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MUST HAVE A TROUSSEAU.

An English Maiden Who Lost Her Betrothed by Waiting.
A few years ago in England I had a little maid, aged twenty-nine years, who had been engaged to be married many years. "Are you engaged?" I asked her when she came to seek the situation I had advertised, for if she was shortly to leave me to be married I decided that I would prefer an unengaged maid.
"Yes, madam," she answered respectfully. "I have been engaged eight years." Somehow I never feel afraid of any outcome but a weariness to both parties when I hear of an eight year engagement, so I took the little maid on. One day I found her crying over the blacking of my walking boots. Inquiring the cause of her distress, she sobbed:
"Oh, madam, I never can save the \$350, no matter how hard I try!"
"What \$350?" I asked.
"The \$350 to get married with! I've tried eight years to be economical. I have to help my mother, and I've only \$95 in the postoffice savings bank!"
"And why must you have \$350?" I asked kindly.
"For clothes and linen, madam," she said.
"It is not necessary," I said. "I can tell you how to buy all you need for \$50, and that will leave you \$45 to lay aside for use after marriage or on a rainy day."
"No, madam. I hope I know what is proper and becoming in a bride!" she said, almost freezing.
A few months later I found her weeping again. "E's broke it off!" she said. "E wouldn't wait. E's going to marry another girl, and I had five tablecloths ready 'ommed and six pillowcases, all 'em-stitched."
It was pathetic, but who could blame the man, now thirty-five years old, who had by that time waited nearly ten years for her to save enough money for her trousseau? He could well have provided all that was needed for their station in life, and he wanted a home—and, besides, the little maid at thirty was looking old and worn with much self denial and trouble over the saving of the coveted \$350.—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

This World Famed Place Owe Its Existence to a Lottery.
No city in the world offers more curiosities for sightseers than London, though the places of greatest interest are miles apart, such as St. Paul's cathedral and Westminster abbey, the Guildhall and the parliament buildings.
The British museum is in that part of the capital known as Bloomsbury, which at one time was the abode of the elite, but now is the boarding house district. This institution is really the center of artistic interest, for it contains one of the richest and most costly collections in the world.
It is not generally known that the institution owes its existence to a lottery. The famous Sloane collection, worth \$1,000,000, was offered to the British government for \$100,000 in 1753, and parliament voted that the sum should be raised by a lottery, under the auspices of the archbishop of Canterbury, the lord chancellor and the speaker of commons. This was done and the required amount raised. Three other costly collections were obtained and transferred to the Montague palace in Bloomsbury, which at that time was situated on the outskirts of London. Public interest had been aroused, and from that time on patriotic Britons have emptied their priceless relics into the institution.
The British museum has the largest library in the world. It requires forty-five miles of shelving to house its books, and there is an annual increase of 100,000 volumes.
The library has a Chinese encyclopedia consisting of 5,000 volumes and an endless amount of valuable manuscripts. In 1907, when for the first time in fifty-two years there was a general housecleaning in the palace, it took just six months to do it, at a cost of \$10,000.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Plant's Eyes.

The eyes of a plant are in the leaf. The upper and lower surfaces of leaves are covered by a thin, transparent skin, which in many cases can be peeled off easily. When examined under the microscope this skin is seen to consist of innumerable compartments, or cells, many thousands of which are found on a single leaf. They contain a clear, watery sap, and their shape is such that they behave like ordinary convex or plano convex lenses, the rays of light which fall upon them being converged and brought to a focus in the substance of the leaf. According to Professor Haberlandt, these cells enable the plant to perceive the difference between light and dark and set up a stimulus which results in the movement of the leaf into such a position that it can obtain the maximum amount of light.

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A NARROW ESCAPE.

