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The Veteran's Parade.

BY L. P. HICKS.

Git me my old knapsack, Mary, an' my uniform of gray...

Never mind them blood stains, Mary; never mind that ragged hole...

These old clothes don't fit me, Mary, as they did when I was young...

Pull my sword belt tighter, Mary; fix that strap beneath my chiu...

Now I'm ready, Mary, kiss me; kiss your old sweetheart good-by...

Next Exposition.

The holding of a southern exposition to commemorate the completion of the Panama canal...

A Presbyterian School.

We are in receipt of a circular address from a commission composed of L. C. Kirkes, of Amarillo...

A new college or training school in the Panhandle to be organized, endowed and maintained under the control of the National Presbyterian church...

The object of this address is to outline our plans and to suggest that the school will be located in that city of the Panhandle which offers the most substantial inducements...

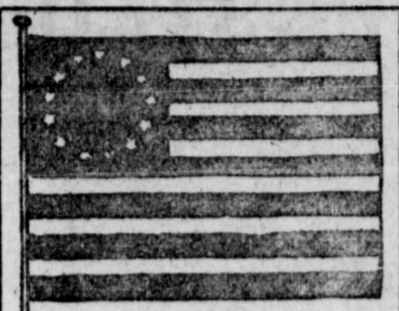
Biggest Contract.

From March 31, 1906, until March 31, 1907, the big department store in Chicago known as The Fair, paid the Chicago Daily News for advertising \$1,767,774.

The Assessors have completed their work in the Osage Nation and report a total taxable valuation therein of \$995,810...

Make you any kind of Shovel or Plow Shear you want. E. A. TAYLOR.

GROWTH OF THE FLAG.



1777



1907

The flag of 1777, adopted by congress June 4, 1777, and first unfurled by Capt. Paul Jones on the Ranger...

The flag of 1907 illustrates the expansion of the nation, its 46 stars representing the 46 states of the union, including Oklahoma.

Late-Day Democracy.

State Press in Dallas News says of T. P. Gore, the present nominee in Oklahoma by the democrats for U. S. Senator:

"It has been a long time since the Ocala platform was fulminated, and few people recall just what it contained. But Editor Mallett of the Cleburne Watchman, a populist of undoubted sincerity, says that Mr. Bryan and other democrats have swallowed it."

Family Affair.

Charles Weisser, of St. Joseph, Mo., and his wife, from whom he was divorced fifteen years ago, were remarried at Atchison, Kas.

Call on W. E. Ayers for brick ice cream, 5 cts. per brick or \$1.50 per gallon, at your door. Phone No. 186.

Silverton.

Enterprise T. J. Braidfoot had his hotel robbed last week.

Miss Lucy Stevenson left Monday to attend the Normal school at Clarendon.

M. P. Stone was in town Saturday. He has about recovered from his Davis Mountain fever.

Eph Stevenson carried out a new binder Tuesday. He has over 100 acres in grain to harvest.

Dock Howard, of Paloduro, was here awhile Saturday, and attended the Masonic lodge Saturday night.

Vince Terry, of the J A ranch, was in town Tuesday. He holds the record as the greatest lobo wolf slayer in this section.

Scuddy Yowell, who was engaged in the difficulty with old man Jenkins near Turkey some time back, was in town Monday and made bond to answer the charge of assault with intent to murder.

McLean.

R. L. Kennedy has sold his mercantile business in Alanreed to Steve Greenwood, who will conduct it in the future.

The McLean branch of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America will hold a picnic at this place Saturday, July 13.

W. A. Dougherty was an appreciated caller at this office Monday and left samples of his garden in the way of new onions and radishes. The onions were as large as a full grown apple...

STATE NEWS.

The McWhorter family over at Conway has the smallpox.

The revival meeting which has been in progress at the Baptist church at Mart for the past two weeks or more, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. M. P. Morrow, and Mr. Brown, the singer, closed.

The jury in the case of Monk Gibson charged with complicity in the murder of Mrs. A. J. Condit and her four children in October, 1905, on trial the past week at Cuero has returned a verdict of guilty, assessing the punishment at death.

Three suicides in Houston Thursday. Alfred Baker, aged 22, was found dead with an empty morphine bottle by his side. John Van Hohen, aged 18, took morphine in his room because of unrequited love.

Mrs. Russel Sage has contributed the sum of \$25,000 toward the fund for the preservation of the Abraham Lincoln farm and log cabin at Hodgenville, Ky.

SOME FAMOUS FOURTHS.

1776—Declaration of Independence signed at Philadelphia.

1778—Clark took Kaskaskia.

1778—The Wyoming massacre.

1780—British evacuated Williamsburg.

1788—Great celebration in Philadelphia apropos of the ratification of the constitution.

1802—J. Q. Adams delivered his first address to the United States senate.

1804—Pioneer weekly mail stage made its trip from Philadelphia to Pittsburg.

1807—Garibaldi, the Italian patriot, was born.

1817—Work began on the Erie canal.

1826—Death of John Adams.

1826—Death of Thomas Jefferson.

1828—First spike driven for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

1831—Death of James Monroe.

1833—Carols Duran, the great French painter, was born.

1845—United States annexed Texas.

1848—Peace proclaimed between the United States and Mexico.

1848—Cornerstone of the Washington monument laid in Washington.

1851—Cornerstone for the capitol extension was laid.

1856—Kansas Free State legislature convened.

1856—Washington equestrian statue in Union Square dedicated.

1857—Pierre Loti, the French writer, was born.

1863—Union victory at Helena, Ark.

1863—Vicksburg surrendered to General Grant.

1868—Burlingame treaty between the United States and China was signed.

1868—Amnesty proclamation was issued at Washington.

1874—Opening of the Eads bridge in St. Louis.

1884—Francis Scott Key Monument dedicated in San Francisco.

1894—Hawaii declared a republic.

THE FLAG.



What is the meaning it has for you, With its rippling ribbons of red and white

And its clustering stars on their field of blue

What does it mean as it breaks in view, Flashing its colors upon your sight?

Do you see it there, where it floats above, As the emblem of freedom from prince and king?

Do you gaze on its folds with the reverent love That a brave man has for a sacred thing?

Or is it to you but the outward sign Of a people's pride and a nation's might?

Of power wherever its stars may shine And its shimmering stripes flow red and white?

What is the meaning it has for you, As its bright folds ripple above your head?

With its clustering stars on their field of blue And its glorious ribbons of white and red?

Is it merely a challenge to foreign slaves, A thing to be followed when armies fight, And never wherever it proudly waves

To cease to float splendidly, wrong or right?

I see in its beautiful stripes of red, As it proudly waves and serenely floats, The blood that its grave defenders have shed.

And its stars are calling in clarion notes Calling to me as they are to you, To keep the faith and to seek the height,

And to serve the flag with a love as true And a heart as clean as its stripes are white.

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And its clustering stars on their field of blue

What does it mean as it breaks in view, Flashing its colors upon your sight?

FASHIONS FOR MEN.



The Fourth of July Coat. For men and boys—only thing for the national holiday.

For a live paper try the CHRONICLE

YOU CAN SAVE MONEY By Buying Your Groceries At The Cash Store.

We Handle the Best Goods for the Lowest Price. Try a sack of our White Swan Flour. Every sack is Guaranteed.

Our Motto: Treat you Right, Give Full Weight and Prompt Delivery.

When you are in need of Groceries Phone No. 51

Barnett, Smith & Thornton, CLARENDON, TEXAS.

Fresh Bread The Best Bread AT THE Clarendon Bakery

CAKES, CANDIES and FRESH FRUIT Something "Good to Eat"

Drop in and inspect our stock.

Yours for good living.

Tucker & Tax

W. H. COOKE, Pres. and Cashier. A. M. BEVILLE, Vice-Pres.

THE CITIZENS' BANK, Clarendon, Texas

Opened for business Nov. 1, 1899. Transacts a General Banking Business.

The accounts of Merchants, Ranchmen Farmers, Railroad men and others solicited. Money to loan on acceptable securities.

A Scheme With the Two-Cent Fare Rate.

A traveler from St. Louis to Oklahoma City paid the three-cent through passenger rate because he could save but 14c by paying the 2c rate to the State line.

