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Sanitarium Committee Visits Big Springs.

The committee to locate the Baptist sanitarium in west Texas, was here Tuesday. The members of the committee arrived on the morning train, were met at the depot by a committee of our citizens and welcomed to our city. In the afternoon they were given an auto ride over town and expressed themselves as being well pleased with Big Springs and thought it a most admirable place for the location of an institution of the character they propose. A fairly well attended mass meeting was held at the Christian church at night, and the object of the sanitarium was explained. The Baptist people propose to furnish \$50,000 in money and the town that secures the location to give \$25,000 in money and ground upon which to erect the necessary buildings.

Big Springs has advantages over other places in west Texas for an institution of this kind that no reasonable committee will deny and if our people will do what is asked of them we are sure of getting the sanitarium.

E. S. Groner and Dr. Bunkley, of Stamford; C. T. Ball, Abilene; D. G. Wells and J. E. Bell, Stanton; Jno. R. Lewis and Will Job, Sweetwater, compose the committee.

Dr. Phoenix, of Colorado, was one of the speakers and made a very practical talk as to the objects of the sanitarium, stating

that it was for the care and treatment of all diseases and that it was not the object of the projectors to make it a place for the treatment of tuberculosis only.

Arrested for Swindling

A coppersmith by the name of Speery was arrested and placed in jail Wednesday night on a charge of swindling. He employed Eugene Shumake to take him to San Angelo and return, telling him he had money in one of the banks to pay for the trip. Upon their return from San Angelo Speery gave Shumake a check for \$50 which was turned down by the bank as Speery had never had any money on deposit there.

We are better prepared to serve you this year than ever before and ask you to give us a trial. We feel sure you will always be satisfied if you trade with us.

Arnold-McCamant Drug Co.

Big Sunday Dinner.

There will be an especially prepared dinner at the Stewart Hotel Sunday. Come and bring your friends and the family and enjoy a grand feast.

A new judicial district has been created in West Texas, and S. J. Isaacks of Midland has been appointed judge, and William F. Brady of Pecos district attorney by Gov. Campbell.

Moved to Big Springs.

Mrs. Sol Dreeben and little daughter, Densa, left Friday evening for Big Springs to meet Mr. Dreeben who has been at that place since the first of the year, conducting the gents' furnishing business of E. L. Dreeben. Altho they have not moved their household effects, and will likely not, for some time, they fully expect to make Big Springs their future home. Munday has been their home upward of two years, during which time they have been in the dry goods business here and have won the highest esteem of the people of our city and country; and while we regret to lose them from our city, our best wishes go with them to their new home at Big Springs.—Munday Times.

For anything in men's wear call and see our stock. We have the goods. A. P. McDonald & Co.

H. B. Arnold has secured a fine well of water on his place in Jones Valley addition. The well is about sixty feet deep and the water is said to equal that furnished by the water company. L. S. Shumway has secured a water privilege from Mr. Arnold and has piped the water to his property.

Reagan's Drug Store is furnishing more counties with the State adopted school books perhaps than any other store along the T. & P.

Rev. L. B. McCaslin, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, will preach at that church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on the subject of "Conditions of Discipleship." At night he will deliver a lecture on "Origin and History of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church." Everybody cordially invited to attend these services.

Laundry Work

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Dr. O. M. Ball, botanist at the A. & M. College of Texas, has learned that dealers in seeds are opposing the bill he has prepared for passage by the present legislature requiring purity in all seeds offered for sale. At his laboratory at College Station he has a thousand samples of seeds which shows the presence of foreign weed seeds, and weed pests, that are damaging to any farm. His proposed law is in the interest of the farmers and he says there is no reason seeds offered for sale should not be pure. The opposition to the bill comes mostly from outside the state. Some farmers who have been benefited by what Dr. Ball has told them of weeds on their farms have written to their legislators urging the passage of the bill. It is designed to protect all the farms in Texas from pests and thistles.

J. O. Gibson, the tailor, in the front basement of the Ward building, makes a specialty of cleaning and pressing clothing. 22-1f.

The news reached here yesterday that the little son of Mr. Powell of the Knott community, fell on a harrow Wednesday and was disemboweled. We have been unable to learn whether the wound proved fatal or not.

R. B. Flynt has been appointed agent for the Missouri Life Insurance Co. one of the best companies doing business in Texas.

Seymore Eaton, in writing for the Chicago Tribune, says: "Don't waste gray matter on your competitor. No matter how entertainingly he lies, you go right on telling the plain, blunt kind of truth that mother-used-to-make. Truth can be made for more entertaining than falsehood. Don't be afraid to call a spade a spade."

WANTED—Rooms for light housekeeping by February 10th. Phone No. 5.

C. L. Alderman visited Colorado this week in the interest of the Western Telephone Company.

Ellis Douthit came in Monday morning from Los Angeles, California and has resumed the practice of law with J. B. Littler. His family will arrive in a short time. This excellent family have many friends among our people who will gladly welcome their return to Big Springs.

Ladies' misses' and children's Oxfords. New stock at A. P. McDonald & Co.'s, opposite post-office.

D. W. Christian, wife and daughter were here Monday from their ranch ten miles north of town.

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France is strongly tempted to subsidize the work.

The average height of the Laplander is less than five feet.

In sleety days the good citizen is known by the kind of pavement he keeps.

England's turbine fleet already includes 62 warships and 44 vessels of the merchant marine.

Pittsburg girl eloped to Ohio and took her mother along. Thereby showing two varieties of good judgment.

With an annual saving fund of a billion France ought to be very comfortable on the proverbial rainy day.

Anyhow, Mark Twain has made sure that his patent on Huckleberry Finn shall not expire for a long, long time.

Thirty gallons of oysters were used at a church social at Hutchinson, Kan. Who says prosperity hasn't returned?

A philanthropic but misguided fish doctor in New York city has succeeded in saving the life of a German carp. Cui bono?

Orville Wright manages to get about on crutches, which is some progress toward his practice of ignoring terra firma altogether.

A Milwaukee doctor has married his cook. But the scheme doesn't work. Just as soon as you marry them, they quit being cooks.

A Parisian journal asks the question: "Should actresses marry?" We should say the answer is: "Not so often as they do."

We should imagine, from some of the rambling remarks of Prof. Hugo Muensterberg, that applied sociology was a good thing until one came to apply it.

Gold, silver and lead mines are, it is said, to be worked extensively in the bleak district of Inishowen, County of Donegal, Ireland, overlooking the Atlantic.

"Forget it" is said to be the favorite maxim of the German emperor. Our guess is that he has recently been compelled to work his favorite maxim over time.

One of the doctors says cocktails superinduce pneumonia. He must be trying to allay the fears that certain people have had concerning pneumonia.

Those countries now adopting old age pensions may not know the trouble they are bringing on themselves, since the professor is about to show us all how to live to be young at 150.

When it comes to doing damage, men are puny things, after all. The six months' bombardment of Fort Arthur by land and sea did far less damage to that city than the earthquake did to Reggio.

President Roosevelt is expected to capture alive in Africa for the Washington Zoological park an oryx, a kleeen-boc and a kahau. Probably he will be successful. He has captured even queerer game in the United States.

Record-breaking work continues in the Panama canal zone. The total excavations during December were 3,261,673 cubic yards, against 2,930,404 yards in November and 2,201,734 yards in December, 1907. And with like progress in other directions the finish is steadily and rapidly drawing near.

A man in New York was arrested and sent to prison for begging for a cup of coffee with which to sustain his feeble strength while looking for work to feed his starving family. And from the fact that so many great crimes go "unwhipped of justice," this treatment of poverty as a crime is one of the worst travesties upon our modern civilization.

Here is proof that the courts are not respecters of persons and do not draw the color line. By a decision of the United States district court in Oklahoma, "Zeke" Moore, a colored man, is awarded royalty on oil lands which will make him the richest negro in the state. "Zeke" is also an convict, but his good fortune should help him to mend his ways.

The fact that the new president of the New York Central railroad says in the next 15 years the railroads must spend billions, calls attention to what an immense difference it would make if everybody was content to stay in one place. It also emphasizes the fact, declares the Baltimore American, that persons who have passed their whole lives in one home or even in one town, or who have never been on a railroad journey in their lives, are written up in the daily papers as human curiosities.