Presence of Mind in the Face of a Terrible Danger.
One of the strangest incidents of the recent rebellion is told by William Forbes Mitchell in his "Reminiscences of the Great Mutiny." Mr. Mitchell, who was sergeant of a highland regiment, had the misfortune during a battle to lose the greatcoat which every soldier carried folded in what was known as a "Crimean roll" and strapped to the shoulders in such a manner that it crossed the breast.
Many a man owed his life to the fact that bullets became spent in passing through these rolls. It happened that in the heat of the fight my roll was cut right through where the two ends were fastened together by the stroke of a keen edged tular, which was intended to cut me.
As the day was warm, I was rather glad to get rid of it, but by 10 o'clock at night there was a difference in temperature, and when I was relieved from patrol duty and wanted to lie down to sleep I felt the cold, wet grass anything but comfortable, for a kilt is not the most suitable article of dress on a cold November night in upper India.
My company was encamped in and about the tomb of the first king of Oudh. A large inclosure surrounded the building of the tomb itself, and on the inside of this were small rooms built for the accommodation of pilgrims. When I entered the inclosure I noticed these apartments and asked permission to sleep in one of them, but was refused. I had to make the best of my position, but was too uncomfortable to sleep.
It struck me that some of the serops might have dropped their blankets in their hurried departure. With this hope I went into one of the rooms where a lamp was burning, took it off the shelf and walked to the door of the great domed mosque or tomb.
I peered into the dark, but could see nothing, so I advanced slowly, holding the lamp over my head, looking cautiously around until I was in the center of the great vault, where my progress was obstructed by a big black heap about four or five feet high, which felt to my feet like loose sand.
I lowered my lamp and discovered I was standing ankle deep in loose gunpowder. About forty hundredweight of it lay under my nose, and a hasty glance around showed me twenty or thirty barrels of the same substance, over a hundred eight-inch shells, all loaded and with fuses fixed, and a profusion of spare fuses and slow matches lying about.
I took in my danger at a glance. There I was, up to my knees nearly in gunpowder, with a naked light in my hand. My hair literally stood on end, and my knees knocked together. Cold perspiration broke out all over me. I had neither cloth nor handkerchief in my pocket with which to extinguish my light, and the next moment might be my last, for the overhanging wick already threatened to send the smoldering red top to my feet, with consequences too dreadful to contemplate.
Quick as thought I put my left hand under the down dropping flame and, clasping it firmly, slowly turned to the door.
Fear so overcame all other sensation that I felt no pain of the burn until I was outside. Then it was sharp enough. I poured the oil from the lamp into my burned hand. Then I knelt down and thanked God.
Next I staggered to Captain Dawson and told him. He did not believe me and told me I had waked up from a dream. I showed him the powder still sticking on my wet feet. He instantly roused the sleeping men and quenched every spark of fire on the premises.

Rival Accomplishments.

A new boy had moved into the neighborhood. He was sitting on the line fence that separated his particular back yard from the yard pertaining to the next door neighbor and was proceeding to cultivate the acquaintance of the next door neighbor's boy.
"I've gone through grammar school," he said. "I can do every sum in the mental arithmetic, and I always got a hundred mark in my history and geography."
"Well," responded the other boy, thrusting out his lower jaw, "I can move my ears, and you can't."—Youth's Companion.

The Stockholder.

"I like the place," said Mr. New-livered, "but the railroad fare is pretty high."
"But surely," replied his bride, "the railroad company will fix that for you when they know."
"When they know what?"
"That you're the man who bought that share of their stock."—Philadelphia Press.

SIBERIAN HARD TACK.

Many Uses of a Bread Much Favored in Cold Countries.

Of all the hard tack breads of the universe I have found by actual experience the small ringed bread of Siberia the most substantial. When the Russian engineering parties were constructing the Siberian railroad this white ring bread (with the coarse rye bread) was their main staff of life.
It is made without salt or yeast and is first steamed, then lightly baked to expel the moisture. Some curious uses were made of these breads by the engineers. When soaked in hot pure tallow for a few moments till they sank they were used in soups or soaked in and eaten with tea during the severe winter months. This tallow bread was considered the most heat producing article in the dietary. It should be utilized by our arctic explorers.
Another curious use to which it is put is as an extemporaneous candle or coffee-pot boiler. A nail is used to make about eight holes in the tallow ring bread. Wax vestas are placed in these and ignited. It will burn slowly for about an hour, emitting a strong heat, sufficient to warm and light a small tent and boil the tea or coffee water. There is a rather strong odor of toasting bread, but that is tolerated in preference to smoke. While sojourning with the engineers in Siberia I have also seen them using the larger sizes of ringed bread as makeshift quoits for Sunday afternoon sport in their tents, and the bread would stand the knocking about pretty well and would eventually appear in the soup at the evening meal.
Small Siberian storekeepers also use the ringed bread as an abacus or primitive counting apparatus for calculating small sums in rubles and kopecks and simple figuring. Three strings are suspended above the counter. Ten breads are strung on each. The top line represents the rubles, their money transactions rarely going above ten, and the two lower strings stands for the kopecks. Of course the strings of bread can be increased to mount into the thousands and up if desired.—Scientific American.

Too Tight a Squeeze.

John Fiske, the historian, was a man of enormous stature and extremely sensitive about any reference to his unusual size. On one occasion when he was visiting a friend at his home in a beautiful town in Connecticut the hostess and her daughter invited Mr. Fiske to drive with them one morning. The road is a picturesque one, which winds along the river at the foot of the mountains. At one point the hostess suggested that the party might walk a short distance through the field to get a particularly attractive view. Around this field was a high fence with no opening but a narrow stile. The ladies passed through and turned to wait for their guest. For a moment he contemplated the opening. To squeeze through was impossible; to climb over was equally impracticable. Finally his deep bass voice broke the silence, "Ladies, I think we would better continue our drive."

Pretty Tough For the General.

