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THE POLICY

OF THE

THE "STORE OF QUALITY"

For this season is to carry nothing over, and to do this we mean to close out ALL BROKEN LINES WHILE SEASONABLE at Reduced Prices. We want the Ladies to Appreciate This Policy and to give an idea of our intention we place on sale

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Sonora Mercantile Co.

LORE OF THE METEOR.

Divine Honors Have Been Paid the Wanderers of the Sky.

It is only within the last hundred years that science has taken up the study of the meteor seriously, but in all ages its fitful gleam has captured the imagination of men.

In Asia in early times a fragment was picked up which probably bore a very rude resemblance to a human figure. It was looked upon as an image of Diana, sent down from Jupiter. A great temple was built at Ephesus in its honor—the Temple of Diana of the Ephesians. There from all parts of Asia people flocked to worship a meteorite.

The Romans, too, at certain epochs of their history, fell under the spirit of the meteorite. Aeneas, the mythic founder of the race, is said to have carried one with him to Italy, and one of the strangest pictures in the wonderful gallery of Roman history is that of the Emperor Helioagalabus paying divine honors to his meteoric god, for the head of the imperial city was high priest in a temple whose god was a rude fragment of meteoric stone.

A magnificent temple was built for it in Rome. Every morning hecatombs of bulls and sheep were offered, firkins of the richest wines were poured out and much costly incense was burned. Every year the meteoric god was carried with gorgeous ceremony to another temple in the suburbs. The chariot in which it rode glittered with gold and precious stones and was drawn by six white horses in golden trappings. The emperor himself held the reins, walking backward, so as to keep his eyes fixed on the god. On either side the emperor ran, bearing garlands and throwing garlands of flowers as they passed.

On another occasion a meteoric stone played an important part in Roman history. It fell in ancient times in Phrygia and was worshipped at Pessinus by the Phrygians and Phoenicians as Cybele, "the mother of the gods." To it had been ascribed the victory of the Romans over Hannibal in the first Punic war. So when in later years the Carthaginian general had crossed the Alps and maintained his place in Italy for twelve years the troubled Romans wished for the wonderful stone.

They had learned from the Sybil-like looks that an enemy might be expelled from Italy if the stone were brought to Rome. They went to King Attalus, asking that it might be sent. It was carried with much ceremony to the Temple of Victory on the Palatine hill, and, sure enough, Hannibal was presently compelled to return to Africa. Having surmounted incredible difficulties, he was yet forced to yield to a meteorite!—London Globe.

Little Helps For Awning Makers. "Our greatest benefactor," said a local manufacturer of awnings, "is the office man who sits and smokes and throws his cigar stubs out of the window. If it's at the time of year when awnings are up on the big office buildings it is not improbable that the cigar will fall on an awning and burn a good sized hole. Possibly it will fall against a roll of the canvas and burn through several folds. Look at some of the awnings over the stores on the ground floor of buildings and notice the little round holes that have been caused by the falling cigar stubs. These holes, of course, greatly hasten the time when the awning must be replaced. Nearly every office building in town has suffered this same damage."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Wooden Water Pipes. Wood pipes are better than iron pipes for carrying water supply, according to a report issued by the United States forestry bureau. It says that timber saturated with water and protected from outside influences is practically everlasting. There is a line of two miles of wood pipe at Fayetteville, N. C., laid in 1829, which is sound and in constant use at the present time. Wood pipes cost only one-quarter as much as cast iron and one-half as much as steel, they have greater discharging capacity, they are not affected by electrolysis and they are poor conductors of heat, thus keeping the water cooler in summer and warmer in winter.—Chicago News.

Disillusioned. I was once at a ball where a lady to whom I had just been presented said: "Oh, Mr. Barrington, my daughter has fallen madly in love with you! May I introduce you?" I murmured an embarrassed "Certainly," and she turned to a very pretty girl who was standing near, saying, "Marjorie, this is Mr. Rutland Barrington." The girl's face lit up with excitement and pleasure. She took a good look at me and turned away, with a long and disappointed "Oh!" That mother knew something.—From "Rutland Barrington," by Himself.

THE CRACKER PACKERS.

Nimble Fingered Girls That Work Like Automata.

I found girls in numbers on the packing floor, a large, low ceilinged loft three stories up in the air. In front of a girl packing "lady fingers" stood a large truck piled high with frames bristling like so many porcupines with long steel spikes or points. On each point was suspended a lady finger, chocolate iced. The girl's hands fairly flew between the frames and the box she was packing. Back and forth as tirelessly and as automatically as a machine her fingers traveled, plucking the cakes, half a dozen at a time, and packing them precisely in the box. Working steadily at this rate she could pack six five-pound boxes in an hour. If she kept up her speed, never stopping a single second, she earned 15 cents an hour. If her speed decreased she soon ceased to earn anything, because she lost her job.

Fifteen cents an hour would mean \$1.42 in the nine and a half hour day. But no girl in the factory earned that much, because time had to be sacrificed going after the cake laden trucks and hustling the frames off and on the trucks. Work of this kind was not paid for.

The cracker packers were not losing any time. The endless chain of flat pans loaded with hot crackers descending from above moved at a smart pace, and the line of girls standing on either side had to work at top speed to keep the trays clear. They grabbed both hands full of crackers and flashed them into the big wooden boxes beside them. They seldom broke a cracker or made a mistake in their methodical progress. The packers moved their arms, shoulders and spines continually. It must be splendid exercise, I reflected, only they get a good deal of it between 7 in the morning and 5 at night.

The cracker packing girl attains a higher speed than the cake packing girl, because she has a pace-maker—the machine. As fast as the machine moves she must move. She earns a cent a dozen, and she can pack a hundred dozen in a day.

Here is another significant fact. The cracker packing girl is younger than the cake packing girl, because no girl can keep up with a machine indefinitely. At the end of a certain period she loses speed and goes stale. Then she drifts out of cracker packing into some other unskilled job. Usually she has to accept a lower wage, since her efficiency has declined. By money one always means speed.—Rbeta Childie Dorr in Hampton's Magazine.

Couldn't Fool Tim. A priest announced that a collection would be taken up to defray the cost of coal for heating the church.

Everybody contributed but Tim, who gave a sly wink as the plate was presented to him. The priest, after service, took his parishioner to task.

"Now, Tim," he said, "why didn't you give something, if it was but little?"

"Faith, I'm on to yez!" said Tim. "What do you mean?"

"Oh, nothing. Just that I'm on to yez, that's all."

"Tim, your words are disrespectful. What do you mean?"

"Oh, faith, father, a-trying to pull the wool over me eyes, a-trying to make us believe yez wants the money to buy coal to heat the church, an' yer riverence knows it's heated by steam!"—Exchange.