The invention of the seismograph for the study of earthquakes has led to the discovery of the surprising sensitivity of the crust of the globe to forces that might have been thought too insignificant to cause distortion.

The Indiana farmer who caught a neighbor whom he suspected of stealing corn from his crib, by driving nails into a lot of his corn cobs, so that the local constable afterward found in the neighbor's hopper an armful of cobs with nails buried in the pith, showed real Yankee ingenuity.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE

IMPORTANT BILL IS ONE EFFECTING SALARY OF COUNTY ATTORNEYS—MANY OTHERS.

WOULD CHANGE PISTOL LAW

Bill Providing for the Practice by Physicians Without Going Before State Board.

Austin: Ahead of submission, two measures of importance are scheduled for consideration in the house—the bill to establish a training school for incorrigible children, postponed until Monday, and the compulsory education bill, postponed until Tuesday. Both of these have developed opposition, and a lively fight upon them is anticipated. Other important measures set down for consideration in the house this week are Mr. Mobley's bill for codification of the laws of Texas. Mr. Bowles' anti-trafficking bill, and the joint resolutions of Mr. Robertson of Travis, designed to straighten out the tangle as to independent school districts and their bonds.

Austine: The outlook is for an exceedingly busy week in and around the legislature, principally in the committee rooms, where a number of public hearings upon important measures are to be held. There are so many of these, and so many people who are interested, that it is probable that hotel facilities will be taxed to their utmost capacity by the lobbyists, professional and amateur, whom, according to advices, are to be on hand.

By comparison, the program for the main bodies will be tame. The submission debate, it seems likely, will continue to hold the boards during the remainder of the week in the senate, and it is scheduled to be taken up in the house on Thursday. There is no indication that it will come to a vote during the week. Indeed, this is to be a short legislative week, for on Friday evening the legislature is to adjourn in order that the members and their families may accept the hospitality of the city of Houston for two days.

Austin: With a view to promoting the truck and fruit industry of Texas a bill, said to be favored by a majority of the railroad commission, was introduced in the house Tuesday by Representative D. M. Reedy of Smith county which will require all railroad companies operating in this state to furnish express facilities over their lines, without the intervention of express companies. Mr. Reedy says the cost of express service in Texas is so high as to be practically prohibitory for shipping farm products. He contends that on small investments express companies make 200 per cent and upward, notwithstanding the fact that they give railroads 40 per cent of their gross receipts annually for transportation.

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Creates New District Court. Austin: Gov. Campbell signed the bill creating the Sixty-Eighth Judicial district court of Texas, for Dallas county, and appointed Hon. J. C. Roberts of this city judge. This information was contained in telegrams which reached Judge Roberts Monday afternoon, one from Hon. W. L. Crawford Jr., representative, and the other from Hon. M. T. Lively, who has been in Austin recently in the interests of the bill.

Investment of Capital. Austin: The first decisive action of this legislature, as indicating whether the plank in the Democratic state platform, declaring the need for the investment of capital in this state, and the pledge to deal fairly with investors, was taken in the house Monday when that body passed to engrossment a bill by Mr. Ray amending the act of the Thirtieth legislature fixing the fees for charters and permits of loan companies.

Referred to Sub-Committee. Austin: The county auditors' bill was again the subject of discussion before the house committee on counties. No action was taken on the measure after arguments pro and con, and the bill was again referred to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Bell, Maxwell and Elliott for consideration.

To Protect Organizations. Austin: Senator Kellie Monday introduced a bill protecting all organizations, charitable, fraternal and beneficiary, in their names and emblems, so as to prevent the improper use of names of organizations and their badges.

In the Senate. The paramount issue before the senate committee on state affairs was a bill by Mr. Holsey prohibiting United States senators and representatives and state senators and representatives from accepting employment from public service corporations. The discussion opened with a short talk from Senator Sturgeon, who thought the idea of the bill wrong. He did not think that any one would be corrupted by the fees that he was receiving from a corporation. Any one had a right to represent corporations when not in the legislative halls, he declared.

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Austin: Senate committee on roads, bridges and ferries Friday reported favorably the bill by Senator Senter, allowing any county of 50,000 population to levy a bond issue by vote for the purpose of construction of causeways, viaducts and bridges and providing for the maintenance of the same.

Another Telephone Bill. Austin: Senators Terrell of Bowie and Meachum have prepared and will introduce next week a bill of far-reaching importance and of interest over the entire state. It places telegraph and telephone lines under the jurisdiction of the railroad commission, authorizing them to make rates, regulate connections, fix divisions, require adequate stations and service and compel joint service, both local and long distance. Its provisions are far-reaching.

Want Racing to Remain. Austin: A petition containing the signatures of more than 3,000 men of Dallas was Tuesday sent to State Senator E. G. Senter, asking that the appeal already made by the Texas Thoroughbred association and the Texas Horses Breeders' association shall be granted. The petition is addressed to Representatives Lively, Crawford, McCallum and Cox, as well as Senator Senter, but was sent to Austin in care of the latter. The petition asks that the present laws regarding the betting on racing be unchanged and that there shall be no legislation regarding racing.

Reorganize Judicial Districts. Austin: Senator Bryan's bill to reorganize the thirty-second, the thirty-third, the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth judicial districts and to create the sixty-eighth judicial district came up in the senate Tuesday, causing considerable comment. Mr. Harper insisted that too many judicial districts existed already.

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WAR BALLOONS KILLED

HALF MILLION DOLLARS APPROPRIATED LAST SATURDAY IS KNOCKED OUT.

BY OVERWHELMING VOTE

Amendment Admitting War Balloon Without Duty Has Been Defeated.

Washington, Feb. 3.—By the overwhelming vote of 161 to 90 the house of representatives Tuesday rescinded the appropriation of the house in committee of the whole house, and knocked out the appropriation of \$500,000 voted on last Saturday for war balloons. In addition, the house also defeated the Gaines amendment admitting free of duty war balloons and balloon material, the vote on this issue being a strictly party vote. The overturning of the will of the committee of the whole house was accomplished without debate. Brig. Gen. James Allen, chief signal officer of the army, explained Tuesday that it would be impossible to devote more than a small amount of the regular signal corps appropriation for maintenance to aeronautics. "If Tuesday's action of the house is final," said Gen. Allen, "aeronautics in the United States army is dead."

MINE EXPLOSION; 17 DEAD.

Five White and Twelve Negro Miners Perish in Mine Disaster.

Birmingham: Seventeen men are dead as the result of an explosion in the No. 2 Short Creek mines of the Birmingham Coal and Iron company Tuesday. Five of the dead are white and twelve are negroes. The explosion occurred between 11 and 12 o'clock and is thought to have been caused by a "windy" shot. The mines are about ten miles west of Ensley, on the Birmingham Southern railroad, and are difficult of access. The seventeen bodies were taken from the mines Tuesday morning and the rooms and passages are clear. The mine itself is practically uninjured.

Taft Views Improvements.

Panama: William H. Taft, accompanied by Lieut. Col. Goethals, the chief engineer of the canal, and the special engineers proceeded from Culabra to Colon Tuesday and he had an opportunity to look into the matter of the breakwater which it is proposed to construct there. The engineers have decided to recommend that breakwaters be built from Colon and Point Toro, which will better protect the Caribbean entrance of the canal and form a safe harbor. The cost of the breakwaters will be \$10,000,000.

Four Shot in Court Room.

Gatesville: One man was fatally shot, another probably fatally injured, a third dangerously wounded and the fourth was shot in the leg at the court house here Tuesday during the progress of a trial. The shots were fired from the corridor adjoining the court room. The court room is on the second floor of the building. Two persons, a man and a woman, were taken into custody in connection with the affair.

Ships Record-Breaking Cargo.

New Orleans: The great cargo of Philippine hemp ever brought to the port at New Orleans and the largest cargo that was ever brought to any American port will reach here this week from Manila. The cargo, consisting of 8,000 bales of hemp, will be unloaded immediately and shipped to Chicago, where it will be used in the manufacture of binding twine.

Policeman Shoots Child.

Oklahoma City: While shooting at alleged chicken thieves who were making their get-away across the Washington school yard Tuesday, Officer Ouray accidentally shot Gladys Meader, aged 14 years, a school girl, through the liver. The wounded child died.

Slow to Exports to France.

