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MORE ABOUT ELECTRIC ROAD

Letters Received From Hamilton and Kansas City Indicate Our Prospects Good.

Regarding the proposed interurban railroad from Dublin to Hamilton, the following letter was received this week by Mayor R. B. Spencer from John L. Spurliu, the enterprising general merchant at Hamilton. It was dated Feb. 23rd and reads as follows:

"At the request of a number of your progressive fellow-townsmen, I to-day take the liberty to write you with reference to the proposed Electrical railway connecting Hamilton with the outside world, the general plan of which, doubtless, you are already familiar; and in connection herewith beg to say that I have noted with considerable admiration the enthusiastic spirit with which the matter is regarded by your citizens as evidenced by your local press and private letters from friends of your city.

When Hon. J. W. Riggins was here a week ago he was not informed as to what recognition a standard guage railroad doing a passenger and freight traffic business, would receive at the hands of our state railway commission. However, while in Austin last week I personally called upon the commission and Judges Story and Colquitt kindly informed me that they viewed such a line as a railroad and also that they would approve bonds and fix rates the same as allowed steam railways in this state. I failed to see Judge Mayfield but was informed that he is not of the same opinion as Judges Story and Colquitt. In order to avoid any possible breakers, however, we have requested our representative, Hon. H. E. Chesley, to offer a bill in the present legislature amending the present law making it mandatory upon the commission to recognize electrical lines doing a traffic business under the law governing steam railway traffic, and we feel sure that there will be no opposition to the bill in either house. Having the commission to approve the bonds will, you understand, enable us to negotiate them at a much higher rate and being under control of the commission will allow us rates the same as Gatesville, Hico and Comanche.

In view of the fact that many of our people seem favorably disposed toward making Dublin the objective point from Hamilton, I feel confident that if the citizens of your town will meet us in the matter the line will surely be built. The towns of Carlton and Purves and land owners along the line of the proposed route have signified their willingness to co-operate with us in the construction of this line.

I go east in a few days and hope on my return we will be able to get the matter under active head-way. I trust you and your citizens will continue to agitate the project and that you will personally give the matter the consideration its importance merits."

Another Letter From Mr. Riggins.

The following letter was received this week by the Progress from Hon. J. W. Riggins, who is the prime mover in this proposed electric railroad. As was noted in the Progress of last week, Mr. Riggins left Waco for the north on the 17th instant, with the purpose in view to enlist northern capital in the building of the road. The letter is written from the office of The American Land & Trust Co. at Kansas City and dated Feb. 20th. It says:

"Your letter of the 17th inst directed to Waco, just received here. Sorry I did not get it in time to visit you before leaving Waco. However, I believe that something will be done with this proposed road. As soon as I return to Texas I expect I would better come to Dublin and take this matter up with your people.

You can't do a more important thing for the development of Dublin and that country than to offer in your usual broad, public-spirited way, some educational matter along electric carline building, and if the people of Dublin will take hold with Hamilton, I believe that the line can be constructed without a doubt and will be of great value to both places.

I will return to Texas about the 2nd or 3rd of March. This trip is in the interest of this road and I am getting information that is of value to its construction."

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Wanted—Fifty thousand pounds of dry bones and scrap iron. See M. A. Brown, Dublin. 38-tf

Meeting of Planters.

Upon the request of a number of citizens of this territory a meeting of farmers, fruit and melon growers of this section is hereby called to assemble at the opera house in Dublin at 10:30 a. m. on Wednesday, March 11th. The assemblage will be addressed by Col. F. S. White, industrial agent of the Frisco railroad.

Genuine pumpkin yam seed sweet potatoes for sale at Brock & Bishop's. 38-tf

A Diversifying Farmer.

A. Falkner writes from Comanche to the Dallas News of recent date and gives the following good advice, supplemented by a relation of his own experiences in farming. He says:

"Diversify and rotate crops with the best seed and thorough preparation of the soil. Prepare the land in the fall of the year or as early as possible by flat breaking and disking or if dry by rolling. Plant as early as possible for plant to grow off nicely. As cotton is the most difficult crop to grow in the presence of the boll weevil, we would advise early planting (first of April), with rows three and one-half feet apart and stalks three feet in drill, with shallow cultivation till middle of July your cotton will continue to grow and be thrifty till frost. Vegetation is, like the animal creation, more subject to disease and attacks from the enemy when unhealthy or in a dormant stage, hence the necessity of good distance and early planting, giving the plant the entire season to make a full crop. I made 2,250 pounds of seed cotton on one acre in 1894, ground measured and seed weighed. I grow peas and June corn near my cotton and am fully convinced that they protect my cotton to a great extent. In fact, I plant and grow everything I can grow with success, such as native corn and Mexican June corn. The former should be planted very early, the first of March, the latter the first of July, and very deep; cultivate shallow. I grow the vineless yam sweet potato; plant early as it is a slow growth plant. I grow a good deal of sorghum for feed and make syrup; made as much as 150 gallons per acre and sold at fifty cents per gallon; for feed, plant the first of June, cut when heads get ripe, house with stalks standing; feed it to all stock regularly. I grow ribbon cane successfully; matured it in 1900 to eight feet, raised 400 gallons per acre, sold at seventy-five cents per gallon; deep planting and thorough cultivation on loose, loamy fertile soil and it will be a paying crop often enough to pay you to stay with it. All of the above named crops will do well here and others I might mention. A thorough preparation of the soil, planting the right depth to secure germination, then if very seasonable, work the soil from plant; if very dry, work soil to your plant. Study the nature of your soil and the wants of your growing crop. Always bear in mind that vegetation to grow must have moisture and heat. To retain moisture and secure heat, work the soil from growing plant when young, giving the young roots a start downward enabling them to reach moisture in the long dry spells. As plants advance work the soil back, leaving your crop nearly on a level. Gather your cotton as fast as it opens, if possible. Keep all kinds of fowls as will pay you, also stock that can be cared for. Be governed entirely by your means of caring for stock, always selling the inferior ones, keeping the best and youngest ones. Build sheds for your stock and see that they have plenty of pure water when wanted. The above plans have been successfully carried out by the writer and proved to be practicable."

ALLSUP REMAINS DEFIANT

Claims to be Able to Continue a Fugitive From Justice for an Indefinite Time.

The following letter, showing a postmark on the envelope of having been mailed at Gustine, Texas, Feb. 24th, 1903, was received by the Progress yesterday:

"To the Dublin Progress:

"In answer to the statement made by the Exponent, and published in the Progress of recent date, that Bob Selmon should have made about Allen Allsup "lurking around Gustine in the brush," I, the Rev. Allen Allsup, do wish to state that there is five thousand houses of good people I can stay with as long as I wish in Comanche and the adjoining counties. I have no doubt but what Allen Allsup would be fully as welcome as Mr. Selmon. Yours as ever, ALLEN ALLSUP.

"Mr. Editor of the Dublin Progress:—Please publish this in your next paper."

It will be remembered that in February, 1902, Allsup shot and seriously injured Darling Boyd of near Gustine on account of a dispute between them regarding a land line—that immediately after the enraged citizens of that territory took to arms to hunt down Allsup, and when found he shot and dangerously wounded Henry Culp, who is well known here. Later he was arrested and placed in jail at Comanche, but finally broke jail with a number of other prisoners and is now at large.

It has been variously stated that he was "lurking in the brush near Gustine" and a brief notice of this fact, recently published in the Progress as having come from the Exponent at Comanche, probably elicited the letter above published from him addressed to the editor of this paper.

Decomposed Remains Found.