Art's Elder Days. All the works of art buried in an Egyptian tomb were intended to last 10,000 years. That intention governed the artists and reacted upon the style of the art of Egypt. It is a most important fact—perhaps the most important and fundamental fact that the student of Egyptian art has to remember. There was no place for passion in such an art, none for grace, none even for charm. Each figure had merely to be made lucid—plainly occupied about its business or visibly shaped in the form required, and that was all. The art of the Egyptian tomb was to serve a useful purpose, not to please.—Sir Martin Conway in North American Review.

Modern Vaudeville. Dooley—I seen your girl on State street yesterday. (Slaps Hooley with folded newspaper.)

Hooley—What! You seen my girl? Why, I'm a married man. (Slaps Dooley with folded newspaper.)

Dooley—Well, I seen your hired girl. (Slaps Hooley with folded newspaper.)

In Chorus—With the kind permission of the audience we will now sing that pathetic ballad entitled "When Peroxide Turns the Marcel Wave to Gold." Professor, tear off a little music, please.—Chicago Journal.

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Entered the Postoffice at Sonora second-class matter.
"Words spoken are light as air; Words printed are always there."
SONORA, TEXAS. - April 17, 1909.

School Trustees Election.

The State of Texas, County of Sutton,
To all to whom these presents shall come. Greeting:
This is to give notice that on the first Saturday in May, A. D., 1909, same being the first day of said month, an election will be held in Sonora Independent School District No. 1, for the purpose of electing four trustees for said district, to succeed the following retiring Trustees: R. Walter Davis, J. D. Lowrey, D. B. Cusenbary and F. H. Martin.
Such election shall be held in accordance with the State Law governing elections. The returns of such election shall be made to a Board of School Trustees of said District in the same manner as election returns are made under the State Law.
The polls shall be open and such election held at the Court House in Sonora, Sutton County, Texas, within said District, and shall be held by and under the supervision of Rev. C. T. Davis, with such assistants as he may lawfully select.
Done at Sonora, Texas, this the 12th day of April, A. D., 1909, as instructed by the Board of School Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District No. 1, passed at a meeting held in Sonora, Texas, on the 12th day of April, A. D., 1909.
R. Walter Davis,
James Cornell, President,
Secretary.

We Reiterate.

That for more than fifteen years Hunt's Cure has been working on the afflicted. Its mission is to cure skin troubles, particularly those of an itching character. Its success is not on account of advertising, but because it surely does the work. One box is guaranteed to cure any case.

For a Five Year Old.

The fifth birthday anniversary of Miss Beatrice Sampson, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. In celebrating the birthday cake which was placed on a mirrored surface and decorated with ferns and Easter lilies, Louise Lamson secured the ring, Francis Washobek the dime, Baby Farrell the button, Ed Goulding the thimble.
Teddy Johnson secured a ruc case souvenir in the peanut hunt; Ed Charlie Pointer, Lee Chatman was most successful in the donkey contest, and Miss McDonald was given the consolation.
Dainty refreshments were served on the lawn and as each little guest departed for home a kind fairy gave them one and all a little remembrance, and they bade the little celebrant goodbye, wishing her many more happy birthdays.
Mrs. Sampson also entertained the Home Mission Society and served refreshments of cream, cake and other dainties.—Houston Chronicle.

For Kidney trouble, inflammation of the bladder, rheumatism, and rheumatic pains, get Dr. Witt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They act promptly and are sure. Sold by the Albion Pharmacy.

The Sonora Country produces to perfection anything or any class in the horse line. If you want French or German Coach, Standard or Thoroughbred, we have them here. Just wait till their owners describe them to you in the News. There is money in good horses.

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LUCKIE-JOHNSON.

Married at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Luckie, 30 miles east of Sonora, on Wednesday April 14th, 1900, Miss Alma Luckie to Howard Johnson, R. v. G. A. Nance, pastor of the Methodist church at Eldorado, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Luckie, prominent ranch owners in the Northeastern part of Sutton County and the groom is an industrious young gentleman of the Middle Valley country. The News extends best wishes.

A. W. Mills of Ozona, was in Sonora Tuesday, on business, and made the News a call.

Mrs. B. F. Byrd of Ozona, is in Sonora on a visit to her daughters, Mrs. Mat Karnes and Mrs. Bert Bellows.

The suit to try title to the old Vermont ranch lands in Sobelcher county was continued in the District court at Eldorado.

G. D. Marshall of El Paso, was in Sonora Tuesday. Mr. Marshall is a National bank examiner and this was his first visit to Sonora.

W. L. Aldwell, cashier of the First National bank of Sonora was in Eldorado Monday attending district court.

W. H. Walker, dry goods merchant, and T. S. Meng an attorney of St. Louis, were in Sonora Tuesday. These gentlemen had been attending court at Eldorado and being only a few hours from the trading center of the Devil's River country had to come down and see Sonora. They enjoyed the trip.

125 Coats Lost.

About April 6 or 7 I missed 125 head of goats from my flock and would be pleased to learn of their whereabouts. The yearling nannies are marked swallow fork the right; yearling muttons, hole in right crop and under slope the left; three-year-old muttons; swallow fork right, crop and under slope the left. These goats were ranging on the Millard ranch 12 miles north of Sonora. Address Frank McGonagill, Sonora.

Mrs. E. A. Henning.

Mrs. E. A. Henning died at the ranch home of her daughter Mrs. Genard G. Stephenson, 12 miles west of Sonora, on Saturday April 10th, 1900, aged 54 years. Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon by Rev. C. T. Davis and interment took place in the Sonora Cemetery. Deceased was a member of the Woodmen Circle and the pall bearers were the following Woodmen: B. M. Halbert, C. D. Smith, J. A. Hagerlund, G. B. Hamilton, E. F. Vander Stucken, J. O. Rountree, Theo Savell and Will Hayes. The following ladies, members of the Circle, each dressed in white, were honorary pall bearers: Mrs. J. C. McDonald, Mrs. Theo Savell, Mrs. A. F. Bellows, Mrs. J. T. Shurley, Mrs. J. D. Lowrey.

Mrs. Henning had been a resident of Sonora for several years, and is survived by five children. She was a sister to John R. Robbins and held in high respect by her neighbors and friends. The News extends its sympathy to the children and relatives in their sorrow.

Words to Freeze The Soul

Your son has consumption His case is hopeless. These appalling words were spoken to Geo. E. Blevens, a leading merchant of Springfield, N.C., by two expert doctors—one a lung specialist. Theo was shown the wonderful power of Dr. King's New Discovery. "After three weeks use," writes Mr. Blevens, "he was as well as ever. I would not take all the money in the world for what it did for my boy." Infalible for Coughs and Colds, its the safest, surest cure of desperate Lung diseases on earth. 50c and \$1.00. Guarantee satisfaction. Trial bottle free. Allison's Pharmacy.