Paris: The American Chamber of Commerce in Paris is deeply concerned by the report of the parliamentary committee which was appointed to prepare a plan for the revision of duties, as it is found that the new schedules proposed will be a great blow to American exports to France.

Jap Question Creates Interest.

Washington: No single question, nor, indeed, any group of questions, is absorbing the interest and concern of the administration at this moment to the same extent as certain of the phases of the anti-Japanese agitation in California.

Florida Town Wiped Off Map.

Pensacola: The town of Milton, thirty miles east of Pensacola, was practically wiped off the map by fire Sunday, the business section and several residences being destroyed. The total loss is estimated at between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

New Church for Wichita Falls.

Wichita Falls: The Methodist Episcopal church, south, has raised funds and will commence erection of a new church, which will cost \$50,000.

It May Be Your Fate

To have your house burned down tonight. One can never tell what misfortune such a thing may happen. The question naturally arises, ARE YOU INSURED? If not, do you think it would be wise to have us issue a policy at once? It is most decidedly penny wise and pound foolish to be without insurance when the danger of fire is always present, when ruin may come at any time. Call on us at our

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Local and Personal

Post cards at Reagan's.
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 Prairie Dog Poison at Reagan's.
 Next Monday will be sales day at Coahoma.
 Nothing but solid gold in rings at Reagan's.
 J. W. Brooks, of Iatan, was in town Monday.
 International Stock Food at Reagan's.
 D. M. Waters, of Morris, was here Monday.
 Jacobs candies "made last night" at Reagan's.
 Mr. L. Burkhead of Stanton was here today.
 Cold drinks at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.
 For good fresh pork souse, steak or roast, call 180.
 District court convenes here on Monday February 15th.
 Wm. Hanson, of Glascock county, was here this week.
 Smoke a Wai cigar at Arnold-McCamant Drug Co.
 J. W. Neill of Auto spent several days here this week.
 Try those hot drinks at Arnold-McCamant Drug Co.
 C. C. Sanders of Coahoma was seeing the sights here Monday.
 Call on Pool Bros in their new store, next to Rix & Co.
 S. H. Morrison was in Fort Worth Tuesday on legal business.
 Dressed cat fish once each week at Read's Store and Market.
 Dr. Peppers, Coco Cola, Grape Juice at Reagan's Fountain.
 A. S. Horn of Merkel is here on a visit to his cousin, J. C. Horn.
 A swell grocery store, the new home of Pool Bros., next to Rix & Co.
 They appreciate your trade at Pool Bros. Next to Rix & Co.
 Chris Shafer of Glascock county was trading here Wednesday.
 We want your drug, jewelry, paint and glass business.—Ward's.
 Rev. J. M. Reynolds returned Sunday from a visit to Fort Worth.
 Pool Bros. invite you to call at their new store, next to Rix & Co.
 Judge L. A. Dale was confined to his bed several days this week by sickness.
 Star tobacco 45c per pound. All other tobacco in proportion at Elew Read Co.
 Varnishes of all kinds—an immense stock at Reagan's.
 Mrs. J. H. Hurt visited her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Thomas, at Midland last week.
 Two of the best lines of tailoring samples are to be found, at A. P. McDonald & Co.
 D. F. Strayhorn and family have moved to Snyder where they will make their home.
 H. E. Berry left Monday night for St. Louis to buy goods for the firm of Berry & Devenport.
 Iron Tonic Pills, a great nerve tonic, at Ward's.
 There's nothing new in men's hats but what is at A. P. McDonald & Co., opposite postoffice.
 The first annual meeting of the West Texas Horticultural Association will be held at Pecos on February 17 and 18.
 Keep your grocery account separate. You can do this with Pool Bros.
 R. D. Mathews is having two neat cottages erected at the corner of east Third and Golled streets.
 Sweaty feet are easily cured. Go to B. Reagan's Drug Store for the powder.

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Dreeben Store
 When in need of Gents' Furnishings, Shoes or Hats. Agent for the best Tailoring Houses in America
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 Furnish all kinds of Cement products, make a specialty of sidewalks, cisterns, silos, and are now prepared to furnish concrete brick in any quantity. See their work and yards at the corner of Main and Fourth streets

Pipes and tobacco at Reagan's.
 H. B. Cox, one of Stanton's hustling real estate men, was here Monday.
 Favorite Headache Tablets are the best, at Ward's. 12-1f
 Sidney Davis, driving on rural route one, has a son who has been quite sick several days with pneumonia.
 "Soul-Kiss," the new and popular perfume, for sale at Reagan's.
 Try those hot drinks at Arnold-McCamant Drug Co.
 A. P. Cash and Chas. Davenport, of Mayesville, Oklahoma, spent Sunday here with D. R. Mitchell.
 Gold Handle Umbrellas at Reagan's.
 D. M. Alderman and family of Belpre, Ohio, arrived here yesterday on a visit to their cousins, C. L. and A. D. Alderman.
 Jewellery of all kinds at Reagan's.
 E. S. Bledsoe and wife returned yesterday morning from Waco where they attended the state lectureship of the Christian Church.
 To cure a cold in one day get Reagan's cold tablets.
 Why pay 25cts for half hose that wear only one week when you can buy the Buster Brown sock that are guaranteed for the same price at A. P. McDonald & Co.'s, opposite postoffice.
 Fine watch repairing.—Ward's.
 In Jewelry you should always consider quality above everything. We stand behind everything we sell. A well selected and up-to-date line always in stock.
 Arnold-McCamant Drug Co.
 Hair brushes from 25cts to \$3.00 each at Reagan's
 Mr. and Mrs. Roy Freeman left Wednesday night for El Paso for a two weeks' visit, after which they will return to Big Springs, where they will make their home.—Baird Star.

Notice.
 Having purchased the coal and wood business from W. B. Allen, together with his good will, we are now anxious to serve our friends with the best coal and wood in the city. We cater after both city and country trade. We will not give you a stick of wood or pound of coal that you do not buy, but we will give you every pound of coal and every stick of wood that you pay for. Get the habit and trade with the old reliable. Yours for business.
 STONE & CARPENTER.
 Phones 102 and 440.

The Stanton commercial club has sent a committee to Austin to work for the location of the West Texas normal school at that town. If Big Springs wants a normal school now is the time to get busy.

ONE WEAK SPOT.
 Most Big Springs People Have a Weak Part and so Often it's the Back
 Everyone has a weak spot. Too often it's a back. Twinges follow every sudden twist. Dull aching keeps up, day and night. Tells you the kidneys need help—
 "For backache is really kidney-ache. A kidney cure is what you need. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys. Cure backache and all urinary ills. Big Springs people recommend the remedy."
 T. M. Lightfoot, real estate dealer, living in the southeastern part of Big Springs, Tex., says: "I do not see why anyone should suffer with backache and kidney trouble when Doan's Kidney Pills will cure them. They relieved me of a sharp shooting pain in the small of the back which would come on me after sitting for any length of time when I started to get up or stoop over. They also corrected the kidney secretions, which were far too frequent in their action. I believe Doan's Kidney Pills to be the best kidney medicine I ever used and shall always recommend them as such."
 For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster—Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.
 Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

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 Maybe it hasn't been cleaned for two or three years and needs attention.
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 We have the equipment todo all kinds of repair work and take pride in doing it right.
 Our prices are no higher than elsewhere, in fact they are less, because we repair to stay repaired.
MITCHELL and PARK,
 Druggists and Jewelers.

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 We are too busy this week to write an ad, but will find time to supply your wants in hardware, etc. if you will let us know them. In fact, we are always ready to show you through our immense stock and to quote you our prices, which are the very lowest in town
The Western Windmill Co.

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 We have moved into the building formerly occupied by Sneed Bros. and will be pleased to have our friends and customers call on us in our new quarters
The Gem City Furniture Comp'y

Have you seen Pool Bros. new store?
 There's no accomplishment like good taste in dress or in your home. Attractive wall paper often succeeds where the finest furnishings have failed. We have the latest of styles in wall paper. Call and look over our line. No trouble to show goods.—Ward's.—The price is the thing.
 Laxative Quinine Cold Tablets, cure colds, at Ward's. 12-1f

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Peruna Drug Co., Columbus, Ohio.
Gentlemen: I have used Peruna and find that it cannot be equaled as a tonic, as well as a cure for coughs, colds and catarrh.

You are authorized to use my photo with testimonial in any publication.

