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Advise Greater Wheat Growth

G. J. Gibbs of Vernon, a member of the executive committee of the Texas Grain Dealers' association, said to a Fort Worth Record reporter Tuesday:

"Texas should raise at least 25,000,000 bushels of wheat to feed the people of this state, and can do it easily; but, instead, Texas does not raise much more than one-third of that amount, and as a result has to bring enough wheat to supply the Texas mills in from Kansas and Oklahoma. The greatest crop of wheat ever made in Texas hardly fed the people of the state, using six and a half bushels as a per capita basis. In the year 1900, which we term the bumper crop year, about 23,000,000 bushels of wheat was made and harvested.

"Texas should raise more grain than at present to supply the demand of this state, but it seems as if the farmers in the grain raising section of the state have gone wild over cotton culture, and as a result the acreage is getting less every year. In the section around Vernon, where I live, an average acreage will be planted this year, and from what I can learn from the other sections of the state, the acreage will be slightly larger. Texas farmers are making a mistake in not planting more wheat and oats in the fall. Prices will be good because of the fact that the consumption is getting greater every year, and Texas wheat comes in earlier and commands a good price. The nearness to a port is another thing favorable to the Texas man.

"The farmer who plants a good acreage in winter wheat and oats does not lose such a great amount should his winter crop be ruined, because the preparation of the land for that crop puts it in good shape for a corn crop to be planted in the spring, or for a spring oat crop. Farmers are missing a golden opportunity in not planting more grain, and sooner or later they will come to realize that fact. As for corn, the farmers in my section have made a bumper corn crop this year and will realize a good profit on the investment."

Kone Wants a Change and an Exhibit Hall.

Austin, Oct. 13.—Commissioner of Agriculture Kone will ask the legislature for a new law governing the department of agriculture. He desires a complete re-organization and an extension of the powers and usefulness of the department. It was revived by the last legislature and he thinks its operations are on too small a scale.

Having that view of it he will ask that an entirely new statute be enacted to make the department of great use. Commissioner Kone thinks the half block formerly occupied by the temporary capitol, now vacant, should have a large agricultural building erected thereon, and each county given a separate room for the display of its products. He thinks this would benefit the state and the counties and the man who is investigating Texas resources.

"Society is much the same in the little old county seat out here on the prairie as it is New York, the hub of the continent," says a Missouri paper. "The only difference when the ladies at the former place say their adieux, when they leave the hostess's house, they must hurry home to strain the milk and cook the beefsteak instead of retiring to their boudoirs into the hands of maids."

Charles A. Looney has resigned as editor of Gov. Haskell's New State Tribune and will go to Washington next winter to represent a syndicate of southwestern newspapers.

Glowing Picture of West Texas.

Conductor Frank Harrington, the oldest passenger conductor on the Denver in point of service, took President Trumbull's special train north Wednesday night on its way to Denver. Mr. Trumbull is president of the Colorado Southern system and has been over the Trinity & Brazos Valley and other branches. While in Fort Worth he said to a reporter:

"Texas has just got started. I was optimistic in view of the future of this state for railroad and industrial development, and now I am more optimistic, and since going over our lines, I feel like throwing my hat in the air and yelling 'Hurrah for Texas.' I never saw a state or section with such a good undertone of feeling existing as I saw on this trip. Why, the state is a veritable garden spot and good crops are showing up on every hand, and a good feeling existing. You cannot have anything else but prosperity, and in a few years, with the present increase in population continuing, the state will be honey-combed with railroads.

"The physical condition of our property, especially the condition of the track to the south could not be better. We have a good track well ballasted, so that our trains can make good time with freight, and from what I can learn they are making good time. The Houston terminals are in fine shape, and I do not see how they can be improved much, and within the next 10 days will begin to use the terminals at Galveston. When I get back to New York I will carry a very rosy report of conditions down in Texas."

High Diver Killed.

Allie McKenzie, high diver for the Danville & Casper Amusement company, met his death at Decatur Tuesday while diving from the city water tower, a distance of eighty feet. In diving he turned too far in the air, alighting in the net upon his feet, and on the rebound was thrown from the net into the air about fifteen feet, and in coming down missed the net, his head striking a box, crushing his skull. He lived only five minutes after the accident.

The dead man's home was in Mangum, Okla. He was 23 years old and unmarried.

Evidence of a City Paper.

"The editor of the News wants it understood that this paper is no longer a country newspaper. Within six months we have been twice threatened with suits if we don't crawlfish, and three fellows have sent us intelligence about what they were going to do to our countenance when they saw us. We haven't back-peddled yet, and are proceeding on the theory that the other fellows went blind."—Hallville (Mo.) News.

Joke on Democratic Campaigners.

Chicago, Oct. 13.—Republican doctrine received unexpected publicity through democratic channels today when two van loads of campaign literature were unloaded in the mailing room of the democratic national headquarters. The literature, intended for republican headquarters a block away, was written in Bohemian, Lithuanian and Slavish. Before it was discovered that the documents were appeals for the election of Mr. Taft most of the literature was mailed to voters.

Bulgaria has been paying the Turkish Sultan \$500,000 a year as tribute, which is more than he can afford to lose while the price of ladies' hats remains so outrageously high.—Dallas News.

Balloonists' Drop in the Sea.

Berlin, Oct. 13.—The balloon, St. Louis, one of the three American contestants in the balloon race, fell into the north sea, 30 miles off shore from Heligoland. H. E. Arnold, the pilot, and B. G. Hewat, assistant, were nearly drowned. A German steamer saw the accident and picked up the victims. This was the third accident. The Conqueror exploded and the Mantana, a Spanish balloon, fell last night.

During the night a sudden change of the wind drove the St. Louis seaward without the balloonists' knowledge. They didn't know the ocean was near until they saw the waves beneath. They threw over everything, but the balloon struck the water. The steamer Langerood rushed to the rescue. The aeronauts were enveloped in the bag and nearly dead.

About Trust Suits.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Attorney General Bonaparte has replied to a second letter from Josephus Daniels, chairman of the press bureau of the democratic national committee at Chicago, in which he complains that in the attorney general's answer to his first inquiry on trust prosecutions he had not differentiated between the prosecutions under the Sherman anti-trust law and those under other laws. In answering the inquiry specifically, the attorney general says under the Sherman anti-trust law passed in 1890 there have been 65 proceedings in all, 56 under republican and nine under democratic administrations. He says there have been 46 since Mr. Roosevelt became president in September, 1901, and 19 in the preceding 11 years.

Among the prosecutions of the democratic administration the attorney general says is included resistance to the petition of Eugene V. Debs for a writ of habeas corpus. It is also asserted that five out of nine proceedings under democratic rule were directed against labor organizations and their leaders, and that under republican rule there have been in all three such proceedings out of 56.