Because beauty is only skin deep it is not necessary to believe that every pretty woman is shallow.

Call or phone to the City Meat Market for fresh vegetables and they will deliver them to you.

Wanted

Everybody to know that we have a well assorted stock of building material on hand, and would appreciate a share of your patronage.

For The Glorious Fourth!



A pair of our Oxford ties will be found to be just the thing for style, comfort and durability. They will look well, wear well and give more genuine satisfaction than any shoes you can get for double the price.

John H. Rathjen

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.

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 \$22.50 Suits for = = = 14.50  
 \$20 Suits for = = = 13.00

Stetson Hats at prices unheard of before.

The Edwin Clapp Shoe, any style or last, at Bargain prices.

Boys Suits from = 98c up to \$2.50  
 Worth \$2 to \$6.50.  
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 Shoes from = = = 59c up  
 Our Notion Counters are full of Bargains from = = = 1c up  
 Ladies' Tailored Skirts at cost.  
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Our Summer Dress Goods must go. Come in and get our prices.

Nice, Clean Line of Groceries always on hand at  
**ROCK-BOTTOM PRICES**  
**MICKLE-BURCHER HARDWARE CO.**

#### Loyal Workers For Development.

Up at Plainview this week there gathered a "bunch" of newspaper folks, the Northwest Texas Press Association, to whom is due very much of the wonderful development of this great portion of a great state. No section could boast a more loyal press than Northwest Texas. Through good and ill, prosperity and adversity, enthusiasm and other thing, the Northwest Texas press has stood up for its section, persistently advertising its good points, encouraging its people through the occasional hard times, bearing its share and more of the public burdens. From an intimate acquaintance of almost twenty years, the writer has come to know and to love these newspaper men and women. We have been "on the inside," have known something of the struggle through hard years to keep the wheels turning, have watched the patient and hopeful toiling, and from our heart's core we rejoice in the present standing of the press of Northwest Texas. Would that we could have been in Plainview to have again clasped the hands so dear to us.—Bridgeport Index.

#### Bankers Oppose Express Money Orders.

The American Bankers' Association has filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission which alleges that the express companies, through their power of facilities as common carriers, are usurping the prerogatives of the banking associations and at the same time employing the capital of the banks in the conduct of their business.

It is alleged that the exchange business of the express companies, and the relations which they have with the railroads, enable them seriously to discriminate against regular commercial operations of banking institutions.

The Fourth of July is to be observed also in Italy as a national holiday in celebration of the centenary of the birth of Gen Garibaldi.

#### Some Fourth Philosophy.

The boy who was burned last year has a short memory.

It is estimated that there are 80,000,000 horses in the world. This is a good day to leave the skittish ones in the barn.

The poet who wrote, "If you're waking call me early," lived in a country where they didn't celebrate the Glorious.

If there is one particular thing that a boy doesn't want to be on the Fourth of July it is a girl.

Wouldn't an old-fashioned celebration leave a good taste in the mouth? Throw the ear trumpet away; you will not need it to-morrow.

We have forgiven the British long ago for kicking them.

We should pause for a moment in our frenzied celebrations and solemnly reflect on the great truth that Christmas is coming.

Only those over nine are sorry that Fourth of July comes but once a year. In fact, for them it comes all week, but they are kicking because it doesn't last until the night before Christmas. The small boy knows that the Fourth of July was made for him and that he was made for the Fourth of July and he is satisfied that he and this Fourth are mates. He hasn't forgotten how we licked the British, although the recollection of that great scrap may be hazy with some of the people who have money enough to pay a week's board in London.

#### FOURTH OF JULY DON'TS.

Don't allow the children to bend over fireworks which will not "go off." They sometimes do it unexpectedly with unfortunate results to the little meddler.

Don't neglect to send for a physician at once in the case of a serious burn, to prevent a possible scar or worse still, blood poisoning, from ignorant or improper treatment of the wound.

Don't forget to have some remedies for burns at hand. When the skin is not broken by a burn scrape a raw potato, place on a piece of soft linen and use as a poultice. Bicarbonate of soda—the ordinary baking soda—is excellent for burns whether the skin is broken or not. If broken apply the dry soda, if unbroken dampen the soda with water to make a paste and apply to the spot. The pain will be instantly relieved.

Newspapers afford excellent protection against moths, which have a decided aversion to printers' ink. Wrap each garment in newspaper before storing.

Clearance sale now on all spring and summer Millinery at Mrs. Beville's.

#### Wichita Falls and Tax Values.

In speaking of the increase in tax assessments, the Times says the greatest increase probably that has been made is in the valuation of the Denver railroad's property and its branch lines within the city. Heretofore, the Denver and subsidiary lines has been assessed at about \$30,000. This year they have been raised to about \$110,000. One business house in Wichita Falls received notice that their assessment had been increased \$25,000. In reply to the notice the firm wrote that the increase was perfectly satisfactory to them.

#### How It Worked Out.

The other day Chicago employed its 300,000 school children to clean the streets, and we presume after they got through about 200,000 mothers were busy cleaning school children.—Washington Post.

#### Making Colored Fire.

To produce colored fire, metal filings are added to the gunpowder composition; steel filings for brilliant fire or cast iron filings for Chinese fire. Copper filings give a greenish tint to flame; zinc filings give a fine blue color, powdered magnesium a dazzling white light; amber, colophony or common salt affords a yellow fire. Lamp-black produces a very red color, with gunpowder, and a pink with nitre in excess, and it is used for making golden showers. Verdigris imparts a pale green; sal ammoniac, a palm tree green; barium salts, a grass green, potassium picrate, a whistling sound; camphor, a very white flame and aromatic fumes.

December wheat went to \$1.03 1/2 Thursday in Chicago.

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

If you want Cold-tire work go to E. A. Taylor's shop.

All of Bearden's best insurance companies have agreed to a reduction in rates commensurate with water facilities and fire protection. Consult him when you want insurance.

The Best Horseshoes in town at E. A. Taylor's.

The swellest shoes ever before displayed, at The Globe.

Ladies and girls will want lots of Ribbons and things for the 3rd and 4th. I have them. MRS. BEVILLE.

#### FREEDOM.

By Edwin Markham.

Here in the forest now,  
 As on that old July  
 When first our fathers took the vow,  
 The blurbid, stained with earth and sky,  
 Shouts from a blowing bough—  
 In green aerial freedom, wild and high—  
 And now, as then, the bobolink,  
 Out on the uncertain brink  
 Of the swaying maple, swings,  
 While over the wood his proclamation  
 rings.  
 A daring boast that would unkingdom  
 kings!

Even so the wild birds sang on bough  
 and wall  
 That day the Bell of Independence Hall  
 Thundered upon the world the Word of  
 Man.

The word God uttered when the world  
 began—

That day when Liberty began to be,  
 And mighty hopes were out on land and  
 sea.

But Freedom calls here conscripts now as  
 then:

It is an endless battle to be free.  
 As the old dangers lessen from the skies  
 New dangers arise:  
 Down the long centuries eternally,  
 Again, again, will rise Thermopylae—  
 Again, again, a new Leonidas  
 Must hold for God the imperiled Pass.  
 As long as the ages run  
 New Lexington will rise on Lexington;  
 And many a valorous warrior fall  
 Upon the imperiled wall.

Man is the conscript of an endless quest.  
 A long divine adventure without rest—  
 A holy war, a battle yet unwon  
 When he shall climb beyond the burnt-  
 out sun.  
 Each hard-earned freedom withers to a  
 band;  
 Freedom forever is beyond—beyond!  
 —N. Y. Independent.

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

All kinds of soft drinks at Dubbs  
 & Sons.

Fresh vegetables being constantly  
 received at the City Meat Mar-  
 ket.

Just a fair division of your Fire,  
 Tornado and Hail insurance, will  
 be appreciated. C. C. BEARDEN.

#### LAND BARGAINS.

I want to sell 356 acres of unimproved land 6 miles from this city. Prices right and terms reasonable. Also a 70-acre tract adjoining the city. I am offering a part of my "Sunnyside" addition at lowest prices and terms to suit. I am reserving six blocks in this addition for the NEW COLLEGE THAT CLARENDON WANTS AND WILL GET. Better see these lots and select what you want. DO IT NOW.  
 C. C. BEARDEN.

