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DEATH OF BRIGHT YOUNG BOY

Seldom has it been our duty to record so sudden and sad a death as that of Master Jeff William Spear, twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Spear which occurred on Saturday morning of last week.

Friday afternoon as the young man was coming home from school, he had started to go by his father's store to get a ball. As he started across the vacant lot where the old blacksmith shop recently stood on Main street, a severe pain entered his head causing him to fall unconscious. He was picked up and carried to the home of his parents where a physician was immediately called. The young man came to himself and told how he fell. It was thought all Friday afternoon that the young man was getting along nicely, but later in the night his condition became worse and continued so until he passed away early Saturday morning, and a dark gloom spread over the entire city when it was learned of his death.

No one can explain why so young and promising young boy should be called from this life and away from his heart-broken parents who needed him so much. He was the light of his parents eyes and his entire school acquaintances as his friends. He was to the parents what the sun is to the world, and this eclipse to them brings both darkness and chill.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the First Baptist church by Rev. R. B. Morgan where the church was crowded to the doors with friends of the young man and sorrowing family ready to pay their last respects to this loving boy. His funeral was pathetic beyond expression, for not one who was there, but will feel that a loss has been sustained for which there is no compensation.

May time bring its resignation, and may the shores of eternity that receives his soul, surround it with everlasting sunshine and flowers. Vainly will the sorrowing parents grope after the infinite meanings and cry: Why should so precious, so necessary a life be taken? The old, old question which will never be answered till the veil of our mortal vision be rent by Immortality, and we see, not as now, darkly, but face to face. Then also they will behold the heavenly mansion to which he was called hither so early. The little body was tenderly laid to rest in Fairview cemetery by kind and loving hands. May God's purest angels guard his peaceful slumbers. Yet above all comes the comforting thought that the gentle child was spared earth's cares and sorrows, that his memory but forms another cord to draw his loved ones to the brighter home beyond.

To the broken hearted father and mother, sisters and brothers, who sit in sorrow where his footsteps shall never again find echo, extend our heart-felt sympathy in this sad loss.

Now Rented, 160 acre farm of miles of Memphis, Texas, for sale on good terms, or will lease to A. I. Vendera, Lien, Box 176, Wall, Texas. 35-2tp

Three Memphis Pastors Resigned.

It is with genuine regret that the Democrat chronicles to its readers the resignation of three of Memphis' pastors. Rev. R. B. Morgan, pastor of the First Baptist church was first to offer his resignation to his congregation. Then Eld. D. A. Leak tendered his resignation to the Christian church and on last week while attending the Sunday School convention in Arkansas, it was announced that Rev. B. W. Dodson had been appointed as Presiding Elder of the Sweet water district to take the place of Rev. J. M. Sherman, deceased. The general public will regret to see these three popular ministers. Their hearty cooperation in religious work here in Memphis has been a power for working much good for the cause of Christ here in Memphis. Memphis could boast of having four as able preachers as any city in Texas and their places will be hard to fill satisfactorily all the way around.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank all who so kindly assisted us in any way and especially those who came through the cold from a distance to our box supper last Monday night.

MRS. A. H. WATTS, Secretary.

The 1913 Study Club.

Mrs. A. W. Read was hostess for the 1913 Study Club Wednesday, February 18. The club was called to order by the president and ten members answered to roll call, one visitor present. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Kinard, President; Mrs. Dunbar, Vice President; Mrs. Adams, Secretary; Mrs. Tomlinson, Treasurer; Mrs. Fore, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. Sager, Parliamentarian. After the business session the following program was rendered: Leader—Mrs. Clower.

Roll call—Name of some story by Washington Irving. Sketch of Irving's Life—Mrs. Houston.

Results of His Spanish Studies—Mrs. Clower.

Events of Cooper's Life and Effect upon his Writing—Mrs. Walker.

His Sea Stories—Mrs. Dunbar. Reading—Mrs. McNeely.

Piano Solo—Miss Roberts. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The club will meet with Mrs. Jet Fore, March 4, Mrs. Roberts, leader.

To The Patrons of Randal Drug Co.

We have sold our stock of Drugs to Sam Harle.

We retain the accounts, all of which are due and payable to Randal Drug Co. Those owing Randal Drug Co. will confer a favor by calling at our old place of business and settling same.

We thank the people for the kind consideration given us in the past.

RANDAL DRUG CO. 35-1tc

Howard-Forbis

On Thursday of last week Rev. R. B. Morgan performed the marriage ceremony between J. H. Howard and Mrs. Sarah Forbis, both of this city. The bride and groom are both well respected citizens of this city and have many friends who will join the Democrat in the best wishes for a long and happy married life. The groom is sixty-five years of age and the bride fifty-two.

S. S. Smithee For County Judge.

In making my announcement for the office of County Judge of Hall County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, will say that while I have only been in your county for two years I am a native Texan and lived in the neighborhood in which I was born over fifty years. I have served my country in a public capacity in a small way and have never asked for an office where there was any compensation worth while, and I ask you for this honorable position believing I can and will serve you in the best way possible. I stand for morality and Christianity of the highest type. And I believe in equal rights to all and special privilege to none. I believe each and every voter and tax payer has a right to ask for a fair and just distribution of the public funds of his county. I also believe in better schools as our county grows in population and wealth and the first qualification of a teacher in our public school should be the highest of morals and ambition for the elevation of character. And if elected to this office I will endeavor to aid in this great work. I am in favor of a fair and impartial expenditure of our public road funds and I do not believe in the expenditure of a few when it be longed where it will do the most good. If you see fit to give me this office I will be your servant and the office yours. Your support and encouragement will be greatly appreciated.

S. S. SMITHEE.

We have an up to date Steam Press and Delivery wagon, will call for and deliver to any part of the city. L. McMILLAN, O. K. Tailor. 46-1f

EXAMINATIONS

Examination for Teacher's Certificates will be held the First Thursday, Friday and Saturday in April instead of May as heretofore. There will be no examinations in May. The following will be the schedule:

Thursday Forenoon—History of Educational, Physics, Solid Geometry, English Literature.

Thursday Afternoon—Psychology, Chemistry, Book-Keeping, Plane Trigonometry.

Friday Forenoon—Physical Geography, Physiology, Composition, Arithmetic.

Friday Afternoon—Texas History, Grammar, Descriptive Geography, Plain Geometry.

Saturday Forenoon—Spelling, Writing, Methods of Management, Civics, Reading.

Saturday Afternoon—United States History, General History, Agriculture, Algebra.

J. N. D. BIRD, Ex-officio County Superintendent

SEEDS—Full line of garden and field. Oats, Shaller Kaffir, red and white, Maize, Cane, Feterita, etc. Send for prices. Amarillo Seed Co., Amarillo Tex.

Delightful Entertainers

The Schubert Symphony Quartette showed to a good sized audience at the Grand Wednesday night, under the auspices of the Methodist church. They were good as they always are, and the violin playing of Tom Purcell was great. And Miss Leeta Corder with her soprano singing delighted the audience, as also did Miss Hazel Cory with her reading and mimicry with her exceptional ability.

Memphis Fine Poultry Shipping Point.

Last week a car of chickens was loaded here by the Hollifield poultry house to be shipped to Kansas City. This car contained over ten thousand pounds of hens in addition to two thousand five hundred pounds of turkeys and old roosters. Another car is now standing on the track and is almost ready for shipment. This is great a industry and the local markets are of great benefit to our farmers who have these fowls for the market. The poultry market here at Memphis together with the eggs will ship out on an average of about \$1500 per week. Every man in the country should have him a small chicken farm.

Death of Lakeview Lady.

After a short but severe illness, Mrs. C. S. Bevers passed away Friday and was buried at Lakeview cemetery Saturday. She was the wife of Mr. C. S. Bevers, one of our best and well respected farmers of Hall county and numbered her friends by her acquaintances all of whom will join the Democrat in deepest words of sympathy to the sorrowing husband and other relatives who are left to mourn her untimely death.

Hall County at Corn Show.

That Hall county was well represented at the corn show at Dallas last week will be seen by a report as shown in Sunday's Fort Worth Record. The picture of Mr. C. F. Bruce of Parnell was very prominent among the prize winners. Mr. Bruce won the \$300 in cash offered as first prize in class D, for unirrigated forage crops. Fourth prize of \$50, Thomas J. Cope, Parnell, 6.92 tons on two acres.

Seventh prize of \$50, J. S. Calhoun, Parnell, 6.78 tons on two acres. Ninth prize \$50, Tom Hart, Estelline, 6.34 on two acres.

These were the best showing for forage crops on unirrigated lands and we feel justly proud of the efforts of our farmers along this line and we trust that more farmers will take up the cause and that Hall county will be represented by more farmers at the next meeting. The prizes alone are worth the effort, besides the great good that will be gotten out of the experiment. Try a small patch next time.

To the Public.

We wish to announce to the public that we have purchased the entire Stock, Furniture, Fixtures, Notes and Accounts of the Smithee & Downing Grocery Co., and have now opened up in the same old stand, where we would be glad to meet our friends. We would like for all parties indebted to the old firm of Smithee & Downing by note or account, to come in and make satisfactory settlement of same.

TRACY L. DAVIS, C. R. DOWNING.

34-2tc

Time to begin thinking about that Spring Suit. I have 1500 samples to select from. Come in and let me show you through.

FRANK GREENE, Tailor.

Public Stenographer.

All work on short notice. Office in Court house. Phone 204 29-1tc MISS LILA FULLER.

Donald, the little four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Shepherd, is quite ill with pneumonia.

For District Attorney

In this issue of the Democrat our readers will find the name of Hugh D. Spencer who places his name before the Democratic voters of this district for reelection to the office of district attorney, subject to the action of the Democratic primary on July 25. Mr. Spencer is just now getting familiar with all the cases on the docket and acquainted with the attorneys and know their work and strong points. He is just now getting acquainted with the juries. It is thoroughly in keeping with the custom of this district as well as other districts, to give the district attorney four or five terms. The district judges are elected for four years at a much larger salary than the attorney and they are elected generally for two and three terms. We believe that Mr. Spencer will have almost the unanimous support of the entire district. During his term of office, Mr. Spencer has turned in almost enough money in fines and forfeited bail bonds to pay his salary for four years. He has had as many convictions and pleas of guilty in three years as any district attorney since the organization of the district. These and many other qualifications and endorsements should be sufficient reasons in favor of Mr. Spencer to insure reelection to the important office which he aspires. He was raised at Decatur, Texas, and is a son of Judge R. F. Spencer of that place, and is a brother of Charles F. Spencer of the 16th Judicial district, composed of Cook, Denton and Montague counties. He has resided in Memphis for the past six years, during which time he established a law practice second to none and we heartily commend him to the voters of the district for reelection.

