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Railroad Promoters Trying Childress.

Childress, Texas, May 2.—Ed Kennedy of Altus Ok., was in Childress Wednesday with his chief engineer, F. K. Stinson, to interview citizens in regard to a bonus for building a railroad into Childress from the east. Mr. Kennedy is promoter of the Altus, Roswell and El Paso road, running southwest from Altus. At this time he has three miles of road graded from Altus and has a number of teams at work on that part of the road. He intends for the line to run via Hollis and from there he has not decided where it will go.

After consulting with citizens he made a proposition in writing, which he gave to W. L. Underwood. The proposition called for \$100,000 bonus and the right of way through the country. The bonus was to consist of \$70,000 in cash and \$30,000 in real estate.

The money was to be raised at once and \$40,000 to be used to pay the expenses of surveying and grading, while \$30,000 was to pay for rails upon the delivery at Childress.

Mr. Kennedy bound himself to start surveying within ten days after the contract was signed, grading to start from Childress within six months and the road completed from Childress to Altus within two years.

Mr. Kennedy went to Memphis to see what the people of that town would do. It may be that the matter will be taken up later, as Mr. Kennedy will be in Childress again in about three weeks, when he expects to make an overland trip from Childress to Roswell, N. M.

Popular Election of Senators a Much Needed Reform.

Washington, April 30.—Representative Ferris of Oklahoma presented to the House today a resolution adopted by the Legislature of his State declaring for a Constitutional amendment providing for election of Senators by the people.

Mr. Ferris says the Governor will issue a proclamation calling on the various labor unions and different societies of Oklahoma to meet on May 7 and adopt the resolutions declaring for the popular election of Senators.

Gov. Haskell has written to the Governors of the twenty-seven States, whose Legislatures have declared for popular election of members of the Senate, asking them to issue a similar proclamation, and many of them have agreed to do so.

The big battleship fleet under command of Rear Admiral Evans will cast anchor in San Francisco today, after a voyage of four months and 20 days from Hampton Roads. Secretary Metcalf will be on hand to officially welcome the fleet. The grand naval review is fixed to take place Friday, the second day after the arrival. On Saturday Rear Admiral Evans, having successfully completed his remarkable cruise, will haul down his flag, and be temporarily succeeded by Rear Admiral Thomas, commanding the second squadron of the fleet.

Peace and satisfaction now seems to reign in the local school situation and the old board evidently believes it the proper time to step aside. Every one of the four retiring members will refuse to stand for re-election. Thus there will be quite a decided change in the personnel of the coming board.—Memphis Herald.

G. O. Davis of Denton county has bought an 8,000 acre ranch in Gray County, paying \$52,000 for the tract complete.

Country Schools Not What they Should Be.

Something should be done to make the country schools of Texas better, more inviting and to increase the per cent of attendance.

F. M. Bradley, of the state department of education, delivered an address before the Lumbermen's association recently in session at Dallas, and among other things said:

More than twice as many children reside in the country school districts as live in the independent districts—70 per cent in the country and 30 per cent in villages, towns and cities. For the education and training of the 625,000 children residing in the country districts, Texas provides poorly paid teachers, uncomfortable, unsanitary and ill-equipped school houses, and an average term of only five months in the year. The average school term for the present year may possibly reach six months. What are the results in blighted opportunities, in suppressed ambitions, in intellectual and moral perversity, and in the sacrifice of earning and productive capacity, it can never be calculated.

However, the statistics for the year under consideration do show that 87,332 children residing in the country districts of Texas did not start to school, much less enroll in school, that there was an average daily absence from the country schools of 262,946 children; that of every 100 children residing in the country districts forty-seven were out of school all of the time while these schools were in session, and that Texas is without any system of country high schools. There are two and one third times as many children in the country districts as are in the towns and cities, yet these school houses and grounds in the towns and cities cost approximately two and one-half times as much as they cost in the country districts.

The inefficiency of our country schools is principally responsible for the remarkably low rank of Texas educationally when compared with the other states of the union. In per cent of scholastic population enrolled in the schools, Texas ranks 30, in average length of school term 39, in number of years given for tuition to the children 42, in expenditure per capita of total population 35, in expenditure per capita of average attendance 32, in per cent of school revenue raised by local taxation 42, in amount of money raised for each child 34, in illiteracy of native born whites 32, in illiteracy of foreign born whites 45, in permanent endowment of public schools 1.

The president of the Hughes League, who presided at the New York convention that elected delegates to the national republican convention, says that "the name of Gov. Charles E. Hughes will not be withdrawn from the presidential canvass until the national convention at Chicago has made its choice of candidates."

In California a bitter factional fight for the control of the republican state organization is involved. In Ohio a fierce fight for control of the state convention is on between Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland and the Pattison-Garber faction of the democratic party.

"Plow deep while sluggards sleep," but not too deep; just deep enough considering the soil and the crop. But in plowing do not skip; do not scratch the surface for a few feet and deepen the next to make up. See that the plowing is as uniform as possible, and crops will be more uniform.—Home and Farm.

Two-Cent Fare a Benefit.

Des Moines, Ia., April 30.—Reports to the executive council from eight of the representative railroads in this state disclose that the 2-cent fare law has been a benefit rather than a damage to them. It is assumed that the representatives of the other 20 roads will make a similar showing. The eight roads in question enjoyed a net increase of about \$335,000 in passenger earnings in the year 1907 as compared with 1906 and suffered a loss in gross earnings of about the same amount.

This is taken to indicate that the companies have gained more through the operation of the 2c fare law during the six months of its existence than was lost by them on freight traffic and other revenues during the entire year, despite the fact that they have much reduced their passenger train service.

The figures are on Iowa business, exclusively, but the representatives show the earnings of the companies on passenger fares on all their mileage.

Suits are pending in the federal court in Des Moines, brought by the Minneapolis and St. Louis and the Iowa Central stockholders, to enjoin the enforcement of the Iowa 2 cent fare law.

World's Longest Fence.

After five years' work Australia's great transcontinental rabbit-proof fence has been completed. Its length is 7,036 miles, and the cost of its erection has been nearly \$1,250,000. It is furnished at intervals of five miles with systems of traps, in which hundreds of rabbits are captured and destroyed daily. Inside the barrier there appears as yet no trace of their appearance.—Exchange.

Considering the facts that the "machine" was against us; that even the benches of the higher courts were drawn upon to fasten Baileyism upon the people; that the means available has been so abundant that there has not been a single complaint because of their lack of funds; that some of the trusted leaders of the people of Texas have been silent and idle, even after giving out interviews and arguments in Senator Bailey's favor, and that the campaign has closed with a violation of the pledges of both the National and State Democratic Committees, with a labored defense of Senator Bailey by the chairman of the State committee, in charge of the great machine, and with tricks deliberately planned and designed to deceive the voters—considering these facts, as well as Senator Bailey's personal and political influence, the result of the contest is no less than a wonderful victory for purity in politics.—Dallas News.

A bill prohibiting farmers of the new State of Oklahoma from sowing Johnson grass has been approved by the Governor. It also makes it a misdemeanor for any person to sell hay or grain from Johnson grass land without informing the purchaser.

