

The McLean News

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Things That Should Be Accomplished During 1913

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Our streets, es- the business sec- be lined with con- and these connect- ta crossings. Old ns and accumula- ds and garbage of eter should be re- ur streets and al- a sanitary condi- ll not only attract e comment of visit- ll be a most strate- ver in the campaign other pestiferous in-

ent weather situation ad the town stands danger of serious by reason of the is practically with- on of any character. here in the business ould likely lay the on waste, especially ppend to be any wid re usually is.

park, on which com- money has already should be planted

in trees and other improvements made that will eventually make it a playground to which all can point with pride.

Our school grounds, which comprise two blocks of land at a splendid location, should be improved and beautified in keeping with the statliness of our magnificent \$25,000 building.

We have merely touched upon a few of the many things that demand attention, and while we are not prepared to suggest ways and means, yet we wish to be understood as favoring their accomplishment and willing to do our individual share of the work as well as donate our pro- rata of the funds necessary thereto.

Our business men and other citizens should take some im- mediate steps toward the organiza- tion of a civic club, commercial club, chamber of commerce, or something of that character whose business it would be to carry into successful accomplish- ment all practical suggestions for the advancement of the com- munity along any legitimate line. All the improvements mentioned could be readily ac- complished if enough men could be inspired with enough civic pride to get together in one bunch at one time and organize themselves into a club, assess- ing a monthly membership fee sufficient to maintain it in work- ing order.

The News has hammered away at many little problems to be of benefit to the com- munity, and on more than one oc-

asion, our efforts have failed yet we still feel that the newspaper is the spokesman for the com- munity and if this appeal fails to stir sufficient enthusiasm to re- sult in the organization mention- ed, we want it understood that we will "have at it" again and again until something is done.

If we be men, let us rise to the occasion. Instead of sitting like stone images waiting for something to turn up, let us strike out in one big bunch and turn something up.

Piano Fund.

Up to Tuesday of this week there had been a total of \$157.00 donated to the fund for the purchasing of a piano for the blind young woman, Miss Katie Barrow. This is witness of an excellent spirit upon the part of the good people of McLean, and the money subscribed was not offered as a gift of charity, but as a reward of merit and a dis- position to be of help to this splendid young woman from whom all the light of God's earthly creation has been shut out, leaving her to tread the lonely paths in darkness. As soon as practical steps will be taken to purchase the piano. Following is a complete list of the donors:

- R. S. Thompson.....\$35.00
- Emmett Thompson.....10.00
- Edgar Thompson.....10.00
- J. R. Hindman.....10.00
- Siler Faulkner.....10.00
- Fred O'Dell.....10.00
- A. G. Richardson.....5.00
- J. M. Noel.....5.00
- C. C. Cooper.....5.00
- L. O. Floyd.....5.00
- V. L. Hindman.....5.00
- A. A. Callahan.....5.00
- T. A. Cooke.....5.00
- W. T. Wilson.....2.00
- J. S. Denson.....1.00
- R. H. Collier.....10.00
- W. C. Cheney.....5.00
- G. W. Sitter.....5.00
- B. F. Gardenhire.....5.00
- Mrs. J. W. Kibler.....5.00
- Earl S. Hurst.....5.00
- W. A. Dougherty.....3.00
- B. E. Glass.....2.00
- W. E. Ballard.....1.00
- Mr. Beach.....1.00

The Tank Question

If a tank can be emptied by a 3-in pipe in 12 hours, how long will it take for a 4 inch pipe to empty it? The answer is neither 8 nor 9 hours. You will ne place yourself under any obliga- tions whatever by writing us for free solution of this problem.

Why attend an inferior school when you can get the best at the Bowie Commercial College? We have never lost a prospect we student who has visited any other business college before visiting us, though we have had them to enroll with us after visiting the business colleges in Tyler, Ft. Worth, and Dallas. There's a reason: we save you about \$50 and give you a superi- or course of instruction. Write us for proof of this.

"THERE IS NO CALAMITY LIKE IGNORANCE".
Bowie Commercial College,
Bowie, Texas.

W. S. Copeland was in from the Marx ranch the first of the week, and while here had his name enrolled on the News subscription list, for which he has our thanks.

THINK

Of the enormous amount of business being done by business men who know the value of Advertising. They are not slow in asserting the fact that Advertising Pays. Another important "Think" is, what kind of Advertising is necessary to insure good business. "Think" of that and then think of us and let us do all the thinking for you.

McLean News

\$10,000 in Gold For Farmers of Texas

The Texas Industrial Congress announces its third annual prize offer of \$10,000 in gold to the farmers of Texas who secure the largest yields, cost of production considered, of specific crops raised in Texas in 1913.

The prizes offered are absolutely free and the competition is open without charge and without cost of any kind to every man, woman, boy or girl who will comply with the require- ments necessary for conducting the contest fairly and honestly.

Each contestant is furnished with systematic instruction in the best methods to be used in cultivating his crop and is advised to follow them, but he is at liberty to vary from these suggestions if he thinks best.

This prize offer is made solely for the purpose of helping those engaged in agriculture to be- come more prosperous and hap- pier, and because the necessity for soil conservation and the adoption of better cultural meth- ods is so vital to the agricultural, commercial, industrial, and all other interests that every pos- sible effort should be made to induce scientific cultivation, bet- ter seed selection, rotation, di- versification and conservation of the soil's fertility.

The Congress is not a money- making organization, and no officer or member, except the secretary, who is a paid em- ployee, receives a salary or any- thing of value for his services or on account of his connection with it. It has no income ex- cept that derived from the vol- untary contributions of pub- lic-spirited individuals, firms and corporations who desire to as- sist in the development of agri- cultural resources of Texas.

The prizes that are offered are really worth making a stren- uous effort to win and it would be pleasing to the News to see many young men, girls, women and men enter this contest from this county. Those who are or might be interested are request- ed to call at this office and we will be glad to explain the mat- ter to them.

There is no charge for enter- ing and the requirements are reasonable and equitable. Some handsome prizes are offered on

kafir and maize and there is not another spot on the face of the globe where these crops thrive better than in this vicinity. It should not be a hard matter to bring some of these prizes to Gray county.

Notice Tax Payers.

You are hereby notified that all taxes due the McLean Inde- pendent School District should be paid before the first day of February, and after that date a penalty of ten per cent will be added on all unpaid taxes. Do it now.

J. T. McClain, Collector.

If you want your phone changed or intend putting in a phone better see Kibler right away and have your name and number on the new direct- ory.

Resolved

That during the past five years we have built up an honest business with honest people by giving honest treat- ment, at opportune times. Year 1913 we will use the same methods.

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We can look our friends and patrons square in the face and wish them a Prosperous Year, because within ourselves we are conscious of having treated our customers right in the past. Our increase in business is sufficient to prove this.

If you are not a customer of this bank, make a RESO- LUTION today. We have ample facilities to handle your business for this and all years to come.

Citizens State Bank

D. N. Massay, Prest. Earl S. Hurst, Cashier,
Roy Rice, Asst. Cashier

Our Hearty New Year's Greetings!

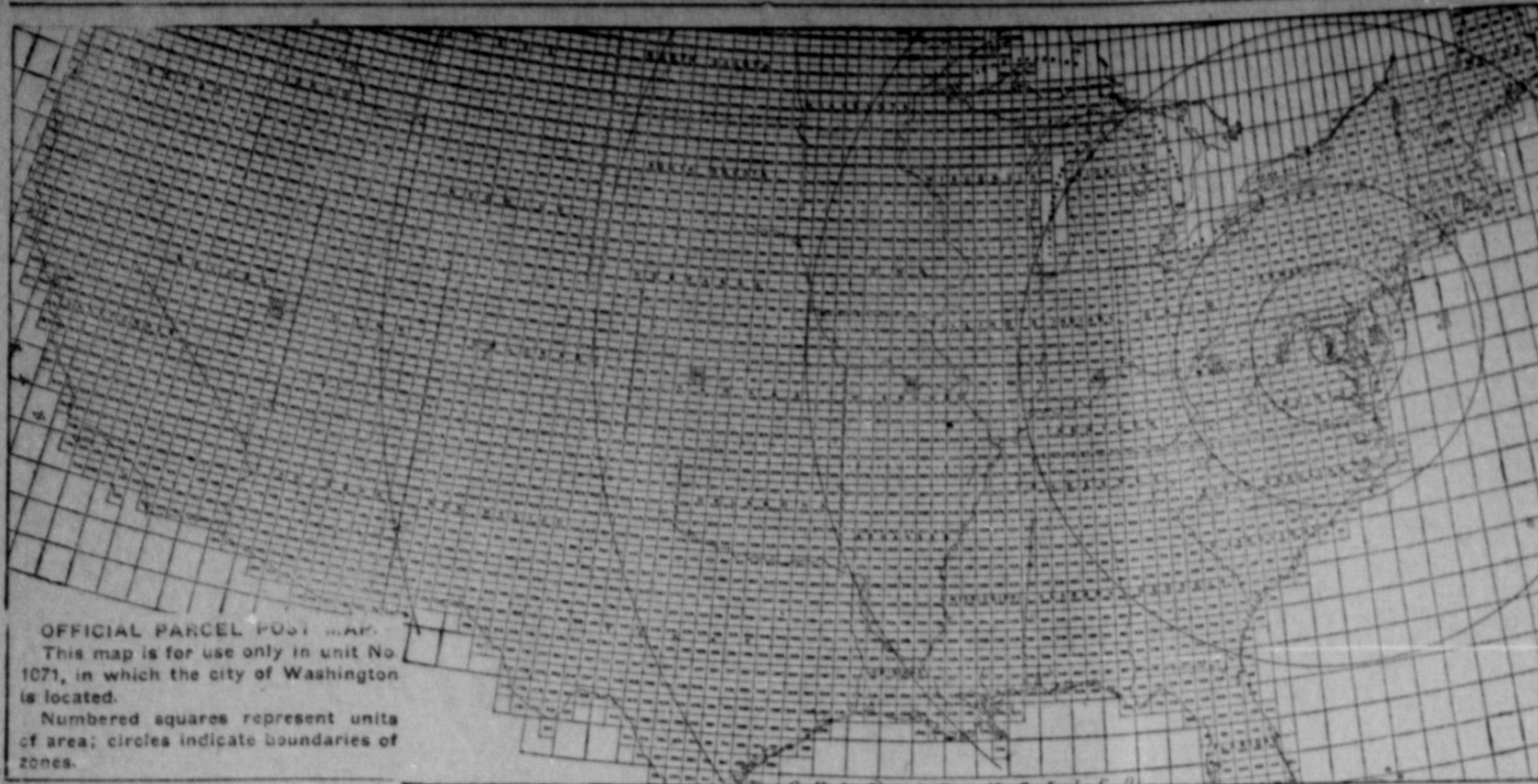
Here we stand on the threshold of another year. Our journey for the last twelve months has been more pleasant for your association with us, and we thank you for your assistance on the roadway to success.

We sincerely trust that our service has aided you in attaining the same good, and that the year just dawned finds you still traveling on prosperity's highway.