A press dispatch from Weatherford of date Feb. 22nd, says: Late in the afternoon yesterday Tom Snailum, a farmer residing west of town, came in and reported to the officers here that the body of a dead man was found near his place in the woods, out near the Lemly switch, on the Mineral Wells and Northwestern road, about noon yesterday. Sheriff Bratton, Constable Veogett and Justice of the Peace J. W. Squyers went out to hold an inquest. An examination was made of the body and the officers are of the opinion that it was a case of murder, as the skull was crushed but the entire remains were so decayed that identification was impossible. The officers say they could not tell whether it was a white man or a negro. The man had evidently been dead many days. The case is a mystery.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

What Postum Did There.

A well-known figure at the National Capital is that of an attorney-at-law and solicitor of patents, who has been practicing before the courts and the Department of the Interior at Washington for more than twenty-five years. The experience of this gentleman with coffee is unusually interesting for it proves that although the ill results from coffee are slow they are sure. He says, "I have consumed coffee at my meal for many years but of late years have been annoyed by deranged stomach and sleeplessness, pains in my head, nervousness and confusion of the mind. About eighteen months ago I quit coffee and commenced to use Postum Food Coffee and have experienced the most pleasing and beneficial results therefrom.

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Assignee's Notice of Sale.

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of March 1903, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. at Theny, Comanche county, Texas, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, all the stock of goods, wares and merchandise and fixtures conveyed to me as assignee by H. A. Watson on February 2nd, 1903.

I reserve the right, however, to reject any and all bids offered, provided such rejection would be to the best interests of the creditors of the said H. A. Watson. Inventory in my hands at Theny, Texas.

J. B. WATSON, Assigneee.

New Judicial District.

A bill has passed both branches of the legislature dividing the 29th judicial district and making two districts of it by the addition of Comanche county to one of them. The 29th district will hereafter be composed of the counties of Erath, Hood, Somervell and Palo Pinto counties and the new district to be known as the 52nd will comprise the counties of Coryell, Hamilton and Comanche.

The terms of court in the 29th district will hereafter be as follows: Erath county, thirteenth Monday after the first Monday in March and September, to continue in session until all business is disposed of, Hood county the fifth Monday after the first Monday in March and September and continue in session five weeks. Somervell county on the tenth Monday after the first Monday in March and September and continue in session three weeks and Palo Pinto on the first Monday in March and September and continue in session five weeks.

The crowded condition of the dockets in the 29th district are responsible for the passage of the change, which takes immediate effect.

DR. LEWIS treats the Diseases Peculiar to Children.

Killing at Carlsbad.

Clabe Merchant, formerly a stock man of Abilene and who was once well known in this section, shot and killed Geo. H. Hutchins at Carlsbad, New Mexico on Feb. 16th. The following brief account of the affair is given in a press dispatch from Carlsbad of that date: "The well-known newspaper correspondent, George H. Hutchins, proprietor of the Hotel Schltz, was shot and killed at noon to-day by a man named Merchant of Black River. Merchant, it is claimed was shot first by Hutchins, the bullet entering below the ribs of the left side, being taken out near the backbone on the right side. The affair is said to have grown out of a statement by Merchant to the effect that Hutchins had thrown him out of the hotel. Merchant may recover."

Method of Killing Johnson Grass.

Dr. T. Y. Lewis of this place recently wrote an article to the Farm & Ranch giving his method of destroying Johnson grass. The doctor feeds about one hundred head of Durham cattle almost entirely upon hay derived from two hundred acres of this grass planted on his farm near town and says regarding this forage: "I could not get along without Johnson grass. I need it in my business. It does look like Brother Johnson could have invented better grass for hay in this country. I don't think this grass is immortal as many persons suppose. I don't think it has any soul but lots of roots and seeds. In 1899, in the month of August, I broke up twelve acres of Johnson grass that had been well set for ten or twelve years. In September I cross broke it and next year, 1900, raised a bale of cotton per acre and not enough grass left on the whole patch to make a goose nest. I had cut two crops that year and for several years prior off it. No trick at all to kill it. Strike it when the ground is hot and dry, plow it up rough; don't harrow down; let the sun and hot air go all through it and if it don't rain for a few days after plowing, goodbye grass. But in the spring when the ground is warm and it is raining every few days a man has about as good a chance to clean it out as the Spanish had to clean out Dewey once.

DUBLIN'S NEW CITY HALL

Plans Perfected, Different Site Purchased and Work on Building Begins Soon.

The corner lot opposite Lafferty's marble yard has this week been purchased by the city at a consideration of $600 and the new city hall and fire station will be built on the lot, which is in size 40x100 feet. The building is to be two stories in heigth and 40x80 in size, the north and west front to be of brick and the east and south walls of rock. The lower story will be divided into two sections, the west front to be rented for a business house and the east end with front to the north will be arranged to receive the fire trucks. The second story will be composed of a central auditorum 37x43 feet in size, besides an elevated stage in the east end with one small room on either side of this and from one of these rooms a stairway will descend to the fire hall below. The front of the upper story will be divided into three offices, one for the firemen, one for the mayor's office, another for general purposes. The wooden building now occupying the lot will be moved to an adjoining lot on the south and continued for the same use as at present.

The lot previously bought by the city directly in front of the Christian church to be used for the fire hall will be disposed of and the money applied to making a payment on the new lot, which is in every way more suitable. The lot near the Christian church was objectionable from several standpoints, chief among which was the certainty of occasional annoyance to church services and in the event of fire on Sunday the probability of frightening horses that might be hitched near the church. Besides, the new location is much more convenient to the business part of town and the rentals from the business room on the ground floor and the auditorium on the second floor will be much greater.

The new building is to be a handsome structure, as is indicated by the plans, which have already been prepared by a competent architect of Fort Worth.

Erath County Funds.

The report of the county treasurer made to the commissioner's court last week shows the following condition of the various county funds: Jury fund overdrawn $8,190.79; road and bridge fund cash on hand $5,383.70; general fund overdrawn $4,001.05; courthouse fund on hand $17,305.22; available and permanent school funds are both without cash.

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Mandamus Proceedings Deferred.

The mandamus proceedings instituted last week by the prohibitionists of Erath county, with intent to force the commissioner's court to order a prohibition election for all the county except Thurber, has been deferred for trial until the next term of district court, which will convene in June.

See Brock & Bishop for seed sweet potatoes of the genuine pumpkin, yam variety. 38-tf

Cotton Mill Agitation.

Mayor Spencer is this week in communication with Galveston parties regarding the erection of a cotton mill at Dublin. Negotiations have not progressed sufficiently to justify any statement as to the probability of securing the enterprise, but the Progress may be depended upon for full details whenever anything tangible is arrived at.

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Children Devoured by Wolves.

A press dispatch from Vienna, Italy, of date Feb. 22nd gives the following account of the shocking action of wild animals:

Dispatches from Hartberg report that a man and two children have been killed and eaten by wolves. The man with two children was near his home in the edge of town when a pack of about six wolves suddenly attacked them. The screams were heard at the nearest house a quarter of a mile away and several men came to their assistance. So desperate were the animals for lack of food, however, that a few bones were all that was left of the children and the body of the father had been more than half devoured when assistance came. The animals even attacked the rescuers and were with difficulty driven off after two of the wolves had been killed.

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Every man is a total abstainer between drinks.

You can't persuade the oldest inhabitant that the good die young.

British advices indicate that the Mad Mullah was dead, but not irretrievably so.

An Englishman recently paid $1,000 for a hen. They must have a meat trust over there, too.