Christian Church Services

Preaching at the regular hour next Sunday morning. Subject: "Man's Greatest Discovery". Everybody welcome. Come.

The Christian Revival.

Eld. J. C. Mason, state superintendent of Missions will begin a revival meeting at the Christian church in this city on the second Sunday in April. Eld. Mason is one of the ablest ministers in the South, and we feel assured that our people will be delighted to hear him. The cooperation of all Christian people is greatly desired and earnestly requested. Everybody cordially invited.

D. A. LEAK, Pastor.

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MEMPHIS FARMERS INSTITUTE

On Saturday, March 7, we will meet at the court house for the purpose of more fully perfecting our Farmers Institute. We aim to have a meeting once a month for the purpose of discussing questions of importance to the farmer and his home and his family. We would be glad if we could prevail on the farmer's wives and daughters to attend these meetings for we realize the fact that improvement in the home is just as essential to success and happiness as is improvement on the farm. We will have discussed at this meeting the following:

The benefit to be gained by co-operation—J. F. Bradley.

Economy on the farm—W. P. Dial.

Some dangers of the present method of Land Tenantry as I see them—E. M. Ewen.

We expect to have prominent speakers on special occasions. Come out and help us make this an institution in reality and not merely for the purpose of getting passes to attend the Farmer's Congress.

E. M. EWEN, President.

Rebekah Box Supper

Despite the severe cold, weather prevailing Monday night, the supper given by the Rebekah lodge at the I. O. O. F. Hall was a success. The hall was comfortably crowded and the boxes were practically all sold at \$1.00 per box. The evening was a most enjoyable one to all attending and quite a nice sum was realized which will go towards defraying the expenses of the degree team to the grand lodge at Fort Worth in March.

To The Public.

I have purchased the furniture and fixtures of the Star Restaurant and have overhauled and cleaned the entire building and have moved the Denphis Cafe fixtures to same where I have considerably more space for dining room service where I have specially arranged tables and service for ladies. I would like to meet all my old friends and make new acquaintances in these new quarters. Come and give us a trial.

Denphis Cafe, 35-2tc J. A. SPARKS, Prop.

Hall County I. O. O. F. Association.

Hall county association I. O. O. F. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will convene at Lodge, Saturday, March seventh. Hope there will be a good representation from each lodge both Subordinate and Rebekahs Hope they will all strive to make this the best meeting ever held in the county.

This meeting was postponed on account of the W. O. W. contest in Memphis the night of the fifth Lets all go to Lodge, Saturday, March the seventh.

MRS. A. H. WATTS, Secretary.

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An American naturalist two years ago brought to this country some seedlings of a peach tree which he found growing in Tibet, at an elevation of 8,500 feet above sea level. It is expected that this tree can be trusted to bear fruit in New England clear up to the Canadian border.

If these hopes are realized, the peach tree will have undergone a marvelous transformation. When first brought to Europe, about three centuries before the Christian era, it would not ripen north of the island of Rhodes. This island is at the extreme southern edge of the Aegean sea, and has a climate much like that of southern California—with less liability to frost.

Those first peaches were tender as a naval orange. This Chinese variety is hard as a northern apple.

Such a history gives a new notion of man's power to remake the food producing part of the world to suit himself. But think of the two and twenty centuries consumed in the process.—New York Sun.

C. to G. Highway Signs Were Placed Tuesday

That portion of the Colorado to Gulf Highway lying between this city and Channing is now plainly marked with the official signs of the association which were put in place by a committee from Amarillo Tuesday.

The party which left Amarillo early Tuesday morning was

headed by Sam Vaughn and Jerry Minter in Vaughn's Studebaker Red Devil, which led the way and kept account of the mileage. Others in the party were C. O. Wolf and W. M. Jeter in a Buick, W. E. Groendycke and Ed Day, in a Maxwell, E. A. Caldwell and Secretary Holman of the Chamber of Commerce in an Oakland 6, Walter Crossett, Albert Bivins, Len McClelland and Kerz in a Cadillac and E. A. Draper in his Hupmobile.

The signs were placed at intervals of five miles. The sign braded on a cedar post which was sunk three feet in the ground.

The committee reports the highway in fine shape with the exception of a small stretch near Channing and the road gang is now working at that point so that the road will be ready for the heavy spring and summer traffic.—Amarillo Panhandle Daily.

Auto Trip to Memphis

Sunday afternoon the editor made a trip to Memphis in Cicero Milam's Cadillac car. The trip was made in about two and one-half hours and with exception of the road just this side of Baylor Creek bridge the roads are in fine shape. Considerable work is being done on the road in Hall county. Mr. Milam is representative of the Cadillac car in this territory and has sold many of this popular make. He has several prospects in Childress and will probably sell two or three cars here this summer. While in Memphis we were guests of Manager Noel of the Cobb Hotel. Mr. Noel is making that house a name and the Memphis people should feel proud that they have Mr. and Mrs. Noel in their midst.—Childress Index.

Iowa dries have won a victory. The Webb-Kenyon law prohibiting the shipment of liquor into dry territory has been declared constitutional by the supreme court of that state. In other words, out of the state liquor dealers are prohibited from making shipments into the dry districts. There is certain to be Sahara spots in the land of the Hawkeyes. Colonel James H. Lowery's buttermilk tippie will have the call.—Ft. Worth Record

Large Cattle Deal.

Fort Worth—The J. F. Hovenkamp & Son Cattle Company of this place closed a deal recently with the Brazil Land, Cattle and Packing Company, whereby they deliver to them in San Paulo, Brazil, in the spring, 450 head of two year old Hereford bulls. The amount involved in the transaction is \$60,000 and is considered to be one of the largest cattle deals ever consummated in this state, considering the number of cattle deals involved in the deal. A steamer has been chartered to transport the stock to Brazil.

Palestine—The Anderson County Farm Journal made its initial advent into the journalistic field last week. The paper will be devoted to the interests of the Texas farmers and is the first of its kind in East Texas.

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Lodge Directory

MEMPHIS CHAPTER, No. 220 R. A. M., meets in Masonic Hall on the Friday night after full moon. Visiting companions are welcome. J. D. Bird, High Priest D. H. Arnold, Secretary.

MEMPHIS, No. 729, A. LODGE F. & A. M., meets in the Masonic Hall on the Saturday night occurring on or before the full moon. Visiting brothers are welcome. C. R. Webster, W. M. A. G. Powell, Sec.

MEMPHIS COMMANDERY No. 50, K. T., meets in Masonic Hall on the fourth Monday night of each month. Visiting Sir Knights welcome. J. H. Read, Em. Com. D. H. Arnold, Recorder

ESTELLINE LODGE, No. 823, A. F. & A. M., meets in Masonic Hall on Saturday nights on or before the full moon. Visiting brothers are welcome. A. D. Crow, W. M. H. R. Gowan, Secretary

MEMPHIS CHAPTER, No. 351, O. E. S., meets in Masonic Hall on the second Thurs. night in each month. Visiting brothers and sisters are welcome. Mrs. B. W. Dodson, W. M. Sam Houston, Secretary.

ESTELLINE CHAPTER No. 235 O. E. S., meets in the Masonic Hall on Saturdays at 2 p. m., on or before the full moon. Visiting brothers and sisters are welcome. Mrs. Lillie Delaney, W. M. Mrs. Ethel Prewitt, Sec'y

MEMPHIS LODGE, No. 444, I. O. O. F., meets in I. O. O. F. Hall every Tuesday night. Visiting brothers are welcome. E. E. Walker, N. G. Chas. Oren, Secretary.

NEWLIN LODGE, No. 673, I. O. O. F., meets in Newlin I. O. O. F. hall every Thursday night. Visiting brothers are welcome. G. W. Helm, N. G. J. H. Pierce, Secretary

Eli Lodge No. 1, O. O. F., at Eli, Texas, meets on Wednesday night of each week. T. M. Vaughn, N. G. J. Y. Snow, Secretary.

Lakeview Lodge No. 761, I. O. O. F., meets every Monday night. J. J. Gosdin, N. G. W. S. Gosdin, Sec.

FLORA REBEKAH LODGE, No. 346, meets every Monday night in I. O. O. F. Hall, Memphis, Texas. Visiting members are welcome. Miss Alice Smith, N. G. Mrs. A. H. Watts, Secretary.

LAUREL WREATH LODGE No. 168, D. of R. meets every Friday night in the I. O. O. F. Hall at Newlin. Visiting brothers and sisters welcome. Miss Mary Gaddy, N. G. Mrs. Will Kesterson, Sec.

MEMPHIS CAMP, No. 12624, M. W. A., meets in M. W. A. Hall first and third Thursday 3 p. m. Visiting Neighbors are welcome. A. S. Thompson, Consul. W. T. Richardson, Clerk

MEMPHIS CAMP, No. 1091 meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday nights in the Woodman Hall. H. H. Wilkins, C. C. W. L. Wheat, Clerk.

Memphis Grove No. 803 Woodman circle, meets 1st and third Wednesday at 3 p. m. in Woodman hall. Visiting sovereigns welcome. Mrs. Ida Stallings guardian. F. A. Hudgins, clerk.

NEWLIN CAMP, No. 616, W. O. W., meets in Newlin, W. O. W. hall every second and fourth Tuesday nights in each month. L. C. Cardwell, Con. Com. J. H. Pierce, Clerk.

ESTELLINE CAMP, No. 2157, W. O. W., meets in W. O. W. Hall on the first and fourth Friday nights in each month. P. M. Bennett, C. C. Ira Smith, Clerk.

LAKEVIEW CAMP, No. 2353, W. O. W., meets in the Lakeview W. O. W. Hall on the first and third Saturday nights. C. Gerlach, Con. Com. J. W. Watson, Clerk.

Lodge Camp No. 2658, W. O. W., meets in Woodman Hall on 2nd and 4th Saturday nights. S. J. Holt, Con. Com. J. D. Shankles, Clerk

Eli Camp, No. 2179, meets every second and fourth Saturday nights. M. M. Edwards, C. C. A. W. Yarbrough, Clerk

Glasco Grove No. 742, Woodman Circle, Eli, Texas, meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays 3 p. m. at Woodman Hall. Miss Allie Hester, Guardian. Mrs. Alice McKee, Clerk.

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NEWLIN, TEXAS

Fire Marshal Makes Startling Statement.

Austin, Tex., Feb.—The State Fire Marshal made the startling statement today that 70 per cent of the fires occurring in Texas during the past four years have been preventable. Only 11 per cent have been unavoidable, and 18 per cent are of unknown origin. With the assistance of the State Fire Insurance Commission a campaign has been waged throughout the state for fewer fires and as a result the number of preventable fires has somewhat decreased in recent months. By means of better fire prevention and protection a number of Texas cities have recently secured a decrease in their insurance rates.

