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Lynn County's Dallas Fair Exhibit

The following letter is self explanatory:
Brownfield, Texas, Aug. 13th.
Mr. Joe Stokes:
Tahoka, Texas.

Dear Joe:-
Are you people going to send an exhibit to the Dallas Fair? If so we want to go in with you to charter a car to ship same. As by that means we get our stuff there in good shape and on time.
We expect to ask Dawson and Yoakum counties also to go into the car and each of us pay one-fourth. That will make it much cheaper for us than local freight and the service is so much more satisfactory.

We will hold our County Fair here on the 2nd and 3rd of October. Would be glad to have as many of you people as can attend.

Please advise us as early as possible in regard to the car.

Yours truly,
K. H. BANOWSKY.

That is the question to be decided at the mass meeting at the court house tomorrow August 24th at three o'clock in the afternoon, will Lynn County Have A Dallas Fair Exhibit?

Come out every body and help make an exhibit possible. We have the stuff in Lynn county this year but it will take time and money to gather, prepare, ship, display and care for the stuff. So come out and help with your presence, counsel and means. The more who help the easier it will be.

Local View Post Cards at McGill's Drug Store. 51-1t

Hermleigh, Texas, received their first bale of 1912 cotton August the 10th.

Buying Fall Millinery

Miss Bess Madison is now in Kansas City, Mo., studying the very latest styles and selecting a large and complete stock of Fall Millinery which will shortly be on display at J. E. Ketner's store on Main street Tahoka. 51

Nyals Family Remedies at Thomas Bros. & Co.'s Drug Store. 50-1t

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MADE THE DOSE TOO LARGE

Young Doctor Meant to Earn His First Fee Honestly, But His Patient Objected.

"I had gotten my medical education by the hardest work," said the doctor, "and had hung out my shingle out west. I had expected to have to wait for the first patient, but not to have to wait so long. Finally, however, the call came. It was to a little house on the edge of town, and when I got there I found a woman sick with I had no idea what. I made out a 'pill prescription' for her, and for fear that I shouldn't earn my money, I wrote nearly the whole materia medica into it. Then I told her to send it to the nearest drug store and have it filled, and then I left. After an hour or two a small, shock-headed boy appeared at my office, which was over the bank and approached by outside stairs. Was I the doctor that had just been at his maw's house? His maw's house corresponded with the house I had just visited, so I was the doctor. 'Well,' he went on, 'my maw says, how you expect her to swallow that air pill? She ain't no boss.'"

Try our pickling vinegar, 49-tf The Fair.

Eastman Kodaks and supplies at Thomas Bros. & Co.'s Drug Store. 50-1t

Christian Meeting.

Eld. S. A. Ribble, will begin a 10 days or two weeks meeting at the Joe Bailey school house Saturday night before the first Sunday in September. Eld. Ribble is a Christian preacher from Snyder, Texas, and every one who can come, is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Let McGill's Drug Store have your Jewelry for repairs. Work quick. Satisfaction guaranteed.

J. D. Donaldson, of 10 miles south of Tahoka, received a good rain Wednesday morning.

Biggest and best line of staple and novelty hats, just received.
THE FAIR. 49-tf

Rev. and Mrs. McElrath and children spent a couple of days this week visiting at the home of J. D. Donaldson, 10 miles south of town.

DISHES! DISHES!! DISHES!!!

We have a few 42 piece dinner sets that we are closing out at \$3.00 per set. You will have to hurry if you want a set. We only have a few sets and they are going fast. 50-tf
PARKHURST BROKEN \$ STORE.

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Dr. Inmon and Howard Henderson made a trip to Lubbock Sunday in the Doctor's auto and shortly after leaving Lubbock on their way home they backed the auto out of one of the mud chains and as it was intensely dark they came on in home with out it. The Doctor accompanied by Mr. McGill went back after the chain Monday.

For Sale—At the News office, Tahoka, Texas; Blank Notes, Joint Acknowledgements, Real Estate Contracts of Sale, Bonds for Title, and Quit Claim Deeds. Prices reasonable for any quantity.

BEST OF EARTH'S BLESSINGS

Comprehensive Prayer That If Granted Could Not But Bring Happiness to Petitioner.

A dear old lady in a western city has summed up all that has been written of religious philosophy, and much that has been dreamed, in a single sentence.

"All I ask of the Lord," she said once, "is to make me love whatever work I may have to do."

"What more is there to say? What more can be asked?"

That prayer granted, and happiness and usefulness follow as the night the day; and wealth is an incident, hardly to be regarded at all.

This old lady was once rich. Now, through no fault of her own, she is poor.

But in no other or finer sense can poverty come near her; nor the vicissitudes of life afflict her. She has asked—and in this case she seems to have received—that which makes all else unimportant, the blessing of loving her work.

ITS PROPER PLACE.

"I know a man who has a pet crow that he has taught how to swear."

"Then he ought to take it to the convention."

"Why?"

"Because they would find it handy for a caw cuss."

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Perryman Improved

Mineral Wells, Texas, Aug. 20.
W. B. Slaton, Cashier,
Tahoka, Texas,

Dear Sir:-
This is to inform you and other friends of Judge Perryman that his condition is so much improved that he is able to converse intelligently on any subject and articulation is so much better that he can be understood by any one. He eats well, sleeps well and takes his medicine and treatments and baths fine. He walks up and down the stairs and on the streets with alacrity and steadiness. Should he continue to improve as rapidly for 30 days as he has already he will be able to return home cured.
Very truly,
DR. LEE SEAMSTER

Let McGill's Drug Store have your Jewelry for repairs. Work quick. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Thomas, of Ellis county, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Carter, of Post City, came in Monday for a visit with their son, Clif. A. Thomas.