Representative Cooper introduced a bill Friday directing the secretary of the treasury to refund to the state of Texas \$5,502,401 24, being for money collected for Texas on cotton for the years 1862-68, inclusive.

Representative Ferris of Oklahoma has introduced in the house the resolution adopted by the legislature of his state providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote.

Three girls, one wearing a red hat, were treed by a bull near Philadelphia and compelled to remain in the tree during a thunder storm, which ruined their Easter hats.

Farmers' National Convention.

President C. S. Barrett of the National Farmers' union, was in Fort Worth last week, and while there he told President Neill of the Texas union that Fort Worth would get the next national convention. The convention will meet Sept. 1 and last several days. Ordinarily the place of meeting is selected by the national board of directors, but President Barrett this year was given authority to name the place.

More than 2,000 delegates and members from the 26 states in which the union is established will attend the convention.

Fort Worth has also been chosen as national headquarters for the organization. The records and office of the union have been installed in the state headquarters in the Ellison building. Point, Texas, has been the nominal headquarters for some time, but Little Rock, ever since the union was established, has been operative headquarters. Fort Worth will be both the official and virtual headquarters.

R. H. McCullough, national secretary and treasurer, will share offices with State President Neill for a while.

"Fort Worth is the best fitted city in the country for the national headquarters," President Neill said. "There are 104 mail trains leaving this city every day. Thus from this point mail can be distributed more easily and quickly than from any other city of the southwest."

One Hundred Years of Married Life.

A world's record has just been created by the celebration in the little village of Isonbolgi, Hungary, of the anniversary of a wedding which occurred just 100 years ago. All Hungary is interested, and the Emperor has asked the authorities to forward to him official particulars, so that he can personally congratulate the couple.

The long-wedded couple are named Szathmari. The husband is 120 years old and the wife 116. They have hundreds of descendants in and around the village.

A score of years ago there was a celebration in honor of the man's one hundredth birthday, and application was made to the Hungarian government for a pension. It was granted, after the records of the village had been examined and the man's age verified. Four years later the woman also was granted a pension.

The old people live in a modest cottage and are well looked after by relatives. They are nearly blind and deaf, and sleep nearly all the time. The man, however, still enjoys his pipe and a glass of wine, and neither is bedridden.

It is a strange fact that in all their years they have never left the village, and know nothing of the great world outside of Isonbolgi. They were both born there, and have lived continuously a quiet and peaceful life.

The celebration of their one hundredth wedding day was participated in by the entire village, which is proud of having established, without any doubt, a world's record.

The state bankers of Oklahoma met last week and passed resolutions indorsing the state guaranty deposit law, but want legislative action whereby national banks that come in under the law can be compelled to pay their assessment in case of a failure. A usury law was recommended. This was the first opportunity the state bankers of the state have had of getting together.

The Baptists of Stamford have decided on the erection of a \$25,000 church and two-thirds of the amount has already been raised.

A Tirade From Jeff Davis.

Last week in the senate Jeff Davis of Arkansas made a speech of about two hours length, reading most of the time from a typewritten statement which he had prepared in advance "that no intemperate language might escape his lips on this occasion," a thing which he said he had never done before.

He roughly denounced the trusts, commended the president's recent message outlining measures for relief, spoke of the removal of the motto, "In God We Trust" from the coins and declared that John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil company and J. Pierpont Morgan should be indicted for treason. He also paid his respects to the press, his remarks in that connection being as follows:

"Lest the scavengers of plutocracy howl; truth, God's loving truth—where are its defenders? Miserable travesties upon noble manhood, post-graduates in all arts of slander or defamation. I challenge subsidized press: the people know your designs and spurn your pretense, whether under show of argument or more servient hypocrisies. Go, damnable imps of pelf and greed, I defy your taunts. Tear to fragments my political career if I can but with your execrable will. Stifle and distort my every utterance. Not satisfied, if such be your frenzy, lash my poor form into insensibility.

"Then, if it be your further pleasure, gnaw from my stiffening bones every vestige of quivering flesh. Howl in wretched bestiality, though my own innocent blood drops from your fiendish visages. Drag then, if you want, what remains into the filth and the vermin of your foul dens and burn it upon the altar of Baal or scatter it before the friendly winds of heaven, to your betters—the carrion crows of the field. All that they may do, all and more, if there yet be open further depth of infamy to a polluted, besotted press. These ready servants of greed, what they have not done, or attempted to do to fasten still more securely an autocracy upon us. It seems to be their special function, not simply to pervert truth, but to threaten and terrorize public men. Dare a senator align himself with the people? What? Yes, men, illustrious servants of the people, have lifted honest voices here and elsewhere against the march of plutocracy to fall ambushed, politically assassinated, and by whom? By the trusts, wearing masks. Ah, sir, newspaper masks. But, Mr. President, insignificant as I am, if my political career be marked, let them sharpen their blade, for I will be here at the appointed hour, and while here, only God can stay my voice in behalf of organized united labor and the yeomanry of America."

Captain Julius A. Penn of the United States Army spent two days during April at College Station inspecting the corps of cadets. The United States Government contributes approximately \$50,000.00 each year towards the support of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, but half of the amount being given because the students receive training in military tactics. In times of trouble Uncle Sam wishes to feel that he has a body of trained citizen soldiery in each state. When war was declared with Spain many A. and M. boys, because of their military education, were able to secure commissions easily. Four of the officers in the senior class have made applications for commissions in the regular army.

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STATE NEWS.

R. D. Senter, sheriff of Stone-wall county, died Thursday with heart trouble.

Practically all the cotton that was up in Tom Green and adjoining counties was killed Wednesday night by a heavy frost, and most of it will have to be replanted. Corn was damaged considerably. Fruit was not injured.

Last Thursday Decatur voted on a proposition to issue \$4,200 worth of bonds to raise funds to erect a steel water tower which will afford the town ample fire protection. The vote resulted 116 for the bonds to 2 against the issue.

Corn has gone up to 80c per bushel in Fort Worth in car lots and one dealer asserted that this is the highest price in 20 years. The trouble seems to be that shelled corn of good grade is hard to get, while the demand shows but little let-up.

As a result of getting wet out on a fishing trip at Spies cut-off, on Red river, J. A. Saunders died at his home in the north part of Bonham. A boat was upset in the dark, and, in trying to find his camp he became lost and wandered around in a cold norther all night, becoming thoroughly chilled.

The explosion of an oil lamp in the office of the Mabelle Courier at Mabelle Friday started a fire which completely destroyed the newspaper plant and J. T. Pearson's meat market adjoining. The total loss is \$3,500, \$2,500 of which is on the Courier office. Pearson had no insurance and very little was carried by the Courier.

What Your Fingers are Worth.

You have only to grasp a pen or a tool of some sort to realize that the different fingers are far from having the same value with reference to their usefulness in performing work. Much the most important is the thumb, for without it prehension would be very imperfect. The hand is no longer pincers, but merely a claw, when deprived of the thumb. It may be estimated that the thumb represents fully a third of the total value of the hand. The total loss of the thumb is estimated by competent authorities at 15 to 35 per cent. For the left hand, except for workers in art, when 40 to 50 for the right and 25 to 40 for the left hand comes nearer the value.

