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## Brief Sketch of Cabinet Officials.

Franklin MacVeagh, the new secretary of the treasury, studied law in youth and then abandoned it for a business career in Chicago as a wholesale grocer. Next to Mr. Wilson he is the oldest man in the cabinet. He is a Yale man of the class of 1862 and now is close to seventy years of age.

Charles Nagle, the new secretary of the interior, was brought up on a Kansas ranch and for a time was a cow boy. He studied while riding his pony and made long journeys every week to recite Latin lessons to a learned steward at Fort Larned. A minister who lived near his father's ranch taught him Greek. He completed his education at Williams college.

Frank H. Hitchcock, postmaster-general, is the one bachelor of the Taft cabinet. He was born in Ohio, raised in Massachusetts and entered the government service as a collector of specimens for the department of agriculture. He rose through various clerkships there to a bureau chief. George B. Cortelyou, then postmaster-general, found him and took him to that department, making him eventually assistant secretary.

## Thieves About to Catch a Thief.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 8.—Convicted bankers, now prisoners in the Western penitentiary, here, have found an apparent discrepancy of more than \$26,000 in the accounts of the penitentiary. The board of visitors of the Western penitentiary some time ago appointed Henry Reiber, formerly paying teller of the Farmers' Deposit National bank, and now a prisoner in the penitentiary, to audit the books of the institution. Reiber obtained the assistance of William Montgomery, formerly cashier of the Allegheny National bank, and J. B. F. Rinehart, cashier of the Farmers' and Drivers' National bank of Waynesburg, Pa., both convicts in the Western penitentiary, who are said to have agreed with him in his findings. It is believed that the discrepancy is due to faulty bookkeeping.

## Says Bryan Makes More Lecturing.

Lincoln, Neb., March 9.—Democratic editors, companions of William J. Bryan, will assemble in Lincoln the evening of March 19 to observe the anniversary of the birth of the Fairview statesman. Bryan will preside at the banquet of the editors. He will be 49 years old. In this speech Mr. Bryan is expected to unseal his lips on the question of his candidacy for the United States Senate. However, this address will not be given to the public unless radical changes are made in the programme. Bryan's discourse to his partisan editors is usually delivered under the pledge of secrecy.

It is said that Bryan will not make the race. His speaking and lecturing tours bring in so much money that he could not afford to load himself up with a senatorship paying only \$7,500. With the Senate minority he might be forced into an embarrassing position in the Taft regime and it is believed that the Nebraskan will have none of it.

Governor Shallenberger and Congressman Hitchcock are both regarded as available men for the place. However, it is believed that neither is in hearty sympathy with Bryan and both have been steadily drifting away from the democratic leader. It is possible that Bryan will announce a favorite to run for the senatorship. If so he will show his hand and unmask his favorite at the banquet next week.

## Worse Than First Reported.

Brinkley, Ark., March 10.—Twenty-nine persons dead and seventy injured is the casualty list as a result of the tornado Monday night.

Governor Donaghey has declared martial law and placed the situation in the hands of the sheriff. One hundred convicts of the state penitentiary have been ordered to assist in the work.

The storm which wrought such havoc apparently entered the state from the southwest and swept over eleven counties to the northeast.

Belated reports from small towns tell of death and injury to many persons.

Outside of Brinkley thirteen persons were killed and forty six injured, several of whom may die.

## Chicago's First White Child Dead.

Chicago, March 9.—Mrs. Margaret Ellen Liscom, the first white child born in Chicago after its incorporation as a city, is dead in Bloomington, Ill. She was born March 3, 1836, and was surrounded at her birth by squaws. Her first bath was taken in a tub made from a hollow log. She was rocked to sleep in a cradle of bark. Mrs. Liscom's parents were Mr. and Mrs. James Kinzie, who came west soon after their marriage in Virginia, and settled in Fort Dearborn.

## Fleet's Cruise Cost \$1,000 a Man.

The bureau of supplies and accounts of the Navy Department has made computations which show that the "around the world" tour of the Atlantic fleet cost this government approximately \$1,000 a man on the ships. Exact figures showing expenses in all particulars are not yet obtainable, but from those at hand the bureau believes it has made at least a fairly accurate estimate. The bureau, in making its estimate, has taken into consideration the amounts expended for fuel, provisions, pay, coal and many other items incidental to the cruise.—New York Tribune.

## Trustees of The Goodnight Industrial Institute.

The board of trustees of the Goodnight Industrial Institute met in Amarillo, March 8, at 2 p. m. The board organized by electing W. H. Fuqua president and Hon. Q. Moore, secretary-treasurer. President J. P. Reynolds was unanimously re-elected president. He will, as soon as practicable, nominate the entire faculty. The executive committee was appointed with Colonel Goodnight as chairman. Present were: T. J. Page, Q. Moore, Claude; J. F. Gillespie, Childress, J. L. Walker, proxy for W. B. Slaughter, J. P. Reynolds, J. N. Marshall, Goodnight; C. E. Oakes, R. F. Jenkins, R. E. L. Farmer and J. T. Burnett, and W. H. Fuqua Amarillo.—Panhandle Missionary.

## Ruth Bryan Leavitt Divorced.

Lincoln, Neb., March 10.—Ruth Bryan Leavitt, eldest daughter of William J. Bryan, yesterday afternoon was granted a divorce from her husband. She appeared with her mother in court, both alleging that Leavitt did not contribute to her support. There was no defense.

Mrs. Leavitt was granted the custody of her children.

Better form good habits, for a Kansas editor says, "A man thinks he can pick a bad habit up by the tail and throw it out any time he wants to; but he finds it has teeth and claws and tentacles and he has to throw a good sized chunk of himself out with it. That is why a well settled habit has reason to feel about as safe and comfortable as anything there is."

## Exploring and Historical Association.

The Paloduro Exploration and Historical Association has been formed with headquarters at Goodnight. President J. P. Reynolds of Goodnight academy, has been chosen president of the association; Prof. Cecil, home secretary-treasurer, and Pastor J. L. Walker, press correspondent. The object is to explore the Paloduro and other canyons, explore old Indian battle grounds, gather historical data and relics. Soon after commencement at Goodnight the Paloduro canyon is to be thoroughly explored with Mulberry and Tulia creeks, in all a distance of 100 miles. Prof. J. K. Strecker of Baylor University, and Prof. O. C. Charleton of Bryan, have been invited to accompany the exploring party. These two men are among the most eminent scientists in America. The membership of the association includes among others the professors of Goodnight academy and Prof. O. Strickland of the Goodnight public high school. The number is to be increased to about forty.—Panhandle Missionary.

## Stopped an Auction of Men.

The proposed "sale" of unemployed men at the Parkside Presbyterian church in Brooklyn, was not held Saturday night because of police interference.

It had been announced that twenty men with their faces covered by masks to avoid the humiliation, would be auctioned off from the pulpit to the highest bidder. A similar sale recently had been held successfully, and the Rev. John D. Long interested himself in the matter and decided to procure employment for other destitute men in this way.

The police stopped the sale by virtue of a section of the penal code, which says that "an assemblage in public houses or other places of three or more persons disguised by having their faces painted, discolored, colored or concealed is unlawful."