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

## THE GLOBE

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Up-to-date Soda Fountain. The latest and best on  
**All Kinds of Soft Drinks**  
 The "ONLY" Ice Cream—"Steffens."  
**The Finest Parlor in Town**

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What you pay for in The Stetson Shoe is the highest grade of materials obtainable and the most careful and skillful workmanship. What you get in addition that was not included in the price is comfort and artistic style.

These points, summed up, bring shoe satisfaction and show The Better Shoe to be



Full lines—all styles—all lasts.  
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We secure perfect treatment and privacy for ladies

Gentlemen, we can please you in

**Cigars, Confections**

and everything in



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## E. DUBBS & SONS.

### G. C. HARTMAN

All kinds of Tinwork, Flues, and Flue Repairing. Your patronage is solicited.

Shop on north side of track near residence.

World's Famous Alligrette Chocolates and Bon Bons at Clarendon Bakery.

E. Dubbs & Sons offer you, on the 3rd and 4th at their different stands, the best of everything in ice cream, confections, notions and cigars. Everything up-to-date and first-class.

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

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

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

The Clarendon Chronicle.

Published Twice-a-Week by W. F. BLAKE, Editor and Proprietor.

Entered February 10, 1903, at Clarendon, Tex., as second class matter, under Act of Congress March 3, 1879.

CLARENDON, TEX., JULY 3 1907.

The car service reports show that over a million cars of Texas freight were handled last year.

No amount of fixing will reclaim old butter, or butter from poor cream. Good butter can be made only from cream which is in good condition.

A new steamship line is to be opened July 15 between Baltimore and New Orleans and Galveston by the Southern Pacific Steamship company.

One measure was pending in the last legislature that should have been adopted. It proposed an amendment to the constitution curtailing the number of representatives in the legislature, and providing that there should be four members selected from each congressional district.

The Denver has just received twelve new coaches, built especially for the road by the Pullmans, a four new baggage cars. This new equipment is of the highest grade.

The Hall County Herald says the tax board will raise the value of non-resident property to near its real value. This is right. If they own vacant lots that residents of the town add value to year after year by improving surrounding property, Mr. Non-resident should be taxed the limit.

There are 34,579 women who are teachers of music and 10,000 who are artists and teachers of art. Feminine school teachers and professors of learning number one quarter of a million.

Watch what you buy. A paper in another state says, "One of the experiment stations bought a ton of suspected bran and found that it contained 1,200 pounds of bran; 300 pounds of plaster, 300 pounds of crushed oat hulls and 200 pounds of fine sawdust. One ton of good bran will keep a cow 250 days while a ton of this adulterated bran will keep her only 150 days."

We will have a lot of strangers with us today and tomorrow. Make them feel your welcome, and don't fail to tell them what an excellent town we have; no saloons, fine schools, best of water at a shallow depth, four passenger trains a day, electric lights, water works, steam laundry, ice plant, cement stone plants, big-hearted citizenship, stocks of merchandise that would do credit to a 10,000-city and surrounded by the best of farming lands and a climate unsurpassed—just the place to make a happy home.

On the Trail of the American Missionary.

Saturdays we print on last page a series of very interesting, illustrated articles by Wm. T. Ellis, the distinguished American journalist, who is traveling abroad for the purpose of investigating the American foreign missionary, from a disinterested, secular and non-sectarian standpoint, dealing with conditions in all heathen lands. This will be high quality magazine matter, and you should not miss it. We will give about three columns each Saturday.

"My wife," complained Farmer Ni Wot, "is always kickin' about somethin'. When the sun don't shine, she gets the blues. An' by Heck! when the sun does shine she complains because it fades the carpet!"

The Farmer Again.

Success or failure of every business enterprise depends wholly upon the farmer. Every business of whatever character must succeed or languish in proportion to his success or failure, and should complete disaster overtake all the farmers, every business of every character would be bankrupted and all the people would soon perish.

Should all the farmers lock up that which they have produced and conclude to take a Rip Van Winkle sleep for sixty or ninety days, all the banks, stores and factories would be closed when they opened their eyes and looked upon the world again. Railroad cars would lie dead on the tracks and vessels of every character would remain at the moorings unmanned. Manufactured articles of all kinds, money and commercial securities would be without value, and every human being, including captains of finance, and all other grafters would realize as they never had before, that the man with the hoe is the real power at the end of the Archimedean lever.

Possessing more power than all other individuals on earth, alone of in combination, the farmer has used it least for their own purposes and advantage. Laws have been enacted with the view of protecting and promoting every other interest at their expense, and regardless of their rights.

The farmer has produced the wealth that has made it possible for others to live in ease and luxury, while he continued to toil, and those dependent upon him possessed only the necessities and occasionally a few of the comforts of life.

The farmer of yesterday, by reason of isolation and lack of organization, was content to toil and produce, to take what came his way as his due and not complain. The farmer of today toils fewer hours with his hands and is demanding a greater reward for what he produces. The farmer of tomorrow will use his muscle and brain in combination and get what is due him or know the reason why. The future farmer's home will not suffer by comparison, inside or out, with that of the merchant, banker or manufacturer. The farm home of tomorrow will possess all the comforts and of the luxuries, and life on the farm will be more attractive than life in the big cities. The farmer's wife will have every convenience and helpful invention to aid in the household work. Tomorrow the lot of the farmer's wife will be the envy of her less fortunate city sisters.

These are not pipe-dreams, but are the sure realities of changing conditions.—Farm and Ranch.

Refuses to Speak to Ex-Confederates Where Cooke is First Invited.

San Marcos, June 29.—Senator Bailey, having learned that W. A. Cooke of San Antonio has been invited and accepted an invitation to speak at a Confederate reunion at Driftwood in July, writes Judge Kone to cancel his engagement to speak on the same occasion, maintaining that he could not with proper self-respect deliver a speech on the same occasion with Cooke.

Francis Murphy, the noted apostle of temperance, died peacefully Sunday at the residence of his daughter in San Francisco where for three weeks he had been ill. The immediate cause of his death was diabetes.

Holdenville I. T. will celebrate the one hundred and thirtieth anniversary of the Nation by giving a big barbecue. Seven hundred dollars has been contributed to defray the expenses, and twelve beves will be laid upon the barbecue pit the night before.

Doc Posey, a middle aged white man, the self confessed assaulter of his 9-year-old step daughter, was taken from the Dalton, Ga., Jail Monday morning and hanged to the railroad viaduct.

In setting milk into water, deep vessels are better than shallow, and the water should stand above the level of the milk in the pan.

STATE NEWS.

Hot winds around Cleburne are damaging corn badly.

An interurban line between Denton and Fort Worth is said to be assured.

This season's first bale of cotton for Texas sold in New York at 40c per pound.

Uvalde, Texas has shipped 100 cars of honey this year and will have 100 cars more to ship.

C. B. Bond of Lovelady, was walking along the railroad track, and was killed by a train.

It is dry and hot at San Angelo. Many sections of grass land were burned over south of there.

They are having some extreme weather down on the T & P. At Colorado Saturday the temperature ran to 113 1/2.

Saturday in the local option election held in Burnet county the pros won by 259 votes. Two years ago the county went pro by 151 votes.

While bathing in a tank seven miles from Midlothian C. R. Goats was taken with cramps and drowned. He leaves a widow and five children.

Near Iowa Park, Tex., an attempt was made to wreck a Fort Worth and Denver train Sunday. This makes the fifth attempt near the same place.

Grading on the Wichita Falls and Southern is progressing rapidly, and it is now thought that its trains will be running into Archer City by October 1st.

J. N. Lee of Elizabethtown community, Denton county reports the loss of about twenty acres of cotton in two nights. The worms swept the field as clean as a floor, leaving absolutely nothing.

Five miles from Garland, lightning hit the house of King Ellis, killing his son, Willie, fifteen years old, and severely shocking Mrs. H. T. Larkin and her daughter, Miss Nora. The house was badly damaged.

A thrashing machine, valued at \$1,000, was burned near Godley Thursday night. It belonged to W. A. Theford. Sheriff Rogers went to the place with hounds, but could not strike a trail. There was no insurance on the property.