Railroads Earn Small Amount.

Austin, Texas, Feb.—Data compiled by the American Railway Association and furnished the Texas Commission shows that 91.2 cents of every dollar earned by the steam roads of the United States has to be expended, there being only 8.12 cents with which to pay dividends and make improvements. The bulk of the gross earnings of American railways is spent for labor. The distribution of a dollar earned by the common carriers is as follows: Labor 44.17, fuel and oil 8.93, material, supplies and miscellaneous expense 14.06, loss and damage 2.20, taxes 4.21, rents and leases 4.41, interest on debt 13.45 and dividends and improvements 8.59.

While this information is general and is based on the operation of all the railroads of the country, it will apply to Texas lines also. The report containing this data has been filed for future reference.

Alien Immigrants Coming to Texas.

Galveston, Tex., Feb.—February is usually a light month for alien immigration to the United States, but from present indications all previous records will be broken at this port. Many immigrants have come over recently and the bulk of them are going to the Gulf Coast Country and take up small farms. A report just issued by the United States Department of Commerce and Labor shows that

the alien immigration to the United States during the past six months shows an increase of approximately 25 per cent over the previous year.

It's The Customers' You Keep That Count.

Just because over in China they use white for mourning, we frequently get the idea that their other customs must also be upside down and back forward. But there is one place where the Chinese are right side up with care and we are topsy-turvy. Out there physicians are paid for keeping their clients well. When a person falls ill, the doctor's pay stops.

The Chinese judge a physician not by the number of years he has practiced medicine, but by the length of time his patients have lived and retained their health.

That would be a pretty good way to judge a printer—not by the number of customers he has managed to accumulate and lose, but by the number of clients he has managed to accumulate and keep. The amount of business he gets may simply be a tribute to his ability as a salesman, but the amount of business he keeps from year to year is a most sincere testimonial of his ability to give satisfaction to his customers.—Quannah Tribune Chief.

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BY L. McQUEEN, MEMPHIS, TEXAS

I was born the 22nd day of August, 1840, and had a twin brother. My parents were Kentuckians. They moved from Bourbon County, Kentucky, in 1813. Made the trip in a Keel boat, sailed down the river when they could, when not, they towed the boat with a towline, and went down the Kentucky River into the Tennessee and down the Tennessee into the Ohio into the Mississippi, up the Mississippi to the mouth of the Missouri river and went up that to Boone, slick, Howard county, Missouri. Two years later they took up land in Boone county, Missouri, in Boone township, in what was called Terrapin neck, 8 miles west of Columbia the County seat of Boone county.

In 1860 I cast my first vote for John C. Breckinridge for President. On the 9th day of April, 1861, I volunteered in Captain Jim Watson's Co., Co. B. Colonel Harve McKinney Regt., 11th mounted infantry. Lieut. Col. Quint Peacher commanded the Regt. The first battle I was in was in Booneville, Missouri. We fought about the 20th of May. The next battle was at Carthage the 5th of July. We were camped at Carthage and were drilling there when the Federals advanced on us and we drove them back, we then marched from there to Warrensburg in Johnson county, Missouri, and formed a junction with Ed Price near Knobnoster in Johnson county about the 1st of July. We then marched from there to Cowskin Prairie in South West Missouri and drilled there until we moved from Cowskin Prairie to Wilson Creek and fought the battle on the 10th of August. Lyon was killed. We then drove the army back through Springfield, Missouri. We marched up to Springfield about August 12, and to Drywood the latter part of August in 8 miles of Fort Scott. We fought Jim Lane in 8 miles of Fort Scott Kansas, and ran him from there to Lexington, Missouri. He crossed the river there with his command into Kansas and we surrounded Col. Mulligan in his fortifications at Lexington. We fought him there 3 days before he surrendered. That's where I shot the first Yankee that I knew I'd hit. I shot him with an old United States Yorgler, loaded with powder and fine shot. I struck him from the hips down to his heels with the shot. I never heard a man "holer" so since I was born. I threw my old Yorgler down and broke for the Guard House, got about half the way and meet the officer of the day, he asked me what I'd done. I told him I'd shot a man down there. He asked me where my gun was. I told him I threw it down. Well, he says, you'd better go back and get it and get on your post, I went back and got on the post. He went down in the hollow and got the Yankee and took him to the hospital and the Doctors picked shot out of him that night. The next morning after that, that was the third morning, I was out on detail to

go down to the river and help dip hemp bales and was called by General Harris command. We then hauled the bales up the bluff. I then helped to get the hemp bales up into the rear of Mulligan's fortifications until they run up a white flag, showing they had surrendered.

The next day I was detailed to help bury the Federals dead. They lay there in the fortification so long they had bursted. We took off old panel doors of the college that was fortified by them, we rolled those dead Federals on to those doors and let them down in the ditch and threw the dirt back on them. That's the way we buried them.

The second day after Mulligan surrendered, Fremont advanced on us with a large army and we marched South back to Springfield, Missouri. There we went into winter quarters and I was detailed to make cartridges in old John Phelps store room. I worked most of my time making cartridges the year '61. On the first of March we marched from there to Pea Ridge, Arkansas. The Pea Ridge battle commenced the seventh of March. We fought the 7th and 8th of March in '63. We fell back from Pea Ridge to Des Arc in Arkansas on White river. When we got back to the foot of the Blue mountains we there struck the Cypress Swamp, where we had to wade and swim and drag the artillery across that swamp. We had ropes three to four hundred feet long, put men to them and drag that artillery through the swamp. The next day we marched on to Des Arc, took a boat from there and went down White river into Red river and from there down into the Mississippi river to Memphis, Tennessee. We marched from Cupola to Corinth, Mississippi and fortified that place.

My time being out in the State Guards and had been out for over three months I was discharged from the army, then I got on the boat at Memphis, Tennessee, and went to Little Rock, Arkansas, and from there I took a stage to Booneville, on the Arkansas river. N. B. Hopper, William Hatten and myself went from there to Booneville, Missouri, and they stopped us eleven days before they'd let us go on down to Boone County, my home. About the last of May or the first of June when I got home I bought brother Aaron's crop. I finished the crop that summer and was married the 20th day of December '62, to Miss Semiramis E. Hazzard, daughter of Burrell S. Hazzard. To this union there were four children born; three boys and one girl. Two boys died in infancy. The oldest being an engineer on the Rock Island railroad was killed in a headend collision near Kansas City. So the girl is all that is left of her children.

I stayed at home the balance of that winter. Put in a crop in the spring of '63. On the 20th of the following September my oldest

boy was born and about the first of November, Major Russel of Guitar Regt. sent me word they were coming out with a rope to hang me.

Captain John Maxwell was then picking up troops. I joined him and with 32 other troops crossed the Missouri river and went south again. I struck Price's army at Booneville, again, was in the fight on Big Blue where we captured three or four pieces of artillery and the Federals captured Col. Marmaduke and General Cabel. And we marched from there and fought Seigel back to the Cain Hill Country or Boston mountains in Arkansas, in '63. We then marched to the Elks Horn Tavern at Pea Ridge, there we fought the battle of Pea Ridge. We had orders then to march from Pea Ridge to Memphis, Tennessee, to reinforce Johnson at Shilo or before the Shilo fight took place. We got to Memphis one day after the Shilo fight. My time was out then and I went back home in Missouri.

(Continued next week.)

Press Association Will Meet in Amarillo.

Amarillo—The Panhandle Press Association will convene here in annual session April 11th and no effort is being spared to make this one of the most successful meetings in the history of the organization. The meeting will be conducted along practical lines and will be helpful to those attending.

Cattle Industry Thriving.

Lubbock—The cattle industry in this section is thriving and many large sales have been recorded during the last few weeks. W. G. Russell recently sold for spring delivery 14,000 steers at an average price of \$65 per head, or approximately \$900,000 for the entire lot. Another sale of considerable magnitude was consummated when a cattle concern of this place sold 900 cows for May delivery. The purchase price was about \$60,000. Since the first of the year about \$1,500,000 worth of cattle has been sold by Lubbock stockmen.

Will Exterminate Wolves.

Sonora—Having suffered heavy losses recently from the depredations of wolves to his herd of sheep and goats, Mr. A. F. Clarkson, a prominent stockman of this place has purchased eight registered English hounds to be used in exterminating these rapacious animals.

Comes from Mississippi to Buy Texas Mules

Fort Worth—J. C. Gathings, Superintendent of the Mississippi Penitentiary Farm purchased five carloads of mules on the Fort Worth market last week, for immediate delivery. Mr. Gathings said the Texas mule was preferred to the famous breeds of Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee because of their longevity and their ability to do more work than any other breed.

Editor Starts Fourth Paper

Sealy—The Austin County News is the title of a new weekly publication at this place and is edited by J. B. Moran of New Ulm, who is publisher of a daily paper at that place which is the smallest town in the United States to support a daily paper. He is also editor and publisher of two other Austin County papers.

Corpus Christi—Up to the present time 212 cars of truck have been shipped from this section. Compared with the same season last year this is an increase of 43 cars, which shows that the truck growers are mastering the productive end of their crops. The shipment consisted mostly of cabbage and lettuce. The major part of the product went to eastern and northern markets.

SIEGE OF THE ALAMO.

Not Jim Bowie, But His Scholar Brother, Invented the Knife of Fame.

The New York Sun recently printed the following communication:

To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: Some corrections could be made in the article in the Sun of Sunday regarding war with Mexico. The Alamo was not a convent, though one of the several buildings connected with it was a convent. The main command during those crimson days of 1836 was Lieut. Col William Barnett Travis, a Georgia lawyer, just 28 years old. The Milam whom the article makes commander was a noted Indian fighter, a native of Kentucky, and one of the bravest men that ever lived. He led the attack upon Gen. Cos, the brother-in-law of Santa Anna, who had taken possession of San Antonio in December, 1835, and compelled the surrender of the Mexican leader who broke his parole. In that gallant assault only one Texan was killed, and sad to say, he was Milam, who, therefore, had been dead some three months when the Alamo fell.

You make the number of victims 147, whereas it was 183. An almost universal error is to make Jim Bowie the inventor of the terrible knife which bears his name, when it was his brother, Rezin P., who caused the weapon first to be made. I have this on the authority of an elderly lady of New Orleans who was an intimate friend of the family and related the facts to me a full generation ago. What will be accepted as still more trustworthy authority is that of William H. Sparks of Atlanta, Ga., now dead for many years. In his day of reminiscences of many noted men of the South and Southwest were not only of the highest interest, but were never questioned. In his description of that terrific duel, fought upon the sand bar at Natchez, Sept. 19, 1827, in which the seconds became involved, and Jim Bowie killed Major Wright with a bowie knife. Mr. Sparks says of the weapon:

"This knife was made by Rezin P. Bowie out of a blacksmith's rasp or large file, and was the original of the famous bowie knife. After the conflict on the sand bar Rezin P. Bowie carried this knife to Philadelphia, where it was fashioned by a cutler into the form of the model made by him, and I presume the knife is yet in the possession of some member of the family."