Our business for the year 1912 has, in- deed been satisfactory, and we look forward to the new year with eager expectations of making it the biggest and most successful year in the history of our institution.

Again we thank you for your 1912 busi- ness and solicit its continuance during 1913.

American State Bank



HOW PARCEL POST RATES ARE FIXED

Charges Are Regulated Under the Zone System.

BIG ENTERPRISE LAUNCHED

Eleven Pounds Is the Limit in Weight for a Single Package—Anything That Will Not Injure Other Mail Can Be Sent.

By EDWARD B. CLARK.

With the coming of the New Year the United States government will enter into a new field of enterprise—the transmittal of merchandise by what is known as the parcel post. For years there has been a demand for such a system of inexpensive transmittal of packages. The camps of favor and disfavor of the parcel post scheme have been about equally divided. Finally at the last session of congress a bill was passed which will put the plan into operation, but only it must be said in little more than an experimental way.

It is the intention of Uncle Sam to move rather slowly in the parcel post matter. He wants to find how popular it will be, how much it will cost the government, and whether there is to be a profit or loss at the end of each year. If it is found that the plan is successful from the point of view of the people, which means the government also, the parcel post will be extended until finally it reaches the proportions which its proponents say they believe it is destined to assume.

Zone System Explained.

It is no exaggeration to say that thousands upon thousands of inquiries have been made of the postmaster general as to just what the parcel post will mean to the people. It was the law of congress establishing the system which made provision for a division of the country into zones and into 35,000 units which are to be used as centers in describing the circles which mark the boundaries of the zones. There has been no clear understanding, apparently, of this zone system, but really it is a very simple matter.

The accompanying map shows the country divided into zones from the unit in which Washington is situated, as the center. Accompanying the map is a table showing the rate of postage per pound for parcels from Washington to places within all the zones.

Each unit contains an area thirty miles square. Now each unit is a center from which the zones are drawn and so every unit in the country no matter where it is situated will have zones drawn from it just exactly as Washington has them drawn from it. For instance, take Keokuk, Ia., which is in a unit in the fifth zone. From that will be drawn circles exactly as they are drawn from Washington and they will be numbered from Keokuk as number one, just as they are numbered from Washington as number one. Of course, however, Zone Six will have a different geographical position as related to Keokuk than it has as related to Washington, but as the radius of the circles drawn from Keokuk is the same length as the radius of the circles drawn from Washington, Keokuk's Zone Six will be just as far from its center as Washington's Zone Six is.

How Rates Are Fixed.

It can be seen from this readily enough that the postal rates from Washington to its particular zone will be the same as the postal rates from Keokuk to its particular zones. Each unit being about thirty miles square will of course contain in most cases a number of postoffices, but each office in the same unit is considered as being the center of the circles from which the zones are drawn. The rates of postage are fixed from the unit in which the sending postoffice is situated, but the price to every place in any zone is just the same. To illustrate, it will cost exactly the same amount to send a parcel from Washington to Erie, Pa., that it costs to send it to Atlanta, Ga., because Erie and Atlanta with reference to Washington are situated in the fourth

zone. The rates therefore are fixed from the unit in which the postoffice is located, but they are the same from that office to any point in any one zone.

It will be seen by reference to the table of rates of postage that it will cost more per pound to send a package a long distance than it does to send it a short distance. The rate increases for a package weighing one pound at the rate of one cent for each zone. No package weighing more than 11 pounds can be sent under the new parcel post law. It should be said right here that on the long hauls the parcel post may not be able to compete with the express companies, but that on shorter hauls it can so compete. It was the expressed desire of the legislators and of the postoffice officials that the parcel post system should be made of particular use to persons having farm and factory products to transmit to customers. It is probable that producers must study the rates of postage and the convenience of transmittal and compare them with the cost and convenience under present methods before individually a man can determine whether he is to profit or not by the change. Then there is another thing to be considered and which only can be known definitely when fuller regulations have been made to specify exactly what kind of things can be sent by parcel post. It can be said in a general way that anything can be sent which is properly wrapped and which will not injure other mail matter with which it may come in contact.

Copy Foreign Countries.

It is probable that the government will adopt a means of transportation for certain kinds of its merchandise much like those which have been adopted in parcel post countries abroad. What the English call hampers, basket-like arrangements, probably will be adopted, and as these can be kept separate from the ordinary mail matter it is believed that the regulations as finally adopted will allow the sending of eggs, butter, dressings, poultry, live poultry, honey, fruit, and other products of the country.

The 11-pound limit for a single package may work at first against any very extended use of the parcel post for some of the articles which have been named. Of course, more weight can be sent if it is sent in different parcels, but the cost in that case would be heavier because the increase per pound on a single package is not great up to 11 pounds, and probably it would increase at no greater rate if the government were to raise the limit of weight which is now fixed. To make it simpler, it will cost more to send two packages of 11 pounds than it would to send one package of 22 pounds if the government eventually should allow a heavier single package to be carried and should charge in proportion just what it does now for one package of 11 pounds weight.

Every postmaster in the United States will have a parcel post map like the one which is here reproduced except that the zone lines, will be shown with the unit of his postoffice as a center. All that a postmaster will have to do when a parcel is presented for transportation is to find out in what zone the destination of the package lies. His table will show him instantly the rate per pound from

the unit in which his postoffice lies to the zone of the package's destination, the price as has been explained before, to every postoffice in any one zone being the same. The parcel post will take nothing but fourth-class matter. Printed matter is still in the third-class designation. Therefore books cannot be sent by the parcel post system. This the postoffice authorities seem to think is in a way unjust and may work a hardship. It may be that in the future the law will be changed so as to include all printed matter. It seems to be certain that an attempt will be made to bring about this change as speedily as possible.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has ordered that postmasters be advised that parcel post packages cannot be accepted for mailing unless they bear a distinctive parcel post stamp and have attached to them the return card of the sender. A series of distinctive stamps is now in course of preparation for this class of mail as required by the law creating the parcel post system. Consignments of these stamps will be ready for shipment to all postoffices in ample time for the establishment of the new system on New Year's day.

The postoffice department has given instruction to every postmaster in the country to enlighten his patrons as much as possible on the general subject of the parcel post and especially on the use of the special stamps and the necessary attachment of the return card. The law requires that all fourth-class matter mailed after January 1, 1913, without parcel post stamps attached shall be treated as "Held for postage" matter. Parcel post packages will be mailable only at postoffices, branch postoffices, lettered and local named stations, and such numbered stations as may be designated by the postmasters.

Rate on Seeds Not Affected.
It should be said that the act of congress which puts a parcel post plan into operation does not in any way affect the postage rate on seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants as fixed by section 482 of the postal laws and regulations.

The classification of articles mailable as well as the weight limit, the rates of postage, zone or zones and other conditions of mailability under the act of congress, if the postmaster general shall find on experience "that they or any of them are such as to prevent the shipment of articles desirable, or shall permanently render the cost of the service greater than the receipts of the revenue therefrom, he is hereby authorized, subject to the consent of the interstate commerce commission after investigation, to reform from time to time such classification, weight limit, rates, zone or zones or conditions, in order to promote the service to the public or to insure the receipt of revenue from such service adequate to pay the cost thereof."

Through many years different members of the house and senate have been interested in promoting parcel post legislation. Among the men most active in securing the legislation which soon is to go into effect as law are Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon, Representatives David J. Lewis of Maryland and William Sulzer of New York, who has just been elected governor of that state.

RATES OF POSTAGE

Parcels weighing four ounces or less are mailable at the rate of one cent for each ounce or fraction of an ounce, regardless of distance. Parcels weighing more than four ounces are mailable at the pound rate, as shown by the following table, and when mailed at this rate any fraction of a pound is considered a full pound.

Wt. Lbs.	1st zone	2d zone	3d zone	4th zone	5th zone	6th zone	7th zone	8th zone
1	\$.05	\$.06	\$.07	\$.08	\$.09	\$.10	\$.11	\$.12
2	.06	.08	.10	.12	.14	.16	.19	.24
3	.07	.11	.14	.17	.20	.23	.28	.36
4	.08	.14	.18	.22	.26	.30	.37	.48
5	.09	.17	.22	.27	.32	.37	.45	.60
6	.10	.20	.26	.32	.38	.44	.55	.72
7	.11	.23	.30	.37	.44	.51	.64	.84
8	.12	.26	.34	.42	.50	.57	.73	.96
9	.13	.29	.38	.47	.56	.65	.82	1.08
10	.14	.32	.42	.52	.62	.72	.91	1.20
11	.15	.35	.46	.57	.68	.79	1.00	1.32

*For a full explanation of the rates of postage in the First Zone see the Parcel Post Guide.

APPROVES RULES FOR PARCEL POST

Postmaster General Issues Regulations Governing System.

WHAT MAY BE SENT BY MAIL

Gives American People Opportunity to Send Farm and Factory Products by Mail From and to Any Point in United States.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has just approved the regulations which cover in detail the articles which may or may not be sent by parcel post. These regulations are now being turned off at the government printing office on a "rush order" and they will be distributed as rapidly as possible.

The rules as to what can be sent and what cannot be sent and the instructions for the preparation of mailable articles with other "official advice" are given here as they have just been prepared by the postoffice department in Washington.

The minimum rate will be five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound to any point not exceeding fifty miles from the office of mailing; the local rate, which is five cents for the first pound and one cent for additional pound, applies to all parcels the delivery of which does not involve their transportation on railway lines. The rates increase for each successive one of the eight zones, the maximum rate being twelve cents a pound, which will carry a parcel across the continent or to any of our possessions. Parcels will be limited to eleven pounds in weight and six feet in length and girth combined.

Mailable Perishable Articles.

Butter, lard and perishable articles such as fish, fresh meats, dressed fowls, vegetables, fruits, berries and articles of a similar nature that decay quickly, when so packed or wrapped as to prevent damage to other mail matter, will be accepted for local delivery either at the office of mailing or on any rural route starting therefrom. When inclosed in an inner cover and a strong outer cover of wood, metal, heavy corrugated pasteboard or other suitable material and wrapped so that nothing can escape from the package, they will be accepted for mailing to any offices within the first zone or within a radius of 50 miles. Butter, lard, or any greasy or oily substance intended for delivery at offices beyond the first zone must be suitably packed. Vegetables and fruit that do not decay quickly will be accepted for mailing to any zone if packed so as to prevent damage to other mail matter. Eggs will be accepted for local delivery when securely packed in a basket or other container. Eggs will be accepted for mailing regardless of distance when each egg is wrapped separately and packed in a container.

There is no restriction on salted, dried, smoked or cured meats and other meat products, but fresh meat in any form will be transported only within the first zone.

Parcels containing perishable articles must be marked "PERISHABLE" and articles likely to spoil within the time reasonably required for transportation and delivery will not be accepted for mailing.

Manufactured Articles.

Manufacturers or dealers intending to transmit articles in considerable quantities are asked to submit to the postmaster for approval a specimen parcel showing the manner of packing.

When sharp pointed instruments are offered for mailing, the points must be capped or encased. Blades must be bound so that they will remain attached to each other or within their handles or sockets.