The residence of J. F. Thomson of Knox City burned Saturday morning. The building and almost its entire contents were a loss. The building was valued at \$1,800, the furniture at \$1,000. Insurance \$1,200.

While talking over the telephone Saturday morning Will Ellison, a young farmer living near Reinhardt, Dallas county, met death. A thunderstorm was raging and lightning struck the wire, killing Ellison instantly. He was just talking of the danger from lightning with a neighbor when the bolt struck him.

W. E. Halsell, an old-time Texas cattleman, now living at Vinita, I. T., has sold his Spring Lake ranch property in Crosby and Lamb counties. The price as given out is \$1,200,000, a fraction short of \$11 an acre. George K. Wright of Kansas City is the buyer. The intention is to cut it up in small tracts and sell to farmers.

The jury in the case of Dr. W. B. Jackson, at Cleburne, charged with killing Miss May Carden, returned a verdict of guilty and assessed his punishment at seven years' imprisonment. The death of the girl was alleged to be the result of a criminal operation, while the physician said it was because of a fall sustained by her.

Sunday morning, while Arthur Hodges, a Waters-Pierce Oil company employee, and Mrs. Gussie Robinson, a laundry employee, were sitting on a railroad in Ft. Worth they were approached by two men, who told them to throw up their hands. Before they could comply one of the men fired three times. One bullet passed through Mr. Hodges' head, death being instantaneous. Another went through the right arm of Mrs. Robinson, inflicting a painful wound.

KERBOW & ASHER The Leading Furniture Dealers

Will furnish your home complete with up-to-date Furniture and will grant you the most liberal terms of any furniture house in the city. Barbwire, Hogwire, Nails, Staples, Iron and Felt Roofing; in fact everything in Hardware and Queensware. Also, CHARTER OAK STOVES.

FOR CASH WE BEAT THEM ALL Clarendon, Texas

The entire police force and posses started after the miscreants, who fled. A gold watch and about 25 cents in cash was taken from the body of Hodges.

J. O. Asher was killed by lightning at his home near Waukomis, Ok., Thursday. He was plowing in the field at the time and his horses were uninjured. In the same storm the barn of Frank Atherton was struck by lightning and burned to the ground with all harness, implements, feed, 300 bushels of wheat and a fine young driving mare.

Revenue officers in Stokes county, N. C. last week captured thirty-five moonshiners and destroyed thirteen illicit stills. The officers state that between 300 and 400 shots were exchanged with the mountaineers in the darkness. It is thought that several of the blockaders were wounded. Among those taken was James Smith, said to be the ringleader of the illicit distillers in that section.

The oldest banker in the world is a woman, aged 105, Deborah Powers, senior partner in the bank of D. Powers & Sons, Lansingberg, England.

The only man who has nothing to regret is the man who never tried to accomplish something worth while.

A Question of Position. A rather poor family unexpectedly came into possession of a fortune. They purchased a large farm with hens, cows and pigs. One day the little daughter of the family was showing a visitor about the place. "Do your hens lay many eggs?" he inquired interestingly. "Oh, they can," was the haughty reply, "but in our new position they don't have to."—London Tatler.

Hope For Him. "But," said the lawyer, "your case seems hopeless. I don't see what I can do for you. You admit that you beat your wife." "Yes," replied the defendant, "but my wife's testimony will discount that. She'd never admit that she was beaten."—Catholic Standard and Times.



Mistakes. The Layman—Even you ministers are not above profiting by other people's mistakes. The Clergyman—Oh, my dear sir! The Layman—Well, you accept a fee for marrying people, don't you?—Philadelphia Press.



White & Clarke The Tailors



We can make you a pair of Trousers in 24 hours. Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing.

Man! Poor Man! He hoppelth out of bed in the morning, and his feet are pierced by the tack of disappointment; he sitteth down to rest at noonday and he is stabbed in his neither anatomy by the pin of disaster. He walks through the streets of the city and slippeth on the banana peel of misfortune and unjoins his neck. He smoketh the cigar of contentment and behold it exploded with a loud noise for it was loaded. He slideth down the banisters of life and findeth in them the splinters of torture. Behold he is impaled upon the hook of despair and furnishes bait for the levathan of death in the fathomless of time. Sorrow and trials follow him all the days of his life. In his fancy he is afflicted with worries and colic, and in his old days he is tortured by rheumatism and in-growing toenails. He marrieth a cross-eyed woman because her father was rich and findeth that she has not sense enough to fry meat. His father-in-law then monkeyeth with options and goeth broke. What is man but a tumor on the neck of existence? He playeth the races and betteth his all on the brown mare because he has received a tip; the sorrel gilding with a bald face winneth by a neck. Behold, he runneth for office and the dead beat pulleth his leg ever and anon and then voteth against him. He exalteth himself among his people and swelleth with pride, but when the votes are counted he findeth that his name is pants. He boaste'n of his strength in Israel, but is beaten by a slick man from Tallow Neck. He goeth forth to breathe the fresh air and meditate upon the vanity of all earthly things and is accosted by a bank cashier with a sight draft of \$327.30. A political enemy lieth in wait for him at the market and walketh around him crowing like a cock. What is man but a pimpon the face of politics? He trusteth to a man who claimed to be filled with right-

eousness, and standeth up high in the synagogue and gets done up, for behold, his pious friend is full of guile and runneth over with deception. From the cradle to the grave man giveth his cheeks to the man who smiteth him. Verily man is but a wart on the nose of nature, a bunion on the toe of time, a freckle on the face of the universe.—Ex.

This Farmer Advertises. An Illinois farmer has adopted the plan of advertising in his home paper which has saved him much valuable time and brought handsome returns for the small sum invested.

He says: "When I am ready to sell my stuff I insert an advertisement in the local paper telling what I have to sell, and if live stock, how many head of each, and when they will be ready to ship, and the result has been that the buyers are right after me, either personally or by mail, and naturally I always get the highest market price. If I want to buy a cow, a steer, a horse or a dozen of each, I insert a little advertisement at a small cost, and instead of traveling over the country inquiring of my neighbors, who has this or that for sale, the home paper does it for me at a less expense, and those who have what I want manage to let me know in some way."

Here are the benefits of advertising set forth in a manner that should be convincing. The farmer can secure results from the use of the advertising columns of the newspaper just as well as can the merchant, and all live merchants realize the benefits that are derived from judicious advertising. Are you a live one?—Wichita Times.

When a man is caught turning a dirty trick he is very apt to make loud complaints about "yellow journalism."

The self-made man usually worships his creator.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Business locals five cents per line for first insertion and 3 cents for subsequent insertions. All locals run and are charged for until ordered out. Transient notices and job work are cash, other bills on first of month.

Business Locals.

New goods at Dubbs'. Garden seed at Stocking's store. Nice line of boys oxfords at Rathjen's. Calicoes at 5 cents a yard at Mickle-Burgher's.

If you want a watering trough or gate call on E. A. Taylor.

Stocking has sold Hammar paint for ten years. None better sold.

A full line of optical goods at Stocking's store.

Ears that listen to gossip are as guilty as the tongue that tells it.

I. J. Brokaw, the Rowe fruit tree man, was here Saturday on business.

Uncle Thos. Kendall, father of Chas. Kendall, died Saturday and was buried next day.

Jas. E. Moore and wife, of Trinidad, Col., will be here on a visit and take in the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Camp, of Clarendon were in Wellington last week looking after their lot interests there.

John Hunt shipped out with Rev. Hardy's car last week and will make Plainview his home for the present.

Misses Susie Patterson and Dot McCracken spent Saturday and Sunday with the former's parents at the farm.

R. B. Hooks, of LaLande, N. M., now working in Amarillo, came down Saturday night to visit his wife and babies.

Mrs. J. D. Stocking and four children who have been on a lengthy visit with relatives at Henrietta returned Saturday night.

Mrs. Myra Dickson and children, relatives of F. A. White, who were here on a visit, have returned to their home at Bregham. Mr. White went as far as Dallas with them.

A heavy rain fell again Monday night. This will insure moderate weather for the Fourth and free us from the heavy dust usual at such a time. It will prove beneficial to crops also.

Guyton Skinner, now of Brownwood, formerly of Clarendon, came in Sunday to visit his sister, Mrs. Crockett Taylor, and to take in the Fourth. He is an attache of the Daily Bulletin at Brownwood.