Although it was not an absolute necessity to have the men masked, when the church authorities saw the police on hand they decided to call the auction off.

By vote of 61 to 17 Claude decided to incorporate.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

### INAUGURATION CEREMONIES SPOILED.

Chronicle Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 8.—

Inauguration day, the fourth of March, has long been notorious for inclement weather, but the fourth of March, 1909, the day of President Taft's induction to office, attained a climax of elemental violence. Never before had such preparation been made for inauguration ceremonies. More money had been expended than on any previous occasion for street and stand decoration, for fireworks and for the inaugural ball. Every prospect pleased and only the weather was vile. A blizzard set in the night before the fourth and raged with increasing violence until after the time for the president and the president elect to proceed to the capitol. It was pitiful to see thousands of soldiers and visitor-making an effort, in spite of the elements, to see a parade that did not form or march. The banked seats and chairs that lined the south side of Pennsylvania Avenue by the thousand were vacant. The Avenue was deep in snow and slush. Water and snow, mixed, at the curb was from four to six inches deep.

At the appointed hour, President Roosevelt and President elect Taft drove down the Avenue in a closed carriage, escorted by a troop of dragons. They drove rapidly and reached the capitol in good time. The president-elect took the oath and instead of reading his address from the east front of the capitol where an elaborate temporary platform and provision for seating two or three thousand people had been made, he read it in the senate chamber. After this ceremony, ex-President Roosevelt rose to go and taking President Taft by the hand, bade him goodbye and good luck. The president put his hand on Roosevelt's shoulder and Roosevelt responded and the president and ex-president embraced like brothers. This spontaneous, unrehearsed, impressive leave taking caught the sympathy of the audience and there was approving applause from the floor and the gallery. Ex-President Roosevelt had an ovation as he went to the union station only three blocks distant from the capitol and there taking a seat with his family in the car, went to New York for the first time in eight years as a private citizen.

### THE TAFTS ON EXHIBITION AT THE BALL.

The inaugural ball was the only successful public fete of the inauguration ceremonies. It was well attended—in fact, crowded, although the admission was \$5 for every man and woman. There was but little dancing. All interest centered in the appearance of President Taft, who with Mrs. Taft and the managers of the ball, made an entire circuit of the immense hall in a roped off space and then proceeded to an enclosure in the balcony where the party was for an hour the cynosure of all eyes.

### TALKING CHANGE OF DATE.

There is more emphatic talk than ever before about changing the inauguration date from March 4 to April 30, or to the last Thursday in April. Of course, there is no assurance that there may not be occasional rain on this later date, but it will be almost certainly not cold rain or snow and absolutely certain no such blizzard as was experienced at this inauguration. There have been spasmodic efforts to change the inauguration date from the boisterous season of early March to the later and more salubrious season, but there has always

been some congressional crank or cynic to object and such salutary change as would be possible and easy under a benign despotism appears to be next to impossible when it depends on three or four hundred members of congress pulling at cross purposes. This seems to be the curse of democracy in more ways than one. What is everybody's business is nobody's business and what is nobody's business is everybody's business to mar and wreck.

### EXTRA SESSION.

Of course the most important part of the inaugural address is that which announced that congress will be called in extra session March 15 to revise the tariff. This prompt keeping of a pre-election pledge is praise worthy, though expected. The tariff must be revised, for as it stands it is the cause of many conflicts in monopoly and restraint of trade which will not disappear until the schedules have been revised. Government revenues are falling off. A deficit of 140 millions is looming up.

### STATE NEWS.

New central high school at Denton will cost nearly \$30,000.

A rope around an unruly cow held by S. B. Moore of Snyder, caused that gentleman to have his right thumb jerked off.

Tom and Jim Cooper, who are charged with killing C. B. Beadle at Lomasco, north of Bonham, last week, were allowed bond in the sum of \$1,500 each, which they gave and were released to await the action of the Grand Jury to reconvene March 22.

Mrs. Tom Skipworth, living five miles south of Bonham, was struck by lightning and seriously injured Wednesday. The bolt struck her shoulder and passed down the entire length of the body, burning a place several inches in width. Mrs. Skipworth was unconscious for several hours.

The Baptist Encampment committee met in Amarillo Monday, March 8. It was decided to hold the next encampment at Goodnight. The date fixed is May 19 to 27. An executive committee was appointed to make arrangements as to program, speakers and entertainment.

A contract was let Wednesday to the Johnson Construction company of St. Elmo, Ill., to build a railroad from Acme, Okla., through Quanah and Paducah, Texas, the line to be fifty miles long. Construction is to begin immediately, S. Lomis capitalists are supporting the new road.

Larkin George, a young man of Plano in the employ of the Philpott Hardware company, while connecting a pipe in the substation of the interurban road, was drawn to or came in contact with the high-tension wire and was instantly killed, falling backward off of a stepladder to the concrete floor.

Big Springs had a \$100,000 fire Wednesday in which the Newborough block in main street and consisting of seven brick buildings; all owned by Mrs. Bauer were destroyed. A gasoline explosion caused the blaze. The heaviest losers are: Dreeben & Co., Soash Land company, Jones & McGowen, Davis barber shop, McNew barber shop and Wood & Ramsey.

Senator Bailey of Texas has the nerve to protest against the appointment of Mr. Nagel of Missouri to a place in the Cabinet because Nagel was retained in one case by the Standard Oil company as counsel. But, Mr. Nagel was not a United States Senator at that time. He was a private citizen, Mr. Bailey.—Kansas City Star,

## For Seed Irish Potatoes,

### Onion Sets,

### Garden Seed, Etc.,

see us. We are selling lots of Queen of the Pantry Flour. You had better stock up on this before we advance the price. That genuine Ribbon Cane Molasses out of the barrel at 50 cents can not last always, as we have only about two barrels more of it. Our Chase and Sanborn Coffees are the best, and you will think so too if you will only get the habit of using them. We would like for you to call around and get our prices and trade some with us. This means YOU, if you ever have to buy groceries. If its anything good you want in groceries, let us sell it to you.

We will Appreciate your trade.

We also sell Feed stuff, such as Bran, Chops, Hay, Etc.

# E. M. Ozier

THE GROCERYMAN

## The \$29,000,000 Fine Pronounced Void.

Chicago, March 10.—Judge Anderson today decided to instruct the jury in the Standard Oil case to find the company not guilty.

This decision was announced at the close of a long argument by Assistant District Attorney Wilkerson and the jury was immediately summoned and instructed to return a verdict of not guilty.

This means that all but two of the pending indictments against the Standard of Indiana are void and will be abandoned by the government.

This is the case in which the famous fine of \$29,240,000 was imposed by Judge Landis.

The basis was the charge of accepting concessions from railroads for shipments on oil.

A Guthrie, Ok., waitress is going to invest \$20,000 of her savings in Kansas property. Very probably a large percentage of that money came as tips from people not nearly so well off.—Ex.

Frank Haliday, age 43, a cab driver, shot his wife twice at their home in Ft. Worth Wednesday and then turned the weapon on himself putting a bullet in his head. Both are likely to die. They had previously quarreled.