The total loss of the index finger causes an incapacity estimated at from 10 to 25 per cent. for the left. The middle fingers is less important than the index. The ring finger is least important, and the little finger may be compared to its neighbor, except in the professions in which it serves as a point of support for the hand.—McCalls.

The Absorbing Topic.

We get several papers in exchange edited by ladies. One of them had seventeen editorial paragraphs and sixteen of them were about spring bonnets.—Uydale Press.

State Senator George Floyd, of Arkansas, was arrested Saturday at his home, Danville, Ark., charged with perjury. Warrants are out for five other senators charged with bribery.

"Culberson of Texas was asked by a brother Senator last week what he's expecting to see at Denver if Bryan fails to get it on the first ballot. 'Pandemonium,' was the Texan's instant, succinct and sufficient answer," says the Hartford Courant.

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Out of a poll tax list in Texas of 480,000 Mr. Bailey's ticket received 117,000. Counting the exemptions, there were 383,000 he didn't get.

The Baileyites are grooming Judge Poindexter for the governor's race in opposition to Gov. Campbell. He had better consider well the fact that his home county voted against him last Saturday. So did his Ward and D. W. O'Dell, a Bailey speaker also living in the same Ward.

The Chronicle desires to congratulate the following counties in the Thirteenth district on their vote Saturday: Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Gray, Hutchinson, Knox and Young. Others are very close, Bailey winning in Archer by only 4, Dallam 20, Floyd 1, Hardeman 41, Hartly 12, Potter 61, Wichita 58, Wilbarger 47.

It is stated that Gov. Wilson of Kentucky has made up his mind to pardon Caleb Powers and Jim Howard. The Governor has been studying the record for a week. Friday afternoon he went at this work in dead earnest, and retiring to his apartments here he declined to see all callers. The Governor feels that he must dispose of the cases before the end of the week, when he leaves for Washington to attend the conference of Governors. There is sensational rumors current that an effort will be made to do both Powers and Howard violence if they are pardoned.

One of the smoothest games that has been introduced into the Panhandle was worked in this neighborhood a few days ago by a party of two representing themselves to be photographers working in the interest of some large advertising concern. From the experience of some it appears that one would engage the family on some portion of the premises and the remaining one would take in the situation and inspect the articles of the household. Some time after they had been at the Shaller place Mrs. Shaller discovered that someone had exchanged watches with her. It is not known that the watch went by this route for sure but it was noticed by everyone that the actions of these gentlemen were of a peculiar sort.—Canadian Record.

It is well to watch closely all strangers given the privilege of your premises. We frequently read of thefts committed by men who pose as furniture and stove repairers, clock tinkers, sewing machine experts, chair menders, etc., when left temporarily alone in residences while at work.

A Chicago beauty specialist says that to remain beautiful a woman has but to have pleasant thoughts; but how is it possible for her to do this when she meets at every corner another woman with a hat as pretty or prettier than her own.—Ellis Co. Mirror.

It is a problem. Pleasant thoughts are in demand by both men and women, but as long as elections keep one half the population stirred up and the millinery strife goes among the other half, only babies with pink toes to play with can find much within view to make their thoughts beautiful.—Dallas News.

The Aveline hotel, a six-story building of brick, in the business center of Ft. Wayne, Ind., burned early Sunday. It and its furnishings were valued at \$80,000. Ten are known to be dead and many more are missing. Among the dead is R. E. Tribble of Dalhart, Tex., a ranchman.

Sixteen beet sugar factories in Michigan in 1907 produced 165,000,000 pounds of sugar. Nine thousand four hundred acres were planted to beets last year and farmers received \$4,500,000 for their crops.

A gas well has been brought in five miles south of Tulsa, Ok., the roaring of which can be heard five miles.

Riddle Reviews the Results.

Chairman Riddle has issued an address from which we make the following extracts:

"In the primary election held on Saturday more than 100,000 democrats registered their condemnation of traffic in official influence. This is a moral victory which will make a lasting impression on the history of this State.

"No cause ever entered upon a battle more handicapped than we are at the beginning of this contest. Bailey commanded an organized and disciplined machine which had its lieutenants at every point in the state. To resources which were seemingly unlimited were added the active support of every interest in this state which is clamorous for official favors or which dreads official review. In the closing hours of the campaign it was discovered that while Bailey had been posing years in North Texas as an advocate of state prohibition, for several months past his lieutenants have been circulating among the anti-prohibitionists of that section an interview with him published in the German language in November last in which he took strong ground against state prohibition. Thus he effectually appealed for support as a state prohibitionist in one section of the state and as an opponent of state prohibition in another. The district results of these artful appeals may clearly be read in the returns from each section, and those who have been thus deceived will no doubt have an early opportunity to repent their delusion.

"It was impossible within a brief campaign of six weeks to get the material facts before all the people, especially when Bailey and his lieutenants shrewdly refused to engage in joint discussions, and persuaded many people to stay away from our meetings.

"Only a short time has elapsed since Bailey declared in a card published in the eastern newspapers that he had the support and sympathy of all the democrats of Texas except 2 per cent. Under the circumstances, the registry of about 46 per cent of the entire vote for the Waco ticket is a victory which has all the moral force of a majority.

"A fact, the significance of which all will comprehend, is that Comanche county, which in the fall of 1906 gave a majority of about 3 to 1 for Bailey, reversed its position and gave a decisive majority against him. Travis county, where the facts were discussed before the people in 1906, largely increases the majority it then gave against him. Several of the counties in the Abilene district, which went for him in the special election held in 1907 to elect a successor to State Senator Hawkins, gave majorities against him on Saturday. The trend against him was so strong during the last three weeks of the campaign that it was evident to all that if it had lasted three weeks longer that he would have been badly defeated.

"Nearly every supporter of Bailey was coaxed to the polls, but the opposition cast but about 60 per cent of its strength. The light vote cast everywhere speaks for itself. The city of Dallas registered but about 60 per cent. of its eligible vote, and with a full vote would have given a majority of at least 3,000 against Baileyism.

"It may reasonably be expected that the next legislature will heed the warning that has been given and write into the statutes of this state a severe prohibition for every form of traffic in official influence.

"The organization which was created to give coherence to this movement has just begun its work. Its mission is to promote the cause of good government and official purity in every department of the state. This cause is going forward by leaps and bounds, and the time is near at hand when no man who aspires to gain the support of the people will dare to oppose it.

"Whenever it shall become necessary to battle for the principle that a public office is a public trust, we shall wage it without regard to the

personality of the foe. Democracy has ever stood for this principle, and it will continue so to do, and no public official will ever be strong enough to wear it away from this ancient faith."

Good Showing, Says Johnson—Will Yet Win.

Cone Johnson says of the recent contest:

"When we first entered the campaign no one supposed we could possibly win. We had but about 30 days for the battle; our forces were scattered and straggling. We had to take our strength largely from Bailey's followers.

"Handicapped on every side, fighting a fully organized political machine which had been built up while the people slept, contending against the busy and active politicians, the attorneys of the interests with which Bailey was allied, we have made a splendid fight and the people are to be congratulated. We have scotched Baileyism and no other public official will soon follow in Bailey's footsteps.