Local View Post Cards at McGill's Drug Store. 51-1t

A big dance at Mike Redwine's of the Draw community, last Friday night was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

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For Sale—New Singer Sewing Machine, Dresser, and Beaura. 48-3t Apply at this office.

DOCTOR QUAYLE'S QUIET HINT

Protracted Session of Well-Meaning Friends Had "Got on the Nerves" of Them All.

Dr. W. A. Quayle, bishop of the Methodist church and a popular lecturer, in the early days of his ministry went back to preach one Sunday to a former congregation in Kansas, and was entertained by one of his old parishioners. After the evening services the family gathered round the hearth and exchanged reminiscences with their guest, apparently without any thought of retiring. Eleven o'clock came and 12 o'clock.

The conversation lagged and all showed unmistakable signs of weariness. Doctor Quayle yawned politely and rubbed his drooping eyelids. His host moved restlessly in his chair. His hostess eyed the time-piece with growing alarm. The very air was drowsy, but no one seemed able to end the awkward situation.

Finally, as the clock chimed 1:30 o'clock, his hostess asked deprecatingly, but with a note of desperation in her voice:

"Brother Quayle, when do you go to bed?"

"When I get a chance," replied Doctor Quayle meekly.

Money to loan on long time at 8 per cent, on patented lands. This notice will not appear again. J. F. Perry, Midland, Texas. 51

Ray King was very sick the first of the week, but is around again now.

When thirsty, try Orange Julius, 5 cents, at Thomas Bros. & Co.'s Drug Store. 50-1t

County Treasurer McMill Clayton, was right sick Tuesday night, but is able to attend to business again.

Laundry gathered Monday and delivered Friday. Sweetwater Laundry Co., work guaranteed. Russell Ramsey, Agt., Tahoka, Texas. 50-tf

Joe Bailey News.

All the farmers are getting anxious for rain in this part of the world.

Mr. H. L. Brewer and family of New Mexico, stayed in with his brothers, P. P. and Ed. Brewer. Mr. T. Brewer, of Mansfield, Texas, is also visiting his brothers here.

Mr. S. J. Laurine made a business trip to Lamesa this week.

Mr. G. T. Beach and wife returned from Merkel, Texas, and reports a fine trip.

Mr. Hester and wife spent Sunday with S. J. Laurine and wife.

Mr. Russell and family and Mrs. Randal and children, of Lou, Dawson county, passed through our community last Sunday on their way home from Post City.

Luke Riley moved his gin to O'Donnell last week.

Mr. Ballew's relatives were visiting him last week.

Rev. Knight returned last week from a trip down south.

Tom Davis is visiting in our community this week.

JOE BAILEY NEWS STROWER.

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P. M. Williams, of eight miles south west of Tahoka, reports a splendid rain Wednesday morning.

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LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT

Embryo Pianist Tells Why She Lives on a Farm in Preference to Teaching.

I will never forget the day my career ended. The dream of my life was to be a great pianist, and I awoke from it the day of my final examinations.

I believe what I have often heard said—that it is the little things which decide important steps in life for us. It was, after all, a little thing that decided me to turn farmer. Nothing more than a big, big, worn place in the sole of my shoe.

The day I noticed it I had walked about five miles, I suppose, visiting my pupils. Yet all I made that day (three of my pupils were only taking half-hour lessons at 25 cents a lesson) was not half enough to buy a good new pair of shoes. Brooding over the situation, I decided that the amount of physical energy and nervous force that I was expending in my work could be invested in probably a dozen other ways with better results.

It was right then and there that the thought popped into my mind.

It stayed there and developed into a fixed determination, with the result that within two months I was settled on the farm, where I have now lived more than for four years. —St. Paul Dispatch.

Laundry gathered and delivered—Sweetwater Laundry Co., work guaranteed. Russell Ramsey, Agt. 50-tf

Friday afternoon of last week about 6:30 o'clock, one of the livery stable horses named Preacher, came tearing past The News office and went right on through the stable, leaving the harness and water hauling sled on the way. No one was hurt.

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O'Donnell News

August 21st. 1912.

Presbyterian meeting began last Saturday night. Services being conducted by Bro. Wood and Bro. Kerr. Have had two conversions.

Tom Humphrey and wife have returned from Roswell, New Mexico.

C. H. Doak is in Snyder, Texas on business this week.

Bro. T. A. Knight came in from Cohoma, Texas, Saturday, where he has been holding a meeting.

Mr. Pew moved his residence into town Monday and also moved his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall Franklin are visiting in Colorado City, Texas, this week.

Miss Clara Smith has returned from Lubbock.

Miss Fleta Randal is visiting her sister, Mrs. Luke Riley this week.

Mrs. Wilkes' litter daughter and grandson are visiting Mr. Gooch and family this week.

Mr. Smith is visiting his sister Mrs. J. W. White.

Uncle Jesse Evans has gone to Big Springs to meet his daughter, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. W. A. Tredway returned Monday from a visit in East Texas.

Mrs. B. L. Blackburn's mother, Mrs. J. T. Neill, and sisters, Mrs. W. J. Lasater, Misses Essie and Frankie Neill, also Mr. Lasater visited her the past week, returning to their home in Gorman, Texas, Tuesday. They also visited Big Springs and Brownfield.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Slaton, of Tahoka, were in our city Sunday.