Ship your "broom tail mares" to France where they make automobiles and eat horses, but bred your good mares to the best horses you can read about in the News' advertising columns.

SHIRT COLLARS.

The Detachable Ones Were Invented by a Troy Woman.

It is now authenticated beyond a doubt that Mrs. Hannah Lord Montague was the inventor of the detachable linen collar. Hannah Lord was born in Canaan, Columbia county, Dec. 14, 1794, a daughter of William A. Lord, a Revolutionary officer, member of the state legislature and the author of "Lord's Tactics," used by the early state militia. She was married on Aug. 14, 1817, to Orlando Montague, and they took up their residence at 139 Third street, in Troy. Mr. Montague, as near as can be learned, was engaged in making fine shoes for women. He was a large man, scrupulously particular in matters of dress, even to the point of fastidiousness, and in those days, before the invention of the sewing machine and when there were no public laundries, the making and washing and ironing of his shirts was no small item in the work of the household. Not unlike many housewives of those days, Mrs. Montague was resourceful, and in casting about for devices to lighten her household duties she hit upon the idea of a detached collar which might be fastened to a neckband on her husband's shirts and washed and ironed separately. When the collar was soiled the shirt had to be washed, but by this device two or three collars might be used with one shirt.

Mr. Montague was delighted with the idea and was proud of the new acquisition, which he displayed to his friends. Almost immediately requests came to Mrs. Montague from friends and neighbors to make separate collars for them, and, as he afterward related, "the available material in the patch bag was soon exhausted, and I actually invested in a yard of linen."

In 1829 Rev. Ebenezer Brown, a retired Methodist clergyman, who had settled in Troy and started a small dry goods store at 285 River street, quick to take advantage of the popularity of the new separate collar, opened a small workshop in the rear of his store, where his wife and daughters and one or two other women cut out with scissors, stitched by hand and washed and ironed the collars, which he disposed of by peddling. This was in reality the first collar shop.—Leslie's Weekly.

The Best He Could Do.

There used to be an eccentric individual in Maine who was never known to express an opinion on any subject. Being called as a witness in a lawsuit to testify concerning the reputation of the defendant, the lawyers on both sides failed to obtain a direct answer to any of their questions and finally appealed to the court.

Regarding the man sternly, the judge said in his most impressive tones: "Witness, I am going to ask you a question, and I want you to give me a direct answer. Do you know a man that likes him says he is; them that don't says he ain't," was the reply.

Some Names.

"Alligator" is merely another form of the Spanish "el lagarto," the lizard. Shakespeare classed the alligator as a fish, to judge from Romeo's description of the contents of the apothecary's shop, "An alligator stuff'd and other skins of ill shap'd fishes," somewhat like "alligator," the lizard, the "hyena," which merely means sow, and "ostrich," which comes from the Latin word for bird and a Greek word that means either a sparrow or an ostrich, as the case might be—any bird in fact. The ostrich is just the "bird bird," according to etymology.

Dodging the Rules.

After being conducted through an old church by the verger, a visitor was so pleased with the official's courtesy and information that he insisted on giving him half a crown. The man shook his head sadly. "Thank you, sir," he said, "but it's quite against the rules." "I'm sorry for that," said the visitor, about to return the half crown to his pocket. "But," added the verger, "if I were to find a coin lying on the floor it would not be against the rules for me to pick it up!"—London Mail.

More Than a Hint.

As a gentleman was having his luncheon in the coffee room of a small hotel he was much annoyed by another visitor, who during the whole meal stood with his back to the fire, warming himself and watching him partake of his repast. At length, unable to endure it any longer, he rang the bell and said: "Waiter, kindly turn that gentleman round. I think he is done on that side."

The hint was taken.—London Standard.

1-4 of Pound a Week

at least, is what a young baby ought to gain in weight. Does yours? If not there is something wrong with its digestion. Give it McGee's Baby Elixir and it will begin gaining at once. Cures stomach and bowel troubles, aids digestion, stops fretfulness, good for teething babies. Price 25c and 50c. Sold by J. Lowenthal.

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In style, value and usefulness just what you want.

Newest of the Fashion in New Silks

Jacquard, Crepe de Chine, China, Taffeta, Etc., in all colors, shades and designs.

Beautiful Dress Goods in Patterns

Nuns Veiling, 36 inches wide, in pale blue, pink, Lilac and white. Panamas in cream, brown and black. Wool skirt patterns, no two same shade.

Latest Washable Dress Fabrics

in all the newest goods, weaves, shades and colors. They are so numerous and so pretty that you must see them. They include printed lawns, linon bordure, Persians in plain, stripe and bordered effects, Crepe Plisse, bordered batiste, Rep suitings, zephyrs, cotton serge, ginghams and calicos.

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Beyond a doubt this is the finest, largest and best stock of dry goods ever brought to Sonora for a seasons' trade. We can't tell you all we have

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Letter to C. J. Lewis.

Sonora, Texas.

Dear Sir: This is to say:

Every job painted Devoo takes less gallons than any other paint. If not, no pay.

Yours truly

F. W. DEVOO & CO.
Sells our paint.

J. D. O'Daniel, sold his lease on

the Washington county school land which he bought about 12 months ago from George T. Hume, to I. W. Ellis, a Merderville stockman. The consideration involved is six thousand dollars. The Washington county school lands comprises 17,712 acres and lies on South Concho and Spring creek. It embraces some of the best grazing land in West Texas and there is always an abundance of water for stock. The lease expires in six and one-half years from the present time. On April 15th, the purchaser will take charge of the tract and stock it with cattle and perhaps sheep. His son Bud Ellis will move to San Angelo to look after the ranch. No cattle are included in the deal.—Standard.

The survey for the Orient railroad is through Sonora on a seventh grade and Sonora is bound to get it—if we put up, and that's what we always do. Sonora is noted for that spirit of progress.

Actual Facts.

For upwards of fifteen years Hunt's Cure has been sold under a strict guarantee to cure any form of itching skin troubles known no matter the name—less than one per cent. of the purchasers have requested their money back. Why? It simply does the work.

The rain fall in Sonora for the year 1900, was just three points more than 22 inches. This is the lowest total in six years in the Sonora Country with the exception of 1904 when the rainfall was 21 1/2 inches.

Don't Delay.

Save a possible serious spell of fever later on by cleansing your system now of its accumulation of impurities. Simmon's Sarsaparilla will do it. It makes fine blood, fine appetite, great strength and grand action.