Miss Julia Cooke, of Clarendon, and Miss Agness Morgan, of Chillicothe, visited in Channing last week. Miss Myra Messner at that place gave an entertainment in their honor Thursday evening.

We have heard considerable complaint against small boys who carelessly shoot about promiscuously with target rifles. Such carelessness may cause some one to lose an eye or otherwise be wounded, or perhaps be killed.

J. W. Parsons is expecting his father and brother from Weatherford to be here during the Fourth. His father is 83 years old, but sprightly for one of his age. He is one of the original settlers of Parker county.

Our city marshal should see that the ordinance against the carelessness in leaving teams unhitched be enforced. The frequent runaways endanger both life and property. Teams that are known to have a propensity for running away are left by their drivers hitched to the vehicles to run at their wills.

W. L. Hancock and wife, of Waxahachie, are on an outing for the health and will spend some few days in Clarendon taking in the Confederate reunion the 3rd and 4th. Mr. Hancock moved from Wilson county, Tenn., in 1852. He is a black land farmer and has lived on and cultivated the same place since then. He has 700 acres principally in cotton. He is a Methodist and a democrat of the old school.

Buy your Fourth of July shoes at Rathjen's.

A baby of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mace's, near Lelia, died Friday last.

F. A. Simpson has sold blocks 47 and 48 to C. C. Bearden for \$1,300.

Miss Bess Ferrel, of Vernon, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Richmond Bowlin.

Show your patriotism by subscribing for your twice-a-week home paper.

Charles Lewis came in from Washington, D. C., yesterday for a few weeks visit.

Misses Clara and Flora Arnold, of Memphis, are visiting Miss Beula Docton this week.

L. W. Bridges, from Wewaka, Creek Nation, I. T., is here prospecting for a location.

W. P. Powell's illness has become quite serious and there is doubt as to his recovery.

W. A. Patman, father of Sheriff Patman, is here from Sulphur Springs, Texas, on a visit.

R. W. Ferrell who has been visiting Mrs. R. Bowlin left yesterday for his home at Vernon.

Other matter has crowded out our write up of Plainview and trip to the press meeting this issue.

Mrs. J. Barnett and daughter, Mrs. Trawick, the latter of Altus, Ok., visited at Claude this week.

H. E. Clark, a tailor from Indianapolis, Ind., came in yesterday to locate here and has formed a partnership with F. A. White.

Mrs. E. M. Highfill, of Amarillo, who is a witness in the Cornelius murder case, is visiting her brother, Geo. A. Murrell, while in Clarendon.

Mrs. Mark L. Vinson enjoyed a visit Tuesday from an old school mate, Mrs. Hugh Elrod, and little daughter, Paul Vane, of South Carolina.

J. E. Valentine, wife and little daughter, Maxine, from Tarrant county, are here visiting the families of Rev. Bearden and J. Marion Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Archer and little daughter, arrived Monday from Redlands, Cal., on a visit to Mrs. Archer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Kimberlin. Mrs. Archer is also a sister of Mrs. A. M. Beville.

Otus Reeves, the real estate man, came in Sunday from Plainview, and his family from Silverton. They will visit for a few days and all return to Plainview to make their home. Mr. Reeves is just finishing a nice residence there.

Since Saturday's paper renewals have been coming in briskly, Sheriff Patman was first to renew after our notice of an advance to take place, coming around within an hour after the paper was mailed and had his figures set a year ahead. All our readers should do likewise that want to save 50 cts. a year on their subscription.

Last Sunday while Mr. Payne and several neighbor children were driving on Mulberry flat, one of the horses, in kicking at flies, got his foot over the hack tongue, resulting in a runaway and turning the hack over. All were more or less hurt, but a little 6-year-old daughter of Dr. J. C. Bagwell was seriously injured, being dragged under the vehicle quite a distance.

One of the cheapest and most effective poisons for rats and mice is barium carbonate, or barytes. This mineral has the advantage of being without taste or smell, and in small quantities used in poisoning rats is harmless to larger animals. Its action on rodents is slow but reasonably sure, and has the further advantage that animals before dying, if exit is possible, usually leave the premises in search of water. The poison may be fed in the form of dough of one-fifth barytes and four-fifths meal, but a more convenient bait is to mix it with ordinary oatmeal and water, using one-eighth barytes. It can also be spread upon bread and butter.

Mrs. W. H. Cooke and daughter, Mrs. McCormick, returned yesterday from a visit at Denton, Dallas and other points.

Dan Bell, foreman of the Denver carpenter department at Childress, came up and spent Sunday with his family as usual.

Rev. Neely returned Sunday from the Fifth Sunday meeting of the Baptist Association held down at Hulver. He says the attendance was small.

Mrs. R. Bowlin at Lelia, entertained a number of her Clarendon friends in a porch party last Thursday evening. Next day they made up a fishing party.

Robt. Preston, of Elida N. M., came in Thursday night presumably on a visit, as he formerly lived here, but Sunday he and Miss Easie Taylor were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eph Taylor. They left the same evening for Elida, where Mr. Preston has built a home. We wish them marital bliss.

District Court.

Court convened Monday afternoon with District Judge J. N. Browning, of Amarillo on the bench and District Attorney A. L. Bishop in attendance. The most important Donley county case to be called is the Owens-Turbyfill murder case. Another murder case is one transferred here from Amarillo, that of H. T. Cornelius for the killing of George Highfill, in Amarillo in 1905. This case was tried twice in the Potter county court and on motion for a new trial was moved to Donley county. At the last term the case was continued on account of the absence of several witnesses.

District court has adjourned to Friday at which time the Cornelius murder case will be taken up. The Owens case is set for next week.

Brief Brevities.

Another big rain and hail last Wednesday. The wind blew the tank and tank tower over at the gin. The hail broke several windows in the community.

W. N. Bullock and T. J. Hancock went to Clarendon Friday.

Cotton chipping is the order of the day. Byrd Kinsey and family have gone to Olustee, Ok., for about two months.

R. L. Lewis has put in a small supply of groceries at the postoffice, which will greatly accommodate the people. We hope Mr. Lewis will be able to do a good business.

Only Pure Drugs are fit for medicine. You will find the best at Stocking's.

Market Report.

The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Monday: Steers \$3.55 to \$5.25. Cows \$2.00 to \$3.20. Calves \$3.10 to \$4.85. Hogs \$5.85 to \$6.02 1/2.

Where He Got It.

"Phwere did yez git th' black eye?" "Fell on me back." "Yer eye's not in yer back." "Nayther was th' brick Kelly threw."--Cleveland Leader.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Clarke of Indianapolis, Ind., has just arrived and will make Clarendon their future home. Mr. Clarke is an experienced tailor and comes highly recommended in his profession and has formed a partnership with F. A. White. Any work for either ladies or gentlemen can be neatly executed by him and the new firm solicits your patronage.

Buy your Summer horse blankets, fly nets, etc., of Rutherford & Davis.

Take an Eastman Kodak with you. For sale at list price at Stocking's store.

E. Dubbs & Sons have discontinued the profit sharing plan. All who have tickets can cash them in at their pleasure.

If you buy from the Kimberlin Lumber Co. you get prompt service, good grades and courteous treatment. 4-20

HEADACHES are often caused by need of glasses. Have Dr. Bushnell examine your eyes and he may solve the problem. It will cost you nothing for examination.

Donley County Schools.

The school census of Donley County shows up the following for each district:

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Student Count. Includes Sunnyview (36), Lelia Lake (52), Plainview (26), Giles (74), Rowe (126), Jackson Valley (17), Fairview (22), Graeff (31), Jericho (43), Bray dist. (2 schools) (65), Watkins (5), Hackberry (16), Robinson (5), Whitefish (15), Skillet (19), Southard (9), Martin's (29), Bairfield (21), Chamberlain (32), Glenwood (7).

Total ..... 650 Last year there were 530 in the country, and increase this year of 120. In town last year were 434; this year even 500, an increase of 66. Total increase, 186. Total enumerated 1150.

If we should do like others in basing the whole population on the scholastics in the ratio of 6 to 1, it would give Clarendon a population of 3000 and the total of Donley county 6,900.