Joseph H. Chase,
804 Tenth St., Washington, D. C.

Cold and La Grippe

Mr. C. H. Hays, Hardin, Ray Co., Mo., writes: "I can safely recommend Peruna as a remedy that will cure all catarrhal troubles."

"It was of great benefit to me, as it cured me of catarrh of the throat, and I took a very bad cold and had la grippe last February. It settled in my throat and lungs. I took three bottles of Peruna and it cured me."

"I highly recommend it to all who are sick, and I am glad to add my endorsement to that of others."

Peruna for Colds

Mr. L. Clifford Figg, Jr., 2929 East Marshall St., Richmond, Va., writes that when he gets a cold he takes Peruna, and it soon drives it out of his system. For several years he was not entirely well, but Peruna completely cured him.

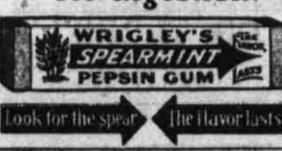
People who object to liquid medicines can now secure Peruna tablets.

For a free illustrated booklet entitled "The Truth About Peruna," address The Peruna Co., Columbus, Ohio. Mailed postpaid.

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Julep without
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The delicious flavor of real mint leaves is fine for teeth - finer yet for digestion!



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CURED IN ONE DAY



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Munyon's Cold Remedy Relieves the head, throat and lungs almost immediately. Checks Fevers, stops Discharges of the nose, takes away all aches and pains caused by colds. It cures Grip and obdurate Coughs and prevents Pneumonia.

Have you stiff or swollen joints, no matter how chronic? Ask your druggist for Munyon's Rheumatism Remedy and see how quickly you will be cured.

If you have any kidney or bladder trouble get Munyon's Kidney Remedy.

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WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT

EVENTS BOILED DOWN

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

NOTHING GOOD GOT AWAY

Everything Important That Could Be Confined to a Small Space is Here Found.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The bill creating a tribunal of army officers that is to determine which of the negro soldiers, who were discharged because of the Brownsville affair, ought to be re-enlisted, will probably be allowed to pass the senate.

The case of the Continental Wall Paper company vs. Lewis Voight & Sons of Cincinnati was Monday decided by the supreme court of the United States in Voight's favor. Suit was brought on a debt of \$57,000, the payment of which was resisted on the ground that the paper company is a trust.

Mr. Randell has introduced a bill in Congress to appropriate \$52,500 more for the erection of the Federal building at Sherman. The original amount was \$55,000.

Mr. Beall has introduced a bill in Congress looking to the enlargement of the postoffice building at Dallas. The bill provides for the purchase of additional ground east of the present building.

As soon as he could get the floor Friday, Representative Rainey, of Illinois, read to the House the telegram which he received from Charles F. Taft, in which the brother of the President-elect denied that he had ever had any business association with William Nelson Cromwell or any interest at any time in the Isthmus of Panama.

Charging that William Nelson Cromwell, Roger L. Farnham, Charles P. Taft and others are parties to the "most infamous railroad proposition ever submitted to any government," and that they are "being permitted not only to rob the Republic of Panama, but indirectly the Treasury of the United States," Representative Rainey of Illinois Tuesday, in Washington, directed the searchlight of publicity upon affairs in the Canal zone in a startling speech in support of his resolution providing for an investigation by congress of the Panama canal purchase.

It was reported Tuesday that the sub-committee of the senate judiciary committee in Washington, which, in obedience to the Culberson resolution, is investigating the circumstances of the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company by the United States Steel corporation, has concluded that the task is one of such magnitude as should be turned over to the full committee.

Compulsory installation of wireless telegraphy equipment on all ocean-going steamships carrying passengers is provided in a bill introduced in the house of representatives in Washington, Tuesday, by Congressman Burke of Pittsburg.

There is a rumor in Washington that President Roosevelt has requested Judge Peter S. Grosscup to resign. Judge Grosscup, it will be recalled, is the presiding judge of the circuit court of appeals which reserved the decision of Judge Landis in the Standard Oil case.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

D. J. Neill of Fort Worth, president of the Farmers' union, has returned from Austin, where he has spent several days. President Neill asserts that the farmers will vigorously oppose any measure tending to restrict or oppress private banks further than the present restrictions and regulations.

A majority of the members of the state Sunday school board met Wednesday in the Fifth Street Methodist church, in Waco, to prepare the program of the annual conference of Sunday school workers to meet in that city on April 15 and 16, next.

The town of Milton, thirty miles east of Penacola, was practically wiped off the map by fire Sunday.

P. A. Callup, of the Cameron Lumber company, in Fort Worth, fell from a scaffold Monday and received injuries which resulted in his death two hours later.

Railroad trains, which have been more or less irregular on account of the blizzard during the past week, have just about resumed normal conditions.

What Uncle Sam's grand jury will do in its probe of the so-called Muskogee town lot frauds wherein, it is alleged, the Creek nation was enriched out of a vast sum of money, can not be determined until its final findings are delivered in court; likewise is questionable how far-reaching will be the effect. Many prominent names are connected with the matter.

The home of Enid Smith, about four miles south of Lewisville, was destroyed by fire Friday and his mother, Mrs. Adam Smith, perished.

The report of the sub-committee to the full rivers and harbors committee, in Washington, will recommend that a new survey be ordered for the inland waterway from the Mississippi to the Rio Grande, the whole project to be considered as of four sections. The survey will be for a depth of 9 feet and a width of 100 feet. The existing project is for a depth of 5 feet and for a width of 40 feet.

Citizens in mass meeting assembled Monday night pledged a bonus of \$17,000 to be given the railroad company to build from Tolar to Lipan.

There is beginning to be some talk of a base ball league in the section of the State, to include Brownwood, Coleman, Ballinger and San Angelo. The proposed six-round bout between Joe Gans and Young Ernie, scheduled at Philadelphia for Feb. 10, has been called off, owing to the illness of Gans.

Two women and 200 men are for sale in New York. They declare they will work for nothing for any one who will guarantee them food, shelter and enough clothes to keep out the cold.

The Union Pacific passenger train No. 5, known as the Oregon Express, struck a broken rail near Dana, 150 miles west of Cheyenne, Wyo., Tuesday afternoon and was wrecked. Two persons were killed and many seriously injured.

President-elect Taft Friday made his eighth trip across the Isthmus of Panama. With his party Mr. Taft landed Friday morning at Colon and proceeded by special train to Culebra, where he is quartered at the residence of Lieut. Goethals, chairman of the Panama Canal Commission.

Jose Miguel Gomez was inaugurated first president of the re-established Cuban republic at a few minutes after noon Thursday, and the American control of insular affairs came to an end with the departure of former Gov. Macagon and all the provisional officials.

Congressman J. E. Ransdell of Louisiana, president of the national rivers and harbors congress, in addressing the Traffic club of Chicago Wednesday, pleaded for the support of the railroads in securing more and better waterways and advocated a bond issue sufficient to secure \$50,000,000 a year for the purpose of improving rivers, harbors and canals.

A special dispatch received in London from San Sebastian, Spain, says that a terrible earthquake has devastated several towns and villages in South and Southeastern Spain. A tidal wave partially submerged the coast near Barcelona, and a great landslide at Ceuta buried the village of Romara and several hundred inhabitants.

Demonstration of one of the great aerial achievements thus far reached in aerial locomotion was given Wednesday when Mark O. Anthony, a New York electrical engineer, sent a small dirigible balloon scudding about through the air by means of power, making it follow all sorts of evolutions and having the air craft at all times under perfect control. By actual performance, he demonstrated for the first time that the long sought-for secret of propelling airships by wireless electricity has been discovered.

When the United States Steel corporation bought the Tennessee Coal and Iron company it got control of 700,000,000 tons of iron ore, according to the calculation of experts, as shown in a report to the stockholders of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company. This iron ore, according to the testimony of Mr. Schwab before the ways and means committee, is reasonably worth \$1 per ton.

The heaviest snowfall which has been recorded in that part of Mexico for years fell between Horcasitas and Ojocaliente, on the Mexican Central south of Chihuahua, Sunday night. According to passengers who arrived off the Central in El Paso Sunday, the sufferings among the poorer class of Mexicans is terrible, many of them being without sufficient clothing and all living in dugouts and adobe houses. Naked children could be seen walking around in the snow.