A French general's wife, whose tongue lashing ability was far famed, demanded that an old servant, who had served with her husband in the wars, be dismissed.
"Jacques," said the general, "go to your room and pack your trunk and leave—depart."
The old Frenchman clasped his hands to his heart with dramatic joy.
"Mo—I can go!" he exclaimed in a very ecstasy of gratitude. Then suddenly his manner changed as with utmost compassion he added:
"But you—my poor general, you must stay!"

The Intellectual Age.

The women of a certain town recently organized a literary club, and for awhile everything was lovely.
"Alice," asked the husband of one of the members upon her return home from one of the meetings, "what was the topic under discussion by the club this afternoon?"
Alice couldn't remember at first. Finally, however, she exclaimed:
"Oh, yes, I recollect! We discussed that brazen looking woman that's just moved in across the street and Longfellow."—Harper's Weekly.

Dancing Birds.

The giant cranes of India, some of which attain to a height of six feet, are in a way queer birds. They mate for life and as mates are singularly devoted to each other. Among their practices that of dancing together is the most remarkable. To and fro and up and down beneath a scraggy tree near a creek or water hole a pair of these curious birds may be seen at the hour of dawn footing it gravely in a sort of grotesque minuet.

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BOB GIBSON KILLED.

A phone message was received Friday morning that Bob Gibson, a nephew of Bob Peacock of Sonora had been shot three times and died instantly and that Adolfo Flores was also killed and another Flores wounded in the leg. The shooting occurred after the Booger Red show at San Angelo, and is said to have been done by a member of the show, named Clayton. Clayton was shooting at Gibson and the Flores' were shot accidentally. It was not learned what caused the trouble or whether or not Gibson did any shooting. Bob Gibson was for many years a well-known cow man of the Sonora country.

Ed Wall was in from his farm and ranch Saturday trading.

Foot Mayfield was in from his ranch Monday for supplies and to attend to some business.

Walter Whitehead was in from the ranch this week on a visit to his family.

Dock Simmons and Curt Allison left for Brady Wednesday, to attend court.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trainer and children were in from the Four tree ranch this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. J. Traiser.

Ed Fowler was in from his ranch this week visiting his family and attending to some business.

Robert and Henry Dale were in from the ranch several days this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Reuntree.

D. K. McMullan who ranches in the Juno country, was in Sonora Saturday. D. K. says his range is in fine shape.

Chas. Johnson who has charge of the old M. V. Sessom ranch for Mr. Jackson, was in Sonora Saturday.

J. J. Kuykendall was up from the Whitehead ranch several days this week looking after his brother Eli who had his arm broke last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Barbee, Mr. and Mrs. Ota Smith, Mr. and A. O. Beavers, and Miss Bertha Holland of Eldorado, were in Sonora Wednesday on their way to Devil's on a fishing trip.

Abe Mayer was in town Thursday. Abe is now dealing strictly in steers and consequently has no losses to complain of, but says that the loss this year in the country at large are light.

L. Aldwell, cashier of Sonora's successful banking institution, which has been under his management since its organization, left for Houston, Monday, to attend the Bankers Convention. Business, (or may be lack of it) will prohibit Mr. Aldwell from going to New Orleans on the bankers pleasure trip.

Max Vander Stucken had childhood recalled to him at the school exercises this week and remarked (confidentially) his first experience before the public was to stump his toe on the usually (hastily arranged) carpet on the stage, fall his full length on the floor and get up and remember every line of his speech. At home the folks bragged about how well under the circumstances he had done it, swelled his head, and the next time (he thought) he was so smart that he did not study his part and instead of falling down walked out and forgetting his lines ran off the stage. That was Max's last appearance as a 'public speaker.' After that when his fond parents would want Max for a little to be good and say a speech for the visitors, Max would be found hiding around the wood pile (the only time he was ever known to be there).

A Happy Father

is soon turned to a sad one if he has to walk the floor every night with a crying baby. McGee's Baby Elixir will make the child well, soothe its nerves, induce healthy normal slumber. Best for disordered bowels and sour stomach—all teething babies need it. Pleasant to take, sure and safe, contains no harmful drugs. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

Stock News.

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W. L. Aldwell bought for E. R. Jackson from W. F. McGonagill of Sonora, 800 mutton goats at \$2.25.

H. P. Allison bought a 6 section ranch from R. F. Halbert at private terms. The land is in the southeast part of the Halbert pasture, has a well and other improvements.

John Bryden who is in Sonora for medical attention from the Sol Mayer ranch, says that the Black Muleys Mr. Mayer bought in Kansas City last year are the finest bulls he ever saw. The Black Muley herd on the T Half circle ranch has grown so large that it has become necessary to tally-brand the calves. The registry papers on these cattle are thick with prize winning ribbons.