A Utah girl broke her jaw in debating the merits of Apostle Smoot. How she must have talked!

With the weather bureau costing Uncle Sam $1,250,000 a year, there ought to be a good prophet in it.

Again our admiration of Dr. Lorenz is increased. He says that he isn't going to write a book about America.

Scientists claim that there is no cure for consumption, but the breakfast food inventors have not yet given it up.

Good-by to the pleasures of solitude and privacy when Marconi gets that wireless pocket telephone perfected.

The professor who can discover a serum that will prevent train disasters can be assured of the public's gratitude.

One of the new babies in New York weighs only two and a quarter pounds, and yet the parents are strangely proud of it.

A high German official has committed suicide to avoid being snubbed. Some people take snubs altogether too seriously.

King Edward should obey his physicians and eat less. A king is a man who, above all others, has no right to do as he pleases.

Dr. Lorenz says American surgeons are progressive. This is true. Some of them even have progressive appendix-cutting parties.

The man who got drunk on three pints of patent medicine ought to be able to write a testimonial that will be worth something.

A New Jersey condemned murderer is putting in his last days writing a book. The only way to reform some men is to hang them.

Paris objects to the American cakewalk as "barbarous and disgraceful;" therefore it will not displace the chaste and modest can-can in public favor.

The man who taught King Edward to play golf is in this country. He ought to be able to command big prices for tuting, especially around New York.

Robert Fitzsimmons is writing a play. Judging from the conformation of Bob's braincase the worst that has been said of the modern drama is to be justified.

Dr. Tomlins sees possible poetry in a yawn or a sneeze. We are not sure on this point, but we have a suspicion that a yawn goes well with a good deal of poetry.

J. Pierpont Morgan says his debts far exceed the value of his chattels. There is no immediate necessity, however, for getting up a benefit in Mr. Morgan's behalf.

China certainly feels convinced that it is not always the "commercialized" country where knighthood never was in flower that is the Shylock in making a settlement.

Women are not always devoid of a sense of humor. The late Mrs. Grant used to call herself Penelope, because she accompanied Ulysses on his wanderings around the world.

The Haitian revolutions are an improvement on some of the other revolutions. They are managed with such celerity that the government does not have much chance to get deeply in debt.

The news that the eminent German historian, Prof. Mommsen, in a fit of studious abstraction set fire to his hair points to a boom in Fliegende Blaetter's absent-minded professor jokes.

Two leagues have been started in London by society people, who pledge themselves not to drink wine or other intoxicants between meals. They make no promises, however, as to the number of meals they intend to have.

It has been decided by the Iowa Supreme Court that the owner of a hive of bees is responsible for any damage they may inflict. This may lead to the evolution of the stingless bee.

State prohibition in the matter of kissing will never succeed. It is better to settle questions of that kind by adopting the policy of local option.

A New York genius is converting the popular plays into books. This is a worse offense, if possible, than making plays out of the popular books.

CANAL IN DANGER

RUMORS, IF TRUE, PUT THINGS IN BAD SHAPE.

A HURRIED CONSULTATION HELD

If Treaty Is Not Ratified By March 4, the Company Will Make New Deal.

Washington, Feb. 25.—A report is in circulation which puts an interesting phase on the statehood and canal questions. It is said that the President has received advices from Paris that if the Panama canal treaty is not ratified by the 4th of March the company will call off its negotiations with the United States and enter into a contract with French and German bankers, who propose to build a canal, and reimburse, to a certain extent, the present stockholders of the Panama Canal Company. This action, it is said, has been taken on the basis of the report of the American engineers as to the feasibility of the project.

The story continues that in this view of the situation the President is so anxious to have the Colombian treaty ratified before the expiration of Congress, that he called a number of Republican leaders into consultation and urged upon them to agree to a vote upon the pending omnibus statehood bill not become effective until after the presidental election of 1904. In return for a vote upon the omnibus bill, so amended, it is demanded that the Democrats shall permit the Columbian treaty to come to a vote by the 4th of March. It is difficult to confirm any of the esential parts of the story, but some people believe there is substance in it.

Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Dallas: Tuesday afternoon the Dallas Scottish Rite Cathedral Association was organized with a capital stock of $50,000. The work done at the meeting consisted of the election of directors and officers and business relating to the building of the cathedral. The cathedral, which will be situated at the corner of Harwood and Wood streets, will cost, including fixtures and building, between $75,000 and $100,000, and will be, perhaps, one of the most beautiful Masonic temples in the country. The lot has already been purchased at the cost of $7,350. The charter for the association is expected to arrive from Austin when the plans and specifications for the new building will be placed in the hands of an architect.

Rates to New Orleans Fixed.

Dallas: Tuesday a meeting was held for the purpose of lining up the rates from Texas points to New Orleans on account of the United Confederate Veterans' reunion, next May. The rate was fixed on a 1c-a-mile basis at a meting held a few weeks ago. At this meeting the different lines established their rates from different territory. From Dallas and such points as Alvarado, Waco, Waxahachie, Hillsboro, Taylor, Milano, Bremond and intermediate points the rate will be $10.-30 for the round trip, from Fort Worth it will be $10.95.

The main building of the Mississippi Female College at Meridian was burned early Tuesday morning, entailing a loss of $50,000. There were about 200 girls attending the school.

Texas Hotel Keepers Association.

Dallas: A number of hotel keepers met at the Oriental Hotel Tuesday and remained in session all day. They formed a State organzation to be known as the Texas Hotel Keepers' Association. Minor details of the organization will be arranged at a meeting to be held at the Worth Hotel, Fort Worth, on June 10.

The Governor's Child Hurt.

Jackson, Miss.: Annie, the 5-year-old daughter of Governor Longino, Tuesday fell from a second-story stairway in the executive mansion and sustained injuries which will probably prove fatal. Gov. Longino, who was attending the Mardi Gras celebration at Natchez, was summoned home by telephone.

W. C. Poole of Greenville fell from the second story of his barn to the ground floor and broke two ribs. It is feared that a broken rib penetrated a lung.

Muskogee Gets Packinghouse Depots.

Muskogee, I. T.: The chamber of commerce of Muskogee has closed contracts with Armour, Cudahy, Swift and Nelson Morris, and each of the above firms will locate a branch house in this city this spring. They seemed to have reached an agreement to make Muskogee the cntral distributing point for Indian Territory and will build their warehouses here as soon as it is possible to do so.

Texas' Pecan Industry.

San Angelo: The pecan crop was exceedingly short in this section the past season, but there were eight cars of pecans shipped from this place, amounting to 225,000 pounds, which, at 6 1-2c per pound, amounts to nearly $15,000 revenue for this one product. The shipments of pecans from the entire State the past season amounted to 275 cars, which, at an average of 28,000 pounds to the car, would make 7,500,000 pounds, bringing over $450,-000 to Texas from this source.

Valuable Cargo Clears Galveston.

Galveston: The big steamship Irak, measuring 5323 tons net and 12,000 dead weight, passed out of the harbor and across the bar for Liverpool Tuesday. It is reported that she passed out of the harbor drawing twenty-five feet nine inches and made the passage across the bar at the usual speed and in perfect safety.

Fall Breaks Child's Neck.

Abilene: A phone message was received here Monday night from Haskell to the effect that the 2-year-old daughter of a Mr. Denson fell into a dry well, and that its neck was broken in the fall.

Fatal Shooting Near Austin.

