel en-

For the 8th time we have the when we had greater confidence Mrs. Tynes and all report a jolly pleasure of extending New Year's in Big Springe and the Big time.

greetings to the people of Big Springs country than now, and to Year by year the public be- Springs and West Texas. For show our faith, we are increasing comes more aware of the eight years we have enjoyed your our facilities whenever necessary

> We thank the public for the patronage which has been acgiven us at all times, and wish one and all a happy and prosperous year during 1911.

Respectfully, BIG SPRINGS WATER CO.

New Year Greetings

We take this means of publicly acknowledging our appreciation of favors shown us during the past year. A store's success is gauged by its policy, methods and treatment of its customers.

Our business has been quite satisfactory during the past year notwithstanding the closeness of the times. This indicates to us the fact that we are on the right track and that the public has confidence in our methods and merchandise.

It is our intention to continue along the same lines of progressiveness and make the comirg year a bigger and better year by serving our customers better by knowledge gained from past ex-

We thank all our friends for the generous patronage given us in the past, and solicit a continuance of same for the coming year. Very t uly yours.

"The Price is the Thing"

United Charities

Next. Wednesday afternoon. January 4, there will be a meeting of the United Charities at the First Presbyterian church. At this meeting officers are to be elested for one year, and it is hoped that there will be's good atuendande. The present officers have performed their duties faithfully and now ask that others take charge of the work and carry it on. Do not allow a few to do all the work of the society as it works a hardship upon them. have enjoyed a liberal patronage besides it is the duty of all to asand, all in all, the year has been sist in the work and help to rea good one with us. We appre- lieve the needs of the distressed

> J. D. McDonald bought the remnant of the Blaser stock of racket store goods from C. N. Letiow yesterday and has moved it into his store east of the court house.

> A well known young woman in town walked over the burg Tuesday afternoon without being recognized. She wore a banana hamper hat that completely hid her face.

> R. J. Compton and family, who have been making their home a: Midland for some time, returned here last week and will reside here. Mr. Compton was manager for the Western Telephone Co. at Midland.

BIG SPRINGS, - - TEXAS

With motion pictures in the schools, who would not be a child sgain?

Horse shows will never pass away with the consent of the dressmakers

"Ball splayers wanted at Panama." A good battery could dig in and make

They are going to try coasting down bill on aeroplane bobsleds in Massachusetts.

That paster who's going to get a chicken shower must hope that they won't be Rocks.

A Wellesley girl has been expelled for getting married. That's a fine state of affairs'

A New York man has been declared insane because he couldn't play bridge. Oh you happy lunatic!

A Chicago university professor re-

iterates that the sun is growing cold. Must have exhausted itself last sum-

A highwayman held up three Detrolt women and robbed them. Two nail files and a powder-rag constituted his reward.

Aviation costumes will be needed next season, and every dressmaker knows such costumes must have elastic necks.

proper material for telegraph and electric light poles. A young couple was married in an auto running at 60 miles an hour. This

One way to conserve the pine for-

ests is to adopt fron or steel as the

was marriage in haste and no doubt a real joy ride. A poets' union has been organized in New York. Only poets who can write

poetry which nobody will understand

are to be eligible.

Kansas City now bars fireworks. Next July it will doubtless issue # recommendation that people buy their Christmas presents early.

One of the daring aviators boasted because he crossed the Delaware in an aeroplane. What would George Washington say to that?

Evidently we are not growing bet ter as fast as we should. A new federal penitentiary, to cost \$3,000,000, is to be built at Atlanta.

There is said to be a craze in Europe for things American, even Amertcan slang. But most American slang is nothing to go crazy about.

While it is true that an aviator has flown from ship to shore, yet people are not yet clamoring to be rescued from slfipwrecks by that method.

Prof. Knox of the Seattle Mental in stitute, says that if a person will think it strong enough, he will live forever. Wonder how soon he expects to die.

Pennsylvania, in consequence of a big cabbage crop, will be in no danger of a sauer kraut famine, and rejoicing is germane to the occa-A Long Island judge has ruled that

\$8,000 a year is "plenty for the education of any girl of 16." Some of the girls will regard him as a mean old thing. The Panama canal gates will weigh

60,000 tons. It will be some Hallow-

een stunt for the international bad

boy to hang them on a neighbor's fence. A Virginia man is unable to remember his own name. He ought to be valuable as a professional juror or a

dummy director for some of the big trusts. It has been demonstrated that small children like rag dolls better than expensive kinds of dolls. At their ten-

der age the price tag has not got

them bluffed.

A man fell three feet last week and broke his neck. On the same day a man fell a mile in an aeroplane and was not injured. Pedestrians should carry aeroplanes.

When men have succeeded perfectby in swimming like a fish and flying like a bird, there will remain for mankind to emulate the basking in fire of a salamander.

San Francisco points with pride to the fact that she has three suburbs with a combined population of more than 200,000, and in that respect beats any other American city except New

Uncle Sam wisely believes that the rwoman who can afford to spend thousands abroad for jewelry and gowns with which to dazzle the folks at home can also afford to pay the duty on them.

From the later returns it would seem that the common people of England do not scare at "American dolmuch worse than the nobility They cannot take them quite so enthusiastically as the titled element, because they get them in much small

TEXAS TRUCKERS TURN THE TABLES

ESTIMATE OF FREIGHT AND COM-MISSION MEN.

19,490 CARS ARE SHIPPED

Peaches Largest Commodity. Galves ton-Houston Section Largest Producer.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 27. During 1910 Texas marketed 19,499 cars of earden truck and fruit, which brought a net total to the producers of \$8,936,-700, according to the estimates of the commission men of the State and the railroad freight agents. Peaches brought the most money to the State. 4,500 cars selling for \$2,362,500. The great onion crop of Southwest Texas, which has been a marketable crop less than seven years, was next in line, A total of 1,700 cars was produced, selling for \$1,440,000.

In the production of garden truck by the car load, South and Southwest Texas were far ahead of any other sections of the State, practically all coming from the region around Houston and Galveston, the Brownsville district and the Laredo-Cotulla district.

The total truck crops are estimated to have been as follows: Eighteen hundred cars of tomatoes \$1,400,000, 3,500 cars of potatoes \$1,400,000, 2,000 cars of watermelons \$470,000, 700 cars of cabbages \$315,000, 175 cars of strawberries \$175,000, 115 cars of cucumbers \$66,700, 4,000 mixed cars \$430,-

Those in close touch with the situation estimate the onion crop to have an acreage of 50 per cent greater than last year, and nearly all of the other crops, with the exception of peaches, will be increased fully 100 per cent. There will probably not be as large a peach crop the coming year as last, as that was the best crop year for many seasons. It is now estimated that the fruit and truck crops during the year of 1911 can be conservatively estimated to yield net to the growers at least \$12,000,000, if not \$15,000,000. This is in the light of an added income to Texas farmers for it is only within the last five years that any of the crops mentioned were raised in sufficient quantities to be of any importance to the markets of the world.

FLEMING IS GIVEN FOUR YEARS

President of Failed Western Bank & Trust Co. Sentenced.

Dallas: "We, the jury, find the defendant guilty as charged in the indictment and assess his punishment at confinement in the penitentiary for a term of four years.

"E. W. Simpson, Foreman." Just as the hands of thec lock pointed to high noon in the criminal district court room last Friday the above verdict was returned by the jury in the case of Fred Fleming, former president of the Western Bank & Trust Company, under indictment on a charge of having received money for deposit in that institution, knowing that the bank was in an insolvent condition.

When the verdict was read the defendant, Fred Fleming flushed slightly. If the vision of prison walls that must have loomed before him at that time disturbed him in the least be gave no outward sign. Attorney Allen gave the usual notice of a plea for a new trial. Should this be denied, which in all probability it will be, a direct appeal will be taken to the court of criminal appeals. There are ether indictments pending against the convicted banker.

Methodists' Acquisition at Port Arthur,

Port Arthur: The City Council has transferred the Port Arthur Business College to the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, The transaction includes city property which will total fourteen acres. The transfer was done at the solicitation of John W. Gates, who will donate \$50,000 in cash to the board. This will make the entire proposition stand Mr. Gates \$155,-000, he having donated the college to the city. The board binds itself to spend \$50,000 in improvements in the next four years.

Great Railway Strike Averted.

Chicago: The wage dispute between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and sixty-one railroads west, north and south of Chicago has been settled. The engineers get an average increase in wages of 10 1-3 per cent of their 1910 wage scale, giving them an average of approximately \$192 for each of the 33,000 men involved for each subsequent year. Specifically the agreement provides for a raise of 40 cents a day for the smaller Mallet engines and a differential of \$1 a day for the heavier Mallets.

Slaughter by Baturday's Trains. Fort Wayne, Ind.: In a head-on coslision at Attica, Ohio, early between a westbound express on the Pennsylvania railroad six persons were killed and half a dozen others were injured. none, it is believed, fatally.

Roanoke, Va.: A Norfolk & Western passenger train, eastbound from Columbus, Ohio, to Norfolk, Va., was wrecked Saturday afternoon in tunnet No. 6, near Williamson, W. Va. Six men were killed and several others



and displaying with great skill the things most requisite for the coming hollday time. At night, along the thoroughfares, the stranger would see multitudes crowded about street booths to purchase the wares exposed there, all which are significant of the New Year festival, and nothing else. Everywhere the avenue and by-ways would be illuminated with rows of shining lanterns, bearing trade devices and family crests, all suspended from the low eaves of stores and houses. Never are the streets of Japanese cities and towns so enlivened with gayly dressed crowds and busy traffickers as during the time of our own alien, yet kindred, Christmas excitement.

The specific preparations for the New Year begin about the thirteenth of the last month. Then, within every house in the empire, a general cleaning up takes place. A fresh, green

branch of the bamboo tree, with its leaves and twigs to symbolize good fortune, is used as a duster in completing the thorough sweeping. At this time the soft rice mats of which the flooring in Japanese homes is made are renewed in order that the callers at the New Year may be received where they can enjoy a spotless footing. At this time, too, all matrons and maids are busy getting ready for wear on New Year's day kimonos that shall have no trace in them of the vanished past. To old and young the daily theme of thought and talk is the coming "New Year," full as much as "Christmas" is to us.

Outside the houses symbolic decoration has full sway, and transforms the thoroughfares into gayly colored and evergreen avenues. The treeess streets are turned, for the time being, into vistas of swaying bamboo and pine trees. Before each house entrance, according to the tenants' purses and taste, stands a kind of archway. Its pine branches, supposedly male and female, on the right and left, and the tall triple bamboo shafts (both trees symbolic of longevity that is of a hardiness that has borne the storms and uggles of long life into a rugge come the visitor. Over head, spanning the space between these uprights of the arch, is a decorated rope always of rice straw, having on it various pendants arranged in series of seven, five and three (lucky numbers). The rope recalls one of the most revered and poetic traditions of the Japanese past. The sun goddess, the ancestress of the imperial house of the empire, was angered with her brother in the ancient days, and in revenge hid herself in a cave. Darkness then prevalled in heaven and over the earth. The rods. in their perplexity, tried to induce her to come out of her hiding place. But in vain did they appear, until, in a dance they had arranged, she was induced by a taunt that touched her vanity to open the door of her self-chosen dungeon. One of the gods then drew her forth, and, to prevent her running back into the cave, stretched a straw rope across the entrance. The perpetual shining of the sun, secured thereby, remains memorialized in the garlanded barrier hanging above each Japanese portal at New Year's time.