In Powders, pepper, snuff, or other similar pulverized dry substance, not poisonous, may be sent when inclosed in cases made of metal, wood or other material to render impossible the escape of any of the contents. Flour of all kinds must be put up in such manner as to prevent the package breaking or the flour being scattered in the mails.

Queen Bees and Nursery Stock. Queen bees, live insects, and dried

reptiles may be mailed in accordance with the regulations that now apply to other classes of mail.

Seeds of fruit, nursery stock, and other plant products for preparation may be mailed under the same conditions.

Confectionery and Soap.

Candies, confectionery, yeast cakes, soap in hard cakes, etc., must be inclosed in boxes and so wrapped as to prevent injury to other mail matter.

Sealed original packages of proprietary articles, such as soaps, tobacco, pills, tablets, etc., put up in fixed quantities by the manufacturer, and not in themselves unmailable, will be accepted for mailing when properly wrapped.

Millinery.

Fragile articles, such as millinery, toys, musical instruments, etc., and articles consisting wholly or in part of glass, or contained in glass, must be securely packed and the parcel stamped or labeled "FRAGILE."

Unmailable Matter.

The following matter is declared unmailable by law:

Matter manifestly obscene, lewd, or lascivious; articles intended for preventing conception; articles intended for indecent or immoral purposes; all matter otherwise mailable by law, the outside cover or wrapper of which bears and delineation or language of a libelous, scurrilous, defamatory, or threatening character. All such matter, when deposited in a post office or found in the mails, shall be withdrawn and sent to the divisions of dead letters.

Intoxicants, Poisons and Inflammable Materials.

Spiritous, vinous, malted, fermented, or other intoxicating liquors of any kind; poisons of every kind, and articles and compositions containing poison, poisonous animals, insects and reptiles; explosives of every kind; inflammable materials (which are held to include matches, kerosene oil, gasoline, naphtha, benzine, turpentine, denatured alcohol, etc.), infernal machines and mechanical, chemical or other devices or compositions which may ignite or explode; disease germs or scabs and other natural or artificial articles, compositions or materials of whatever kind which may kill, or in any wise injure another or damage the mail or other property.

Pistols, Animals and Birds.

Pistols or revolvers, whether in detached parts or otherwise; live or dead (and not stuffed) animals, birds, or poultry, except as elsewhere provided; raw hides or pelts, guano, or any article having a bad odor will not be admitted to the mails.

Treatment of Undeliverable Parcels.

Perishable matter will be delivered as promptly as possible, but if such matter can not be delivered and becomes offensive and injurious to health, postmasters may destroy it, or the injurious or offensive portion thereof.

Parcels Improperly Packed.

Postmasters will refuse to receive for mailing parcels not properly inclosed or packed for safe shipment.

When parcels on which the postage is wholly unpaid or insufficiently prepaid is deposited for local delivery and the sender is unknown, notice of detention need not be sent but such matter will be delivered and the deficient postage collected from the addressee by the carrier. If the addressee refuses to pay the postage the matter will be sent to the Division of Dead Letters.

Insurance on Parcels.

A mailable parcel on which the postage is fully prepaid may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to its actual value, but not to exceed \$50, on payment of a fee of ten cents in parcel post stamps, such stamps to be affixed.

Forwarding of Parcels.

Parcels may be remailed or forwarded on the payment of additional postage at the rate which would be chargeable if they were originally mailed at the forwarding office, in which case the necessary stamps will be affixed by the forwarding postmaster. Payment must be made every time the parcel is forwarded.

Preparation for Mailing.

Parcels must be prepared for mailing in such manner that the contents can be easily examined. A parcel will not be accepted for mailing unless it bears the name and address of the sender preceded by the word "From."

In addition to the name and address of the sender, which is required, it will be permissible to write or print on the covering of a parcel, or on a tag or label attached to it, the occupation of the sender, and to indicate in a small space by means of marks, letters, numbers, names or other brief description, the character of the parcel, but ample space must be left on the address side for the full address in legible characters and for the necessary postage stamps. Inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas," "Please do not open until Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With best wishes," and the like, may be placed on the covering of the parcel in such manner as not to interfere with the address.

Distinctive Stamps.

The law requires that the postage on all matter must be prepaid by distinctive parcel post stamps affixed. Postmasters cannot receive for mailing parcels that do not bear such stamps.

Parcel post stamps are not valid for the payment of postage on matter of the first, second, and third classes, and when used for that purpose, the matter to which they are affixed shall be treated as "Held for postage."

Maps and Guides.

Parcel post maps, with accompanying guides, are to be sold in the post office at the rate of 75 cents. Through the chief clerk of the post office department, in ordering maps can be taken to specify the post office from which the postage stamps are to be returned.



I looked into her eyes—
She gazed up into mine—
She smiled and dimpled me—
And went that way divine—
But, oh, I did not see—
To tell her she was fair—
Though she looked into mine—
And sweetly smiled at mine—
For there were others there—
To listen and to see.

Oh, if, when we're alone,
With no one near to see,
She would look up at me,
She sweetly looked at me,
Ah, then would I desire,
How sweet she is and fair,
But she never looks at me,
Provoking little dear,
Save when she is aware
That folks are near to her.

Born Diplomat,
"Mrs. Trelawney," said
Linford, "there is something
have for a long time wished
you."

The president of the Society
Squelching of Husbands
her glasses and frowned
dently knew what was
after a moment's silence
her most impressive plain
"Well, go on. What is
Rhinestones
"—I love your diamonds
Glady's. I have reason to
she returns my passion, and
to ask you to give her
ing."

Mrs. Trelawney's features
ed, and there was a cold
in her voice as she
"What recommendation
offer for yourself? How
vince me that you will
her—that you will always
beautiful!"

"She looks like her
Francis Wallingford. "That
to convince me that her
not diminish as her years
Of course, I know that
ly be regarded as a final
have not reached the age
women begin to lose their
They were interrupted
got the girl.

Man Who Scoffed.
He used to scoff at women,
Called them foolish, brinish
Who would sell their souls for
Or for necklaces or rings,
He scorned them for their
To be beautiful and sweet,
But there chanced to be a
Fate had destined him to

She was neither good nor
Though he fondly thought
She was mostly artificial.
But, poor, fool, he didn't
Today men look in pity
On the man who used to
And wonder what will happen
When the mask

Beginning to Doubt
"Nope," said Mr. Rocke
wiped his glasses, "I'm
college education ain't got
much good, after all." "W
his anxious wife cried, "o
you say that?" "He adm
stere yesterday that there
a few things I know more
him."

Business.
"Mamma—"
you any real business?
means business, Larra
I should think he did mean
I am sick of the word busi
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has been here

One for Her.
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powder well mix
bags to place
This not only f
the perfume, but
and moths.

By A. G. RICHARDSON

SUBSCRIPTION.

One Year\$1.00

Entered as second-class mail matter May 8, 1905, at the postoffice at McLean, Texas, under the Act of Congress.

Great Auction Sale At National Capitol

Notice of a public auction to be held at White House, Washington, on March 5, 1913, rain or shine.

Our lease with Uncle Sam having practically expired and having decided to retire to private life, we, the undersigned, will offer for sale, at our residence, National Capitol, Washington, D. C., March the 5th 1913, all the following described property to-wit:

One Elephant, about forty years old, and has the foot rot.
One set of Injunctions and High Cost of Living old enough to wean; sired of Goldbugs and damned by everybody.

One Republican Platform, as good as new; has only been used for campaign purposes. In this platform a large number of planks from the Democratic Platform have been inserted, but they cannot be distinguished, and they will go with the lot.

One Big Stick, somewhat worn from overuse.

One Republican Machine, somewhat out of repair.

One Financial System, well supplied with Clearing House Certificates and very little cash.

A large quantity of G. O. P. Bric-a-Brac, consisting of Old Dinner Pails, Grandpa Hats, Coon Skins, Teddy Bears, Taft Smiles and other things too numerous to mention.

This sale will positively take place on the above day, and date, regardless of weather, and every thing will be closed out on that date.

N. B.—Toast Crow will be served by the Old Boy's Republican Club.

Everybody, regardless of past political servitude, invited.

This stuff must be Cleared Away.

Terms—Cash before removing property.

Teddy Roosevelt, Auctioneer.
Joe Cannon, Clerk.

Col. Rockefeller, J. H. Morgan managers.

Believes in Our Soil.

The following letter from a News subscriber in California will be of interest to our readers by reason of the sound faith he manifests in the soil and other conditions that abound. The splendid future he predicts for this section can be realized if the proper effort is put forth in its behalf:

Monrovia, Cal., 1-6-13

To the News:
Please excuse my delay in sending my dues for the News. Enclosed find one dollar for your paper for another year, as I still want the News, being considerably interested in your country.
I think that Gray county is

the garden spot of the Panhandle and is destined to come to the front in the near future. All you need is to have the county settled up and the soil tilled. If you could get a colony of Hollanders or some other enterprising people to come in there and raise sugar beets and have a sugar plant started, your country would boom, as I think your soil is especially adapted to the raising of sugar beets, as well as many other products.

There is no question in my mind but that there is a gold mine in that soil, and all you need is to get a people who have the energy and backbone to dig it out.

Wishing the News a happy new year and the country prosperity, I am

Very truly yours,
J. A. ERICKSON.

Prefers McLean Country.

To The News:

In the last issue of the News I observe that the spelling match was to come to pass last Friday night and that there was a great deal of interest manifested in it. It would have afforded me great pleasure to have been there and participated in it, as I am fond of and approve anything that is moral and elevating to humanity. Nothing is better from a secular view point, in the uplift of the people of a community—both old and young—than a well conducted, full of excitement spelling match; and if I know myself I will be one of the participants in a very short time.

Be not surprised at me going back home to resume my work there and to do everything in my power to upbuild the community and increase the morals of our young people. I love McLean, but was lead off down here by false paintings and misrepresentations. From a moral point of view this is the worst place I ever saw, and my family does not want to move here.

I hope to be with you soon in that spelling match.

W. P. Pillans.

Newspaper Errors.

The editor of an exchange doesn't want anyone to send him any more copies of his paper in which they found mistakes. If they find a perfect copy, however, he offers a big price for it. Same with us, says the editor of the Crystal Falls (Mich.) Drill. If the fool critic who hunts for mistakes in the papers would be kept busy. We will be pleased to buy copies of any paper which can be proven entirely free from errors, either in typography or in statement of fact. We will be pleased to find a merchant who never made a mistake in putting up an order; a lawyer who never lost a case through his own errors; a doctor who never wrongly diagnosed a case; a druggist who never made a mistake; a post office official who never put mail into the wrong box; a woman who never forgot to put in the salt while cooking or to put the tea in the pot before putting in the water. Bring on some of your mistakeless paragons who find it so easy to criticize the paper, and we'll give them the chance of their lives to find out whether they are really human.

Woodman Installation.

At the regular meeting of the W. O. W. Lodge on Saturday night, January 4th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:
W. T. Wilson, C. C.
A. T. Russell, A. L.
J. W. Kibler, Banker.
Jas. Burrow, Clerk.
J. W. Turner, Escort.
H. L. Man, Watchman.
A. A. Callahan, Sentry.
C. E. Donnell and W. E. Ballard, Physicians.
L. O. Floyd, J. M. Noel and F. B. Kachelhoffer, Managers.