Republican leaders in congress have reached an agreement as to the Brownsville imbroglio that is satisfactory both to the president and Senator Foraker. It provides, in brief for the appointment of a commissioner of five army officers, none of whom is to be below the rank of colonel. All negroes from the discharged troops desiring to be re-enlisted must apply to this board and be subjected to an examination.

The County Judges and Commissioners' association of Texas met in semi-annual session in the county court room in Fort Worth, Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

There is unrest and discontent in Muskogee, Okla., and towns in Eastern Oklahoma, as the result of the probing of the federal grand jury in the Mott townsite and Indian land suits. The jury has been in session for two days, and while there has been no public report, it is known that at least four indictments have been found against prominent Oklahomans.

In a spirited contest at 11 o'clock Friday in Fort Worth, between Beaumont, Stamford and Mineral Wells, Beaumont was chosen as the next meeting place for the County Judges and Commissioners' Association, to be held next summer, six months hence.

At a meeting held by the stewards of the racing association of El Paso, Wednesday, it was decided to extend the present meeting not less than fifteen days, and as a result over 150 more horses are expected to arrive here during the next week.

Fifteen persons were seriously injured and a score of other passengers more or less bruised by the derailment of a portion of a train on the Southern Railroad, bound from Evansville, Ind., to Louisville, Ky., Thursday.

It is reported in the City of Mexico that the International Smelting company of New York has purchased the smelter of the Compania Metalurgica de Torreon for 5,000,000 pesos. The purchase is said to be the first step in a great war between the American Smelting and Refining company and the International.

LEWIS' "SINGLE BINDER."

A hand-made cigar fresh from the table, wrapped in foil, thus keeping fresh until smoked. A fresh cigar made of good tobacco is the ideal smoke. The old, well cured tobaccos used are so rich in quality that many who formerly smoked 10c cigars now smoke Lewis' Single Binder Straight 5c. Lewis' Single Binder costs the dealer some more than other 5c cigars, but the higher price enables this factory to use extra quality tobacco. There are many imitations; don't be fooled. There is no substitute! Tell the dealer you want a Lewis "Single Binder."

THE UNEMPLOYED.



"There's plenty of work about if you only look for it."
"Yes, and by the time I've found it all me energy's gone!"

MIX FOR COLDS

To one-half pint good whiskey, add one ounce syrup sarsaparilla and one ounce Toris compound, which can be procured of any druggist. Take in teaspoonful doses before each meal and before retiring. This relieves in 24 hours, and cures any cold that is curable.

Not a Trouble-Maker.

When six-year-old Oliver, returned from his first day at Sunday school his father asked him what they had told him, whereupon Oliver related as best he could the miracle of the loaves and fishes. His father suggested that the story was a rather hard one to believe, and asked the boy what he thought about it, but Oliver evaded his father's question. The next morning, however, the two were alone at breakfast.

"Father," said the boy, suddenly and solemnly.
"Well," answered the father.
"I didn't believe that story about the loaves and fishes yesterday," continued the child, in a quiet, confidential tone, "but I didn't say anything. I didn't want to start an argument."—Success Magazine.

The Auctioneer's Hourglass.

An auctioneer of Philadelphia collects all sorts of objects pertaining to his ancient calling. He has, among other things, an interesting set of auctioneer's hourglasses. The auctioneer, a century or so ago, concluded a sale, not by saying "Going—going—gone!" and rapping the counter with his hammer, but it was his better method to turn up a free-running glass toward the end of the bidding, and to end the sale irrevocably when the sands ran out. This saved confusion and dispute.

The auctioneer's glasses in the Philadelphia collection are picturesque. One is of tortoise shell and mother of pearl. Another is of amber and gold. A third is of teak and ivory.

Would Bar the Judiciary.

Young ministers sometimes say some very irreverent things when first they get in harness, but seldom are so broadly condemnatory as the young clergyman who was called upon to act as chaplain at the opening of a recent term of court down in Maine.

After covering everything he could think of as appropriate to say from religion to law, he closed his prayer with the supplication: "And, finally, may we all be gathered in the happy land where there are no courts, no lawyers and no judges."

Then they changed chaplains.

DIDN'T KNOW

Coffee Was the Cause.

Many daily habits, particularly of eating and drinking, are formed by following our elders. In this way ill health is often fastened upon children. A Ga. lady says: "I had been allowed to drink coffee ever since I could remember, but even as a child I had a weak stomach, which frequently refused to retain food."

"The taste of coffee was in my mouth all the time and was, as I found out later, the cause of the stomach rebelling against food."

"I now see that it was only from following the example of my elders that I formed and continued the miserable habit of drinking coffee. My digestion remained poor, nerves unstrung, frequent headache, and yet I did not suspect the true cause."

"Another trouble was a bad, muddy complexion for which I spent time and money for creams, massage, etc., without any results."

"After I was married I was asked to try Postum, and would you believe it, I, an old coffee lover, took to Postum from the very first. We made it right according to directions on the pkg., and it had a most delicate flavor, and I at once quit coffee, with the happiest results."

"I now have a perfectly clear, smooth skin, fine digestion and haven't had a headache in over two years."

"There's a Reason."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkg.

Please send the above letter if you ever suspect from these 10 lines "They're kidding, boys, and full of humbug."

Football vs. Prayer.

Willie, aged five, was taken by his father to his first football game. The feature that caught his chief approval, however, did not become evident till he said his prayers that night. To the horror of his parents, Willie prayed with true football snap:
God bless papa,
God bless mamma,
God bless Willie;
Room! Rah! Rah!
—Success Magazine.

The delicious juice of the fresh mint leaves kills the dark brown taste of — never mind—chew WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT.

The words coined in the mint do not increase our vocabulary.



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"Do you know of any woman who ever received any benefit from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?"

If any woman who is suffering with any ailment peculiar to her sex will ask her neighbors this question, she will be surprised at the result. There is hardly a community in this country where women cannot be found who have been restored to health by this famous old remedy, made exclusively from a simple formula of roots and herbs.

During the past 30 years we have published thousands of letters from these grateful women who have been cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and never in all that time have we published a testimonial without the writer's special permission. Never have we knowingly published a testimonial that was not truthful and genuine. Here is one just received a few days ago. If anyone doubts that this is a true and honest statement of a woman's experience with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound write and ask her.

Houston, Texas.—"When I first began taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was a total wreck. I had been sick for three years with female troubles, chronic dyspepsia, and a liver trouble. I had tried several doctor's medicines, but nothing did me any good."

"For three years I lived on medicines and thought I would never get well, when I read an advertisement of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and was advised to try it."

"My husband got me one bottle of the Compound, and it did me so much good I continued its use. I am now a well woman and enjoy the best of health."

"I advise all women suffering from such troubles to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. They won't regret it, for it will surely cure you."—Mrs. Bessie L. Hicks, 810 Cleveland St., Houston.

Any woman who is sick and suffering is foolish surely not to give such a medicine as this a trial. Why should it not do her as much good as it did Mrs. Hicks.



For Sprains

Sloan's Liniment is the best remedy for sprains and bruises. It quiets the pain at once, and can be applied to the tenderest part without hurting because it doesn't need to be rubbed—all you have to do is to lay it on lightly. It is a powerful preparation and penetrates instantly—relieves any inflammation and congestions, and reduces the swelling.

Sloan's Liniment

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Dr. E. S. Sloan, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

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THE TENTH PERSON

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One of the Men Dragged Him to the Deck.

SYNOPSIS.