Boys will be Boys

and are always getting scratches, cuts, sprains, bruises, bumps, burns or scalds. Don't neglect such things—they may result serious if you do. Apply Ballard's Snow Liment according to directions right away and it will relieve the pain and heal the trouble. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

Sol Mayer of the T Half circle ranch 18 miles northwest of Sonora was in town Monday. Mr. Mayer has just returned from the railroad where he shipped 200 two year-old black muley steers to Marion Sansom of Fort Worth for pasturing in Oklahoma. These two year-old steers brought \$25 per head and were sold some months ago. Last week he sold all of his registered Hereford stock cattle, 15 head to M. B. McKnight of Schleicher county at \$85 per head. Mr. Mayer has lots of full blood Hereford cattle on the ranch, but his extensive business does not permit of his giving attention to registration and the work incident to keeping things in shape.

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"I don't need a cough medicine again I know what to get," declares Mrs. A. L. Alley of Beals, Me., "for, after using ten bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery, and seeing its excellent results in my own family and others, I am convinced it is the best medicine made. Coughs, Colds and lung trouble." Everyone who tries it feels just that way. Relief is felt at once and its quick cure surprises you. For Bronchitis, Asthma, Hamorrhage, Croup, LaGrippe, Sore Throat, pain in the chest or lungs its supreme. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by the Allison's Pharmacy.

J. D. Field & Co., of Sonora, lost a very valuable horse from blind staggers, Sunday. The horse, Dick Elliott, was standard and registered, a grandson of Electioneer and Lady Ellen on his sire side and of Prodigal and Metella on his mothers side. Electioneer goes, of course direct to Hambletonian and Green Mountain Maid to Abdallah and Chas Kents mare; Harry Clay and Shanghai Mary Lady Ellen the grand dam of Dick Elliott was by Mambrino out of Ida May Jr., and Mambrino by Mambrino Patchen. The strong though unusual feature of this horse's breeding was on his dam's side: Metta was by Prodigal by Onward by George Wilkes and Dolly; Silvia by Belmont, Metella by Wonder out of Kentucky Maid; Wonder by Blue Bull and Polly; Kentucky Maid by Mambrino Pilot out of Molly Harrison. Horsemen have admitted that Dick Elliott was the best bred of the old school families in the South and his loss to the country will be felt more keenly as his colts develop. J. D. Field & Co., have used this fine stallion for four years and have numbers of his progeny that may help pay them for his loss.

Beyond Expression

G. W. Farlowe, East Florence, Ala., writes: "For nearly seven years I was afflicted with a form of skin disease which caused an almost unbearable itching. I could neither work, rest nor sleep in peace. Nothing gave me permanent relief until I tried Hunt's Cure. One application relieved me: one box cured me, and though a year has passed, I have stayed cured. I am grateful beyond expression." Hunt's Cure is a guaranteed remedy for all itching diseases of the skin. Price 50c.

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125 Coats Lost.

About April 6 or 7 I missed 125 head of goats from my flocks and would be pleased to learn of their whereabouts. The yearling nannies are marked swallow fork the right; 1 and 2 year old muttons, crop and under slope the left; three-year-old muttons: swallow-fork right, crop and under bit the left. These goats were ranging on the Millard ranch 12 miles north of Sonora Address Frank McGonagill, Sonora.

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, Mayer, Texas.

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Born on Wednesday May 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Page a girl.

Born on Monday May 10 to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bates Jr., a girl. Last Friday E. M. Barbee bought 17 mules from Robt Bailey at \$60. E. L. Martin of Mayer, delivered his steer yearlings to Geo. Bradford at McKavert last week. These were good steers and brought \$16.50—Eldorado Times.

With best wishes to you both

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

A Letter From New Mexico,

Hachita, N. M., May 8, 1909 To the Devil's River News. For the benefit of those desiring to know something about New Mexico. First I will give you a rounding of Hachita and the surrounding country. Hachita is located in the center of Grant county, almost in what is called the Valley, and in Valley and is a Junction. Hachita the Lordsburg, Clifton and Morehead R.R., intersects the E. P. & S. W. line.

The altitude is 5484 ft. We have one large mercantile concern that handles general merchandise and mining and ranch supplies, four saloons, one blacksmith shop, one butcher shop, 3 restaurants, one hotel, and two barber shops.