C. H. Doak is having the town section fenced this week.

A. J. Warren was in O'Donnell Saturday.

T. F. Doak and his son, Charlie, was here this week.

REPORTER.

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GRAFTING BONE ON ELBOW

French Surgeon Reports Success in Two of Most Remarkable Operations on Record.

Dr. Huffer, a prominent surgeon of Paris, reports two cases of successful grafting of bone on a human elbow, in a communication to the Academy of Medicine. The two operations were performed more than a year ago, and as the subjects are in perfect health there can no longer be any doubt of the success of the experiment. The surgeon says that he was called upon to treat the arm of a young man of twenty-three. The elbow joint was affected by ankylosis, and had to be removed, as the entire arm was paralysed. The bone of another patient, a lady whose foot had to be amputated, was used to replace the missing bone. Dr. Tuffier presented radiographic views showing that the arm and joint were now perfectly healed, and the young man, after 13 months, is able to use his arm. The second case was that of a young man of twenty-one, whose elbow had been destroyed by tuberculosis. In this case Dr. Tuffier grafted cartilage which had been preserved for five days from an operation performed on the leg of another person. This operation was carried out 14 months ago, and was a perfect success.

Notice.

On account of the increased cost of Gasoline we are forced to the following prices: 25 cents for one gallon and 22½ cents per gallon for quantity lots.
50-tf Thomas Bros. & Co.

Tahoka For The Summer Normal

Tahoka had better begin to think about the 1913 Normal. It is going to be held somewhere and some South Plains town is going to get it.

If a town was ever due anything by turn, we are due the South Plains Normal here next year. But the Normal is not coming here without an effort on the part of the people here. Other towns are not going to voluntarily give us something when they are looking with longing eyes for the same thing. Lamesa may be one of the towns which will want to make a fight for it, yet we would hardly accuse our sister town of such selfishness when the South Plains Normal met there in 1911 and they were fortunate enough to secure one in 1909.

Tahoka is the most logical town for it, and it is going to take some money and time spent in order to get the State Superintendent to approve this town or approve the application for the Normal. We have adequate building and a good headway towards a library, yet we haven't enough to meet the requirements of the State Educational Department in their announcement of summer normals.

Now if Tahoka wants the South Plains Summer Normal in 1913, she had better get busy. Don't sleep too long. Go to work now. Talk it, work it, fight for it. We will be crowned with success if we put forth the necessary efforts. The teachers of Lynn county that attended the Normal at Lubbock this year secured the endorsement of that body, for Tahoka. The teachers are willing, now we must help them.

CONTRIBUTOR.

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Births.

August 16th to Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Sewell, of 13 miles south east of Tahoka, a girl.

Born in Tahoka, August 18th to Mr. and Mrs. Bouschelle, of Lou, Dawson county, a girl.

Tahoka, August 20th to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. DeBord, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lile, of two miles north of Tahoka, August 22nd, a girl.

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CHOICE OF WEAPONS EASY

No "Cut and Thrust" to Be Used in Duel Where American Was Principal.

John P. Irish of San Francisco was counsel before the state department in the matter of a claim of an American client against one of the Latin-American republics.

The Latin republic didn't want to pay and there was a long dispute, during which the representative of the southern country claimed Irish had put a stain on his honor and said he intended to challenge Irish to a duel.

John Hay, then secretary of state, told Irish about the affair and asked: "What will you do, Irish?"

"Accept it, of course."

"Accept it?"

"Certainly, and I shall name the weapons."

"What weapons shall you choose?" "Feet," exclaimed Irish. "Good Iowa feet, the kind I was born with and I'll kick that diplomat down the street until the police interfere with the proceedings."—Saturday Evening Post.

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PROFESSIONAL

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The 72nd Judicial District Con-
vention will meet at Lamesa Sat-
urday August the 24th for the
purpose of canvassing the election
returns.

The District Convention for the
72nd Representative district will
meet in Lubbock, tomorrow Aug.
the 24th to canvass the returns of
Primary election.

District Attorney elect, G. E.
Lockhart, came in Wednesday ac-
companied by his little son, and
spent the afternoon mixing with
friends. He says he is very hap-
py to receive the nomination, if
only by three votes.—Terry Coun-
ty Herald.

Last Saturday night, W. E.
Gaines and wife were coming in
from the ranch north of town and
reached the edge of town just at
the time the storm was at its
worst. W. E. was bringing in a
wagon load of wood and had a
hack trailing, Mrs. Gaines riding
in the hack. Just as they got into
town the storm turned its climax.
The hack was rained up-side down
with Mrs. Gaines and it being
pitch dark it was several minutes
before W. E. discovered his wife's
predicament. Fortunately Mrs.
Gaines was not seriously inj- red.
—Dawson County News.

This is the accepted time for
Lynn county to send an exhibit to
the Dallas Fair.

Did you vote for Colquitt? If
you did, help to get up an exhibit
for the Dallas Fair.

Was you a Ramsey failure? If
so, do your very best to make a
success of the exhibit of Lynn
county products at the Dallas
Fair.

Come out to the mass meeting at
the court house Saturday after-
noon at three o'clock and help
make arrangements for an exhibit
to the Dallas Fair.

It don't matter what your poli-
tics are or what church you do or
do not belong to, if you are a
Lynn County booster come to the
court house Saturday at three
o'clock and help make arrange-
ments to get up a Lynn county
exhibit for the Dallas Fair.