ENGLISH SWORDS.

They Go Through Sixty or Seventy Processes in the Making.

In the first place, remarked the sword king as we walked through his big London factory, we make 70,000 swords a year and hope to go on making more in spite of all the peace conferences in the world. You must know that all our steel comes from Sheffield in fourteen foot lengths, each one and a half inches wide.

Every first class sword takes ten days to make and goes through sixty or seventy different processes. It is then tested by being screwed into a kind of toy cannon and brought on flat with great force on a steel table, which is covered with a wire net in case of any accident.

All the surface has been proved against the blade and edge are struck against a small block of oak, the final test being that of bending and the Toledo proof of thrusting against solid iron.

The regulation sword for an infantry officer costs \$40. Cavalry swords are much more expensive, the regulation weapon even for troopers in the Hussar regiments costing \$60. Hussar officers also wear full dress mameluke scimitars at \$120 each and must possess court swords, with hilts of cut steel, which usually cost \$60.

The dragon's sword costs as much as \$300, although the highly ornamented weapons worn by generals and admirals of the fleet cost but \$7 to \$8 each.

The same price is paid for the weighty claymores used in all highland regiments. But the Scottish officer of expensive tastes may pay from \$20 to \$30 for his dirk if he desires one set with real cairngorms.

Of course presentation swords run into a lot of money. Some time ago we had an order from the foreign office for a sword for a dusky monarch.

The pattern of the blade was specially designed and inscribed. The scabbard was of fishskin, mounted with 22 carat gold, and the weapon cost \$50. Many swords costing over \$100, however, are made for foreign officers, and a superb weapon, ornamented with ivory, gold, silver and precious stones, which was recently ordered for the king of Siam, cost no less than \$750.—London Answers.

Curious Case of Mirage.

M. Flammarion, the French astronomer, has written much on mirages and has actually photographed the bridges over the Seine, with the river and the buildings in the immediate vicinity, seen from Paris, inverted in the sky. He also records a curious case of mirage experienced by French troops in Algiers. What appeared to be a number of Arab horsemen were suddenly seen moving toward the French camp from the horizon, and scouts on horseback were at once sent forward to reconnoiter, but when they had gone about a mile they became curiously distorted and seemed to be giant horsemen riding horses several yards high. On their return they reported that the Arabs proved to be a flock of flamingoes moving by the side of a lake, which at a certain distance, owing to the curious state of the air, were changed out of all resemblance to themselves and assumed the exact appearance of the Arab horsemen they were at first believed to be.

Still Useful.

A small girl, lost at Coney Island, was kindly cared for at the police station until her parents should be found. The matron, endeavoring to keep the child contented, had given her a candy cat, with which she played happily all day.

At night the cat had disappeared, and the matron inquired if it had been lost.

"No," said the little maid. "I kept it most all day. But then it got so dirty I was 'shamed to look at it, so I let it."—Youth's Companion.

Money Worry.

"Dey ain't no use," said Brother Williams, "ter try ter git money w'en you ain't at de gittin' place, an' de trouble is—de jingle er it is so confusin'! Hit's lak' de rattle er a rattlesnake—you dunno whar an' what time ter jump! Hit's trouble ter git money an' trouble ter keep it. Dey despise you ef you ain't got it, en' ef so be you has dey'll despise you ef you don't give it away!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Slender.

A clergyman of a country village in New Jersey desired his clerk to give notice that there would be no service in the afternoon, as he was going to officiate with another clergyman. The clerk announced at the close of the service, "I am desired to give notice that there will be no service this afternoon, as our minister is going a-fishing with another clergyman."

Tcm & Will Savell, Prop'rs

"'D Father Die, Doctor, than have my feet cut off," said M. L. Bingham, of Princeville, Ill., "but you'll die from gangrene (which had eaten away eight toes) if you don't," said all doctors. Instead, he used Bucklen's Arnica Salve and wholly cured. Its cures of Eczema, Fever Sores, Blisters, Burns and Piles astound the world. 25c at Allison's Pharmacy.

Up Before The Bar.

N. H. Brown, an attorney, of Pittsfield, Vt., writes: "We have used Dr. King's New Life Pills for years and find them such a good family medicine we wouldn't be without them." For Chills, Constipation, Biliousness or Sick Headache they work wonders, 25c at Allison's Pharmacy.

Say, did you read what happened to that wolf boy bi? Both houses passed the measure and the Governor did not veto it, but it is dead as a door nail. The Hou e passed it to engrossment last Saturday night, but the majority in favor of it was not sufficiently large to suspend the constitutional rule and put it on its final passage. It was not mentioned in the Governor's message for the second extra session. So the bill was really killed in the House.—San Antonio Express.

Tip McGee.

I have the best assurance that he is a

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W. J. FIELDS,
Sonora, Texas.

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A BRAVE BLACK MARE.

When Plunged to Death She Saved Herself and Her Colt.
A man of the name of Walker, who lived in Mansfield, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., about 1857, bought a black mare in Canada. After having her a few years he sold her to a minister, who had her bred. When her colt was about five months old the minister emigrated to the west and shipped the mare and colt at Buffalo on a vessel for Chicago with himself and family.

The boat encountered a terrific gale soon after leaving Buffalo and came near going to pieces. Everything that in any way was thought to reduce the danger was thrown overboard. Among the rest were the mare and colt, with a number of other horses. The boat finally weathered the storm and arrived safely at Chicago.

The minister was repaid for his mare and colt. He wrote Mr. Walker about it and said, although he received ample pay for the mare and colt, it nearly broke his heart when he saw them struggling in the water, where they must shortly drown in the waves of old Lake Erie.

Soon after this Mr. Walker received a letter from the man of whom he had bought the mare in Canada, saying he was thunder-struck one morning to find the black mare, with a fine colt by her side, standing by the old barn door. How she got there was the puzzle. Had Mr. Walker sold her to some one in Canada or how was it that she came back home?

Finally the thing was explained. The boat happened to be somewhere near where the mare was raised, and when she was thrown overboard she must by some sense have found out she was near her old home, started that way and was followed by her colt. The man said he would never let her again be taken from the farm if he could help it, but was willing to pay for her. How it was at last settled I never learned, but many old residents of Cattaraugus county will remember the circumstance, which was considered a remarkable happening.—Em Place in Our Dumb Animals.

An Astounded Parson.