## Escaped Death.

While the twelve-year-old daughter of J. C. Tolbert, residing four miles south of Windom, was standing near the cook stove washing dishes she was struck by lightning. The bolt came down the stove flue, splitting the pipe and striking the child in the left foot, tearing the stocking and shoe into strings, leaving them in the floor, while she was hurled some ten or fifteen feet out into the porch. Outside of suffering from the severe shock, the child was not injured.

## Sues Haskell for \$10,000.

Scott MacReynolds of Brooklyn, Ok., has filed suit for \$10,000 damages against Governor Charles N. Haskell, Orville T. Smith, law secretary to the governor, John Mahone, sheriff of Logan county, and Robert L. Lunsford of Cleveland, Ok. The suit is brought in connection with the seizure of papers from MacReynolds by representatives of Governor Haskell, having to do with the governor's recent \$500,000 suit against William R. Hearst. MacReynolds was Hearst's representative.

A Cross Timber man was trying to impress his success in life on his son. "When I come here," he said "I didn't have nothing and now I've got eighteen dogs."

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Perhaps the reason they have done away with the old spelling bee is that under the modern method of teaching the spellers would be "stung" too often.

Henry Clay Pierce will likely breathe freer now and will come to trial more willingly perhaps, since the final result of the much-heralded \$29,000,000 oil case.

Jacob M. Dickinson, soon to be secretary of war, declared he is still a democrat. He declared he had not renounced the principles and voted and worked against Taft in the last election.

Texas Christain Endeavorers will send a carload of watermelons to the national convention at St. Paul, Minn., this summer as one method toward securing for Dallas the 1910 convention.

Edison has predicted that in a decade 1,000 words a minute, instead of thirty-five or forty as at present, will be sent across the ocean by wireless, and that the submarine cable will eventually be put out of business.

Mineral Wells won the next convention of the Woodmen of the World by a vote of nearly four to one. Beaumont was the only contestant, Texarkana withdrawing. The convention opposes establishing an orphan's home, favoring a sanitarium.

There is authority for the statement that Governor Haskell probably will not ask a higher court to reverse the verdict of J. C. Strang, judge of the Logan county court, restoring to Scott MacReynolds the latter's private papers taken from him at the time of his arrest for conspiring to "defame and libel" Governor Haskell.

An invitation to Governor Marshall of Indiana to deliver the address before the National Democratic club of New York City on April 13, is regarded by Indiana democrats as significant of a movement to boom Governor Marshall for the presidency in 1912. Governor Hoke Smith of Georgia will address the members of the Democratic Society of Buffalo on March 18, and that may have a similar meaning.

The attorney general's department Wednesday approved the charter of the Oklahoma, Vernon & Pacific Railway company. This road is to run from Vernon, Wilbarger county, southwest through Ford, Cottle, King, Dickens and Crosby counties to Estacado, a distance of about 120 miles. The company has a capital stock of \$125,000, and the 16 incorporators are all citizens of Vernon, among them being L. G. Hawkins, W. C. Anderson and B. J. Park.

Down in central Texas where gardening has begun they are having the usual troubles. An editor tries to be a little humorous in telling of a case in point; he says: Not long since a man was seen burying a hen. His neighbor asked him what he was doing. "I'm replanting my garden," was the reply. "Replanting? Looks like one of my hens from this side of the fence," replied the visitor, "Yes, I know," replied the poultry sexton, "but, you see, the seed are on the inside of the hen."

Instead of being named the Thirty-first legislature it should, by what it is doing, be called the Thirty-first investigating committee. The times are out of joint when the people elect a body of men to make laws and they meet to do nothing but investigate the acts of each other.—Brady Enterprise.

Oklahoma is the only state which requires the teaching of agriculture in all its country schools, and Oklahoma in the near future will be at the head of the list of agricultural states.

**Government Officials Displeased at Oil Case Decision.**

Washington, March 11.—"A four-horse rebate team can be driven through the Elkins law as it stands now, after that decision of the United States court of appeals and that of Judge Anderson in the Standard Oil case at Chicago. An attorney who could not protect his client from the charge of rebating, if those decisions are sustained, would not be worthy of his hire."

This was the opinion expressed today by an important law officer of the government in the course of a discussion of the Standard Oil company's cases now pending in various parts of the country. He pointed out that Judge Landis held it was the duty of a shipper to make reasonable inquiry whether the rate he was using was lawful or not. Judges Grosscup, Seaman and Baker of the United States court of appeals reversed that statement of law and held substantially that the government had proven that the shipper knew he was getting an illegal rate. In the opinion of government officers that rarely, if ever, could be done. In this view of the situation the Elkins law is practically nil.

**Anti-Lobby Row Ended.**

Austin, March 11.—That they believe Senator Thomas was honest in his charges that the anti lobby law had been violated a thousand times on the floor of the senate, and that they believe he misinterpreted the anti-lobby law, is the substance of the report made to the senate by the special committee appointed to investigate the charges. This report was adopted without a word of debate. When it had been read, Senator Terrell of Bowie immediately moved the previous question. Then Senator Thomas was on his feet instantly, asking if he was to be given an opportunity to discuss the report, but this was denied him.

**State Banks in Good Shape.**

Austin, March 11.—The state department of banking gave out a statement showing the financial condition of 328 state banks and 47 state bank and trust companies at the close of business Feb. 5. The statement shows these institutions are in a flattering condition, there being a total reserve of a little over 51 per cent of demand deposits. In individual deposits of these banks and trust companies aggregate \$28,000,000. There has been an increase of over \$1,000,000 in individual deposits from Nov. 27, 1908, to Feb. 5, 1909.

**Texas Too Big for a General Rain.**

What is called a general rain in other states would be decidedly local in Texas. A rain that would cover certain states would not cover one of the largest counties of Texas.

The question is whether there has ever been a rain that fell over all Texas at the same time. It is hardly probable that there has ever been a day when the sun did not shine somewhere in Texas.—Dallas News.

Snow at Corona, Duran and other nearby points in New Mexico has tied up all trains on the Rock Island.

The Pennsylvania surgeons who operated for appendicitis on a girl who had tonsillitis may have gone on the theory that no matter where they operated, the patient would get it in the neck.—Ex.

At an informal election, attended by more than one half of the eligible Apache Indian prisoners of war at Lawton, Ok., Saturday, Asa Deklugie, son of Whoa of the Nedni branch of Apaches, was chosen chief temporarily to succeed Chief Geronimo, who died recently.

At Brinkley, Ark., thirty persons were killed and fifteen to forty injured and more than \$1,000,000 in property damage caused by a tornado which swept that city of 3,000 population Friday night. Total loss is reported.

Old papers 15c 100 at this office.

**Carnegie Opposes Naval Expansion.**

Andrew Carnegie has given out a statement through the Peace society, of which he is president, outlining what he considers the easiest manifest possible step in the effort to limit further naval expansion in the interest of international peace. He suggests:

"Great Britain and the United States to agree as follows: 'The United States will defend against attack the British possessions on the Atlantic, including the islands of the south; Great Britain will defend against attack the American coast on the Pacific together with Hawaii and the Philippines. This agreement to terminate at the end of five years' notice given by either party.'