"In a hollow tree, during my vacation, I found two young owls," said a student. "I also found in the same nest two eggs. Puzzled that the mother owl should have abandoned her setting ere its completion, I laid the subject before my farmer host. The farmer told me that country people know well that the owl, after hatching half her brood, leaves the other eggs to be hatched by the new born birds. These young are warm blooded, they are helpless to leave the nest, and in nine cases out of 10 they complete the hatch as well as the mother would have done. I'd consider this a superstition if I hadn't seen a proof of it."—Ex.

There is no doubt that most people ruin their teeth and digestive system by taking food at 100 high a temperature. One cannot get into a hot bath if it is over 112 degrees; 105 degrees is dangerous and even 100 degrees is warm. But from experiment made it appear that we eat meat at 115 degrees temperature, beans at 132 degrees, potatoes at 150 degrees. The average temperature of tea is 135 degrees, and it may be sipped, but cannot be swallowed in large quantities if it exceeds 145 degrees.—Ex.

General Simon Buckner, who ran with Palmer on the Gold Democratic Presidential ticket, in an interview in Baltimore Tuesday said that Bryan was not a democrat and that he intended to vote for Taft. "Bryan is a Populist and a Socialist," said the general.

Neat job printing at this office.

Is It Dunham?

Sheriff Arthur Langford and Deputy Sheriff Buffington left San Jose, Cal., Tuesday night for Sherman, Texas, where they will secure William Hatfield, the man suspected of being James C. Dunham, the Campbell murderer. The man will be taken to San Jose and if he proves not to be Dunham, as Sheriff Langford contends, he will be returned to Texas at the state's expense. Governor Gillette has assured the district attorney that the county will be forced to pay the expenses. A report from Sherman says:

"Hatfield claims to have never been in California, and says he will fight extradition. Habeas corpus proceedings are promised when an effort is made to take him west. He was arrested here after marrying a widow after a two day's courtship. If Hatfield can be proven Dunham, his conviction will be very certain to follow, as the murder of six persons was one of the most remarkable and brutal crimes in criminal history.

"There is considerable doubt here that Hatfield is Dunham. It is claimed that the real Dunham was drowned in the Galveston storm. After the murder he was traced to Texas and his whereabouts was then lost. Rewards to the amount of \$11,000 are offered for his arrest."

What a Republican Editor Says.

Washington, Oct. 12.—H. H. Kohlsaat of Chicago conferred with the President to-day on the political situation in the West and told him some interesting stories of conversations he had heard among laboring men in Chicago, telling how they felt toward the different Presidential candidates.

Mr. Kohlsaat said that he had talked with the editors of three of the leading newspapers of the country which are supporting the candidacy of William J. Bryan. Two of these editors, he said, had told him they did not desire to see Mr. Bryan elected and did not expect he would be.

"And one of these men," continued Mr. Kohlsaat, "is a member of the Democratic national committee."

Speaker Joseph G. Cannon has once more been condemned. This time it is the Friends' (Quakers) Church that demands his retirement from the Speakership of the House. At the yearly meeting of the church of Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Nebraska, held at Lawrence, Kan., a resolution was adopted asking the members of the House of Representatives not to elect Mr. Cannon Speaker on account of his attitude toward the temperance question. Cannon was reared in the Quaker faith.

Deputy United States Marshal Lee McAfee at Sherman has received a message from Sheriff Langford of San Jose, Cal., stating that the governor of California had ordered Hatfield brought there and to hold the prisoner until the sheriff could arrive. Hatfield has been in the Grayson county jail since Sept. 5, when he was arrested by McAfee on suspicion of being Jas. C. Dunham, wanted in Santa Clara county, California, for the murder of six people there several years ago.

Following the attack of L. T. Russell on Governor Haskell, Ardmore democrats put Russell out of the democratic party. Russell had challenged Governor Haskell to various kinds of combats, which the governor now avoids by saying that he will have nothing to do with a man who has been dropped from his party.

A Chapter on Baggage.

The state railway commisser has issued the following relative to baggage. The term "baggage" shall consist of wearing apparel and such personal effects of passengers, as may be necessary for their journey, and articles carried as samples by salesmen, and will be checked upon presentation of proper transportation, when enclosed in receptacles which will insure safe transportation, such as trunks, valises, telescopes, satchels, leather hat boxes, suitcases, sample cases, medium-sized boxes (containing personal effects or samples and provided with suitable handles), sailor or emigrant bags or in bundles properly wrapped in canvas or other strong material (paper wrappers and pasteboard boxes of all kinds excepted), and securely roped.

What may be checked—The following additional articles may be checked and included in the weight of the passenger's baggage: Tool chests, miners' packs, steamer chairs, invalid chairs, guns (not loaded), saddles in bags, camp equipment, golf, cricket, baseball or other club paraphernalia in closed receptacles, cash registers, computing scales, school desks and opera chairs, adding machines, listing machines and samples of fencing, when in sample cases, but not in boxes; game (not exceeding amount allowed by law, baby carriages, go carts and baby sleighs, when containing only necessary articles, such as pillows, robes and blankets, may be checked subject to the same charge as for fifty pounds excess baggage. No charge less than 25 cents. This charge is separate and has no connection with the charge for the excess baggage proper. Bicycles and tricycles may be checked subject to the same charge as for fifty pounds of excess baggage for such articles in excess of fifty pounds actual weight, will be charged for. Not more than one of such articles will be checked for any one passenger. Lamps, cyclometers and tool bags must be removed before checking. Birds, parrots, in cages, and other harmless pets may be carried in baggage cars, when accompanied by owner on same train, and a charge of 25 cents will be made for the trip for each animal or cage.

Dogs tied with rope or chain, or in crates, with collar and tag showing name and address of owner, when accompanied by owner on same train, may be carried in baggage car, a charge of 25 cents to be assessed for each dog for any distance under fifty miles, and ½ cent per mile for distances over fifty miles, not to exceed \$1 for the trip to destination or to junction point with branch or connecting line and such branch lines or connections will make its own collections in accordance with the above regulations.

Owners must deliver and receive the dogs at car door. Not more than two dogs will be carried for any one person. Storage—Storage will be charged on each piece of baggage, either in-bound or out-bound checked or not checked, remaining at station over twenty-four hours as follows: First twenty-four hours free, second twenty-four hours or fraction thereof 25 cents.

For each succeeding twenty-four hours or fraction thereof, 10 cents. Sundays and legal holidays will be considered as additional free time.

The October weather in Texas is enough of itself to move the underfortunates from the four corners in this direction. With a continuation of such golden blessings, this year's State Fair promises to break all the records.—Dallas News.

STATE NEWS.

At Waxahachie Wednesday Sam Hardin was convicted in the county court, charged with violating the local option law. He was fined \$50 and given 30 days in jail.

Will Lister was fined \$25 and given 20 days in jail at Waxahachie this week for violating the local option law. A negro boy there was also fined \$10 for matching pennies.

In behalf of Philip Lass, the lad who had his arm badly lacerated by a leopard belonging to the Barnum & Bailey circus Sunday in Houston, a suit to recover \$25,000 damages has been filed in the district court by Joe Lass, his father.