Of a certain bishop, famous as being the plainest man in England, the following pleasing tale is told:
One day, as this homely parson sat in an omnibus, he was amazed by the persistent staring of a fellow passenger, who presently unbuckled himself as follows:
"You're a parson, ain't you?"
"Well, yes, that is so."
"Look here, parson, would you mind comin' 'ome with me to see my wife?"
"Imagining the wife was sick and needing assistance, the clergyman, at great inconvenience to himself, went with the man. On arriving at the house the man shouted to his wife to come downstairs, and when she did so he pointed to the astonished parson and said, with a grin of delight:
"Look 'ere, Sairy. Yer said this mornin' as I was the hughest chap in England. Now, just look at this bloke!"—London Illustrated Bits.

The Signet Ring.

"The seal or signet ring," said a jeweler, "once had a very practical use. In the middle ages, when nobody but the priests could write, men stamped documents with their signet rings, as the illiterate now make their marks.

"The signet rings of noblemen bore the owner's crest or arms. The rings of merchants bore intricate monograms, trademarks or the like. There are certain old European firms that preserve in cabinets the seal rings worn by their founders, rings whose seals are inscribed with the trademarks still in use."

The Explanation.

Magistrate (to clergyman, summoned for exceeding speed limit)—Well, you say you were only going at eighteen miles an hour, and the constable still declares you were traveling at thirty. Now, I don't like to doubt either of you. Can you think why he declares you were going at that rate? Is there any grudge he owes you?"
Clergyman—No, I can't think of anything—unless, perhaps, it is that I married him three years ago.—London Tit-Bits.

A Truthful Scholar.

I met an honest boy this morning," said a man who is fond of children. "He was a little round faced, blue eyed chap with a stack of books under his arm, going to school as fast as his feet would carry him. 'Do you like to go to school, lad?' I asked him. 'No, thir,' he lisped, giving me one brief honest look and hurrying on past. Most children would have said yes, to make a nit with you, but this boy was not that kind."—Philadelphia Ledger.

SINGING BOYS OF JENA.

Outgrowth of Age of Bacchantes or Wandering Students.

Hundreds of years ago the streets of Jena and other German towns used to echo to the songs of black robed monks, who went from door to door singing and begging alms. Their example was followed by bands of poor students, known as bacchantes. These bacchantes wandered from one university to another in search of better instruction or better means of support. Such a wandering life was favored by the customs of times when people thought it a virtue to give freely to all persons seeking help, but especially to monks and students.

The bacchantes had with them younger traveling scholars, known as skirmishers, who were to receive instruction in return for certain services. The younger skirmisher had to wait upon his bacchante, beg and even steal for him, and for the most part he was very tyrannically used. But as he was a waif without other protection he had to make the best of matters.

After the reformation in many places these orphan boys, or waifs, were banded into organized choirs, who received pay from churches, but also were assisted by private subscription. It was their duty to sing not only in the churches, but before the houses of their patrons as well. Thus they ceased to be beggars. Martin Luther himself as a boy had been one of these singers, and it was largely due to his influence that the old custom of begging entirely passed away. There is a famous picture of Luther as a singing boy in Eisenach, where his song attracted the attention of the good Frau Cotta, who adopted and educated him.

Nowadays the old custom of the choir boys singing from house to house is fading away. There are only five other towns beside Jena in the whole German empire where this music can be heard. Once each year the singing boys go to Eisenach and sing before the emperor in the great hall of the historic castle of the Wartburg, where the minnesingers held their music battles.

There are just twenty of the Jena singing boys, five each of the ages eleven, twelve, thirteen and fourteen years. They are orphans, and the only qualifications for the privilege of four years' board and schooling are good character, ability to sing and obedience to the laws of the organization, one of which requires them to sing before the houses of their patrons.—St. Nicholas.

Cloud Effects From Above.

It has been my lot to see in arctic regions some hundreds of thousands of icebergs close at hand, and I have always believed them to be the most beautiful objects on earth. But the clouds of the sky close at hand are almost as beautiful. If you mount above one of these majestic things, swiftly overtopping one by one its folds and wreaths, and if remembering how high it is you look down and see only small green patches of earth through holes in the cloud carpet below, you have a little thrill of conception of how lonely a man would feel, falling away down there and not being able to see the spot where he must alight. It is a safe little thrill, however. You know that you are not going to fall. Such dizziness as some persons feel in standing near great heights on the earth is almost unknown in ballooning.—Success Magazine.

The Dignified Course.

An army examiner once had a candidate before him who apparently was unable to answer the simplest question. At last the examiner lost his temper and, with sarcastic emphasis, quite lost on the youth before him, said:
"Suppose, sir, that you were a captain in command of a company of infantry; that in your rear was an impassable abyss; that on either side of you towered perpendicular rocks of untraversable height; that before you stood the enemy, a hundred men to each one of yours. What, sir, would you do in this emergency?"
"Sir," said the aspirant to military honors, "I should resign!"—Pearson's Weekly.

The Roarback.

During the presidential campaign of 1844 certain Whig newspapers published an absurd statement derogatory to the Democratic candidate for president, James K. Polk, under the caption, "Baron Roarback's Tour Through the Western and Southern States." The statement was easily disproved and probably did little or no harm to the man attacked. Since then, in American political parlance, the "roarback" has been the campaign lie, particularly the one uttered so soon before election as to make its answer a matter of difficulty.—Argonaut.

Eminent Authorities Say

that out door exercise is needed by the American People. That is very well but how can people with rheumatism follow that advice? The answer is very simple—use Ballard's Snow Liniment and the rheumatism will go; leaving you as spry as a colt. Gives quick and permanent relief from rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago and all pains. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

THE BOLOMETER.

By This Instrument Is Measured the Heat From the Stars.

A star ray, however bright, could hardly carry, it was imagined, even the smallest fraction of a degree of temperature across such immense gaps of empty space. But this idea was proved incorrect by the late Professor S. P. Langley, who, with the aid of a wonderful instrument of his own invention, called a "bolometer," succeeded in measuring the heat delivered upon the earth by several of the stars, such as Alpha Centauri, Arcturus, Aleyone and Sirius.

For this purpose the star ray was caught upon a large mirror disk, which was so arranged mechanically as to follow the twinkling orb in the heavens, reflecting the ray in such a manner as to cause it to fall upon the center of another mirror of concave shape. The second mirror in its turn, concentrating the ray, threw it upon a thread of platinum about the thickness of the filament of a spider spin. Through this thread a current of electricity was kept continually flowing. In order to determine the temperature of the platinum thread it was merely necessary to measure its electrical resistance—such resistance varying directly with the temperature of the metal—and this was accomplished by the aid of an extraordinarily sensitive galvanometer.

The galvanometer in question was a balance, the beam of which was a thread of spun glass five inches long and less in diameter than a human hair. In the exact middle of the beam was a concave mirror no bigger than a large pin head and so accurately made that it would fit perfectly upon a sphere about six feet in diameter. It also was of glass, weighing only two and one-half milligrams—about as much as the hind leg of a fly—and was fastened upon a square piece cut from a dragon's fly wing. The whole affair was suspended from a fiber of spun quartz crystal two feet long and one five-thousandths of an inch thick.