**Why Not Cigarettes?**

Ask the doctor; he will tell you that the use of cigarettes make the heart weak and the nerves unsteady; they affect the eye-sight and impair digestion. Ask the athlete, and he will reply, "If you expect to make your mark in athletics you must let cigarettes alone." Ask the educator, and he will answer that the habitual cigarette user can not keep up with his classes. Ask the moralist, and he will tell you that the practice makes criminals by blunting the moral faculties. Ask the business man if it makes any difference to them if employees use cigarettes, and mark the chorus of denunciations. Burbank, the plant wizard; Moore, of the United States weather bureau; Edison, the famous electrician, all add their protest to those of railroad and street car managers; superintendents of factories and proprietors of great business enterprises, unite in saying that cigarette users can not be depended upon, physically, intellectually or morally. If further testimony is wanted, look at the cigarette user himself, and the answer will be anything but in favor of the practice. Many states have laws and more should have, prohibiting the manufacture, sale and importation of the cigarette. The W. C. T. U. has a department working against the use of narcotics, and this organization is urging by petition and otherwise the extermination of the little paper pipe.—St. Louis Star.

Mrs. J. F. Jarrell, who has been editing the Holton Signal in Kansas while her husband was "doing" the legislature at Topeka, serves this notice upon the readers: "The Old Man, who has been gadding down at Topeka, will be home this week and take charge of the paper. This notice is printed that readers may know where to place the blame if the paper is not so good in the future as it has been in the past."

A Pilot Point lady sold a Pilot Point merchant a 34-pound turkey for \$5.75. With Denton county turkeys bringing \$3.75 and Denton county hens as high as \$1 each, the poultry business is certainly profitable business in these parts.—Denton Record and Chronicle.

**Hint For the Easter Bride.**  
For the Easter brides here is a delightful suggestion for draping the wedding veil. It is charmingly be-



**VEIL ARRANGEMENT.**  
coming, and the intertwining of orange blossoms (which may be natural or artificial) between the loops of tulle and around the side of the head is most attractive.

**STATE NEWS.**

Tom Wood, Sheriff of Tarrant county, died in Ft. Worth Wednesday, aged 50.

Congregation of the First Presbyterian church of Dallas contemplates erecting a \$100,000 edifice.

Clay Mack, charged with killing Fred Schweighofer at Van Alstyne, has been sentenced to five years in the pen.

Rev. J. S. Thomas, Presbyterian of Garryville, La., has wired the Amarillo church declining the pastorate there, which pays \$2,000 a year.

The baby of Jesse Cole, an employe of the Medlin Mills, Ft. Worth, was found near the mill Tuesday with his throat slashed, supposed to have been murdered.

At Dallas Thursday morning two residences burned, one on Eastside avenue and one on State street, the latter believed to be incendiary. Messrs. Key and Watson narrowly escaped and both were slightly burned. The total loss is \$6,000.

Leftwich Homan, formerly collector for the First National bank Ft. Worth, charged with abstracting money and jewels from the bank to the amount of nearly \$3,000 pleaded guilty before Judge Buck and was sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary.

Marie Ellis, aged 10, was burned to death at her home east of Houston Thursday morning. The child was sweeping the hearth of the fire place when flames ignited her clothing. Her aged grandfather tried to save the girl's life, but was unsuccessful.

The offices, lumber sheds, planing mill and warehouses of the Belford Lumber company at Georgetown, were destroyed by fire Wednesday night, which made a clean sweep of the entire block, including one residence. The Commercial hotel was damaged. The loss is estimated at \$35,000.

Arlington had a \$25,000 fire Wednesday, three two story buildings being burned, fire starting in a rooming department upstairs. Losses: J. D. Cooper building, \$5,000, no insurance. Geo. Lampke building, \$4,000, insurance \$2,000. Tanwater restaurant \$1,000, insured. Luttrell Bros., Arlington drug Co., J. McBride and W. Ghorntley were also losers.

Miss Minnie Turner, age 19, teacher of the Rowlett school in Collin county was found unconscious near the school Thursday morning. When she recovered consciousness Miss Turner said a negro attacked her and knocked her down. Officers left McKinney for the scene with bloodhounds. Citizens are determined to end frequent attacks by negroes on white women in Collin and adjoining counties.

The contract to build a railroad from Quanah to the west line of Cottle county was awarded in Fort Worth Tuesday by Sam Lazarus and associates of St. Louis, The Pacific Construction company of St. Louis received the contract and immediately sublet it to P. M. Johnson company of St. Elmo, Ill. The bridges and culverts, however, will be constructed by James Hedges and partner of Springfield, Mo. Work will begin at once, announces the contractor. The total distance of the road is fifty miles. It will go through a country which is still virgin so far as railroads are concerned. Rich sections of both Hardeman and Cottle counties will be traversed.

**The Glorified Dressing Gown.**  
The present day dressing gown, from an artistic standpoint, is infinitely superior to the one time skimmed flannel creation bedizened with cheap lace. The latter, indeed, may be said to be conspicuous by its absence, gowns and braids having successfully met all such trimming exigencies. And now of still more recent date there is that effective padded embroidery carried out in floss silk, together with embroidered buttons and silk girdle.

**Varied Styles in Millinery.**  
Spring millinery is very varied in style. Black straw chip hats with undulating brims and large beef eater crowns are shown by a leading house, having the brim draped first with a crape scarf with three tasseled ends, while over this is a wreath of roses without their leaves in clusters of six, one above the other, on a thick brier.

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**NEW SPRING MODEL.**  
of silk in a contrasting color finish the blouse. The design would be very attractive in soft silk or in one of the cotton weaves that are out for spring.

**Prim Bouquets For Hat Trimming.**  
There is a pretty tendency this season to pull apart the large flowers or those that come in sprays and use them in prim little bouquets with other old time garden-favorites. Lilies and sweet peas are easily utilized in this way, and with the lovely variety of colorings which they offer are being made the most of by clever American copyists, who are quick to appreciate the best among the first installment of hats received from the other side. Sometimes entire turbans are built of these bouquets. One lovely example recently displayed showed the quaint combination of moss roses, mignonette and forget-me-not. There was a world of old time prettiness about these little clusters of posies which almost covered the shirred foundation of cream point tulle of which the turban was made.

**Now It's the Mediaeval Frock.**  
There is a rumormongering fashion is going to steer away from empire and directoire styles into the realms of the mediaeval ages. It means a wide embroidered panel in the front of the gown. The embroidery must be massive, and the line must come from the shoulder. In low gowns the figures are swathed with tulle and trimming about the bust. The seams of these gowns are at the side, the front and back seamless. The tight sleeves extend over the knuckles. The hair is dressed flat on top and much distended at the sides to carry out the mediaeval character of the gown.

Good stock, neat work, moderate price, are features of our job work.

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

**Phone for 150** and 11 us all of the local news you can think of that will interest our readers. This will be but little trouble to you and greatly help us to make a more newsy paper.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

J. L. Allison of Bray spent Wednesday in this town.

Mr. James of Childress spent a day here this week.

O. C. Hill, of Bray, was in town trading Wednesday.

Editor Dial is spending this week in Grinnville on business.