W. D. Twitchell has sued the Pecos Valley railway for \$10,000 damages for not giving him proper protection from a fellow passenger, J. W. Childress, Jr., who beat him up while on the train enroute to Toyah. Suit was brought in Amarillo.

Sterling P. Strong, leader of the submissionists, on returning from Houston, where he visited the anti-prohibition convention, says the meeting was a "frost" and that three factions wanted different policies adopted. Strong says he is confident prohibition will prevail.

W. G. Hardison, a well known cattleman, died at Childress Monday of appendicitis. Mr. Hardison operated a ranch in Motley county, making his home at Northfield for a number of years. He leaves a widow and five children, his mother, a brother, a sister in Oklahoma, and a sister, Miss Louie Hardison, of Fort Worth.

Decrease of Opium Trade.

That the opium traffic in this country is on the decline is indicated by the latest figures compiled by the bureau of statistics showing that opium imports have been decreased by one-quarter of a million dollars during 1908 as compared with the previous year. Thus far during the year the Chinese empire has supplied this country with \$1,322,691 worth of opium while from elsewhere the opium imports amount to only \$14,012.

Memphis.

Democrat. Dr. J. W. Greenwood returned yesterday from Washington, where he had been attending the National Tuberculous congress.

J. C. Beavers tells us he is moving his cousin, H. D. Beavers, of Hunt county, out to this county. He will occupy the Oscar Bell place on the Bugbee land.

With the starting of a new three-story brick on Main street, just east of the Cobb hotel, W. S. Thompson, the owner, gives to Memphis her first brick building containing three stories.

J. A. Simmons of the Ring neighborhood will move next week to the Jennings farm near Bray, where he has a large crop to gather for Mr. Jennings. He will make that place his home for another year.

The enrollment in both schools at the beginning of the second month (last Monday) was 505. There is now a contest on among the different rooms for the highest standing in punctuality.

At a meeting of the directors of the Memphis Ice & Electric company held last Saturday, the resignation of Manager S. A. Bryant was accepted and Mayor A. J. Kinard was elected to supply the vacancy thus caused.

Cherokee, Kan., has a milliner whose name is Mrs. Noah. Wonder if she sells waterproof hats?

Bryan-Land Co. guarantee their shoes.

Old papers for sale at this office only 1¢ per 100.

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CLARENDON, TEX., OCT. 17, 1908.

Owing to the illness of the governor, Lieut. Gov. A. B. Davidson will open the Dallas State fair and represent Gov. Campbell today at the opening, according to an announcement made by Private Secretary Barton. The governor's staff will attend with Gov. Davidson.

Alfalfa is the imperial forage crop of Kansas. While other field crops surpass in acreage and total yield, in net returns per acre alfalfa is clearly in the lead. This is the opening sentence to the introduction to the bulletin 155 of the Kansas experiment station, Manhattan, which is one of the most comprehensive and valuable publications that has yet been issued on this forage plant.

A Missouri editor, tiring of having his thunder stolen by his fellow craftsmen, sought to floor them by exclaiming: "About a dozen of our exchanges swiped our little article entitled, 'Yes, Farming Pays,' and we are rather glad they did, for the whole thing was a lie from start to finish, and at least a dozen times we have felt like kicking ourselves for publishing it."

Down in the piney woods a man was recently tried for assault. The state brought into court as the weapons used a rail, an ax, a pair of tongs, a saw and a rifle. The defendant's counsel exhibited as the other man's weapons a scythe blade, a pitchfork, a pistol and a hoe. The jury's verdict is said to have been, "Resolved, That we, the jury, would have given a dollar to have seen the fight."

San Antonio paper says coyotes are so numerous in many southwest Texas counties as to make the raising of hogs and poultry almost impossible. Sheep and goats could not be raised at all unless accompanied by herders. Many cattlemen report a 10 to 15 per cent loss of their calf crop as a result of the presence of these predatory animals. Down there they are asking that a determined effort be made to rid the state of these wild animals, and that the next legislature will again pass a much needed wild animal scalp bounty bill. Take it all around, the Panhandle has fewer drawbacks to the agriculturist or stock raiser than any other section of the country, hence is making the fastest progress in development.

A Chinese-Jap Scrap.

Serious complications, affecting the peace of China and Japan, threaten as a result of an engagement this week between Chinese and Japanese troops in Kontau, northern Korea, in which a number on both sides were killed and wounded.

Refusal of the Chinese war office to permit pursuit of a detachment of Chinese soldiers, who are said to have been the aggressors, may result in crossing of the frontier by Japanese troops.

Chinese soldiers are reported to have opened hostilities by firing upon a police station occupied by Japanese troops, who had been sent to guard Korean residents at Kontau.

A boilermaker in Amarillo has filed suit against Commissioner Sam Davidson of Ft. Worth for the loss of an eye. With a squad of state rangers hunting the blind tigers in Amarillo it is easy to conceive how a man needs both eyes in that place to beat the rangers to them.—Ft. Worth Telegram.

M. J. O'Connell, a boilermaker of Amarillo, has entered suit for \$20,000 for the loss of an eye alleged to be due to a sliver of steel piercing that member, while in the employ of the Consumers Ice company. He makes Sam Davidson of Ft. Worth and Alex Davidson of Amarillo parties to the suit.

Donley county leads all Texas in variety of fine products of the soil.

What I Would Do if President.

New York, Oct. 14.—The Independent this week contains articles by all the presidential candidates on the issues of the campaign. Mr. Taft says the question is one of approval or disapproval of the work of the present administration, which he calls "a wonderful series of successes." He mentions the various anti-trust and rebate prosecutions and the railroad rate law as praiseworthy achievements, which have stopped the abuses that had crept in the expansion of business in the last twelve years. He says that confidence has been restored and Bryan's election would be a menace to prosperity.

Mr. Bryan says the government now is in the hands of corporations and that large and secret campaign contributions have obligated the candidates in advance. Senators are elected by the special interests, and not by the people, he says, and Speaker Cannon has exercised despotic control over legislation. He says the democratic remedy is publicity for campaign contributions, the election of United States senators by popular vote and reform in the rules of Congress.

The democratic party, he says, opposes the interference of the executive in politics. The presidency, Mr. Bryan says, belongs to the whole country and ought not to be used by any president as a personal asset to secure the election of the nominee of his party. He charges the republican leaders with responsibility for the present conditions.

Debs says the army of unemployed is the country's biggest problem and proposes to have the government find work for them by building schools, reforesting the lands, building canals, and other useful works. He says the working class cannot be subjugated any longer.

Chafin believes prohibition to be the biggest economic question in and political party. The people who labor for a living spent more than a billion dollars for liquor last year. Under prohibition this would have gone into the homes and been expended for something useful.