For Roofing Paper and Corrugated iron go to Kerbow & Asher's.

"A mother's club!" exclaimed Mrs. Alfalfa, putting the newspaper down. "The very idee o' setch a thing! I never use nothin' but a shingle! Nice sort o' mothers they must be that has to use a club!"

A Fragment from the Fourth. This little pig went to market. This little pig stayed at home. This little pig had roast beef. While this little pig had none-- But where is the fifth little porker? The one that "queed" all the way home? Ask of the fragments of bone. Will didn't know it was lighted-- Willie, the barefooted lad-- But, when he danced the mazurka, Gosh! how he wished that he had! Came then the cold-blooded surgeon, Trimmed was the poor little foot; Willie will tramp on life's pathway With only four toes in one boot. --Buff Hall, in Chicago Post.

A man can always see the foolishness of it after the deed is done.

Have your hats cleaned, blocked and shaped in good order at home by the O. K. Tailors. We pay express one way on all goods sent us. The O. K. Tailor, R. T. JOHNSON.

The best ice cream soda in town at Dubbs & Sons.

Latest in Furniture and Hammocks at Kerbow & Asher's.

Gray, blue and pink polish for Canvass Oxfords at Rathjen's.

For the best up-to-date Jewelry go to Clowers. New stock just in.

Come around and see Taylor's Cold-tire Shrinker work.

Your work will be done promptly, to order and guaranteed to please you. O. K. Tailors.

Refrigerators of latest make and handy ice cream freezers--just the things for summer, at Kerbow & Asher's.

Everything in up-to-date jewelry will be found at Dr. Stocking's Drug and Jewelry store.

E. A. Taylor has Second Hand Plows, Cultivators, Disk Plows and Disk Harrows for sale, cheap. Come and see.

"Swastica" Good Luck Jewelry of all kinds at Stocking's.

Buy your new watch. Prices right at Stocking's.

Special sale on Shirt Waists at Mrs. Beville's.

You can actually save money if you select your wall paper at Stocking's store.

When you want good, neat work done in cleaning, repairing, refitting and pressing go to the O. K. Tailors' up stairs in Borchers building. R. T. JOHNSON.

Expert.

"Your daughter is a skillful performer on the piano, is she not?" "Yes," answered Mr. Cumrox. "The way she can play for hours without getting an earache or a sprained wrist proves to me she's uncommonly expert."--Washington Star.

More Than One.

"The average woman," said Grumbell, "has but one idea, and that's dress." "Huh," snorted Marryat, "my wife usually has at least a dozen ideas, and they're dresses."--Catholic Standard and Times.

Advertisement for W. H. Thompson's Alta Vista Cream. Includes text: 'We Welcome You TO CLARENDON Make our Store your Headquarters. Drink at our Stand at north fence of Courthouse. Also at race track at the east end of Grand Stand. You get the Best Drinks and the Best View of races and ball game at that end. Our Alta Vista Cream Will be the Best Cream ever sold at a picnic. Meet us at these places and we will help you enjoy the day. WE HOP TO MEET YOU, Respectfully, W. H. THOMPSON.'

Advertisement for Allen & Goodman's Headache Cures. Includes text: 'To-day and to-morrow is the day for Headache and Headache Cures. Well, we hope we shall not have the headache, but we certainly WILL HAVE THE HEADACHE CURES. Walk right in and take a dose. ALLEN & GOODMAN.'

Advertisement for J. M. Clower, Jeweler and Optician. Includes text: 'You Are Not Going Blind. If the services and advice of our optical department can in any way ameliorate a condition of your eyes, which is perhaps bordering on falling vision; our failures in fitting difficult cases are few. Your case, although simple and easily corrected today, may be aggravated by waiting. PROFIT BY THE mistake of others, do not put it off. J. M. CLOWER, Jeweler and Optician.'

Table of Club Rates for newspapers. Includes News, Galveston or Dallas (\$1.00), Texas Advance (\$1.50), Scientific American (2.00), Pharmacological Journal (1.00).

Claude.

**News.**  
Laura Lane of Clarendon is with Bessie McLaren for a few days.

Claude is going to be well represented at Clarendon on the 3rd and 4th—Wednesday and Thursday.

Bob Hemphill, an old Armstrong county boy, came in Wednesday to see his old friends and take a look at the country.

Commissioners' court was in session Thursday, Friday and Saturday, trying to harmonize tax matters. Land values were raised somewhat, varying from \$2 to \$5 per acre, according to quality and distance from town. Cattle were placed at \$5 per head and horses from \$10 up to \$100. The county rate has been reduced somewhat and there may be another cut, but it is doubtful about the state rate being changed.

Memphis.

R. E. Bost, who has been down with the smallpox, is doing nicely and will soon be fully recovered.

After an illness of several weeks with typhoid fever, Mrs. Maud Anderson Wyatt, wife of J. H. Wyatt, died Wednesday morning.

There is a great deal of complaint at present about people losing milk cows. Several fine cows have died lately from something resembling poison.

We are sorry to state that D. Browder has been very low this week and is not any better at this time. He is going to have a narrow margin to get well.

The city marshal arrested one or two boys Sunday for riding trains. One of the boys was fined \$13.95, the least penalty. This is a dangerous practice and should be suppressed.

Killed By Lightning.

Monday evening, near Turkey, Mrs. Arthur Johnson was struck by lightning. She lingered until Tuesday evening when she died. Deceased was a highly respected lady, a sister to Mrs. K. Brooks who lives near here, and had many friends in and around Silverton who sorrow with the bereaved husband and relatives.—Silverton Enterprise.

Repeated Planting.

The upper Panhandle is not the only place it hails. A letter from Chico, Wise county, says that cotton there has been planted the fourth time.

Cotton large enough to plow was killed there by a hail storm on April 27th. It was planted again and again the hail destroyed it on the night of June 3. It has been planted since, but is so late there is little prospect of anything like a full crop.

Many farmers in that country have turned to June corn and other quick growing crops to try to prevent a total failure.

A crop report says Oklahoma will not produce more than 4,000,000 bushels of wheat this season, against 19,000,000 last season. Wheat and oats are a total failure south of that portion of the territory known as the Cherokee Strip. Throughout the wheat belt north of that line the estimate is not over one-fourth of a crop. The acreage for the entire territory sown to wheat last fall was given by Government report at 1,300,000 acres, against 1,000,000 acres the coming fall, which will require 1,500,000 bushels of seed, a reasonable deduction that Oklahoma and Indian Territory can consume the entire crop this season.

Tams Bixby, who has been for years the commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes and who is known as the Great White Chief of Indian Territory, has resigned his job and is succeeded by Indian Inspector J. George Wright.

Our neighbor, the Daily Times, says it has been running a month and financially has not been a success. That is a very trivial consideration. Let them think of the glory they are having and the compliments they are receiving. These are not very "filling" it is true, but they afford such sweet and satisfying mental reflection.—Wichita Falls Herald.

## MAKING FIREWORKS

IT HAS DEVELOPED INTO A BIG AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

And It Has All Been Worked Out from the Ancient Chinese Fire-cracker—How They Are Made.

The manufacture of fireworks has developed from an imitation of the Chinese firecracker to an industry of vast proportions in the United States. Also from the humble and comparative harmless cracker, the product has been developed along the most complex yet scientific lines until the master of ceremonies at a full fledged modern fireworks exhibit must needs be a man with a comprehensive knowledge of the explosives he is handling.

The Chinaman, having invented gunpowder a few thousand years before it came into use in the western world, invented the firecracker so long ago that the incident of its birth has been lost in the shuffle of history, but, curiously enough, the Chinaman in this respect has stood at the initial point of development, as he has in all else that pertains to his life. He still makes good firecrackers, but they are of the same model and power as he has used for hundreds of years. The American, having stolen the idea, proceeded to develop it along lines truly indicative of the American character—flamboyant, pyrotechnic and loud. The Chinese cracker is a small affair, considerably more so than the cracker to buy which the small boy toiled in the gray dawn carrying water to the elephant, but at Chinese New Year's and other festival times a string of their firecrackers suspended from the end of a bamboo pole will explode—every one of them—and there will be no "sizzlers" nor blanks found in the string. Which goes to show that the hand-made Chinese article is still honestly made and that western methods of cheap machine manufacture have not invaded the cradle of the firecracker.

