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### Sap Oaks Fabricators.

Landlords down in the black mud country and in the sandy sap oaks lie awake of nights thinking up yarns to prevent brawn and capital from coming to a country that now has the brightest and most profitable future of any in the south. Of course, the editors there help them out.

This one is from the Bowie Cross Timbers:

"One gentleman gives his experience as follows:

"We arrived at the station in the morning and a gentleman walked up to me and asked if I was looking for a farm. I told him I was. He invited my wife and myself to get into his automobile and he would show us a few tracts. We started out smoothly and rapidly and as we rode along our host pointed out various farms he had sold, talking of the soils, and kept us well entertained. Finally we saw a tract of farm land which just suited us, and we bargained for it right there. We sailed back to town in time for early dinner, having had a pleasant morning ride. I bought the farm and was well pleased.

"I thought my farm was 15 or 16 miles out, as it had taken so little time to get there. The day before I left I hired a team to drive out and see the land again, taking my wife with me. We started in the morning and did not reach my farm until the third day, and it took three days to return. The auto had gone so smoothly and rapidly at a 50-mile rate I had purchased a place 75 miles from town thinking it was about 16 miles out. If that is not a Yankee trick I never heard of one."

### Will it Prosecute the Lumber Trust?

Word comes from Washington that, with a view first to securing adequate data on the business and to prosecute the lumber trust, if it is found that punitive action will lie, the government is entering on the vital stage of an investigation of the lumber industry that is National in its scope.

It is stated a preliminary investigation of prices has been concluded in Washington and the Bureau of Corporations is now sending agents to all the principal lumbering districts to secure facts in the field.

New England, the northwest, the far west, the south and southwest are to be included in the inquiry. The activities of the Mississippi Yellow Pine association particularly are to be probed.

The work in the lumber matter is now entirely in the hands of Commissioner Smith. The attention of the Department of Justice has been called to the lumber situation, and the department urged to prosecute. But it was learned at the department that steps will not be taken in that direction until the Bureau of Corporations shall have assimilated and sifted facts.

Complaints of the exactions of the so-called lumber trust, if that be possible, have been more numerous and more bitter than those against the oil and beef trust.

In 1906 the price of hemlock advanced \$2 per 1,000 feet; oak, white, plain, \$2; quartered, \$8; white pine, \$3; yellow pine, \$4; poplar, \$5.

In the last ten years the average price of maple has increased 17 per cent., oak 36 per cent., quartered oak 49 per cent., yellow pine 65 per cent., poplar 70 per cent., spruce 74 per cent. and hemlock 84 per cent.

The Donley County State Bank takes land notes as collateral. Such notes must be on land where as much as half the purchase price has been paid.

### President Bugbee a Convert on Farming.

"O, I fought against the farming idea for over 20 years," said President Thos. S. Bugbee, of the Panhandle Cattle Raisers' association yesterday. "For years I contended that when the people turned the sod under that they were killing their best crop. But I have found out that I was wrong and now I am farming along with my cattle raising. This country is without an equal for the stock farmer.

"I am looking ahead to see a big packery here in Amarillo. Just let these Panhandle stock farmers keep on using their opportunities, raising good stock, raising feed for them and turning out finished stock and the packery will come. We can finish cattle just as well in the Panhandle as they can in Kansas, Missouri or other states up there, and with considerably more profit for the Panhandle."

"I remember meeting you at Panhandle City years ago," said Mr. J. H. Rockwell, who was in the office at the same time, "and you told me then about some people who had just come into Donley county and who were preparing to plant cotton there. I remember you said it was a big mistake and that those people were just trying something that would hurt themselves and the country, and I remember I agreed with you pretty much on the cotton question. I guess, though, you've changed your idea about that now."

"I certainly have," returned Mr. Bugbee. "I found out a long time ago that they could make more money out of the land than I was making. We are raising lots of cotton in Donley county now, and there is profit both ways, because the seed goes to help our crops of kafir corn and other forage to making better cattle for us."

Just then the big perfecting press of the Daily Panhandle started on the evening edition of the paper, printing, cutting, folding and counting the eight-page papers at the rate of 100 or more a minute. "Well," said President Bugbee, looking at the big machine, "there is something else I never expected to see in the Panhandle. But its here now because we need it. I've quit not expecting things for the Panhandle, though. I expect everything for it now. I'm always for the Panhandle all the time."—Amarillo Herald.

### The Terrell Election Law.

The election law has again been emasculated, it is said, on account of faulty enrollment. This is becoming monotonous, not to use stronger words.—Dallas Times-Herald.

The Terrell election law is a Jonah and is doing much to emasculate the democratic party in this state. It is too ponderous to ever be understood and appreciated by the masses of the people.—Fort Worth Telegram.

It was made as obnoxious as possible in the first place by the professional politicians. Representative James is an honest and well-meaning gentleman, but his plurality nomination plan does not appeal to real democrats.—Dallas Times-Herald.

Texas is at the dawn of a golden age. Young man, get busy; two-score years from now you will be sorry for opportunities you failed to grasp. Strike now while the iron is hot—while health and youth and strength are yours.—Pittsburg Gazette.

One of the reasons we don't want to die is that we are afraid some misguided friend might write a piece of poetry about us.—Petty Enterprise.

### Standard Oil Methods.

Commenting upon an article in the Brownwood Bulletin, which tells of a number of oil wells that have been put down and heralded as great producers that are never heard of any more, the Fort Worth Record makes some startling statements, if true. It says:

"Perhaps the Bulletin is hardly prepared to believe that not a single attempt to bore for oil, no matter how remote the locality, is ever made that a trusted and experienced oil well man is not quickly on the ground and ready and competent to note every step in the progress of the work and every indication brought up by the drill, as well as the surface indications. Sometimes this Standard Oil emissary is the trusted driller on the job, for the Standard keeps a corrected list of every oil well driller in the country; sometimes he may be the rig builder or the helper, but always a Standard Oil man is on the ground at various stages of the work.