In the surrounding country we have some big stock ranches and a few small cattle ranches. The mountains are better for range as the grass is green most all winter. At Hachita the depth for water is 350 feet, and at that depth you find a river bed of water that an analysis 95 per cent. pure water. The soil is deep and extra good in the valleys and will raise anything you plant if the soil is irrigated. The valleys are from ten to forty miles wide, and places you can find bodies of land that you could irrigate as much as ten sections in one body pretty level ground with a sandy soil. The Animas Valley 35 miles westerly from Hachita is the garden spot of Grant county water in this valley can be obtained at a depth of from two to forty feet and the same kind of water as we have at Hachita what we commonly call soft or pure water. But in the Playas Valley 15 miles from Hachita the water is not very good contains alcohol or is inclined to be a little gypsy, and in places kills the vegetation, but the grass in parts of the valley is sufficient to cut 300 tons of hay or more to the section each year. This hay will readily sell at \$15 per ton and at times it will sell at \$20 per ton. The grass is commonly called crow foot Grammer and is very fine feed. Parts of the valley has heavy mesquite, parts scrubby mesquite and some mesquite grass. The valleys are being settled up by home steaders, every man that has taken a home-stead is well pleased with the results. Most of the land is open for settlement. The mining industry is good in what is called the Little Hachita range of mountains. We have all classes of minerals. At the present time 72 gold prospects have been found and the most of them are being worked. Some of these prospects the owners are at the present time shipping ores from them. Several big companies are working developing the Gilt Ridge prospects. We only need more capital and with that expended in the Little Hatchit mountains, the black eye that New Mexico has in the mining industry will soon be a thing of the past.

The Sage of Juno, Dave Dunagan and family are the guests of their son-in-law Jesse B. Hill at the Hachita Hotel. Dave is well pleased with the country and says that he expects to stay with us for awhile and maybe longer. In New Mexico, especially this part of the country cannot be beat for health. We have had I believe 5 natural deaths in Hachita since the town was started 6 years ago. When you stop off at Hachita, you will be met by several old time friends that will greet you with the glad hand and tell you of what they used to know about the Sonora country. We have several old timers that once lived in Sonora, who are now residents of Hachita and doing well, some of which we will give their names: J. B. Hill, O. H. Palmer, D. J. Dunagan, Geo. W. Dunagan, Joe Edmonds, C. C. Edmonds, W. H. Chaney, Frank and Babe Steadham Bill Miller son-in-law to Ramsey Holland, Ed Trimble, Severa the restaurant man for Froggie Morris once, and several others in the near towns and in the surrounding country all of whom are getting along well and making a little money over and above their living and who would be glad to see any one from the Sonora country. The writer would be pleased to have the pleasure of showing any of his old time friends around over a wide open country and to escort the Devil up to the mahogany to partake of the juice of the forbidden fruit, and after enjoying same, to walk in his office and talk over old times and inhale the pure air which makes you feel most delightful.

With best wishes to you both

and the rest of my friends and for the good will of all and for the better success of every inhabitant of Sutton county, I hope to always remain as ever your friend, Jesse B. Hill.

Letter to C. W. Morris.

Sonora, Texas. Dear Sir: A certain paint manufacturer advertised "Waldorf Artors painted throughout with my paint." A part of the basement was so painted; not satisfactory; then a certain paint, a big concern, very prominent business, that hated to see so big a job of another paint; so it went for that business.

That former paint was about two-thirds not paint, but this proud and ambitious paint was only about one-third not paint. It succeeded in getting a trial: 20 gallons, 5 kits of 5 gallons each. When the painter had used one kit, he called the manager; not satisfactory; 4 of the kits returned. A paint, one third not paint, is not good enough to displace Devoo.

This was several years ago. That proud and ambitious paint is better now; it is nearer honest; it isn't short-measure at all and only 15 per cent adulterated. It's a pretty good paint now; 13 or 14 gallons of it goes as far as 10 of Devoo.

Judge I. D. Fairchild owns the houses alike in Lufkin, Texas. J. M. Torrence painted both houses, one Devoo, and the other with that proud and ambitious adulterated-15 per cent paint. It took 15 1/2 gallons Devoo and 25 gallons of the proud and ambitious paint. It takes a pretty-good paint to disturb Devoo.

Yours truly F. W. DEVOE & CO. P. S. E. F. Vander Stucken Co., sells our paint.

Tip McGee.

I have the best assurance that he is a

THOROUGHbred

That he is a good one you can judge for yourself or ask those who have seen him. His service book is now open for the

Season at \$10.

With return privilege. A number of ranchmen had wanted to raise colts from this horse but at that time I expected to use him on my own mares and I wish those I promised will now book their mares. I do not want to offend anyone

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SONORA, TEXAS. - May 15, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Allison were
in from the ranch a few days this
week visiting relatives.

Jim Owens of Owenville, called
to see his old compadre the Devil
this week.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers,
the famous little liver pills, small,
gentle and sure. Sold by the Allison
Pharmacy.

John T. Cooper, the sheepman
left for San Angelo, on business,
Saturday.

J. A. Cope of the commission
firm of J. A. Cope & Co., made a
business trip to San Angelo, Satur-
day.

DeWitt's Carbolic Witch Hazel
salve is good for cuts, burns and
bruises, and is especially good for
piles. Refuse substitutes. Sold by
the Allison Pharmacy.