Rezin was a man of excellent education and scholarly tastes who left the sport of fighting to his fiery-tempered brother. They were deeply attached to each other and Jim was fond of making visits to his brother's plantation in Louisiana and conferring with him. He grieved to the last over the death of Jim at the Alamo, but it is said of the Spartan mother that when the news was brought to her she sat a few moments in meditation and then calmly remarked: "Well I know one thing, Jim wasn't wounded in the back." Bowie was sick in bed when the final assault was made and was shot as he lay unable to help himself. He was fired upon by two soldiers and mortally wounded, but he roused up when they rushed to his bedside and with his frightful weapon slew one of his assailants.

The siege of the Alamo was not thirteen, but eleven days beginning on Feb. 23, 1836, and ending on Sunday morning, March 6. Half a dozen prisoners so worn out as to be scarcely able to stand surrendered on the promise of Gen. Castrillon to spare their lives. Among the group was the famous Col. Davy Crockett of Tennessee, bleeding from a fear-

Farm Loans

Vendor Lien Notes Bought

OFFICES:

MEMPHIS: Monday
Tuesday and Wednesday

CLARENDON: Thursday
Friday and Saturday

J. S. ULM



FINANCING RAILROADS

The Fundamental Elements in Securities.

BY JULIUS KRUTTSCHNITT, Executive Head of Southern Pacific.

THE financing of a railroad is a function which the people, through their servants, the Railroad Commissioners and the Legislators, have never attempted, but it is a most important problem, especially to sections of a State where new railroads are needed. The placing of securities has been left entirely with the promoter and owner of railroads.

"The immediate determination of what earnings the railroads shall be permitted to receive and what burdens it shall have put on it is in the hands of the other servants of the public—the Legislators and the Commissioners.

"Managing a railroad is quite different from managing a government where the money is raised by taxation. When the expenditures, for good reasons or otherwise, increase, taxes can be equally increased. The railroads, while servants of the public, cannot raise money with such ease and facility. The railroads must keep their expenditures within their incomes because while they have some control over their expenditures they have almost no control over their incomes, their rates being fixed by public authorities.

"There is not a railway manager in the country today who is not fearful that under the press of increasing demands the transportation systems of the country will, in a few years, break down, unless the railroads are allowed to earn larger funds wherewith to build it up. There are vast sections of the country, especially in the West, where more railroads are needed and they cannot be built unless the railways raise new capital.

"People invest money in order to make money, and they are skeptical as to whether they can make money by investing in concerns that are dealt with stringently and unfairly. Railroad securities must be made more attractive to invite investments, and in order that they may be made more attractive, the roads must be allowed earnings that will enable them to meet the increased capital charges."

ful wound. Castrillon begged Santa Anna to keep the pledge he had made, but that merciless demon refused and all the Texans were bayoneted in front of the mission building.

I spent hours a good many years ago in wandering through the Alamo gazing upon the scenes of that memorable struggle and listening to the words of a bright lad not more than a dozen years old who acted as my guide. I paused in the room where Jim Bowie died as he had lived and was shown the spot where Col. Crockett stood, and as his friends passed him rifle after rifle he unerringly picked off the cannon eers until after half a dozen had fallen the others dodged to cover. When at last we came out the broad, massive doors of the mission building I handed a coin to my young friend. He started as if stung and decisively shook his head. He did not speak, but his manner said as quickly as words: "You forget, sir, that we are in the Alamo."

I wish some one would tell me the name of the author of that unsurpassable inscription carved on the cenotaph in Austin: Thermopylae had its messenger of defeat; the Alamo had none."

E. S. ELLIS,
Upper Montclair, N. J.

City Building Notes

By L. M. Ward

If you can't help pull the lead, don't get in the way of the willing horses.

The city without a well defined program of development is like a ship without a rudder.

A man's development is largely governed by his surroundings. What kind of men is your city

developing?
Some cities have hung a sign on their gates bearing these words: "Not to be disturbed." May they rest in peace.

Stagnation is a dangerous disease. If your city is afflicted, a diagnosis should be made at once and the cause removed.

Show me the most perpetually pessimistic knocker in your community and I'll show you the most lonely individual within your borders.

Many cities are building in spite of a lack of community cooperation. What would their development be if their citizenship could be united in purpose.

Hereford—Conditions here for farming were never better. The ground has been wet by snows and rains some four to six feet down. This moisture, together with irrigation, will produce bumper crops for 1914. Feed crops especially will be pushed this year as the advent of silos into this territory has developed an extensive fattening of livestock.

Hillsboro—Indianapolis capitalists are in this city in an effort to secure a franchise from the city which will give them the right to lay gas pipes in the streets and alleys. They propose to pipe natural gas from the Mexia fields to this place without a bonus. It is their plan to also serve Bynum, Malone and Coolidge.

Subscribe for the Democrat.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. H. W. GROVE'S signature on each box, 25c.

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CREPES - CREPES - CREPES

The Modistes of Vienna, Berlin, London, Paris, and New York are featuring Crepes in both plain and figured as the motif for Spring and Summer wear.

For beautiful and attractive gowns all fashions favor Crepes, because no other kind of dress material is so becoming and appropriate for every figure and occasion.

This week we are featuring Crepes, French Silk Crepes, Opalescent Crepes, Brocaded Silk Crepes, Crepe Eponge, Novelty Embroidered Crepes, and Crepe Plisse.

We are showing some beautiful Ready-to-Wears in Suits and Dresses, Shirt Waists and Skirts, also a beautiful array of Street Hats in Millinery Department. Come early get your choice and be pleased

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Memphis Commercial Club meets every second Tuesday night in each month at Club Rooms

Announcements

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For Tax Assessor
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S. G. ALEXANDER
LON BURSON
A. W. YARBROUGH, Eli
S. S. SMITHEE

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1
H. A. (MAJOR) MCCANNE
R. N. BECKUM

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2
H. W. BLANKS, Lakeview
J. A. MERRICK, Lakeview

For Justice of Peace, Precinct No. 1
R. E. STAFFORD

THE Ball will be rolling from now until next November. The further she runs the more momentum she gains. Watch the wonderful speed in November.

It would seem from present indications that General Villa in Mexico is not content with killing and murdering his own nationality of people, but has started out to eliminate people of other nationality. It is liable to bring about a state of affairs that would end disastrously for that bandit chieftain if he does not look just a little out.

Quite a lengthy and slanderous article, published by Editor of the Childress Post came to my notice today. I wish to say, there is not even one syllable of truth in any part of it and will add I think the time has come when one reads an editorial he should stop and think, "who wrote this?" "Who is He?"
D. BROWDER, Mayor.
(advertisement)

Plainview—Farmers in this section are rapidly awakening to the value of irrigation and during the year of 1913 there were 50 irrigating wells put in operation in the Plainview territory. It is expected that twice this number will be sunk in 1914.

J. A. Sparks of Turkey brought a wagon load of eggs into Memphis Tuesday packed in bran and sold them to Hollifield poultry house.

Bring a few chickens and eggs and trade them for cash or goods at The Racket Store.

Eczema and Itching.

Sold under a positive guarantee to refund the purchase price if it does not cure itch, ringworm, tetter and all other skin diseases. Hunt's Cure has proven itself the standard medicine for skin diseases. Ask any druggist and read the positive guarantee that goes with each package. Price 50c.

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Sherman, Texas.

Join our fast growing list and subscribe for the Memphis Democrat and get the news while it is news.

Our list of Country Correspondents are growing, and this department alone is well worth the price of the Democrat, \$1.00.

Reward.
Every time we do a thing carelessly, failing to put our highest thought and our greatest skill into it, we are lessening our ability to do good work. This is the penalty that unfaithfulness to duty carries with it. But whenever we put our best into our work, exercising care in the slightest detail, we are adding to our powers. This is the reward of fidelity to each opportunity.—Blanche Coonley Blessing.

College Secret.
Bacon—What did your boy learn at college? Egbert—Says he can't tell me. Bacon—Why not? Egbert—Says it's a secret. Bacon—Nonsense! Egbert—No. You know, he learned the football signals.

Her Infinite Variety.
As we sit down and ponder over the summer courtship we find the hand that wielded the canoe paddle now wields the broom. The suppers of river banks are now in a small dining room. The gazing at the sky in summer time is now looking to see if the wash can safely be put out. The hand in the wash tub is the hand that trailed over the canoe side. The soft voice in quiet lanes is now—Don't you think it's a cruel world?—Kirkwood Courier.

Diplomatic.
Mrs. Benham—"Did you discharge the cook?" Benham—"No; I requested her resignation."



ADVERTISING TEXAS

Money Follows Line of the Least Resistance.

BY W. HOLT HARRIS

MUCH has been said and more written about advertising the resources of Texas abroad and our glowing opportunities, when properly safe-guarded, will make the eagle on every American dollar spread its wings and fly to Texas. But the thing most essential to our growth and progress is the proper alignment of our laws and conduct and a clearer understanding of the necessities and requirements of progress. When this is done, it will be as unnecessary to solicit capital to come to Texas as it will be to invite the bees to make honey. Money follows the lines of least resistance and capital flows wherever profit is greatest and conditions most stable. The bank vaults of the nation are filled with dollars that are searching to and fro, up and down the earth for safe and profitable investments but it is of first importance that the house be put in order before the guests are invited.

There is nothing that so weakens the foundation of industrial achievement as the knockout drops of uncertainty, and capital will never seek investment where a myriad of scornful fingers are pointing toward it and neither will it give serious consideration to opportunities that are scarred by fear. No amount of publicity, however adroitly presented, can bring about profitable results under such circumstances. Such a country can only hope for satisfactory development through some freak of nature.

We have so many laws and rumors of laws and Dame Duty is such a fickle goddess when flirting with Ambition, that it keeps industries guessing as to the true status of affairs lest they all become companions in adversity.

The press of Texas has been groaning for the past few months under a burden of announcements of progress made by the State in its efforts to visit the pains and penalties of law upon industry and the incandescent flashes of malice and prejudice that have lighted the horizon have had a tendency to wither and blight our destiny and we still hear threats of war. Not only has it done violence to progress but it has very effectively placed fetters upon our growth and development by giving the State millions of dollars of bad advertising.