Austin: As the result of a collision of their buggies on a public road a few miles from Austin, and an interchange of shots, Emil Ammann, aged 35, and the proprietor of the Montopolis saloon, is dead, and the officers are searching for a negro. Mr. Ammann had been to Austin to get a physician for his sick wife.

Two Supply Stations in Cuba.

Washington: President Roosevelt has signed the agreement providing for the acquisition by the United States of a naval station at Guantanamo and a coaling station at Bahia Honda, both in Cuba. The document had been previously signed by President Palma and was brought to Washington by Minister Squiers.

Increased Beet Planting.

Waxahachie: Quite an interest in stock beet cultivation is being manifested by the farmers and stock raisers of this section, and the coming year will show the acreage in beets more than doubled. An interesting paper on stock beets, read before the Farmers' Institute last week by Alderman J. M. Lancaster, has received much favorable comment and will be the cause of a great deal of increased acreage.

Oklahoma City Secures Shops.

Oklahoma City: Representatives of the Frisco system have closed a deal for the purchase of fifty-four acres of the Valentine Knoell farm southeast of this city, for which the consideration was $10,000. The Frisco say that they will build the finest shops in the southwest on this site.

Three Canneries to Be Built.

Dallas: Hon James G. Darden of Chicago, who has been in Dallas for several weeks considering the best location for one or more canning factories says that work would be begun without delay. The plan includes the erection of a plant at Houston, one at Tyler and one at Athens, each with a daily capacity of 15,000 cans.

The controller of currency has approved organization of the West Texas National bank of Big Springs, Tex., with a capital of $50,000, by J. M. Cunningham, R. D. Matthews, W. R. Cole, S. W. Moore and A. H. Kirby.

New Telephone System for Ft. Worth.

Fort Worth: The Fort Worth Telephone company, which is to put in the independent system here purchased a lot 50x100 feet, upon which will be built a three-story exchange building. S. A. Jones of Chicago, one of the firm of that city who has the contract for constructing the new system, is here, and says he will commence within a short time the work of putting in the underground system on Houston street.

Heavy Cattle Losses in the Territory.

Ardmore, I. T.: Hundreds of cattle in the Chickasaw Nation, said a prominent cattleman, have died from teh effect of the recent blizzard. Cattle as a rule on the ranges were in poor condition and unable to stand the severe weather. One man who was pasturing sixty head lost fifty-two. Very few stockmen escaped without some financial loss.

Commissioners' court of Dallas county has ordered an election to be held March 31, to ascertain the desires of the taxpayers in the matter of issuing $500,000 in road bonds for general highway improvement.

There are four well-developed cases of smallpox, or Cuban itch, as some call it, near West Point. All are doing well, as it is in a mild form.

WANTS HIS SHIPS

CASTRO RESTIVE AND UNCERTAIN ABOUT IT.

GERMANY'S DEMAND EXPLAINED

The German and American Charges Understand The Whole Affair.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Advices were received at the state department from Mr. Russell, the United States charge at Caracas, to the effect that none of the Venezuelan vessels captured by the blockading fleet had been returned as yet and that there was considerable confusion in the public minds as to the reading of the protocols on this point. In the absence of the texts of the agreements, which have not arrived, President Castro does not know whether he should send his crews to Trinidad, where the ships are being held, or whether he should insist upon their return to Venezuelan waters.

Minister Bowen has received several cablegrams from President Castro regarding retaining the ships, and is evidently growing restive at what he considers a breach of trust. The representatives take the position that the ships will be returned as soon as the "necessary formalities have been enacted."

The British ambassador has seen Secretary Hay regarding the matter and assured him that the London government was doing everything possible to expediate the return of the ships, and that the foreign office was having the co-operation of the admiralty in this effort. Dispatches from Trinidad and Caracas fail to note any steps toward this end on the part of the allied fleets, and it is feared that possibly some misunderstanding of the provisions of the protocol may exist in the minds of the fleet commanders, and this is causing the delay.

Regarding the request of Germany that Venezuela pay to her the 5500 pounds before March 15, the question was taken up in the friendliest spirit with Mr. Bowen by the German minister here and it was not made in the nature of a demand, German citizens in Venezuela have appealed to the Berlin government for prompt settlement of their claims, and it was in their behalf the requests were made.

Bank for North Fort Worth.

Fort Worth: Marion Sansom will be the president of the new national bank to be organized at the Fort Worth stockyards. Mr. Sansom has returned from a visit to Chicago, and when asked if it was a fact that he was to be the president replied in the affirmative. The remaining officers had not been agreed on as yet, but directors will be from Texas and Fort Worth, and will include Swift and Armour people. Mr. Sansom said that a large loan company would be organized and would be controlled by the same officers.

Sweetwater's String of Improvements.

Sweetwater: Sweetwater is to have an electric light plant, waterworks, ice plant and oil mill. Stock is being subscribed for the purpose of building a $25,000 hotel. Sweetwater has splendid mineral water, which is splendid for bowel and kidney troubles. The altitude is 2200 feet.

Sea Wall Corner Stone Laid.

Galveston: The cornerstone of the seawall was laid at noon Monday with ceremony participated in by the state officials, members of the legislature, naval officers from the battleships and citizens of Galveston. Lieut. Gov. Neal officiated and delivered the dedicatory address. Addresses were also made by County Judge Fisher, Senator Davidson, County Attorney Wheeler and others.

Rough Weather in Europe.

Berlin, Germany: Severe gales swept over Germany Saturday and Sunday, and a number of disastrous fires spread by the wind occurred. In the village of Heurtgen near Deuren ninety-two houses were burned, and at Kleinenburg, Prussia, forty-four buildings were destroyed. Smaller fires were reported elsewhere with some casualties. At Dolina, across the frontier in Galaci, upward of a hundred houses were destroyed.

Must Have Had Some Rain Lately.

Evansville, Ind.: Floods from tributary streams have converted the Ohio river into a sea. In some places between here and Paducah the river is thirteen miles wide, and one can not see from shore to shore. Thousands of acres of wheat are under water and the crops will be destroyed. On the Indiana side, opposite Owensboro, Ky., the land is covered for a distance of seven miles

Texas and Pacific Advance Pay.

Fort Worth: It is learned that beginning March 1, trainmen and conductors on the Texas and Pacific road will receive an increase in wages of about 15 per cent for the freightmen and 12 per cent for the passengersmen. The present scale gives freight conductors 3c a mile and brakemen 2c. Passenger conductors receive $125 per month whose runs average a thousand miles a month or more. The short-run conductors receive $100 per month. The pay of the passenger brakemen is from $60 to $65 per month.

Frisco Diverted to Galveston.

New Orleans, La.: Owing to the suit of Mayor Capdeville to test the legality of the grant accorded the Frisco Railroad company, the officials announced that the engineers in the field had been called off the New Orleans survey, and that a line would be run to Galveston.

While the road does not intend to let the opportunity to enter New Orleans pass entirely, it is unwilling to wait until the ordinance has been tested before entering the Gulf export trade. It hopes to have a Gulf entry by the first of next year.

Dublin-Hamilton Line Projected.

Dublin: A company of Northern capitalists, including some from Waco, are contemplating the building of an electric railroad from Hamilton to connect with the Texas Central at Dublin and probably go out to Glen Rose and Cleburne. Hon. J. W. Riggins is in correspondence with the towns along the line as to bonus and right of way.

Mexicans Found Frozen to Death.

Goliad: The bodies of six Mexicans, three women and three children, who had frozen to death on last Wednesday night, were found Monday on W. A. Pettus' place, eight miles above here. They were with friends on the south side of the river on Wednesday and were put across in a skiff by Thomas Vasquez Wednesday evening, and started to a camp on this side, some two or three miles distant. It is supposed they became lost and froze to death that night.