If the Santa Fe Ry. Co. and the
Wells-Fargo Express Co. are not
able to give Lamesa better service
than has been ours at the hands of
the local agent of late, they are
indeed hard pushed. The service
has been simply rotten.—Dawson
County News.

We are sorry for you Lamesa
for a cranky station agent is hard
to put up with. You might send
him to Tahoka and let him see
how an agent can and should run
things. Tahoka has the best of
everything even to station agent.

Miss Ruby, the "head boss" in
the editor's home, started Wednes-
day morning for Memphis, Tenn.,
where she will remain through the
winter with relatives and attend
school. It is a pity that people
who can ill afford it these hard
times, must send their children
away from home to school, but it
appears that quite a number here
feel as we do about it.—Dawson
County News.

It is hard to have to send your
child away to school, especially so
far away. When a number of
people send their children away to
school they generally justified in
doing so; but, where only one or
two men in a community do so it
is usually because for some reason
they are disgruntled or the chil-
dren are incompetent. Now if
there any others who wish to send
their children away to school, we
wish to state that they don't have
to send them so far away. Just
send them right to Tahoka and
they will have as good schooling
as they need and considerably
cheaper and much more conven-
ient. Send for one of our 1912-
13 catalogs.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 10.—Based
on a scholastic population of
1,019,000, the State Board of Edu-
cation at the regular monthly
session today made the annual
scholastic apportionment, the
amount apportioned being \$6.85
per capita. This is the largest
apportionment ever made for any
one year in the history of the
State of Texas, and is 5 cents
higher than that of last year,
which was \$6.80. Due to this
large apportionment it is figured
out by the board that practically
all the common or country schools
should be able to run for the en-
tire nine months of the scholastic
year 1912-13. The appropriation,
which comes out of the available
school funds of the State, become
available on September the 1st.

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PARKHURST BROKEN \$ STORE.

L. E. Moore, who lives south of
Plainview, made sale this week of
twenty of his white-face March
calves at \$20 around, to be deliv-
ered in October. They are a fine
lot of calves, all except one being
marked alike, being red with
white face.—Hale County Herald.

Hon. T. M. Bartley is the peo-
ple's choice for Representative of
this district, and when he goes to
Austin, we hope and believe he
will exercise all the power he pos-
sesses for the advancement of this
section of the State. About the
first thing he should undertake, to
our notion, is to have the present
geography, which describes our
country described as a desert, re-
jected, or at least revised, and to
adopt a history written by a South-
erner, or some impartial writer.
Also, to redistrict the State so we
will have some show for one of the
new Congressmen—if the legisla-
ture can be prevailed upon to stop
fighting Colquitt that long.—Terry
County Herald.

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NO CARD PLAYING IN CHILE
Woman Visitor to America From That
Country Shocked at the Cus-
tom Here.

A woman who is a native of Chile
was talking recently about the diffi-
culty she had in accustoming herself
to card playing among women when
she came to this country.
"In Chile card playing among
women is undreamed of. Perhaps it
is not too much to say that a Chilean
would no more play cards than a
New York woman would enter a
Broadway saloon. It isn't that it is
exactly, or wholly, a matter of mor-
als with us. It just isn't the thing
to do. It is not conventional. When
I came to New York I brought my
daughter-in-law with me, a Chilean
girl. She and I were both horribly
shocked to receive an invitation to a
bridge party in the day time. It was
too much for us and we declined,"
says the New York Post. "Other
similar invitations came, and kept
coming. Finally, our curiosity got
the best of us and we went to one of
these affairs. Even after we got over
our sense of outraged convention the
whole thing seemed curious to us.
The funniest sight of all was the
women with little tags on them, as
if marked 'by fast express,' or run-
ning up to another woman with a lit-
tle card to be 'punched.' Finally, we
got sufficiently accustomed to 'take a
hand,' but even yet I never do it
without a covert feeling that I am
putting myself beyond the pale."



HURT HIS FEELINGS
"Gee! I never seen such a lot of
'spicious dogs. Dey seems to think
I'd hurt 'em."

ROOT COTTON FOUND IN ORIENT.
An interesting new tropical prod-
uct is the "root cotton," described by
S. Kusano, a Japanese botanist. It
is a fibrous covering of the roots of
Fagara integrifolia, an abundant
plant of the Philippines, and espe-
cially of Botol Tobago, an island
near Formosa. The substance seems
to be a kind of cork tissue, resem-
bling the ordinary cork developed
on the bark of trees. The fibers, of
light straw color and silky luster,
are very fine, soft, and weak, and
are easily pulverized to a waxy powder.
They are less hygroscopic than ordi-
nary cotton, having remarkable re-
sistance to wetting by water. In
Botol Tobago the natives use the root
cotton for caulking boats, and in the
Philippines it is employed for such
purposes as stuffing pillows. Not
least of the advantages of this mat-
erial is a possible article of commerce
is the fact that it can be removed
without injury to the roots, thus
making cultivation simple.

EXPLANATION.
"What's this in Mama's letter
about her getting a c-h-a-u-f-
f-e-u-r?"
"Oh, that's a hairdresser, you ig-
norant woman."

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE GRANT OF AID TO INDIGENT AND DISABLED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS AND THEIR WIVES.