Among the most noticeable and significant cbjects ornamenting these doorway arches is a scarlet lobster, embedded among some branches of a oush whose old leaves remain unshed until after the young leaves have budded. The lobster's procked body tells of old age bent with years, while the bush branches around it show. parents remain even while children and children's children may come into being. In the same decoration fronds of fern are placed, whose pairs of leaves symbolize wedded life. The orange, whose color brightens the clustered symbols, bears a name which, as a pun, means erations," and tells of family perpetuity. weed is there, too, as a memorial of good fortune commemorating also the prehistoric conquest of Korea by the Empress Jingo. Her troops were in danger of defeat because their horses on the Korean seashere were starving from lack of food. But, by inspiration, she ordered seawed to be plucked from the waters of the beach and given to the horses, who then were so invigorated that they carried their riders to glorious victory. Gohel white bands of paper wave over the gar-lands of the doorway archer symbolic of the an-cient offerings that have won the favor of "the

After busy weeks of preparation at last the closing day of the year comes. On New Year's eve the whole country is astir and every place that needs a light for use or hearty is brightened. All through that night the people stay out of bed to see the old year pass and to welcome the new. Merchants do not go to bed until the dawn of New Year's day. All the business accounts of the closing year must be settled that night, and in every sense of the word the year be begun afresh among those Japanese who are guided by the old social order. All things are made new. Bad luck, had feelings, unsettled debts, are all to be done away with and a new chapter of life opened, filled with happy prospects. The complete renewal of old-fashioned Japanese life at the New Year is well shown in one of the names that the day bears, Ban Gan, "The Three Begin-



everyone may drink along with the cup a long, long life. A soup containing a peculiar rice paste, mochi, is eaten by all, each one wishing the others ten thousand years of pleasure and prosperity. Then the household prepare for a day of festivity. The busy broom and bamboo duster are left idle all the day, for fear that they might sweep out of the house the divine freshness that has come into it. All the shops remain closed from dawn until the next day. It is the day of the home and of social happiness. There is no "Christmas tree" as the center of the Japanese New Year celebration inside the house, but there is the Kagami mochi or "mirror rice cakes" that are made as conspicuous as the "tree." These cakes represent the round mirror, in which the sight of her face enticed the sun goddess out of her cave in the olden time. For eleven days these cakes remain decorated with fruits and flowers, elevated on whitewood trays. Then they form part of a family feasting.

Throughout Japan the New Year's day is the breakfast all the members of the families, dressed in their newest clothes, take to the gardens, parks and streets for characteristic pleasurings. Universal visiting is a social law-calling on friends and relatives in person or by card. Universal gift making is indulged in, messengers being sent bearing presents all around the bousehold and friendly circles. Distinctive and exclusive games also belong to the New Year time. Battledore and shuttlecock is probably chief among them. In certain parts of Tokyo, for example, streets are almost impassable because of the hosts of the players of this game. As far as one can see, the scene is one of bewildering color from the stir of the dresses of the girls, who are as active in their sport as so many of our tennis players. Gayly ornamented battledores flash everywhere, and the air is full of the bright, fluttering toys that are struck from one to another player. Penalty for defeat usually meass grotesque markings of the face with strokes of charcoal ink. One may see thousands of children merry under the comical markings imposed upon their foreheads and cheeks.

Kite flying is another peculiar New Year pa time. And kite flying in Japan is a sight well worth going far to see. The variety of shape, the gorgeousness of coloring, the extraordinary size of many of these toys, is something peculiar to the Japanese. Then the skill shown in maneu-vering the kites is marvelous. They hum as they sway in the January breeze with a sort of organpipe volume of sound, and, at times, they swoop down upon antagonist filers, like hawks, and, with their glass-dust-covered cords cut their enemies free, thus making them the property of their own masters. There is hardly a more fascinating spectacle than one of these friendly batties in the air of Japanese kites, under the guidance of the skilled men who manage them.

Another distinctive entertainment for the New Year celebration is furnished by groups of masked performers who go about the streets led by a curious animal-like creature, whose grotsaque lion-head excites much mock terror among children. The antics of these motiey crowds are supposed to exorcise evil spirits from the Japanese homes, as well as to add gayety to the atoings of this day. Many other unique ceremonies take place on the first day; too many for an attempt to describe them here.

But we may not pass by the old card parties.

But we may not pass by the old eard parties of the New Year evenings; the matchings of the beginnings and ends of the "hundred songs of a hundred singers." From one January to another this game is not indulged in; but at the opening of the year it is the chief sport kept for the evenings, whole families becoming absorbed in it. It is a contest of memory and of quickness at discovering in cards laid out before a group of players the end of a posse whose opening lines have been read by a leader. It is astonishing to see the gamtal skill that many of the players have accurred.

screen. Hidden players attended to the free end of the rope, whereby often the best fun comes, because of prizes drawn. But this great day of beat nings for Japan, with its idling and many pleas ures, at last comes to a close. On the second to of the year the duty of work is celebrated. In the home the children strive to show to their parent the best they can do in penmanship or in memor

casts the

other end over

of things to be learned. Girls try their first one mental needlework or piece of music; merchas open their shops with a show of receiving the first goods for the year. On the street many pocessions of coolies are seen bearing beautifully or namented specimens of the trades of their master Heavily loaded wagons, brilliantly decorated vits lanterns, flags and advertisements, drawn by one covered with many colored cloths, pass from ditrict to district, accompanied by singing and date

Toward the evening of the second day street peddlers, crying "Treasure ships for sale!" pe about among the crowds. They sell rough draings of the "Seven Gods of Happiness," affoat is a boat. Multitudes buy these caricatures of m ancient sacred group, much as we might buy a pictured Santa Claus. That night the "treasure

ship" must lie under one's pillow. The dreams

that come then mean much for the rest of the

opening year. On the third day of the New Year the fremes of the towns have their annual parade and give public exhibitions of acrobatic skill in many places. These exhibitions are no mean shows. Some of the performers display an agile ability in climbing balancing and leaping that is of an extraordinarily

high order. Indeed, all the days of the first fortnight of the how year are red letter days, until the fifteenth day comes, when seemingly a most comical est ing of the whole festal season takes place. The people after that settle down to the commonplace order of regular daily labor. The Japanese people at the present time do not take this closing event more seriously to heart than we of this land now regard the ride of Tam O'Shanter; but, theoretcally, the inhabitants of the internal regions during the first fortnight of the new year have se merry a good time as the people of this world. Of the fifteenth day, however, the instruments of the ture in hell begin to work again. On this day if is that the temples consecrated to Emma 0, the king of Hades, are crammed with devotees and gather large sums of offerings from fearful sib ners. It is a wonderful sight, a temple of Emms 0 in mid-January, in one of the great cities. A Ro man carnival could not be more jostling, jolly at absurdly funny. Japanese fun making is at in freest there, and all that is done seems to be for given the worshipers, if their contributions to the treasure boxes of his majesty, the regent of the inferno, are generous. With the festival of the god the new year on earth and under the earth has for the Japanese passed away as a fest, as life's duties fairly begun again.

Of course the Japanese New Year is today has losing some of its old-time characteristic fasts-tions, but enough of its unique quaintness as charm remain to give it distinctiveness among to festivals of the nations, and to keep it an object for foreign tourists to enjoy.

To the New Year

Oh child New Year, on whom the mantle falls Of the departing year, who leaves to thee, The labors, tasks, the duties and the calls Which are the heiriooms of the past, to be A precious trust the heritage of time, How will thou face the future all alone? How front the foes of sin, and vice, and criss Which muster round with force and might a

known? Take courage, child of time, be not dismays, Equip thyself with faith and hope and love. And seek for strength and wisdom from above. With these to help thee, never be afraid.
Go forth with gladness on thine untrod way,
and strength will come to thee from day to at-

To the New Year and the Old Friends

The moon wanes pale in the sky. And the stars all blink for morn; The old year is to die,

And the new year to be born.

We have passed through the vale of tears.

We have trod the journey long.

We have shared our hopes and fears. We have shared our grief and song;

and we've shared them all with our old friend Our true friends, our few friends, And we'll drain anew to our old friends, The friends that are always true.

-Henry Christopher Christie, in Smart Se

The Season's Greetings

We have not been in business here long enough to be rated as "pioneers," yet during our business career we have made so many friends and enjoyed such a share of their patronage that we are glad to thank them through this means and to wish for them and theirs a happy prosperous and successful New Year. Your friends,

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Local and Personal

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Miss Netta Bell visited friends Tuesday. i Stanton last week.

W. E Phillips, of Glasscock county, was here Tuesday.

Horace Harding and F M. (' ffee, of Odessa, were here Tuesday.

You can buy more furniture

Dr. W. T. Ballard left Wednesday for Loraine and Roscoe on professional business.

I want to buy yong horses and mares and mules.

J. C. Billingsley.

Tex Gilbert, who is attending Polytecnic College at Ft. Worth, is spending the ho idays here with his parents.

R. E. McCain and family expect to leave Sunday for Tioga, Grayeon county, where they will make their future home.

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Mrs. J. R. Parks and children visited in Pecos Monday and

Earl Philips, of Baird, was here this week on a visit to hi

Mrs. Wm Brown and daughter, of Toyah, spent Christmawi h Big Springs relatives.

Mrs. J. Q. Kirby and little for less money at Mortons Furn- daughter visited, her parents at POHI City last wer

> Guy Mercer, of Comstock, j. here on a visit to his parents J. H. Mercer and wife.

W E. Carnrike, writing from New Orleans to a friend her says "we" are having a good

J. D. Earnest and family, of Youkum county, are spending the wek with Big Springs relatives and friends.

Dr. C. I Holt left last week for Greenville where he expectto locate. His family will join him in a week or two.

Mrs. Can Powell and son, Frank, are visiting in Toyah, the guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Wm. Robison.

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100 men to cut cord wood and ties at Bagwell, Red River county, Texas, and 15 teams to haul same one and one-half miles. Will pay seventy-five cents per cord for cutting and the same for hauling ten to fifteen thousand cord. Address J. O. Setser, Big 13-4 Springs, Texas.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting

All men are invited to attend the meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. . Rev. L. O. Cunningham will address the meeting.

J. L. Coffee, of Dawson county, and F. M. Coffee, of Odessa, were here last week to attend the funeral of their nephew, Don

James Fannin, age 86 years, died Monday afternoon at the home of C. H. Summers and was buried Tuesday atternoon in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

A Reception will be given at the Y. M. C. A. Monday afternoon from four to six o'clock, under the auspices of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Raleigh Davis, who is a student in the medical department of the State University at Galveston, is spending the holidays here with his parents

This is about the time when New Year resolutions are in order, and no doubt a great many will be made. Do not make any that you no not intend to stick to.

Please remember the meeting of the United Charities at the First Pre-byterian church Wedesday, lanuary 4, 1911. Be ure to come and bring your riends.

N. H. Pierce, editor of the Garien City Gazette, spent Wedneslay here. Mr Pierce says that is people are hopeful that the Santa Fe railroad will be built here from Sterling City.

Why is it that mothers seldom nink they are treating their nildren right unless they are poling them? The speiled boy r girl alwa s has the hardest row to hoe when he or she has to face the world alone.

A sprained ankle will usually able the injured person for hree four weeks This is due to lack of proper treatment. When Chamberlain's Liniment is applied a cure may be effected in hree or four days. This linimeit is one of the best and most remarkble preparations in use. Sold by Biles & Gentry.

. Some of the newspapers in this part of Texas are becoming excited over the railroad situation, and some of them act as though they are afraid of being run over by the cars Don't get alarmed, a railroad never did sneak up on any town. You will hear the whistle in plenty of time to get out of the way.

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Buying the Editor

Every man in every town during a course of life time has to ask a favor of an editor, remarks the Eaton (Col.) Herald. A man may escrpe a doctor, keep clear of the court, but once in a life time he has to have a certain piece put in a newspaper-a marriage notice or a death notice or a notice to have his name omitted from a certain item. It is, therefore advantageous to treat the editor fairly. Do not think you are immune; your time will come and it will be a fine investment if you have a friend in the editor. He will respect your feelings; he will help you when you are in trouble.

The above editorial calls forth the following from Roy Ray, editor of the Poudre Valley at New Windsor, Ccl.

But don't imagine you have bought the editor's friendship and his editorial influence by a subscription to his paper. Only a few will sell these things so cheap. Of course you can stand in a little better than the man who is too stingy to take a local paper, but makes excuses that he is not interested in local affairs or that it is beneath his dignity to read a local newspaper-yet to your certain knowledge borrows the sheet and reads it at the expense of a good paying subsoriber.

Yes, you will stand a little better chance with the editor. But don't imagine he is going to land

into the bosom of St. Peter when the roll is called up yonder if you have not been just to your fellew men here on earth. Do not get the notion that he is going to do much lying for your shriveled soul if you have sacrificed all manhood, all principle, and all friendships upon the altar of Mammon. If you have skinned your friends in every transaction, perjured yourself to consumma e the deal, swindled the widow and orphan in your greed for gold, or

to gain prestige and power, trailed your pathway with lies and broken promises to acquire p litical power, corrupted courts and ties and higher degree by unholy intrigues, if you have mistreated your wife and family—don't sup-

trodden over other people's rights

is going into ecstacies over you. You may think that the grave swallows up ell imperfections, but has no superior. The secret of its gre t it does not. Men may be polite success as that it gives the farmer and his family just what they need in the enough to say nothing ill of you, the any of a family newspaper. In acbut all who knew you know what the others are thinging and how the wife the boys and the girls. they feel deep down in their

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And you are not fooling the editor a little bit. He knows your thoughts and your motives
—and a measly old subscription
isn't going to buy him off.