Will Noguessa is in San Angelo
shipping out the Cusenbary & No-
guessa cattle bought a few months
ago from Dave Baker & Sons of
Comstock.

Heartburn, sour risings, belch-
ing, dull, heavy feeling and such
things are all caused by indigestion.
Kodol stops them by digesting
all the food you eat. Sold by
the Allison Pharmacy.

Jim Alford was in from the Wes
Bryson ranch Tuesday trading.

M. S. Middlemiss the painter,
and Will Adams left for the Clark-
son ranch Monday to do some
painting.

Gus Noyes of Ballinger was in
Sonora Monday, on his way home
from a visit to the Sol Mayer ranch.

Mrs. Albert Owens and children
of Owenville, were in Sonora Mon-
day visiting and attending the
school exercises. They were in
charge of Chief Jim Owens.

Lum Heflin while working on a
windmill on the Sol Mayer ranch
last week narrowly escaped losing
his left hand. The serious acci-
dent was averted by the prompt
assistance of Floyd Estes.

DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder
Pills quickly relieve backache,
weak back, pains in the groin,
rheumatism, etc. Send your name
to E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, for
a trial box. Sold by the Allison
Pharmacy.

Geo. B. Black representing the
King Candy Co., of Bowlingwood,
was in Sonora Monday, giving our
merchants taffy. George feels at
home in Sonora, and always has a
pleasant word and a smile that
won't wear off for everybody espe-
cially for the ladies. He expects
to bring that fine boy of his Bill
with him on some of his trips.

Kills To Stop The Fiend.
The worst foe for 12 years of
John Deye, of Gladwin, Mich.,
was running ulcers. He paid doc-
tors over \$400.00 without benefit.
Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve kill-
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Fever-Sores, Boils, Felons, Eczema,
Salt Rheum. Infallible for Piles,
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ReDonata—Decie.
Married at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Ed Decie, parents of the bride
on Sunday May 9th, 1909, Miss
Zetha Decie to George M. Mc-
Donald, Judge L. J. Wardlaw,
County Judge officiating. The
ceremony was witnessed by only
a few intimate friends of the young
couple and after the ceremony a
splendid supper was tendered the
bridal party at the home of the
groom's mother, Mrs. J. C. Mc-
Donald of the Commercial Hotel.
The News extends its best wishes
to the young couple for their fu-
ture happiness and success.

Never Fails
There is one remedy, and only
one I have ever found, to cure with
out fail such troubles in my family
as Eczema, Ringworm, and all
others of itching character. That
remedy is Hux's Cure. We al-
ways use it and it never fails.
W. M. Christian, Rutherford, Tenn.
50c per box.

J. L. Noguessa and son DeWitt
were in Sonora this week from the
Middle Valley country.

Henry Bridge has moved his
home from West to East Sonora.
The site is one block east of the
Newell place.

R. E. Taylor, the cattleman who
ranches 12 miles south of Sonora,
was in town Monday.

DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder
pills are antiseptic and relieve pain
quickly. Insist upon DeWitt's.
Send your name to E. C. DeWitt
& Co., Chicago, for a free trial box
Sold by the Allison Pharmacy.

Hurst & Wyatt's ice cream parlor
phone is 5. Their first weeks busi-
ness has been most satisfactory.

T. J. Ed. Glasscock returned from
Marlin, Monday. Ed thinks he
left all the rheumatism at the bath
house in Marlin.

Little attacks of indigestion are
what bring on other ailments, such
as acute indigestion, chronic dys-
pepsia, and even more serious
permanent illness. Kodol is guar-
anteed to give relief. Try it to-
day. Sold by the Allison's Phar-
macy.

Will Whitehead, slightly "under
the weather" was in Sonora this
week attending the school closing
exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Payne Roun-
tree made a business trip to San
Angelo Thursday. They will go
to housekeeping in the Howton
place as soon as things are in
shape.

The King of blood purifiers is
Dr. Simmon's Sarsaparilla. It rids
the system of the doctor's accu-
mulation of impurities. It makes
the young feel well—the old feel
young. Now is the time to re-
novate yourself. Simmon's Sarsa-
parilla cannot be excelled. Price
50c and \$1.00.

D. B. Cusenbary returned Satur-
day from the Oklahoma range
country where he has leased grass
for the Cusenbary & Noguessa cat-
tle. Mr. Cusenbary says condi-
tions are very fine in that country.

Mrs. Ed Decie and children left
on Monday for their new home in
the Marathon country. The News
hopes their expectations in their
new home will be realized.

No Others
It is in a class by itself. It has
no rivals. It cures where others
merely relieve. For aches, pains,
stiff joints, cuts, burns, bites, etc.,
it is the quickest and surest re-
medy ever devised. We mean
Hunt's Lightning Oil. 50c and
25c bottles.