When the concentrated star beam fell upon the platinum thread its heat, inappreciable to ordinary human sense, raised the temperature of the metal, changing its electrical resistance correspondingly, and thus caused the beam of the balance to move. To record this movement a ray of candlelight was allowed to fall upon the tiny mirror already described, which threw it upon a measuring scale of white paper, where it appeared in the shape of a tiny dot of light. As this dot of light ran along the measuring scale it indicated exactly the amount of change in the temperature of the platinum thread—in other words, the amount of heat carried by the star ray.—Technical World Magazine.

Cruelty to a Wife.

It was a happy inspiration, and Mr. Flexby immediately acted on it, as his appetite was particularly keen. Ringing up his wife on the telephone, he said:
"I'd like to bring a friend home to dinner this evening. Have something good."
"Why, certainly, my dear!" responded Mrs. Flexby.

"John," she said later, "you told me you were going to bring a friend home to have dinner with us, and I've done my best to prepare a really nice meal. Now, where is he?"
Mr. Flexby did not even blanch. "My dear," he responded, "I said I'd like to bring a friend. I couldn't find one to bring. If dinner's ready, let's make a start. I'm hungry!"—Chicago Journal.

Hair Ropes and Snakes.

The curious black rope was made of hair.
"It is going out to India," said the dealer. "We ship lots of hair ropes out there. They are placed on the floor about beds to keep the snakes off."
"Snakes won't cross a hair rope. Inside a hair rope you are as safe from a snake as though inside a steel case. Cowboys know this, and lots of them, in rattler infested regions, carry lariats of hair that they lay in ellipse form on the ground and sleep in when necessity makes them camp out on the plains."—Buffalo Express.

The Burning Diamond.

The great French chemist Lavoisier proved by actual experiment that the diamond is combustible. He imprisoned a diamond in a glass vessel containing air and standing over mercury. By means of a burning glass it was then ignited, and the resulting vapor, being confined in the vessel, was subjected to close chemical scrutiny. This vapor was found to be nothing more nor less than carbonic acid gas, a gas that consists of carbon and oxygen and is produced whenever any form of carbon is burned.—New York American.

A KNOCKER

is a man who can't see good in person or thing. It's a habit bred by a disordered liver. If you find that you are beginning to knock things through blue spectacles, treat your liver to a good cleansing process with Ballard's Horehound Syrup. A sure cure for constipation, dyspepsia, indigestion, sick headache, biliousness, all liver, stomach and bowel troubles. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

Farm and Garden

CEMENT LINED CISTERN.

Impurities in Rainwater May Be Easily Extracted.

To provide against a water famine during a dry time an extra cistern or two is a good investment. The purest water we get is rainwater, a fact that has been brought to the attention of different states by the boards of health.

Disease germs follow rainwater down into the soil to percolate through to the well. Persons using the water continually become immune, so they may not contract a serious disease for years, but a severe cold may weaken their vitality and disease resisting power, so they may become infected at any time.

Strangers drinking the water are especially liable, because their systems are not fortified against the peculiar dangers lurking in that vicinity. Every fall city papers contain accounts of typhoid that has been brought home from country places by people while away on their annual vacation trips.

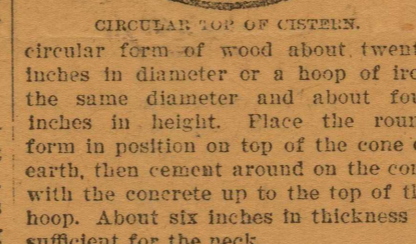
With cistern water it is different, as the principal contamination of rainwater comes from dirt on the roof. The water itself is pure enough until it strikes the roof. Some farmers have two cisterns. They let the first water from a rain shower run into one cistern, then switch the leader to the other one, which is used for house purposes.

Good, durable cisterns in clay or loamy ground may be made by plastering cement mortar directly on the earth surface of the excavation. In some sections of the country a great many cisterns are made this way and covered by putting timbers across and building a floor of double thick inch stuff, laid to break joints. The spaces over the wall and between the timbers are filled in with cement, and a drain is cut in one side while the cement is soft. A cistern built in this way may last for ten or twelve years without any trouble, but there is no certainty about it.

A great deal better way is to make a round form of beveled staves lightly hooped to hold them in place. Then dig the excavation four or six inches larger all around than the outside of the wooden form. Then mix concrete made of one part best portland cement, two parts clean, sharp sand and four parts broken stone.

If the cistern is small have the form all ready to lower by erecting a tripod with pulley and tackle to lift it gently down, laid to break joints. The concrete fill the full size of the excavation. Tamp it thoroughly to pound the air out and make it set solid. Before this has time to harden lower the wooden form and fill in the sides so the bottom and sides will unite, making one solid stone.

An easy way to make the neck of the cistern is to put a floor of boards on top of the circular wooden form and pile earth on this floor, packing it down cone shaped, high enough to reach the grade level. To form the circular opening at the top make either a



CIRCULAR TOP OF CISTERN.

circular form of wood about twenty inches in diameter or a hoop of iron the same diameter and about four inches in height. Place the round form in position on top of the cone of earth, then cement around on the cone with the concrete up to the top of the hoop. About six inches in thickness is sufficient for the neck.

The Manure Spreader.

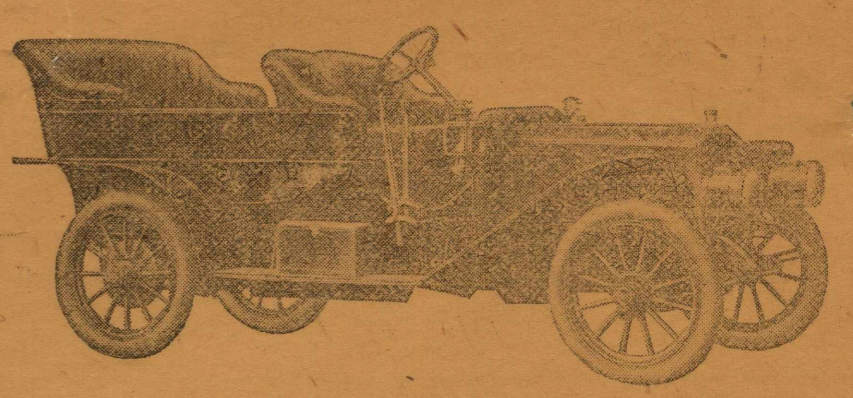
The manure spreader is a comparatively recent device, which is not only a considerable labor saver, but a conservator of fertility. The practice of dumping manure in piles in the field and then spreading with the fork is uneconomical and, moreover, causes loss in fertility unless the manure is spread immediately, which is not at all ways possible.