NEW GOODS!

GLASSWARE. ANYTHING NEEDED WE HAVE IT. Be sure you get our prices before buying. Inspect our stock and see if you can't buy more than anywhere in town. Make our store your home when in town.

ARE ARRIVING ALMOST DAILY. Our New Spring Stock will be absolutely complete in the next few days. You can buy anything needed in the home at our store. DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, SHOES, HATS AND CAPS, GRANITEWARE, GALVANIZEDWARE, TINWARE, DISHWARE AND

MORGAN & BLANTON

B. F. King is visiting in Memphis.

Coal is sold at the same price before the strike. 21-tf

C. Carson made a business deal with Hedley Thursday.

Coal is sold at the same price before the strike. 21-tf

Postoffice force observed Washington's birthday Monday.

Buy feed of all kinds every W. P. Dial. 21-tf

Frank Finch is reported to be at her home this week.

Coal is sold at the same price before the strike. 21-tf

Send your upholstering to Tommy Gallagher.

RENT—Several nice rents. See A. C. Huffman. 32-tfc

Tommy Gallagher do your upholstering work. Davenport's is cheap.

Call for your next grocery at DOWELL & HOWARD.

The thermometer hovered around the zero mark Sunday Monday night.

Can get cash or trade for eggs and chickens at The Racket Store.

After Copeland is in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Spencer.

Bring your old Hats to O. K. and have them cleaned blocked. 46-tf

Connally Shoe Co., moved today to their new location on the side into the new store building.

Beat & Jones have just received a car of bulk garden seed. 46-tf

L. Sloan received three new cars Thursday. They are the latest model and are very nice.

Seed can be good enough for \$25 per ton at W. P. Dial. 21-tf

Patrons of the new rural building number two should begin to properly erect their boxes.

Coal is what you want, we have it. W. M. CAMERON & Co., 29-tfc

P. Cagle returned last week from his farm in Collingsworth where he has been making extensive improvements.

We will trade goods or cash for your chickens and eggs at The Racket Store.

The work of putting in the sidewalks around the court house has been delayed the past week on account of cold weather.

FOR RENT—My farm at Giles. For terms, see S. A. Bryant. 35-tf BYRON GIST

Miss Sallie Grundy departed Tuesday for her home at Estelina after a pleasant visit with relatives in Memphis.

Don't forget the O. K. Tailor when you have Cleaning and Pressing. Phone 35. 46-tf

R. S. Greene returned Saturday morning from market where he purchased a large stock of spring and summer goods for his store.

Remember the O. K. Tailor will give you the best clothes for the money that can be had. 46-tf

W. P. Pope and L. E. Gibbs have purchased a stock of dry goods at Wellington and they are now in that city looking after same.

Cooper & Watts, tanners, west side of square. All work guaranteed. Phone 350. 31-tfc

Miss May Major returned Sunday night from Fort Worth where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Robinson for a few days.

We don't sell McAlester and Mexico coal for Colorado coal. W. M. CAMERON & Co., INC. 29-tfc

Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Davis of Wellington have been in the city several days the past week visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Stephens.

We are headquarters for the Old reliable Prairie Dog Poison. Come in and get it. SAM HARLE.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Harrison who has been quite ill for several days with pneumonia is improving quite rapidly.

If your suit needs cleaning and pressing, call 186. All work guaranteed. FRANK GREENE, Tailor.

Miss Mona Ross of Brownsville is now in the city and will be found in the millinery emporium of the Green Dry Goods Co. She is highly recommended as an expert trimmer.

Does your house need painting? Get Lowe Bros., Paint at

Jno. E. Quarles Lumber Co. It's the best.

Be sure and attend the entertainment by the High School girls at Carnegie Library on Saturday, March 7. The proceeds will be used for buying valuable books for the library.

Bring us your eggs, and receive the highest price the market will justify. 35-2tc DOWELL & HOWARD.

The schedule of the Denver has again been changed. Both the morning trains arrives at Memphis at 9:22. The southbound night train arrives at 9 o'clock and the northbound at 6:45 p. m.

If your chickens are diseased, call on Wheat & Jones for Pratts Roup Cure, Cholera and White Diarrhoea Remedy. 52-tf

The Hawkeye Glee Club will be the last attraction of the Lyceum course at the Presbyterian church tonight. You will miss something great if you miss this splendid organization.

We sell nothing but the best Colorado coal. W. M. CAMERON & Co., INC. 29-tfc

The past few days have been very disagreeable. The cold weather and sand storm of Sunday was about the worst we have seen in many months. The weather man has been hitting us with a vengeance, and no mistake.

We are headquarters for the Old Reliable Prairie Dog Poison. Come in and get it. SAM HARLE.

Mrs. R. S. Greene and little daughter are visiting Mrs. Greene's parents at Tyler for several weeks.

M. L. Raney received a short visit Wednesday night from his son-in-law, J. H. Boatright of Willow, Okla.

FOR SALE—Good 1100 pound work horse. Will sell for cash or on time. See me at Cameron Lumber Co. G. N. SCRUGGS. 30-tfc

Sheriff J. E. King is in Fort Worth where he has had an operation performed on his hand for the purpose of loosening up some of the ligaments of his finger which was cut by glass several months ago.

For good results in baking, use Rainbow Flour. It is made of pure soft wheat, and every sack guaranteed. DOWELL & HOWARD, Phone 147. 35-2tc.

The Masonic order of this city is going to have a home-coming on Friday, March 6, at which time some very interesting history in connection with the growth of the lodge will be rehearsed. Every member should make an effort to be out at this meeting.

FOR SALE—I will sell my residence in Memphis, at a bargain and on liberal terms. For price and terms see J. A. Whaley. 33-4tp T. C. ANTHONY.

Quite a number of anti-spitting placards have been put out the past few days by the city marshal and signed by the Mayor. They are quite conspicuous around the square and should be gentle reminders to every one not to spit on the sidewalks, in stairways or public buildings.

J. H. Duncan brought into Memphis Monday from Turkey 450 chickens and sold them to Hollifield for car shipment. Mr. Duncan used a trail wagon to bring them to the city. This

bunch of hens brought Mr. Duncan over \$200. Poultry raising is profitable.

I now have the most up-to-date line and styles for ladies, we have ever had. Let us show you before you buy.

Mrs. H. L. KIMBLER, at the O. K. Tailor Shop. 32-tfc

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shearin died Tuesday morning of pneumonia and the remains were made ready by King & Battle undertakers, and were shipped to Ringgold, Texas, Tuesday night for burial. The father and mother have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in this sad loss.

The Hollifield poultry house shipped 106 cases of eggs last week, making a total of 38,160 eggs. Our merchants and the other poultry houses made large shipments. This is some egg market as well as poultry. The poultry industry in Hall county is fast coming into its own and will soon be one of the leading businesses of this section.

W. A. Johnson and J. M. Elliott went down to Fort Worth Friday night as delegates to the elimination convention Saturday. They report a very harmonious and prosperous meeting and that the Ball was started to rolling when the meeting was first opened and was kept rolling until it was entirely wound up and cast before the prohibition people of Texas as the nominee of the prohibition party for the next governor of Texas.

Well Drilling For first class well drilling see or address R. A. STARNES, Memphis Texas. 24-12tc

How Postoffices are Named.

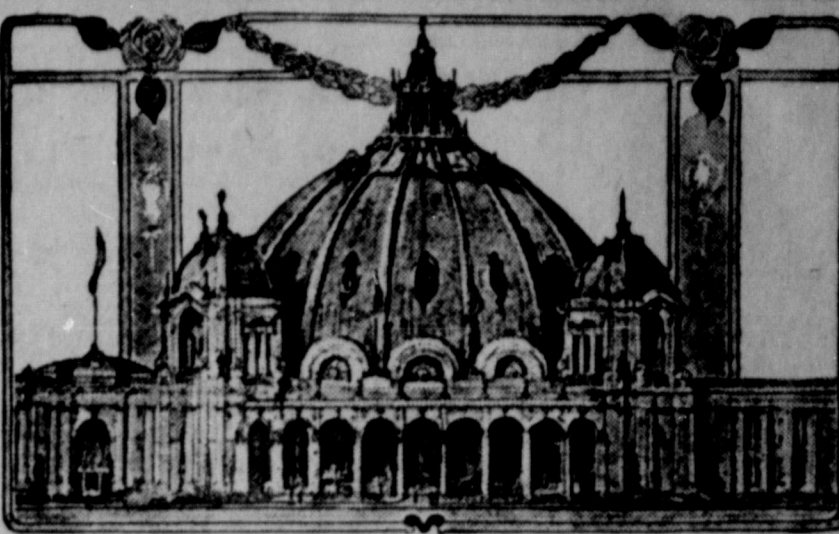
The history of the origin of postoffice names affords many amusing facts. Not a few of the names grow out of blunders in writing or spelling. The Postoffice Department presumably hasn't the time to conduct a special investigation in every neighborhood, so it often jumps to conclusions or draws upon its imagination.

In the Princeton Press of West Virginia we find a curious instance of a name conferred upon a postoffice because of an error in one letter of a petition. There is a district in that state known as Hill Top. When the people of Hill Top decide to ask for a postoffice a petition was drawn up and forwarded to Washington City. The writer was not careful to dot the "i" in Hill. Instead he made a sort of loop that was interpreted as an "o".

Call a postoffice "Hell Top?" That would never do. It shocked the agents of Uncle Sam. But they thought they would comply as closely as possible with local sentiment so they named the postoffice "Tophet." Tophet was a hill on which the refuse of Jerusalem was dumped and burned. The fires were almost continuous and hence Tophet came to signify hell or a place of endless perdition.

Many postoffice names are duplicated, but West Virginia boasts of having the only Tophet in the land. What a difference one letter of a word makes in history! It is said that Nome, Alaska, got its name from the fact that the "a" of the word name was misinterpreted for an "o". At that, it is a very impressive name.—Tacoma Ledger.

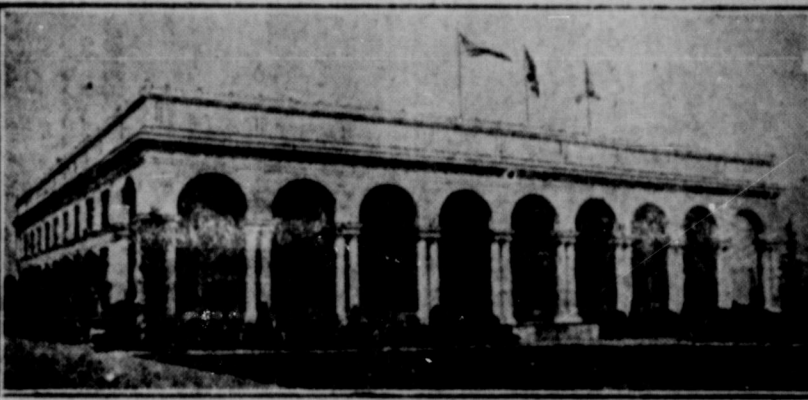
Adam Complained. "They handed me the meal check face down so I couldn't tell what it cost," he cried.