"The Standard employs a regular corps of bright, resourceful men whose sole duty it is to 'watch the field.' These men draw big salaries and they are up to all the tricks of the trade. They are shrewd men and trained to enact any role in the business which may be required of them. They are expert judges of wells by the initial flow, and they can post the driller just when to lose his tools or when to give the hole the slightest turn to the side, so that further deep drilling or effective casing will be impossible. Every driller is a protegee of the Standard Oil company, and some of them know that there is always a job for them when they want to go back. Back Talk has known dozens of drillers, and the knowledge of the methods of the men who 'watch the field' is intimate.

"Sometimes independent drillers bring in good wells in new fields, but never unless the Standard Oil company is ready to have that field opened, and that comes up to another phase in the Standard's policy of operation. Did you ever hear of the Standard Oil company prospecting in a new field, or wild catting, as is technically known? Never. And did you ever know a field being brought in where the Standard did not commence business? Never. It is the policy of the Standard to let the fortune hunter find the new field. In other words, it lets the other fellow put up the money for the trial. If the drill brings in a duster the Standard has lost nothing, but if the drill taps grease the Standard will take care of the product or make it worthless. In any event, the octopus lets the dear public spend all the money on uncertainties because its spy system is so complete and so dependable that it has absolute knowledge and control of every foot of oil territory."

According to the Live Stock Reporter there is a severe drouth in Cuba and fine pasture lands there, usually covered with a luxuriant growth of guinea, para and native prairie grasses, and which are wholly relied upon to fatten the hundreds of thousands of young cattle now in that country, are practically gone, and that during the last six weeks death losses among stock cattle had been quite heavy, with a certainty of a much greater mortality unless rain comes soon. The grasses, however, possess excellent fattening properties, and with rain to start vegetation, fat cattle would be plentiful within 30 or 40 days.

At Dallas Saturday night W. O. Daniels lost his left arm and had his right broken in artesian well machinery.

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### The K. of P. Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the Knights of Pythias in Dallas last week the following officers were elected:

Supreme Representatives — Ben S. Rogers of Brenham and O. P. Thomas of Abilene.

Grand Chancellor—Sol W. Levy of Galveston.

Grand Vice-Chancellor—C. H. Powell of San Angelo.

Grand Prelate—W. W. King of Ennis.

Grand Keeper of Record and Seals—Henry Miller of Weatherford, elected for the nineteenth consecutive year.

Grand Master of Exchequer—W. F. Skillman of Sulphur Springs, elected for the ninth consecutive year.

Grand Master of Arms—John T. Wofford of Cuero.

Grand Inner Guard—J. R. Engledow of Troupe.

Grand Outer Guard—R. H. Buck of Fort Worth.

H. C. Shropshire and W. H. Bledsoe were elected Pythian home directors.

Jefferson Wallace, grand inner guard of the grand lodge of Virginia, delivered an address that so enthused the body that Supreme Chancellor H. P. Brown was called for to respond to Virginia, and his response was one of Pythian oratory.

A collection of \$500 was secured for the widows and orphans' home. The next meeting goes to Austin.

### Successful Revival.

Rev. Bonner, who is generally considered one of the most successful revivalists in northwest Texas, returned Friday from a ten days meeting at Clarendon. Like always, his meeting was fruitful of much good. Sixty-five relocations and a number of others who pledged themselves to lead better lives.

Rev. Bonner is full of admiration of Clarendon, its many trees and nice homes. The town is progressive, and is going to build a \$100,000 college building, to accommodate its 400 pupils.—Quanah Tribune.

The fine country residence of R. L. Hickox, at Era, in Cooke county, was destroyed by fire Friday. The building and most of the furniture was completely destroyed. The total loss to Mr. Hickox will be about \$18,000.

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Representative Coker of Bexar county announces his purpose of publishing a book on the Senator Bailey controversy.

John D. Rockefeller has presented to the University of Chicago a tract of land comprising about ten city blocks and valued at \$2,000,000. A slight advance on oil will cover the expenditure.

Lindsay B. Hicks, the miner who was 17 days buried in the Edison mine at Bakersfield, Cal., attempted suicide at Reno, Nev., by leaping in front of a switch engine. A bystander saved his life. Hicks was despondent because he did not draw crowds to a dime museum. There would have been one fakir less if they had left him in the mine.

There was nothing doing in the legislature Saturday. The house met in the morning and roll call developed 85 members present, four less than a quorum. A call of the house was ordered and another roll disclosed only 82 present, three members having decamped. Adjournment was taken until Monday. The senate was not in session, having adjourned Friday until Monday.

Mrs. Dowie, widow of John Alexander Dowie, has turned her beautiful summer home into a boarding house. Dowie would never allow smoking on the premises, but Mrs. Dowie says her boarders will be allowed to smoke. According to some reports in the past, Mrs. Dowie occasionally made her husband "smoke," if he was a prophet.

The Tarrant county prohibition election resulted in a defeat for the pros by 2,860 votes. Fort Worth and suburbs voted heavily anti and the country vote, which is largely pro., was very light on account of the bad weather and rush of farm work. With its breweries, hundreds of saloons and its "Acres," there is little hope of Fort Worth ever becoming moral enough to vote prohibition.

Certain members of the legislature tried to vote a gross receipts tax of 2 per cent. on newspapers this week, notwithstanding they pay a property tax the same as other people. It was voted down. The average voter would know little of what the legislators do if it was not for the papers and it makes them pretty hot because their acts are made known. The editor who will be whipped into silence by them, however, will disgrace the profession, and we believe will be very few.

Bro. Hamner of the Claude News who first said land near the corners of Gray, Donley and Armstrong was assessed at \$2, \$3 and \$10, respectively, at actual value, and was told by us that it was probably due to the amount it takes to grease the official machinery of the different counties, now says it is due to "the moral atmosphere surrounding the man when he swears to his valuations." There is always an equalization board to lift a man's valuations out of any atmosphere it sees fit, Bro. Hamner, and it seems that yours sanctions the assessment—and uses the money, and Donley shows just as good public buildings and as much progress and as little debt as most any county in the Panhandle.