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I thought Maude had a pretty face, but now she doesn't please, because (oh, horrors, that grimace!) I saw the maiden sneeze. Then Violet, I used to muse, would be a dainty wife; but one sad day I saw her use, for eating beans, her knife. And Isabelle was true and square, as honest as the day, I thought, until her russet hair worked loose and blew away. But recently appeared Jennette, in whom I could descry no blemish, and my hopes were set in the most cloudless sky; but there were heartless clouds ahead. Bill Bromley came to me. "I want to tell you sir," he said, "Jeannette's my fiancee." Despairing now, I seek retreat in monastery cell, where woman I shall never meet, and in sweet peace may dwell.

Thunder and Lightning.

A bishop came to visit a church where a colored minister was presiding. Loudly and with much gesticulation the preacher proclaimed salvation. When he had finished he approached the bishop and asked how he liked the sermon.

The bishop answered: "Why, pretty well; but don't you think you spoke too loud?

"Well," said the preacher, "it's this way; What I lacks in lightning I tried to make up in thunder."-Ladies Home Journal.

Convincing Testimony.

Evidence given at the inquest on a traveler found dead on the bank of the Maranoa river (Queensland):

Witness-I passed the camp in the morning to work. I noticed the bottle of whiskey was full. I thought the man was asleep. When I returned in the evening and the bottle of whiskey was still full I knew the man was dead .- Sydney Bulletin.

"Let's go down and see the Hinky Dink burlesquers. Living pictures to

"What's the price of admission?" "Oh, fifty cents will get you a good

"Pshaw! I can buy a magazine for a dime that contains at least a dozen union suit advertisements."

OLDEST INHABITANT.



Stranger-I heard that man refer to "motor cars" as "automobiles"—he must be your oldest inhabitant?

Native-Oh! no; our oldest inhabitant is still calling them horseless car-Tinges.

Probably. if angels should wear hobble gowns— But, of course, they won't wear such

But, of course, they wor things— I wonder if the hobble will

Interested.

"I told him you had lost your head about him."

"Did he seem interested?"

"He seemed even excited." "The dear man! What did he say?" "He asked if you had lost your face,

The Recourse.

"My father will not allow me to marry you," said the tearful maiden to her fond lover. "He says you are too much in the air about your busi-"Then, darling," said the young av-

iator, "come fly with me."

In a Quandary. Hackett-liss Vougler is in a quan-

dary. Lots-What is the trouble?

Hackett-She wants a new fur boa. she has no money and she loves her

Trying to Improve Upon It. "Why do you think that women, as a rule, are dissatisfied with nature's bandiwork?" she asked.

"Because," he explained, "there are so many toilet preparations on the market.

The Hazard.

Bilkins-I always hate to get shaved in a strange barber-shop.

Bilkins-So hard to tell from their looks which of the tonsorial artists are barbers and which are dentists.

Right Emblem.

"Could you suggest some suitable badge for our 'Don't Worry Club'?" asked the typewriter boarder.

"How would a pine knot do?" asked the cheerful idiot.

"I love you more than life," he said:
"Without you I should wish to die,
The sun would cease to shine o'crhead, The stars cease blazing in the sky,

A SKEPTIC.

Would they knock off and cease The streams that murmur to the sea-Would they back up and cease to flow?

He left her in the dewy eve, And thought, what time he scratched

his head; thought I meant the things I

HE'D TACKLED 'EM BEFORE.



Buzzaw Bill-Say, pardner, thor's dude from ther east in Lasso Lou's saloon. Let's go over an' lick him. Alkali Ike-Not on your life. He might be one of them football players.

The Difference. The ancients from the moderns Have one difference, we have read; The moderns earn their living. While the ancients urned their dead.

No Gentleman.

The comedian cast his eagle eye across the table. "Madam," he exclaimed coolly, "will rou pass me another helping of that

pyrography steak?" "Gracious, Mr. Highball!" exclaimed the landlady in surprise. "Why do you call it 'pyrography steak?"

"Because, ma'am, it tastes like burnt leather." And then even the prunes blushed

to hide their confusion.

Sour Grapes. Miss Woodbe (who lost)-Your husand is evidently a bigamist. You should apply for a divorce at once. Mrs. Gothim (who won)-Why, what

Miss Woodbe-Well, he has been telling it around that he had married both beauty and brains.

Wanted to Be Happy. "I suppose you want me to look as pleasant as possible?" said the sister. "Certainly, sir," replied the photographer. "And I'll have to ask you for a small deposit in advance."

"What's that for?" "That's so that I can look pleasant,

Sweets to the Sweet. "Willie, what are you eating?"

"Where did you get it?" "Bought it."

"Where did you get the money?" "Your beau gave it to me when saw him kiss your maid."

No Need. "I wonder," said the casual visitor at the police court, to the clerk, "that you seem to take no interest in the weather forecast here."

"We don't have to," replied the clerk. "All days are fine days in this court."

BEATING IT.



Lady-Here's the carpet. Now beat

Weary-Yes'm. (Beats It.)

O frost, be warm; dear snow, don't fal.
And shricking winter wind be muta.
Remember, what I wear is all
I have to wear: my outing suit.

A Marked Likeness "The young boxer you were trying conclusions with resembles his father very strongly in his way of fighting doesn't he? "Oh, yes; quite a striking resem

His Moderation. "He looked surprised when he stole

"I was surprised; he only stole one."

A Catastrophe. "How was the last act?" "Ripping. The villain stepped on the train of the herotne's gown."

One From the Cashler

The harmless customer leaned errors the cigar counter and smiled engagingly at the new cashier. As he handed across the amount his dinner check called for he ventured a bit of almiess converse, for he was of that

"Funny," said he, "how easy it is to spend money."

"Well," snapped the cashler as she fed his fare to the register, "If money was intended for you to hold on to the mint would be turning out coins with andles on 'em."

Had Money in Lumps. Charles H. Rosenberg of Bavaria and hips when he arrived here from Hamburg on the Kalserin Auguste Victoria. In fact, there was a series of smaller lumps along his spine, much

like a mountain range, as it is present-

ed on a bas-rellet map. The lumps were about the size of good Oregon apples, and as Rosenberg passed before the immigration doctor for observation, the doctor said softly to himself, "See that lump." Then he asked Mr. Rosenberg to ster aside.

"You seem like a healthy man, said the doctor, "but I cannot pass you until I know the origin of those lumps on your body." "Ah, it is not a sick-ness," laughed the man from Bavaria.

"Those swellings is money." Taking off his coat he broke open sample lump and showed that it contained \$500 in American bank notes He informed the doctor that he had \$11,000 in all, with which he was go ing to purchase an apple orchard in He was admitted to the country .-

Why He Laughed. Miss Mattle belonged to the old south, and she was entertaining

New York Tribune.

guest of distinction. On the morning following his arrival she told Tillie, the little colored maid, to take a pitcher of fresh water to Mr. Firman's room, and to say that Miss Mattie sent him her compliments, and that if he wanted a bath, the bathroom was at his service.

When Tillie returned she said: "I tol' him, Miss Mattle, en' h laughed fit to bus' hisself."

"Why did he laugh, Tillie?" "I dunno." "What did you tell him?" "Jus' what you tol' me to."

"Tillie, tell me exactly what you "I banged de doah, and I said, 'Mr Firman, Miss Mattle sends you her lub and she says, 'Now you can get up and wash yo'self!"—Lippincott's Magerine.

Where He Was Queer. The negro, on occasions, displays a fine discrimination in the choice of words.

"Who's the best white-washer in town?" inquired the new resident. "Ale Hall am a bo'nd a'tist with s whitewash brush, sah," answered the colored patriarch eloquently.

"Well, tell him to come and whitewash my chicken house tomorrow." Uncle Jacob shook his head dubi-

"Ah don' believe, sah, ah'd engage Ale Hall to whitewash a chicken house, sah." "Why, didn't you say he was a good

whitewasher?" "Yes, sah, a powe'ful good white-washer, sah; but mighty queer about a chicken house, sah, mighty queer!

MAKE UP YOUR MIND

If you'll make up your mind to be Contented with your let And with the optimists agree That trouble's soon forgot,

-Mack's National Monthly.

You'll be surprised to find, I guess, Despite misfortune's darts. What constant springs of happiness Lie hid in human hearts;

What sunny gleams and golden dree The passing years unfold, How soft and warm the lovelight ber When you are growing eld.

Acted Like the Genuine. "The landlady says that new boarder is a foreign pobleman."

"Bogus, I'll bet." "Oh, I don't know. He may be the real thing. He hasn't paid her a cent

Grouchly-By denying myself three ten-cent cigars daily for the past 20 years I figure that I have saved \$2,190. Moxley-Is that so?"

Grouchly—Yes. Say, let me have chew of your tobacco, will you?

Thanks to Burnt Cork. "Gosh! But the colored race is a-comin' to the front fast!" whispered innocent Uncle Hiram, at the vaude ville show, as the black-face comedian

was boisterously applauded. "Yes, indeed," smiled the city man; "anyone can see that that fellow is a self-made negro."

Lo, the Rich Indian, The per capita wealth of the Indian is approximately \$2,130, that for other Americans is only a little more than \$1,300. The lands owned by the Indians are rich in oil, timber and other natural resources of all kinds. Some of the best timber land in the United

States is owned by Indians. The value of their agricultural lands runs up in the millions. The ranges which they possess support about 500,-000 sheep and cattle, owned by lessees bringing in a revenue of more than \$272,000 to the various tribes besides providing feed for more than 1,500,000 head of horses, cattle, sheep and goats belonging to the Indians themselves. Practically the only asphalt deposits in the United States are on Indian lands.-Red Man.

No Slang for Her. "Slip me a brace of cackles!" or dered the chesty-looking man with a bored air, as he perched on the first

"A what?" asked the waitress, as she placed a glass of water before

"Adam and Eve flat on their backs! A pair of sunnysiders!" said the young man in an exasperated tone.

"You got me, kid," returned the waitress. "Watcha want?"

"Eggs up," said the young man.
"Eggs,' the kind that come before the hen or after, I never knew which." "Why didn't you say so in the first place?" asked the waitress. "You'd a

had 'em by this time." "Well, of all things-" said the young man.

"I knew what he was drivin' at all the time," began the waitress as the young man departed. "But he's one of them fellers that thinks they can get by with anything. He don't know that they're using plain English now in restaurants."

The League of Politeness. The League of Politeness has been formed in Berlin. It aims at inculcating better manners among the people of Berlin. It was founded upon the initiative of Fraulein Cecelie Meyer, who was inspired by an existing organization in Rome. In deference to the parent organisation the Berlin league has chosen the Italian motto, "Pro gentilezza." This will be emblazoned upon an attractive little medal worn where Germans are ac-

customed to wear the insignia of orders. The idea is that a glasnee at the "talleman" will annihilate any inelination to indulge in bad temper or discourteous language. "Any polite person" is eligible for membership. The "Country Churchyard." Those who recall Gray's "Elegy in a Country Churchyard" will remember

that the peaceful spot where "the rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep" is identified with St. Giles', Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire. In the prosaic pages of a recent issue of the Gasette there appears an order in council providing that ordinary interments are henceforth forbidden in the

How She Learned The mother of a family of three small children was discussing their comparative precocity with a friend. "John was very slow at everything," she said, referring to her eldest. "Tom was a little better, and Edith, the baby, is the smartest of all. She picks up everything quick as can be."

Master John, who had been listen-ing, now contributed his share of the conversation.

"Humph!" he exclaimed. "I know why her learns so quick. It's 'cause her has us and we didn't have us."

Economy.

The late former Governor Allen D. Candler of Georgia was famous the south for his quaint humor.

"Governor Candler," said a Gaines ville man, "once abandoned cigars for a pipe at the beginning of the year. He stuck to his resolve till the year's end. Then he was heard to say:

By actual calculation, I have saved by smoking a pipe instead of cigars this year \$208. But where is

Moslem Traditions Ramadan is the month exalted by Moslems above all others. In that month the Koran—according to Mos-lem tradition—was brought down by Gabriel from heaven and delivered to men in small sections. In that month, Mohammed was accustomed to retire from Mecca to the cave of Hira, for prayer and meditation. In that-month Abraham, Moses and other prophets received their divine revelations. In that month the "doors of heaven are always open, the passages to hell are shut, and the devils are chained." So run the traditions.—The Christian

A Medical Compromise. "You had two doctors in consulta tion last night, didn't you?"

"What did they say?" "Well, one recommended one thing and the other recommended

thing else."
"A deadlock, eh?" "No, they finally told me to mix

Hard on the Mare.