Probable Fatal Negro Fight.

Wharton: On the Croom & Hodge stock farm, about three miles from town, Junius Taylor and Oscar Brown became involved in a row. Taylor was hit with an ax, inflicting a wound in the back of the head which it is thought will prove fatal. Brown is in jail and Taylor lies in a very serious condition.

Terrible Wreck on Big Four.

Indianapolis, Ind.: A Big Four passenger train was wrecked in a head-on collision with a freight train between Berea and Lindale, Ohio. All the passenger cars were wrecked but the sleepers. Five mail clerks are known to have been killed. Wreckage caught fire and burned up.

Found Dead in a Pool.

Ennis: An old man named George Leonard, who has been picking cotton in the Neal valley, twelve miles southeast of Ennis, went out to hunt some firewood last Friday evening and failed to return. A searching party went out Saturday morning and found his dead body in a pool of water.

J. C. Dilworth, banker, stockman and politician, widely known over the state, died Monday at his home in Gonzales, aged only 37 years. Deceased leaves a wife and two children and large family connections.

Want Something More Practicable.

Dallas: During the next ten days it is understood that the ladies connected with different clubs of this city will make determined efforts in opposition to the proposed style of architecture of the Texas building at the St. Louis World's Fair. The building as intended at present will be of the star-shaped style of architecture. The architects of Galveston passed resolutions not long ago in opposition to the plan proposed.

Coal Prospect In Upshur County.

Dallas: What is thought to be a good quality of coal has been discovered within half a mile of the new town of Rhonesboro, in Upshur county, of the Texas Southern railway. The coal was discovered on the land of Steve Williams. It has been tested by the railroad company and has so far proved satisfactory. The company having ordered a carload for further tests.

Oats are Doing Well.

Whitesboro: After a week of the severest wet and cold weather that has been experienced in this section for years, it is now clear and warm again. Farmers report the oats that were planted before the freeze as safe and coming up nicely. It will be several days yet before field plowing can be resumed. It is thought the crop of volunteer oats are ruined.

NEWS IN NUTSHELLS.

Dallas is overrun by seekers for charity.

The movement is still on to build a cotton mill at Baird.

The wheat crop of the southwest is in a most promising condition.

Many public schools were suspended on account of bad weather last week.

J. N. Letson, aged 80 years, fell on the ice at Gatesville and broke one of his thighs.

A fire company has been organized by the young men of Bailey. Hugh Leslie is chief.

Hunt county farmers are planting largely of alfalfa, and the pig crop has greatly increased.

Terrell is taking steps to hold a white man's primary prior to the city election in April.

Even the traveling troups are having trouble filling Texas dates because trains are irregular.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the pontificate of Pope Leo was celebrated at Rome last week.

Attorney Bell has announced his intention of becoming a candidate for governor in 1904.

Arch Piper fell on the ice at Hillsboro, breaking an ankle and otherwise bruising himself up.

Fuel oil is approaching the dollar barrel figure, at which it cannot be economically used as fuel.

About $20,000 will be spent in remodeling the government building at Waco and work on it will shortly be commenced.

Veterans of Green's Brigade met at Weimer last week, and were most creditably entertained by the citizens of that city.

Several towns in Texas are entirely out of gum shoes, the unprecedented and unexpected rain having exhausted the stocks.

William D. Myers, a white man, was found dead Wednesday morning near the Santa Fe Railway Company's roundhouse, about a mile and a half west of Beaumont. Justice Pope viewed the remains and returned a verdict that Myers came to his death from natural causes.

The Boers who come to Texas will find no speculative gold mines, but will find perennial gold mines in Texas' soil, in her water, and in her climate.

The public announcement that the Southern Pacific would sell its Sabine Pass-Dallas line, created surprise among the railway officials of the state.

The San Antonio branch of the J. Arnold Co., one of the "get-rich-quick" gambling houses, has closed down involving some twenty-five investors.

Business interests all over Texas are aroused over the pending bill limiting corporations to one place of business. They say it will kill all large oil and other industries.

The young men of Bailey met and perfected the organization of a fire company, with twenty-one members. There will be a hook and ladder company and a bucket brigade.

The severity of the weather has moralized the store as well as farm.

C. C. Cunningham, of Houston, was in McKinney last week, looking after a proposed cotton mill there.

Frank Files of Itasca slipped and fell on the ice, breaking his thigh.

In a fit of jealousy, Press Lewis, colored, shot and killed General Wil another negro, at San Antonio, Thursday of last week.

The Industrial Lumber company of Beaumont has purchased the timber and mill of the Oakdale, La., company. The former company is now next the Kirby Lumber company in timber holdings and manufacturing capacity.

The legislature adjourned from Friday till Tuesday to take in the battleship celebration at Galveston.

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STATE OFFICIALS AND LEGISLATORS GO TO SEA.

SEA WALL DEDICATION TO-DAY

The Boys From the Forks of the Creek Having a Good Time Generally.

Galveston, Texas, Feb. 23.—The state officials and members of the Legislature were taken out to the battleships Sunday morning on board the pilot boat Texas and steam tug Lawrence. Lieutenant Governor Neal did the honors in welcoming the fleet of warships into the Texas port, and was given a hearty welcome on board the flagship Kearsarge by Admiral Higginson and his officers. All the passengers on the Texas who were able to navigate were taken on board the Kearsarge in the ship's small boats, which were sent out to the pilot boat.

Upon leaving the battleships Governor Neal was saluted by fifteen guns. The marines on board stood at attention and the ship's band played merry welcome. The weather was ideal and the sea not unruly, but quite a swell was on outside the bar and before the excursion boats reached the battleships eleven miles out, many of the State's representatives and their wives and daughters had succumbed to seasickness. The pilot boat resembled a hospital ship, with all of the twelve bunks occupied and many ladies and men and boys stretched out on the upper and lower decks. The tug Lawrence fared no better and none of the passengers on the Lawrence were taken to the battleship.

The battleships will not come into the harbor, and excursionists can not get aboard. The tugs can not go alongside the warships and there is no means of transporting the visitors from the excursion boats to the ships. Several thousand visitors were taken out to the ships Sunday and the exsursion boats circled round the big ships and returned to the city.

Mob Caught in the Act.

South Bend, Ind.: An attempt was made by a mob of 150 men to wreck the powerhouse of the Indiana Railway Company and do injury to the employes there Sunday. There were seven men at the powerhouse when the attack was made. The attack was planned for an hour when it was thought the police could not reach the scene in force, but proved ill-timed, for a detail reached the place in time to effect several arrests.

An Ox-Drivers' Reunion.

Temple: A unique gathering is scheduled to be held at Nolanville soon, exact date to be announced later on. A call has been issued for an oxdrivers' reunion, all the old-time oxdrivers in this and adjoining counties being invited to participate and be the guests of the little city of Nolanville, which will provide free entertainment for them.

Danced Then Fell Dead.

Flatonia: Jose Estrada, a Mexican employed by the Sap road, dropped dead of heart failure at a dance given at a Mexican restaurant in town Saturday night. He had just finished dancing and was walking to the rear of the house when he dropped dead.

Four Were Drowned.

Tallahassee, Fla.: Three white children, aged 4, 2, years and 6 weeks, and a negro man named Austin were drowned late Saturday night in the flat woods south of Tallahassee. Jefferson Johnson and his wife, parents of the children, were saved. The family were in a wagon, and in the darkness the team lost the road and got into deep water.