"THE SENATE WILL COME TO ORDER"



Hon. Will H. Mayes, Lieutenant-Governor, who is presiding over the Upper House of the Thirty-third Legislature of Texas.

THE HOUSE IS CALLED TO ORDER



Hon. Chester M. Terrell, who, as Speaker of the House, will preside over the deliberations of the Lower House.

Dangerous Calomel Going Out of Use

A Safer, More Reliable Remedy Has Taken Its Place in the Drug Store and in the Home.

A few years ago, men, women and children took calomel for a sluggish liver and constipation. They took risks when they did so, for calomel is a dangerous drug. Your family doctor will be the first to tell you this if he discovers you dosing yourself with calomel.

But the drug trade has found a safer, more pleasant remedy than calomel in Dodson's Liver Tone.

Arthur Erwin tells us that their drug store sells Dodson's Liver Tonic in practically every case of biliousness and liver trouble where calomel used to be taken.

Dodson's Liver Tone is a vegetable liver tone that is absolutely harmless for children and grown people. It sells for 50cts. a bottle and is guaranteed to be entirely satisfactory by Arthur Erwin who will refund your money with a smile if it does not give quick, gentle relief without any of calomel's unpleasant after-effects.

Spelling Match.

The spelling match which was pulled off at the school auditorium on last Friday night, and over which the News made so much fuss, resulted disastrously for the editor hereof, Patterson's side having won the best two out of three.

There was considerable interest although the crowd was small and only twenty-eight participated in the melee. Prof. J. H. Horton did the pronouncing and started in the blue back at "baker."

After the conclusion of the match Prof. Horton called the house to attention and issued a solemn challenge to the entire community for a spelling match to be held one month hence. He proposes to stand up against all comers. His challenge was called and everybody in the community who ever could spell is studying hard to assist in handing the gentleman miniature Waterloo.

Unmailable Matter.

Following is a list of matter unmailable under the law governing the parcels post:
1. Matter manifestly obscene, lewd, or lascivious; articles intended for preventing conception or for producing abortion; articles intended for indecent or immoral purposes; all matter otherwise mailable by law, the

outside cover or wrapper of which bears any delineations or language of a libelous, scurrilous, defamatory, or threatening character.

Spiritous, vinous, malted, fermented, or other intoxicating liquors of any kind; poisons of every kind; and articles and compositions containing poison (except as prescribed in sec. 19); poisonous animals, insects and reptiles; explosives of every kind; inflammable materials (which are held to include matches, kerosene oil, gasoline, naphtha, benzine, turpentine, denatured alcohol, etc.); infernal machines, and mechanical, chemical, or other devices or compositions which may ignite or explode; disease germs or crabs (except as prescribed in sec. 36); and other natural or artificial articles, compositions, or materials of whatever kind which may kill or in any wise injure another or damage the mail or other property.

Pistols or revolvers, whether in detached parts or otherwise; live or dead (and not stuffed) animals, birds, poultry (except as prescribed in secs. 29 and 34) raw hides or pelts, guano, or any article having a bad odor shall not be admitted to the mails.

Postmaster Dorsey asks us to especially impress upon the minds of the public that on all packages intended for the parcels post there must be distinctive parcels post stamps and the regular postage stamp is only

wasted if placed on a post package.

He Laughed 'Till He Blew

Taylorburg, Ohio. Skinner, the village postman, laughed himself to death reading BIFF! the Great American Magazine of Fun and making greater strides than other magazine before American public today.

The staff of Biff contains the greatest artists, cartoon critics and editors on the continent. It is highly illustrated and printed in many colors and will keep the whole cheerful the year 'round. can afford to spend \$1.00 to do this. Send this bill today and a one dollar bill today. The Biff Publishing Co., B. O. Ohio, for one year's subscription.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject—Deborah.
Introduction—Leader,
Judges 4:1-5-31—Ethel
I Who Deborah was—Landers.
II Her deliverance of Israel—Grac Frances.
III Deborah's song of triumph—Alvah Christian.
Leader—Edith Stockton.
Song.
Benediction.

Blue Back spellers for sale News office.

Do You Need Any

Coal
Lumber
Building Paper
Shingles
Posts
Glass

Or anything we handle? If so don't put it off—do it now! We want your business. How can we get? Drop around and tell Mr. Jones.

Western Lumber Company

1913

The New Year

Our wish is that it may mean
Twelve full Months of Peace,
Happiness and Prosperity to all

Bassel & Wise

The Pace Makers

Local

John Cash has accepted the Rowe ranch.

J. Williams of business the first

Hedrick was down this week on business

city Gasolene engine the first of the week

D. B. Veatch has the past several

barrel of fine saws by-Hodges Co.

Gardenhire in the auto.

W. Scurlock held sale at his place

anyone desiring my number for term 3 months Ethel McCurdy 1

The Evans-Harbin

E. F. Barnes of A among the callers in the week.

Bundle kaffir or sorgho cents per bundle delivered, Phone 143.

Ed Mabry has returned and stay at Rockledge was employed on the Rock

A new shipment of ladies' Grey Bucks, Cravenettes, Texas, Bundy-Hodges Co.

D. A. Davis has been week or ten days on business Texas.

Messrs. Lilly, who put week place east of the first of the week from and will make this plan in the future.

Men's fleece lined undershirts—at 75 cents a suit sale. Bundy-Hodges Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. have this week from Pamp with relatives and friends

F. M. Faulkner made a week trip to Mobeetie the week.

A few hats left. We are of the hat business; Contact Bundy-Hodges Co.

C. E. Anderson has the news for subscription first of the week.

Frank Gardenhire made business trip to Amarillo week.

Mrs. Chambers and wife all were visiting with the first of the week.

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THE HOUSE IS CALLED TO

Local Happenings

Items of Interest About Town and County



Hon. Chester M. Terrell, who, as Speaker of the House, will preside over the deliberations of the Legislature.

Cash has accepted a position on the Rowe ranch.

J. Williams of Alanreed was on business the first of the week.

Hedrick was down from Amarillo this week on business.

A city Gasoline engine "friz and" was the first of the week.

D. B. Veatch has been quite busy the past several days.

Barrel of fine sauer kraut on tap at Bundy-Hodges Co. adv.

Frank Gardenhire made a flying visit to LeFors the latter part of last week.

W. Scurlock held a very successful sale at his place north of town Tuesday.

Anyone desiring my services as musician for term 3 months—Phone 144. Ethel McCurdy 144 133.

The Evans-Harbin sale will be held at the Russell wagon yard tomorrow.

E. F. Barnes of Alanreed was among the callers in the city the first of the week.

Bundle kafir or sorghum cane at 25 cents per bundle delivered. A. J. Dayfield, Phone 143.

Ed Mabry has returned from an extended stay at Rockledge, where he was employed on the Rock Island.

A new shipment of ladies' shoes in Gray Bucks, Cravenettes, Velvets and Tans. Bundy-Hodges Co. adv.

D. A. Davis has been spending a week or ten days on business in Central Texas.

Messrs. Lilly, who purchased the new week place east of town, arrived the first of the week from Foard county and will make this place their home in the future.

Men's fleece lined underwear—\$1.00 to do this. Send this and a one dollar bill today. Bundy-Hodges Co. adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Cook were here this week from Pampa for a visit with relatives and friends.

F. M. Faulkner made a short business trip to Mobeetie the first of the week.

A few hats left. We are going out of the hat business. Come and get them. Bundy-Hodges Co. adv.

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Joe Chambers and wife of Ramsall were visiting with their parents the first of the week.

G. W. Naron has renewed his subscription to this paper and the Dallas News for another year.

D. N. Massay left Monday afternoon for a short trip to Oklahoma City and other points in that vicinity.

J. R. Hindman has installed a new windmill to add efficiency to his water plant.

Rumor says there will be another grocery store started in McLean in the near future.

The new city marshal had the gasoline engine run a whole half a day the first of the week.

R. O. Cunningham has the thanks of the News for subscription favors this week.

I. X. Kachelhoffer of Joliet, Ill., was here this week looking after realty holdings.

W. R. Patterson has been spending the week at LeFors on business in connection with his abstract business.

A. C. Crump and family of Kansas City are here for a visit with the J. L. Collier family.

Mark Hesselby of Mobeetie has the thanks of the News for a subscription.

Weaver Voyles and wife were here from Oklahoma this week the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harbert.

We have a few pair of \$3.50 ladies' shoes for \$3.50 while they last. Also some \$3.00 shoes for \$2.00. Bundy-Hodges Co. adv.

Mrs. A. B. Gardenhire has returned the latter part of last week from a short visit to her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Evans at Erick, Oklahoma.

John B. Vannoy and Tracey Willis spent the first of the week in the "wilds" looking for ducks, geese and other game.

Rhea Faulkner has returned from Clarendon, where he spent the first half of the term in the Clarendon College.

Jack Hodges and family have moved to Amarillo, Jack having accepted a position with the Rock Island with head quarters at that place.

If you want to grow cotton I have a 320 acre cotton farm to trade for Gray or Wheeler county land. J. L. Crabtree. adv.

Mr. Beach and family have moved to Oklahoma, where the former intends to engage the mercantile business.

Tillman Sugg returned the first of the week from a holiday visit with relatives and friends at Sugdgon and other points in Oklahoma.

Oscar Mathis has returned from Weatherford, where he spent the holidays with his mother and other relatives.

Arrangements are being made for the production of another play at the school auditorium the latter part of February.

Mrs. Martha Traweck and family left the latter part of last week for Foard county, where they will make their home, having traded their place here for a farm in that section.

Charlie Watkins and wife returned the first of the week from Illinois, where the former attended the funeral of his father, as announced in last week's paper.

Card of Thanks. We wish to thank the good people of McLean for being so kind and thoughtful and remembering us in our needful circumstances. This with other kindly deeds will ever be remembered by us.

Mrs. H. H. Neill and family.

DR. WALCOTT, SPECIALIST COMING TO McLEAN

Dr. Walcott of Amarillo the well known Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist will be in McLean January 21st and 22nd. Particular attention given to CATARRH and the proper fitting of Glasses.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Graded kafir and maize seed \$1.00 per bushel after first of the year. J. C. McClellan.

For Sale—a lot of good glass window sash at the News Office.

Strayed—Black sow, weight about two hundred pounds. If you know whereabouts please phone Jack Hindman at City Meat Market.

For Sale—Twenty-five to thirty head of Durham cattle. This stuff is of the best quality and will be priced right. See A. W. Harbin.

For Sale—Black Langshang and Silverlwee Wyandotte chickens. The first to come will get the best chickens. Mrs. W. T. Wilson.

For Sale—Good millet hay at \$10 per ton, Norvell Dougherty.

For Sale—14 inch Canton sulky plow. Address Box 166.

Lost—Bunch of keys on ring. Finder will please return to the News office.

For Rent—Residence close to the school. See Mrs. Lizzie Easterwood.