Twice, as the bus slowly wended its way up the steep Cumberland Gap, the door at the rear opened and slammed At first those inside paid little heed; but the third time demanded to know why they should be disturbed in this

"Whist," cautioned the driver, doan't spake so loud; she'll overhear

"Who!"

"The mare. Spake low! Shure, Of'm desavin th' crayture. Everry toime she 'ears th' door close, she thinks won o' yes is gettin' down ter walk up th' hill, an' that sort o' raises her sperrits."-Success Magazine. On her arrival in New York Mme

said: "The secret of my youth? It is the good God-and then, you know, I work all the time. But I am a great-grandmother," she continu thoughtfully, "so how can these many

compliments be true? I am afraid my

Sara Bernhardt, replying to a compli-

ment on her youthful appearance

friends are exaggerating." Mme. Bernhardt's laugh, spontane ous as a girl's, prompted a chorus of

"Yes," said the actress, "unco scious exaggeration, like the French nurse on the boulevard. Our boule vards are much more crowded than your streets, you know, and, although we have numerous accidents, things aren't quite as bad as the nurse sug-

"Her little charge, a boy of six, begged her to stop a while in a crowd, surrounding an automobile accident. 'Please wait,' the little boy said, "Want to see the man who was run over. 'No; hurry,' his nurse answered.
'There will be plenty more to see further on.'

A Retraction "You shouldn't have called that a

pig," said the conciliatory man.
"That's right," replied the visition "There is no sense is incl ing that he's worth 40 cents a perto anybody."

Blissful Ignorance. "Were you nervous when you po

ental person. "No," replied Mr. Meekton; "bet a

years I would have been." Economy in Art.
"Of course," said Mr. Sirius Butter

"I want my daughter to have sort of an artistic education, I the I'll have her study singing." Why not art or literature?" "Art spoils canvas and point as literature wastes reams of por Singing merely produces a temp disturbance of the atmosphere,

Home Thought.

"It must have been frightful," at Mrs. Bossim to her husband, who we in the earthquake. "Tell me was was your first thought when me awakened in your room at the best

and heard the alarm." "My first thought was of you" a swered Mr. Bossim.

"How noble!" Yes. First thing I knew, a vase of the mantel caught me on the exthen a chair whirled in my directs and when I jumped to the middle of the room four or five books and framed picture struck me all at con-Even after saying that he affected to wonder what made her so angry for the remainder of the evening-Much

National Monthly. New Process of Staining Glass. The art of coloring glass has been lost and refound, jealously guards and maliciously stolen so many that in the history of civilization that h seems almost impossible to say apthing new on glass staining. Yet a process has been discovered for me king the stained glass used in windows which is a departure from anything known at the present time. What the Venetians and the Phoenicians knew

of it we cannot tell. The glass first receives its design in mineral colors and the whole is the fired in a heat so intense that the coloring matter and the glass are indisolubly fused. The most attractive feature of this method is that the sur-face acquires a peculiar pebbled character in the heat, so that when the glass is in place the lights are delight fully soft and mellow.

In making a large window in many shades each panel is separately mould ed and bent and the sections are as sembled in a metal frame.

I think our conversational soprate, as sometimes overheard in the cars, arising from a group of young persons who have taken the train at one of our great industrial centers, for be stance, young persons of the female sex, we will say, who have bustled is full dressed, engaged in loud, strident speech, and who, after free discussion, have fixed on two or more do seats, which having secured, they pro ceed to eat apples and hand round daguerreotypes—I say, I think the conversational soprano, heard under these circumstances, would not be among the allurements the old enemy would put in requisition were he got ting up a new temptation of St. As

There are sweet voices among in we all know, and voices not mu it may be, to those who hear then for the first time, yet sweeter to w than any we shall hear until we listes to some warbling angel in the overture to that eternity of blissful has monles we hope to enjoy. But wir should I tell lies? If my friends less me, it is because I try to tell the truth. I never heard but two voices in my life that frightened me by their sweetness,-Holmes,

What About Brain Food?

This Question Came Up in the Recent Trial for Libel.

A "Weekly" printed some criticisms of the claims made for our foods. It evidently did not fancy our reply printed in various news-papers, and brought suit for libel. At the trial some interesting facts came out. Some of the chemical and medical experts differed widely.

The following facts, however, were quite clearly established:

Analysis of brain by an unquestionable authority, Geoghegan, shows of Mineral Salts, Phosphoric Acid and Potash combined (Phosphate of Potash), 2.91 per cent of the total, 5.38 of all Mineral Salts.

This is over one-half. Besunis, another authority, shows "Phos-horic Acid combined" and Potash 78.44 per cent from a total of 101.07.

Considerable more than one-half of Phos-Analysis of Grape-Nuts shows: Potassium and Phosphorus, (which join and make Phosphate of Potash), is considerable more than one-half of all the mineral salts in the food.

one-half of all the mineral salts in the food.

Dr. Geo. W. Carey, an authority on the constituent elemants of the body, says: "The gray matter of the brain is controlled entirely by the inorganic cell-salt, Petassium Phosphate (Phosphate of Potash). This sait unites with albumen and by the addition of oxygen creates nerve fluid or the gray matter of the brain. Of course, there is a trace of other salts and other organic matter in nerve fluid, but Potassium Phosphate is the chief factor, and has the power within itself to attract, by its own

law of affinity, all things needed to manufac-ture the clixir of life."

Further on he says: "The beginning and end of the matter is to supply the lacking principle, and in molecular form, exactly as nature furnishes it in yegetables, fruits and grain. To supply deficiencies—this is the only law of

The natural conclusion is that if Phosp of Potash is the needed mineral elementerin and you use food which does not could, you have brain fag because its daily long act supplied. On the contrary, if you est food known to be rich in this element, you place before the life forces that which nature demands for brain-building.

rain-building. In the trial a sn In the trial a sneer was uttered because Mr. Post amounced that he had made years of research in this country and some clinics of Europe, regarding the effect of the mind on ignestion of food.

But we

But we must be patient with those who smeer at facts they know nothing about.

Mind does not work well on a brain that is broken down by lack of nourishment.

A peacoful and evenly poised mind is necessary to good digestion.

This trial has demonstrated?

That Brain is made of Phosphate of Potash as the principal Mineral Salt, added to albe men and water.

ore than one-balf of all its mineral saits. A healthy brain is important, if one would do things" in this world.

That Grape-Nuts contains that element as

A man who success at "Mind" success at the best and least understood part of himself. That part which some folks believe links us to the laffette.

Mind sake for a healthy brain upon which to t, and Nature has defined a way to make a withy brain and renew it day by day as it used up from work of the previous day.

are's way to rebuild is by the use of food supplies the things required.

"There's a Reason"

Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich.

NEWS EPITOMIZET

APPENINGS OF UNUSUAL IN-TEREST TO OUR READERS, IN READABLE SHAPE.

MIN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

Was of Sufficient Importance You Will Find It Recorded Here.

w P. Brown, noted bull leader in ton, predicts 25c cotton.

The iron foundry at Sam Angelo, ed by William Willig of Tema began operation last week.

Stamford has let a contract for ding a new 300,500,000 gallon resolr, the work to be completed within ninety days after work is com-

Dr. Frederick A. Cook returned to this country Thursday, and is looking well. He will, he says, produce proofs of his claim to having reached the north pole,

The city of Miles has paced on order for material for a \$20,000 watersorks system. Construction work is rives, which is expected in a few weeks. to begin as soon as the material ar-

As a result of a wound inflicted by the accidental discharge of a 22 ber target rifle in the hans of her 8-year old brother the 5-year-old thter of Neely Brown, a Sutton County ranchman, is dead.

The oil mill at Gormon has just started and is running night and day. This plant has the new cold pressure m and is adapted to the crushing of peanuts as well a cotton eed. Peaauts are being extensively planted

The gin belonging to W. S. Matthws & Co., at McKinney, was destroyed by fire last Friday morning, caus-ing a loss of \$14,000. Twenty-five bales (two cars of cotton) and a wharf were also burned.

A speedy election for authority to us bonds for waterworks purposes to the amount of \$1,500,000 is the recdation of the committee apnted by President Lassiter of the ard of Trade of Fort Worth,

A dispatch from Hamlin says that recent continued steady rains have placed the wheat crop in advanced ndition over that of many previous ears. The acreage of wheat in this tion is more than double the amount

edinarily planted The City Board of Commissioners as ordered an election to be held Peb. 14, next year, on the question of an e of bonds to the amount of \$250,-60 for the purpose of building and pping an electric light plant to

be owned and operated by the city. A cheese factory is going to be esblished near Waskom, Tex., by P. P. Barlow, a cheesemaker of Wisconsin, has purchased the Rudd plantalows thereon, so as to be in position to start the factory this winter.

L. C. Russell of Chicago, representase of parties who closed a deal at ches several months ago for erection of a shuttle block factory, is making arrangements for installing the plant. This will be the only plant of its kind in the South.

The \$50,000 bonds for building anther reservoir for Greenville have en sold for \$100 premium and acd interest. Work will begin on the new reservoir as soon as possi-

Edwin Cash Lively, newspaper man ad farmer and for four years Repre ative in the Lower House of the ate Legislature from Dallas Counor, died Thursday morning in the so in which he was born thirtyfive years ago at Irving, Dallas County.

Henceforth in Baltimore no white reon may move into a house in a ek where the majority of the resients of that block are negroes, nor may a negro move into a block where majority of the residents are

For a consideration of \$90,000-\$7, 60 cash and the assumption og \$83, 60 of bonded indebtedness—Andrew er of Austin became the owne of the Taylor Water Company's plant d franchise in that city and will as as the management of the same

Big Sandy citizens are canvassing the proposition of incorporating the

Shiy thousand postoffices are now being operated by Uncle Sam. Gross revenues for the fiscal year, \$224,128,637,62, an increase of \$20,566,247.55 over the preceding year.

In compliance with the President's accommendation the Senate adopted the Culberson joint resolution restirming the boundary line between local and New Mexico in accordance with the survey of John H. Clark in

In a hand-to-hand struggle in a aloon in the Polander section, about the miles from Lockhart, Deputy Sher-Dressen shot and killed Ig-

h is understood that Dr. Powell, hier physician at Terrell asylum, iwil d Dr. Gregory as superintend-appointment of Governor Col-

A larger named Anderson was killed as a white man named Shedden se-leasly injured at Mayo, a small saw-all lows a few miles above Nacog-chas by a falling log.

V. A. Cook, who shot and killed W. B. Cook in his saloon in Dallas, was indicted by the grand jury on a charge of murder in the first degree.

Dallas public school children donated twelve truck loads of food and clothing to the charity organization as a Christmas offering.

Extensive curtailment of the proauction of New England cotton mills, beginning early next year, is expected unless market conditions improve.

Michael Cudahy, founder of the Cudahy firm of meat packers, left an estate worth \$11,000,000 according to his will, which was made public,

The Weatherford Chapter of Royal Arch Masons have just purchased the lot north of their building on South Main street. It is the purpose of the order to erect a building upon the lot. A. W. Schmidt, son of Balser

Schmidt, a farmer of Guadalupe County, accidentally shot and killed himself at his home two miles north of Seguin with a small caliber revolver. Press dispatches say that the ravages of the bubonic plague in Mongo

lia are unchecked. Corpses frequently mark the sites of abandoned camps Colonel E. W. Neff, a pioneer of

El Paso and a thirty-third degree Mason, died a few days since in El Paso. He fought in the Civil war on the Union side with the Ohio Volunteers.

Tentative approval has been given by the Interstate Commerce Commission to the fixed charge for upper berths in Pullman cars at 80 per cent of the charge now paid for lower beths.

Rose Edwards, a negress, died at Marshall a few days since, aged 119 years, 9 months and 9 days. She lived in three centuries and George Washington was in the land of the living when Rose Edwards first opened her eyes.

Six thousand Bibles are to be placed in the hotel bedrooms of Chicago, If guest steals a Bible to read it the book will be replaced and the loss charged to the credit account, because the purpose of the project is to encourage Bible reading.

The big sawmill of the Homan Lumber Company, located at Homan, fourteen miles north of Texarkana on the Iron Mountain Railway, was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning, with about 40,000 feet of lumber. The total loss is estimated at about \$35,000. Insurance, \$25,000.

Mrs. Ruth Rich of Kennett, Mo., interceded in behalf of Charles Beauchamp, serving a 2-year sentence for assault with intent to kill and Gov. Hadley paroled the prisoner. A wedding took place in the walls of the penitentiary, Beauchamp leaving the place on parole with his new wife.