What will the Texas legislature do to the press next? And then, incidentally, so to speak, what will the Texas press do to the members of the Texas legislature who made war on the Texas press? *Texarkana Courier.*

O, go along. When your party bosses nominate them you will whoop 'em up, just as you have always done, no matter how they vote after elected or what they advocate.

The only way to make the best of a bad thing is to abolish it.

## Texas Fruit Crop Short.

Sam H. Dixon, president of the Fruit and Truck Growers' Association of Texas, and who is otherwise identified with the fruit industry of Texas, says of the fruit situation of the state: "The peach crop is a practical failure in Texas this year. I have visited Jacksonville, Palestine, Crockett, Nacogdoches, Rockdale, Lindale, Garrison, Tyler and other points in east Texas, and find the fruit situation about the same throughout this belt. I have reports from every section of the state and find that the least damage to the peach crop is on the Red River, west of Bonham, and the Erath Montague section, northwest of Fort Worth.

"The plum crop has also been cut short and the blackberry crop badly damaged throughout east Texas. The Athens country, which two weeks ago reported fair prospects for a peach crop, now reports a very short crop.

"I have talked with many growers regarding the causes leading to failure and find a diversity of opinion among them. Some attribute the failure to the severe drouth in the fall and consequent want of vitality in the bud. The general cause assigned, however, is to the warm, moist weather three weeks in January, preceding the sudden and severe drop in the temperature Feb. 5.

## Canada Buying Up Buffalo.

A press dispatch from Denver Monday says a deal whereby the government of Canada will secure possession of the largest herd of buffalo in the world, now at the Flathead reservation in Montana, has been closed. Canada has already made the first payment on the herd. The animals will be taken to Canada about the first of May or during July. The price paid is \$150,000. An attempt to sell these buffalo to the United States was made some time ago, but President Roosevelt informed the owner that there were no funds available for such a purpose. There are between 400 and 500 animals in the herd. This sale will remove nearly one-half the buffalo in the United States to Canada. The herd is composed of the Goodnight herd of Texas, the Buffalo Jones herd of Kansas, another small herd in Indian Territory, another bunch of J. L. Edson of Stony Mountain, Winnipeg, several small bunches from North Dakota, Manitoba and Montana. It is the only great herd kept in the open country, and is composed of a mixture of all the remaining herds of a few years ago bought up by Michael Pablo and Mr. Allard, now dead.

## Claude Livery Burns.

The livery stable and 17 buggies and harness and some feed and other stuff were burned Sunday night. Total loss about \$3,000 or \$3,500, insurance about \$1,750 or \$2,000. How the fire started is unknown.

Fire at Canyon Monday night destroyed the store of the Gentry Mercantile company. Other structures on the street were not injured. Loss is given at about \$3,000, largely covered by insurance.

There are not a few people like the tramp whom the lady asked why he didn't go to work and earn a support? His ready reply was, that he was "too heavy to do light work, and too light to do heavy work, and so it is as you see, I can't find anything that I can do." And that is apparently the trouble with a large lot of church people.—*Baptist Record.*

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## Eating Up Aluminium.

I didn't intend to give the secret away, but so many people are asking for information, and I do not see any graft in it, that the doctrine of publicity wins. Buy a ten cent can of concentrated lye. Dissolve the contents in three and a half pints of cold water. Allow to stand until the water has passed through its convulsions and grown cold again. Then immerse your aluminium forks, spoons, knives, ladles, etc., and watch 'em burn up in a jiffy. Yet this solution has not the slightest effect upon any other metal of my acquaintance. I wanted to make a million out of the accidental discovery, but—aluminium is coming, but it hasn't got here yet. The next great invention will be annealed glass cooking utensils. Mark my words.—*New York*

## Five Killed in Hemming Cyclone.

Saturday evening a cyclone swept over Hemming in the southeast part of Cooke county, killing five people and destroying as it struck them the homes of Will Davis, Charles Morris, Rev. Smith, John Reese, Dr. Riley, John Neil, B. R. Newton, G. Boydston, H. Wilkins, Mr. Tillery, Charles Swindell, Dock Dobbs, Mrs. Westbrook and J. D. Strickland.

It also made kindling wood of the Christian church, the school house and Emerson & Alexander's store and gin, entailing a loss of approximately \$40,000.

Not a vestige of the place within the limits of the storm's path remains.

The dead: Anna Boydston, aged 6 years; George Beavers, aged 14; Leona Neil, aged 7; Will Alexander, aged 16; H. Wilkins, aged 3.

The wounded, more or less seriously: Dr. John Riley and family, consisting of nine members; John Nell, Mrs. Nell, Albert Landers, Dillon Beavers, Mrs. Jennie Boydston, Morill Boydston, John Alexander, Howard Wilson, Mrs. Tyson, Henry Wilkins, wife and two children, Jill Boydston, the Leach family, Jessie L. Dowson, Mrs. Ben Newton.

## STATE NEWS.

Abilene is to have a 10-acre park. Toyah is to have an electric light and power plant.

The safe at the Ringgold Katy depot was blown open Thursday night and robbed of about \$100.

The McKinney Oil company's gin and seed storage house burned Friday. Loss, \$16,000; insurance, \$12,000.

Lightning fired and burned a barn, a mule, some hogs and feed on the W. T. Beavers farm west of Garland Saturday.

Ed C. Smith, an old resident of Dallas, and for years the leading undertaker there, died at Colorado, Tex., Sunday, aged 58.

During the last few months Snyder has secured a railroad, an ice plant, a steam laundry, two oil mills and other enterprises.