Wanted—Man with team to plow garden right away. Call at the News office.

For Sale—Thirty head of saddle horses, smooth and sound, good ages. Sell single or by the bunch. A few broke to work. A pleasure to show them at any time. D. M. Graham.

Senior League Program. Subject—The social goal. "In earth as in Heaven". Lesson—Matt. 9:10. Introductory Remarks—Leader.

Persons eligible for the kingdom of heaven (first helper)—Edith Stockton.

Social changes to follow (third helper)—Myrtle Meador. Duet—Ruby and Pearl Newton.

Signs of the coming kingdom (fourth helper)—Sam Erwin. Scripture reading (to be handed out by the leader)—Matt. 20: 25-27.

Leader(President)—Sam Hodges.

Junior League Program. Leader—Lorraine Stanfield.

Four things that He taught about Himself. He is the light of the world—John 8:12.

Talk on same by Bobbie Ashby.

He is a great Physician, Luke 7:18-23—Leader.

That He is great to father, John 16:6—James Noel.

That He loves even as the Father does, John 15:8-9—Zemurde Hext.

Central Thought—The good we have in life proves that Jesus loves us.

Blackboard work—Lehayne Carpenter.

Questions—Janie Cousins.

I. O. O. F. Installation. At the regular meeting of the I. O. O. F. lodge Tuesday night of this week occurred the installation of officers. The following is a list of the officers for the term, most of whom were installed:

D. Bassel, N. G. W. M. Massay, V. G. C. S. Rice, Secretary. Jas. Burrow, Treasurer.

A. T. Russell, Warden. G. H. Wise, Inner Guard. W. D. Sims, Outer Guard. J. M. Noel, R. S. to N. G. Frank Pleasant, R. S. to N. G.

A. G. Richardson, R. S. to V. G. J. O. Spears, L. S. to V. G.

School Board Meeting. At a call meeting of the school board Wednesday morning several matters of importance were discussed and action taken thereon. It was decided to make a decrease in the rates of tuition for the month overs will be \$4.00 and for the half term, where patrons pay in advance the rates will be \$2.50 and \$2.00.

The judgment above referred to is the foreclosure of a vendor's or contractor lien and the amount thereof is \$279.00 with interest and costs of suit.

WORKING BOTH DOORS!

In spite of the fact that we did an unprecedented business during the two month preceding the close of our contest, we are still enjoying a splendid patronage—the best we have ever had at this time of year—and we are truly working both doors, putting new goods in at the back and loading it out to the customers in the front.

If you have not already learned it, we wish to call your attention to the fact that we carry the largest stock of general merchandise in this section and by buying so much in car lots we are enabled to offer better prices on first class goods than you can find elsewhere.

We have been here a long time and our business has enjoyed a steady growth. We would like to enroll YOU on our long list of satisfied customers. We sell everything in general merchandise.

C. A. CASH & SON

Do You Read?

Would you like to read the best stories of the age at 15c each? 150 to select from. Call and let me tell you all about them

ARTHUR ERWIN

the beautifying and improvement of the school grounds and building were taken up and plans are being laid for their accomplishment. It was also decided to rent the auditorium for all public entertainments that are not of an objectionable character and a set charge of twenty-five per cent of the receipts was decided upon. Dr. C. E. Donnell and J. F. Harbert were authorized to look after this phase of the work and anyone wishing to use the building for a public exhibition of any character can see either of these gentlemen.

The money derived from the renting of the auditorium will be placed in a fund for improvements.

Permission was granted those having in charge the staging of a play for the benefit of the Mothers Club piano to build a permanent stage in the north end of the auditorium, the expense to be paid from the earnings of the play. This work will be started right away.

Sheriff Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Gray In the District Court of Gray County, Texas, Citizens State Bank of McLean plaintiff VS W. P. Cunningham et al, Defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 6th, day of November A. D. 1912, in favor of the said Citizens State Bank of McLean and against W. P. Cunningham, J. R. Hindman, E. V. Holman, J. B. Williams and J. D. Voyles, No. 96, on the docket of said court, I did on the 9th, day of January A. D. 1913, at ten o'clock A. M. levy upon the following described tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Gray and State of Texas, as the property of the said W. P. Cunningham and the other named defendants, said property being all of Block No. 34, in the town site of McLean, in Gray County, Texas, as shown by the duly recorded map or plat of said town site which is of record in the deed records of Gray County, Texas, the same being located about twenty two miles South-East from the Court House of Gray County and known as the Cunningham place; and on the 4th, day of February A. D. 1913, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said above named defendants and each of them in and to said property.

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and said judgment directs that if said land shall sell for more than enough to pay off the judgment, the excess shall be paid to defendant J. B. Williams on his junior lien to the amount necessary to fully pay the same and the balance if any to W. P. Cunningham.

Dated at LeFors, Texas, this the 9th, day of January A. D. 1913. J. S. Denson. Sheriff of Gray County, Texas.

Sheriff Sale.

The State of Texas County of Gray. Wesley Knorpp, VS, W. M. Miller, et-al, No. 770. In the District Court of Donley County, Texas.

Whereas by virtue of an order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Donley County, Texas, on the 18th day of October, 1912, in favor of Wesley Knorpp as Plaintiff and against C. C. Bearden, J. M. Hughes and O. B. Hoover, as defendants, for the sum of \$2458.17 with 8 per cent interest thereon from said date, and for cost of suit, I did, on the 5th, day of December, A. D. 1912, at 1:30 o'clock P. M. levy upon all of Section No. 2 in Block C2, in Gray County, Texas, as the property of the Defendants, and the Defendants, William Miller; and I shall on the 4th, day of February, A. D. 1913, the same being the first Tuesday in February, 1913, at the Court house door of Gray County, Texas, at the town of LeFors, at public vendue, between the hours of ten o'clock, A. M. and four o'clock, P. M. sell to the highest bidder for cash, all the right, title and interest in and to said premises holden by the Defendants, Wm. Miller, C. C. Bearden, J. M. Hughes, O. B. Hoover and John W. Day, and Wesley Knorpp, Plaintiff; the said premises lying and being situated in Gray County, Texas, about 20 miles S. W. of the town of LeFors.

Dated at LeFors, Texas, this 5th, day of December, 1912. J. S. Denson. Sheriff of Gray County, Texas.

Given under my hand this, the 30th day of December, A. D. 1912. J. S. Denson. Sheriff of Gray County, Texas.

F. H. Yokley returned the middle of the week from Canadian, where he attended the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jessie Yokley, who died from a lingering attack of tuberculosis.

Died. Callie Christine, four weeks old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Barnett, died at the Barnett home in the west part of town Wednesday night about ten o'clock from an attack of pneumonia. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. J. T. Bryant at the cemetery, where interment was made. The bereaved parents and loved ones have the sincere sympathy of the entire community in their loss.

The Mothers Club have for sale the old fashioned Blue Backed Spellers. Get one and review before the big spelling match.

Whereas by virtue of an order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on a Judgment rendered in said court on the 1st day of November, A. D. 1912, in favor

of the said W. M. Greenwood and against the said P. S. Parker and W. F. Stone No. 103 on the Docket of said Court, I did on the 30 day of December, A. D. 1912, at 10:40 o'clock, A. M. Levy upon and seize the following described tract of land, to-wit:

The South one half and North-west one fourth and the West half of the Northeast one fourth, of Section number, Eighteen, in Block, E. Gray County, Texas, containing five hundred and sixty acres of land, situated about sixteen miles South and three miles east of LeFors, Texas, and adjoining Alanreed townsite on the South, generally known as the Greenwood land; and on the fourth day of February, A. D. 1913, being the first Tuesday in said Month, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 4 o'clock, P. M. on said day, at the Court house door of said County I will offer for sale, and sell at Public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of said P. S. Parker and W. F. Stone in and to said property.

Said Judgment being the foreclosure of the Vendor's Lien on said land for the amount of the same and a t the suit of the said Greenwood against said Parker and Stone.

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Taylorburg, Ohio. Skinner, the village

laughed himself to death reading BIFF! the Great

can Magazine of Fun making greater strides than

other magazine before American public today.

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NEWS and GOSSIP OF WASHINGTON



Supreme Court's Little Suits Make Big Problems



WASHINGTON.—From small beginnings have arisen some of the most perplexing questions to be posed upon by the Supreme court this fall and winter.

Thomas W. McComb had splendid luck duck hunting in Tisbury township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, a year or so ago.

Mathias Schmidinger, a Chicago baker, is said to have made his loaves of bread a trifle to small one day and was fined \$100 for violating a city ordinance regulating the size of loaves.

A burn on the back of Anne Sweezy of the District of Columbia forms the basis of another suit.

On its outcome will depend whether physicians are liable for burns by X-rays in photographing patients.

Over the meaning of the word "auction" comes a case from the Hawaiian Islands. Arrests were made there for the alleged violation of a law requiring a license for sales at auction.

Whether the government must pay for the storage for two horses for the late Maj. Nathaniel H. McLean of Cincinnati and for two servants is involved in another case.

The shipment of a wedding ring by Edward H. Croninger, a Cincinnati jeweler, to Atlanta, Ga., by the Adams Express, precipitated a case which will determine whether express companies, since the passage of the Hepburn rate law, may limit their liabilities for loss of articles.

Whether the back of a bay window may form a "party wall" is the basis of a dispute between Lewis E. Smoot and the Hoyl heirs of the District of Columbia, to come before the court for decision.

Postmaster General Hitchcock a Night Worker

IT took one man, from a western city, nearly a week to find out something about Frank H. Hitchcock, the postmaster-general, that many Washingtonians acquainted with the inner workings of the postoffice department knew.

This man went day after day at 9 o'clock in the morning to Mr. Hitchcock's office and waited patiently to see the postmaster-general. He began to have set ideas about the postmaster-general and what he considered the necessity of making cabinet officers do more work, or at least maintain some sort of regular office hours.

On the night of the fifth day the man dropped into the postoffice building. He did not know just why, but he thought he might get some "tip" from the watchman. The only person in sight was the elevator man.

"I want to see Mr. Hitchcock," he said. "Can you?" "Have you an appointment with him?" interrupted the elevator man, with his hand on the lever ready to start the car.

"Yes," he quickly replied. "All right," the elevator operator



said, as they shot up to the fifth floor. "I suppose you know where his office is?"

"You bet I do." There he found several clerks working busily. His request to see the postmaster-general was taken in a most matter of fact way, and in two minutes he saw Mr. Hitchcock, who completed his business and left for home at the midnight train.

The explanation is that Mr. Hitchcock does much of his important work at night, away from the usual interruption of visitors and routine matters which would bother him in the daytime. He does not always have clerks with him at night; often he will drop in unexpectedly and all alone will peg away at some puzzling matter until nearly dawn.

Society Formed at Capital to Study Spanish



FOR the purpose of promoting the international study of the Spanish language and literature there has just been organized here a society to be known as the Spanish-American Athenaeum. At its first meeting, held a few nights ago, the speakers included Senor Riano, Spanish minister here; John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American union; Rev. Dr. Charles W. Currier, specialist on Spanish-American literature, and Mrs. Blanche de Baralt of Cuba.