Miss Mabel Black, teacher of Bray school, was here Wednesday.

Mrs. John Woodward, residing south of Hillsboro, was fatally burned Wednesday.

The dairy team ran away the first of the week and smashed up the milk wagon considerably.

New boys were born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Mace and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sparks.

H. S. Dye, a Claude banker who has a landed interest in this county spent yesterday here on business.

Miss Sarah Porter, who has been in eastern markets making millinery stock purchases, has returned home.

Mr. Price and family of Claude are in Clarendon this week visiting Mrs. Price's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

J. A. Burdett did not move to Estelle this week, being laid up with lagrip. He will likely be under the doctor a week.

Mrs. T. S. Kemp returned home Tuesday night from Killeen, Tex., where her father has been quite ill, but is now improving.

T. J. Frame sold 480 acres six miles north of Rowe this week to Dr. C. L. Fields at \$3,700. Sold through Kersey & Martin.

Thos. Durham, editor of the Hedley Herald, spent Wednesday in Donley's hub. The Chronicle helped him out on some needed job stock.

The Adkissonian society has postponed their open session entertainment until Saturday night March 20. The program was to have been given last night.

Jim McMurtry made a trip down in the Matador country last week. He says they have the railroad fever down there and land is getting high in price.

Rev. T. B. Pitman of Ferris, Tex., writes W. A. Land, clerk of the Clarendon Baptist church, that he will be here by Sunday, March 21, to begin his pastorate of the church.

The ladies of the Methodist and Baptist churches made up the money this week to pay the fare of Miss Sula Rogers to Dallas and she left for that place last night, where she will enter the rescue home.

Our close observer has made the discovery that it is the man who knows everything about something and not the man who knows something about everything that commands the high price for what he knows.

Some of the college boys are getting so that they exaggerate equal to a New Mexico boomer. One told the other day of another being badly frightened a few nights since and he ran so fast his ankles caught fire.

J. E. Carroll announces this week for the office of city marshal. Mr. Carrol has been in Clarendon for some time and is well known by nearly every voter, about the right age to be conservative and considerate in performing his duties and is qualified to fill the position he asks at the hands of the voters. He says he believes in the full enforcement of the law and would appreciate the office if intrusted with it.

Arthur Benson of Brice was in town on business the first of the week.

Mrs. A. M. Beville has returned from the eastern markets where she bought new millinery stock.

Mrs. J. J. Woodward and children, except Miss Sadie, returned home from Waco Thursday. Miss Sadie's health is improving and she will remain in Waco a month yet.

### Sharped Out of His Children.

Last week Abner Birket's wife, from whom he had been divorced some time ago, came in and made him believe that their differences were adjusted and had her father-in-law, who had control of their three small children as their guardian, relinquish them to the reunited couple. It seems that this was only a ruse to get them away, which she did at the first opportunity, taking them to the train unawares to the father and left for the north. The father and husband overtook them before they got out of Amarillo, where they had a sharp contest before Judge Browning, each employing two lawyers. It seems, however, that the woman won out and left with the children for Oklahoma City.

### Memphis.

The band boys met last Friday night and perfected an organization with about 12 members, with possibly seven or eight that will join later on.

The infant child of J. R. Morris died Saturday afternoon and was interred in the Union Hill Cemetery Sunday. Mr. Morris is a brother-in-law of Mr. Norwood of Memphis.

We notice quite a number of fruit trees in bloom. These beautiful warm spring days are causing the buds to open up freely. We are fearful that these early trees will be stripped of their fruitage.

At the home of the bride's parents near Lodge last Sunday evening at 4 o'clock in the presence of relatives and a few of their friends, was solemnized the marriage of T. B. Butler and Miss Mamie Giddens.

The seven-year-old son of John Clark of Eli, was hurt Thursday at school while playing a game called whip cracker and died from the effects Friday. The burial took place at Union Hill Cemetery Saturday.

B. C. Creager was down from Clarendon Saturday and in conversation with the Democrat reporter stated that he would begin to move his household effects down here about Wednesday. The work on his new studio will be completed this week.

### Market Report.

The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Thursday: Steers \$3.50 to \$5.40. Cows \$1.50 to \$5.00. Calves \$3.00 to \$5.50. Hogs \$4.65 to \$6.65.

**Plants For Sale.** Asparagus plants 4 years old 75 cents for 100; \$5.00 for 1,000. T. JONES & CO.

See the flower display at Mrs. A. M. Beville & Co's.

See Blake's stationery display in his show window.

Found—Lady's fur. Left at this office.

We invite your inspection of our new spring millinery and trimmed hats beginning March 18. Mrs. A. M. Beville & Co.

Piper Hiedsleck chewing tobacco is the best that money can buy. Blake sells it.

All kinds of fresh garden seed at T. H. Allen's.

Onion sets and garden seeds, the finest and freshest ever, at Dr. Stocking's drug store.

### Five-Room House

Near business center for sale. Would take two good teams and farming tools in part pay. Apply to G. S. Patterson.

Now is the time to plant onion sets. The best are at Stocking's store.

Phone us your local news item

### Brice School Reports.

Below is a report of Mulberry school for the month ending Feb. 26, 1909. These are made from monthly examinations and those whose names appear made an average of above 85 per cent.

#### 1ST GRADE.

Vernon Reed, 95; Willie B. Morris, 94; Hazel Barnes, 94; Quintus Scaff, 93; Ruth Wyatt, 91; Mary Hudson, 90; Juvell Coleman, 90.

#### 2ND GRADE.

Lots Murff, 95; Tom Coleman, 93; Alethea Bullock, 90; Ovil Northcott, 90.

#### 3RD GRADE.

Katrina Reed, 86; Ellice Walls, 87; Paul May, 87.

#### 6TH GRADE.

Zella Walls, 90; Wade Murff, 87; Ola Murff, 85; Vivian Benson, 85.

#### 8TH GRADE.

Hardy Benson, 91; Lottie Scaff, 89; Clara Baker, 87.

#### IRENE J. BURDETT,

Teacher.

In Belgium, where nothing is allowed to go to waste, newspapers and magazines abandoned by travelers in trains are systematically gathered and converted into cardboard for tickets.

#### Rat Tails For Embroidery.

Nature's pleasant forms must be exhausted when gown makers begin to talk about rat tail embroidery. Yet such is the fad for the hour. Rat tails are having their day in soft wool gowns. They are embroidered in silk and twisted and turned in a way calculated to make the timid squirm. Then rat tails figure among Parisian novelties as one of the trimmings for hats that divide popularity with chevron and pullets' wings. For the hat the tails are near enough to life to give the creeps. "Well," gasped one good, healthy, normal minded woman when she saw such a piece of headgear, "it makes me want to get out the trap and the cheese."

#### The Lincoln Cent.

Not on the eagle golden Will we behold his face, Nor yet on gleaming silver The honored features trace. But to the common copper, The lowly coin, instead Has fallen the distinction Of bearing Lincoln's head.

The millionaire may seldom Those noble outlines grasp, But childhood's chubby fingers The image oft will clasp. The poor man will esteem it And mothers hold it dear— The plain and common people He loved when he was here. —McLanburgh Wilson in New York Sun.