B. F. Curry, south of Brownwood, was badly gored by a cow Monday, two ribs being broken and a horn penetrating his side.

The anti-prohibitionists carried Waco by 726 votes. The boxes outside of Waco divided the vote nearly evenly. The total majority in the county against prohibition was 729.

The 6 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flow, living seven miles northwest from Burleson, died Thursday as a result of burns occasioned by falling in a kettle of boiling water while playing around where his mother was boiling water preparatory to scalding chicken mites.

At Celeste Saturday the second story of the Perrin cotton mill was blown off and all the machinery in the upper story was badly damaged. The top was blown about 100 yards from the mill. Damage about \$5,000. The mill had been idle for four years' and everything was ready to start up. Mr. Morgan's house, four miles east, was blown to pieces. The farms are terribly washed.

At Valley View Saturday during a storm Mrs. J. W. McGowan and Mrs. J. W. Nichols were seriously injured. The house of A. R. Leach was completely destroyed and Geo. Leach painfully wounded in the head and hand, Miss Effie Leach is seriously injured. Levy Leach, a small boy, sustained injuries. Mr. Fowler's child received a broken leg. The residences of Mrs. Cora Daughtie, E. M. Moss, Cliff Moss, Bill Eldridge, E. M. McCallum, Tom Roane, J. W. Nichols and Mrs. L. A. Wiggins were completely destroyed. The Baptist church and schoolhouse at Flat Creek were blown down.

Congressman John H. Stephens, of this district, is spending this week in Amarillo where he has a sister, Mrs. J. M. Donaldson, who is very ill.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

## THE THIRD HOUSE.

Legislative Annex of the Special Interests in Congress.

The third house, as the lobby is sometimes called, is the legislative annex of the special interests. It is the house of special representatives, and its membership is a curious study in the widely different.

Its meeting place is the lobby and committee rooms of the nation's capitol, the hotel rotunda, the lawyer's office, the street, the banquet room, the little back room, the bar, the road house, the home, the brothel—anywhere the legislator may be found and personally approached. That is the object of a lobby—personal contact with the people's representatives and the influence upon legislation worked thereby.

If legislators were perfect, there would be no lobby. If they were perfectly wise, there would be no occasion for the lobbyist who desires "to inform" them; if perfectly honest, there would be no occasion for the lobbyist who desires to "make it worth while" if perfectly patriotic, there would be no occasion for the lobbyist who desires for himself "a little personal favor"—at the people's expense. The existence of a lobby is premised on human frailty. It is present to prey on human weakness, to warp the action of the legislative body by appeal to vanity, ignorance, cupidity or fear.—*Gilson Gardner in Success Magazine.*

## HARDY FERNS.

About Forty Species Are Suited to Outdoor Culture.

Among the hardy ferns are varieties greatly differing in size and form, from a hairlike creeping stem bearing a few simple mosslike leaves to the vigorous growing plants with large leaves, attaining a height of two or three feet. Ferns are interesting and extremely beautiful, especially when grown as specimen plants or in combination with other plants. The varying conditions in which the different species succeed are remarkable. Many of them require a warm temperature, while others do well in cool and shady places.

Of the 4,000 or more species of ferns not more than about forty species are suited to outdoor culture in ordinary soils and situations. These species can be planted in beds, borders or rockeries or in the foreground of shrubbery. As most of them require a somewhat shady place, they are especially useful for filling in places where grass and other light loving plants cannot grow. Perfect drainage is required. The soil should have leaf mold in it, or decayed peat or well decayed sod will answer.

Hardy ferns are best planted in the spring, but they can be planted in the summer if the fronds or leaves are cut back, making it easier for the plants to establish themselves before the winter sets in. From his florist the amateur gardener can obtain cuttings of varieties most suitable for the soil and climate in his vicinity. In the winter the ferns should be given protection, with a covering of leaves, hay or straw.—*Washington Star.*

## Respected His Scruples.

In the mathematics class one day at Williams college Professor S., who was rarely made the subject of college jests, was excessively annoyed by some man "sneaking" a small rubber bladder. The noise seemed to come from near a certain Jack Hollis, and after querying each of his neighbors and receiving a negative answer Professor S. said sternly:

"Hollis, do you know who is making that unbearable noise?"

Hollis, who had been the guilty person all along, assumed an air of stoical bravery and said calmly, "I know, sir, but I prefer not to tell."

Professor S.'s angry face grew calmer, and with evident pleasure he replied: "I respect your scruples, Hollis. They do you credit and should shame the guilty man, sir."

## John Milton's Cottage.

One of the best preserved historic country houses in all England is John Milton's cottage at Chalfont St. Giles, to which the blind and aging poet fled when the great plague swooped down on London. That was in July, 1665, and Milton had just finished "Paradise Lost" and received a five pound note for it, with a promise of three more five pound notes if the poem sold four editions of 1,300 copies each. The cottage stands at the top of the village, and it is in practically the same condition as when Milton left it. Here the poet received his distinguished guests during the latter part of his life.

## Zephyr, Cipher and Zero.

"Zephyr" and "cipher" and "zero" are words that come to the English from the Arabic "sifr," which meant literally "empty" and so "nothing" and the figure that represents nothing. In mediaeval Latin this figure was called both "ciphra" and "zephyrum," the latter probably from association with "zephyrus" or something even lighter than air; hence through the Italian "zefiro" there is the word "zero" as a doublet with "cipher."

## Run In Series.

"And is this to be your last tour of America?" asked the reporter. "I hope not," answered the mature star of the dramatic world. "But it's advertised as a 'farewell.'" "Yes, a mere farewell. It's not a farewell farewell, you may notice."—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

## Her "Alter Ego."

First Gossip—I could tell you a pretty tale about Frau Weber, but one ought not to speak evil of the absent. Second Ditto—Never mind. Go on. Her pet dog is here, you see.—*Humoristische Blätter.*

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**TIME TABLE.**  
Fort Worth & Denver City Railway.