Thomas Watson says "no trusts are busted despite all the talk." He says the populists have the only solution of the trust question. He seeks to deprive the judiciary of the power it has usurped, would have the government own the public utilities, and would prevent land monopoly.

Higsen says the independence party is the only really democratic party. The noble intentions of the republican party, he says, so far as its leaders are concerned, died with Lincoln. Trusts have fattened under republican rule, and Bryan has sold out his old-time convictions for the hope of office. Higsen promises to put back the reins of government into the hands of the people.

Bryan's Campaign Fund \$243,567.

New York, Oct. 15.—The democratic national committee, through its treasurer, Herman Ridder, this morning, gave out an extended statement of contributions to the democratic national campaign fund, up to and including Oct. 9, showing the sums of over \$100.

The party received from contributors of \$100 and over a total of \$90,712.33.

The amount received from contributors under \$100, is \$115,355.22.

The amount left from the Denver convention fund is \$42,500.

Total \$248,567.55.

The amount disbursed is \$225,962.88.

Balance on hand \$22,604.67.

The statement says that 343 subscribers gave \$100 or more, and that smaller sums ranged from 75c and up.

The total number of contributors to the national committee fund is named at about 50,000.

The largest individual contribution reported was \$5,000 from Charles J. Hughes of Colorado.

Bryan was the second largest individual contributor with \$4,046 from profits of the Commoner.

Georgia is represented on the list by a single contributor, Gov. Hoke

Smith, \$250.

The name of Gov. Haskell does not appear in the long list from Oklahoma.

From New Mexico.

CHRONICLE CORRESPONDENCE.
Grady, N. M., Oct. 11.—The Chronicle has been a constant visitor to my home ever since I landed here from Donley county, June 5.

Having never seen anything from New Mexico in the Chronicle, thought I would write a few words commendatory of this part of the "moral vineyard." Notwithstanding the derogatory reports that have gone out concerning this section, I sincerely believe that Quay county, New Mexico, is one of the most fertile spots by nature that can be found in any other part of the golden west, and will soon be turned by cultivation into a fruitful field.

Any kind of soil can be found here that a man wants, smooth or undulating, dark, sandy loam, or red chocolate with clay foundation. The soil here surpasses that of any other country I ever saw for its drought-resisting properties. Crops that were planted early and well cultivated will make 30 bushels of corn per acre notwithstanding we had no rainfall from the 25th of April until the 16th of July, a period of 82 days dry weather. As the country is entirely new, few farmers had their land prepared for early planting, therefore only a few good crops can be found to show the resources of the soil. This is destined to be one of the most resourceful countries in the west when properly developed, but we need men here of means and energy—men with pluck to withstand the hardships incident to a new country in earning a livelihood, and developing its agricultural resources.

I live four miles southwest of Grady, which is an inland town, situated midway between Texico and Tucumcari.

Grady has a bank, a good school and a dozen or more business houses. The Methodist church has just completed a beautiful parsonage, which is an ornament to the town, and the contract has been let for a church house which will cost approximately \$1,000.

A great many people have left temporarily for the purpose of obtaining work, and others being discouraged have gone perhaps never to return. The latter class is a disadvantage to any country, because they never miss an opportunity to give the country a "black eye." They are a class that are never satisfied anywhere, and who aimlessly wander from one country to another looking in vain for an Eldorado. Oklahoma was infested with this class of people the same as New Mexico is now. In short, such characters never do anything to build up the country—never make any investment beyond what is necessary to sustain life, but simply eke out a miserable existence for the time being in order that they may get a small bonus and thereby speculate on Uncle Sam's domain. In conclusion, permit me to say that there are quite a number of good bona fide citizens in New Mexico from all sections of the United States who have come here to stay and who would not sell their holdings for any reasonable sum of money. The man who fools his claim away for a song may be likened to the one who sold his birth right for a mess of pottage, and will in the near future have sad regrets for not having stayed on the homestead which was a legacy given him gratis.

New Mexico has a good system of free schools established throughout the territory. The town schools pay the teachers a good salary, but as yet the teacher's pay in the rural districts is meagre, but will be much better as conditions change.

I may send in some more news concerning the wonderful resources of New Mexico at an early date.

Respectfully,
H. M. PILE.

Lost—A \$10 and a \$5 bill, supposedly in or near the postoffice. Finder leave at Chronicle office and receive reward. J. G. Frame.

Commissioners' Court Has No Authority to Assess Taxes.

San Antonio, Oct. 14.—Ruling that commissioners' courts sitting as boards of equalization, have no authority under the law to assess property taxes and save in exceptional cases that power is invested solely with the county tax assessor, an opinion handed down in the Fourth court of civil appeals today by Associate Justice Neill, reversed and remanded the tax controversy case of Daniel Sullivan, appellant, vs. John A. Bitter et al., appellees, from Bexar county.

The decision of the high court is a coup for the appellant, substantiating the contention of Sullivan to the effect that he was illegally assessed \$1,667.50 property taxes.

The original suit was instituted in the Forty-fifth district court Jan. 15, 1908, by D. Sullivan against County Judge Shook, the county commissioners, and J. A. Bitter, county tax collector.

Bexar county commissioners' court, sitting as a board of equalization, added to the assessment under the same head \$250,000, which at a tax rate of 7 1/2 cents, swelled the taxes of appellant \$1,667.50 over and above that which he was assessed by the county assessor. The county tax collector, Mr. Bitter, who is made a party to the suit, is alleged to have been offered the taxes assessed by the assessor amounting to \$145, but refused it.

A writ of injunction was sued out by Sullivan seeking to restrain the collection of additional taxes assessed by the board of equalization representing that such assessment was illegally made and therefore void.

In part Associate Justice Neill cities:

"We are of the opinion that the court erred in sustaining the exceptions and dismissing plaintiff's petition.

"The commissioners' court, sitting as a board of equalization, has no power under the law to assess property for taxes. The authority to assess property, save in exceptional cases, is vested in the assessors of taxes of the several counties of the state, and the method of making such assessments is plainly pointed out by the statute.

After the several authorities the opinion continues:

"The additional assessment of \$230,000 by the board of equalization was absolutely void and it was not necessary for the plaintiff to allow that he had applied to to such board for relief in order to have such illegal assessment annulled and the collection of the tax enjoined."

STATE NEWS.

The statelivestock sanitary board to meet Oct. 27, and to be presided over by Chairman J. H. Wilson of Quanah will take action to prevent other states from making Texas a dumping ground for diseased cattle.

The bond election held in Vernon, Friday, Oct. 9, resulted in all of them being carried. There were 213 votes polled. For a city hall 201, against 11. For another public school building 211, against 2. For sewerage 211, against 2. Work on all these new public enterprises will begin at once.

At Bonham Tuesday evening fire started in an empty blacksmith shop on South Main street and burned the coal yard and corn sheller of Ben Moss and the poultry house of Dick White. The flames reached the lumber yard of O. T. Lyon & Sons, but were extinguished before any damage was done to the lumber stored in the yard. G. B. Shortridge, a member of the Bonham fire department, was overcome by heat and smoke and was in a serious condition for a short time but it is thought he will recover.