Gerard Chambers, son of a wealthy importer and a student at an eastern college, was awarded a membership in the Club of the Gemini, a secret organization founded by Rodney Graves. The society was exclusive, only seven being admitted. The members were known as Persons. A meeting was held and each member was awarded the "call of destiny," which amounted to an assignment to test his metal. Chambers was told to pass a period as a sailor and not set foot in North America for a year. Then he was directed to go to Mexico for further instructions which were to assign him to another year's exile, during which time he must make his own living unassisted, and keep everything a secret. He gained his father's consent. He also acquainted Maryella Bayless, his father's choice for his wife, with the fact that he would be away two years. She left him angrily. Jerry obtained a berth as supercargo on an ocean freighter bound for Urania, South America, loaded with guns for enemies of that government. Chambers was captured and thrown into a dungeon. Marina Boston, adopted daughter of Gen. Bostus, ministered to his wounds. Each made a strong impression on the other. Jerry was sentenced to die. Upon promise of Marina's love, Capt. Pizarro freed Chambers. All three united with Gen. Barado's rebels. Chambers being made a captain. Capt. Pizarro died of fever. Marina accompanied his body to burial. In a fierce battle Barado defeated Gen. Bostus. Jerry frustrated an attempt to assassinate Gen. Barado. Marina's funeral party was attacked and she was reported missing. Pandora, capital of Urania, was captured and a confederacy established. Chambers was made much of. By that time Marina was given up as dead. Jerry was given a big reception by the Uranian public and awarded the Cross of Honor. He then sailed for Havana in order to report to Mexico for further instructions. Capt. Chambers was landed aboard the steamer. He met Senor Lopez, a wealthy Uranian, and his daughter. The ship encountered a terrible storm while Jerry was being feted. The steamer was dashed on the rocks, nearly all on board drowning. Jerry saved himself and Senorita Lopez, by clinging to a mast. The girl's strange actions caused him to express the belief that she was demented.

CHAPTER XVI—Continued.

Senorita Mercedes, who was watched all the time, and who had been sleeping with the unconcern of an infant, talked very little when awake. Her mind seemed to be away from the Franzos and everybody on it. Jerry offered her food, but she paid no attention to him and ate practically nothing. Once in a while she was overheard to mumble to herself, and occasionally to smile as though amused.

"Her father permitted her to have her own way much of the time," said the captain to Jerry, as they stood behind the girl. "She was a belle in Pandaro, and her frequent visits to Madrid were marked by social triumphs. It is said that she once tried to kill herself because she could not have every dance with a young officer of the Spanish army. People generally considered her eccentric and most unusual, but I don't think they believed her to be insane. Senor Lopez had no notion of placing her in any asylum for the violently demented."

In the middle of the third night on the rock a joyous sound came from the signal station to the brave little party on the wreckage. Jerry Chambers shouted down that a vessel was discerned to the northward, far out at sea. All but three or four of the men, almost delirious with hope, scrambled up the rock.

"She is moving away!" cried one man. "She does not see us!"

"More wood, more wood!" screamed the captain. "She must see us or we are lost!"

All the inflammable material that could be carried up the rock soon was blazing. But still the vessel at sea kept moving away.

"Fire the whole wreckage!" cried Jerry. "It's our only chance in the world!"

It was a matter of but a short time before the heavy timbers of the ill-fated craft began to blaze. So dense became the smoke that the survivors were forced to pick their hazardous way to the other side of the rock. Jerry and the captain succeeded in carrying Senorita Mercedes to a place where the breathing was bearable, but three men who followed them were suffocated and fell to death in the sea below. Jerry, almost overcome by the smoke, managed to reach a place where he could, at intervals of a few minutes, watch the vessel at sea.

"She doesn't see us!" cried he, his hope almost expiring. "She is going away from us!"

It was now that the flames were highest. The wind had shifted so that the only point of observation became untenable. The vast clouds of smoke rolled against the rock and drove the survivors far down the other side. Five other men either were suffocated or lost in their efforts to pick their way.

Jerry managed to get to the north-eastern end of the rock, from where he could catch an occasional glimpse of the vessel at sea. He kept his position only a few minutes, but in that previous period he saw a rocket shoot into the sky from the fading object far to the eastward. Another rocket and still another were sent up, but Jerry saw only the first.

"They see us! They see us!" he cried in hysterical ecstasy, as he proceeded to pick his way back to the narrow-stripped group.

"Thank God!" went up from every throat. Two of the strongest men collapsed, but Senorita Mercedes, the faintest of all, was removed. Her arms resting in her hands, she sat as she had sat for hours, staring to the westward.

It was not until five hours had elapsed that the rescuer could send

her boats close enough to the "silent sentinels"—the rocks which stood as monuments to scores—to take off the almost starved and exhausted survivors. It was not until they were on board the vessel that the tremendous strain to which they had been subjected showed its effects. Everybody collapsed, and it was with great difficulty that the ship physician saved the lives of several.

After four days Jerry was able to be on his feet, but his condition scarcely warranted his being out of bed. Senorita Mercedes was in a semi-comatose state for more than a week, and at one time the physician abandoned hope of saving her.

The rescuer was the Pardacnia, a freighter of the larger type, having put out of Bagail, a Pardacnian port about 100 miles south of Pandaro, two days before the Franzos departed from the Uranian capital. She was in a small port 100 miles from the "silent sentinels" when the great storm came up.

"You carry boxes from Barcedola, I see," said the captain of the ill-fated Franzos. "Barcedola is not a port of yours, is it?"

"Barcedola was a special stop," said the captain of the Pardacnia. (Barcedola was a small port on the Uranian coast about 350 miles from Pandaro.) "It isn't usual for the Pardacnia to carry passengers, it is?" asked the captain of the Franzos, noticing that among the boxes were three or four trunks.

"It is the first time in many months that we have had a passenger on board. The trunks belong to a party of four—two men and two women—who have not shown themselves since they got on at Barcedola. Little too much weather, I guess. The men and one of the women say they are public officers and that the other woman is mentally unsound. They are taking her to Havana for treatment."

Jerry Chambers did a great deal of figuring on the slow-going boat. The wreck of the Franzos had cost him several days, and his heart was filled with fear that he would not reach Havana in time to catch the necessary boat to Vera Cruz. His apprehension was all the more increased when he was informed that the Pardacnia would put in four times before reaching the Cuban metropolis, and that the stays in some ports necessarily would run into days.

Jerry had felt himself lucky from the very start, but now he believed that luck was turning against him, and that it would not be within his destiny to reach Calle Collazo at the appointed noon. The captain of the vessel had told him that in all probability the stop at one of the ports would be so long that Havana would not be reached earlier than June 15. Allowing four days to reach the Mexican port from Havana, and banking entirely on a vessel departing on the day he arrived, he could not figure how he could act according to "contract."

The captain of the Franzos, in telling of the wreck of his ship, lauded the heroism of Jerry, referring to him as the bravest man he had ever seen in all his eventful life on the water. Now that Senor Lopez was dead, he felt it incumbent on him to see that Senorita Mercedes should be taken to some sanitarium.

"Capt. Chambers," he said one afternoon, "I wonder if you will help me to find a suitable place for Senorita Lopez? I hardly know how to go about such a matter alone."

"It all depends, captain," said Jerry. "It is necessary for me to be in the City of Mexico by noon of the 19th. If there is spare time I shall be glad to assist you, and if I find it impossible to make the desired connection I shall be at your service just the same."

The Pardacnia drew up at her pier in Havana late in the afternoon of the 14th. Jerry fairly flew to the offices of the Havana-Vera Cruz Steamship line, knowing that he would have a chance to reach the City of Mexico on time if he could get out of Havana that day.

"Our next sailing is to-morrow afternoon," said the agent.

"By taking that boat how soon can I get to the City of Mexico?" feverishly queried Jerry.

"Allowing that the train out of Vera Cruz is on time, you can get there a little after noon on the 20th."

"It won't do! It won't do!" and Jerry dashed from the office, the agent staring after him in blank amazement.

Jerry hastened back to the Pardacnia, where he told the captain of the Franzos that he would assist in finding a suitable place for Senorita Mercedes. Within an hour a carriage was obtained, and the captain, Jerry, and Senorita Mercedes started for one of the private sanitariums.

Jerry's utter despondency was easily noticed by the captain.

"I am sorry you will not be able to catch a boat to get you to Mexico in time," said he. "Now, if you were only a prince or a Croesus you might get there all right, for a steam yacht has been chartered to make the run to-night. A party of four who came up on the Pardacnia are going over to Vera Cruz on the boat. They chartered it while I was at the office of the company a short time ago. To judge from their conversation, they made up their minds in short order to go to

Vera Cruz. They had intended stopping in Havana, where they were to place a young woman in an asylum of some sort. Now, as I said, if you were only a prince or a—"

"Where does that boat start from, captain?" cried Jerry, his brain in a whirl and his eyes flashing with a desperate hope.

"Just a few piers from where the Pardacnia lies. But you don't expect—"

"Let me out of this rig, captain!" shouted Jerry. "I'm going to try! You can take care of the girl!"