"Take from Bailey's vote, those who apologized for voting for him, those who openly said they did not endorse his record, those who said he was our senator and that we ought not to destroy him, those whom outside influences controlled and those who professed to see a danger to the party in the agitation, and it is perfectly manifest that a clear majority of those voting in this primary oppose Bailey and his methods, though their ballots will be construed into his indorsement.

"This is but the first battle. The struggle is to continue. The principle that a senator can not be the confidential adviser and agent of trusts and monopolies, the hired attorney of Standard Oil, the devotee of Wall street and frenzied finance, is fundamental and essential to all democratic government and we will never cease this fight till all officials shall bow and conform to that principle.

"Probably the worst feature of the result will be the impression which will go abroad that Texas, the great democratic stronghold, has fallen into the clutches of those interests which have debauched other sections and has surrendered to the spirit of commercialism in this hour of national struggle for reform.

"It will be a strange spectacle to democrats when the attorney of the Standard Oil, the friend and financial intimate of predatory wealth, shall help to indite the national creed for Bryan, whose hope to win lies in the fact that the country is to believe that in him there is safety against those unlawful industrial combinations which strangle the freedom of trade and oppress the people. I am in nowise discouraged or dismayed.

"I extend the thanks of our cause and ticket to all those who have helped to swell the 10 per cent. which Bailey said we would get, into almost 50 per cent. of the vote cast."

To Test Jim Crow Law

On complaint of Mayor J. W. Steen of Checotah and A. L. Hunsam, County Commissioner of Wagoner County, a negro who refused to comply with the Jim Crow law was arrested by a Sheriff and ejected from a Missouri, Kansas and Texas train at Cleveland, Ok., Monday. The negro got on the train at Oklahoma City. He refused to obey on the grounds that he had an interstate ticket and the law did not apply to him. Because the conductor declined to act, the county officials took the law in their own hands. They will file complaint against the road with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Katherine—He says that a lie has never passed his lips. Kidder—I suppose you noticed that he talks through his nose.—Illustrated Bits.

At Coldwater, Ok., Sunday night a tornado carried away the house of Charles Humphries, the occupants, Charles Wise, wife and son, being injured severely. House and contents were scattered over the prairie for a half mile.

Bailey Shaping State Platform

The Fort Worth correspondent of the Dallas News says: "While here Mr. Bailey was engaged in a number of conferences with his campaign advisers and managers and nothing was given out of what transpired behind the closed doors in the rooms where the consultations were held. It is said that the platform for the state convention was under discussion. This platform, it is said, is being framed so that it will not conflict with the ideas of the people in reference to public officials serving the trusts and yet will not be sufficiently pointed in its references and terms to place the junior senator in an embarrassing position."

STATE NEWS

A little child of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chamley, living in Hunt county got hold of some poison prepared to kill flies and drank it, dying from the effects Saturday night.

A storm wrecked a residence in the north part of Cleburne Monday and two hours Mrs. W. L. Morrow and son were imprisoned in the wrecked building, which, falling on its side, made it impossible for the occupants to get out.

At Batson Saturday Milt Murphy while out hunting fired off his gun near a shed filled with dynamite, the concussion causing the dynamite to explode. Murphy was severely injured about the breast, face and arm. His clothes were torn into shreds, his coat and shirt were blown entirely away and his boots were torn to pieces. There was not a piece of the old shed left. Mr. Murphy will recover but will be very badly disfigured.

Fire caused by lightning destroyed four 250-barrel tanks of oil belonging to the Creek Oil company in the Glenn pool Mouday at Tulsa, Ok.

This comes from Missouri and may be true. There was a big debt hanging over the Baptist church and several means had been devised for getting rid of the same, but progress was slow. So, just before Easter, one of the ladies of the congregation suggested that they all forego their Easter bonnets, and contribute to the church fund, the amount that would otherwise have gone for headgear. The suggestion found immediate favor, and Easter Sunday saw a greatly reduced church debt, and there was no straining of ladies' necks to get just another glimpse of Mrs. Longman's new bonnet. For there were no new bonnets within the sacred precincts of that Baptist church.—Ex.

An Assot.

The financial prospects of Washington Lafayette Johnson were decidedly clouded, but he still preserved a sanguine spirit, which his friends did not always appreciate.

"I'd like to borrow Jes' a little money ob you," said Mr. Johnson confidentially to a friend. "I-I wouldn't ax you fo' it, but I ain' got a single cent left in de worl'."

"What sec'n'ity can you gib me?" asked his friend without any enthusiasm.

"Why, I gib you my note ob hand!" and Mr. Johnson looked pained and amazed at such a question. "I reckon you don' know what a good, clear handwriting I got in de ebening school."—Youth's Companion.

Not Exorbitant.

The summer resident looked sharply at Mr. Jameson's guileless moon face and then at the mild and none too sprightly horse he was trying to sell.

"Don't you think \$150 is rather a stiff price to ask for a horse like that?" asked the summer resident. "How old is he?"

"He's only jest thutty," said Mr. Jameson calmly.

"Thirty years old, and you expect to get \$150 for him?"

"I don't know as I expect to get it," said Mr. Jameson without rancor, "but it seems as if I'd ought to have full as much as that. It don't come to but \$5 a year, and he's cost me a good deal more'n that most years."—Youth's Companion.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

E Bain and Dad Morrison are here today.

Mrs. W. C. Cooper, who lived in the Bray community, died last Friday at the age of 72.

Dr. Stocking reports a boy born to Mrs. B. Bibb south of Lelia Lake Saturday.

Miss Isabell Brumley, of Comanche, Texas, is here for a month's visit with her brother, H. C. Brumley.

Several former Clarendonites were here yesterday and were surprised at our growth, both as to buildings and trees, as well as shrubbery.

The three trustees elected last Saturday for the Clarendon independent school district were W. H. Patrick, H. C. Kerbow and C. D. Bennett, all good men for the place.

Mrs. Silas George, of Sweetwater, Tex., arrived Friday and is the guest of Mrs. T. S. Kemp. Her daughter, who has been here for some time, will return home with her.

We are in receipt of an invitation from the medical department of the Fort Worth University to their graduating exercises yesterday. We note that Dr. R. M. Prather, formerly a dentist here, is one of the graduating class.

John Kelley returned Saturday night from medical college in Dallas to remain at home during the summer vacation. He will again take up his studies at the beginning of next term and finish his course and come out a full-fledged M. D.

Dr. J. N. Eddins received a telegram Monday telling of the illness of his daughter, Mrs. Clare Booth, of Austin. The message did not indicate that she was seriously ill, but Mrs. Eddins left that night for Austin to attend her until she is restored to health.

A letter from I. J. Brokaw at Ft. Worth, who has been to Dallas, Sherman and other points, says it is raining them out down there, and while their crops are further advanced, the prospect for cleaning them out is not good and that none of the country down there looks so good as it does around Hedley.