Five women were found dead in bed Christmas day in different parts of Philadelphia by other occupants of the houses where they lived. Death in each instance was due to heart dis-

Mrs. Victoria Gorod-Percy, of New Orleans, aged 100 years, spent Christmas eve telling relatives stories of long age in New Orleans, and was and has arranged to put 100 found dead in her bed Christmas

> Young in spirit, robust in health and as keenly interested in the navy as when he fought the battle of Manila Bay, George Dewey, of the navy, will celebrate his 73d birthday.

> President Tart will make a little Southern trip in March, He has accepted invitation to attend the Southern commercial congress rally at Atlanta on March 9, and he is thinking of accepting invitations given by other Southern cities.

Application has been made and tranted in the District Court of Dallam County for a receiver for the Enid. Ochiltree and Western Raiload.

Famous aviators will fly in Dallas January 4 to 8, inclusive, at the State Fair park. Twenty-five thousand dollars are the prizes offered.

Steamers Collide and Six Drown. Antwerp: The Red Star Liner Finand, bound from New York, and the Baltique, a Belgian steamer of 1,365 tons outward bound with a cargo of and. The Baltique sank immediately. Part of the crew was rescued by the Finland, Six men are unaccounted

Thrift.

Thrift is the basis of sound national as well as individual character.—Lord Roseberry.

Home Life in Kansas. When a woman appears in the back yard with the bed slats and pours boiling water over them, that is proof that she is an entomolgist.-Atchison

Globe. Agricultural Note. "They are putting paris green on the cabbages," said one summer girl.

"Yes," replied the other. "It's hard to get anything that isn't artificially col-Beginning and End.

tune have a beginning, so must they also find an end. Everything rises but to fall, and increases but to de-

As the blessings of health and for-

cay.-Sallust.

Getting the Habit, "Why do you keep the windows up? The curtains are blowing all the time," he stormed. "They may have caught the habit," she said, without telling from whom they caught it.-Boston



SYNOPSIS.

Lawrence Blakeley, lawyer, goes to Pittsburg with the forged notes in the Bronson case to get the deposition of John Glimore, millionaire. In the latter's home he is attracted by a picture of a young girl, whom the millionaire explains is his granddaughter. A lady requests Blakeley to buy her a Pullman ticket. He gives her lower eleven and retains lower ten. He finds a dronken man in lower ten and retires in lower nine. He awakens in lower seven and finds his clothes and bag missing. The man in lower ten is found murdered. Circumstantial evidence points to both Blakeley and the unknown man who had exchanged clothes with him. Blakeley becomes interested dence points to both Blakeley and the unknown man who had exchanged clothes with him. Blakeley becomes interested in a girl in blue. The train is wrecked. Blakeley is rescued from the burning car by the girl in blue. His arm is broken. They go to the Carter place for breakfast. The girl proves to be Alison West, his partner's sweetheart. Her peculiar actions mystify the lawyer. She drops her gold bag and Blakeley puts it in his pocket. Blakeley returns home. He finds that he is under surveillance. Moving pictures of the train taken just before the wreck reveal to Blakeley a man leaping from the train with his stolen grip. Blakeley learns that a man named Sulivan leaped from the train near M—and sprained his ankle. He stayed some time at the Carter place. While making inquiries at Carter's, Blakeley finds Alison and kisses her.

CHAPTER XIX.

At the Table Next. McKnight and Hotchkiss were sauntering slowly down the road as I caught up with them. As usual, the little man was busy with some abstruse mental problem.

"The idea is this," he was saying, his brows knitted in thought, "if a left-handed man, standing in the position of the man in the picture, should jump from a car, would he be likely to sprain his right ankle? When a right-handed man prepares for a leap of that kind, my theory is that he would hold on with his right hand, and alight at the proper time, on his right foot. Of course-

"I imagine, although I don't know," interrupted McKnight, "that a man either ambidextrous or one-armed, fumping from the Washington Flier, would be more likely to land on his head."

"Anyhow," I interposed, "what difference does it make whether Sullivan used one hand or the other? One pair of handcuffs will put both hands out of commission."

As usual when one of his pet theories was attacked, Hotchkiss looked aggrieved.

"My dear sir," he expostulated, "don't you understand what bearing this has on the case? How was the murdered man lying when he was

"On his back," I said promptly, "head toward the engine."

"Very well," he retorted, "and what then? Your heart lies under your fifth intercostal space, and to reach it a right-handed blow would have struck either down or directly in.

"But, gentlemen, the point of entrance for the stiletto was below the heart, striking up! As Harrington lay with his head toward the engine, a person in the aisle must have used the left hand."

McKnight's eyes sought mine and he winked at me solemnly as I unostentatiously transferred the hat I was earrying to my right hand. Long training has largely counterbalanced heredity in my case, but I still pitch ball, play tennis and carve with my left hand. But Hotchkiss was too busy

with his theories to notice me. We were only just in time for our train back to Baltimore, but Mc-Knight took advantage of a second's delay to shake the station agent warmly by the hand.

"I want to express my admiration for you," he said beamingly. "Ability of your order is thrown away here. You should have been a city policeman, my friend.'

The agent looked a trifle uncertain. "The young lady was the one who told me to keep still," he said.

McKnight glanced at me, gave the agent's hand a final shake, and climbed on board. But I knew perfectly that he had guessed the reason for my delay.

He was very silent on the way home. Hotchkiss, too, had little to say. He was reading over his notes intently, stopping now and then to make a penciled addition. Just before we left the train Richey turned to me. "I suppose it was the key to the door that she tied to the gate?"

"Probably. I did not ask her." "Curious, her locking that fellow in." he reflected.

"You may depend on it, there was a good reason for it all. And I wish you wouldn't be so suspicious of motives, Rich," I said warmly.

"Only yesterday you were the suspicious one," he retorted, and we lapsed into strained silence.

It was late when we got to Washington. One of Mrs. Klopton's small tyrannies was exacting punctuality at meals, and, like several other things. respected it. There are always some concessions that should be made in return for faithful service.

So, as my dinner hour of seven was little restaurant downtown where they layers of powder. have a very decent way of fixing chicken a la King. Hotchkiss had departed, economically bent, for a small

"I want to think some things over," glanced at McKnight for a moment,

he said in response to my invitation to dinner, "and, anyhow, there's no use dining out when I pay the same, dinner or no dinner, where I am stopping."

The day had been hot, and the first floor dining room was sultry in spite of the palms and fans which attempted to simulate the verdure and breezes of the country.

It was crowded, too, with a typical summer night crowd, and, after sitting for a few minutes in a sweltering corner, we got up and went to the was not so warm, and we settled ourselves comfortably by a window.

Over in a corner half a dozen boys on their way back to school were ragging a perspiring waiter, a proceeding so exactly to McKnight's taste that he insisted on going over to join them. But their table was full, and somehow that kind of fun had lost its point for me.

Not far from us a very stout, middle-aged man, apoplectic with the heat, was elephantinely jolly for the benefit of a bored-looking girl across the table from him, and at the next table a newspaper woman ate alone, the last edition propped against the this time at me. water bottle before her, her hat, for coolness, on the corner of the table It was a motley Bohemian crowd.

I looked over the room casually, while McKnight ordered the meal. Then my attention was attracted to ter jolly her a little. Good by." the table next to ours. Two people were sitting there, so deep in conversation that they did not notice us The woman's face was hidden under her hat, as she traced the pattern of the cloth mechanically with her fork. But the man's features stood out clear in the light of the candles on the table It was Bronson!

"He shows the strain, doesn't he?" McKnight said, holding up the wine your valuable time."

then back to me. When she looked away again I breathed easier. "Who is it?" asked McKnight under

his breath. "Ontario." I formed it with my lips rather than said it. McKnight's eyebrows went up and he looked with increased interest at the black-gowned

figure. I are little after that. The situation was rather bad for me, I began to see. Here was a woman who could, if she wished, and had any motive for so doing, put me in jail under a capital charge. A word from her to the police, and polite surveillance would become active interference.

Then, too, she could say that she had seen me, just after the wreck, with a young woman from the murdered man's car, and thus probably bring Alison West into the case.

It is not surprising, then, that I ate little. The woman across seemed in no hurry to go. She loitered over a demi-tasse, and that finished, sat with her elbow on the table, her chin in her hand, looking darkly at the changing groups in the room.

The fun at the table where the college boys sat began to grow a little noisy; the fat man, now a purplish smaller dining room upstairs. Here it shade, ambled away behind his slim companion; the newspaper woman pinned on her business-like hat and stalked out. Still the woman at the next table waited.

It was a relief when the meal was over. We got our hats and were about to leave the room, when a

waiter touched me on the arm. "I beg your pardon, sir," he said, "but the lady at the table near the window, the lady in black, sir, would

like to speak to you." I looked down between the rows of tables to where the woman sat alone, her chin still resting on her hand, her black eyes still insolently staring,

"I'll have to go," I sed to McKnight hurriedly. "She know all about that

affair and she'd be a bad enemy." "I don't like her lamps," McKnight observed, after a glance at her. "Bet

CHAPTER XX.

The Notes and a Bargain. woman sat alone. She smiled rather oddly as I drew near, and pointed to the chair Bronson had vacated.

"Sit down, Mr. Blakeley," she said "I am going to take a few minutes of



"I Beg Your Pardon, Sir; the Lady in Black, Sir, Would Like to Speak to

list as if he read from it. "Who's the woman?" "Search me," I replied, in the same

When the chicken came, I still found myself gazing now and then at opening a small black fan covered the abstracted couple near me. Evi- with spangles, waved it slowly. dently the subject of conversation was unpleasant. Bronson was eating little, the woman not at all. Finally he got up, pushed his chair back noisily, thrust a bill at the waiter and stalked You know my name"-I paused sug-

The woman sat still for a moment; make the best of it, she began slowly overmanicured finger. to eat the meal before her.

But the quarrel had taken away her room

I caught my first glimpse of her face then, and I confess it startled me. It was the tall, stately woman of the Ontario, the woman I had last seen cowering beside the road, rolling pebbles in her hand, blood streaming from a cut over her eye. I could see the scar now, a little affair, about an long past, McKnight and I went to a inch long, gleaming red through its

And then, quite unexpectedly, she turned and looked directly at me. After a minute's uncertainty, she with a calmly insolent stare. She companion had made his exit.

"Certainly." I sat down opposite her and glanced at a cuckoo clock on the wall, "I am sorry, but I have only a few minutes. If you-" She laugh ed a little, not very pleasantly, and "The fact is," she said, "I think

are about to make a bargain." "A bargain?" I asked incredulously You have a second advantage of me.

gestively and she took the cue. "I am Mrs. Conway," she said, and then, with an apparent resolution to flicked a crumb off the table with an

The name was scarcely a surprise I had already surmised that this appetite, for the mixture in our might be the woman whom rumor chafing dish was hardly ready to credited as being Bronson's commonserve before she pushed her chair law wife. Rumor, I remembered, had back a little and looked around the said other things even less pleasant. things which had been brought out at Bronson's arrest for forgery.

> "We ma last under less fortunat circumstances," she was saying. have been fit for nothing since that broken arm, I think."

> "I still have it," I said, with a lame attempt at jocularity; "but to have much, indeed, to be thankful for."

"I suppose we have," she said care-It."

"You sent for me-" I said.

"Yes, I sent for you." She roused herself and sat erect, "Now, Mr. Blakeley, have you found those pa-

pers?" "The papers? What papers?" I par-

ried. I needed time to think. "Mr. Blakeley," she said quietly, "T think we can lay aside all subterfuge. In the first place let me refresh your mind about a few things. The Pittsburg police are looking for the survivors of the car Ontario; there are three that I know of-yourself, the young woman with whom you left the scene of the wreck, and myself. The wreck, you will admit, was a fortunate one for you."

I nodded without speaking.

"At the time of the collision you were in rather a hole," she went on, looking at me with a disagreeable smile. "You were, if I remember, accused of a rather atroclous crime. There was a lot of corroborative evidence, was there not? I seem to remember a dirk and the murdered man's pocket-book in your possession, and a few other things that were :well, rather uppleasant."