An advance shipment of slippers just in at Rathjen's, and more on the road. Call and see them.

If what you buy at Blake's don't please you favor him by taking it back.

The ladies are invited to see our hat display March 18, 19 and 20. Mrs. A. M. Beville & Co.

Wanted—Some one to break 50 acres of sod land. A. W. McLean.

The rich, mellow flavor of cigars depends largely on the way they have been kept. Examine Blake's show case.

#### A Bargain for Cash.

Four choice blocks. Would sell in quarter blocks. Near cattle chutes. Call on or address J. H. Yeoman, Clarendon, Tex.

Ladies interested in the Daughters of Confederacy will meet with Mrs. Sam Sayres Saturday, March 13 at 3 p. m. Mrs. Richmond Bowlin, Sec. Proteum.

See our new line of ladies' neckwear direct from New York, on display next week. Mrs. A. M. Beville & Co.

Lost—Lady's large pocket book, containing watch, bracelet, cuff buttons, etc., east of town. Finder return to C. W. Ryan and rec. reward.

Fresh comb honey at T. H. Allen's.

#### Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that on the first Tuesday in April, the same being the 6th day of April, 1909, an election will be held at the Court House in the city of Clarendon, Texas, for the purpose of electing a mayor, five aldermen and a city marshal of said city. No person shall vote at said election unless he be a qualified voter in said city under the constitution and laws of the State of Texas. D. C. Sullivan is hereby appointed judge and manager of said election which shall be held as nearly as may be possible in conformity with the general election laws of the state.

A. L. JOURNEY, Mayor of Clarendon, Tex.

Lost—Bunch of keys on chain key ring. Return to this office.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Announcements of candidates for city officers will be inserted as follows: Mayor and marshal, \$2.50 each. Aldermen, \$1 each.

For City Marshal: J. E. CARROLL

#### Woodman Officers.

The following officers were elected in Houston Wednesday by the head camp of the Woodmen of the World:

Head consul, J. P. Lightfoot, Pittsburg; head adviser, Lewis Rogers, Gainesville; head banker, J. W. Blake, Teague; head clerk, Charles G. Thomas, Lewisville; head escort, Eugene Worden, Farmersville; head watchman, C. S. Stedman Blueridge; head secretary, W. H. Bowly; Denison; head managers, J. W. Barrett, Varleton; W. L. Doss, Colorado; Captain F. L. Pittman, Godley; L. Pennington, Greenville, and D. C. Welch, Cleburne.

If a post card is out Blake has it Her Mistake.

"I tell you I won't have this room," protested the old lady to the bellboy who was conducting her. "I ain't a-going to pay my good money for a pigsty with a measly little foldin' bed in it. If you think that just because I'm from the country—"

Profoundly disgusted, the boy cut her short.

"Get in, mum. Get in," he ordered. "This ain't yer room. This is the elevator." —Everybody's Magazine.

The Atchison Globe tells of a man who returned from over in Missouri the other evening carrying in his hand a paper sack, and said to his wife: "My dear, I have brought you some chestnuts." He was surprised when she answered somewhat wearily, "Go ahead, I'm listening."

#### Spring Millinery.

Our first showing of trimmed hats will be next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 18, 19 and 20. Mrs. A. M. Beville & Co.

#### For Sale.

A thoroughbred Jersey bull, 3 years old, very fine. Apply to W. A. Condon, Clarendon. 8t

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J. A. Carlisle, the shoe maker, makes a specialty of fine shoe repairing and guarantees his work. He keeps in stock shoe laces and shoe polish. Davis building near bridge.

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#### Taylor's Machine Shop.

I have for sale factory-made Cassidy, Canton, Goodenough, John Deere and Moline plow points. These are kept in stock and can be supplied on demand. All plow work, wagon work, machine repairing and horse-hoeing done by experienced workmen. Thread and pipe cutting, also, from 1/4 to 2 inches, common or machine threads. Give me a trial.

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#### First-class Shop Work.

I have bought the Dick Allen carpenter shop, and I invite all classes of carpenter and cabinet work, furniture repairing, etc. Window and door frames, moldings, baseboards, mantles and scroll work put up in the best of shape and all work guaranteed.

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K. of P.—Panhandle Lodge, No. 90. Meets every Tuesday night. Visiting Knights invited to attend. G. B. Baggett, C. E. W. Kellum, E. of R. & S.

Pythian Sisters—Panhandle Temple, No. 88. Meets 1st and 3rd Monday nights at Pythian Hall. Mrs. H. B. White, M. E. C. W. Mrs. J. M. Clowers, M. of R. & C.

Modern Woodmen of America—Clarendon Camp No. 13, 423. Meets every Saturday night at Woodman Hall. R. T. Johnson, Clerk.

Royal Neighbors—Auxiliary to Woodman No. 13. Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday in each month in Woodman Hall. Mrs. R. T. Johnson, Oracle. Mrs. H. W. Kelly, Recorder.

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The President's Greatest Tasks Defined in a National Symposium.  
What is the most important task before the new administration under President Taft? What one great thing should be achieved by the incoming Taft administration?  
The Christian Herald of New York sent out a letter of inquiry containing these questions to a large number of prominent men and women, all of them representative Americans, and many leaders in their respective fields in the nation's work, including United States senators, congressmen, government officials, governors of states, jurists, mayors, bishops, presidents of universities, authors, artists, admirals, generals and capitalists.  
Two hundred replies were received. In these replies no less than forty different legislative and administrative tasks were mentioned as being of first importance in dealing with government and social reform, educational progress, scientific development, purification of politics, bettering the condition of labor and advancing the welfare of all the people, and nearly every correspondent voted more than one subject. Tabulated, the result of the appeal to the public opinion as to the most important task before the new administration stands as follows:

Reduce the tariff.....	105
Conserve natural resources.....	85
Preserve the forests.....	80
Regulate child labor.....	75
Revival of race problem.....	75
Improved postal service.....	75
Parcels post.....	70
Continue Roosevelt policies.....	68
Inland waterways.....	67
Settle the race problem.....	65
Safeguard public health.....	60
A larger navy.....	58
Restrict immigration.....	53
Tuberculosis regulations.....	52
Reconcile capital and labor.....	47
Finish the Panama canal.....	45
Obsolete sectional lines.....	45
Greater sanctity of courts.....	39
Revival of merchant marine.....	32
Work for peace.....	30
More efficient consular service.....	21
Work for ideal government.....	15
Inland waterways.....	15
Restore business confidence.....	14
Help labor.....	14
Purer food laws.....	13
Postal savings banks.....	12
Increase pay for soldiers and sailors.....	11
Prosecute illegal trusts.....	11
Fairer distribution of wealth.....	10
Extend civil service.....	10
Enforce the laws.....	10
Reduce army and navy.....	9
Uplift the farmers.....	8
Regulate ownership of land.....	7
An unamuzzed press.....	6
Ballot for women.....	3
Total vote.....	1,455

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**BALLOON RACE IN JUNE.**  
First Grand Prize National Contest Will Be Held in Indianapolis.  
America's first grand prize national balloon race will be held in Indianapolis June 5, official announcement of which was made a few days ago by Cortlandt F. Bishop, president of the Aero Club of America. The winner of the race will be regarded as national balloon champion of the United States, the prize being a gold cup valued at \$1,000. The race will be held under the auspices of the Aero Club of America and in accordance with the governing rules of the International Aeronautic Federation.  
Aeronauts from any aero club affiliated with the Aero Club of America may participate in the contest, provided they have received licenses as pilots from the parent organization. There are now but eighteen licensed pilots in the United States, but as several aero clubs have organized recently, with new balloons all the time being built, it is thought that several additional aeronauts will qualify as pilots before the date of the race. The balloons will be sent up from the grounds of the Indianapolis motor parkway.  
It was originally intended to hold this race in September or October, but as another balloon contest of national importance is to take place in St. Louis the week of Oct. 5 it was decided to hold the grand prize race earlier in the season. The St. Louis race will be held during the celebration of the city's one hundredth anniversary of its incorporation.