County Treasurer J. H. Hamner, of Claude, called in yesterday for a chat while here with the Claude crowd, which numbered about 50. Mr. Hamner also runs the Claude News, which, like most of the Panhandle papers, was anti-Bailey. Mr. Hamner says Bailey is politically dead in Texas and also says the endorsement of Baileyism will hurt the national democracy no little. Mr. Hamner says his county is prospering.

The Corner-Stone Laying.
The corner-stone laying of the new college building was carried out yesterday according to the program published in Saturday's paper, and would have been a most enjoyable occasion had the weather permitted. Since Sunday afternoon the wind from the west and north was a fright, and cold with it made a most disagreeable day for doing anything out of doors. There were 300 from Memphis, 50 from Claude, over 200 from Amarillo and a large number from Childress, Goodnight and other points. There was ample dinner taken on the ground, but it was so windy and disagreeable that many did not try to eat on the picnic plan.

The visiting ladies were served in the dormitory, where they had plenty. Many baskets and boxes of supplies were taken back home without being opened, owing to the disagreeable weather.

Perhaps not a fifth of those present were able to hear what was being said in the addresses and ceremonies for the cold, hard wind, and for this reason too, we are not able to give an extended report.

Donley's Primary.
Chairman Beville and the executive committee canvassed Saturday's vote and found the following result:

Bailey. Anti-B.	135	89
Clarendon.....	10	20
Lelia Lake.....	29	26
Rowe-Hedley.....	5	7
Giles.....	8	4
Oldtown.....	10	10
Bray.....	197	156

The convention to nominate delegates to the state convention to select delegates to the national convention was held yesterday and the following were elected, who will have but one vote: A. T. Cole, Ed Bromley, John Pope, J. H. Altizer, A. M. Beville.

A resolution offered by H. B. White that the delegation use its influence for the nomination of Bryan for president was passed.

Eleven Public School Graduates.

There will be 11 graduates from the public school this year. They are: Misses Ruth Bell, Verna Teel, Grace Tyree, Pearl Brumley, Kate Brown, Chloe Rector, Minnie Robertson and Julia Cooke, and Masters Arthur Sims and J. C. Patterson.

The Commencement exercises will be at the opera house Friday, May 15, and there will be an admission fee of 25c.

Oklahoma Business Men Here Today.

A special train of business men of Oklahoma City spent an hour here today getting acquainted with the business men of Clarendon. They were in six new Pullman cars. This trade extension excursion has with it a symphony orchestra, and the party are about 100 strong.

At Groom Saturday two boys, aged 16 and 17 years, passed a check signed by John Hughes. Later this check was discovered to be a forgery. The boys, Marvin Hughes and Ed Davidson, were preparing to leave the town and Ed Davidson was arrested. The other boy succeeded in escaping the officer and boarded the train and went to Amarillo. A description of the boy was immediately wired the sheriff at Amarillo with instructions to arrest him, but it seems he escaped.

Elsewhere we give an account of a couple who have celebrated their one-hundredth wedding anniversary. We publish this because we have heard it disputed that there are any such cases of longevity, and this seems to be a well authenticated case. Even the celebration of a diamond wedding, 75th, is very rare.

Fort Worth Cattle Market Coming to the Front.

During the first four months of the present year 38,603 more cattle have been received in Fort Worth than in St. Louis. With one-third of the year gone, and this market in the lead, it is confidentially believed that the end of the year will find Fort Worth ahead of St. Joseph and St. Louis, and only a few points behind South Omaha, with only Chicago and Kansas City holding a noteworthy lead.

Last year Fort Worth forged ahead of St. Joseph. This year to date local receipts have amounted to 264,412 head as against 225,809 for St. Louis, and 304,596 for South Omaha. This puts South Omaha just 40,184 cattle ahead of this market, whereas at this time a year ago the odds were 118,332 against Fort Worth.

Figuring on this basis, those who have kept up with the growth of this market declare that with St. Joseph and St. Louis already passed, South Omaha will take a back seat during the year of 1909, and Fort Worth will give Kansas City a close call in 1910.—Record.

Amarillo carpenters who are now getting \$3 per day have struck for \$3.50. Some of the larger contractors are working only non-union men.

If it isn't an "Eastman" it isn't a Kodak.

This office for neat job work.

Bailey Wins by One-Fifth of His Claimed Majority.

Indications, from reports received up to midnight Sunday night, are the Bailey ticket was victorious in Saturday's primaries by 25,000 majority. Up to that time the figures were: Bailey, 108,092; Johnson, 89,993.

The Johnson ticket seems to have carried the Third, Fifth, Tenth and Eleventh congressional districts.

The old Fifth district, when Senator Bailey was representative, was composed of Rockwall, Collin, Fannin, Grayson, Denton, Montague, Cooke and Wise. These eight counties gave him a majority of 10,984, which is more than half of his majority.

With one exception the Bailey ticket received large majorities in all south Texas counties where the Germans predominate.

Later reports up to noon Monday, 194 counties show a total vote of 213,972 votes, of which 116,342 were cast for the Bailey ticket and 97,629 for the Johnson forces, making Bailey's majority 18,613.

It is probable that these returns are very nearly final, as nearly 50 counties did not hold elections Saturday.

Every county in the Twelfth district, in which Fort Worth is located, returned anti-Bailey majorities excepting Tarrant and Parker. Had it not been for the heavy Bailey majority in Tarrant county, Senator Bailey would have lost the district. Johnson county, the home of Judge Poindexter, one of the Bailey leaders, went for Johnson.

A. J. Baker lost his home county, Tom Green, as did Judge Brooks his home county, Dallas.

All of the men on the Johnson ticket carried their home counties. This includes Harris county, at Houston, the home of O. T. Holt, which was doubtful Saturday night.

Notwithstanding Brooks is one of the delegates and neglected his office to make stump speeches, he lost his home box by 220 to 106. Yesterday the reported vote stood 120,253 for Bailey, 100,789 for Johnson.

Just in—Latest up-to date sailor and Merry widow hats for sale by Miss Porter at Burdett's store.

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Water Coolers,
the kind that keeps your water palatable. Call and see the nice ones at Kerbow & Asher's.

Try our screw worm medicine. We guarantee satisfaction. Prescriptions is also our specialty. Fleming & Bromley.

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Just opened; newly furnished, neat and clean. One block from depot, adjoining opera house. \$1.50 per day. M. F. LEE, Prop.

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You will need a cot or two for the summer. Buy them at Kerbow & Asher's.

Rooms to rent, furnished or unfurnished. Mrs. C. C. Bearden.

K. of P.—Panhandle Lodge, No. 90. Meets every Tuesday night. Visiting Knights invited to attend. J. T. Beam, C. C. H. W. KELLEY, K. of R. & S.

Pythian Sisters—Panhandle Temple, No. 90. Meets every Monday night. Visiting Knights invited to attend. J. T. Beam, C. C. H. W. KELLEY, K. of R. & S.

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GEO. F. MORGAN.

For County and District Clerk,*
C. A. BURTON,
WADE WILLIS,
J. J. ALEXANDER.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector,
J. T. PATMAN,
J. MARION WILLIAMS

For County Treasurer,
GUSS JOHNSON,
J. M. CLOWER.

For Tax Assessor,
R. H. ELKINS,
G. W. BAKER,
J. H. RUTHERFORD.