I was thrown a bit off my guard. "You remember, also," I said quickly, "that a man disappeared from the car, taking my clothes, papers and

everything." "I remember that you said so." Her tone was quietly insulting, and I bit my lip at having been caught. It was

no time to make a defense. "You have missed one calculation," said coldly, "and that is the discovery of the man who left the train." "You have found him?" She bent

forward, and again I regretted my hasty speech. "I knew it; I said so." "We are going to find him," I asserted, with a confidence I did not feel. "We can produce at any time proof that a man left the Flier a few # miles beyond the wreck. And we can

find him; I am positive." "But you have not found him yet?" She was clearly disappointed. "Well, so be it. Now for our bargain. You will admit that I am no fool,"

I made no such admission, and she

smiled mockingly. "How flattering you are!" she said. Very well. Now for the premises. You take to Pittsburg four notes held by the Mechanics' national bank, to I went back slowly to where the have Mr. Gilmore, who is ill, declare

his indorsement of them forged. "On the journey back to Pittsburg two things happen to you: You lose your clothing, your value and your papers, including the notes, and you are accused of murder. In fact, Mr. Blakeley, the circumstances were most singular, and the evidence-well, al-

most conclusive." I was completely at her mercy, but gnawed my lip with irritation.

"Now for the bargain." She leaned over and lowered her voice. "A fair exchange, you know. The minute you put those four notes in my handthat minute the blow to my head has caused complete forgetfulness as to the events of that awful morning. I am the only witness, and I will be silent. Do you understand? They will call off their dogs."

My head was buzzing with the strangeness of the idea.

"But," I said, striving to gain time, "I haven't the notes. I can't give you what I haven't got."

"You have had the case continued," she said sharply. "You expect to find them. Another thing," she added. slowly, watching my face, "if you don't get them soon, Bronson will have them. They have been offered to him already, but at a prohibitive price." "But," I said, bewildered, "what is

Bronson will get them anyhow-" She shut her fan with a click and her face was not particularly pleasant to look at.

"You are dense," she said insolent-

your object in coming to me? If

ly. "I want those papers-for myself, not for Andy Bronson." "Then the idea is," I said, ignoring her tone, "that you think you have me in a hole, and that if I find those papers and give them to you you will let me out. As I understand it, our friend Bronson, under those circumstances, will also be in a hole."

She nodded. 'The notes would be of no use to you for a limited length of time," I went on, watching her narrowly. "If they are not turned over to the state's attorney within a reasonable time there will have to be a nolle pros-that is, the case will simply be dropped for lack of evidence."

"A week would answer, I think," she said slowly. "You will do it, then." I laughed, although I was not especially cheerful-

"No, I'll not do it. I expect to come across the notes any time now. and I expect just as certainly to turn them over to the state's attorney when I get them."

She got up suddenly, pushing her chair back with a noisy grating sound that turned many eyes toward us. "You're more of a fool than I thought you," she sneered, and left

me at the table. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

Led by the Nose. An analytical chemist was retained

as a skilled witness some years ago, where there are questions of analytical chemistry. There was one case where a farmer had bought some artificial manure, and he was being sued for the price of it. He resisted payment on the ground that the materrible day. And you-you had a terial had none of the qualities of manure at all. The expert chemist was one of the witnesses, and had stated that, although the substance escaped at all was a miracle. We have had the smell, it had none of the chemical qualities of manure. Under cross-examination he was asked, if lessly, "although sometimes I doubt that was so, how did he account for She was looking somberly to hundreds of the best farmers having hotel where he lived on the American bowed, letting her eyes rest on mine ward the door through which her late taken the manure for many years. "They must have been led by the nose," returned the witness.

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A few years ago the cotton boll weevil, which had increased steadily from year to year reached a point at which it destroyed n Texas over \$30,000,000 worth of cotton in one season. Many men in southern Texas were bankrupt. Cotton planting was gven up in certain places and it ooked as if this great wealth producing industry was doomed n Texas. Under the direction of the Department of Agriculture a better method of cultivation naspeen developed and the use of better adapted varieties of cotton has become more general; as a result of which Texas farmers, following the methods worked out by the Department investigaors, again raise large crops of cotton in spite of the boll-weevil.

At the recent Chicago Land Show over 200,000 pieces of lit--rature of the Texas Commercial S cretaries' Association was distributed by industrial departments of railroads and real estate ag nts. The literature was the m st attractive and effective of any advertising matter ever offered for distribution and the Texas exhibits were by far the best displayed on the grounds. Texas Day was observed in a manner that caused the citizens . f the windy city to stand up and take notice. The program was unique and the Texas delegation w in the applause of the exposi-

The press reports from Kentucky tell us that the public school boards are abolishing corporal punishment. Bad grammar and Nigger English are far bette than the whipping post and the rod was never popular in Texas schools any way. The children of the Blue Grass state coming to Texas and secure the b-nefit of a splendid school syst-m that is endowed with 52,801,-000 acres of land and where the rod is used for fishing poles alone.

The land agent is a most useful citizen. He seldom makes a transaction that does not build up his section of the country. When he locates a new farmer, he provides a permanent customer for the local merchants and services: adds to the population and wealth of the community in general. He is an empire builder and cannot prosper without making the service at 7:30 p. m. community prosperous.

There is too much money going for the luxuries of city life and not enough for country provements. The cry of haback to the soil" should apply to money as well as men. It takes the coin of the realm to improve farms, build public highways and make farm life profitable and SI.SO A YEAR attractive.

> Farmers whose lands are not accessible to improved public highways are brought face to face with the question as to whether such lands shall remain idle and unproductive or whether they shall increase the value of their land by improving their roads. Settle the question and settle it now. Build good coads.

> It is railroad construction that places lands in touch with commerce and it is good roads that places the farmer in touch with railroads. Good roads are the greatest aid in the development of a co:amunity and money spent for their construction will bring returns to the farmer.

An Ohio newspaper office was shot into with buckshot by the local grocer because of his ad. which should have read, "A fresh stock of dairy butter daily." The printer used an "h" instead of a "d" in the word "dairy." The printer takes more chances than any other man on earth.

GHURGH SERVICES

Methodist Church.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. Preaching at 11 a. m. Junior League at 4 p. m. Senior at 5 p. m. Preaching at 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8:15 p. m.

Choir practice Thursday night at 8:15 p. m. Come and bring some one with

> CHAS, W. HEARON, Pastor. At the Christian Church

Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

E.S. BLEDSOE, Pastor.

Baptist Church Services

Sunday school 9:45 a. m Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:30 Sunbeams, Mrs. Morrison 4:30

8r. Union 4:00 p. m. Jr. Union 5:30 p. m. Don't forget that you are in-

vited to all these services.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Children's Band at 4 p. m. Prayer-meeting Tuesday night Everybody invited to attend the

Episcopal Church.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and night Rev. D. A. Sanford, Rector.

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I take this means of wishing my present and prospective customers a

Prosperous New Year

I can look back over the volume of business I have done since coming here, and, in the face of conditions that have pre vailed, can say that I am thankful indeed for the

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When you need anything in jewelry, I will be pleased to have you inspect my line. My repair department is in charge of a first class workman. Respectfully,

I. H. Park, Jeweler

Wealth Creaters.

in building a house we must use material that is stable and durable and in building a community we must ise lines of industry that are constructive and active. The former promotes and the latter perpetuates prosperity. Among the classes of property that constitute building maerial for empires are public highways, railroads, factories, mines, irrigating canals, etc. These industries create and thrust values upon adjoining property, and the amount of unearned wealth they distribute depends upon their native characteristics and upon their surroundings, but it is more than likely that the irrigating canal makes the largest gift of permanent values to contiguous property. It takes the desert and swamp lands and makes fertile fields and gardens and fills uninhabited places with happy and prosperous homes.

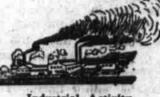


Irrigating Canal.

A'l lines of industry that build ries have characteristics e. ritorious as the canal.

by in property is as important tructiveness. The factory, the d. the mine and the canal have a single fiber of idleness in their onstruction, and inactivity inflicts

pon them self-destruction. and owner may let his farm lie idle nd it will increase in fertility and alue, but the manufacturer must run is factory as fast as the wheels will urn or his property decays and dedines in value.



What we have said of the factory also true of all lines of constructive ndustry. The irrigating canal build arms, the factory makes cities, and ransportation facilities build both farms and cities, and any sort of prop rty that has inherent characteristics of generosity and activity should be encouraged. Improved public highways constitute a most convincing nvitation to industry, as the farm, the factory, the railroad, the mine and all the people are vitally interested in public highways, says the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Asso-

and racter study of property and in analysis of the requirements of a ommunity are essential to the intelgent development of a locality, ommercial club is the architect

barrels. Try it if you want a first he will make Texas a great -class article.

POOL BROTHERS.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES CANARAGE SAME CANARAGE SAME

What the Papers of Central West Texas are Talk-ing About

We think our farmers and profitable industry to arrange to raise a good big numb of shick-ens and turkeys for the market. All the year just passing into history every article of the poul-try yard has been exceedingly arce and for that reason we think there is a splendid oppor-tunity for a good income from this line of industry. If the local market is supplied then our me chants will buy for shipping purposes, -- Wellington Leader.

The same conditions prevail here as well as elsewhere in West Texas, and the farmer who gives part of his time and attention to pourtry raising will soon possess a bank account.

The mis-named West Texas Normal at Canyon City has only n attendance of less than two hundred, or more properly speak-ing about one numbed and nity, vuereas, if it had been lucated a Abilene, Stamford or even Sweetwater, it would by this time have had a schoustic enrollment of SANTARARA MARAKAN MARAKAN AND MARAKAN 800 to 400, it not more .-- Taylor County News.

The proper place for that school was Big burings, and if it had been located here there might have been an enrollment ot 1,000. You can't aiways tell what win happen to a school if properly located.

A plenuful supply of Artesian water could be secured in Westbrook it our citizens would get up a little money and a whole lot of determination and go after it. No town ever amounts to much without a plentitul supply of water. With a good water supply, this town would double in population in six months. -- Mitchell County News.

Water is a great factor in the upbuilding of a town and no town can expect to amount to very much without a good sup-

It is seldom that a man fees better for saying some mean litde something that hurts someone else, and so what's the use of doing it. You may be entirely correct in your ides of a thing and still not be right in wounding your friends teelings about it simply because he differs with you .-- Abilene Reporter.

Every one has a right to their opinion and should no be abused for possessing it, even if they sometimes differ with their best

During the last term of District court which closed here on Sat-urday, the 17th of December, the court granted a divorce in three seperate cases that had been filed in court praying for a divorce. The court, hearing the pleadings and testimony, granted their request; all three of the divorced parties have succeeded in getting married again. This is one instance where the preponderance of testimony is all on the matrimonial side .-- Pecos Times.

And it is where it should be. This thing of marrying for the fun of it, and then getting free through the divorce courts is a bad habit to get into.

As Abilene and Amarillo have gone to scrapping over the loca-tion of the Court of Appeals, why not compromise the thing and lo-cate it at Lubbock, the proper place in the beginning.--Lubbock Avalanche.

Bring the court to Big Springs and thus give a central location convenient to all parts of West

minites, and every citizen should join the local club and study property and ability to develop the munity.

Ribbon Cane Syurp.

We have pure ribbon cane syrup in 3 and 5 gallon jackets, and in 10 gallon kegs and half barrels. Try it if you want a first he will make Texas a great Gov-

Every loyal citizen of the Lo Start the new year right by Star State hopes that Mr. Colsubscribing for The Enterprise. | quitt will make a great Governor.

The Western Windmill Co

It has ever been our purpose to give our patrons good goods, good treatment and value received for their money. 4 We appreciate the trade which has been accorded us in the past and trust that the New Year may witness a vast increase in prosperity for you and for us. " Wishing you a happy New Year, we beg to remain

Sincerely your friends,

The Western Windmill Co

R. L. McCamant

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I desire to thank my customers

for the patronage extended me

during the year now drawing to

a close, and hope that the

coming year will be one of

Happiness and Prosperity!

Respectfully

R. L. McCamant



"IT'S DOG-ON GOOD FEED."

mments the customer as he notices his horses and cattle becoming sleeker, healthier, happier every day. Then he relatines that our statements about the quality of our hay, oats, corn, bran, sifaifs and "trico" are not mere idle talk, but facts. Follow his example and note results.

F. Morris Phon

us make resolutions, known as we each do this the appearance "New Year resolutions." Let of the town will be greatly imone of them be to refrain from throwing tin cane, waste paper munity. Think about it-resolve and other articles of rubbish in and stay with the resolution.

Time is coming when many of the alleys and on vacant lots. If proved-and too, it has something to do with the health of the com-

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Boozen inherited a million I he's a worse drunkard than He's a dipsomaniac."