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Wanted—Success Magazine requires the services of a man in Clarendon to look after expiring subscriptions and to secure new business by means of special methods, unusually effective, position permanent; prefer one with experience, but would consider any applicant with good natural qualifications; salary \$1.50 per day, with commission option. Address, with references, R. C. Peacock, room 102, Success Magazine Bld'g New York.

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**Hog Prices Likely to Remain High.**

"I can't see anything bearish in the hog situation," said M. R. Murphy, general manager of Cudahy Packing Co. "Prices may not go a great deal higher, but I am not figuring on their going very much lower. The winter pack has only been about 350,000 more than last year and the weights were a whole lot lighter. There are evidently plenty of hogs in the country, but with less cattle on feed and corn very high the farmers are not going to make the hogs very heavy. From the provision man's standpoint the situation is very unsatisfactory at present. The export demand is the smallest in years. There is only a fair demand for fresh meat with the exception of green hams, which are more or less a drag on the market at very low prices and there is almost no sale at all for dry salt and pickled meats. I look for this demand to pick up, however, as soon as cotton planting starts in the south, but just now all the packers have big stocks of cured meat on hand that they cannot dispose of, although they are confidently counting on a broader demand as soon as the industrial situation shows improvement. Receipts of hogs at all markets show a heavy decrease as compared with a year ago and I expect this decrease to continue so that with a better outlet for the pork and only moderate supplies of hogs, there is nothing to make prices go lower in spite of the fact that the market is fully \$2 higher than at this time last year. The east is practically bare of hogs and shippers will cut a big figure in western markets this year."—Oklahoma Farm Journal.

W. T. Wells, a capitalist of Roswell, N. M., formerly of Sherman, Texas, shot and killed O. S. Shirley Tuesday at that place. Shirley was a union man and prominent in a strike among laborers on a building being erected by Wells. Wells is out on \$12,500 bond. Feeling is intense among the union men. Shirley was unarmed when shot.

A drunk printer, name unknown, was burned to death in a calaboose at Calvin, Ok., Monday.

In Oklahoma City Tuesday, after drinking an ounce of carbolic acid which he had poured in a glass of milk and remarking to a friend that he was tired of life, Dr. S. N. Art of Ardmore, one of the most prominent physicians of Oklahoma, died in a restaurant.

A gritty Lincoln County, Kans., school teacher who is possessed of true Western grit was wending her way to school the other day when the earth gave way beneath her and she fell twenty five feet to the bottom of an abandoned well. She escaped serious injury, and immediately gathering up her dinner pail, rat, hair pins and other things which were jolted loose, she climbed to the top of the well, which had been walled with stone, and went joyously on her way to school and taught the children as usual.

"We saw a Chickasha girl stoop down and pick up a pin on the main avenue of the city. Of course, the point was toward her or she would never have been guilty of picking it up," writes the observing editor of the Chickasha Journal. "There is a superstition prevalent among the fair sex that to find a pin with the point pointing toward one is an indication that some one will ask you to take a drive soon. No girl will pass up a pin for fear that she is turning down a prospective buggy ride."

Fictitious reports of a shortage of school teachers in Oklahoma have drawn many worthy but impoverished men and women to that State who hoped to find positions in that line of work. There is no scarcity of teachers in Oklahoma, or anywhere else.—News.

On motion of Senator Bryan of Abilene, the senate Tuesday evening accepted Fort Worth's invitation to visit that city during the coming Fat Stock Show, the dates decided on being March 16 to 19.

**FACTS IN FEW LINES**

The Romans had trades unions. There are 2,800 counties of agricultural importance in the United States. Forest fires last year depleted the forests of the country to a greater extent than lumbering operations.

A state law in Victoria requires that seventy cubic feet of air per minute be supplied to each worker in a mine.

During 1908 topographers of the geological survey mapped 26,694 square miles in thirty-two states and territories.

In five years the number of American vessels entered and cleared at Chinese ports has dropped from 1,295 to 549.

The nation's supply of stone suitable for the manufacture of cement and concrete mixtures is regarded as practically inexhaustible.

The largest room under a single roof in the world is the passenger concourse of the new Union station at Washington, having an area of 90,500 square feet.

A bottle cast adrift by Miss Blanche Coffin at Coskata, Nantucket, has just been found at Arklow, Ireland, having drifted across the Atlantic in six months.

There is a noticeable increase of Japanese servants in the rural homes about New York city on account of the unwillingness of the others to live in the suburbs.

For some unexplained reason sixty inch searchlights have proved unsatisfactory in the navy, and they have been abandoned in favor of the thirty and thirty-six inch ones.

Artificial grindstones, made of equal parts of portland cement and quartz sand, have been satisfactorily used for a year in Wisconsin and Ontario glass works for grinding glass.

In a new musical instrument, an Austrian invention, the pressure of piano keys brings strings into contact with a revolving band, producing music very much like that of a violin.

The aborigines of Australia, of whom about 75,000 remain, are apt students of reading and writing in English, but apparently cannot be taught even the simplest forms of mathematics.

At Great Falls, Mont., a brick chimney 78½ feet in diameter at the base and 53 feet 9 inches at the top, which is 506 feet from the ground, has been completed to carry away the fumes of a smelting works.

The University of London will hereafter grant certificates in religious knowledge of an undenominational character, this being done at the request of many teachers who have long felt the need of some such thing.

The Amherst (N. H.) farm on which Horace Greeley was born is now owned by John A. Hanson. An old cradle in which Horace Greeley may have been rocked was sold not long ago for \$10 to Rev. Dr. F. M. Clendenin, his son-in-law.

Experiments with covering the arms of its signals with gold leaf instead of paint have proved economical to the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The treatment lasts without renewal for ten or twelve years, while formerly the signals had to be painted yearly.

New Turkish postage stamps are being printed the central design of which is the Ottoman parliament building. Like the medals which are being struck in commemoration of the promulgation of the constitution, they will carry the date of July 10, 1324, which is equivalent to July 24, 1908.

When the German emperor was deer shooting at Eckarstan he spoke every day to his entourage at Berlin over a special telephone line. This wire, forty miles long, was laid at great expense to suit the emperor's convenience for a few days only because the ordinary line failed to carry the voice clearly enough.