(S. J. R. No. 9.) Senate Joint Resolution.
Senate Joint Resolution to amend Section 51, of Article 3, of the Con-
stitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize the grant of aid
to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors and their
widows, and to soldiers who served in the militia and in organiza-
tions for the protection of the frontier and their indigent widows,
and to grant aid for the establishment and maintenance of a home
for the indigent and dependent wives and widows of Confederate
soldiers and sailors, and such women as aided the Confederacy, and
authorize a special ad valorem pension tax, and making appropri-
ations for same.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 51, Article 3, of the Constitution of the
State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

ARTICLE 3. Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to
make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public money
to any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other cor-
poration whatsoever: provided, however, the Legislature may grant
aid to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors who came
to Texas prior to January 1, 1900, and their widows in indigent cir-
cumstances, and who have been bona fide residents of the State of Tex-
as since January 1, 1900, and who were married to such soldiers and
sailors anterior to January 1, 1900; to indigent and disabled soldiers
who under special laws of the State of Texas, during the war between
the States served for a period of at least six months in organizations
for the protection of the frontier against Indian raids or Mexican
marauders, and to indigent and disabled soldiers of the militia of the
State of Texas, who were in active service for a period of at least six
months during the war between the States, and to the widows of such
soldiers who are in indigent circumstances, and who were married to
such soldiers prior to January 1, 1900, provided that the word
"widow" in the preceding lines of this section shall not apply to
women born since 1861, and also to grant aid for the establishment
and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, their wives
and widows, and women who aided in the Confederacy under such
regulations and limitations as may be provided for by law; provided,
the Legislature may provide for husband and wife to remain together
in the home.

The Legislature shall have the power to levy and collect, in addition
to all other taxes heretofore permitted by the Constitution of Texas, a
special ad valorem tax on property not exceeding five cents on the one
dollar value of the same, for the purpose of creating a special fund
for the payment of pensions for services in the Confederate Army and Navy, frontier organizations
and the militia of the State of Texas, and for the widows of such
soldiers serving in said armies, navies, organizations, or militia.

SEC. 2. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue his
necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the
qualified voters of the State of Texas at the general election of State
officers, in November, 1912. At which election all voters favoring
this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the
words: "For the amendment to Section 51, Article 3 of the Consti-
tution relating to increase of Confederate pensions;" and the voters
opposed to said amendments shall have written or printed on their
ballots the words: "Against the amendment to Section 51, Article 3
of the Constitution, relating to increase of Confederate pensions."

SEC. 3. The sum of \$5,000.00 or so much thereof as may be neces-
sary, is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of carrying out the
provisions of this resolution.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION CREATING THE OFFICE OF PRISON COMMISSIONER AND MAKING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PRISON COMMISSIONERS SIX YEARS.

(H. J. R. No. 22.) House Joint Resolution.
A Joint Resolution proposing to amend Article XVI of the State Con-
stitution by adding thereto Section 58, creating the office of Prison
Commissioners, and making the term of office of the members of the
Board of Prison Commissioners six years, and making an appropri-
ation.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:
SECTION 1. That Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of
Texas be amended by adding hereto a new section which shall be
known as Section 58 and shall read as follows:
Section 58. (Article XVI.) The Board of Prison Commissioners
charged by law with the control and management of the State prison,
shall be composed of three members appointed by the Governor, by
and with the consent of the Senate, and whose terms of office shall be
six years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified; provided,
that the terms of office of the Board of Prison Commissioners first
appointed after the adoption of this amendment shall begin on Janu-
ary 20th of the year following the adoption of this amendment, and
shall hold office as follows: One shall serve two years, one four years,
and one six years. Their terms to be decided by lot after they shall
have qualified, and one Prison Commissioner shall be appointed every
two years thereafter. In case of a vacancy in said office the Govern-
or of this State shall fill said vacancy by appointment for the unex-
pired term thereof.

SEC. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue his
and have published the necessary proclamation for the submission of
this proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas to
the qualified voters for members of the Legislature of the State of
Texas at the next general election to be held in this State. All per-
sons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on their
ballots "For a six years' term for prison Commissioners," and those
opposed to the adoption of this amendment shall have written or printed
on their ballots "Against a six years' term for Prison Commis-
sioners."

SEC. 3. The sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) or so much
thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds
of the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the ex-
penses of publication of the Governor's proclamation submitting this
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Any subscriber to the Thrice-a-week World can secure one of these handsome pictures free of cost. Subscriptions taken at The News office. \$1.00 for The World or \$1.70 for the two papers; The News and The World both for one year. By subscribing for this combination you receive 208 papers during the year, containing all the local and general news, religious and political matter, market quotations and the very best of short and continued stories, useful household hints and good farming, poultry and stock raising suggestions.

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A. W. McEachern, of Plains, Texas, called at The News' office last Friday and ordered the paper sent to him for a year. Mr. McEachern said that as Tahoka is his railroad point, he wanted to keep in touch with everything here. He came over to meet his mother, Mrs. V. A. McEachern and his sister, Mrs. M. A. Norsworthy, of Clyde, Texas, who came in on the train.