<b>NORTH BOUND.</b>	
No. 1, Mail and Express.....	9:46 p. m.
No. 7, Passenger and Express.....	10:19 a. m.
<b>SOUTH BOUND.</b>	
No. 2, Mail and Express.....	7:57 a. m.
No. 8, Passenger and Express.....	8:55 p. m.

**Business Locals.**  
New goods at Dubbs'.  
Garden seed at Stocking's store.  
Stocking has sold Hammar paint for ten years. None better sold.  
Get your plow harness from Rutherford & Davis.  
A full line of optical goods at Stocking's store.  
Rathjen has just received a new line of seasonal shoes. Be sure and see them.  
E. Dubbs & Sons have discontinued the profit sharing plan. All who have tickets can cash them in at their pleasure.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL.**

J. F. Tax has returned from a business trip to Marlin.  
S. G. Chestnut has sold two lots to M. L. Vinson, who contemplates building.  
Rev. Reynolds, president of Goodnight college, spent Saturday here on business.  
Claude Witherspoon of Silvertown passed through here yesterday enroute to Weatherford.  
Ben Anderson, of Colorado Springs, Col., stopped off here last night for a short visit.  
C. S. Harrington writes that there was a big snow at Dalhart Monday, but it soon melted.

B. T. Lane and wife went to Allanreed Sunday to visit their son, Walker Lane, and his family.

The rain was light at Childress and heavy at Vernon, pretty heavy at Bowie, but none south of there.

Fine audiences were out Sunday to hear Rev. Marshall, Panhandle missionary, preach at the Baptist church.

F. H. Besaw, who recently came here from Colorado, has bought the H. S. Anderson lots from Mr. Riley at \$350.

The southbound passenger train from the plains came in Monday night with snow piled on the pilot up to the boiler.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carder, formerly of Clarendon, now of Amarillo, are the parents of a bouncing boy, born April 15.

Reeves from Silvertown drove over and shipped to Kansas this week 1,400 head of 4-year-olds, which were sold around \$32.

A. R. Letts and Charley McMurry shipped out 600 head of 3-year-old steers to Kansas this week that were sold to Jackson at \$28 and \$30.

"Babe" Roberts had an ankle broken while going through to Kansas with a shipment of Walsh cattle. He returned home last night.

A fine rain fell Monday morning, putting a fine season in the ground. It wound up, however, Monday night with a sharp freeze that we fear has killed the rest of the fruit.

J. L. Davis has bought C. W. Adair's interest in the saddle store of Rutherford & Adair, and the style of the firm will now be Rutherford & Davis. Mr. Adair will continue to work with the firm, being a practical saddler and harness maker. This firm's business is growing continually, three workmen now being kept busy.

The committees for the Fourth of July celebration have not been completed yet, but Mayor Beville is chairman of the executive committee, consisting of W. H. Cooke, E. Dubbs, Frank Magtin and Jas. Trent. The chairmen of the other committees are: Finance—E. Dubbs. Grounds—W. H. Cooke. Program—F. D. Martin. Barbecue—Jas. Trent. These chairmen are empowered to appoint their own committees, which will be done in ample time.

Stocking always has wall paper. The best variety of optical goods ever brought to Clarendon on sale at Clower's.  
J. L. Henderson, of Amarillo, is here today.  
Dr. Hearne has returned from a visit and business trip to Dallas.  
Bob McMurry of Silvertown spent two days here this week.  
Marion Williams has sold a block of land to Mr. Blackwell at \$700, and J. H. Reeves a block to same party at \$600.  
Rev. Bearden has bought twelve more blocks of the Montgomery land, which he has sold a half interest in to Will Miller.  
The bond of young Sol Owens was placed at \$3,000 as soon as his attorneys arrived and was quickly made, and he was released without ever going to jail.

**Lands for Sale.**  
1280 acres near Allanreed.  
640 acres 5 miles of Clarendon.  
800 acres near Clarendon.  
70 acres, suburban.  
320 acres improved farm.  
About 300 lots in residence portion and 30 lots near heart of this city.  
See me if you want bargains.  
C. C. BEARDEN.

**College Notes.**  
Reported for THE CHRONICLE  
Dr. Mood returned Saturday night from St. Louis. Tuesday at chapel he gave an interesting talk about his trip and the convention.  
Miss Emma Dee Randle gave the last number of the Lyceum course Monday night. It was the most enjoyed of all we have had this year. Tuesday at chapel she also favored us with several readings.  
The Golden Links realized about \$25 from their supper.  
Messrs. Geo. Harris and Clyde Caldwell, former students of the college, visited friends in Clarendon Sunday and Monday.

**Business Notice.**  
Having purchased the insurance business formerly conducted by A. N. Melton, I take this method of soliciting a share of your business. Look over this list of companies and let me know your wants:  
GERMAN AMERICAN, New York.  
MICHIGAN COMMERCIAL, Lansing, Mich.  
COMMERCIAL UNION, London.  
THE COLONIAL, New York.  
HAMBURG BREMEN CO., New York.  
NORTHERN ASSURANCE CO., New York.  
PHENIX, Chicago.  
QUEEN ASSURANCE CO., Atlanta, Ga.  
ST. PAUL FIRE & MARINE, St. Paul, Minn.  
NEW YORK UNDERWRITERS, New York.  
NATIONAL UNION, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
VIRGINIA STATE, Richmond, Va.  
MECHANICS & TRADERS, New Orleans.  
Cut out this list and preserve it for future use.  
Thanking you in advance for a liberal share of business, I am,  
Yours for business,  
C. C. BEARDEN.