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Parties knowing themselves indebted to me will do me the favor to settle at once. Otherwise their accounts will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection
N. B.—No one but myself or member of my family is authorized to collect or receipt for money due me.
DR. A. J. SMITH,
10-1f. Sonora, Texas.

Notice to Trespassers.
Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch known as the Lost Lake ranch 12 miles south east of Sonora, and other ranches wined and controlled by me, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
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SONORA, TEXAS. - April 17, 1909.

Miss Alpha Moore, of Talpa, Texas, is visiting her uncle Oscar Drannan this week.

John W. Smith moved his family to Murrain & Smith ranch down on Devil's River this week.

C. A. Yoas was in from his ranch in the Middle Valley country Monday trading.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers, gentle, easy, pleasant, little liver pills. Sold by the Allison Pharmacy.

Will Og'e was in from his farm and ranch near Mayer Wednesday trading.

DeWitt's Carbolized Witch Hazel salve is especially good for piles. Sold by the Allison Pharmacy.

Attorneys James Cornell and L. J. Wardlaw left for Eldorado Sunday to attend district court. Messrs Cornell & Wardlaw are interested with Sillman & Campbell of Eldorado in a three cornered suit involving the title to 49,000 acres of land known as the old Vermont pasture. The other lawyers in the case are Wright & Winn, C. E. Dubois of San Angelo and Baodgrass of Coleman.

The Entire Family.

Grand Pop used it for Rheumatism. Dad for Cuts, Sprains and Bruises. Many for Burns, Scalds and Aches. Sis for Catarrh and Chillsblains. I use it for everything, and it never disappoints any of us. It surely yanks any old pain out by the roots. Hunt's Lightning Oil is what I am telling you about.

The fires in Texas have been many this spring and a great many have been left without homes. The legislature has exempted the fire sufferers of Fort Worth and Oak Cliff from taxes, but if a widow with a house full of sick children and the windmill blown down in West Texas, should ask for "time to pay" they would say Nit.

School Trustees election Saturday May 1.

Read what the News' advertisers can do to help welcome Spring.

April showers will bring May flowers and all will be smiles again. Bring your hides and furs to us we will pay highest price for them E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

Marcoe Balch has the contract to build an addition for Joe Turney to his ranch home near Juno.

Chas. E. Dubois the San Angelo lawyer, was in Sonora Saturday, and left for Eldorado Sunday to attend court.

Clyde Windrow the tinner is out on the T. J. Stuart & Son's ranch, putting up a 10,000 gallon galv tank.

M. V. Sessom was up from his ranch Wednesday for hiders. He says his lamb crop this season is a failure but his grown sheep are doing fine.

Kodol for Dyspepsia and Indigestion taken occasionally will soon relieve you of the simple stomach ailments that you now have, but which may be more serious later. Sold by the Allison Pharmacy.

Clyde Windrow the tinner, returned from the Bill West ranch in the Juno Ozona country Monday where he had been putting on a new tin roof on Mr. West's house.

Kodol gives the stomach a chance to regain its lost strength and health, and after a little while you need not take Kodol longer, but take it while you do need it and if it fails to benefit you your money will be refunded. Sold by the Allison Pharmacy.

The Orient is due in San Angelo about August 1st. The Abilene & Southern is due in Ballinger about same date. The Colorado, Concho & San Saba Valley road is due in Paint Rock by September. The Orient will continue from San Angelo to the Pacific. The Abilene & Southern's charter calls for a point in or near Sonora. The C. C. & S. S. V. has the Gulf as its destination. The News would welcome any of them to Sonora, but would prefer the Orient.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup is free from all opiates and it cures the cold by gentle moving the bowels. It is especially recommended for children, as it tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. We sell and recommend it. Allison Pharmacy.

Stock News.

Hides and furs bought by E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

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We will buy your hides and furs E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

Feed the calf after the cow is dead. This may be a par-oxysm or locking the stable after the horse is stolen.

Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis and Fort Worth had only 32,000 cattle on those four markets Monday.

Blocker & Jennings of San Antonio are moving 5000 head of cattle from their ranch in Old Mexico to Texas on account of the dry weather in Mexico. The duty on these cattle will amount to \$20,000.

Lice on goats retard their growth and thirliness almost as much as scab on sheep or mange on cattle. Use Cooper's Fluid Dip to kill the lice on goats, scab on sheep or mange on cattle.

The News has a few blanks on which cattlemen may make application for Government Black Leg Vaccine.

The sale of Shorthorn and Hereford cattle at San Angelo has been postponed until May 4th and 5th. Many of the leading breeders are contributors to this sale. May 4th and 5th will be a more convenient time for stockmen to attend than April 12th and 13th as first intended.

Ranch for lease, Cattle and horses for sale. For further particulars address, C. A. YOAS, Mayor, Texas.

HEREFORD BULL.

I will sell at a bargain one coming three-year-old bull raised by Lee Bros., of San Angelo. I bought this bull recently for my own use but have changed my plans. Come quick if you want him. D. T. YAWS, Mayor, Texas.

\$10 Reward.

Lost on Sunday morning April 4, between the Commercial Hotel and the Adams & Rivers stable a solid gold hunting case watch Elgin movement, gold fob chain attached to watch. The owner would like to have it as it has been in his family for a hundred years. P. W. PHINIZY, Eldorado, Texas.

Wanted Ranch Lands.

From owners several tracts fit to one hundred thousand acres, write fully giving full descriptions, prices, plat, terms in first letter. Will also give bonuses for land purchased from the State in any size tracts if cheap. Address, Room 209 Frost Building, 934 San Antonio, Texas.

In speaking to Tom Palmer, at Eldorado, Monday, the News learned that the race horse now owned by Payus Rountree of Sonora, is "Tip McGee" not "Tuffany" as the News had understood. The correction is therefore made in the ad in this issue. Mr. Palmer says Tip McGee was his original Registered name. He was raised in Mexico, Mo., and brought to Texas by Rolly Casey, and Mr. Palmer does not know of a better bred quarter horse in Texas. Every owner of a Tip McGee colt in Schleicher county is proud of his possession.

Swept Over Niagara.

This terrible calamity often happens because a careless boatman ignores the rivet's warning—growing ripples and faster current—Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the Kidneys need attention if you would escape fatal maladies Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see Backache fly and your best feelings return. "After long suffering from weak kidneys and lame back, one \$1.00 bottle wholly cured me," writes J. R. Blankenship, of Belk, Tenn. Only 50c. at Allison's Pharmacy.