For County Commissioner Precinct No. 2,
R. E. WILLIAMS.

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Respectfully,
D. W. TAYLOR.

Drouth Predicted for May.

Foster predicts severe storms from May 4 to 8 and from May 30 to June 3, with little rain. A long, hot dry spell may be expected May 9 to 20, followed by unusually cool 21 to 31. A drouth will seriously injure prospects of the grasses, oats, corn and dairy interests. I would advise those who have old corn & d oats not to sell at reduced prices till they see the effects of this May drouth.

But Foster's predictions don't seem to fit the Panhandle, yet for the whole country in general, he makes some hits.

Market Report.

The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Monday:
Steers \$4.85 to \$5.55.
Cows \$2.50 to \$4.25.
Calves \$3.15 to \$4.25.
Hogs \$5.30 to \$5.60.

If a man goes home sick from the office it is a good plan for his wife to give him the baby to hold. The point in curing sickness is to take the patient's mind off his complaints, and nothing will do this more effectually than a try at holding the baby.—Atchison Globe.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

For the best flour go to Bryan & Land's.

The only place to get the Eastman Kodak is at Stocking's store. Bryan & Land's Royal No. 10 flour is the best on the market.

You will find the latest samples of 1908 wall paper at Stocking's store.

See our swell line of Misses' and Children's oxfords. Rathjen, The Shoe Man.

Souvenir post cards, pretty views in colors, of every town of importance in Texas. I have them; 2 cents each, postpaid. Henry Law, Goodnight, Tex. 9 tf

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

JUST IN—Our line of Dorothy Dodd oxfords. They are just the thing you want. Rathjen, The Shoe Man.

Stock of Merchandise for Sale.
A \$3,500 stock of general merchandise in Goodnight, Tex. Post-office kept in same building. Doing good business; only one other store in town. Call for further particulars and see the stock.
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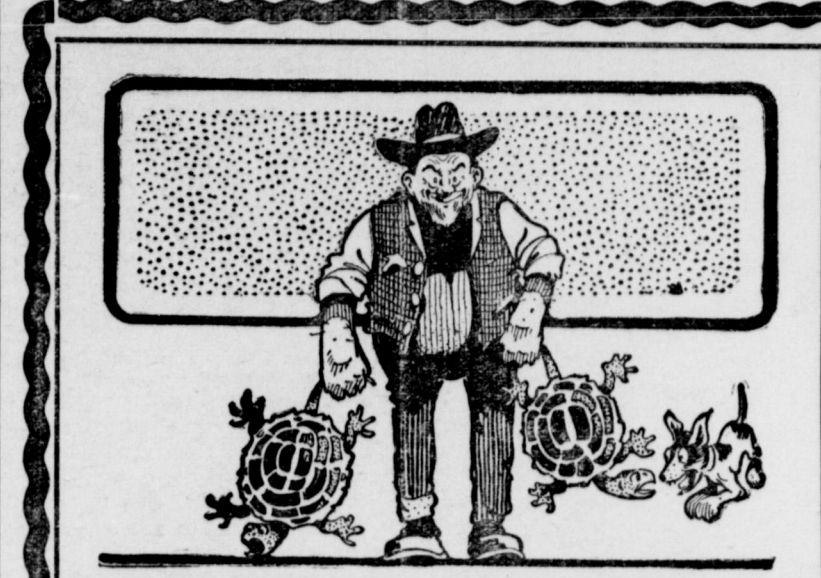
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The above trotting horse will serve a limited number of mares this season at my place in Clarendon. Following is

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We Have Some Big Snaps This Week

We are snap specialists. This week it is barn bills that we are specializing. We're figuring them so close that if you are thinking of building a barn, either now or in the near future, it will pay you in dollars and cents to get busy and order your material now, while we are splitting profits with our friends.

Or maybe it's a house bill that you're interested in just now; or a barn, granary, crib, chicken house, pig pen, sheds, or other outbuildings. All right! Just trot along with your bill, whatever it might be. We'll take a heavy fall out of the profits on any old bill you can scare up.

It will pay you to get in on our present prices, even if you have to drive quite a bit out of your way to get here.

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the work will get a pen, of which above is a cut.

Bird Built Nest On Her Hat.
There was an old man with a beard,
Who said, "It is just as I feared:
Four larks and a wren,
Three owls and a hen
Have all built their nests in my
beard."
—Tonsorio ornithological sonnet.

This veracious tale, which would have interested Audubon greatly describes another nesting. Mrs. Simon Harrison, pretty and demure, entered the Methodist church at Swinefield, N. Y., Sunday wearing a brand new and very becoming hat which she bought in New York, of course. Over the mass of flowers, feathers, lace and jigsaw pieces that adorned the hat a bluebird circled and at once engaged the attention of 200 truly good persons in the church.

Instead of listening to the Rev. Abner H. Strong's eloquent sermon on the everlasting fact that pride leadeth to a fall, everybody kept staring at Mrs. Harrison. At first she was pleased, but when the women began to giggle and the men to whisper to each other and grin, Mrs. Harrison, indignant, left the pew. As she walked down the aisle the bluebird, emitting distressed little cries, arose from her hat and flew around her, almost brushing her fair face with its wings.

A suspicion of the truth flashed through Mrs. Harrison's mind. Quickly she drew out her hatpins, drew off her hat and thrust her hand into its mass of decorations. There was hidden a dainty little nest with four eggs in it. Mrs. Harrison carefully placed the hat on a pew seat and then carefully fainted on the seat beside it.

When Mrs. Harrison revived she explained to the women who were patting her hands and fanning her that there are many bluebirds on her husband's farm; very tame little creatures, because she and her husband scatter crumbs for them and encourage their presence.

She said she bought the hat three weeks ago and had kept it on a bureau in her spare room, which she kept aired by always leaving a window partly open. Audubon would have been glad to hear, too, that Mrs. Harrison will let mother bluebird hatch the young on her hat.

"That she built her nest there proves how neutral these flowers are," said Mrs. Harrison with a certain gratification.

"I fear you did not hear my sermon," said Preacher Strong, sighing.—New York World.

No More Drums.

In the battle of Waterloo the English forces had over ninety drummer boys killed, and the French lost nearly two hundred. From that date on the armies of the world began to dispense with drummers in war, and now no army has them. Bugles are used instead of drums, and most buglers are at least 20 years old.

Circumstances Alter Cases.

"Now, I want to know how long it will be before I get an answer to this letter?" a young lady demanded, with a tell-tale blush, as she handed the post-office clerk a communication addressed to her lover.

"That depends," said the representative, reflectively. "If he's in jail they only let them write once a week, and in some places only once a month—on Sundays. If he's dead broke, he'll have to wait until he earns the price of a stamp, and I have no data on which to base an opinion of his earning capacities. If he's ill in bed, he may feel delicate about dictating his real sentiments to a coal, disinterested third person; and if it's small-pox they won't let him write at all. Then, again, if he's got a new girl—"

She didn't wait for the clerk to complete his catalogue of contingencies.—Ex.

Attorney General Hadley of Missouri announces that he will be a candidate for governor on the republican ticket in a letter written to State Chairman Dickey. Hadley has been ill and recently had withdrawn from the race.