"Yes," said the very eminent physician, "we are doing a great deal to prolong human life."
"I'm glad to hear it," answered Mr. Sirius Barker. "By prolonging life you give a man more time and opportunity to get together the amount of your bill."—Washington Star.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

H. B. White was in Amarillo on business Thursday.

Price Baker made a business trip to Claude this week.

Mrs. J. H. Myers of Rowe was here trading yesterday.

Emmett Martin of Stratford was here prospecting this week.

F. R. Staggs, of Izzard county, Ark., was here Thursday prospecting.

W. L. Harrington has returned from a trip to Plainview on business.

Judge J. H. O'Neall left Wednesday night for Cordell, Ok., on business.

Mrs. Darden of Plainview, Tex., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jim Hodges.

T. S. Bugbee will ship three cars of cattle to Kansas City today and M. T. Howard one car to St. Joe.

A child of Dick Allen's is very ill with meningitis and one of Frank Kendall's also is very ill with same disease.

Robert Bailey of Fort Worth spent yesterday here prospecting. He has been buying some plains land recently.

Mrs. Mollie Gray and Mrs. J. A. Barnett attended the grand chapter of the order of Eastern Star at Beaumont this week.

Mrs. N. W. Hatchett sold through Kersey & Martin this week 160 acres of land to W. J. Hamer, of Elwood, Neb.

Mr. Kemp and wife and his sister, Miss Julia Kemp, were here from Memphis the first of the week visiting the T. S. Kemp family.

Matt Bennett, a brother-in-law of D. C. Sullivan, arrived here last Wednesday night from Whitesboro, Tex., on a visit and also prospecting.

J. C. Asher brought some of the largest sweet potatoes to town this week we have seen. One weighed nine pounds and an ounce and another over seven pounds.

W. A. Kinslow of Rowe was in Fort Worth Wednesday with two cars of hogs and sold at \$5.70, averaging 244 and 231. These were fed by Mr. Kinslow on kaffir, milo and Indian corn.

Wint Long and wife from Hansford and Henry Long and wife from Silvertown visited the gentlemen's sister, Mrs. Doc Howard, this week. Wint Long was on his way to Young county to visit his father.

The Donley county agricultural exhibit was shipped Tuesday night to Dallas in charge of Will Thorp, Mr. Priddy being sick and unable to go. We are sure some of the black mud fellows down there will be surprised at the showing.

Charles R. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lewis here, and formerly assistant in the postoffice, was married in Washington, D. C., the 6th of this month to Miss Anna Virginia Keller of that city, immediately after which they made a trip to Niagara Falls and other eastern cities. They will make their home in Washington, where Mr. Lewis holds a responsible government position. We extend congratulations.

There have been several slight freight wrecks up the road this week, delaying the trains. Thursday the tender of the northbound passenger jumped the track, throwing the baggage car off, turning it over and derailing the smoker, above Claude. No one hurt but the baggageman and he not seriously.

Hearne-Bugbee.

Married—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. S. Bugbee, Wednesday last, Dr. R. L. Hearne and Miss Stella Bugbee, Rev. Yergan performing the ceremony.

The bride and groom left Wednesday night for Dallas where they will take in the state fair and visit relatives.

Alexander Dumas' romantic masterpiece, "Monte Cristo," was presented to a fairly good audience at the opera house Thursday night. The play is a good one, and all the members of the company are good actors. William Lemle, who took the leading part, was exceptionally good, as was also Miss Cecile Elliott, the leading lady of the company. Those who failed to see this play missed a rare treat, as it is one of the best shows that has been in Clarendon for some time, and when they return here will be greeted with a much larger audience than they were Thursday night. The next attraction by the management of the above will be "The Hidden Hand," to appear the first part of next month.

To the Ladies of all the Churches in Clarendon.

Miss Daisy Davies, secretary of Young Peoples' Work of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and Miss Mabel Head, associate secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist church, south, will spend Tuesday, Oct. 20, in Clarendon, holding all day services at the Methodist church, beginning at 9:30 a. m.

You are most cordially invited to meet with the Methodist ladies on that day. Every woman interested in either home or foreign missions, no matter to what church she belongs, will get good from hearing these two women. They are in the forefront of their work, thoroughly alive on these great questions, and have a message for the women of Clarendon. Come and be with us.

THE METHODIST LADIES.

Program B. Y. P. U., Sunday, October 18.

Subject: "The Holy and Loving God Has a Right to Be Sovereign." Leader, Miss Lola Lacy.

Scripture—Eph. 3:14-19.

Prayer—For Awakening of Our Union—Rev. Burroughs.

Roll Call—Secretary.

"God Our King"—Paper by Prof. Reeves.

"God's Love and Power"—Paper by Miss Anna B.

Hymn—"Christ Is King"

"God Came to Us Before We Came to Him"—Address by Mr. Shannon.

"The Comfort in the Doctrine of God's Sovereignty"—Address by Mr. Arnold.

Dismissal—Lord's prayer.

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Bray.

CHRONICLE Correspondence.

John Hash has had a very bad hand, caused from a grass burr, but it is improving very fast.

Rev. Burk closed a meeting of a week Sunday night. He has commenced his work as missionary for the Panhandle association.

Rev. Joseph Amos has been called to the care of the Baptist church and has located in our midst.

Mrs. Birta Rogers and two of her youngest children are visiting her mother and other relatives in Wise county for a few weeks and ye scribe is up against hard luck.

John Caldwell was visited by some relatives from Hopkins county recently.

Our town still improves. We have another dwelling, to be occupied by the blacksmith.

Ben Casey and wife visited Mrs. Casey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mullins, Saturday and Sunday.

There was some talk of our school stopping last Friday, but it is to go on till Nov. 1. JOSIAH.

For Rent.

Three furnished rooms, bedroom, dining room, and kitchen; close in. Call at R. H. Elkins' restaurant.

A Division of Purpose.

Some years ago the Yankee schooner Jolly Ann, under command of Captain Spooner, was beating up the Connecticut river. Mr. Comstock, the mate, was at his station forward. According to his notion of things the schooner was getting a "leech" too near certain mud flats which lay along the harbor shore. So aft he went to the captain and, with his hat cocked on one side, said:

"Cap'n Spooner, you're getting a leech too close to them flats. Hadn't you better go about?"

The captain glared at him.

"Mr. Comstock, jest you go for'ard and tend to your part of the skuner. I'll tend to mine."

Mr. Comstock went for'ard in high dudgeon.

"Boys," he belloyed out, "see that that er mud hook's all clear for lettin' go."

"Aye, aye, sir!"

"Let go, then!" he roared.

Down went the anchor, out rattled the chains, and like a flash the Jolly Ann came luffing into the wind and then brought up all standing. Mr. Comstock walked aft and touched his hat.