But as all things American have developed to prodigious proportions, leaving in the past the memory of simplicity, so the firecracker of history each year finds a smaller place in the demonstrations of America. Instead there have come the rocket, the bomb, the set piece and the appliances for pouring forth torrents and voluemes of multi-colored fire. It is the manufacture of these goods that has grown to such size and commercial consequence.

The preliminary in the manufacture of nearly all fireworks is the making of the case. The quality of paper varies from the commonest straw-board to the finest bank note paper. Cases for skyrockets require a fine grade of paper called rope board. The paper is first pasted and then rolled over a mandrel. The drying process takes four or five days and the case then is ready for charging. They vary from two to 20 inches in length and from one-quarter of an inch to two inches in diameter. The loading of skyrockets, up to the last four or five years, has been done by hand, but the machine now takes the place of the hand loader. A spindle placed in the center of the case causes a cavity as the material is packed in around it. The materials are scooped in, hammered down until it is of rock-like hardness and then the spindle is withdrawn. When the rocket is fired the large surface of material in the spindle cavity catches fire at once, causing a tremendous pressure of gas which pours out of the spindle cavity, causing the rocket to shoot skyward.

The colored stars, which go in the head of the rocket or bomb, are composed as follows: Red, nitrate of barryta, chloride of potash and shellac; green, nitrate of barryta; yellow, oxilate of soda. Purple and blue are composed of various preparations of copper, while the making of the other tints are trade secrets.

The Roman candle is charged as follows: Sets of cases are placed on pins and there is scooped in first a quantity of clay, which prevents the explosive composition from burning the hand; then a charge of gunpowder, and on top of this are placed the colored stars in the proper sequence of color. On top of this comes a composition called fuse, which makes the intervals between the discharge of the stars. After the fuse rammers are brought down to pack the material, the operation being repeated as often as required. The candles contain from two to 35 stars. The finishing consists of covering the candle and providing a quick match for easy ignition.

Quick match, one of the important features of fireworks manufacture, is made from specially prepared wick soaked in a solution of gunpowder. At the proper time it is wound off on frames and just before it is dried it is stiffed over with very fine powder in order to make it extra quick in action. It is then cut in lengths of about six feet and worked into what is known as match paper, after which it is placed in manilla paper cases and joined together. Fire at one end of the quick match leaps to the other and almost as quickly as would electricity. The quick match is fitted out on what are known as lances, or rods of bamboo. For set pieces the design is sketched by an artist and then scaled so it can be enlarged to any size. The regulation set piece frame is 10x5 feet and is divided into squares a foot large. The design is outlined in rattan, pegs are driven into the rattan and on these pegs are fastened the quick match lances referred to.

Sulphur, saltpeter and charcoal enter largely into the manufacture of fireworks and for particularly brilliant effects steel and iron filings are added.

SOCIETIERS.



E. of P.—Panhandle Lodge, No. 58, Meets each 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th days of the month, 8:00 P. M. Visiting Knights invited to attend. H. MULKEY, C. C. H. W. KELLEY, K. of R. & S.

Pythian Sisters—Panhandle Temple, No. 58, Meets each 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th days of the month, 8:00 P. M. Visiting Knights invited to attend. Mrs. H. C. BRIMLEY, M. E. C. Mrs. JOHN M. CLOVER, M. of R. & C.

Citation By Publication.

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Donley County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the County of Donley for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon the unknown owner of the real estate hereinafter described whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be held in the County of Donley at the Court House thereof, in Clarendon on the first day of July, 1907, the Number being 409, then and there to answer the Petition of the State of Texas filed in said Court, on the 11th day of June A. D. 1907, against the said unknown owner and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit: that defendant is the owner of Lot number 21 in Block number one (1) in the town of Clarendon, Donley County, Texas, that in the years 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1901 and 1905, was returned delinquent for the taxes and penalties due thereon to the State of Texas and Donley County, for the years 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1900 and 1904 aggregating the amount of \$8.37 as shown by said petition.

Herein fall not, but have you then and there before said Court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, in Clarendon this 11th day of June A. D. 1907.

C. A. BURTON, Clerk District Court Donley Co., Tex. Issued June 11th, 1907.

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Herein fall not, but have you then and there before the said court on the said first day of next term thereof, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness—C. A. Burton, Clerk of the District Court of Donley Co., Tex. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, in the town of Clarendon, this, the 11th day of June, 1907.

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C. A. BURTON, Clerk of the District Court, Donley County Texas.

Citation By Publication.

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Donley County, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown owner of the hereinafter described real estate, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks, previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in your county, to be and appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Donley county, to be held at the court house thereof in Clarendon, on the first Monday in July, 1907, the same being the first day of July 1907, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court, on the 11th day of July, 1907, in suit numbered on the docket in said court, No. 497 wherein the state of Texas is plaintiff and the unknown owner of the real estate hereinafter described is defendant, said petition alleging, that defendant is the owner of Lots number 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 in Block Number 533, in the town of Clarendon, Donley county, Texas, that in the years 1895, 1897, 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1905 said land and lots were returned delinquent for taxes and penalties, due thereon to the state of Texas and Donley county for the years, 1894, 1896, 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1904, aggregating the amount of, \$2.68, as shown by said petition.

Herein fall not, but have before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, C. A. Burton, Clerk of the District court of Donley county, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court in the town of Clarendon this 11th day of June, 1907.

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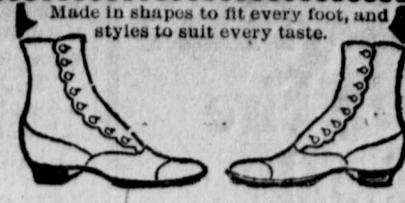
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# Mickey Finn's Big Fire Cracker

The explosion that wound up the Fourth of July Celebration on Cooney Island.

Two mammoth firecrackers stood in the window of Casey's grocery. They were 12 inches long and proportionately thick. For a month before the Fourth of July these gigantic indicators of enthusiasm had stood in the window like British soldiers on dress parade, while a predatory spider hung a filmy hammock between them and calmly killed his buzzing victims over two powder mines.

The firecrackers were the admiration and the envy of all the boys in Cooney Island. It was seldom that a youthful nose was not flattened against the window pane in ardent covetousness.

But the price demanded by Casey for the thunderers was prohibitive, so far as the boys were concerned, and there was not one of them patriotic or courageous enough to invest 25 cents in a single ecstatic explosion.

Said Mickey Finn timidly one evening when he had been sent by his mother to get a quarter of a pound of tea and half a pound of pork: "Mr. Casey, I suppose now, that when you see them big fellows wint off it would blow the stars out of the sky?" his mind filled with blissful thoughts of mighty explosions.

Casey stopped measuring out a half pint of New Orleans molasses, raised a monitor finger, and replied: "Micky, my boy, I'd be afeared to tell you what would happen if I stood wint off them big fellows out on the sidewalk and touched the stem wint the lighted end of a five cent cigar. The noise would be terrible, terrible, my son. 'Twould make your head ring like an anvil, and you would see sparks like fireflies.

"Would it blow the house down?" asked the boy in an awed whisper.

"No, I don't think it would," said Casey. "It might shake the chimney down and break all the glass in the windsy in small pieces, and there would be paper in the streets as would fill an empty barrel o' flour. Oh, but them big fellows is mighty powerful, Micky, mighty powerful. They use them in China to kill murderers and robbers. They put wint o' them firecrackers bechune the teeth of a murderer and make him light the fuse wint his own hand and blow his own head off. Them Chinese is mighty crool, Micky, mighty crool."

This vivid description inflamed Mickey's desire, which was Casey's motive in telling it, for the incident occurred on the eve of the Fourth, and Casey was afraid that the big firecrackers would be carried over the national hol-



In Ardent Covetousness.

iday and remain a loss on his hands. In order to deepen the impression already made upon the boy Casey permitted him to handle one of the twins.

The boy's eyes had widened to their utmost capacity when he was outside the window, but now that he could feel the red jacket his hands trembled with the eagerness of possession and he would have given ten years of his life to own it.