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Met Peculiar Death.

A case in which three bluejackets were killed by fumes from potatoes was described in the recent annual report on the health of the British navy. The men were overcome in a provision room in the Superb, where there was a stock of potatoes. Some of the potatoes were germinating, and this gave rise to an accumulation of gas, which suffocated the men.

Time's Changes.

Among what may be described as manufactured jokes the following is an exchange in an alleged specimen: "If Tennyson had lived in my suburb," said paterfamilias the other night as he ruefully contemplated his gas bill, "he would never have written, 'Honor the Light Brigade' in honor of the charge they made! But perhaps gas companies had conspired on his day."

Tombstone as a Barometer.

Upton, near Peterborough, one of the smallest parishes in England numbering only fourteen houses, possesses a mysterious tombstone of black marble, which emits a damnable ooze in patches when it is about to rain. It is regarded in the village as an infallible barometer.

No Alternative.

Wife—"Why did you tell the Bakers that you married me because I was such a good cook, when you know I can't even boil a potato?" Hubby—"I had to make some excuse, my dear, and I didn't know what else to say!"—London Opinion.

Girl Burglar's Feet Battered.

A young girl burglar who had broken into a Paris tobacco shop was questioned by the police when she was taken through the kitchen skylight. The cook saw her foot appear through the glass and sent for the police, who reached the girl by means of a ladder and took her to the police station.—London Mail.

About Umbrellas.

Eyeglass wearers have long since complained that people are careless with umbrellas. Many pairs of glasses have been knocked off and broken by persons who selfishly refuse to move an umbrella so as to allow other people to easily pass. A few even persist in dangerously running an umbrella along a crowded street, endangering the glasses and sometimes the eyes of passing waiters.

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Crude Thoughts From The Editorial Pen

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.

A young man who is thoughtful for others is most likely to be well mannered. Let him practice his manners at home, treating his mother and sister with courtesy, and then when he goes abroad his manners will be easy and graceful.

ENJOYMENT AT HOME

Don't shut your house, lest the sun should fade your carpets; and your hearts, lest a merry laugh should shake down some of the dusty old cobwebs there.

Don't repress the buoyant spirit of your children; half an hour of merriment around the lamp and firelight of a home

blots out many a care and annoyance during the day, and the best safeguard they can take with them into the world is the unseen influence of a bright little domestic circle.

A want of proper domestic economy has ruined the peace of many a family. There are women who could carry off their husband's stores on their backs and not half try.

A MINISTER'S WIFE

A doctor's wife owes no duties to her husband's patients; a lawyer's wife owes no duties to her husband's clients; but a minister's wife is regarded as a kind of lady shop, or, at least an unordained curate, who, by virtue of her position, is bound to discharge innumerable services to the congregation.

He who creates a healthful smile creates a beautiful gem.

Everyone must have felt that a cheerful friend is like a sunny day, which sheds its brightness on all around; and most of us can, as we choose make this world a palace or a prison.

Mail-Order Ten Commandments.

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8. You shall look often at the beautiful picture in your catalog, so your wishes will increase, and so you will send a big order, although you are not in immediate need of the goods, otherwise you might have some money left to buy some necessary goods from your merchant.
9. You shall have the mechanic who repair the goods you buy from us, book the bills so you can send the money for his labor to us for new goods, otherwise he will not notice our influence.
10. You shall, in case of sickness or need, apply to your local dealer for aid and credit, as we do not know you or care to.

Pastor Succeeds Pastor As Commercial Secretary.

Brady, Tex., Feb.—At a meeting this week of the directors of the local Commercial Club, Rev. T. P. Grant, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, was chosen as secretary of the club. Rev. Grant succeeds Rev. R. D. Hardison, who resigned the position.

Dublin—During the recent turkey season the Dublin Produce Company shipped about 15 cars of turkeys to the eastern markets, which aggregates about 500,000 pounds.

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The Mystery of the Boule Cabinet

By BURTON E. STEVENSON

comparatively simple. But we don't want to know these things. What we want to know is how Phillip Vantine and this unknown Frenchman were killed. And that is just the one thing which, I am convinced, neither the man nor the woman nor Rogers nor anybody else we have come across in this case can tell us.

CHAPTER VI. Guesses at the Riddle.

HERE are the facts of our case, and Godfrey checked them off on his fingers. The cabinet contains a secret drawer. This is inevitable if it really belonged to Mme. de Montespan. Any cabinet made for her would be certain to have a secret drawer. That drawer must be adequately guarded, and therefore a mechanism was devised to stab the person attempting to open it and to inject into the wound a poison so powerful as to cause instant death. Am I right so far? "Wonderfully right," I nodded. "I had not put it so clearly even to myself. Go ahead."

spring—and I don't see how else it can be worked—the spring would have to be renewed and wound up." "Well?" I asked as he paused. "Well, it is evident that the drawer contains something more recent than the love letters of Louis XIV. It must have been put in working order quite recently. But by whom and for what purpose? That is the mystery we have to solve, and it is a mighty pretty one. And here's another objection," he added. "That Frenchman knew about the secret drawer, because, according to our theory, he opened it and got killed. Why didn't he also know about the poison?" "That was an objection, truly, and the more I thought of it the more serious it seemed. "It may be," said Godfrey at last, "that D'Aurelle was going it alone—that he had broken with the gang—" "The gang?" "Of course there is a gang. This thing has taken careful planning and concerted effort. And the leader of the gang is a genius! I wonder if you understand how great a genius? Think! He knows the secret of the drawer of Mme. de Montespan's cabinet. But, above all, he knows the secret of the poison—the poison of the Medic! Do you know what that means. Lester?" "What does it mean?" I asked, for Godfrey was getting ahead of me. "It means he is a great criminal—a really great criminal—one of the elect from whom crime has no secrets. Observe. He alone knows the secret of the poison. One of his men breaks away from him and pays for his mutiny with his life. He is the brain; the others are merely the instruments!" "Then you don't believe it was by accident that cabinet was sent to Vantine?" "By accident? Not for an instant! It was part of a plot—and a splendid plot!" "Can you explain that to me too?" I queried a little ironically. He smiled good naturedly at my tone. "Of course this is all mere romancing," he admitted. "I am the first to acknowledge that. I was merely following out our theory to what seemed its logical conclusion. But perhaps we are on the wrong track altogether. Perhaps D'Aurelle, or whatever his name is, just blundered in like a moth into a candle flame. As for the plot—well, I can only guess at it. But suppose you and I had pulled off some big robbery—" He stopped suddenly and his face went white and then red. "Lester!" he cried, his voice shrill with fear. "The cabinet—it isn't guarded!" "Yes, it is," I said. "At least I thought of that!" And I told him of the precautions I had taken to keep it safe. He heard me out with a sigh of relief. "I think the cabinet is safe—for tonight. And before another night, Lester, we will have a look for ourselves." "A look?" "Yes, for the secret drawer!" "D'Aurelle and Vantine found it," I muttered thickly. "It won't kill us. We will go about it armored. Lester. That poisoned fang may strike, but I'll be ready. Lester. There will be no danger. Come, man!

Why, it's the chance of a lifetime—to catch ourselves against the greatest criminal of modern times!" His shrill laugh told how excited he was. "And do you know what we shall find in that drawer, Lester? But no—it is only a guess—the wildest sort of a guess—but if it is right—if it is right! Anyway, you will help me. Lester? You will come?" There was a wizardry in his manner not to be resisted. "Yes," I answered, with a quick taking of the breath; "I'll come!" "I knew you would! Tomorrow night, then—I'll call for you here at 7 o'clock. We will have dinner together—and then, hey for the great secret!" The door closed behind him, and his footsteps died away down the hall. I looked at my watch—it was nearly 2 o'clock. Dizziness went to bed. But my sleep was broken by a fearful dream—a dream of a serpent, with blazing eyes and dripping fangs, poised to strike! My first thought when I awoke next morning was for Parks. It was with a lively sense of relief that I heard Parks' voice answer my call on the phone. "This is Mr. Lester," I said. "Is everything all right?" "Everything serene, sir," he answered. "It would take a mighty smooth burglar to get in here now, sir." "How is that?" I asked. "Reporters are camped all around the house, sir. They seem to think somebody else will be killed here today." "I hope not," I said quickly. "And don't let any of the reporters in nor talk to them. Tell them they must go to the police for their information. If they get too annoying let me know, and I'll have an officer sent around. Don't let anybody in the house—no matter what he wants—unless Mr. Grady or Mr. Kimmonds or Mr. Goldbruger accompanies him. Don't let anybody in you don't know. If there is any trouble call me up. I want you to be careful about this." "I understand, sir." "How is Rogers?" I asked. "Much better, sir. He wanted to get up, but I told him he might as well stay in bed, and I'd look after things. I thought that was the best place for him, sir." "I see," I agreed. "Keep him there as long as you can. I'll come in during the day, if possible. In any event,