"But, Capt. Chambers—"

The next moment Jerry had thrown the door open and was sprawling on the ground. Without trying to get the dust off his clothes, he started on a run back towards the pier of the Pardacnia.

He learned that the steam yacht was to depart at ten o'clock, and that she would make the run to Vera Cruz in three days—time enough for him to get to the City of Mexico!

He explained to the captain of the yacht that he would be willing to pay all the money he possessed if he were permitted to go on the boat.

"There will be but four passengers on this boat to-night," growled the officer. "There are explicit orders that no one else shall take passage on her."

Jerry's persistent appeal angered the officer so much that he ordered him away. He was crestfallen as he slowly went away from the pier, and his hope of reaching the City of Mexico was almost dead.

He had his money exchanged and went into a restaurant, where he ate a meager meal, but where he remained until after nine o'clock. While he had no hope of ever succeeding in filling his "contract," he wandered back to the pier, arriving there about 30 minutes before sailing time. There were men on the deck and men at the gang-plank. The thought of stealing his way on board perished almost as soon as it was born, and he was hopelessly miserable.

Fifteen minutes later two men, clad in the height of southern fashion, went aboard the boat, returning to the pier a minute or so later. Each carried a valise to the pier, and the taller of them went on board without his, which he had placed within six feet of Jerry. Both of the strangers went into the office of the company, returning to the boat accompanied by two women. Both of the women were veiled, but under the strong arc light their features could be distinguished. As they passed on towards the gang-plank Jerry glanced up. His heart almost ceased beating as he recognized the features of the one nearest him: his flesh seemed to freeze. It was Marina Boston!

Unable to move for a moment, he stared after her until she was lost in the vessel. The gang-plank was immediately hauled in and the yacht began to slip away from the piers.

"My valise!" cried the man who had left it near Jerry.

Jerry's opportunity had come!

"I'll bring it!" he cried, and the next moment he was springing through the air towards the opening in the rail. The grip reached the floor of the boat, but Jerry dropped into the water. One of the crew hooked him out and dragged him to the deck. It was too late for Jerry to jump back to the pier!

CHAPTER XVII.

Michael Aloysius O'Connor.

The gruff captain came out of the cabin and uttered a string of oaths when he beheld the dripping, gasping Jerry standing before him.

"You—you! Didn't I tell you that you couldn't ride on this boat?" he thundered, advancing with set teeth and clenched hands.

"I hauled him out of the water after he saved the man's valise," volunteered the jackie who had used the hook.

"Couldn't you have thrown the valise on without trying to follow it?" roared the officer, now thoroughly infuriated.

"I couldn't let go of it in time," exclaimed Jerry. "Can't you see I'm nearly drowned?"

The loud talking attracted to the deck the man who had left the valise on the pier.

"Who is he? Where is he going? How did he get on?" he angrily snapped, closely scrutinizing the well-soaked Jerry.

"He fell into the water trying to get your forgotten valise on," said the captain. "To-day he begged me to take him to Vera Cruz. I never saw him before. He said he had some money."

"Why do you want to go to Vera Cruz?" asked the frowning stranger, a tall, yellow-skinned, smooth-faced man wearing a silk hat.

"My brother is—dying there," lied Jerry, affecting a touch of sadness, "and I didn't want to lose any time in getting to him. I think the soaking I got is worth the trip, but I am willing to give up what little money I possess."

Without another word the stranger went into the cabin, returning almost immediately with his male companion. "Can't we send him back to the pier?" he asked.

"Yes," answered the captain. "If

you are willing to wait until one of my men goes and returns. I can't spare a single man of the crew to-night—below the limit already."

"Well, then, let him stay," said one of the strangers, hurling a hard look at Jerry. "We don't want to lose an extra minute. The start has been late enough as it is." With this on his lips he and the other disappeared into the cabin.

Jerry was heaving a sigh that carried unspeakable relief with it when the captain grabbed him by the arm and hustled him downstairs. "How much money have you?" he snapped.

"About \$60 Mex.," was the answer. "I had hoped to work my way over, so that I could care for my brother with the money. It's simply a case of tough luck, sir, that's all."

"Well, you may keep your money—for saving the valise, but you'll have to earn every inch of your way." The captain took Jerry to the engine room, where he turned him over to a kindly-faced, middle-aged engineer.

"Keep him here below," ordered the captain. "Keep him busy all the time." After the officer had returned to the deck the engineer lighted his pipe, sat down on a stool, and carefully looked the young fellow over.

"Wants you to hustle, eh?" he finally said, in English. They were the first words in English that Jerry had heard since he last talked with Marina, whose knowledge of the tongue was almost as thorough as that of Spanish. "There's a heap o' work down here. How'd you get on, anyway?"

Jerry told about the plunge into the water, following with the "dying-brother" story. His apparent sadness when he referred to "poor Alexander" touched the engineer's heart and brought forth an expression of sincere sympathy.

"But how comes it you speak English so well?" queried the engineer.

"I'm from New York, but I've been globe-trotting, running, walking and swimming for about a year," was the response.

"I kind o' noticed when you come in that you didn't have the yellow skin. From New York, eh? Well, I'm glad to see you, anyway, and I hate to see you humpin' in this dirty hole. Still, orders is orders, y' know. I wish you was ridin' above, where there's plenty o' chairs. Only four passengers on to-night." After three or four puffs at his pipe he added, with just a shade of longing in his tones: "I'd give anything to be back in God's own waters once more, I would."

"Great waters, those. You're from the States?"

"That I am, lad; and I'm kickin' mysef that I ever drifted away from thim. Do you know," he went on, casting side-glances, "I've half a notion to leave this boat at Vera Cruz and pick my way back to the States? This captain is a slave-driver."

"He does seem to have a rather mean disposition. Fashionable people on board to-night?"

"One o' the 'petticoats' is a little beauty, she is. Her skin don't seem to be yellow like the others. The captain says she's 'off,' tapping his forehead.

"Taking her to Vera Cruz for treatment?"

"I don't think they intend stopping there, judgin' from the anxiety showed by the man about ketchin' a train for somewhere 'r other."

"Where are they going from Vera Cruz?" and the manner in which Jerry put the question caused the other to lift his brow in mild surprise.

"I don't know."

"The City of Mexico?"

"Saf," smiled the engineer, keenly looking at Jerry for a moment, "what do you want to know for?"

"Oh, merely curious, that's all. I once had a cousin-who was a little weak above the eyes."

The engineer answered a signal from above and put on more steam. "What's your name?" he asked, as he looked at the gauge.

"Tom Flannery."

"A 'shamrock,' eh?"

"There's a trace or so of the Irish in me, I guess. I was born in New York, though."

"I was born in Athlone, but hit New York 38 years ago, when I was goin' on twilve."

"Who, you're still in your prime, then."

"Oh, I guess an Athlone man can feel a kick or two lift at my age. You couldn't guess what my name is."

"Flaherty—Fagan—Reilly—"

"Chook in a 'O' afore."

"O'Hooligan?"

"O'Connor—Michael Aloysius O'Connor. Sounds Dootch, don't it?"

"A little pretzely, yes. Well, Mr. O'Connor—"

"Mike—Mike: niver a 'nister' afore my name. Gorry, it's loike hiven to hear your voice and the language o' God's own people!"

"Have you been on the water long, Mike?"

"I've since I was 13. I've roved the world over; I've been to Turkey, I've been to Dover. I niver wanted to keep still."

"Do you still feel that old spirit of venturing about?"

"That I do, lad; and that's one reason why I want to get back to the States, where I can get an ocean run.

This matter o' sailin' between Havana and Vera Cruz is for a child—not for me."

"I wish you could have been with me the last year. I've been about everywhere and its suburb. I haven't been quiet three-quarters of a minute. But, Mike, you can't imagine how good I feel this very minute—[talking for the first time in months to a son of Uncle Samuel. It does my soul good."

"The same here, Tommy, my lad, the same here."

"If you should leave the boat at Vera Cruz, where would you go?"

"I'd trim my rig and set sail for—"

"Footfalls on the ladder cut the sentence short. The captain came up with a scowl on his face.

"There are some boxes on the deck to be carried into the cabin," said he. "I want the young man to carry them down. Come on, young man."

The next moment Jerry was following the officer to the deck. A tangle of thoughts flashed through his mind and his excitement ran high. Would he see Marina Boston? Would she recognize him if she saw him? Should he recognize her? As soon as he reached the deck he sent a sweeping glance about him, but saw only sailors.