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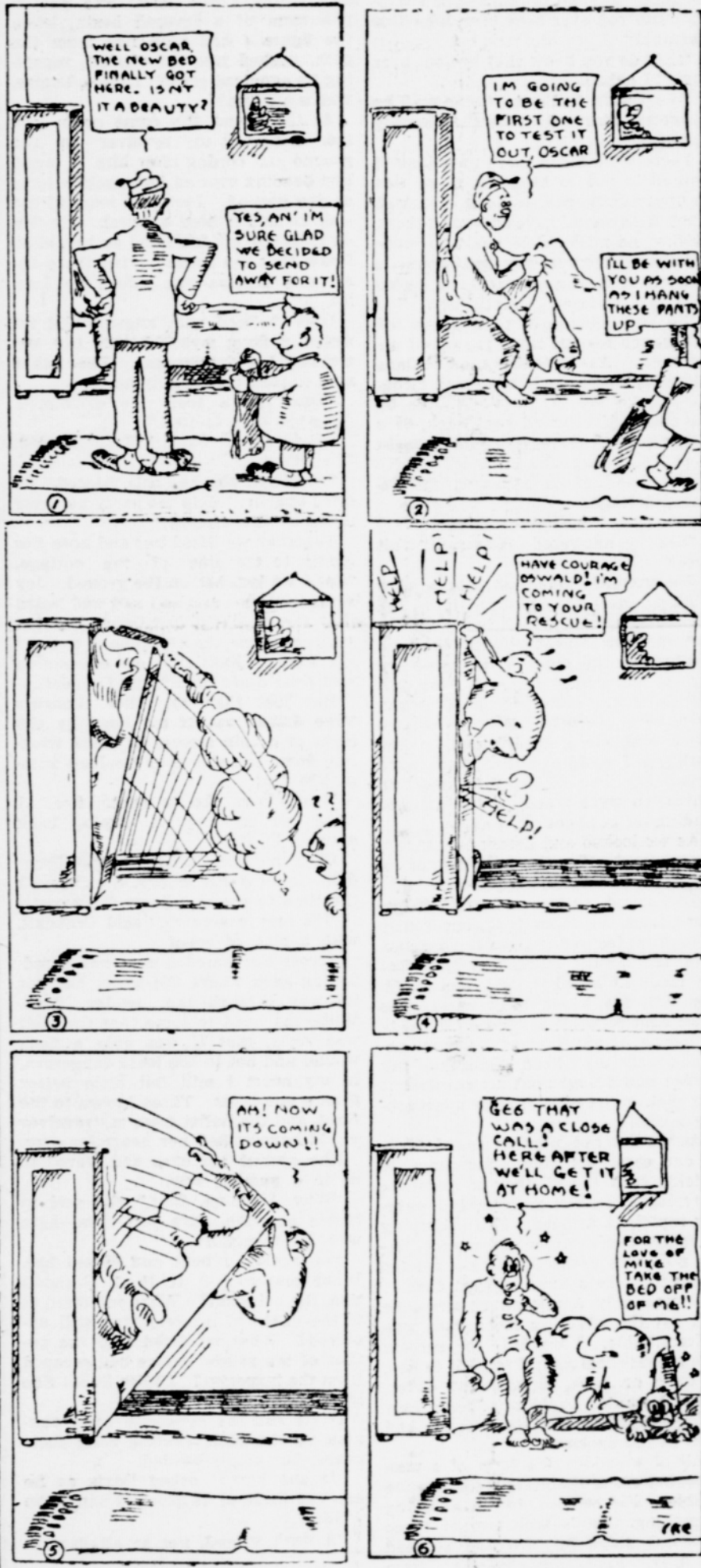
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Strictly speaking, summer in Finland is just one long day. The moment the first star glimmers in the south it is a sign that autumn is at hand. The long period of light exercises a marvelous effect upon vegetation and the leaves of trees grow to an enormous size. Up north, the development of plant life is crowded into a few weeks, but it is none the less perfect for that.

Though few people realize it, it is a fact that in June London has only 5 1/2 hours of darkness. Up at Aberdeen in clear nights, there is no darkness, only a kind of twilight. Scottish gardeners, if they wished, could work in the open at midnight, except, perhaps, in the south of our sister country.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION PROVIDING THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY AND BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND MANAGERS OF THE EDUCATIONAL, ELEEMOSYNARY AND PENAL INSTITUTIONS SHALL BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED FOR THE TERM OF SIX YEARS.

(H. J. R. No. 9.) House Joint Resolution.

An Act proposing an amendment to Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding a new section thereto, to be entitled "Section 30a"; providing that the Board of Regents of the State University, and the boards of trustees or managers of educational, eleemosynary and penal institutions of the State and such other boards as have been, or may hereafter be established by law, may be elected or appointed for term of six (6) years, one-third of the members of said boards to be elected or appointed every two (2) years in the manner provided by law, fixing the time for holding the election, and making the appropriations therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Article 16 of the Constitution be amended by adding a new section thereto, to be known and designated as "30a," and to read as follows:

Section 30a. The Legislature may provide by law that the members of the Board of Regents of the State University and Boards of Trustees or Managers of the educational, eleemosynary and penal institutions of the State, and such boards as have been, or may hereafter be established by law, may hold their respective offices for the term of six (6) years, one-third of the members of such boards to be elected or appointed every two (2) years in such a manner as the Legislature may determine; vacancies in such offices to be filled as may be provided by law, and the Legislature shall enact suitable laws to give effect to this section.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for the members of the Legislature, at the next general election to be held in this State, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall have printed or written on their ballots: "For the amendment of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, regulating the term of office of the Board of Regents of the State University, and all other Boards of Trustees, or Managers, heretofore or hereafter established by law." And all voters opposed to said amendment shall have printed or written on their ballots the words: "Against the amendment of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, regulating the term of office of the Board of Regents of the State University, and other Boards of Trustees, or Managers, heretofore or hereafter established by law."

Sec. 3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and have the same published as required by the law of the State.