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...a moment looking at him...
...glance and put the...
...back into his pocket...
...the cablegram and passed...
...to him. He read it with...
...to put a puncture in...
...romance, doesn't it?" I asked...
...Armand's man hasn't called...
...suppose he'll be around to...
...to turn the cabinet...
...of course...
...it belongs to him—at...
...to Vantine...
...in spite of this," he said, "I...
...interested in that cabinet...
...I wish you would keep...
...of it as long as you can...
...I wouldn't give it up until he...
...to you the other cabinet...
...really do, ht...
...make him do that," I agreed...
...I will no doubt take a...
...longer than that if Vantine's...
...in Paris...
...let us go down and have...
...of this one," he said, "as we...
...You will think me fool...
...but even that cablegram...
...shakes my belief in the exist...
...of that secret drawer...
...all the rest?" I asked...
...he answered slowly, "and all...
...CHAPTER VII...
...The Burning Eyes...
...GODFREY said nothing more un...
...we stopped before the Van...
...the house, but I could see...
...from his puckered brows, how...
...was trying to untan...
...quark in the mystery...
...seems to have been lift...
...heard, as we alighted...
...he telephoned me that your es...
...contemporaries had the place...
...I told him to hold the...
...boys," he commented, smiling...
...that all they know is want...
...able to tell them! Which...
...the cabinet in?" he asked...
...the room is there at the left...
...these two shuttered windows...
...the cabinet is in the corner room...
...one window on this side and...
...the other...
...answered the bell almost in...
...and I could tell from the way...
...changed how glad he was to...
...Paris," I said, as we stepped...
...everything is all right, I hope?"...
...he answered, "But—...
...the nervous little, sir...
...a movement behind me, as...
...Parks my coat, and turned to...
...sitting on the cot...
...I said, "so you're able to be...
...you?"...
...sir," he answered, without...
...at me "I thought I'd come...
...and keep Parks company...
...I smiled a little sheepishly...
...to Mr. Lester," he said...
...so lonesome and jumpy here by...
...that I just had to have some...
...to talk to, especially after the...
...alarm rang...
...burglar alarm?" repeated God...
...quickly "What do you mean?"...
...I've got a burglar alarm on the...
...str. It's usually turned off...
...daytime, but I thought I'd be...
...it on today, and it rang about...
...middle of the afternoon. I thought...
...that one of the other servants...
...had a window, but none of...
...had. Something went wrong...
...I guess...
...you take a look at the win...
...I asked...
...sir. A policeman came to see...
...was the matter, and we went...
...and examined the windows...
...they were all locked. It made me...
...kind of scary for awhile...
...the alarm work now?"...
...sir. The policeman said there...
...was a short circuit somewhere...
...that he'd notify the people who...
...live in the house. But nobody has come around...
...to fix it...
...I'd better take a look at the win...
...ourselves," said Godfrey. "You...
...there, Parks. We can find them...
...but, and I don't want you to leave...
...door unguarded for a single...
...moment...
...went from window to window...
...Godfrey examined each of them...
...with a minuteness that astonished me...
...had no idea what he expected to...
...But we completed the circuit of...
...ground floor without his apparent...
...discovering anything out of the way...
...I take a look at the basement...
...and led the way downstairs...
...a readiness which told me that...
...had been over the house before. In...
...of a single small window, his elec...
...trich in his hand, he made a dis...
...covery...
...look here!" he said, his voice quiv...
...ing with excitement, and threw a...
...beam of light on the jamb of the win...
...er at the spot where the upper and...
...lower sashes met...
...that is it?" I asked after a mo...
...thing...
...I don't see anything wrong...
...you don't? You don't see that this...
...was to be entered tonight? Then...
...do this mean?"...
...with his finger nail he turned up the...
...of a small insulated wire. And...
...I saw that the wire had been cut...
...said Godfrey dryly. That re...
...of state is looking up again...
...body was preparing for a spin...
...of the home...
...of course, interested in that ob...
...I wouldn't lose any time. I've...
...I know he had any to tom...
...you put those window shutters...
...warned him that you suspected...
...He knew if the alarm was...
...it would ring when he cut the

"Why can't we ambush him?" I suggested.
"We might try, but it will be a mighty risky undertaking, Lester."
"One risky undertaking is enough for tonight," I said, with a sigh, for my belief in the existence of the secret drawer and the poison and all the rest of it had come back with a rush.
"All right," Godfrey said. "But I'll fix this break."
He got out his penknife, loosened two or three of the staples which held the wire in place, drew it out, scraped back the insulation and twisted the ends tightly together.
"There," he added, "that's done. If the invader tampers with the window again he will set off the alarm. But



I Saw That the Wire Had Been Cut.

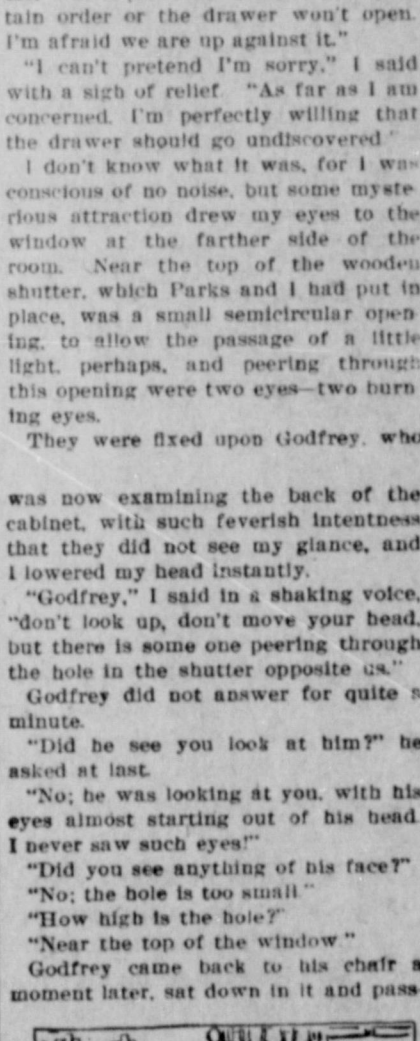
I don't believe he'll touch it. I fancy he already knows his little game is discovered."
"How would he know it?" I demanded incredulously.
"If he is keeping an eye on this window, as he naturally would do, he has seen my light. Perhaps he is watching us now. Now for the cabinet."
Rogers was still sitting dejectedly on the cot, and looking at him more closely, I could see that he was white and shaken.
"Have you anything to tell us this evening, Rogers?" I asked kindly. But he only shook his head.
"I've told you everything I know, sir," he answered in a low voice.
"Well," I added briskly, "I'll have to ask you to get up. Move the cot away from the door, Parks."
Parks obeyed me with astonished face.
"You're not going in there, sir?" he protested as I turned the knob.
"Yes, we are," I said, and opened the door "is is—"
"No, sir," broke in Parks, understanding. "The undertakers brought the coffin and put him in it and moved him over to the drawing room this afternoon, sir."
"I'm glad of that. I want all the lights lit, Parks, just as they were last night."
Parks reached inside the door and switched on the electric. Then he went away, came back in a moment with a taper and proceeded to light the gas lights. A moment later the lights in the inner room were also blazing.
"There you are, sir," said Parks, and retreated to the door. "Will you need me?"
"Not now. But wait in the hall outside. We may need you."
I led the way into the inner room.
"Well, there it is," I said, and nodded toward the Boule cabinet. "It isn't too late to give it up, Godfrey."
"Oh, yes, it is," he said coolly, removing his coat. "It was too late the moment you told me that story. Why, Lester, if I gave it up I should never sleep again! Draw up a chair and watch me."
He pulled back his shirt sleeves and placed his electric torch on the floor beside the cabinet. Then he paused with folded arms to contemplate this masterpiece of M. Boule.
"It is a beauty," he said at last, and then drew out the little drawers, one after another, looked them over and placed them carefully on a chair.
"Now," he added, "let us see if there is any space that isn't accounted for."
He took from his pocket a folding rule of ivory, opened it and began a series of measurements so searching and intricate that half an hour passed without a word being spoken. Then he pulled up another chair and sat down beside me.
"I seem to be pretty much up against it," he said. "No doubt just as the designer of the cabinet would wish me to be. The whole bottom of the desk is inclosed, and those three little drawers take up only a small part of the space. Then the back of the cabinet seems to be double—at least, there's a space of three inches I can't account for. So there's room for a dozen secret drawers, if the Montepan required so many. And now to find the combination."
He adjusted the steel gauntlet carefully to his right hand and sat down on the floor before the cabinet.
"I'll begin at the bottom," he said. "If there is any spot I miss, tell me of it."
He ran his fingers up and down the graceful legs, carefully feeling every

inequality of the elaborate bronze ornamentation. Then he examined the bottom of the table minutely, using his torch to illumine every crevice, but again without result.
Another half hour passed so, and when at last he came out from under the table his face was dripping with sweat.
"It's trying work," he said, sitting down again and mopping his face. "But isn't it a beauty, Lester? The more I look at it the more wonderful it seems."
"I'd point out one thing to you, Godfrey," I said. "If you go on poking about with the fingers of both hands, as you've been doing, you are just as apt to get struck on the left hand as on the right."
"That's true," he agreed. "Stop me if I forget."
There were three little drawers in the front of the table and these Godfrey had removed. He inserted his hand into the space from which he had taken them and examined it carefully. Then, inch by inch, he ran his fingers over the bosses and arabesques with which the sides and top of the table were incrustated. It seemed to me that if the secret drawer were anywhere it must be somewhere in this part of the cabinet, and I watched him with breathless interest. But no hidden spring was touched; no drawer sprang open; no poisoned fangs descended.

"Well," said Godfrey, sitting back in his chair at last and wiping his face again, "now we'll try the upper part."
The upper part of the cabinet consisted of a series of drawers, rising one above the other and terminated by a triangular pediment, its tympanum ornamented with some beautiful little bronzes. The drawers themselves were concealed by two doors, opening in the center and covered with a most intricate design of arabesque incrustations.
"If there is a secret drawer here," said Godfrey, "it is somewhere in the back, where there seems to be a hollow space. But to discover the combination—"
He ran his fingers over the inlay, and then, struck by a sudden thought, tested each of the little figures along the tympanum, but they were all set solidly in place.
"There's one thing sure," he said, "the combination, whatever it is, is of such a nature that it could not be discovered accidentally. It is probably a question of releasing a series of levers, which must be worked in a certain order or the drawer won't open. I'm afraid we are up against it."
"I can't pretend I'm sorry," I said with a sigh of relief. "As far as I am concerned, I'm perfectly willing that the drawer should go undiscovered."
"I don't know what it was, for I was conscious of no noise, but some mysterious attraction drew my eyes to the window at the farther side of the room. Near the top of the wooden shutter, which Parks and I had put in place, was a small semicircular opening, to allow the passage of a little light, perhaps, and peering through this opening were two eyes—two burning eyes.
They were fixed upon Godfrey, who

was now examining the back of the cabinet, with such feverish intentness that they did not see my glance, and I lowered my head instantly.
"Godfrey," I said in a shaking voice, "don't look up, don't move your head, but there is some one peering through the hole in the shutter opposite us."
Godfrey did not answer for quite a minute.
"Did he see you look at him?" he asked at last.
"No; he was looking at you, with his eyes almost starting out of his head. I never saw such eyes!"
"Did you see anything of his face?"
"No; the hole is too small."
"How high is the hole?"
"Near the top of the window."
Godfrey came back to his chair a moment later, sat down in it and passed

his handkerchief slowly over his face. Then he leaned forward, apparently to examine the legs of the cabinet.
"I saw him," he said, "or, rather, I saw his eyes. Rather fierce, aren't they?"
(To be Continued)



There is some one peering through the hole.

SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS FOR GOOD ROADS

Fifty-one Out of 86 Elections Successful—Two-thirds Majority Statute Detrimental.

There were 86 road and bridge bond elections held in Texas during 1913 and 51 of them carried by large majorities resulting in the appropriation of \$7,267,000 for highway improvement, according to data compiled by the Texas Business Men's Association. This is more than double the amount of bonds issued in this state last year. The aggregate amount of bonds voted on in 1913 was \$11,661,000, but 35 of the issues, involving a total of \$4,394,000 were defeated. This amount of money is sufficient to build a first class highway from the Red River to the Gulf.