At the Door. Yes, my mind is made up. Tonight shall ask her to be my wife. B-b-y ore, I h-hope she's out!"-Woman's

No More Indigestion for those who know the value of Hostetter's Stomach Ritters when the stomach is weak, the liver inactive and the bowels clogged. Why? It is compounded from ingredients best adapted for keeping the organs strong and healthy, and its wonderful record in the past has proven it to be a great success. Try a bottle for Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Colds and Grippe. Get





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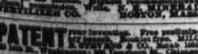
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TEXAS NEWS HAPPENINGS

Contracts for an automobile fire engine costing \$8250 and for 4000 feet of fire hose has been awarded by the Dallas Commissioners.

A 10-year-old boy and a 4-year-old boy of Marshall, played with a gun Christmas day. The younger boy has had his arm amputated near the elbow.

The State Department of Health has just issued a report of the vital statistics for November showing that during the month two sets of triplets were born and fifty-seven sets of twins. Fifty-one sets are white and six colored. The total number of births reported were 4336.

Joe Patterson, engineer for the Christoval Irrigation company, is dead at his home in Christoval as a result of injuries received Thursday when the massive belt of the engine slipped off, striking him on the head.

There are now seven outfits operating in the Toyah oil field. These are: The Texas Company; Toyah Oil and Mineral Company, Fort Worth; Toyah Oil and Development Company, Fort Worth; Dismukes and Graham party, Corsicana; Toyah Oil and Pipe Line Company.

Successful experiments by the Departments of Agriculture in the acclimatization and breeding of Egyptian cotton in the southwestern part of the United States have led experts of the Government to believe that this cotton can be grown with profit in this country.

The Commissioners Court of Cam eron county has made a test of cement culverts and was so well pleased with it they ordered machinery for making these culverts for each of the four Commissioners. On account of the high price of lumber and the short time a wooden culvert lasted, the culvert proposition has been a very heavy drain on the road and bridge fund.

It has been ascertained that a Satillo company will put in a smelter for calcamine at Laredo as soon as it is demonstrated that gas exists in sufficient quantities. So far as known there is an unlimited supply, as only one of the fourteen wells at Reiser is used to supply the entire city.

At Tulsa, Okla., while the mother was at a near-by schoolhouse assisting in the preparation of a Christmas celebration and the father was at work the home of Frank McCoy at Avant, thirty miles north, caught fire, presumably from gas, and their two children, aged 1 and 2 years were burned to death.

Announcement is made of a new State bank and trust company, at Waco, with \$100,000 capital, to open February 1. This will make nine banks, besides the private loan companies and savings banks, and a \$500, 000 trust company is organized.

Mayor Seth Burnett of Calvert has purchased of Thad Thompson and E. M. House of Austin 2015 acres of land about fourteen miles north of Calvert, the purchase price being \$47,500.

The board of trustees of Wesley College has just announced that beginning January 1 steps will be taken to erect an additional new building in West Terrell at a cost of \$50,000. Chester Perrin, aged about 26 years. killed himself in Houston Monday morning by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. He died on the way to the infirmary in an am

Albert H. Sutherland, aged 38, a member of the Galveston fire depart ment, died from injuries sustained by being struck by an automobile. Sutherland alighted from a moving street car and stepped in front of the

Masons of Waco are planning a \$40,000 building to replace one destroved some time since by fire.

A fight frost, the first of the season, fell in Galveston last Friday night, whitening the roofs of buildings and the wooden sidewalks and imparting to the air a snap and gingery feeling.

Conductor Alex Lowrance, to charge of the Texas limited, fell from his train near Wister, Okla., and was killed. He was not missed until the train had run several miles, when the crew backed up and found his body cut in two beside the !rack.

A large number of fatal poisonings of children from eating mistletoe ber ries is reported.

Joe Garcia was stabbed to death at San Antonio Monday morning. The body was found, with pockets rifled, on the prairie,

The Truscott (Knox County) Copper Company has shipped the first car of copper ore to the smelter at El Paso, Tex. If the ore is as good as the sample it will be worth \$63 per ton. The company will ship another

car this week. Sale of 3000 acres of land on the Houston-Galveston interurban is reported to have been made last week at a price of \$300,000.

Fort Worth Board of Trade has raised a bonus to remove the Heaton wagon factory from Neosho, Mo., to,

that city. The work on the Galveston causeway for the past month is pronounced by county, railroad and officials of to have been the most satisfactory the Blodgett Construction Company accomplished since the big undertaking was started over a year ago

PRAYER IS WITHOUT RESULT

Boy's Patience is Exhausted After Frequent Petitions to Throne of Grace.

A young man who is prominent in church work in Philadelphia tells this about his nephew:

Harold is the youngster's name, and next door lives another boy by the name of Dewey. They are each seven years old, and like most children of their age, are disposed to get into mischief as often as possible. Several days ago they found a man's coat lying on the front pavement while the owner was fixing a gas main. From the pockets of the coat the two boys abstracted several tickets, and when Harold's mother found it out she made him return the tickets and explained the sin which he had committed, warning him to pray that he be forgiven that night. He obeyed, and while on his knees added a prayer for Dewey as well.

The next night Harold's mother was in the next room when he said his prayers, and she heard him ask God to forgive Dewey for stealing a piece of cake. On the following evening he again was moved to ask forgiveness for his friend, this time for stealing three pieces of candy. Apparently his patience was exhausted, for the next evening his mother was in the adjoining room when he offered his evening prayer, and this is what she heard:

"Gosh darn it, God, I have done the best I could for Dewey. I guess you will have to watch him yourself." -Philadelphia Record.

HIRAM CARPENTER'S WONDER-FUL CURE OF PSORIASIS.

"I have been afflicted for twenty years with an obstinate skin disease, called by some M. D.'s. psoriasis, and others leprosy, commencing on my scalp; and in spite of all I could do, with the help of the most skilful doctors, it slowly but surely extended until a year ago this winter it covered my entire person in the form of dry scales. For the last three years I have been unable to do any labor, and suffering intensely all the time. Every morning there would be nearly a dustpanful of scales taken from the sheet on my bed, some of them half as large as the envelope containing this letter. In the latter part of winter my skin commenced cracking open. I tried everything, almost, that could be thought of, without any relief. The 12th of June I started West, in hopes

I could reach the Hot Springs. I reached Detroit and was so low I thought I should have to go to the hospital, but finally got as far as Lansing, Mich., where I had a sister living. One Dr. - treated me about two weeks, but did me no good. All thought I had but a short time to live, I earnestly prayed to die. Cracked through the skin all over my back, across my ribs, arms, hands, limbs; feet badly swollen; toe nails came off; finger-nails dead and hard as a bone; hair dead, dry and lifeless as old

straw. O my God! how I did suffer. "My sister wouldn't give up; said, We will try Cuticura.' Some was applied to one hand and arm. Eureka! there was relief; stopped the terrible burning sensation from the word go. They immediately got Cuticura Resolvent, Ointment and Soap. I commenced by taking Cuticura Resolvent three time a day after meals; had a bath once a day, water about blood heat; used Cuticura Soap freely; applied Cuticura Ointment morning and evening. Result: returned to my home in just six weeks from the time I left, and my skin as smooth as this sheet of paper. Hiram E. Carpenter, Henderson, N. Y."

The above remarkable testimonial was written January 19, 1880, and is republished because of the permanency of the cure. Under date of April 22, 1910, Mr. Carpenter wrote from his present home, 610 Walnut St. So., Lansing, Mich.: "I have never suffered a return of the psoriasis and although many years have passed I have not forgotten the terrible suffering I endured before using the Cuticura Remedies."

Incredible Brutality. Willis-Under this year's football rules, you can't assist the man with the ball

Gillis-Great Scott! What do they do-stand around and let bim die?-Puck.

Household Hints. By taking one hobble skirt and sewing up one end of it a very protty

ragbag may be made in which to put

the others. Dr. Pierce's Pellets, small, sugar-coated, easy to take as candy, regulate and invig-orate stomach, liver and bowels. Do not

Ignorance gives greater freedom in

utterance than inspiration; and is often mistaken for it. Your cattle always have pure water at small fost to you if you have a bottom-less tank. Booklet "A" free. Alkmo Iron Works, Ban Antonio, Texas.

The big fences are not always around the best fruit trees.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. Idren teething, softens the guns, reduces in-stion, alloys pain, ourse wind colic. Me a bottle.

The trouble hunter always bags

AND GO AHEAD SLOWLY.



Philosopher-And now, after having reviewed all philosophy with you, there is only one law that I can lay down for your guidance. Student-What is that?

Philosopher-When you are sure you are right, you should suspect that you are wrong.

Two Bad Cases In England Cured by Resinol Ointment.

I have been using Resinol Ointment during the last few weeks for a varicose ulcer on leg and can bear testimony to its cooling and curative qualities. Have never found anything to equal it. I was recommended by my sister, Mrs. Cairus Ladykirk, Norham on Tweed, to try it. She had been treated 14 months previously without effect, but was entirely cured by Resinol Ointment. Robert Davidson, Gateshead on Tyne.

Precaution.

The family were fabulously wealthy, yet here was their baby being born with a plated spoon in its mouth. How came that about? The young parents. observing our perplexity, led us aside. "The silver spoon is kept in the safety vault and a cheap substitute is used in its stead. One is never sure of one's servants these days,"

they explained in a confidential whis-

per.-Puck.

Mrs. Roosevelt an Economist. Mrs. Roosevelt is said to have kept her gowns from one year to the next and even the third year, and yet was always beautifully dressed. The bestdressed woman in London is said to be Mrs. Keppell, who wears her gowns more than one season, having them made over for the second year, as her income does not allow of a great variety of gowns.

The Significant Wink. "I think," said the weary stranger, that I'll go somewhere and take 40 winks."

The back driver looked puzzled. "What's the trouble?"

"I was wondering whether you wanted me to drive you to a hotel or a drug store."

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Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) cures the worst cases of rheumatism, bone pains, swollen muscles and joints, by purifying the blood and destroying the uric acid in the blood. Thousands of cases cured by B. B. B. after all other cases cured by B. B. B. after all other treatments failed. Price \$1.00 per large bottle at drug stores, with complete directions. Large sample free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga., Department B.

Vance-I think Ferdie ranks with Edison as an inventor and benefactor

Luella-What did he invent? Vance-He invented a device to pwevent cigawette papers fwom blowing away in a stwong breeze Scraps.

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"Fine weather, we've been having." "Yes, but we'll pay for this fine weather later on." "I won't. I'm going to Florida for

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Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TANTELESS
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tle more than you can do.'

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We have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it.-G. Bernard Shaw.

Cattle drink pure water at less cost to you, if you have a bottomless tank. Book-let "A" free. Alamo Iron Works, San Antonio, Texas.

The angels are more likely to be counting beads of perspiration than drops of tears.

Greatly Changed.

In a little town in Maine where it is still the custom for the residents to attend the funerals of those whom they may have seen only a few times they may have seen only a few times in their lives, regarding the event as Cured in One Day a sort of social function, the undertaker was somewhat puzzled at the actions of one woman, who gazed in the coffin, shook her head sadly and returned to her seat, saying: "How changed!" only to repeat the process several times.

After this had been gone through three or four times the undertaker realized what was the trouble, and stepping up to the caller, said: "Madam, I think you must have made a mistake. This is John Sawyer that we are burying from here. Maria "I regard my cold cure as being bees ter than a Life Insurance Policy."— MUNYON. Brown's funeral is being held from a house in the next block." As a rule a few doses of Munyon's Cold Cure will break up any cold and prevent pneumonia. It relieves the head, throat and lungs almost instantly. These little sugar pellets can be conveniently carried in the vest pocket for use at any time or anywhere. Price 25 cents at any druggists.

Considerate.

Johnston (to wife) - Well, Maria, I'm going to stay at home with you today and help you to tidy up the house. I'll tack down the carpets and hang up the pictures to begin with.

Mrs. J. (to children), Children, you may go over to grandmamma and stay all day. (Aside)-I know my husband is a deacon in the church, but for all that he is as apt to hit his thumb with a hammer as any other man.

A Shiver Figure.

"Now, Arthur." said his father, "you've been going to school long enough to write decently. Don't you know how to make a figure three?"

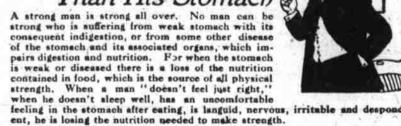
your percil on the paper and then you shiver." Bottomiess tanks enable you to water your cattle in Nature's way at small cost. Booklet. "A" free Alamo Iron Works, Ban Antonio. Texas.

"Sure," said the boy, "You put

When the virtues are only on the surface they easily find vociferous

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Do you realize that my shoes have been the standard for over 30 years; that I make and sell more \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 shoes than look been the standard for over 30 years; that I make and sell more \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 shoes than look been the standard for over 30 years; that I make and sell more \$3.00 \$3.50 and \$4.00 shoes than look been any other manufacturer in the United States? Quality counts.