Sec. 4. The sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of said proclamation, publication and election.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZING CITIES OF MORE THAN 5000 INHABITANTS TO ADOPT THEIR CHARTERS BY VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.

(H. J. R. No. 10.) House Joint Resolution.

House Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5, of Article II, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for cities of more than five thousand (5000) inhabitants to adopt their charter by a vote of the people.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 5 of Article II of the constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows.

Section 5. Cities having more than five thousand (5000) inhabitants may, by a majority vote of the qualified voters of said city, at an election held for that purpose, adopt or amend their charters, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by the Legislature, and providing that no charter or any ordinance passed under said charter shall contain any provision inconsistent with the Constitution of the State, or any of the general laws enacted by the Legislature of this State; said cities may levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law or by their charters; but no tax for any purpose shall ever be lawful for any one year, which shall exceed two and one-half per cent of the taxable property of such city, and no debt shall ever be created by any city, unless at the same time provision be made to assess and collect annually a sufficient sum to pay the interest thereon and creating a sinking fund of at least two per cent thereon; and provided further that no city charter shall be altered, amended or repealed oftener than every two years.

Sec. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation, submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas at the next general election held in this State, or in case any previous election shall be held in this State for other purposes, then this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State. At such election, those favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, the words: "For amendment to Section 5, Article II of the Constitution, authorizing cities of more than five thousand inhabitants to adopt their charters by a vote of the people;" those opposing said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against amendment to Section 5, Article II of the Constitution, authorizing cities of more than five thousand inhabitants to adopt their charters by a vote of the people." The sum of five thousand dollars, or so much as is necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the Treasury of the State of Texas out of moneys not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of the publication of this amendment and the proclamation for the election.

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(Continued)

CHAPTER I—Harding Kent calls on Louise Farrish to propose marriage and she finds the house in great excitement over the attempted suicide of her sister Katharine. Kent starts an investigation and finds that Hugh Crandall, suitor for Katharine, who had been forbidden the house by General Farrish, had talked with Katharine over the telephone just before she shot herself. A torn piece of yellow paper is found, at sight of which General Farrish is stricken with paralysis.

CHAPTER II—Kent discovers that Crandall has left town hurriedly. Andrew Elser, an aged banker, commits suicide about the same time as Katharine attempted her life.

CHAPTER III—A yellow envelope is found in Elser's room. Postoffice Inspector Davis, Kent's friend, takes up the case.

CHAPTER IV—Kent is convinced that Crandall is at the bottom of the mystery.

CHAPTER V—Kent and Davis search Crandall's room and find an address, "Lock Box 17, Ardway, N. J." Kent goes to Ardway to investigate and becomes suspicious of a "Henry Cobb."

CHAPTER VI—A woman commits suicide at the Ardway Hotel. A yellow letter also appears in this case.

CHAPTER VII—Kent calls Louise on the long distance telephone and finds that she has just been called by Crandall from the same booth. "Cobb" disappears and Ardway postmaster is missing.

CHAPTER VIII—Inspector Davis arrests Elser and takes up the investigation. He discovers that the dead woman's telephone number is the same as the one which Kent implored him to investigate.

CHAPTER IX—Kent returns to New York to get an explanation from Louise. He finds the body of a woman in Crandall's room and more yellow letters. He meets Crandall, who he recognizes as "Cobb," enter the Farrish home.

CHAPTER X—Louise again implores Kent to drop the investigation and refuse to give any explanation. Later Kent sees Crandall and Louise in an automobile.

CHAPTER XI—Kent returns to Ardway. He announces that he has planned to arrest the missing postmaster and also the master criminal.

CHAPTER XII—While seeking the criminals, Kent comes across Louise and Crandall. Pursued by Davis the postmaster jumps off a precipice and is killed. Young Crandall, the master criminal, is found in a hut in a morphine stupor.

"Keep it in your pocket. We may need it, but it is better not to show it if we can avoid it."

"I put it back in my pocket and took the precaution of placing the revolver Davis had given me in the side-pocket of my coat where it would be more readily available. Davis moved off soundlessly through the clearing with the constable, I close at his heels. There was more light here than there had been on the shaded road, but even so we could see hardly twenty feet ahead of us.

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bermen or quarrymen—which was it, Dodds?"

"Built for one and used by 'other,'" the constable replied, "but 'tain't been used by either, so far as I know, for a dozen years."

"How do you know the missing postmaster is there?"

"Traced him."

"Bicycle tracks," he answered with a chuckle. "You were not the only person who discovered that Rouser, when he disappeared, went on bicycle. In fact, Kent, you are a little slow as a detective. By the time you had ascertained that much, I ascertained where the bicycle tracks led to and had even gone so far as to have Dodds get warrants for Rouser and his accomplice."

"I still do not see how you got evidence enough to get a warrant for Crandall. Did you find him out here with the missing postmaster?"

"I didn't say I had a warrant for Crandall," replied the inspector sharply. "Did you ever hear of a John Doe warrant?"

"How do you know they are out here now?" I asked.

"We'll soon find out. Come on," he answered, starting across the clearing almost at a dog-trot.

There were many more questions I wanted to put to him, but there was no opportunity, and, besides, I doubted much if he would have answered them. At first he made little effort to move quietly, but after we had gone a quarter of a mile or more he called back in a whisper, "Quietly now."

We had come to a path which led us through a short thick growth of underbrush. As noiselessly as Indians following a trail we felt our way along, the silence broken now and then by the sound of a bough bent back, or a rustling leaf. Soon the path brought us out on some rising ground. Not fifty yards ahead of us appeared the deserted cottage.