Had to Live Up Stairs.

Paris: A family living on the Cole farm, in Sanders creek bottom, were driven to the second story by high water last week and were compelled to remain for forty-eight hours without anything to eat. They had to break up the chairs and burn beadsteads to keep warm.

The Trinity river bottoms are overflowed and many cattle have been drowned.

Dalhart Now a County Seat.

Dalhart: The election held in Dallam county Saturday for removal of the county seat from Texline to Dalhart, resulted in a majority of over 10 to 1 in favor of removal.

Mrs Helen C. Neagle, who had the distinction of being the oldest woman in Maine, is dead, aged 106. She was born in County Clare, Ireland, and had lived here eighty years.

Governor Signs Three Bills.

Austin: Gov. Lanham Saturday approved the following bills:

Senate bill authorizing the International and Great Northern Railroad company to purchase the Houston, Oaklawn and Magnolia Park railroad, and the Houston, Beaumont and New Orleans railroad.

Senate bill authorizing the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad company to purchase the Granger, Georgetown, Austin and San Antonio railroad.

House bill authorizing suburban electric railroad companies to issue and sell bonds without the approval of the railroad commission when the commission holds it has no jurisdiction.

Dams Break Inundating town.

Derby, Conn.: The breaking of three reservoirs in the town of Shelton early Sunday caused damage estimated at between $75,000 and $100,000, and there were several escapes from death. A torrent tore a gully 100 feet long and thirty feet wide through Howe avenue. Logs and trees and huge cakes of ice were carried along and crashed into several buildings.

Boy Fooling With An Old Gun.

Knickerbocker: Saturday evening about 3 o'clock the 15-year-old son of J. D. Hendrix was badly shot with an old 45-caliber Winchester that his father had found on the Concho river. The gun was loaded and the boy was trying to get the load out and it went off, blowing the end out of the cartridge.

Kansan Buys Wilburger Farm.

Wichita Falls: John Hund of Leavenworth, Kan., purchased 960 acres valley farm from W. C. Heath Saturday, consideration $25 per acre, making a total of $24,000 in cash. Seven hundred acres of this farm is in wheat, with a fair prospect of netting the purchaser from $7000 to $10,000.

Frozen Body Found In Pasture.

Kewanee, Ill.: The frozen body of Frank H. Richardson, a banker of Wyoming, south of here, was found Sunday in a wooded pasture by a hunter. Richardson disappeared from his home on Tuesday and was supposed to be insane. His financial affairs were in good conditions. He was 45 years old, and besides his widow, leaves a daughter, who is at Smith College.

Waco Gets a New Depot.

Waco: The St. Louis Southwestern Railway company is preparing to build a new, commodious passenger depot of fireproof material to extend along the entire block on Franklin between Third and Fourth streets. The structure now occupying the site will be demolished to make way for the new, modern depot building, which will be the finest and most costly in this city.

A strike of the 400 union bricklayers at San Francisco which has been in progress for seven weeks was ended Saturday.

Truck growers at Mabank and other points say that tomato plants were mostly killed by the recent cold snap.

A negro woman named King attempted suicide at Brenham Sunday morning by cutting her throat.

In a number of localities in Palo Pinto county hogs are reported to be dying with something similar to cholera.

The wood scarcity prevailing in country towns is growing alarming.

Reports of cattle succumbing to the rough weather grow more and more frequent.

The navy department has been informed that the Pacific squadron commanded by Rear Admiral Glass, left Acapulco, Mexico, Saturday for Honduras.

John Black started to climb on an engine at the Cotton Belt at Greenville Saturday night, when he fell under the wheel, which rolled over his left hand. The hand was badly crushed and mangled and had to be amputated at the wrist.

A hunting party, consisting of W. H. Noble, an Ouachita Parish, La., planter, and three negroes, two men and a woman, perished from cold and exposure in the Tensas river swamp last week.

There are now six persons under arrest in Dallas who have been indicted by the present grand jury for murder. They are suspected of the alleged murder of Neal Tyree, a farmer, who was found dead in the Katy yards on the night of Jan. 17.

Major McBride, who was a member of the Irish brigade in the Transvaal service during the South African war, and Maude Gonne, better known as the "Irish Joan of Arc," were quietly married in Paris, France, Saturday.

Announcement is made that at a meeting of the executive board of the Texas State Fair association, Sept. 26 to Oct. 11 were named as the dates for holding the fall entertainment of North Texas in 1903.

NINE FIRE VICTIMS

VICTMS OF A HOTEL FIRE AT CEDAR RAPIDS

FORTY-TWO RECEIVE INJURIES

Death's Alarm Comes After All Escape Is Cut Off By Seething Flames and Smoke.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Feb. 21.—Fire this morning destroyed the Clifton hotel, cremated nine of the guests and caused injuries to forty-two persons, who were scorched or forced to jump to the frozen street from second and third-story windows. After an all-day search in the debris four bodies have been recovered. It is now believed that five more bodies remain in the ruins of the hotel, which is said to have been a flimsy structure, filled with delegates to the State Young Men's Christian convention and the district convention of the Knights of Pythias. The hotel register was destroyed, thus making it difficult to ascertain the names of the missing persons.

The flames started in a pile of rubbish in the basement. The night clerk was on the third floor when the cry of fire startled him. In an instant the halls were choked with frightened guests. A rush was made for the stairway; the fire, feeding ravenously on the tinder-like material of the lower floor, had completely cut of escape. Then followed a stampede for the windows. The victims were literally driven by the flames to jump. Nearly every one of them lingered to the last moment in hope of assistance. In a short space of time the street was filled with men and women, bruised, battered, broken-limbed and half crazed. All were in their night garments.

Billy Thinks Schedder is "It."

Kiel: On the occasion of raising of the blockade Emperor William cabled to Commodore Scheder, as follows: "It is with satisfaction that I hvae gained the conviction from your reports that you, together with the commanders and crews of my ships in Venezuelan waters during the blockade operations, did your duty and accomplished your task in every particular under difficult conditions. It is with gratification that I take the opportunity, now that the blockade is raised, to express to you and the officers and men of your command my fullest satisfaction with the services you have rendered. I direct you to make this known."

Washington: The senate committee on commerce agreed to report favorably the Cooper bill relative to the expenditure of the appropriation for the improvement of Sabine Lake channel. Representative Stephens has introduced another bill providing for the opening of the 550,000 acres of Kiowa, Comanche and Apache pasture and wood reservation.

To Navigate Red River.

Denison: The Government snagboat Howell, now clearing the Red River for navigation is 160 feet long, 36 feet wide and draws three and one-half feet of water. It costs the Government about $1400 a month to operate it. It is now at the mouth of the Kiamitia, just north of Paris, and will be there for several days as there is some work to be done just below there.

Disappointed Girl Suicides.

Little Rock: Miss Nellie Smith, the beautiful 22-year-old daughter of G. B. Smith, was found dead in her father's home Friday with a ghastly pistol wound in her head. She was to have met her affianced at the station Friday as he passed through for Forrest City. She missed the train. The girl's body was found by her father when he came home for his luncheon.

Two Headed Calf at Burleson.

Burleson: Mr. Boogher of this place is exhibiting a freak in the shape of a two-headed calf. It has the body of the ordinary calf, but has two perfectly shaped necks and heads. The calf was dropped dead.

Two Men Frozen at El Paso.

Eagle Pass: Besides Miguel Zapaterio, who was frozen to death in the C. P. Diaz jail, the body of an unknown man who had succumbed to the cold was found in a brickyard in the outskirts of that city.