GOT NEW FURNACE

DISASTROUS RESULT OF MRS. GIGGS' DISCONTENT.

Chapter of Accidents That Attended Removal of Heating Apparatus—Trouble Originated with Loss of "Cadoocy."

"John," young Mrs. Giggs said, "I'm going to have the furnace moved. It doesn't heat up a bit."
"Gee, that'll cost about \$25," John said.
"But, dear, I'll freeze to death. Besides, I've already told the man to come. It'll only cost about five dollars."

"You're on," said John. "I'll duck." The workmen came after breakfast.
"Go right down into the cellar," she told them. She went to the library to read. Soon there was a knock on the door and one of the workmen appeared.

"We'll have to put out the fire 'fore we can do any work," he said.
Ten minutes later the wife was huddled in the parlor and the house was filled with smoke, while through the furnace pipes came various "rackety" noises, but no heat. She laid aside her book and went to see what progress was being made.

"We won't be done for a good while," the foreman said, in answer to her question. "Bill's lost the cadoocy." Back the wife went to the parlor and waited some more. Then she went back to the cellar.

"You see, the gadget's broke or we'd be done afore this," the foreman explained. She said she would build a fire in the kitchen range.

"Doncher doot," he yelled. "Wanter blow up th' house? Th' hot water pipe's all mixed up, an' you can't have any fire till we set it fixed."

More waiting in the cold parlor. Then there came a knock on the door. It was the foreman again.

"Th' boys say them pipes ought to be put up agin," he remarked. "Liable to burn up th' whole shack. New ones won't cost much," insinuatingly.

"How much?" she asked.
"Ten dollars."
More subterranean noises and then a crash. The cellar stairway was filled with a cloud of dust. The sound of loud swearing came from below.

"What's wrong?" she called.
"Th' bloomin' thing fell in," was the answer of the foreman. "Tain't no good. Never was. You'll have to get a new furnace. We can't monkey with this here thing no more."

When John got home he found Mrs. Giggs wrapped up in blankets and crying.

"It's all right," he said. "We need a new furnace, anyway." And then they went to a hotel for three days.—Kansas City Star.

Divorce and Humanitarianism.
It is not denied that there should be divorce laws in the country. It seems inhuman to compel two persons to maintain a nominal state of matrimony when they are wholly estranged.

If the two persons were alone concerned there would be little objection to the most liberal laws. But there are generally children to be considered and at all times the general state of society. Property interests and the general welfare are affected by divorces and they should only be granted when there is sufficient reason.

It is because of the vast and complex interests which are or may be involved that a federal law on the subject is to be desired. There are many titles to property in this country clouded by reason of our many and varying state laws on the subject. Society is based on the marriage relation and it should be kept as inviolate as is possible. When the bonds must be severed it should be done openly and with full knowledge of all of the circumstances. And if so many people did not marry thoughtlessly there would be fewer cases in the divorce courts.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Sea Water as a Beverage.
Sea water has been converted into a beverage! A little citric acid or citrate of silver is added to the briny liquid, chloride of silver is precipitated, and a harmless mineral water is produced. One ounce of citrate renders a half pint of water drinkable. Seven would furnish a shipwrecked man with water for a week. The question is how to secure citrate for shipwrecked men. It is recommended that those who go to sea carry a bottle of citrate protected by an India rubber covering, or that such bottles should be furnished in life preservers. If, with presence of mind, shipwrecked folk remember to take these with them all the agonies of thirst portrayed in nautical stories may remain unrealized fiction.

Found Lost Sheep In Barn.
Some weeks ago 15 sheep disappeared from Llangorse mountain, near Bfecon, Wales. The sheep were discovered a few days ago by the owner, Mr. Powell, a farmer, in an old barn on a lonely mountain sheep-walk. The animals had found shelter in the building, and, the door closing on them, had been trapped and ultimately starved. Shepherds passed the barn almost every day, but owing to it being seldom used, never thought of looking inside. Mr. Powell, on entering the barn, saw 15 of his best sheep—eight dead and seven only just living. They had eaten the wool of each other's backs.

MADE THE BLUFF TOO STRONG.

One Case Where Theory and Practice Didn't Seem to Hitch.

Frederick Sterry of New York's famous Plaza hotel was talking about the crush that restaurants experience on New Year's eve, Washington's birthday and other holidays. "But I must not boast," said Mr. Sterry. "It is bad luck. A grocer in my boyhood told me that. The grocer said that he had once engaged a new boy, and had exhorted this boy always to give customers the impression that they were very busy.

"Whether we are actually busy or no, say so," the grocer said. "Tell people we are, for they like to deal with brisk, go-ahead firms that do a large trade."

"Well, an hour or so later a brougham drove up, and the rich judge's wife entered. She did not stay long. The boy looked after her. And on her departure the grocer said to the boy:

"Did Mrs. Judge Brown leave a very large order, James?"

"She was gone," said the boy. "She had a list as long as yer arm. But I looked mad and told her we was so busy I hardly seed how I could stop to tend to her, so she said, bein' as she was in a hurry, she'd just go next door."

The Wisdom of Experience.
There was no doubt in the minds of the Hobart family that young James had a remarkable gift. It remained for an obscure uncle from the Cape to drop a word of caution and of worldly wisdom.

"You say he's wonderful farseeing, and can tell folk just how things are going to turn out?" he inquired.
"Yes, it seems so," said James' adoring mother.

"Well, now, if you want him to be the most onpop'lar man anywhere round, you just let him foretell and prophesy and forecast," remarked the old uncle, grimly.

"If you want him to keep a few friends you must shunt him off to some other track. Let him work out sums in his head. That's a harmless practice."

"But why?" faltered the mother.
"Just this," answered the authority from down on the Cape. "When he prophesies things'll go wrong and they do go wrong, the heft of the blame'll be laid straight on his shoulders. When he says they'll go right, and they do, folks be too busy enjoying themselves to remember your James. And when he says they'll go wrong and they go right, they'll call him a fool. Now, I'm above 70, and you mind what I tell ye."—Youth's Companion.

Odd Animals in Harness.

The horse must look to his laurels, a number of odd competitors for his place as the friend of man are springing up.

At Andheim, a German settlement in southern California, ostriches have been trained to draw light four-wheeled traps. One of these birds so harnessed has traveled a mile in three minutes, or at a rate of 20 miles an hour.

The African zebra was formerly regarded as being too wild and too vicious to be of use in harness. But time has changed this, and now in British East Africa any number of zebras can be purchased ready trained to bit and bridle. The zebra will be found most useful in Africa and India, as it is exceedingly strong, a fast trotter and immune from many diseases which attack horses.

Perhaps the oddest animal in harness is the wild boar which is driven by a French peasant at Montlucon. It is now three years old and able to draw a small two-wheeled cart. As a bit is of no use the reins are attached to the animal's eye teeth.

To Be Investigated.

"Since Louis Ferrari began the prosecution of these impure milk cases," remarked one of a group at the Olympic club, "he's suspicious of anything that looks like milk."