"Well, cap'n, my part of the skuner is to anchor."—Everybody's.

Men Should Brush Their Hair More.

"Very few men brush their hair enough," said a downtown barber, "Fact. Most ills of the scalp can be traced to that fault. You see it's this way: A man is generally in a hurry when he dresses, and he never takes time to brush his hair—simply smooths it down, generally only with a comb—and as a result dandruff is allowed to accumulate and trouble begins. Now, with a woman it's different. A woman has to carefully brush her hair at least once a day. If she didn't it would be a pretty mess. It's very length saves her, for in brushing it each day she gets out all sorts of impurities, dandruff and the like, all of which is for her own good. Now, that is the chief reason why fewer women suffer from dandruff than the unfortunate members of the opposite sex, and it is also the reason why the hair is a woman's crowning glory even if she is fair, fat and forty. So brush your hair every morning thoroughly if you want to keep in the swim."—Philadelphia Record.

So Bad as That!

A young medical student who was calling upon a girl volunteered to sing and help entertain the company which arrived unexpectedly. At the end of his second solo he turned to the young lady and remarked: "I am thinking of taking vocal lessons. Do you know of a good teacher?"

"Yes, indeed," was the quick reply. "I know the very one for you. Here is his address," and she scribbled the name on a card, giving it to the student.

Next day he called up the teacher by telephone: "Is this the instructor of vocal music?"

"The what?" was the answer.

"The vocal teacher?" was repeated.

"Naw," came the reply, "I don't teach nothing. I file saws"—Ladies' Home Journal.

Most Northern Canada.

Of the possibilities of extreme northern Canada a traveler writes: "The country that one passes through from Athabasca Landing down to the Arctic Red river is full of vegetation and will, in my opinion, one day be settled. In all the mission gardens at the different posts that I passed I saw wheat and barley growing, potatoes, lettuce, turnips, carrots and every kind of vegetable that one grows in one's own garden at home. The country is thickly timbered near the banks of the river, and there are few places in which you do not find large patches of prairie. You pass by a great outrush of natural gas, and oil is oozing out for miles along the river bank."

A Sense of Propriety.

"So you stole this man's ax?" said the judge.

"Yessah. I reckons dar ain' no use tryin' ter spute de facts."

"What did you do that for? He said he would have been perfectly willing to lend you the ax."

"Yes; but you see, judge, dat man's on'y jes' moved in de neighborhood. I doesn' know him wel enough ter go 'roun' ter his house borryin'."—Washington Star.

Hard to Say.

"If your mother bought four baskets of grapes, the dealer's price being a quarter a basket, how much money would the purchase cost her?" asked the new teacher.

"You never can tell," answered Tommy, who was at the head of his class.

"Ma's great at bargainin'!"—Ladies' Home Journal.

Accepted.

"Quills has had a story accepted at last," remarked a journalist to a colleague.

"Surely not," was the rejoinder.

"Yes. He went home at 2 o'clock this morning with an awful yarn, and his wife believed it."

Apples, Apples!

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For County Treasurer, GUSS JOHNSON.

For Tax Assessor, G. W. BAKER.

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

Market Report.

The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Monday:

Steers \$3.25 to \$4.00.

Cows \$2.00 to \$2.75.

Calves \$2.80 to \$5.55.

Hogs \$5.00 to \$6.15.

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Our school shoes are guaranteed. Rathjen's Shoe Store.

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

The only place to get the East man Kodak is at Stocking's store.

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For the best Colorado coal, finest family flour and feed of all kinds, grain, hay and bran, go to L. L. Cantelon.

All the latest designs in jewelry may be found at Fleming & Bromley's. Also have a nice line of beautiful diamonds.

The best and cheapest line of cook and heating stoves in town at H. C. Kerbow's—the Charter Oak, Call and see them.

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

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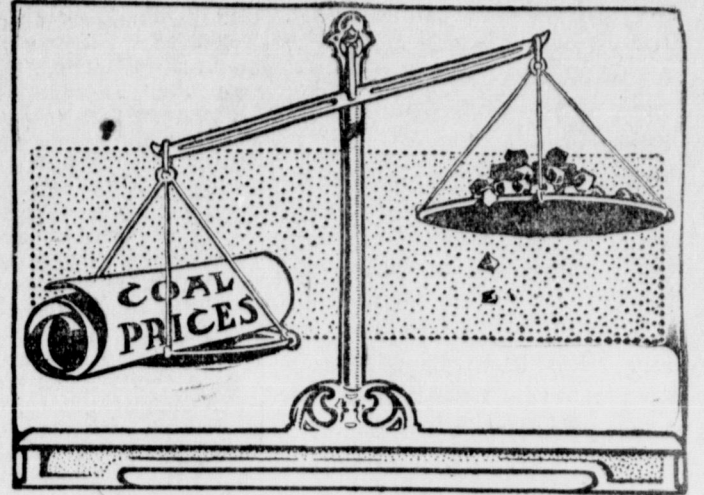
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Bulgaria.
According to report, Bulgaria is about to improve her apparent opportunity for severing her dependent relations with the Sultan of Turkey. Until now since 1876 Bulgaria has not been in the historical spotlight. At that time, atrocities of the Turkish soldiers incited an insurrection, which enlisted the aid of Russia in the Bulgarian cause; and which led directly to the Turko-Russian war. Under the treaty resulting from that conflict, Bulgaria was divided; the Powers believing that such arrangement would prevent its developing strength for future disturbances that might threaten European peace. East Roumelia owed its nationality to this disposition of Bulgarian affairs, but it was short lived. In 1885 it was overturned by revolution and reannexed to Bulgaria.

Since the settlement of the Turko-Russian Bulgarian affairs have been administered by an hereditary prince, with responsible ministers and a legislative assembly, the basis of representation being one of 10,000, and the election by popular vote every three years. The collection of an annual tribute is the chief feature of the Sultan's suzerainty.

The territorial area of Bulgaria is little more than a third as large as that of Oregon, and its population is approximately 4,000,000. It has but a single line of railroad, which is a portion of a trunk line running from Vienna to Constantinople. Attar of roses, silkworms, hosiery and ribbons constitute a practical summary of the Bulgarian industries. Nominally speaking, the population is Christian, except about 2 1/2 per cent Turkish. Under these conditions it is clear that the tie that binds Bulgaria to Turkey is obnoxious. It is not at all surprising that the present situation in the latter country should seem to offer excellent opportunity for severing that tie—Portland Telegram.

Baggage Rules Issued.

Austin, Oct. 13.—The railroad commission has issued its baggage rules. The purpose of making these rules is uniformity, as heretofore each road had its own ones. The commission includes tool chests, steamer chairs, camp equipment, cash registers, computing scales, adding machines and samples of fencing in articles that may be checked as baggage. The railroad strenuously opposed checking these articles as baggage. Bicycles and tricycles may be checked subject to the same charge as for fifty pounds of excess baggage. The atrical companies and parties traveling under party rates will not be subject to these rules. The rules are effective Nov. 1.