Morton Balch who moved with
Ed Decie to the Marathon country
was in Sonora this week to accom-
pany Mrs. Decie and children to
their new home. Morton likes
the country and thinks the pros-
pects good out there.

The End of The World
should it come to-morrow would
find fully 1,000,000 people suffer-
ing with rheumatism of some
slight or serious nature. Nobody
need suffer with rheumatism for
Ballard's Snow Liment drives
away the trouble, relieves the pain
instantly and leaves the user as
well and supple as a two-year-old.
Sold by J. Lewenthal.

United States Senators Culber-
son and Bryan have written State
Senator C. B. Hudspeth that they
both are opposed to the removal
of the tariff from hides so long as
the tariff is retained on leather.

Geo. Clements having disposed
of his interest in his ranch, Bert
Bellows has moved his family to
town and are residing in their
place in West Sonora.

COMMISSIONERS COURT.
The Honorable Commissioners
Court of Sutton county met in reg-
ular session on May 10th, and
continued in session until Wed-
nesday.
The court was presided over by
County Judge L. J. Wardlaw, Com-
missioners Geo. J. Trainer, W. B.
Smith, Arthur Stuart, represent-
ing precincts 1, 2 and 3, being pre-
sent with J. D. Lowrey clerk and
J. S. Allison sheriff, in attendance.
The court ordered John McNicol
County Surveyor, to record field
notes of survey of base line made
by E. C. Saunders beginning near
Fort Terrett and ending on west
line of block C.
Reports of D. B. Woodruff J. P.,
J. S. Allison collector, J. E. Grim-
land treasurer and J. D. Lowrey
clerk, examined and approved.
Report of J. D. Lowrey, treasurer
Sonora Independent School district
examined and approved.
Ordered that the jail doors and
windows be screened.
Ordered that the County buy 20
feet front from S. H. Stokes and
Steve Murphy at \$100 for each
parcel of lots abutting on the Junc-
tion road east of town. The object
of this purchase is to save the
county the expense of cutting
down part of the hill to the cotton
gin.
Ordered that the Court meet as
a Board of Equalization on Monday
June 21.
Petition of William L. Werkheiser
and Robert L. Polk of Bell county
asking for a change in the terms
of the deed to Sutton county school
lands sold to A. L. Taylor, was
granted.
For the consideration of being
allowed to sell and make deeds to
parts or tracts of these lands which
have been subdivided into tracts
of 177 acres, the owners agree to
pay 6 per cent instead of the pre-
sent 3 per cent rate of interest, on
the amount due the county after
May 10, 1910, and also 6 per cent
on any parcels sold between now
and October 10th, 1909. The in-
creased rate of interest or what
may be made from the proceeds
paid in, will increase the available
school fund of the county to a bet-
ter working basis.

Miss Jessie Smith who has been
teaching in the Owenville neigh-
borhood, was in Sonora this week
on a visit.

Herman Moore having purchas-
ed a tract in the Alpine phone
from J. E. H. H. Moore, Amine this
week to superintend the con-
struction of the line.

H. P. Cooper returned Saturday
from Oklahoma, where his steers
are doing fine. Don says condi-
tions are bright for a good season
and he expects to make some
money.

Messrs James Cornell and L. J.
Wardlaw the Sonora lawyers,
whose talents and abilities require
their attendance upon most of the
courts in West Texas, left for San
Angelo Thursday.

Mrs. Tom Nolen and baby and
Misses Mary Schauer, Rena Turner
and Aldine Brooks of Ozona, were
the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. S.
Briant this week. They came
over to attend the commencement
exercises of the Sonora High school.
Dock Word was in from his
ranch on the line of Sutton and
Crockett counties, Tuesday, on
business. Dock says the good
rains that fell in his pasture re-
cently did not do much good as it
was not general enough.

Fritz Huebner the blacksmith
and Herman, returned from a visit
to San Antonio. Fritz says the
country from here to San Antonio
is dry. It has been several years
since he has been there but he lo-
cated the breweries easily.

Charlie Whitehead who has been
attending school at Austin, arrived
home Wednesday. "Man" says
he has been sick during the past
few months and lost 20 pounds,
but looked good to the News and
the girls.

Neville Wheat a civil engineer
and architect of San Antonio, who
is visiting his father Ira Wheat on
the ranch 30 miles south of town,
was a visitor in Sonora Wednes-
day. Neville has been supervising
the construction of the big
freight depot for the S. P. railroad
at San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander
Stucken and sons, left on a short
visit to Fredericksburg, Thursday.
The trip was made by auto and
the 160 miles covered in a day.
The party consisted of the father,
mother and sister of Mr. Vander
Stucken.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. Grimland who
have been visiting their son J. E.
Grimland and family the past
week, left Friday for their home
in Bosque county. Their grand-
daughter, Miss Lucille Grimland,
who graduated from the Sonora
High School this week accompa-
nied them and will visit relatives
during the summer.