"Take it along wint you, Micky," said Casey, cajolingly. "Them crackers were made in Chow Chow, in China, for the Cooney Island trade, and I want to get rid of them I have on hand before I send another order to Wan Lung, the haythin."

"But I have no money," said Mickey sorrowfully. "My father is goint to give me three bunches of little firecrackers and a pinwheel, but I know he wouldn't buy wint o' them big firecrackers for me."

"Well," continued Casey, "you come down here to-morrow mornin' and carry in a half ton of coal for me and I'll give you the big cracker."

The next morning Mickey was busy for two hours carrying chestnut coal in a nail keg and dumping it in Casey's cellar. Just after noon, with a smile covered with coal dust and a bosom full of chuckles, he received his prize. No grass grew under his bare feet

as he ran homeward, the precious powder mine clasped to his bosom. Holding the big firecracker aloft as he darted through the kitchen door, he exclaimed:

"Mother, I have it! Ain't it a beauty?"

"Well, I don't see anything about it to be makin' a fuss over," said Mrs. Finn, who, like most mothers, had no love for fireworks. "Now, don't be bringin' it nearer to me, as Mickey ran toward her. 'I don't want to be blown into the middle o' next week. Throw the dirty thing away! I'm afeared o' me life while you have it in your hands! Now, don't be goint near the stove wid it! Arrah, ye little spalpeen, will ye take it off the stove? Take it off afore ye blow the roof of the house!" and the frightened woman ran into the bedroom and peered through the keyhole.

With the recklessness of boyhood, Mickey exclaimed, as he lit a match and reduced his mother to hysterics by pretending to light the firecracker stem:

"You needn't be afeared, mother, I'll nip it out afore it goes off."

In this simple fashion the afternoon



Had Fallen Asleep.

of the Fourth passed away in the Finn household varied by the boy with occasional visits to the neighbors, whom he threw into a panic of fear by pretending to light the big explosive.

Mrs. Murphy and her three children were gathered around the kitchen table when Mickey placed the lighted mammoth in the middle of the table. Two of the boys went head first through the window, while Mrs. Murphy tried to crawl under the kitchen stove.

All this excitement afforded the boy a good deal of delight, but he reserved for the evening the culmination of his joy. He intended to blow his father up as he sat in his chair on the back stoop.

Mickey thought it would be an inspiring sight to witness his father flying across the back yard and plowing up the ground with his nose. In order that he might have an audience appropriate to so great an occasion, Mickey had spread the news among all the boys of the neighborhood, and at nine o'clock 50 boys sat on the fence surrounding the back yard. Mr. Finn, tired of the excitement of the day, had fallen asleep in his rocking chair on the back stoop, when Mickey lit the stem of the big cracker and placed it carefully under his father's chair.

The moon shone brightly, illuminating the grin on every boyish face. Every ear was strained to catch the faint hissing of the fuse and every eye intent upon the sleeping man.

The fuse burned itself out, and the silence and suspense was deepening. A minute passed and another, until Mickey could stand the strain no longer. He reached down and lifted the firecracker from beneath the chair.

As he held it up in the moonlight to examine it, a mosquito lit upon his father's nose and the old gentleman awoke. Grabbing the firecracker from his son's hand he arose and holding it aloft, he said:

"Boys, there will be no explosion to-night. I'm sorry to disappoint you. I was afeared that Mickey might do some harrum wid that big cracker, so wint he wasn't lookin' this afternoon I took the powder out of it and filled it wid clay. So, you see that the show is over, and ye may as well go home and go to bed. There'll be no more explosions only what I give Mickey wid a shingle afore I turn in. Good night to ye all. Come around some other night wint there is somethin' doin'."

Facts About Firecrackers. The greater part of the almost \$2,000,000 worth of firecrackers annually exported by China comes to New York. And the United States stand next to China in its use of them.

Thousands of Chinese men, women and children work at the making of firecrackers, for there are no manufacturing factories there, the work being done by hand. They receive only about \$1.40 for making 10,000 firecrackers, laboring from six in the morning until 11 at night seven days a week.

So a Chinese woman or child works like a slave for two days to earn what is spent on a few bunches of firecrackers by the urchin bent on doing justice to the Glorious Fourth.

Good Advice. Keep the wound open and send for the doctor.

## ONE GIANT CRACKER

TO CONTAIN 187,500 POUNDS OF GUN POWDER.

This is What It Would Be if All the Little Crackers of One Fourth Were Put Together in One Tube.

There are—to be exact—13,048,537 boys between the ages of four and 20 years in the United States who are going to celebrate the Glorious Fourth. And this takes no account whatever of the old boys, between the ages of 20 and 80, with a few verging on the edge of 90 for good measure. These boys are going to celebrate in the good old-fashioned way with firecrackers and toy pistols and cannons and skyrockets and trigger-chasers. They are going to make a lot of noise and a good many boys are going to get their fingers and thumbs blown off and their faces filled with gunpowder and their ears trimmed. But that doesn't make any difference; they are going to celebrate nevertheless. Now, there is no use dragging out statistics to show how many boys were killed and maimed and sent to the hospital last Fourth of July. You will waste your ink in writing down the figures and your breath in talking about them, but you will not stop the small boy, nor the big boy, nor the middle-aged boy, nor the old boy from celebrating. All your arguments will have no avail.

Suppose all the firecrackers that will be fired off could be concentrated into one colossal firecracker and that all the boys in the United States could be assembled around it and that at a given moment it could be fired off, winding up the whole business of a Fourth-of-July celebration at one fell swoop. There would be one mighty shock to the nerves of nervous old women and shaky old men. There would be one big sizz and one big bang that would be heard all the way around the world, and then all would be over; everybody would have celebrated; the same amount of money would have been spent and quiet and peace would be resumed. Now, let's see how it can be figured out.

First of all, one must ascertain how many firecrackers there are in the United States. One of the largest dealers says there are now 100,000,000 firecrackers in this country waiting to be exploded on the Fourth of July. Another large dealer says this estimate is too high and places the number at 20,000,000. When one considers, however, that there are more than 13,000,000 boys in the country and that the first estimate allows something less than eight firecrackers for each boy, one must admit that the figures are, perhaps, not so far out of the way. But one of the chief aims of this article is conservatism, and, therefore, a compromise position will be taken and the average of two estimates will be used, which places the number of firecrackers at 60,000,000.

Next, let us see how much gunpowder there is in these 60,000,000 firecrackers. The best authorities on this subject say that in the average firecracker there is one-twentieth of an ounce of gunpowder. This calculation is based on the number of "judy-firecrackers," which are the smallest, on up to the big cannon crackers, including the tremendous "Hunt" and Number 18, which contains two ounces of explosives. With this good start it is simply a matter of mathematics to learn that in all the firecrackers of the United States there are 3,000,000 ounces of gunpowder, which, of course, means 187,500 pounds. This has all been easy. There is your firecracker. All you have to do is to get your boys together, apply the match to the fuse, wait a second with bated breath and then—

But hold on! How about the damage?

For many years there have been learned discussions concerning the force of various grades of explosives. The experts call it potential energy. Some time ago two famous Frenchmen—Roux and Sarrau—made a series of experiments to determine the exact extent of the potential energy of the most powerful explosives and the results of these experiments have become the standards of the best informed experts on this subject. It was learned from these studies that the average potential energy of gunpowder is 480 foot-tons to the pound. You will observe, therefore, that there would be a good deal of "business" concentrated in a gigantic firecracker containing 187,500 pounds of gunpowder. In this immense cracker there would be stored 90,000,000 foot-tons of potential energy. Startling as are these figures, to the layman they mean little. Let us compare them to some object with which we are familiar.

Take the Flatiron building in New York, for instance. Its weight is 50,000 tons. Now, if there are 480 foot-tons of potential energy in each pound of gunpowder, it would require 104 pounds of gunpowder to blow up a building weighing 50,000 tons. This amount of gunpowder, is scientifically applied, would do the job completely and raze the big structure from basement to roof. Such an explosive effort as this, however, represents but a small part of the force in the suppositional kind of giant firecrackers, which would contain 90,000,000 foot-tons of energy—enough to blow up (according to exact mathematical calculation) 1,800 structures similar to the Flatiron building before you could say "Jack Robinson!"

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