Governor Haskell of Oklahoma, who was, among other prominent Oklahoma men, indicted by U.S. Grand Jury for land frauds, had the indictment quashed because of the old Indian law made a legal July 21, and the new State law made 16 a legal U.S. Jury. The indictments were found by the jury of the greatest number, but for the reason of the political prominence of Governor Haskell the suit will not be prosecuted.

SONORA VS. OZONA.

The Sonora Base Ball team comprised of the following players, played the Ozona team in Ozona, on the 10th, and won by a score of four to three: Bart DeWitt, short stop; Zenas DeLoe, catcher; Wesley Osteen, 2nd base; Morlock McDonald, pitcher; R. E. Thomas 1st base; Merion Stokes, center field; Harold Mills, right field; George Whitenead, 3rd base and Fisher Jones left field. Kenneth Taltierro official scorekeeper and Leslie Adams mascot.

For Ozona Wright played rf, Barton 2b, Cox 3b, Smith p, Dudley cf, Jim McDonald ss, Taylor lf, Williams 1b, Casber c.

It was a good, snappy game all the way through and aside from a few squabbles every inning was intensely interesting and full of excitement. Three of Sonora's runs were made in the first inning and one in the third. DeLoe, Osteen, McDonald and DeWitt made one run each. Ozona's three runs were made by Wright, Taylor and Casber—one in the third, one in the fifth and one in the eighth. Sonora had one man to die on base in the seventh and eighth inning. Ozona had a man to die on base in the first and two in the 9th. With two men out and Dudley on 2nd Smith on 3rd in the last half of the ninth, Ozona had an excellent opportunity not only to tie the score, but to win the game. But Murdoch had lots of steam left and pitched with such perfect control that the side was retired by the last man up fanning out. Both pitchers had all kinds of steam and had perfect control. Walter Smith of Ozona struck out thirteen men, and Murdoch McDonald for Sonora struck out eighteen. The game was more a pitchers battle than anything else. Prof. Spetzman of Brownwood, umpired.

The boys were treated royally by Ozona, and all are eager for an opportunity to prove how much they appreciated it. This they will do when the Ozona boys come to Sonora.

NOTES.

The wind was blowing so hard, and there was so much dust, it is surprising so few runs were made.

R. H. Martin was among the Sonora rooters.

Misses Ruby Holman, Vera Rountree and Emma Palmer attended the dances and game and gave much needed encouragement to the Sonora boys.

Miss Clara Allison attended the dances and ball game, and while in Ozona was the guest of her friend and former school mate, Miss Lizzie Odom.

Aside from the ball game there was very little fussing. Mason Rountree had to put up a good talk to keep out of a fight, and Fisher Jones got into an argument with a folding bed.

Jim McDonald of Sonora played short for Ozona, and materially strengthened their line up.

J. F. Smith took a bunch of players over in his two-cylinder hay burner and got home without a single puncture or blow out.

Lee Binyon was there and held for Sonora all the time.

Ward Brooks was in charge of the dances and made the Sonora boys feel like home folks. Thaus Ward.

Mason Rountree said with a little grubbing Ozona would have a pretty good little field there in front of the court house.

Wallace Keesee says there were more pretty girls at the dances and games than he had seen in a long time.

Fisher Jones couldn't keep his cap on account of a telephone wire in left field.

Zenas DeLoe said there were at least a thousand girls cheering for Ozona, and every one was in a separate automobile. But even then Zenas caught the game of his life.

The Sonora boys wish to thank Walter Smith, Captain for Ozona, for the fairness with which they were treated during the game.

Geo. Whitenead had to jump two or three automobiles to get one of the balls they knocked him.

Murdoch stepped such a hot one in the 5th inning it tore the spikes off his shoes. Geo.

Wesley Osteen says he didn't dance the first night so he would feel like playing next day, and didn't dance the second night because he was too tired after the game.

Harold Mills was the only Sonora boy who got lost in Ozona. Merion Stokes says he did it on purpose.

Prof Thomas tried to make Sam Cox third baseman for Ozona, get under first and stay there.

The renowned Ben Simon, of the scrambled egg and patent skirt fastener fame, was on the coaching list for Ozona. But even then they couldn't win.

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Ed, Welch Convicted.

In the trial of the case of the State of Texas vs. Ed. Welch, at Uvalde on charge of venue from Edwards county, the defendant was found guilty of murder in the second degree and his punishment assessed at 25 years in the penitentiary.

Welch was about 19 years of age when on Monday January 28 1907, he killed Ben Tanner of Brownwood, by shooting him in the head. The shooting took place on the Hackberry draw of the East Nueces, 20 miles from Rock Springs. The young men had been playing poker and Welch had

Dock Simmons was in town Thursday and reports the range still dry and consequently he would be pleased if the rains going through his pasture would keep to the road.

Joe Ross the Cattle and Goat Man

was in Sonora Thursday. Joe knew this drought was coming as he read it in an almanac two years ago.

The News is pleased to know that at last the roads are being improved and that the people realize that money spent on good roads is money well invested. The Eldorado road to the Sutton county line is being put in good condition by the counties of Schleicher and Sutton. The Sutton county work is being done mostly on the hills and ledges by being built up by the expert road builder Wiley Adams and the Schleicher county people are grading their part of the road. Tom Green county has not started the work in that county but will do so at an early date. The new work makes the roads heavy at present but a good rain will put the completed work in fine shape.

Christian Preacher.

Mrs. L. L. Craddock requests the News to announce that Rev. H. F. Oliver, of Cleburn, a Christian preacher will hold services in Sonora, May 15.

Born on Tuesday April 13, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Sid B. Gilbert, a girl.

J. B. Blakeney returned from a business trip to Brady this week. He met his father-in-law E. F. Tillman at Brady.

S. E. Gilbert and Hollie Carson who were with the Cooper steers to Brady had a successful and uneventful trip.

Ed. Glascock left for Marlin, Wednesday, to try the hot baths there for rheumatism. Ed has been having a painful time of it this spring.

J. Lewenthal, the druggist returned Tuesday from a business trip through Southwest Texas. Mr. Lewenthal says the country he was over was all in better shape as to moisture than our immediate section. His sales of Screw Worm remedy was very fair. At Cometa he visited Frank Harris on his artesian well farm and was royally entertained. As a proof of the strawberries fed him at the Harris home, the daughter, Miss Mary, took a snap shot of Mr. Lewenthal in the act of eating a bowl of strawberries. The picture is splendid and the berries must have been fine judging from the pleased look on Mr. Lewenthal's face.

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The Methodist revival has continued to attract large congregations during the week. The business houses have been closing for the morning services.