"How so?" ventured one of the listeners.
"Well, one of the fellows had a bottle of emulsion of cod liver oil, white stuff, the vilest dope a man ever tasted. It was in a plain, big-necked bottle. 'Where'd they get that stuff?' asked Ferrari."

"I think," said Andrew Glarner, "I think Jack Gleason got it from his brother's place."

"Ah," exclaimed Ferrari, "I don't care if Jack is a member of the club. I'm going after his brother's dairy. I put some of that milk in my coffee this morning, and it was all to the bad."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Victory So-Called.

James Carroll, the amateur lightweight boxing champion of San Francisco, said at the end of a recent women's boxing and fencing exhibition:

"Physical culture among women, women's growing strength and pluck, lend interest to marriage, change marriage's complexion."
"How is poor Smithers gettin' on?" asked one man to another.

"Well," said the other, "Smithers is now almost recovered from the beatin' he gave his wife last Saturday night."

True Irish Wit.

"Tim" Healy, the Irish member of parliament, is quick at repartee. A voter once informed him that he would "sooner vote for the devil than for Healy." "But possibly your friend may not turn up," said "Tim," adding in a tone of mild inquiry, "Forshew, how would support up there?"

PARCELS POST PROSPECTS.

Effect of Proposed Innovation on Mail Order Business.

According to a staff correspondent of the New York Globe, Postmaster General Meyer intends next winter to propose to congress the establishment of a parcels post system such as obtains in England. This innovation has been advocated by many persons for years, but it has been defeated by the interests of the express companies represented in congress, particularly in the senate. There is now said to be considerable opposition on account of the fear that the establishment of this service, whereby parcels weighing several pounds are to be sent through the mails at a nominal rate, will injure local merchants because of making mail order trade more easy.

On this point the Globe's Washington correspondent says:

"When the time comes Postmaster General Meyer, with the backing of the president, is expected to come out with arguments intended to refute the idea that the small storekeeper would be hurt by a parcels post. Officials who have looked into the matter say that the parcels post would help the small dealer instead of hurting him, and that instead of being compelled to keep stocks of certain goods he could act as an agent for big houses on commission, obtaining his goods quickly and at low transportation cost by mail. Of course, the examples set by foreign countries will be cited. It will be pointed out, undoubtedly, that nearly every other civilized country has better facilities for carrying parcels by mail than this country.

As is well known, one can mail an eleven pound package and send it through the mail to almost any place outside the United States and its possessions. The reports on the English parcels post system afford arguments which it is entirely likely the post-office department will avail itself of. There one can send a parcel weighing up to five pounds for 12 cents, and the limit is eleven pounds and the charge 22 cents. The latest report on the subject shows that the last government year the people of England sent 101,700,000 parcels through the mails, an increase of 4.6 per cent. Moreover, this was not done at a loss, the profit of the English postal system being \$28,000,000 the last government year. In contrast with a deficit in this country.

VALUE OF STREET TREES.

Nothing Adds So Much to a Town's Beauty.

There is a pleasing unanimity of opinion among writers and lecturers on street trees regarding their value to abutting property as well as to the community in general. Professor G. L. Stone, botanist at the Massachusetts Agricultural college, in a lecture before the Worcester County Horticultural society opened with the following appreciative words:

"There is nothing which adds so much to the beauty of a town or city as shade trees, and persons of good taste appreciate this fact. One will notice in traveling that the villages adorned with a large number of beautiful shade trees are those in which have existed for some time considerable public spirit, refinement and culture. On the other hand, mill towns whose inhabitants have no permanent homes are usually notable for their lack of trees and embellishments in general. Shade trees, however, possess another value, that of utility, and we wish to call attention to this feature because it is not generally appreciated and furthermore because it will appeal to the practical man, who is little in sympathy with the beautiful in any form. The decisions of courts in the United States have in more than one instance proved that trees possess a property value and in many cases from \$50 to \$200 or more has been awarded to the abutter for the destruction of a single tree. It makes little difference whether a tree is located on the street or on private land or whether it is set out by the town or city or by the abutter, since a tree in front of a piece of property adds value to it, and the abutter can claim damages for the destruction of such a tree. An elm tree eighteen to twenty inches in diameter, for example, may be worth \$100 to \$300, and one would experience little difficulty in obtaining recompense for its destruction."

Litter From Billboards.
One more department of city government has assumed the billboard nuisance as constituting a menace to civic betterment, says the Los Angeles Times. In several cities to the eastward of California street superintendents have complained that the litter caused by posters peeling off causes more rubbish to form in the gutters than any other cause. All this is encouraging to those striving to attain a high standard in civic beauty, for it really looks as though we may eventually clear ourselves of the obnoxious presence of all billboards. So much pressure is being brought on this class of advertisers that it is either stop or suffer financial loss through a decrease of custom.

Good Cleaning Up Scheme.

Nearly a thousand men, equipped with small sacks and spiked sticks, were occupied at a cost to the taxpayers of about \$300 in removing paper bags and other articles with which holiday makers had strewn the London parks and open spaces on a bank holiday. London's plan of cleaning up its parks after a holiday can well be adopted on a smaller scale by any town and at any time.

The Horrible and Grotesque.

Not a few of the scenes a clergyman is called upon to witness are both grotesque and terrible. An old man had been ill for months, but clung to life with that wonderful pertinacity which is so common with old people. He was of course a great burden to his two daughters, who had to nurse him and at the same time earn their own bread. One day, on being asked how the old man was, one of the daughters, even while she stood by the bed, announced: "E's just the same; 'e is such a time a-dyin'." I wish 'e'd hurry up a bit. It's s' awkward for me and my sister, with our other work to do." It was terrible enough to see natural feeling all but destroyed by poverty, but there was something truly awful in the scene when the old man gasped over from his bed: "I am a-makin' 'aste, ain't I? I've got no call for to 've."—Cornhill Magazine.

Sir Frank Lockwood's Wit.

Sir Frank Lockwood once began cross examining a lady with a few irrelevant questions to put her off her guard. This would have been very well if, like most witnesses, she had meekly submitted, but she upset everything with "Don't you think that is a very silly question, Sir Frank?"

"Upon my word," he replied, "I think it is."
In a breach of promise case he once rallied the jury with: "You, gentlemen, cannot seriously think that this charming lady's matrimonial prospects are forever blighted. Surely not one of you could be ungracious enough if single to be averse to the acquaintance of so attractive a lady. I myself am no longer available, but you!"

A Dangerous Playground.

Sir Leslie Stephen's familiar name for the Swiss Alps, "the Playground of Europe," takes on a somewhat sinister aspect when we realize that the Alps are responsible for over 400 accidents a year. So many of these are fatal that the London Lancet seems justified in saying that this "playground" has for many years been a graveyard, a fact which experience from year to year emphasizes rather than modifies.

An Early One.

Jaggsby (2 a. m.)—I shay, offisher, is this—hic—Black street?

Policeman—Yes.

Jaggsby—Wish you'd—hic—direct me to 411. Goin' to 'tend a little lecture there.

Policeman—What! Attend a lecture at this hour of the morning?

Jaggsby—Yes. Thash's the house where I—hic—live, an' I'm married. Shee?—Chicago News.

To Republicans, 13th District.

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