It has made W. L. Douglas shoes a household word everywhere.

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This is a liquid given on the tongus or placed in feed, absolutely safe for Mares, Colps and all others. Money back if not satisfactory, \$1.00 bottle holds three Socant bottles. Send for free Horse Book. Special agents wanted. Soid by druggists or prepaid from BINKLEY MEDICAL COMPANY, Dept. 26, Response, Indiana.

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SERFERERS RESIDENCE WEWERES WERE Big Springs, Howard County, Texas

Big Springs, the county seat of Howard county, being the devision point on the Texas & Pacific railroad, 270 miles west of Fort Worth and 330 miles east of El Paso. Having an altitude of 2300 feet. A happy medium, being neither to cold or hot. The Texas & Pacific railroad company has located their shops here at a cost of half million dollars, with pay roll of over \$40, 000 per month A \$50,000 Ice factory and bottling works. 2 gins, \$20,000, Electric Light and Power plant, the best Telephone system in the country and equal to any city in the State, and abundance supply of the finest water in Texas, furnished by the Big Springs Water company, one of the best equipped Steam Laundry in the west, \$24,000

High School and two g10,000 Ward school buildings \$12,000 City Hall, \$10,000 Court House. \$20,000 Fire prof jail, and \$20, 000 Y M. C. A. building beside the Texas & Pacific railroad has just completed a 50,000 Depot, beside all of the religious denominations have nice comfortable houses of worship, the Baptist have just completed a \$20, 000 brick church, and the Catholic have now under construction a brick church to cost about \$16,000.

The Masons have one of the finest halls in the State, and other orders have flourishing lodges, beside her mercantile and banking institutes which are not excelled. In our 3 banks there is on deposit about one million dollars. Beside all of these good things, we are surrounded by one of the best all purpose countries on earth, farming, stock farming horses, cattle, mules, hogs, sheep and poultry, there has never been known such a thing as an epidemic of disease among stock in this part of Texas.

640 Acres

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

6080 Acres

The G. C. Cauble ranch, adjoins the town, more than 1200 acres in fine state of cultivation, \$20,000 worth of improvements, 90 per cent smooth, first class firm red and black sandy soil, abundance of fine water, mesquite wood, school on the ranch, land is worth \$30 per ac. e but it can be bought at the present time for \$18 per acre, for terms apply to G. C. Cauble or R. B. Canon & Co.

We have several residences in Big Springs for sale or trade.

See or write us for anything in real estate.

160 Acres

4 miles northwest from Big Springs, all smooth tiliable land. no improvements. Price, \$12.50 per acre; good terms.

If you want money to build homes, or buy. See R. B. Canon & Co.

We have a 20,000 acre randa, well improved, well watered, we can trade at \$4 per acre, and we have on the Concho River 1600 actes, 800 in farm, 600 acres irrigated, 150 in alfalfa, extra well improved, a bargan at \$50 per acre and will trade. See R. B. Canon & Co.

We have any size farm from 13 acres up to 1300 acres that we can sell now at a very low price.

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Texas Lands

R. B. Canon & Company

Texas Lands

No. B. 230 acres smooth black land lo-cated 6 miles north of Hubbard City, Hill county Texas 200 acres in cultivation, balance tilla le two sets of good improvements, will trade for western land or merchandise. Price 75.00 per Incumbent for \$3000 00 loan.

Nos 2, B. 800 acres 4 miles south of Blum Hill Co . 300 seres in cultivation, no incumberance Price +25 00 per acre. Will trade for smooth western land.

No. 3 is 626 acres 2 miles west of Whit nes, Hill Co. 500 acres in cultitivation. 100 acres more tillable, 5 sets of good improvements, the land is black and sandy, very production, incumbered for \$9000 00 in cash difference. Price \$60.00

No. 4. B. 103 acres of black land 3 miles south of Blum. Hill county, 90 acres in cultivation, balalance tillable, well im-proved. Price \$65.00 per acre. 100 acres miles south of Blum, 90 acres in cultivation, no incumberance. Price \$65.00 per acre. 111 acres 3 m les east of Blum 80 acres in cultivation. 15 acres in orchard, all tillable land and well improved. Price \$50.00 per acre 60 acres 3 miles southeast of Blum, 40 acres in cul-

Plum. Pears, Apples and Berries, all productive Price \$1200.00 208 acres 10 miles northwest of Whitney, 180 acre in cultivation, balance tillable, 3 sets of good improvements. Price \$40.00 jer acre. One 6 room house and 2 lots rented and located in Whitney, \$15.00 One 4 room house and two lots located in same place. Price \$1200.00. One 5 room house and two lots, same place. Price \$1200.00. One 5 room house and two lots, same place. Price \$1200.00. One 5 room house and two lots, same place. Price \$1200.00. One 5 room house and two lots, same place. Price \$1200.00. One 5 room house and two lots, same place. Price \$1200.00. One 5 room house and two lots, same place. Price \$1200.00. One 5 room house, 2 galled house and two lots, same place. Price \$1500 00 One 9 room house and two lots located in the city of Waco on Columbus street. Price \$5000.00 One new liv-ery stable and two lots located in Whit-

Western land or merchandise. No 13 B. 73 acres land 5 miles north-west of Whitney. Hill County, 50 acres in cultivation, balance good grass land, Price \$30 00 per acre, no incumberance, has a 4 room house and good water will trade for anything worth the money. No 26. B. 800 acres black land 3 miles south of Blum, Hill county, 300 acres in cultivation, 200 more tiliable, balance good pasture land, 3 sets of inprovements, no incumberance. Price \$45.00 per acre, will trade for Gaines or joining

ney \$3000 00 All of the above to trade

county land.

Some Exchange Propositions.

vated, 409 in pasture, 200 fruit trees, black land good 6 room house, 2 galleri es, granery, good well and windmill, one pasture sheep proof, good plank lots, a well improved farm and ranch. Price \$15.00 will trade for good western land worth the money.

No. 2. W. 600 acres, 225 tillable, 125 cultivated, balance pasture, nice 5 room house with hall, gallery and brick flues, ceiled papererd and in a finished con-dition, plenty of water in pasture and at house in well. This is a desirable place to live, only one and half miles from Morgan, at the junction of two good railroads, fine school churches. Price \$25 00 per acre, will trade for good western land, with nittle or no incamberance. Want a good proposition made on these lands.

2220 acres half mile of railroad station, and six miles from Gainsvill , this land miles southeast of Blum. 40 acres in cul. GREEN.

is part black and part red, 700 acres in a part black and part red, 700 acres in twation, balance tillable, well improved. No. 1, G. 838 acres in Hays county near cultivation, 100 acres adjoining a creek. Price \$25.00 18 acre orchard 4 miles on the Blanco river black land, all unwhich runs through the land is timber, east of Whitney, composed of Peach, der Hog proof fence improvements balance grass about 250 acres along the

all renced with Boisdarc posts everlast-ing water in the creek, price 45. per acre. Terms 1-3 cash, ballone as arrang-ed. No indumberance. Would trade for good cattle ranch of equal value or

might ossume or pay some difference. This place is loated betwen two german settlements and could sub-divide and advantageously sold in smaller tracts to germans, but the present owner has always declided to do so, desiring to sell as a whole or trade for a ranch.

ANDERSON:

7.181 acres of land in Val Verde Co. about 45 miles north of Det. Rio it is touching alternated, said to be quite a laige acreage of good level land on it and fairley well wtered by springs and waterholes. Price \$1.40 per acre on long time, 6 per, cent intrest. Terms \$3321. 39 cash, ballance one to six years \$1122.00 each. It is the best in Texas.

Watch this ad for it may contain just what you want. Read it every week.

18 miles north from Big Springs, all fine prairie land, absolutely in water belt. Price, \$12.50 per acre; best of terms.

See R. B. Canon or Z. R. Stephens if you want to buy or sell a

8500 acres of land in El Paso county, 75 miles northwest of Van Horn, all level, good agricultural land abundance of water, unimproved; \$1,50 to state, price \$2 bonus: trade for merchandise or good revenue stuff or farms.

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Let every land holder put part of his holdings in a farm this year and next. Put a good farmer on it and see what the results will be. It will spell dollars.

The peculiar properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have been thoroughly tested during by using Chamberlain's Cough epidemics of influenza, and when it was taken in time we have not luenza, but counteracts any tenheard of a single case of pneumonia Sold by Biles & Gentry.

The norther which reached here early yesterday morning town gave entertainments and was quite a disappointment to Christmas trees on the 24th, and some of our weather prophets all of them had very interesting who had been predicting rain.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attact of influenza. As this can be promply cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Rem edy, it shoulp not be alloud to run on until it becomes troublesome. Sold by Biles & Gentry.

Rev. J. B. Trigg, of Garden City, was here Wednesday.

Prof. Dees and several of the teachers in our public schools are attending the state meeting of teachers at Abilene.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated Remedy, as it not only cures infdency of the disease toward pneumonia. Sold by Biles & Gentry.

The various churches of the and appropriate programs for the occasion. All were well attended and a great many presents were given to the Sunday school children of the town.

FOR SALE .- One Section of good agricultural land in Andrews county. Price 5.50 bonus 1.50 to state. Time lived up. Inquire at this office.

Bring us your job printing.

Cris Shaffer, of Glassaock county, was here Friday.

If you are suffering from biliousness, constipation, indigestion, chronic headsche, invest one cent in a postal card, send to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, with your name and in bearing fruit trees, good 4 address planly on the back, and they will forward you a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Sold by Biles & Gentry.

Wants Renters

Have 600 acres of fine land, good 4 and 5 room houses, good barns, wells and windmills, on the best ranch and farm in Howard county, and close to town.

Have 3 other fine farms to rent, well improved, from 7 to 15 miles from Big Springs, from 100 for both. to 200 acres in cultivation to the

If you want to buy or rent city property see me.

Good 4 room house close in at \$500,00 part trade and part time. Good 5 room house between 6th and 7th street on Main street. Part cash and part time.

Have vacant lots to trade for any Old Thing.

Z. R. Stephens

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ed Charities.

Please send them to Mrs. F. B. Gilbert's residence on Runnels

Don't Overlook These

220 acres of land 7 miles northwest of town, all good sandy land 186 acres in cultivation, 5 acres room house and barn, watered with tank and 2 ciaterns. Price \$3500, \$1500 to be assumed payable December 1, 1914; small cash payment down. Will trade for Big Springs property.

5 room house and 2 lots on Main street, 2 blocks from Court house. Price \$1600, terms on part of it, this place is now renting at \$15 per month.

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

640 acres 9 miles northeast of town, all good tillable land, over 100 acres in cultivation, house and barn, good well, windmill and tank. Price \$13 per acre, \$2400 to be assumed.

Good 4 room house, with hall and galleries back gallery screened, good cistern, barn and chick en house, lot 100x140 feet. Price \$1200; \$300 in cash or strade, balance \$12,50 per month.

I have a 4 room house, one lot, well located in Jones Valley, for unie, will take \$450 for it; \$100 All donations in school books, sale, will take \$450 for it; \$100 clothing, bed-clothing etc will be cash and balance in monthly paywant a chesp home.

640 scree 18 miles northeast of Big Springs, 150, acres in oulti-

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vation, 2 houses and 2 barns, well and windmill, on public road one and half miles to school. Price \$8,50 per acre, terms on

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Michigan salt is best for dairy use. Try it. Pool Bros.

Harvey Conway, of Baird, visited friends here last week. Come to the Christian church

Sunday at 9:45 a. m. and attend Sunday School. 3 of the best sections of land

in the Big Springs country, extra well improved with fine water, at \$11 per acre, will double in price in one year. See R. B. Canon &

Child Killed by Accident

Yesterday evening late, while fooling with a gun, Albert Shank accidentally shot his sister, who died in a few minutes. Sho was thankfully received by the Unit- ments. See me at once if you buried this evening, Elder Trigg conducting funeral services. The Gazett joins the bereaved in sympathy.—Garden City Gazette. the best. Pool Bros. sell it.

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For Sale - Double shot Eastman Kodac, for sale cheap, apply at this office.

If you want small irrigated farms at a bargan and on terms any one can pay. See R. B. Canon & Co.

A guest was expected for dinner, and Bobby had received five cents as the price of his silence during the meal. He was as quiet as a mouse until, discovering shat his favorite desert was being served, he could not longer ourb his enthusiasm. He drew the coin from his pocket, and rolling it across the table, exclaimed: "Here's your nickle, mamma, I'd rather talk."

Use Michigan salt if you want

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