Harris led all other counties in the amount of bonds issued, having ratified an election of \$1,000,000 on February 20th. The smallest issue for the year was voted on in Kerr County and was for \$2,000. The election was carried by an overwhelming majority, a heavy vote being polled. Brazoria County takes the palm for holding the greatest number of elections. Four issues, aggregating \$585,000 were voted on in 1913 and all received the necessary two-thirds majority vote.

The Record by Years. The law governing the issuance of bonds for highway improvement permits a county, precinct or road district to bond its property for amounts not exceeding one-fourth of the assessed valuation. This statute went into effect in 1909 and since that time nearly \$25,000,000 has been appropriated in this manner for road building and maintenance. The largest amount was voted in 1911, when \$8,915,000 in bonds were issued. The record by years since the passage of this law follows:

Year	Amount of Bonds
1909	\$ 781,000
1910	4,015,000
1911	8,915,000
1912	2,498,206
1913	7,267,700

These figures, with the exception of 1909, are taken from the records kept by the Texas Business Men's Association and are compiled from data furnished by commercial organizations, county judges, good roads associations and other authoritative sources. The 1909 figures are from the State Comptroller and represent the road bonds registered in Austin that year.

Following is a list of the counties which issued road and bridge bonds during 1913. The amount and date of election are also shown.

County, Date	Amount
Atascosa, Feb. 8	20,000
Aransas, Aug. 30	155,000
Bell, Dec. 29	30,000
Bell, July 22	50,000
Bell, May 17	150,000
Brazoria, April 19	300,000
Brazoria, Aug. 30	75,000
Brazoria, Aug. 29	150,000
Brazoria, Sept. 23	60,000
Bexar, Nov. 12	750,000
Brewster, Dec. 20	100,000
Calhoun, Sept. 20	5,000
Calhoun, Jan. 2	135,000
Cameron, March 13	20,000
Chambers, March 15	100,000
Caldwell, Oct. 14	50,000
Collin, Dec. 16	450,000
Frio, Feb. 1	80,000
Galveston, Sept. 26	250,000
Grayson, July 18	35,000
Garza, Oct. 11	50,000
Harris, Feb. 20	1,000,000
Hill, Nov. 22	250,000
Irion, Sept. 27	20,000
Jackson, Dec. 4	95,000
Jim Wells, Oct. 29	125,000
Kerr, Dec. 13	2,000
Kerr, May 12	40,000
Kinney, Nov. 14	80,000
Midland, April 23	50,000
Matagorda, March 1	200,000
Montgomery, Nov. 26	150,000
Montgomery, July 5	250,000
Milam, April 18	50,000
Milam, April 25	150,000
Maverick, Sept. 8	25,000
Navarro, June 28	75,000
Navarro, March 22	400,000
Nueces, March 22	100,000
Nueces, Sept. 2	155,000
Polk, May 24	40,000
Robertson, Jan. 21	150,000
Smith, Aug. 28	30,000
Smith, July 8	300,000
Smith, May 15	75,000
Trinity, Sept. 16	100,000
Victoria, April 26	45,000
Victoria, April 26	45,000
Waller, Dec. 20	10,000
Waller, Sept. 25	15,000
Walker, Nov. 14	150,000
Total	\$7,267,000

The statute, requiring the issuance of highway improvement bonds only by the sanction of two-thirds of the voters balloting has been a stumbling block in the way of better roads. At least 80 per cent of the defeated issues during the year received a majority of the votes cast, but lacked the required two-thirds ratification by a few ballots.

Practically every one of the counties in which issues were defeated in 1913 are making preparations to hold the second election, and in many instances the road districts are being mapped out to exclude those voters opposed to bond issuance for highway improvement. At the present time elections involving \$4,000,000 are in sight and will be decided during the first three months of 1914.

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We will have to take off our hat to our sister state in this instance and admit that she has "put one over" on Texas, for while almost every occupation is represented in the list of candidates for governor of Texas, so far we have had no professional outlaw aspire to the office.

We Need Cheap Money

New York state has just marketed \$51,000,000 worth of 4 1/2 per cent improvement bonds. One of the largest banking concerns in the United States was the purchaser. The fact that 467 bids were tendered which aggregated \$288,000,000 or six times the amount of the issue, indicates the desirability of the investment.

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Hico—That the poultry business in this section is a remunerative one, has been proven during the last two months. More than 15 carloads of turkeys were shipped from here during that time.

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taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it. I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it. I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me." Theford's Black-Draught has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest. Get a package today. Only a quarter.

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Salisbury Gossip.

Mrs. Blum was visiting Mrs. L. C. Boulware last Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. Harrison and daughter, were visiting Mrs. Jimmie Holland of the Ogdan Ranch Tuesday of last week.

Owing to some changes made in the Salisbury school Friday. It was decided to discontinue the Literary society. We regret to see the society disbanded.

After some two weeks visit with his wife, Mr. Cal Sheffield departed Saturday morning for his home at Santa Anna, Texas.

Miss Clo Rothwell was shopping in Memphis Saturday.

Mrs. D. F. Holland was visiting in our community Saturday.

Several wagons from this community was on the Sloan farm near Hulver for feed Monday of last week.

The tackey party at the home of J. S. Edwards last Friday night was a record breaker for this community. There being fifty three in attendance. There was a prize for the tackest girl and boy. After an hour of merry conversation they were all lined up and the judges selected Miss Lizzett Harrison winning the prize for the girl. The boys resulted in a hung jury for some time. It was a close decision between Finis Halcomb and Lelen Wilkins. Mr. Wilkins finally won.

Mrs. Winnie Taylor was reported on the sick list Sunday.

Misses Mable and Willie Newton spent Friday night of last week with their friend, Miss Boulware.

Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Richards were visiting relatives in the Friendship community Sunday.

Bro. J. H. Pierce of Newlin preached a very interesting sermon at Salisbury Sunday evening. A nice little crowd was present despite the blustry weather.

One of the severest winds swept down upon the community Sunday evening. We believe it to be the worst for years.

Sometime during the high wind Sunday evening the oil derrick was completely demolished. The same has been in a dangerous condition for some two weeks.

Miss Amazine Wilton spent Wednesday night of last week with her school mate, Luella Harrison.

Rev. Seymour of Newlin will preach here next Sunday evening March 1st.

Mr. Hooks and daughter, Hattie of Collingsworth county came in Sunday evening with the norther. They returned Monday.

Mr. Emmett Solomon is complaining this week with a stiff neck.

Davis Harrison will take your subscription to the Memphis

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This week closes the offer of low price ice. Some few people have acted wisely and bought a supply of this hot weather food. It would be a wise investment even though they let the ice melt and drink the water. The ice is made of distilled water, that is the Browder springs water will be heated, cooked, boiled and steamed until all animalcules, microbes and germs have been eliminated. After this process the steam is condensed and frozen in blocks convenient to be handled in the home. Science teaches that this is healthy. The coupons will be redeemed at cost, if they are not used, you take no risk, and will need ice this summer.

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OLD MAID

Newlin Items.

J. B. Graddy left last Friday for an extended visit in central Texas.

H. L. Embry went to Childress last Friday on business.

Guy Nelson and Miss Lula Morrison left last Sunday for Memphis to be united in the happy bonds of matrimony. They both stand high in the community and are well thought of. They left last Sunday evening for Herford to spend their honeymoon with J. R. Nelson. They will make their residence at the old home of his father south of town.

Cap Cardwell and wife lost their baby last week and we extend to them in the time of their bereavement our sincere sympathy.

Henry Mitchell's baby was buried at the Newlin cemetery last Tuesday. We extend to Mr. Mitchell and wife our sincere sympathy.

L. D. Ballard went to Memphis on business last Friday.

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Deep Lake Life

Traditionally dead but alive in reality.

Mr. B. F. Cope is loading a car of maize at Memphis this week. He has all the folks in the neighborhood helping him and consequently we have much visiting among the ladies of the community. They mutually keep spooks from molesting each other while their husbands are away at night.

We felt a mild influence uplifting and floating away from our community, like a balmy summer breeze when Moreman and wife left Sunday for a trip to Mineral Wells and probably the Gulf Coast for an extended tour and stay for their and Mrs. Baker's health, who accompanied them. They will return with all other joys of springtime.

Hall county is good enough Messrs. Davison and Wharton, after quite a stay in other parts are back in our community to stay and we are hearing murmurs

from Freeman Hancock, who is out in New Mexico seeking Utopia, that are something like this: Hall county is good enough for me, I'll soon be back.

School is progressing nicely. With our new storm cellar complete the parents are not worried with thoughts of how their children are faring in stormy weather and with the children's earnest love of school, manifested each day—all these things and many more make our school successful.

The Deep Lake Literary Society met last Saturday night, when a large audience appreciated a nice program, consisting of recitations, dialogues, songs and instrumental music. We shall attempt to render a better program next time, two weeks from last meeting. Come and enjoy it with us.

Farm Facts.

By Peter Radford

Successful agriculture means selling without waste.

We should devote our energy and talent to the solution of the problems of our own locality.

We need to further extend christian influence in the rural homes as well as to spread the gospel in China.

It is as important that we discuss from the pulpit the building of macadam highways from the church to our homes as that we preach of the golden streets of the new Jerusalem.

The rural press the pulpit and the school are a trinity of powerful influences that the farmer must utilize to their fullest capacity before he can occupy a commanding position in public affairs.

Every farmer in Texas should subscribe for the local paper, as well as farm periodicals and such other publications as he may find profitable, but he should, by all means, subscribe for his local paper as no home can afford to be without it.

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Feminine Perversity.

Even the woman who wishes to ta all the time becomes impatient if h husband fails to try to get in a wo now and then.

Queer Matrimonial Mixup. A man at Angoulême, France, who divorced his wife and married again, finding his second marriage no happier, has fallen in love again with his first wife and gone back to her. His second wife has instituted divorce proceedings against him, naming the first wife as co-respondent.

Daily Thought.

Our words have wings, but fly where we would.—George Elliot.

"Method in Madness." "Why do you always insist on talking about the weather to your barber?" "You wouldn't have me talk about anything so exciting as politics to a man who is handling a razor, would you?"

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E. E. Diggs ed Special. Bar to A special to held last week. Judge Na court at V of Childress. Judge by the able to try th was brought force the can school bo by the Mer School dista were not le case was decl defendants. the cases wa The people is as near set has been sug one way to se would be to load issue election and v which we are trict can do, a amount as l the high sch other necess We earnestly the trouble w Rural Car

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