To Enlarge Waco's Postoffice Building.

Waco: The large appropriation made by congress for the improvement of the federal building here is sufficient to double the size of the entire structure, and this extension is not more than has become necessary, owing to the immensely increased volume of business in the postoffice, which is now 200 per cent larger than was the case in 1885, the year the present building was planned.

Fuel is Scarce.

Dallas: From many portions of the state come reports of a great scarcity of fuel, occasioned by the recent rainy spell, which so cut up roads that it is impossible to haul timber to the towns. Coal is practically out of the question, and wood has advanced beyond all bounds in price. Ine one instance at Terrell $1 was paid for fifteen sticks of timber. There is much distress and poverty over certain portions of Texas on account of the inclement weather conditions. Hundreds of laborers are unable to work, and are in need of food as a result.

The Red river is rising and overflowing the bottom lands near Texarkana, and much damage to vegetation and stock is apprehended. Stock are also suffering in many places, an uncorroborated report placing the loss at 1500 on one ranch. In Corsicana the fuel shortage threatens to seriously interfere with the conduct of the schools.

Big Blowout On Tapis.

Fort Worth: The arrangement committee from the board of trade on the formal opening of the two packinghouses here on the 6th of next month, decided to extend an invitation to Gov. S. W. T. Lanham to be present and deliver an address and to also have his staff accompany him. An invitation will also be forwarded to the Texas Legislature to be present on this occasion, which it is intended to make a memorable one for Fort Worth.

Diabolical Deed in Lavacca.

Hallettsville: A murder has been unearthed in this county which is probably the most diabolical ever committed here, and three of the accused have been given an examining trial and are now in the county jail. All are negroes. These three, it is alleged, with a number of others, induced Oliver Wyatt, an old man, to go on a coon hunt with them, and while on this hunt he was killed. An effort to burn his body was made, but was only partly successful. Two of those now in jail have made a statement, claiming they committed the deed because the old man had threatened to kill them.

Fort Worth: It is learned here that the names of the two boys who were killed in the Texas and Pacific passenger wreck near Aledo, in Parker county Thursday morning, were I. H. Riley, whose age was thought to have been 18 years and whose home is in Harmony, W. Va., and J. W. Matthews, whose home was in Athens, Tenn., and whose age was supposed to have been about 16 years.

El Paso, Tex.: Martin McLaughlin, a youthful tramp from Holyoke, Miss., barely 20 years old, received what may prove to be his death wound while attempting early Friday morning to rob the countinghouse of Krakauer, Zork & Moye's hardware establishment. He was shot by John L. Huerr, a clerk, who sleeps over the store.

Choctaws Going to Territory.

Greenville: The passenger train from Shreveport brought a coach load to Choctaw Indians Friday, who were en route from Meridian, Miss., to the nation to claim allotments. They were in charge of two white men.

Honors to Former Mayor.

Paris: The remains of Richard Woodridge, who died at Gainesville Thursday, were brought here and the funeral took place from Centenary Methodist church. The deceased was at one time mayor of Paris and formerly a member of the bar here.

Killed By a Fall.

Terrell, Tex.: Mrs. M. S. Kelly, an aged lady of this city, started to walk out of her room, and her foot slipped on the doorstep and she fell, striking her head on the step with such force that she died from the effects of the injury a short time afterwards. Deceased was about 70 years old and was the mother of G. E. Kelly of this city.

Gone to Take Pasteur Treatment.

Lockhart: J. D. McMurtrey, a merchant here, and Ed Burleson, son of James G. Burleson, president of the First National bank, the persons who were bitten by the supposed rabid dog Tuesday, left for Chicago to take treatment at the Pasteur institute.

Mrs. J. H. Barnett has filed a suit against the Cotton Belt railway for $20,000 alleged damages. Her husband was killed June 25, 1902, while crossing the road near Hubbard.

Big Fire at Abbeville, La.

Abbeville, La.: Thursday night at 9:15 o'clock Abbeville was visited by the most disastrous conflagration in its history. The fire originated in the rear of Erath's saloon and burned more than half a block in the business district, including twenty-two business houses, twenty-seven firms doing business therein. The total loss approximates $100,000. The fire is thought to have been of incendiary origin.

TEXAS IN ADVANCE

WILL HAVE ONE THOUSAND RURAL DELIVERY ROUTES

BEFORE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR

By Knowing a Good Thing When Presented, Texas Leads All Southern States in the Movement.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Superintendent Machen, of the rural free delivery service, says that Texas is the most clamorous of all the southern states for the extension of the rural delivery service. The southern states were slow to take kindly to the new idea, but Texas seemed to grasp the importance of the innovation with little delay. At present there are 270 services established in the state, divided among the districts according to the new apportionment as follows: First 2, Third 26, Fourth 59, Fifth 43, Sixth 7, Eighth 1, Ninth 8, Tenth 42, Eleventh 28, Twelfth 24, Thirteenth 6, Fourteenth 4.

Mr. Machen says that before the fiscal year is over many more services will be established in Texas and that after the 30th of June it will be practical to put in services as rapidly as reports are made and that a sufficient number of special agents will be placed in the field to promptly report on applications.

It is easy to see from what Mr. Machen says that by the end of the fiscal year of 1904 more than 1000 services will be in operation in Texas.

State Capital Doings.

Austin, Feb. 20.—The day passed off dully yesterday in both House and senate. A certain amount of dry detail must be gone over, and yesterday was one of those in which nothing noteworthy took place. As a pointer to the sentiment regarding the proposed $200,000 Worlds Fair appropriation it may be mentioned that a motion to invite Louis Wortham to address the legislative body on the matter was tabled unceremoniously. The bill to employ short term convicts on county work was passed to engrossment.

It has been argued that the legislative party to visit Galveston will leave here on a special train, via Houston and Texas Central Railway, at 1:30 o'clock to-day. The party probably will reach Galveston at 9 o'clock. The indications are that almost the entire membership of the legislature will leave on this train, and the party will doubtless number about 400 persons in all.

Camp County in Midst of Campaign.

Pittsburg: A prohibition campaign is on in Camp county. The election will be had the 7th of March. The pros met at the courthouse Saturday evening and perfected organization. Rev. Smith of Tyler made their opening campaign speech on the streets Friday.

President Would Call an Extra Session

Washington, President Roosevelt will call an extraordinary session of the Senate of the Fifty-Eighth Congress, unless both the Panama Canal and the Cuban reciprocity treaties are ratified at the present session. The President made this declaration of his intention to several Senators, and it was made as srtong as he was capable of making it.

Got Careless With Explosives.

New York: Four men were killed, three probably fatally wounded and seven seriously hurt Thursday, in an explosion in the workroom of the naval storage magazine at Fort Lafayette, in New York bay.

The explosion could be heard for miles. One report has it that the men were filling a 13-inch shell, while another is that the men were removing a power charge from a shell and undertook to unwind a fuse and friction set off the cap and exploded the shell.

Weather's Victims in Navarro.

Corsicana: Thirty-two head of cattle, said to be the property of Will Ward, were drowned in Richland creek bottom Monday mordning. Cattle feeders report the loss of several head in this vicinity, ond much greater losses are feared. Many truck farmers in this vicinity had garden stuff up, which has been killed, and one nurseryman reports the loss of 20,000 tomato plants.

Tillman is Refused Bail.

Columbia, S. C.: Chief Justice Pope Thursday refused the application for bail of James H. Tillman. It was the rule of the court, he said, in such cases, to make no explanation of the reasons governing the decision. "Murder was the taking of human life with malice aforethought." With the oath of office upon his lips he must do his duty and decline the application without prejudice to the case of the defendant.