**Do You Want to Make Money?**  
We want a good live agent in Clarendon to handle our Monte Carlo Zig-Zag Shirt Waist Patterns. Latest 1907 French designs, fine goods and splendid sellers. First applicant has best show to get exclusive territory.  
SOUTHWESTERN NOVELTY CO., Amarillo, Tex.  
You can actually save money if you select your wall paper at Stocking's store.  
The fanciest line of fruits in the city always at The Bon Ton.  
**FRESH VEGETABLES.**  
I have started a vegetable wagon and expect to handle first class goods on a strictly cash basis. I will make the rounds early that customers may prepare their dinners at a reasonable hour, rain or shine. Will be prepared to handle anything in this line you may want.  
Phone Clarendon Bakery, No. 29, 5-11f] JOHN H. KELLEY.  
**Stray Sow.**  
There is on my premises a black and white spotted sow, weighs about 200 pounds, small piece out of right ear. Owner please call and take away, and pay for this notice.  
J. C. BAGWELL.

**"TRADE EMMOWS THE FLAG"**  
**WAPCO HOMINY**  
Old fashioned lye hominy, made in the old fashioned way with Hickory Ash Lye. Has all the delicious flavor and all the nutrition of the old fashioned hominy — but you have none of the old fashioned hard work preparing it, merely open the can. Wapco Brand stands for "Pure Foods." Extra Standard Grade at Popular Prices. If your grocer does not keep Wapco, send us his name.  
DENISON, FT. WORTH, DALLAS  
**THE WAPLES-PLATTER GROCER CO.**

**Market Report.**  
The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Monday:  
Steers \$3.90 to \$5.50.  
Cows \$2.75 to \$3.40.  
Calves \$3.35 to \$4.25.  
Hogs \$6.30 to \$6.40.

**Wanted**  
To get some responsible party to break 75 to 100 acres sod.  
G. S. PATTERSON.

Dr. Jas. W. Hicks, specialist on diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, will be in Clarendon Thursday and Friday, May 2 and 3, with Dr. Standifer.

For the best up-to-date Jewelry go to Clowers. New stock just in.  
The swellest shoes ever before displayed, at The Globe.

If you want to be delightfully refreshed, try a Bon Ton® ice cream soda.

We want to buy your furniture, refrigerators, etc. Tatum Mercantile Co.

Our manager is a practical carpenter and house builder, and will take pleasure in making your bills and figuring them for you whether you build or not. Kimberlin Lumber Co. 4-20

**Hereford Bulls for Sale.**  
Two full blooded Hereford bulls, not registered, 18 months old, for sale.  
M. T. HOWARD.

**LANDS FOR SALE.**  
About 10,000 acres of the R O Ranch lands, between Salt Fork and the Denver railroad. For prices, terms, etc., apply to J. B. McCLELLAND, Agent.

Fresh vegetables being constantly received at the City Meat Market.

Don't send your laundry away. Patronize a home institution. Try it under the new management.

Jewelry of the best quality, newest pattern and beautiful in design at Clower's. Be sure and see his new watches, lockets, pins, etc.

Come and see our new stock of hats and caps. E. DUBBS & SONS.  
A large line of the latest in wall paper has just been received at Dr. Stocking's store. You can save money by buying there.

**An Expert Horseshoer** has been employed by Eph Taylor and shoeing will be done with dispatch, and done right.

Call or phone to the City Meat Market for fresh vegetables and they will deliver them to you.  
All kinds of new Jewelry at Stocking's store.

**FLUE BUILDING.**  
If you want your flues built properly, give me your work. Satisfaction guaranteed.  
3-27 4W W. A. RUSSELL

Wall Paper at Stocking's store and prices right

Everything we have in Gent's Furnishing Goods at cost. Now is your time to buy. Barnett, Smith & Thornton. 3-23

The ice cream soda at the Bon Ton is delicious. Try it.  
**Buy Hammar Paint.**  
You will get the most lasting paint and save 25 per cent. on the price.

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**Land For Sale.**  
640 acres, 3 miles from Clarendon, improved. \$10 per acre. Enquire at CHRONICLE office. 4-20] KIMBERLIN LUMBER CO.

The best ice cream soda in town at Dubbs & Sons.  
**Farmers—You Can Save** 25 to 50 per cent on your plow work by taking it to Eph Taylor's shop.

**SOCIETIES.**  
K. of P.—Panhandle Lodge, No. 90. Meets every Tuesday night. Visiting Knights invited to attend. H. KELLEY, G. C. H. W. KELLEY, K. of R. & S.  
Pythian Sisters—Panhandle Temple, No. 88. Meets each 1st Monday night and 2d Friday afternoon. Mrs. H. C. BRUMLEY, M. E. C. Mrs. JOHN M. CLOVER, W. of R. & G.

When you get ready to build that house let us furnish an estimate on the material bill. Kimberlin Lumber Co. 4-20

If you want good fresh chocolates and Bon Bons try the kind the Clarendon Bakery sells.

Ice cream, with all the popular flavors, at the Bon Ton.

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The Planter's Journal, Memphis, Tenn., in its 17th year, published monthly, Col. Hugh L. Bedford, editor, one of the best known agricultural writers in the United States. It is very readable and full of bright, snappy news and contains 32 pages.

The American Farmer, Indianapolis, been published 22 years, ably edited by Hon. Solon L. Goode, monthly, and 24 pages; no better paper for the home and farm.

Successful Farmer, Des Moines, Ia., 50 to 60 pages, a handsome monthly. Modern Stories, New York, a handsome and well known monthly.

Southwest Magazine, St. Louis, 60 to 70 pages, in its fifth year, handsomely gotten up and of valuable information.

Maxwell's Talisman, a handsome 32-page monthly, published at Chicago for seven years.

The Farm and Money Maker, contains various departments in regard to the farm, home and family.

Southern Poultry Fancier, devoted to poultry, 40 to 50 pages, printed in magazine form. Anyone that has chickens, pigeons, pet stock, turkeys, geese, ducks, etc., will not only save but make money by having this.

The Woman's Home Journal, published in Boston, in the interest of women and children.

Columbia Magazine, New York, one of the most readable magazines of its kind.

The Home Queen Magazine, New York, 30 to 60 pages each issue. This well known publication contains many interesting stories, and some of the most valuable articles, which are prepared by well known writers. Every department is fully covered by experts in this publication.