The Spanish minister and all the Latin-American ministers here were made honorary vice-presidents of the

organization and among those who already have signified their willingness to become corresponding members are the Princess Teresa of Bavaria, Str. Clements Markham, K. C. B.; Senor Quezada, former minister here from Cuba; Senor Rafael Altamira, Spain; Senor Jose T. Medina, Chile; Senor J. Lafone Quevedo, Argentina, and Dr. Rafael Villavicencio, president of the National Academy of History of Venezuela.

The society purposes to have frequent meetings, when there will be lectures and discussions on literary, historical and scientific subjects, and will issue a journal both in English and Spanish. While the headquarters will be here, the organization will be international in character and membership.

Honorary members will be chosen from time to time from people who have attained distinction in literary, scientific or historical work in connection with Spain and the Spanish-American republics.

Some Good Things Left for the Hungry Ones

THERE are in the entire government service an army of more than 400,000 men and women. Of these more than 300,000 are protected by the civil service, some by law and some by executive order. Of the remaining 100,000 or so only 10,582 are direct presidential appointees. The remainder are appointed by the heads of departments, but will, of course, be subject to removal by the incoming administration.

Of the 10,582 direct presidential appointments, 9,949 must be confirmed by the senate.

In addition to this large army of office holders and government employees, all under the executive branch of the government, there are more than 1,000 appointments under the control of congress. Part of these Democrats now have, but they will gain more through the control of the United States senate.

President Wilson's available patronage disbursements will be such large



er than the list which Grover Cleveland had at his disposal when he entered office in 1884, after the Democrats had been out in the cold for 28 long years.

In the sixteen years that have elapsed since Cleveland retired, the Democrats who were appointed to office by him have almost entirely been eliminated, except in offices and posts under the civil service, where many appointed under the Cleveland administration are still holding on. Some of these Cleveland appointees are now filling the highest places in the classified service.

SELECTION OF THE HEAD OF SWINE HERD REQUIRES MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION

Future Usefulness and Development of Offspring Demand Thought and Good Judgment at Mating Period—No Trouble to Secure Two Litters in One Year if Care is Exercised.



Grand Champion Improved Chester White Boar.

Careful consideration must be exercised when selecting a boar for a herd of sows. The future usefulness and development of his offspring requires thought and good judgment at the mating period, says R. H. Stone in National Stockman. We cannot afford to use a scrub or a pedigreed runt under any consideration.

A litter of eight good pigs from a pure-bred boar mated with a choice sow will require less feed, and when grown will produce 50 pounds of meat per pig more than scrubby ones, thus making 400 pounds of additional meat without additional expense. Our experience shows that a sow that grows eight pigs to maturity twice a year is a more profitable sow than one that produces more pigs and fails to develop them.

Usually the sow has sufficient milk for eight, and when they are allowed to suckle six to eight weeks the pigs are in prime condition to wean without having any setback. The sow can generally be bred successfully on the third day after weaning, and it is no trouble to have her produce two litters per year if you give her the proper attention. Watch her on the

twenty-first day after breeding, and if necessary turn her with the boar again. The popularity of the boar's descendants on both the paternal and the maternal side, their ability to reproduce good specimens for generations, coupled with good individuality of the breed represented, make his value. He must be a strong, vigorous fellow, active, of good size and good disposition. Pay a price he is worth to you, used in your herd. Any boar is high priced regardless of what you pay for him if he cannot make good on a business basis from a breeder's standpoint.

High-priced boars with popular ancestry in the pedigrees must compensate their owners by producing for them pigs superior to former generations. A boar may be sure breeder for one person, and prove a total failure the way another man might feed and care for him. Never allow him to run at large with the sows. Have an individual pen and yard for him.

A good herdman appreciates his wants at least six months ahead of time. It is poor policy to defer buying until you want a boar for immediate use, and then take what you can get. When you know you must renew be on the lookout for a few months ahead, and then you can buy one to your satisfaction, both as to price and individuality.

AVERAGE QUALITY OF OUR HORSES FEEDING SHEEP DURING WINTER

Mare Owners Should Appreciate Value of Regularity in Care of Animals Demonstrated by Experiments.

(By C. W. McCAMPBELL, Kansas.) Improvement in the average quality of our horses rests with the mare owners and the sooner they come to realize and appreciate the value of, and to demand the services of, good, sound, pure-bred stallions, the more certainly and rapidly will the general average of our horses be improved.

Value of Regularity in Care of Animals Demonstrated by Experiments. Sheep should be fed regularly in the winter. In fact, as much depends on the regularity of feeding as on the feeding itself.

The value of regular feeding has been demonstrated by experiments with two flocks, at a certain western agricultural experiment station. One was fed daily at six o'clock in the morning and again in the evening, while the other was fed at different times during the day. The result was that the flock fed regularly turned out in a thrifty condition in the following spring, while the others were thin and sickly.

Many of the latter flock had died during the winter, fully eight per cent. of the lambs had either died at birth or made only a stunted growth. By feeding at a set time every morning and evening better results will be attained. The essentials in the winter care of sheep are regular feeding, plenty of water and salt and roughage.

PLANTING FRUIT SEEDS IN FALL Will Freeze Sufficiently During Winter to Cause Them to Sprout in Spring.

(By W. L. HOWARD.) Large seeds like peaches and plums may be planted in the fall, and they will freeze sufficiently during the winter to cause them to sprout readily in the spring. Small seeds like the apple, grape, etc., should be mixed with sand in the fall or early winter, and placed in a shallow, open box.

The box should be set flat on the ground on the north side of a building where it will keep moist and remain there all winter to freeze and thaw as often as it will. The contents of the box should never be allowed to dry out. Very early in the spring, just as soon as the soil in the garden will do to work, the seeds should be planted in rows and covered very lightly. The seeds may be separated from the sand with a sieve, but this is unnecessary, as sand and all may be sown in the row. Take care that the seeds do not become dry before they are planted. Apple seeds begin growing very early, so that care must be taken to get them in the ground before sprouting begins.

CANADA WEEK IN CHICAGO

CANADIAN EXHIBITS AT LIVE STOCK AND LAND SHOWS CENTER OF ATTRACTION.

The hats were doled to Canada during the two weeks of the Live Stock Show and the week of the Live Stock Show at Chicago. Willing to display its goods, anxious to let the people of the central states know what can be produced on Canadian farm lands and the quality of the article, Dr. Hoche, minister of the interior of Canada, directed that sufficient space be secured at the United States Land Show, recently held in Chicago, to give some adequate idea of the resources of western Canada. The minister in charge had splendidly installed one of the most attractive grain and grass exhibits ever seen anywhere. Thousands, anxious to see "back to the land," saw the exhibit saw wheat that weighed 60 pounds the measured bushel, oats that weighed 45 and barley that tipped the scale at 55 pounds. The clover, the alfalfa, the wild pea vine and vetch, the grass, the red-top and many other excellent and nutritious varieties of grasses demanded and deserved attention by their prominence and quality the straw, bright in color, and curing heads that gave evidence of the truth of the statements of Mr. White of Ottawa, and his attending 25 bushels and over per acre, the 55 to 105 bushels, the fax 12 to 15 bushels, were strongly in evidence and arranged with artistic taste on the walls. The vegetable exhibit was a surprise to the visitors. Potato, turnips—cabbage, in fact all proved that not only is grain to western Canada prominent, but vegetables it could successfully compete with the world.

One of the unique and successful features of the exhibit was the successful and systematic display of bread made from Canadian flour. It was a treat to those who had Canadian butter, Canadian cheese and Canadian honey helped to complete an exhibit that revealed in splendid way the great resources of a country in which so many Americans have made their home. A feature of the exhibit was placards, announcing the several successful successes of Canadian produce and live stock in strong competition with exhibits from other countries. There was posted Leagar Wheeler championship for Marquis wheat grown at Holmes in 1911, beating the world. The Holmes of Cardston entered the competitive field at Lethbridge Dry Farm Congress, and won the wheat championship of 1912, beating Wheeler with the same variety wheat. Hill & Sons of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, in 1911 won the Grand silver trophy for best oats produced in a big competition at Columbus, Ohio, in 1911. The product of British Columbia at the New York Land Show in 1911 carried off the world's championship for potatoes, and incidentally won a \$1,000 silver trophy, and then, but a few years ago the same province carried off the world's prize for apples at the International Show in London, England.

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CANADA WEEK IN CHICAGO

CANADIAN EXHIBITS AT
STOCK AND LAND SHOWS
CENTER OF ATTRACTION.

The hats were looked to Canada during the two weeks of the show and the week of the Live Show at Chicago. Willing to display its goods, anxious to let the people of the central states know what can be produced on Canadian farm land and the quality of the article, the Dr. Roche, minister of the interior of Canada, directed that sufficient space be secured at the United States Land Show, recently held, give some adequate idea of the resources of western Canada. The in charge had splendid facilities installed one of the most attractive grain and grass exhibits ever anywhere. Thousands, anxious to "back to the land," saw the exhibit saw wheat that weighed 58 bushels, the measured bushel, oats that weighed 55 and barley that tipped the scale at 55 pounds. The clover, the alfalfa, the wild pea vine and vetch, the grass, the red-top and many other excellent and nutritious varieties of grasses demanded and deserved their prominence and quality the attention they received. The exhibit, the straw, bright in color, and the heads that gave evidence of the truth of the statements of Mr. T. White of Ottawa, and his attendant that the wheat would average 55 to 56 bushels and over per acre, the 55 to 100 bushels, the fax 12 to 15 bushels, were strongly in evidence and arranged with artistic taste on the walls. The vegetable exhibit was a surprise to the visitors. Potatoes, turnips—cabbage, in fact, all proved that not only is grain in western Canada prominent, but vegetables it could successfully compete with the world.

One of the unique and successful features of the exhibit was the careful and systematic daily diet of bread made from Canadian flour. It was a treat to those who had Canadian butter, Canadian eggs and Canadian honey helped to complete an exhibit that revealed a splendid way the great resources of a country in which so many Americans have made their home.

A feature of the exhibit was placards, announcing the several recent successes of Canadian producers and live stock in strong competition with exhibits from other countries. There was posted a League Wheeler championship for Marquis wheat grown at Rothamsted in 1911, beating the world. The Holmes of Cardston entered the competitive field at Lethbridge Dry Farming Congress, and won the wheat championship of 1912, beating Wheeler with the same variety of wheat. Hill & Sons of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, in 1911 won the Grand silver trophy for best oats grown in a big competition at Columbus, Ohio, in 1911. The province of British Columbia at the New Land Show in 1911 carried off the world's championship for potatoes and incidentally won a \$1,000 trophy, and then, but a few years ago the same province carried off the world's prize for apples at the International Show in London, England.

But that was not all. These Canadians who had the temerity to state that corn was not the only feed finishing high-grade beef cattle entered for the fat steer championship at the Live Stock Show in Chicago. Nearly 300 entries were in the "Glencarnock Victor" didn't know kernel of corn from a Brazilian nut. There were Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Kansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin and their corn-fed articles, destined to win, bound to beat this animal from the north, and his "finishing" feed, as his owner proudly stated, they didn't. Canada and McGregor Sons, with their "Glencarnock Victor" won, and today the swiftness of America is eating of steaks and roasts—the champion steer of the world.