Should the plan of Sir William Willocks ever materialize—he proposes to irrigate the fertile plains of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers and make them as productive as they were when Babylon and Nineveh were at the height of their power—it is believed that Turkey would become one of the greatest cotton and grain countries in the world.

The Chicago common council has adopted an ordinance providing that every milk bottle must have blown on its surface in plain letters the name of the man who originally fills it. In this way it is believed the responsibility for short measure and inferior milk and cream can be traced directly to those responsible for the conditions.

A wedding cake six feet eight inches high, five feet in diameter at its base and weighing 700 pounds was baked recently by Luigi Marabbi, chef of the Grand Pacific hotel, Chicago, and shipped to Hamilton, Ont. The fruit used in the making of the cake was soaked in brandy and wine for six days, and the material would require a moving van to transport it at one time.

While the pope only technically left the confines of the Vatican when he entered the hospital of Santa Maria to cheer and comfort the sick and wounded refugees from Messina, yet he established a precedent, for no other pope in our times has permitted himself even to cross the bridge leading from St. Peter's to the papal hospital, which, though belonging to the church, is built on state land.

The woman who knows most about the inner life of European courts is the Hon. Charlotte Knollys, who has been Queen Alexandra's most intimate friend for many years. Daughter of the king's private secretary, Lord Knollys, she has grown up in the royal household, and her position at court is unique. She is the only person outside the royal family who may enter the queen's boudoirs without invitation.

**HUMOR OF THE HOUR**

**Important if True.**  
"Yes," said the lady who was seeing the inside of a great newspaper office for the first time, "it is all very wonderful to me. Who is that particularly sour looking person over in the corner? Goodness! He looks as if he had eaten an overdose of pickles containing benzoate or something."

"You have noticed our 'optimist column,' have you not? He is the man who writes it."

"Oh! And the very old gentleman near the window—what does he do?"

"He has charge of our 'children's page.'"

"How interesting! I suppose I ought not to say it, but that spare looking lady at the desk with the flat top has every outward sign of old maidenhood."

"You have guessed it. She has worked here ever since the paper was started, thirty years ago. Before that I believe she taught school. She writes those interesting paragraphs under the head of 'Advice to Lovers.'"

"Isn't it wonderful! And the handsome, bright eyed, smiling young man who has a leg hung carelessly over the arm of his chair—what is his position?"

"Now prepare to be shocked as you have never been shocked before. That is our humorist."—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Glorious.**  
"Well, sir, I'm glad to see you looking so cheerful. Things have evidently been coming your way recently. You were pretty blue a few months ago."

"Yes, the outlook is fine. I've already saved enough money this year to buy a season ticket to the ball grounds."—Boston Globe.

**Real Mean.**  
Pearl—And he stole a kiss?  
Ruby (pouting)—He did, and I shall never forgive him.  
Pearl—Do you really feel so bad about it as all that?  
Ruby—I should say so! He said it was petty larceny, while any other young man would have said it was grand.—Detroit Tribune.

**Philosophy.**



And so I says: "Danny, keep cheerful. Don't worry about yer troubles six months or a year in advance, boy. A great many times them kind o' troubles when they do come don't happen at all."—New York Herald.

**Painfully Explicit.**  
"These jewels are worth a monarch's ransom," said the woman of wealth.  
"To what monarch do you refer?" asked Miss Cayenne. "Some countries are trying so hard to lose their monarchs that I doubt if they would pay for their recovery."—Washington Star.

**Another Knock.**  
Percy Pickle—Aw—I called on Miss Wose last night, and for two hours she played the piano.  
Miss Tabasco—Yes, and she said the music reminded her of you.  
Percy Pickle—Of me? In what way?  
Miss Tabasco—It was so soft and slow.—Chicago News.

**Cold Calculation.**  
"I have written a book that everybody ought to read," said the author.  
"Perhaps," answered the publisher, "but the books that seem to be in demand are those that nobody ought to read."—Houston Post.

**Rather Undecided.**  
Sandford—So you're in love with Miss Fairly? She's a decided blond, isn't she?  
Chappy—Well—er—I can't say that she's quite decided yet.—New York Life.

**On the Contrary.**  
"Jones wants to sell me a horse."  
"Has it got a record?"  
"No, but it's got a reputation."  
"Let it alone. Jones has a record, but no reputation."—Cleveland Leader.

**Inferences.**  
She—You don't act as if I was the first girl you ever kissed.  
He—If I am the first man who ever kissed you, how do you know I don't?  
—Lippincott's Magazine.

**The Difference.**  
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"Yes. He wrote simply, and most of them write 'simply awful!'"—Kansas City Times.

**Increasing Her Importance.**  
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"Geel! I hope our Swedish cook won't hear of it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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**TAFT'S HASTY ADMIRER.**  
Calls President Elect Colonel and Leaves His Father's Best Wishes.  
As the Taft train pulled out of Birmingham, Ala., the other night William Howard Taft, the president elect, dropped down into a Pullman seat, sighed and stretched himself for a real rest, says a Cincinnati dispatch. His labors for the day were over. It was the first time since the train left New Orleans at 9:20 o'clock in the morning that his car had been free of local committeemen, the first time he had really had breathing space. His eyes closed, and he began to nod.

Most of the others in the car were already snoozing, their heads tilted against the backs of the seats. Everything was as peaceful as a graveyard.

Suddenly from the very center of the car came a voice: "How do you do, colonel? Glad to see you."

Mr. Taft opened his eyes with a start; so did everybody else in the car. The old familiar voice of the hand-shaker was there, but who the deuce was "colonel?"

The man's collar was unbuttoned, his shoes were untied, he was minus a necktie and was sweating like an ice pitcher in July. He was standing beside Mr. Taft's seat.

"Why, I knew you, colonel," he went on, "the moment I set eyes on you. You look just like my pictures."

Mr. Taft stopped rubbing his eyes and smiled, s-m-i-l-e-d.

"Well, I have had a good many names," said he, "but this is the first time anybody has called me colonel. They call me Judge sometimes."

"Well, now, that's so," said the caller; "they do call you Judge, but you certainly look like my pictures."

Before Mr. Taft could say anything further the man rattled along, apparently alarmed at the prospect of the train starting before he finished.

"My father—eighty-six years old—lives just uphill there. I'd gone to bed. Father, reading evening paper, saw you was coming through on the 9:30 and hollered 't' me. 'John, John, git up quick,' he hollered, 'and go shake hands with the first Republican president I ever voted for.' I gets up, jumps into clothes—scuse 'pearance—and rushes down here just in time 't' catch train at water tank. Glad 't' see you—very glad—great privilege—very happy."

"Give your father my"—interrupted Mr. Taft, but the caller went on: "Course I will—father 'll be tickled—wish he could 'n' seen you himself—could have come all right if he'd only knowed th' train was goin' to stop s'long. I got three children, three—two boys an' a girl—sorry they're not here too."

"Well, tell your father"—said Mr. Taft again, and the train started.

"Certainly"—the man called back as he sprinted toward the door.

"Tell him I shook hands and everything you said—"

"Thanks, thanks, thanks."

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