All of the above magazines and papers contain stories and reading matter for every and all members of the family, from the smallest baby to the oldest member. Every department of the home, farm and business are fully covered by the best writers. You will see thousands of new pictures and illustrations in these publications during the year that you will be unable to find in any other papers. This paper feels proud to be able to offer to its patrons a Club of this kind.

We call your attention to the advertisement of the Club on page 4 of this edition. You will find there detailed information in regard to the Club.

All kinds of soft drinks at Dubbs & Sons.  
**Save Twenty-Five Per Cent.** by using Hammar paint. Stocking sells it.

**Wanted**  
Everybody to know that we have a well assorted stock of building material on hand, and would appreciate a share of your patronage. 4-20] KIMBERLIN LUMBER CO.  
World's Famous Alligrette Chocolates and Bon Bons at Clarendon Bakery.  
The Bon Ton charges 10 cents to read any book in the house.

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Have Garden Hose to Sell, or Can Make Your Old Hose Good as New

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We Will Appreciate Your Account Irrespective of Amount  
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**Now is the time to Plant Fruit and Shade Trees,**  
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Have you seen our NEW FALL STYLES?  
Everything up-to-date in PHOTOGRAPHY  
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AT THE  
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CAKES, CANDIES and FRESH FRUIT  
Something "Good to Eat"  
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We are now running the Clarendon Steam Laundry  
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Will Guarantee Work First-Class and Delivery Prompt  
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### WORKING A SWINDLE.

Clever Scheme Carried Through by a Plausible Woman.

An elegantly dressed Spanish lady one day visited a specialist in mental diseases in Madrid on behalf of her husband, who, she said, was a sufferer from religious mania. Having explained the case, it was arranged that she should return in about an hour with the afflicted husband.

The lady's next scene of action was a jeweler's shop in another part of the city, where she selected diamonds to the value of \$5,000 on the understanding that she would buy them if her husband approved. Would some one accompany her home in a cab and the money would be paid immediately? A trusted clerk was sent, and with him the lady drove back to the doctor's house. In an anteroom she took the stones "just to show them to her husband." Then, entering with sublime assurance the doctor's study, she informed the specialist that her husband was now in the anteroom and ready to be examined.

Leaving a visiting card, the lady took her departure, and the doctor, bidding the supposed patient enter, proceeded at his leisure to ask professional questions. The jeweler's man was puzzled at first, but soon he realized that he had been made the victim of a clever fraud. The doctor, however, interpreted his agitation as caused by his complaint, and when after two hours matter was finally explained the lady impostor had vanished with her spoils without leaving any trace.—London Tit-Bits.

### CATARACT OF THE EYE.

How the One It Attacks May Watch the Obstruction Grow.

Cataract is said to be due to the gradual deposition of oxalate of lime in the substance of the crystalline lens, at first in small spots or streaks, sometimes in one part and sometimes in another. The deposit gradually increases until it penetrates the whole of the lens, causing blindness. The remedy, then, is to remove the lens, and after its removal the patient needs a substitute in the form of highly magnifying spectacles.

All that is necessary to enable a patient to see his own cataract for himself is a piece of card and a needle. A visiting card will do very well. Pierce a clean round hole near the middle of the card and hold the card up to the light close to the eye, looking preferably in the direction of a piece of blue sky. With the card near to the eye the patient will not see the small hole pierced by the needle, but he will see a comparatively large, faintly illuminated field with his cataract projected upon it. He is, in fact, observing the shadow cast by his cataract on the retina at the back of his eye. With a small puncture in the card the shadow so thrown is comparatively sharp. But with a normal eye an evenly illuminated field or clean disk will be seen. The patient may thus map down his own cataract and settle for himself whether it is extending and whether he will have an operation or not.

### The Traveler's Tree Myth.

Among the romantic stories of far-off lands that have long maintained their circulation and commanded more or less belief is that of the "traveler's tree," credited with possessing a reservoir of pure water fitted to save the lives of wanderers in the desert. G. F. Scott Elliot declares from his own experience that the tree grows only in the neighborhood of swamps or springs and that, although it has a considerable amount of water in a hollow at the base of its leaf, the water possesses a disagreeable vegetable taste and of course is inferior to other water to be found in the vicinity.—Youth's Companion.

### How German Beats English.

"We speakers of English," said a lecturer, "are handicapped by our language. We can never hope for such sonorous titles as the German's have." "A young German matron once said: 'Ach, how glad I am that my dear Fritz has been appointed hauptkassenverwaltungsassistent'—assistant cashier. 'Now,' she went on, 'in my title of hauptkassenverwaltungsassistentin I boast of five letters more than that proud oberhofsteneramtsinspectorin'—excise inspector's wife—can claim.'"

### Why the Market Wobbles.

The financial balance is so extremely delicate that the slightest movement affects it and throws it out of gear. I once heard of an important "deal" being spoiled because a prominent financier had his big toe cut by a chiropodist so badly that he was obliged to keep his room.—Maurice Mortimer in Grand Magazine.

### Apples as "Nightcaps."

The apple is such a common fruit that very few persons are familiar with its remarkable efficacious medicinal properties. Every one ought to know that the very best thing he can do is to eat apples just before retiring for the night.—Family Doctor.

### An Easy Mark.

"Sir, I am an old member on the bourse. I took shares in all your companies and am now ruined, so I thought perhaps you would employ me in your office."

### The Other Way.

"If I were younger," said the rich old man, "I believe I might win you for my wife."

### Yes,

"Yes," replied the cold beauty, dreamily considering his sixty years, "or, say, fifteen or twenty years older."—Philadelphia Press.

### REFLECTED GLORY.

It is Just as Much Fun and Less Trouble Than Real Glory.