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SYNOPSIS.
Kestiah Coffin, supposed widow, is going to move from Trumet to Boston following the death of her brother, whom she had kept house for. Kyan Ellery, a widower, offers marriage and is refused. Capt. Ekanah Danvers, minister of the Regular church offers a place as housekeeper for the minister, and she decides to remain. Kestiah takes charge of Rev. Ellery, the new minister, and gives advice as to his conduct toward her of the parish. Ellery causes a loss by attempting a "come-outing." Ellery's presence is bitterly resented by Eben Hammond, leader of the Grace apostolites for her. Kyan and Ellery escorts her home in a sleigh. Capt. Nat Hammond, Eben's rescuer, a hero by bringing the sleigh into port safely through for Ellery finds Kestiah writing a letter to some one, including money in it. Ellery demands she tell him who she has been lovers since she was a girl. Daniels remonstrates with Ellery, who, "Come-outing" meeting, is caught by the tide and is rescued. She becomes friends.

CHAPTER VII.—(Continued.)
She thought; one of the windows on this side of the house was raised about six inches at the bottom, the window was up, and peering beneath the blind the minister discerned the expressive features of Abishai Pepper— as much of those features as the minister of the opening permitted to be seen.

"Oh!" exclaimed the visitor, "is that you, Mr. Pepper? Well, I'm glad to see you, at last. You are rather hard to see, even now."

"Er—er—come to call, did you?"
"Why, yes, that was my intention."
"Hum! Er—er—Lavinia, she's gone over to Thankful Payne's. She heard that Thankful's cousin up to Middleboro had died—passed away, I mean—and she thought she'd run over and find out if Thankful was willing anything. She said she'd be back pretty soon."

"Very well. Then, as she won't be gone long, perhaps I'll come in and wait."
"You see, Mr. Ellery," stammered Kyan, "I—I'd like to have you come in just now, but—er—Lavinia she's got the key. She—she—Oh, confound it, Mr. Ellery, she's locked me in this room for a purpose, so I won't get out and go somewhere without her knowledge."

"She done it a-purpose," continued Kyan, in a burst of confidence. "She had me put one of them new-fangled spring locks on the door of this room the other day, 'cause she said she was afraid of tramps and wanted some place to shut herself up in if one of 'em come. And—er—after dinner to-day she sent me in here for something, and then she slammed the door on me and said she called it 'stay put' till she got back from Thankful's. She knew I wouldn't let her get out of the window, 'cause it won't open no further 'n this now. I won't never so much as touch the window, 'cause I'm afraid of her own brother, lockin' him up like a young one; now, is it?"

"I don't know. You're of age, Mr. Pepper, and you must decide for yourself. I think I should declare my independence. Really, I must go."
"Stop your foolishness! Oh—I—I—I—stop your pardon, Mr. Ellery. That's no way to talk to a minister. But she's got to go out when I want to. I bet a hole through the clapboards, but there were Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Kansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin and their corn-fed articles, destined to win, bound to beat this animal from the north, and his "finishing" feed, as his owner proudly stated, they didn't. Canada and McGregor Sons, with their "Glencarnock Victor" won, and today the swiftness of America is eating of steaks and roasts—the champion steer of the world.

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something to say. He stepped forward and walked beside her.
"Just a minute, please," he urged. "Miss Van Horn, I do understand. I do respect your uncle. We have a mutual friend, you and I, and through her I have come to understand many things."
Grace turned and looked at him. "A mutual friend?" she repeated. "Oh, I know. Mrs. Coffin?"
"Yes; Mrs. Coffin. She's a good woman and a wise one."
"I know. I feel the same way about her. She means so much to me. I love her more than anyone else in the world, except uncle, of course—and Nat. I miss her very much since—since—"
"Since I came, you mean. I'm sorry. I wish—I hate to think I am the cause which separates you two. It isn't my fault, as you know."
"Oh! I know that."
"Yes, and I object to having others choose my friends for me people who, because of a fanatical prejudice, stand in the way of— If it wasn't for that, you might call and see Mrs. Coffin, just as you used to do."
"But it's impossible. Uncle respects and is fond of Aunt Kestiah, but he wouldn't hear of my visiting the parsonage."
She was close to the overhanging edge of the bluff and the sod upon which she stood was bending beneath her feet. He sprang forward, caught her about the waist, and pulled her back. The sod broke and rattled down the sandy slope. She would have had a slight tumble, nothing worse, had she gone with it. There was no danger; and yet the minister was very white as he released her.

She, too, was pale for a moment, and then crimson.
"Thank you," she gasped. "I—I must go. It is late. I didn't realize how late it was. I—I must go. I—I think the sunsets from this point are the finest I have ever seen. I come here every Sunday afternoon to see them."
This remark was given merely to cover embarrassment, but it had an unexpected effect.
"You do?" cried the minister. The next moment he was alone. Grace Van Horn had vanished in the gloom of the pine thickets.

It was a strange John Ellery who walked slowly back along the path. He saw nothing real, and heard nothing, not even the excited person who, hidden behind the bayberry bush, hailed him as he passed. It was not until this person rushed forth and seized him by the arm that he came back to the unimportant affairs of this material earth.

"Why! Why, Mr. Pepper!" he gasped. "Are you here? What do you want?"
"Am I here?" panted Kyan. "Ain't I been here for the last twenty minutes waitin' to get a chance at you? Ain't I been chasin' you from Dan to Boersheby all this dummed—excuse me—afternoon? Oh, my godreys mighty!"
"Why, what's the matter?"
"You—you made me do it," guarded Kyan. "Yes, sir, 'twas you put me up to it. When you was at our house 't'other day, after Lavinia locked me up, you told me the way to get square was to lock her up, too. And I done it! Yes, sir, I done it when she got back from meetin' this noon. I run off and left her locked in. And—and—" he wailed, wringing his hands—"I ain't dast to go home sence. What'll I do?"

CHAPTER VIII.
In Which Miss Daniels Determines to Find Out.
The hysterical Mr. Pepper doubtless expected his clergyman to be almost as much upset as he was by the news of his action. But John Ellery was provokingly calm.
"Hush! Hush!" he commanded.
"Wait a minute. Let me understand this thing. Some one is locked up, you say. Who is it? Where?"
"Who is it? Aint I tellin' you. It's Lavinia. She went into that spare room where I was 't'other day and I slammed the spring lock to on her. Then I—"
"Yes, that was it."
She drew a long breath. Then, after a moment:
"And Nat spoke as if it was all a joke," she said.
"No doubt he did. From what I hear of your brother, he generally refers to his own plucky, capable actions as jokes. Other people call them something else."
"He isn't my brother," she interrupted absently. "I wish he was."
She sighed as she uttered the last sentence.

"No, of course he isn't your real brother; I forgot. But he must seem like one."
"Yes," rather doubtfully.
"You must be proud of him."
"I am," there was nothing doubtful this time.
"Miss Van Horn! What's did your uncle say about Cap'n Nat's meeting me the other day?"
"Uncle Eben doesn't know. Nat didn't tell anyone but me. He doesn't boast. And uncle would be glad he helped you. As I told you before, Mr. Ellery, I'm not ashamed of my uncle. He has been so good to me that I never can repay him, never! When my own father was drowned he took me in, a little orphan that would probably have been sent to a home. When he needed money most he said nothing to me, but insisted that I should be educated. I didn't know until afterwards of the self-sacrifice my four years at the Middleboro Academy meant to him."
"So you went away to school?" he asked.
"That is why I don't say 'never done nothing' and 'he got' and 'ain't no better.' Yes, though, that's why I don't wonder you were surprised."
She was going, but the minister had

grabbed the key and run. That was afore three this afternoon; now it's 'most night and I ain't dast to go home. What'll she say when I let her out? I got to let her out, ain't I? She can't starve to death in there, can she? And you told me to do it! You did! Oh—"
"Well, then, I don't see why you can't go home and—hurry—I don't like to advise your telling a lie, but you might let her infer that it was an accident. Or, if you really mean to be your own master, you can tell her you did it purposely and will do it again if she ever tries the trick on you."
"I tell her that! I tell her! O Mr.

Ellery, don't talk so. You don't know Lavinia; she ain't like most women. If I should tell her that she'd—I don't know she wouldn't take and horse-whip me. Or commit suicide. She's said she would afore now if—"
"Nonsense! She won't do that, you needn't worry." He burst into another laugh, but checked himself, as he saw the look of absolute distress on poor Kyan's face.
"Never mind, Mr. Pepper," he said. "We'll think of some plan to smooth matters over. I'll go home with you now and we'll let her out together."
The little house was dark and still as they approached it.

They entered. The dining room was dark and quiet. So was the sitting room. The clock ticked, solemn and slow. Kyan's trembling knees managed to carry him to the little hall leading from the sitting room toward the ell at the side of the house. This hall was almost pitch black.
"Here—here, 'tis," panted Kyan. "Here's the door. I don't hear nothin', do you? Listen!"
They listened. Not a sound, save the dismal tick of the clock in the room they had left. Ellery knocked on the door.
"Miss Pepper," he said; "Miss Pepper, are you there?"
Silence, absolute. Abishai could stand it no longer. He groaned and collapsed on his knees.
"She has!" he moaned. "The done it and there ain't nothin' in there but her remains. Oh, my soul!"
Ellery, now rather frightened himself, shook him violently.
"Be quiet, you idiot!" he commanded. "We must go in. Give me the key."

After repeated orders and accompanying shakings, Kyan produced a key. The minister snatched it from his trembling fingers, felt for the key hole and threw the door open. The little room was almost as dark as the hall and quite as still. There was a distinct smell of old clothes and camphor. The minister was going after a match, and said so. In a moment he returned with several. One of these he lit. The brimstone sputtered, burned blue and fragrant, then burst into a yellow flame.
The little room was empty.
John Ellery drew a breath of relief. Then he laughed.
"Humph!" he exclaimed. "She's gone. Come into the sitting room, light a lamp, and let's talk it over."
The lamp was found and lighted at last. Its radiance brightened the dingy sitting room. The sound of wheels was heard in the lane by the front gate. A vehicle stopped. Then some one called a hurried good night. Mr. Pepper's fear returned.
"It's her!" he cried. "She's been abuntin' for me. Now I'll get it! You stand by me, Mr. Ellery. You got to, you said you would. But how on earth did she get out—?"