SCHOOL CLOSING.
The 1908-09 term of the Sonora
Public school ended last Friday,
and Monday, Tuesday and Wed-
nesday of this week have been de-
voted to the happy preparation by
parents and friends of the pupils
for the closing exercises. It was a
work of love for the proud mothers
and teachers under whose care and
training the pupils have been for
the past eight months have labored
faithfully till the last to make
the occasion a success by giving
the extra days to the final prepara-
tion.
The faculty that has brought the
school to a successful and pleasing
close are: Prof. R. E. Thomas,
principal; Mrs. F. H. White, Mrs.
B. F. Mogford, Mrs. R. E. Thomas
and Miss May Maddox.
Monday night's entertainment
was by the junior grades and Tues-
day night by the higher classes
while "the commencement" was
on Wednesday night. It would
be impossible to distinguish the
most successful classes or pupils,
as all the numbers on the three
programmes were equally well
rendered and the entertainments
were most thoroughly enjoyed and
appreciated by crowded house-
each night.
Naturally, however, those in-
terested in school work and educa-
tional institutions and the develop-
ment of character, looked with
more interest upon the graduating
class, and each year as the work
improves the advancement is more
noted and by the time the less of
the little ones who appeared so
well Monday night will, if kept
constantly at school, excel, if pos-
sible, those who graduated this
term.
There is still a shortage of boys
in the higher classes and this fact
is deplorable, and it is hoped that
in the near future, parents will be
able to keep the boys in school
until they graduate. The neces-
sity for an intimate knowledge of
all the things laid down for the
course of studies in the public
schools of Texas is becoming more
and more exacting, and the indif-
ference of the parent to this potent
fact is largely responsible for any
unsatisfactory element in the pub-
lic school system.

The graduates on this occasion
were: Misses Carrie Karnes, Bessie
Bradford, Pearl Owens, Cora Roun-
tree, Myrtle Briant, Lucile Grim-
land, Willie Smith, and George B.
Whitehead. This class with the
assistance of Amor Whitehead of
the high grade, presented, most
acceptably, "The Girl Grad-
uate."

Judge L. J. Wardlaw addressed
the audience and the class in an
impromptu manner in the interest
of education from the public or
comprehensive viewpoint, and paid a
sincere, his alma mater, Texas Univer-
sity, the Judge were for the words
the point and were roundly ap-
plauded.

Prof. R. E. Thomas, presented
the diplomas and admitted that in
arranging the programme gave
himself this honor in order to have
the opportunity of saying a few
words to the public, the parents
and pupils. The Professors talk
was a heart-to-heart one, and its
basis was encouragement. The
Professors remarks on everybody
taking an interest in school work;
by the parents duty to the child,
the public interest for profit and
the pupils attendance for progress,
will not summerise under heads
of this kind, called very emphati-
cally to the necessity of united
effort for progress of pupils and
teachers. Made more penetrating
by the fact that Prof. and Mrs.
Thomas have been employed by
the Brackettville High School for
the 1909-10 term.

Mrs. S. C. Potter made a pleasure
trip to San Angelo, Thursday.

W. E. Daubar and daughter Miss
Nannie, were in Sonora Wednes-
day guests at the Commercial.

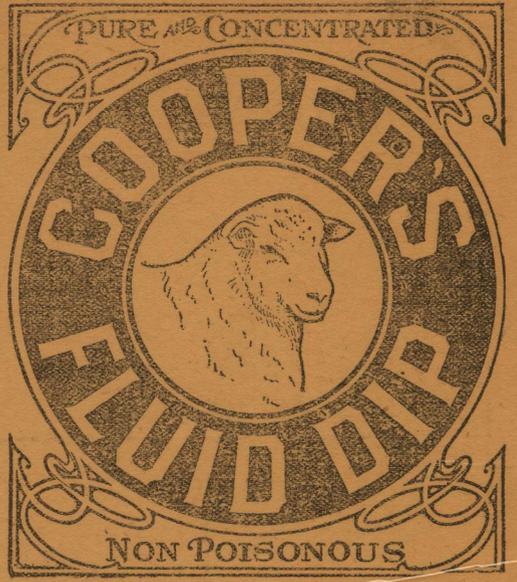
W. L. Locklin and son Dave were
in Sonora Thursday, from Sher-
wood. They are looking for sheep
range.

Misses Zona and Edna Wheat,
were in town Wednesday, from the
ranch 30 miles south of Sonora.
They were accompanied by their
brother Neville of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson
and Miss Mrs. Luckie from the
northeastern part of Sutton county
were in Sonora this week the guests
of the Misses Maddox.

Miss Starkweather who has been
conducting a class in music in So-
nora the past season, has returned
to her home in Coleman. Miss
Starkweather announces that she
will return again in September and
resume her class work.

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