The following letter was written home by a Missouri boy now with Uncle Sam's big fleet; "While in Sydney I went aboard His British Majesty's ship, Powerful. It is one of King Edward's finest armoured cruisers and she is a beauty, but only a catamaran to our battleships. Her men are older than ours and of good stuff. I have a black eye to testify to that fact. One Briton made the assertion that his ship, the Powerful, was a better ship than my ship, the Kentucky. I begged leave to differ and then he grew offensive and said, 'The British army and navy are better than the American army and navy. To prove it, I am a better man than you are.' But he wasn't, even if I have a black eye."

How to Cure Fainting Spells.

There is no more sure cure for an attack of faintness than a hearty sneeze. It immediately stimulates the blood vessels of the brain. In many persons fainting never goes so far as a loss of consciousness or loss of control of the limbs. And in these the sudden weakness is often brought to an end by a sneeze caused by nature herself without any external aid. A grain or two of pepper, snuff or tobacco introduced into the nose or tickling its interior lightly will usually insure a sneeze. These simple procedures or others similar in character may prove invaluable when smelling salts and other elegant aids are absent.

This office for neat job work.

The Telephone.
Professor Alexander Graham Bell is reported to have explained in a lecture how he came to invent the telephone as follows:

"My father invented a symbol by which deaf mutes could converse, and finally I invented an apparatus by which the vibrations of speech could be seen, and it turned out to be a telephone. It occurred to me to make a machine that would enable one to hear vibrations. I went to an aurist, and he advised me to take the human ear as my model. He supplied me with a dead man's ear, and with this ear I experimented, and upon applying the apparatus I found that the dead man's ear wrote down the vibrations.

"I arrived at the conclusion that if I could make from vibrate on a dead man's ear I could make an instrument more delicate which would cause those vibrations to be heard and understood. I thought if I placed a delicate piece of steel over an electric magnet I could get a vibration, and thus the telephone was completed.

"The telephone arose from my attempts to teach the deaf to speak. It arose from my knowledge, not of electricity, but as a teacher of the deaf. Had I been an electrician I would not have attempted it."

Cocoanuts Make Good Fuel.

"Mine is rather a curious business," said a man who owns a small warehouse and shed down near London's docks. "I deal in cocoanut shells, and last year I sold more than 50,000 bags full of them as fuel.

"I buy thousands of cocoanut shells from stall keepers all over London, from confectioners, from cocoanut oil extractors, from market sweepers and others. I won't tell you the usual price, but sometimes I get them for nothing, for carting them away, in fact. I sell them at fourpence a bag, most of my customers being poor people, who mix them, when broken up, with 'slack' coal. But in scores of hotels and large houses a quantity is bought to be mixed with coals as fire lighters, for the immense amount of oil in cocoanut shells makes them take fire at once. Try it and see.

"I have rivals in the business in other parts of London, and some of the makers of patent fire lighters mix large quantities of the shells in their compositions."—London News.

Rats on Ships.

"Are rats destructive? Well," said a captain of a merchantman, "I once knew them to get through £5,000 worth of stuff in five days.

"Japan does an immense trade with China in cocoons, and the first time I carried such a cargo they were packed in sacks. When we got to Hongkong we found that the rats had discovered that part of a cocoon was good to eat, and the bill for their board came to £5,000. The shipowners were sued for that amount; but, the packing being considered faulty, the claim was disallowed. It was the first and last cocoon feast the rats had, for ever since Japan has packed cocoons in zinc lined cases.

"Every time a ship gets back to Liverpool a rat catcher is set to clearing out the rats, but by the time we have loaded up again the rodents are every bit as numerous. In some ports we use rat guards on the ropes, and the ship is always fumigated before taking a cargo of fruit or tea. But there is no getting rid of them entirely."—London Graphic.

Prepared For Contingencies.

"We have lots of curious 'last requests' from patients who are about to have operations performed," said a nurse in the women's surgical ward of one of the New York hospitals, "but I thought about the last word had been said on this subject one day last week when one of my patients before going to the operating room called me to her and asked me to write two postal cards to her husband so that she might sign them before the operation. One was to read, 'My dear husband, the operation was at 10 o'clock this morning, and I am getting along fine.' The other one was: 'My dear husband, the operation was at 10 o'clock this morning, and I am sorry to say I died. From your loving wife.'"—New York Times.

Her Tongue.

They were talking of figures of speech. "Have you ever noticed," said one, "how fond people are of vegetable metaphors when they are dealing with a woman? Her cheeks are 'roses,' her lips are 'cherry,' her hands are always 'lily' hands, her mouth is a 'rosebud,' her complexion is 'like a peach,' and her breath is 'fragrant as honey-suckle.'"

"You've forgotten one," said the cynic.

"What's that?"

"Her tongue. It is a scarlet runner."—Exchange.

Consistent to the Last.

"If I was to commit suicide at sea," said Weary Walker as he shifted the bay band on his left foot, "I'd jump from the bow of the boat."

"An' why not from the stern?" queried Limpy Lannigan.

"If I jumped from the stern," said Weary, "I couldn't avoid the wash!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Shameless.

Persons belonging to the higher walks of life are to be seen promenading in short jackets and chimney pot hats without the slightest symptom of awkwardness or shame.—London Tailor and Cutter.

Fortune displays our virtues and our vices as light makes all objects apparent.—La Rochefoucauld.

Odd Contrasts in Climate.

New York is usually thought of as being directly west from London. It is, however, despite its far more rigorous climate, 900 miles nearer the equator than is the British capital. The bleak coast of Labrador is directly west of London. The same line passes the southern part of Hudson bay and Lake Winnipeg. On the other side of the continent it touches the southern extremity of Alaska and continues through the center of the isthmus of Kamchatka and Siberia and Russia to Homburg.

It is astonishing, too, to reflect on the fact that Montreal, with its winters of extraordinary severity, is 350 miles nearer the equator than is London. Montreal, indeed, is on the same degree of latitude as Venice.

Another illustration of the unexpected in contrasts is found in a comparison of St. John's, Newfoundland, with Paris. Paris has a winter of comparative mildness, while St. John's is a region of bitter cold and fogs, with drifting icebergs along its coast. Yet St. John's is 100 miles nearer the equator.—New York Tribune.

Fasting in Japan.

From time out of mind, says the Japan Times, certain devotees of that country have visited a celebrated temple at Narita twice a year to perform the pious act of fasting within its sacred precincts. A "fasting hall" has been specially erected for their accommodation. Observations kept on 223 men and 32 women who fasted showed that of the whole number 59 fasted less than a week, 174 fasted one week, 10 continued fasting two weeks, 14 fasted three weeks, and one went without food for five weeks. Inquiry as to the motives of the fasters showed that 169 men and 25 women desired to rise in the world, 13 men and 2 women wanted to increase their business profits, 16 men prayed for the safety of their families, 13 men and 4 women sought cures of diseases and 10 men wanted general good luck. Only three persons, two men and one woman, fasted in gratitude for the fulfillment of former prayers. "It need scarcely be said," remarks the Japan Times, "that the period of their fasting was the shortest."