The boxes, six or seven of them, were near the rail about middeck. The portholes of the staterooms were just a few inches above the deck level, and as Jerry passed on to the boxes he cast glances into the two or three lighted rooms. In one of the rooms he saw the two strange men sitting at a table, their heads close together, and in another he saw the strange woman who had accompanied Marina to the boat. But there was no sign of the "little saint of Urania." Jerry concluded that she was sleeping in one of the darkened rooms.

The keen-eyed captain watched him carry down four of the boxes, and then went into the cabin. As Jerry was going after the last box he saw a light in the room adjoining the strange woman's. Preceding that the box was heavy and cumbersome, he rested opposite the porthole of that room. Kneeling at a chair and with eyes and hands uplifted was Marina Boston. Jerry seemed riveted to the spot, and it was not until he heard footfalls behind him that he re-shouldered the box and moved on. After completing his work he went back to the engine room, and, trying to be as composed as possible, he re-engaged the engineer in conversation.

"I guess you'd best be doin' something, Tommy," said Mike, "for the captain's liable to drift along anny minute now. He'll soon be goin' to his bunk, and then you can have a let-up. I'll be on duty until eight in the mornin', when a Cuban 'I relieve me. Polish the brass railin'. I'll give you the word when to stop."

The night, mellow in the moonlight, was very warm, and a doorway at the end of the room had been opened to admit air. A ladder led to it. Jerry polished the brass rail for half an hour, when he scaled the ladder to get a breath of fresh air. As he stood with his head out of the hatchway he thought as he never before had thought. When the picture of the "little saint of Urania" in prayer came back to his tired brain he almost forgot where he was. We watched the twinkling sky above and wondered how he could save the woman who had saved his life. That he was helpless on the vessel he knew well, and he also felt that his every movement

was being watched. It was apparent to him that the strangers were acting with all possible caution, and he believed that he would not be permitted to land until they had spirited Marina safely away.

"I must save her," he thought, the blood rushing to his head. "She risked her life for me, and I'll risk mine for hers. I'll fight them all if I have to!"

He was half way down the ladder when he heard a low conversation. He stopped and listened as intently as he could, but got no drift of the talk. While he could not understand what was being talked about, the tones indicated argument. He cautiously went up to the top of the ladder again and peeped over the deck. Standing at the rail, with their backs towards him, were the two strange men. In his eagerness to hear he lifted his head, and it was but little short of a providential deliverance that he was not seen when one of the men whirled around and looked in his direction.

"But why go there at all?" one asked. "It is simply an unnecessary matter of tying ourselves up in the mountains, where there is absolutely no diversion. I am in favor of remaining in Vera Cruz. We can get rid of this business there just as well. Then we can devote all of our attention to the other and take our time about it, without having those women forever around demanding attention."

"Andre, something has told me—"

"There, there it goes again, Felipe—always that 'something.' I believe it haunts you. Pray, tell me why we should fear in this—with a world between us and them?"

"I simply cannot get away from it, that's all. Things have been too easy. Every sky has a storm stored away some place, you know."

"Come, come, Felipe; we shall have one more bottle, and then that haunting 'something' will rest for a time." With this on his lips Andre took Felipe by the arm and led him down the deck.

The meaning of what Jerry had overheard, of course, only could be surmised, and his efforts to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion taxed his poor brain so severely that he feared for his senses. He soon went back to Mike and asked for a drink of water.

"I was just goin' to tell you that the captain had gone to his room," said O'Connor. "Now you can sit up as long as you like, and then hunt your own bunk."

Jerry remained with the engineer for an hour longer and then stretched out on the floor near the foot of the ladder. He lay there for half an hour, and then, prompted more by recklessness than by anything else, he cautiously scaled the ladder and crawled out on the deck. Assuring himself that he had not been seen, he silently picked his way down to the porthole of Marina's room, which was dark. He brought his face close to the opening, but heard not a sound. Then he stole back to the engine room and again lay down on the floor. The intense excitement of the day had been too much for his body and brain and he soon was asleep.

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More Winter.

Tuesday was ground hog day. According to tradition, the ground hog comes out of his hole on the 2nd day of February and if he sees his shadow he goes back for six weeks, and there is six weeks more of winter weather. He undoubtedly saw his shadow in Texas and if there is anything in the tradition we are in for six weeks of winter.

A. B. Jones returned Sunday from Fort Worth and Dallas where he has been consulting a specialist about his little daughter's eye which was hurt by being struck by a negro-shooter. Leading eye specialists at both places said that they could do nothing for it and that all can be done to restore the sight nature will do.

Opportunities on Texas Farms.

Many thinking people are prone to think that there is little if no opportunity on the farm. This idea is responsible for a great many bright boys leaving the farm and going to the cities and towns where they believe they have a better show, says the Abilene News.

During the visit of Judge Kone, commissioner of agriculture, to this city last week, he discussed with a News man his idea about farming. He said that one of the things that he has set out to do is to install into the farmer a better appreciation of his calling. Judge Kone desires to impress upon each farmer that there is a dignity in farm life, that it requires as much brains to be a good farmer as it does a good banker or a good merchant. Judge Kone deplores that spirit that is manifested among some persons of making fun of the farmer or calling him old Rube, and acting like it was a disgrace to be a farmer. Judge Kone is of the opinion, as every man with an ounce of sense, that the farmer is absolutely the bed rock of our prosperity. When he fails to produce there is woe and suffering in the land. It is an ennobling calling and no man who tills the soil need be ashamed of it. We can point with pride to hundreds of farmers in Taylor county and West Texas who use intelligence in cultivation of their farms, who have money in the bank and owe not any man. They have comfortable homes, their children are well schooled and well cared for, they are well read, they take the papers and the magazines and keep themselves posted as to what is going on in the world and can carry on as good a conversation as any man from the town or anywhere else.

If Judge Kone succeeds in impressing upon the farmers of this state the great dignity and nobility of their calling he will have done a work which will have entitled him to be lovingly remembered as long as Texas is a State. Some farmers have fallen into the habit of taking the comic paper view of their calling, wherein all sorts of fun is made of the man who farms for a living. The man who holds the farmer in contempt is not a fit associate of any human being. This writer recently spent a year in a section of Texas where there are no farmers and that year convinced him beyond the question of a doubt that the farmer is the salt of the earth and that he is the man who makes the wheel go round in a literal sense. You can talk about the wealth gotten out of the mines and the specular fortunes made, but they are but a bagatelle when compared with what the farmer takes out of the ground every year.

Luck to Judge Kone in his crusade.

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Mrs. Chas. A. Ruhrop and little son, of Big Springs, came down Wednesday to see Mrs. Ruhrop's sister, Mrs. Dee Davis, who was right badly hurt by being thrown from a buggy in a runaway, but we are glad to learn that Mrs. Davis is getting along nicely. — Baird Star.

Sweet, Orr & Co.'s overalls, work pants, dress pants and shirts are now sold by A. P. McDonald & Co., opposite postoffice.

Notice.

I want your trade in my line. I believe I can save you money. I pay cash for my goods and get all discounts, therefore I get the best price. It is often I can sell you the best quality for the same price you are accustomed to pay for an inferior grade. I have the best equipment for handling goods, carry the largest stock and therefore can give you the best service. If fair dealing counts, once you begin I will hold your trade. I shall appreciate you calling and making my store your headquarters while in town. — B. Reagan.

A dog belonging to Frank Logan went mad last week and bit a dog which formerly belonged to Dr. Patterson. Both dogs were promptly killed and it was supposed that ended the matter; but a few days later a dog which displayed unmistakable symptoms of rabies was shot by J. E. Adams who lives two miles north of Coahoma. It is hoped no further cases will develop. — Coahoma Courier.

Wall paper is one of the essentials in every home. No home in this section attempts to be complete without it. In selecting your wall paper care should be exercised to obtain the proper colors, shades and qualities. The last seven years' experience in this line enables Reagan to give you the best of service. Don't forget to call on him when you get ready for your wall decorations.

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The Horse Shoe brand of Mound City paint stands at the head of the list of strikely pure ready mixed paints. If you contemplate painting it will pay you to investigate this brand. For sale at Reagan's drug store.

R. L. Boswell returned Monday from the T. & P. hospital at Marshall.

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