"That's it," whispered Dodds.

"Sh!" answered Davis. "Wait here!"

We stopped there just at the edge of the underbrush, peering into the darkness, straining our eyes to see and our ears to hear. From the one window in the side of the one-story log hut a dim light shone, proving that the place was either occupied or had been very recently. As we became more and more accustomed to the darkness I could see that there were apparently two paths, the one on which we were standing and another leading off at about right angle.

As we looked and listened I heard a sharp crack, like the breaking of a twig that had been stepped on.

The sound, so far as I could judge, came from the other path, apparently a hundred feet away from the cottage. I turned toward Davis and saw that he, too, had heard it. He was standing with his whole body tense, his head bent forward a little as if ready to spring at any instant. Almost unconsciously my hand went into my pocket and brought out my revolver. I felt that affairs were rapidly approaching a crisis.

As we listened, another sound came to our ears. At first indistinct, it quickly took the rhythm of footsteps hurrying along the path, a man walking rapidly. I decided. The hurrying footsteps came nearer and nearer. Davis now was crouching like a runner about to make a hundred-yard dash.

It was only a minute of suspense and yet the effect on my nerves was indescribable. I wanted to scream like a hysterical girl; I wanted to run, forward or back, it made no difference; I wanted to do something, anything—anything but stand there and wait in the darkness.

All of a sudden the form of a man hurrying along the other path became visible. He seemed to be carrying something. Davis took two or three noiseless steps forward and stopped abruptly. From the shadows, from nowhere it seemed, the figure of another man appeared directly in the path of the oncomer.

"Hold on here!" it said, or something like that.

With a curse the first man dropped whatever he was carrying and started to run. The second man started after him. With not more than ten paces between them the pursued man suddenly wheeled. A revolver flashed and the pursuer with a muttered curse fell headlong in the path. The hunted man turned and, with headlong speed, plunged down the path.

At the revolver shot Davis had leaped forward, and, needless to say, Dodds and I were not far behind him. Fast as the fugitive was vanishing Davis was even faster. With the movement of a trained runner he, the wiry inspector, quickly outdistanced Dodds and myself and was close on the heels of his man.

As I ran breathless behind him, hoping to arrive in time to help him in his capture, I saw the man ahead halt and turn. Instinctively I knew he was about to shoot again, and, raising the revolver I had been carrying all the while, without even trying to aim, I fired in his direction just as I saw the flash from his revolver.

There was hardly a second between the two reports and then—
A woman shrieked.

I turned sick with horror. There

could be no mistaking it.

It was the voice of Louise Farrish. With overwhelming dismay it came to me that I had shot the woman I loved. Too stunned to move I stood there. My whole body seemed turned to stone. My arms hung helpless at my sides. My legs refused to move. My mouth was fever-dry and my tongue lay lifeless. Yet my vision, I recall, seemed clear and strong, penetrating the darkness as if it had been broad day. I seemed to see, as if the sight belonged to some one else, some one outside myself. I saw the inspector and constable, both apparently unhurt by the shots, dash on in pursuit. I saw a man's figure rise up from the path. I seemed to hear him call out: "Louise, Louise, where are you? Are you hurt?"

There was no answer. Almost I had persuaded myself that the strain on my nerves, the horror of the night and the shock of the shooting had given me a hallucination, that the woman's shriek I had heard was but a phantasm of a fevered brain, when the figure I had seen rise from the path, dashed into the thicket, repeating its agonized cry of "Louise, Louise, where are you?"

At the sound, life came again into me. I dashed my revolver to the ground and sprang after him. I found him bending over an unconscious form on the ground. Just as I reached the spot he had lighted a match. He lifted it to see my face, and as he did so I saw that the woman lying there apparently lifeless was indeed my Louise.

Overwhelmed with anguish and remorse, I flung myself beside her, entreating her forgiveness. The other man shoved me roughly aside.

"Don't be a fool," he exclaimed. "She has only fainted."

"She's shot! She's killed!" I cried. "I shot her!"

"I tell you she has only fainted," he cried angrily. "Help me carry her over there by the window."

Together we lifted her and bore her gently to the side of the cottage, where we laid her on the ground. Joy surged in my heart as I saw and heard that she was still breathing, joy that was not even abated when I saw by the window light that my companion was none other than Hugh Crandall.

But just then all other thoughts were driven out of my head by the sight of a thin stream of blood trickling down the sleeve of Louise's automobile coat.

"I tell you she is shot. See," I cried, all my anguish coming back anew.

With trembling hands I helped Crandall cut away her sleeve, dreading all the time to see and know the worst.

"It's only a scratch," said Crandall, with a sigh of relief.

Across her rounded arm was a reddening gash where the bullet had cut its way through the tender flesh. While my head told me that Crandall was right, that it was only a flesh wound and not in the least dangerous, in my heart I still felt little better than a murderer. Three inches to the right, and the bullet from my revolver would have stilled her heart for ever.

She opened her eyes and stared at us in a puzzled way.

"Why, Harding, dear," she said in feeble surprise, "are you here—here with Mr. Crandall?"

For answer I bent and kissed her. What mattered it if Hugh Crandall was the criminal? What mattered it if the chain of mystery was still unsolved? What mattered it if the author of the yellow letters had escaped from the inspector? Louise lived! She loved me!

Davis and the constable came running up the path, panting from their chase, but empty-handed.

"Is she hurt?" asked Davis as he saw the three of us grouped under the window.

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