Snowball Showers.

More than one explorer in cold climates has noted the curious phenomenon of a "snowball shower." The balls, it is true, are not very big, the average being about the size of a hen's egg, but they are true snowballs for all that—compressed globes of snow, not little lumps of ice or hail. A fall of the kind occurred in north London in March, 1859, and at the time it was observed that the balls seemed five times as dense and compressed as ordinary snow and in no way to be told from the usual handmade missiles. They had fallen during the night and were strewn many layers thick over a very large area. No cause—except a doubtful electrical one—can be ascribed for the strange phenomenon, and mountaineers are apt to discredit the stories of snowball showers told them by the old guides till suddenly in the midst of an ordinary storm they find themselves assailed as though by myriads of mischievous schoolboys.—London Standard.

A Patient Judge.

A western judge, sitting in chambers, seeing from the piles of papers in the lawyers' hands that the first case was likely to be hotly contested, asked, "What is the amount in question?" "Two dollars," said the plaintiff's counsel. "I'll pay it," said the judge, handing over the money. "Call the next case."

He had not the patience of Sir William Grant, who, after listening for two days to the arguments of counsel as to the construction of a certain act, quietly observed when they had done, "That act has been repealed."—Argonaut.

Up Against a Hard One.

The great deliver into the secrets of nature who had accumulated a fortune and retired from active business in order to be able to give his whole time to study and experiments was observed to be cogitating profoundly. "What are you giving your mind to now?" inquired one of his laboratory assistants. "I am merely wondering," he answered, "what becomes of all the corks."—Chicago Tribune.

In Doubt.

"That's a curious looking mule you're driving," remarked the man who was whittling a pine stick. "Yassit," answered Erastus Pinkley. "He is kind of 'curus'." "What will you take for him?" "What'll I take for him? Say, boss, is you referri' to dat mule as a piece of 'property or an affliction'?"—Washington Star.

True to Her Training.

"Where was the new star discovered?" asked one dramatic critic of another. "In a laundry," was the reply. "Ah, well, she can't forget her old calling. She's mangling the part."

The Other Way.

"So you refuse me admittance," complained the newly arrived spirit to St. Peter. "You turn me off into the cold." "No," replied the old saint, "into the hot."—Boston Transcript.

A Suspicion.

She—How is it your sister did not sing tonight? He—Oh, the doctor has forbidden her. He says she must not sing for six months. She—Does he live near her?

An error gracefully acknowledged is a victory won.—Gascolgne.

The Spirit of Speed.

His coat is greasy wither, and his cap is worse for wear. He leaves a smell of gasoline behind him on the air. His face is black and grimy with the oil that got on him. And a pair of dusty goggles hide his wild and rolling eyes.

He's always in a hurry, and he only lives to go. And the man in blue and buttons he accounts his dearest foe. And he's only feeling happy when he grips the steering wheel. For he is the youthful chauffeur of my merry mad 'mobile.'—Lippincott's Magazine.

Seems To.

Hewitt—Here is a story that a woman who does a whirling act on the stage made 2,240 revolutions in thirty-two minutes. Jewett—That beats the South American republic record.—Bohemian Magazine.

Woman's Wisdom.

"Why is it," queried the very young man, "that women never tell their age?" "Because," answered the wise guy, "they are always old enough to know better."—Pittsburg Post.

Camping Song.

Camp, brothers; camp! Camp by the river! Live in a tent for a week, Where the wild skeeters buzz and the chills make you shiver. Every time that the tent starts to leak, Where the toads hop the pans and the ants roam the kettles, And the June bugs buzz round the lamp, And the frogs serenade when the night fog settles, Camp, brothers! Camp! Camp! Camp, brothers! Camp! Camp!—Chicago News.

The Reason.

"Why doesn't Smith call in his family physician? Has he lost confidence in him?" "No; the doctor has lost confidence in Smith."—Lippincott's Magazine.

The Patient Producer.

"They say your son-in-law does not appreciate the value of money." "Yes, he does," answered Mr. Cumrox. "But I don't believe he thinks I do."—Washington Star.

Paddy's Pipe Dream.

"Bogorra!" old Paddy O'Flaherty cried. "Yes, 'n' say what yez like, but that newspaper lied! It said I c'd see the eclipse if I'd smoke a small bit of glass. Sure a piece I hav broke. And filled up me polpe with the bits nate and small. And divil a bit 'n' I light it at all!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

First Step.

Reggy Sapp—I'd like to be fashionable, Miss Wose. How is the best way to get the brain fag? Miss Rose—First get the brains, Reggy.—Detroit Tribune.

Nothing Doing.

Editor—Did you get the losing candidate to say anything for publication? Reporter—No. He said enough, but his remarks wouldn't look well in print.—Atlanta Constitution.

Silence is Golden.

Said a man in a spirit of pique To his wife, "In that hall you're a frique. "Sit, you'll see how it feels To get your own meals!" Cried his mate, "T-a-t-a for a wipue!"—Boston Transcript.

Uncle on "Education."

"Education," said Uncle Eben, "ain't no benefit to a young man if it stunts him recitin' Shakespeare when he ought to be mixin' red whitewash."—Washington Star.

Technically Speaking.

He printed a kiss on her fair, fair cheek, Although she held aloof. His lips in the powder left one broad streak. And this she showed as proof.—Chicago Tribune.

The Green Eyed Monster.

Carsone—The cook seems offended. Gebhart—Yes; she thinks the family is paying altogether too much attention to the chauffeur.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Sad.

There once was a young man in Me. Who suffered such terrible pe. At getting the mitten When he was love smitten That at last he went wildly insane.—Judge.

Our Flexible Language.

"What did the professor do to Billings?" "He called him up and he called him down."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Food For a Cat.

Said Farmer Jones: "My cat will starve. There are no mice to keep it. "Your barn is full of hay," said I, "And sure the cat(tie) eat it."—Judge.

At the Poultry Market.

"Yer see, mum, as these chickens are fed on the duck food and the pheasant food, you get three flavors in the one bird."—Harper's Weekly.

A Bad Lot.

That fierce mosquito is a sight! 'Tis shocking on his ways to think. He sleeps all day and spends the night In song while waiting for a drink!—Washington Star.

A Stellar Parallel.

"Why is an old gambler who cheats his victims like a theatrical star?" "I suppose because he sins till late."—Baltimore American.

Real Magnet.

They are turning out mammoth magnets. The biggest in the world. But the biggest magnet that we know Is the same old summer girl.—Houston Post.

The Natural Thing.

"And what do you do when you have a cold, doctor?" "Just cough and sneeze, madam."—Ellegende Blatter.

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