His sister appeared on the threshold. She was dressed in her Sunday best, flowered poke bonnet, mitts, imitation India shawl, rustling black bombazine gown. She looked at Mr. Pepper, then at the minister.
"O Mr. Ellery!" she exclaimed, "be you here?"
The Reverend John admitted his presence. Miss Pepper's demeanor surprised him. She did not seem angry; indeed, she acted embarrassed and confused, as if she, and not her brother, were the guilty party.
"I'm awfully sorry, Mr. Ellery," gushed Lavinia, removing the bonnet. "You see, I was invited out to ride this afternoon and—and—I went."
She glanced at her brother, reddened—yes, almost blushed—and continued.
"You know, 'Bishy,'" she said. "Thankful Payne's cousin's home avilin' her. He come about that cousin's will—her. The other cousin that's just died. He's a real nice man—her live cousin is—keeps a shoe store up to Sandwits and I used to know him years ago. When I was over to Thankful's 't'other day, him and me had quite a talk. We got speakin' of what nice drives there was around Trumet and—and—er—well, he asked me if I wouldn't like to go to ride next Sunday afternoon—that's today. And a ride bein' a good deal of a treat to me, I said I would. Thankful was goin' too, but—er—she couldn't very well. So Caleb—that's his name, you remember, 'Bishy'—he come round with his horse and team about half past three and we started. But I'd no idee 'twas so late. I—I meant to tell you I was goin' 'Bishy, but I forgot."
"I'm so sorry I kept you waitin' supper," gushed Lavinia. "I'll get you a good one now. Oh, well, deary me! I must be gettin' absent-minded. I ain't asked you where you've been all the afternoon."
Abishai's eyes turned beseechingly toward his promised backer. Ellery could not resist that mute appeal.
"Your brother has been with me for some time, Miss Pepper," he volunteered.

"Oh, has he? Aint that nice! He couldn't have been in better company. I'm sure. But, oh, say, 'Bishy!' I ain't told you how high I come to not gettin' out at all. Just afore Mr. Payne come, I was in that spare room and—you remember I put a spring lock on that door? Well, when I was in there this afternoon the wind blew the door shut, the lock clicked, and there I was. If I hadn't had the other key in my pocket I don't know I wouldn't have been in there yet. That would have been a pretty mess, wouldn't it! He'll be!"
The Reverend John did not answer. He could not trust himself to speak just then. When he did it was to announce that he must be getting toward home. No, he couldn't stay for supper.
"Miss Pepper went into the kitchen and Abishai saw the visitor to the door. Ellery extended his hand and Kyan shook it with enthusiasm.
(TO BE CONTINUED.)

School Athletics

Stomach of Young Man Often Deranged

By DR. JOHN WARREN ACHORN

BOYS of the grammar and high school ages who engage in athletic contests that are something more than boys' play, as for instance in the half-mile or mile run, and who at the finish are greatly distressed and even ghastly in appearance, as many of them are, make a bid for premature old age; for supreme effort of this sort, without adequate preliminary training, often results in structural changes in the coats of the arteries and it sometimes leads to changes in the heart itself. "A man is as old as his arteries." This is an axiom in medical experience.

The young gladiator of sixteen, who eats a "big meal" and then rushes into a game of football, draws the blood from his stomach, where it is needed to digest that meal. The stomach is left to get on as best it can. Loss of muscular power in the organ follows, and a "splashing stomach," because of muscular relaxation, can in time be demonstrated. This condition will often explain why our young gladiator is sallow complexioned and cadaverous looking in spite of his muscular development. It is hard to find a sound stomach, nowadays, in a man past forty years of age.

If boys in their teens are going to be pitted against one another in athletic contests that call for the regular schedule of professionals, or of college men who have reached their physical maturity, then they should also be examined by physicians and handled by regular trainers, as these older men are.

Boys are poor judges of their physical fitness. Naturally one boy likes to think he is physically as strong as any other boy, and all boys want to do the things they see other fellows do, being ignorant of the consequences. Examination and direction in this field of endeavor are essential, for the athletic spirit is everywhere. Even Sunday schools have their track teams. Direction is as essential in athletics as in regard to books studied. Our half-grown boys should not be permitted to engage in contests strenuous and prolonged in character, if not physically up to it or not in proper condition.

Competing at play is a good thing for any boy where the sport is a game that shifts about and the test is not one of endurance or severe stress. There is a big difference between exercises of this sort and doing stunts that may work physical harm or result in physical deformity that is bound to last a lifetime. Boys must learn to concentrate their minds and find their will power or stick-to-it-iveness. Lining them up in sport is one good way of educating them for their life work, but it is not necessary or advisable that they be allowed or urged to go to the limit of their strength and endurance or beyond it. Prevention is better than cure every time.

Moderation in all things is a good rule to follow for those who would live happily and last long. There is time enough in this world for any man to work out the best there is in him mentally and physically, and he doesn't need to break himself up before he really gets a start on, or after he enters the world's arena and acquires the experience that affords him the greatest successes of his life. Five years out of college equals the freshman year in college. It takes twenty years to graduate the average man in experience that the world values and will pay an individual *John Warren Achorn M.D.* price for.

Extend Grounds For Granting Divorce

By E. DILLINGWORTH
Solicitor, London

A commission of extremely able and serious-minded men of the best standing in Great Britain, acting under appointment of the late King Edward, after an exhaustive investigation of the whole subject of divorce, were unable to make a unanimous finding, but a majority and minority report were recently published.

Rather oddly, as many think, the report of the majority is in favor of extending the grounds on which divorce is now legally granted, while the minority recommends that the present English law on the subject be allowed to remain as it is, it being the view of the minority commissioners that it would be a dangerous step, imperiling the welfare and damaging to the morals of the British nation to make it any easier than it now is for married people to become separated. At present the only ground on which a divorce can be obtained in the United Kingdom is marital infidelity. France and the United States were both held up as awful examples of how demoralizing it is to society if there be many a severance of the bonds of matrimony.

The majority report recommended that four more grounds of justification for divorce be recognized, to wit: a life sentence in the penitentiary, desertion after three years, cruelty and habitual drunkenness, which, according to the commissioners, were grounds recognized in nearly all the states of the American Union.

The divorce rate in England, Ireland and Scotland is incomparably lower than in the United States, and it is a good thing from our British point of view that we do not compete with you on this line. In fact, there are more divorces in the United States than in any other nation of the world, Japan alone excepted, where, as it is well known, one marriage out of every six is dissolved.

The average American concert goer fails to show any patriotism when the bands in our parks, as they invariably do, finish their program with "The Star Spangled Banner." Thus the bands keep our beautiful and stirring national anthem ever in the minds of the people, and they in return should show their respect by arising and standing while it is being rendered.

Lack of Respect When Bands are Playing

By E. Preston, Chicago

There is no law to compel people to respect the melody, but should it not be understood as such and treated accordingly by the masses?

The request for silence during concerts printed on the programs eliminated rowdiness to a great extent.

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Events in Society

A Pleasant Surprise.

What was supposed to be the regular weekly meeting of the Girls Glee Club at the A. G. Richardson home on Saturday evening of last week developed into a very agreeable surprise party in which a jolly crowd of young people participated. From the first arrival a certain air of mystery prevailed the maneuvers of the youngsters, who all seemed intent upon secreting something from the notice of the hosts, but it was not long in materializing and when the young men arrived and the party was complete a quantity of delicious home made candy began to appear as if by magic.

Then the crowning surprise of the evening manifested itself when Billie Biggers, on behalf of the young people, called the hosts to attention and in a few well chosen remarks presented them with a very handsome set of table linen. On a card attached were the names of those

participating in the pretty gift, and this was accompanied by the following appropriate verse: In the great free state of Texas.

In the city of McLean, There were many, many young folks

For the people to entertain No one seemed to think it their place

No one cared to have them near

Until the editor opened his house And had them forty times a year.

Then these youngfolks unaniously Sought to show their thankfulness

For the work of Madam Editor In cleaning up their mess. They went and bought some linen.

Linen fine, of English make, And presented to Madam Editor For the trouble they did make

Now, dear madam, may your life last

Long enough to wear this out.

And may you never be repenting Having young folks round about.

The hosts expressed their appreciation of the thoughtful remembrance at the hands of the young people and extended a perpetual invitation to them to avail themselves of such hospitality as was theirs to offer.

Goodfellow-Cook.

Charles C. Cook of Pampa and Miss Louelle Goodfellow of Denton were quietly married at the home of Rev. Walter P. Jennings, pastor of the Christian church at Amarillo on Tuesday afternoon of last week, Rev. Jennings reading the ceremony. The young people left immediately for Pampa where they will make their future home, the groom being engaged in the practice of law at that place.

Mr. Cook is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cook of this city and was raised from boyhood here. Last year he graduated from the law department of the University of Colorado and later was admitted to the Texas bar after passing a Creditable examination. The young man is well fitted to start the battles of life (not married life) and has hosts of friends who predict for him a brilliant future. At the recent election he was honored with the office of county attorney of Gray county.

Miss Goodfellow, who is a cousin of Miss Clara Deen, teacher of English in the local school, is quite well known here, having taught in this school last year. For the first half of the present term she taught in the schools of Groom, resigning that position just prior to her marriage. She is an accomplished and refined young woman and has hosts of friends and admirers in this vicinity.

Both young people have the hearty congratulations of the News and we wish for them a long life of happiness and prosperity.

Neill-West.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cash on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, Rev. S. R. Jones read the impressive ceremony uniting in marriage Miss Earl Neill and Mr. Troy West both of this city. Without the formality of a wedding journey the young people have gone to housekeeping in the house belonging to Mrs. E. C. Cooke in the south part of town.

Miss Neill is the daughter of Mrs. H. H. Neill and is a splendid young woman, popular with a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She has resided with her mother here for a number of years.

Mr. West is the eldest son of the late lamented D. W. West and has also lived here a number of years. Until recently he was engaged in farming and stock raising with his mother and brother at the home place southeast of town, but last November he purchased the City Barber Shop, which institution he is conducting at the present time.

The News joins with their many friends in wishing for the happy young couple all that is best in their future wedded life.

Good Reading Matter.

We have a quantity of good reading matter of different sorts that we will offer for sale at the home of Mrs. Emma LeFors, beginning today. Original prices very much reduced. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Episcopal missionary work.

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Sheriff's Sale.

In The District Court of Gray County, Texas: W. M. Greenwood, Plaintiff, No 103, VS. P. S. Parker, et-al. Defendants.

Whereas by virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on a Judgment rendered in said Court, on the 1st day of November, A. D. 1912, in favor of the said W. M. Greenwood and against the said P. S. Parker and W. F. Stone, No. 103 on the Docket of said Court, I did on the 30 day of December, A. D. 1912, at 10:40 o'clock, A. M. Levy upon and seize the following described tract of land, to-wit:

The South one half and North-west one fourth and the South half of the Northeast one fourth, of Section number, Eighteen, in Block, E. Gray County, Texas, containing five hundred and sixty acres of land, situated about sixteen miles South and three miles East of LeFors, Texas, and adjoining Alanreed townsite on the South, generally known as the Greenwood land; and on the fourth day of February, A. D. 1913, being the first Tuesday in said Month, between the hours of 10, o'clock, A. M. and 4 o'clock, P. M. on said day, at the Court house door of said County I will offer for sale, and sell at Public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said P. S. Parker and W. F. Stone in and to said property.

Said Judgment being the foreclosure of the Vendor's Lien on said land for the amount of the same and at the suit of the said Greenwood against said Parker and Stone.

Given under my hand this, the 30th day of December, A. D. 1912,

J. S. Denson,
Sheriff of Gray County, Texas.

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