It is a profound truth that reflected glory is far better worth having than real glory, as far as the actual fun of the thing is concerned. The man who after much struggling has won through to fame knows all the drawbacks to it and realizes that the game is hardly worth the candle. But the man whose only claim to glory lies in the fact that he is an acquaintance of the famous man has a splendid time, getting most of the kudos with none of the disadvantages. We see a great, good man, let us say Algernon Ashton, and we envy him. But we feel that his position must have its disadvantages. The strain of being universal letter provider to the papers of London must be enormous. Far better the lot of the man who merely knows Mr. Ashton and can call him Algy. Mr. Murphy, the orator, supports this view. "It is well," he says, "sometimes in speaking to treat great men's names familiarly. In bracketing yourself thus with the great men of the world reminds one of an eastern saying that there are only two creatures that can surmount the pyramids, the eagle and the snail." We know of scores of men who have acquired reputations through their friends. It is the simplest thing in the world. The wonder is that everybody does not do it, for it needs but little labor.—London Globe.

### THE ISLAND OF FIRE.

Java's Geological Eccentricity the Lake of Boiling Mud.

The greatest natural wonder in Java, if not in the entire world, is the justly celebrated Gheko Kamdha Gumko or "home of the hot devils," known to the world as the "island of fire." This geological eccentricity is really a lake of boiling mud, situated at about the center of the plains of Grobogana, and is called an island because of the great emerald sea of vegetation which surrounds it and gives it that appearance. The "island" is about two miles in circumference and is situated at a distance of almost exactly fifty miles from Solo. Near the center of this geological freak immense columns of soft hot mud may be seen continually rising and falling like great timbers thrust through the boiling substratum by giant hands and then quickly withdrawn.

Besides the phenomenon of the boiling mud columns, there are scores of gigantic bubbles of hot slime that fill up like huge balloons and keep up a series of constant explosions, the intensity of the detonations varying with the size of the bubble. In times past, so the Javanese authorities say, there was a tall, spire-like column of baked mud on the west edge of the lake, which constantly belched a pure stream of cold water, but this has long been obliterated, and everything is now a seething mass of bubbling mud and slime, a marvel to the visitors who come from long distances to see it.

### Foundation of Japan.

Every Feb. 11 is celebrated in Japan the great annual festival of Kigenetsu, the anniversary of the foundation of the empire by the first emperor, Jimmu-tenno, B. C. 600. The Japanese reckon their present era as from this date, and it was on Feb. 11, 1889, that Mutsuhito, the one hundred and twenty-first of the dynasty, promulgated the present constitution of the empire of which is clearly stated in its first article, "The empire of Japan shall be reigned over and governed by a line of emperors unbroken from ages eternal." The organization of a parliament took place in 1890, which in the Japanese reckoning would be 2550 from Jimmu's setting up his capital at Kashwara, in the province of Yamato, which is regarded by Japanese historians as the beginning of the empire.

### A Brave Man.

Nicolas, Chevalier d'Assas, a French captain in the Auvergne regiment, born at Vigan, in the Languedoc, while making a reconnaissance during the night of Oct. 15, 1790, at Klostercamp, in Westphalia, met a column of the enemy which was advancing in silence to surprise the French army. He was ordered to keep silent or else they would kill him. D'Assas at once cried out, "A moi Auvergne—the enemy is here!" He was killed on the spot.—Bouillet's Dictionary of History.

### Near Glory.

"Most any of us," remarked Uncle Gilderoy Skite, "kin reach fur enough to touch the hem of the mantle of fame. Abraham Lincoln used to split rails for a man that a cousin of mine only twice removed on the mother's side afterward stole a dog often."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### A Misused Wife.

A lady complained to the Willesden magistrates the other day that her husband "wiped his feet on her and walked over her." It is a case of incompatibility of temperament. He should have married a door mat.—London Globe.

### Lest He Forget.

"I am afraid, darling, you will very soon forget me."

"How can you think so? See, I have tied two knots in my pocket handkerchief."—Meggendorfer Blattler.

### Provided Already.

Beggar—Kind sir, give me 2 sous for my three children. Kind Sir—That isn't dear, certainly, but I don't think I'll take them. I have four already at home.—Nos Loisirs.

However exalted our position, we should not despise the powers of the humble.—Phaedrus.

### CHOICE MISCELLANY

#### The Way of Wyoming.

When campaign time comes round in such a state as Wyoming the candidate's task is something like that of a scout making a forced march through an uncharted country. The speech of tomorrow may be an all night ride and more from that of today. Sometimes he can catch a Pullman, more often he must trek 'cross country—in the saddle perhaps or catching a few hours' uneasy slumber as the stage jolts along the trail. In Wyoming every political gathering ends in a dance, and after the speechmaking the congressman to be must foot it into the small hours with the wives and daughters, for the women vote in Wyoming, and dancing counts. It takes an up and doing man, lively and hard as nails, successfully to run for congress in such a neighborhood, and the man who wins means something more to folks than just a name. They've seen him, fed him, brushed the alkali dust from his clothes, given him a bed, drunk with him, eaten with him, dined with him. And when he comes back from the far and mysterious east they are interested and glad. They want to talk with him and hear what he has been doing, and from the big towns to crossroads in the sagebrush they hang up bunting saying, "Welcome to our Frank," and greet him like a brother.—Arthur Ruhl Jr. Outing Magazine.

#### Rapid Transit Car Cleaning.

"How long does it take to clean the windows of one of our cars?" said a railroad man at the Reading terminal. "Well, just as long as it takes one man to clean one of the windows. That is not very long, is it? The fact is the pressure on the rolling stock of all railroads is so great now that when a train comes in enough men are put to work cleaning it to enable it to take its place in an outgoing train in a few minutes. As you can see for yourself, there is a man on the ladder at every window of this car, and every man is working as rapidly as he can to clean his particular window. When he's done they are all done and the windows are cleaned. The same crew then tackles another car, going over it in the same way. A few minutes does the job."—Philadelphia Record.

#### Scholarship For Sale.

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