Geo. B. Loving Dies Suddenly.

Fort Worth: George B. Loving, prominent as a livestock commission merchant and dealer in ranches, well known as a newspaper proprietor, writer and publisher, and who was regarded as one of the leading citizens of Fort Worth, died suddenly at a Main street drug store Thursday morning. Death was unexpected. He had been unwell for some weeks past and for a time had been at a sanitarium, but his condition was not such as to create any alarm among his friends.

Memphis Hotel Fire.

Memphis: The Memphis hotel, together with contents, owned and operated by John H. Kenney, was destroyed by fire at 7 o'clock Thursday night. Mr. Kenney thinks the origin of the fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp, lighted and left burning by one of the boarders in his room.

Johnson County Wants Good Roads.

Cleburne: The commissioners' court has ordered a road tax election for March 21 of 15c on the $100. This is for the entire county. In case the issue carries the amount collected will be applied to improvement of the roads of Johnson county.

Venus Has Become a City.

Ventus, Tex.: Venus became a city Thursday, when the oath of office was administered to S. E. Wilkinson, mayor. The city council held its first meeting this afternoon. The event was celebrated in an appropriate manner.

Both Slid on Icy Rails.

Newark, N. J.: A fast express train on the Delaware, Lakawanna and Western railroad cut through a trolley car crowded with school children Thursday, killing eight of the children and injuring a score of them. The motorman of the car, who stuck to his post, will die, and the engineer of the express was so severely hurt that there is little hope of his recovery.

Navasota: Wednesday a negress, Mrs. George White, living near Yarborough, was shot and killed. The shotgun was then placed under her husband's chin and a part of his jaw shot off. White has always borne the reputation of being quiet and law-abiding. White is still alive, but it is thought that he can not survive.

Scalded by Explosion of Bucket.

Gainesville: Miss Nannie Thurman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thurman, residing five miles east of this city, was seriously burned on the face Saturday morning by an explosion of steam confined in a tightly closed tin bucket, in which she was making tea for the noonday meal at the time.

Two Killed in Railway Wreck.

Weatherford: Early Thursday morning the eastbound Texas and Pacific Cannon Ball train was badly wrecked one mile east of Aledo in this county. The engine and several cars left the track. A messenger, whose name could not be learned, is reported badly hurt, and two unknown tramps who were riding the blind baggage were instantly killed.

TERSE TOLD TEXAS TALES.

Deputy Marshal T. A. Hart, of Amarillo, who is charged with killing Tom Driskill last Friday night, has been released on $2000 bond.

Willie Avery, a 12-year-old colored boy at Corpus Christi, accidentally shot himself in the right shoulder with a gun and is in a critical condition.

A gap of about thirty miles remains to be constructed in the Texas and New Orleans to complete the line between Sabine Pass and Dallas. The road will be completed about April 1.

A report has reached Dallas of the death at Richardson of John Huffhines one of the oldest settlers in that part of the county. His age, it was stated, was 73 years.

Burglars entered the Shelton-Payne Hardware company's store at El Paso Wednesday night and carried off firearms to the value of $200. There is no clue.

Robert White was shot and instantly killed Wednesday afternoon, about one mile from Buffalo. The ball passed through his body. Frank Long was arrested and placed in jail.

While skating on ice-covered ground Thursday at the school building in Sweetwater, Roy Riddle fell and broke his right arm in two places, between elbow and wrist.

Tuesday afternoon at the tank in the northwestern part of Sherman Joe B. Gunn saved the lives of two little boys, who had broken through the ice where the water was quite deep.

Only a small percentage think the cabbage crop at Corpus Christi has suffered any damage whatever. Others cay the crop will come out all right. A slow thaw will leave the crop entirely unscathed.

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DUBLIN, TEXAS, FRIDAY, FEB. 27, 1903.

The Pecos irrigation canal will alone reclaim two hundred and ninty-five thousand acres of land.

Mrs. Roosevelt receives thousands of requests for contributions to fairs, etc. every week and refuses none.

The all gold piano in the White House is a hideons monstrosity. It was placed in the East room as an advertisement for the maker.

A metripolitan daily suggests the colonization of the poor in the cities on low priced agricultural lands as a wise philanthrophy.

The Department of Agriculture has discovered a remedy for bitter rot in apples which promises to save orchardists thousands of dollars.

The British South African Company has voted to spend ten million dollars on railroads in Africa and there is strong prospect that this country wili furnish most of the rails.

When the new office building is completed for the members of Congress there will be an electric car service to carry the members to and from the House and Senate chambers.

It is now suggested that as a delicate return of Emperor William's compliment in sending us a statue of Frederick the Great, the United States send Germany a statue of President Monroe.

In the Homestead Mills of the Carnegie Company four thousand men with improved machinery produce three times as much steel as is produced by fifteen thousand men in the Krupp works in Germany.

A copy of the Pentateuch written in Samaritan characters on gazelle parchment, in the year 735 A. D., has just been discovered in Syria and is now in safe keeping in Cairo.

Over one-eighth of the deaths in Chicago since 1900 have been due to pneumonia. The victims of that disease exceeded by one-third the number who died of consumption.

The Prince of Wales is receiving congratulations on the birth of his fifth son. Certainly there is, at this time, little danger that the present British dynasty will not last as long as the monarchial system.

Consumption

Salt pork is a famous old-fashioned remedy for consumption. "Eat plenty of pork," was the advice to the consumptive 50 and 100 years ago.

Salt pork is good if a man can stomach it. The idea behind it is that fat is the food the consumptive needs most.

Scott's Emulsion is the modern method of feeding fat to the consumptive. Pork is too rough for sensitive stomachs. Scott's Emulsion is the most refined of fats, especially prepared for easy digestion.

Feeding him fat in this way, which is often the only way, is half the battle, but Scott's Emulsion does more than that. There is something about the combination of cod liver oil and hypophosphites in Scott's Emulsion that puts new life into the weak parts and has a special action on the diseased lungs.

A sample will be sent free upon request.

Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

SCOTT & BOWNE,
CHEMISTS,
409 Pearl St., N. Y.
50c. and $1; all druggists.

The emergency device consisting of fins capable of being thrown out at right angles from the sides of a vessel has proved successful. A heavy vessel traveling rapidly was stopped in her own length by it.

The Standard Old Company paid the largest dividends last year of any year of any of the big trusts. It is not surprising that its officers oppose the publicity feature of the department of commerce bill.

The express companies claim they are being forced to the use of automobiles because of the scarcity of horses weighing from one thousand three-hundred to one thousand five-hundred pounds, commonly called "express chunks."

Minister Bowen finally succeeded in placing Germany in her true light and showing her up as a shylock. It is predicted now that the Venezuelan incident will prove disasterous to Germany's South American trade.

The completion of the national Capitol is to cost two million five-hundred thousand dollars and the new office building for representatives will cost not less than three-million, one-hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of furnishings.

The Venezuelan difficulty is practically closed and there is good reason to believe that the relations between the United States and Great Britian are closer and those between Great Britian and Germany less close than before the incident.

Some indication of the report of the coal strike commission is furnished by Judge Gray's statement that "when one hundred thousand men are employed doing the work that could be done by seventy-five thousand there is bound to be trouble."

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O.

We the undersigned have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations make by that firm.

West & Truax, wholesale druggists, Toledo, O.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c, per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's family pills are the best.

Phone No. 9, the Dublin Dairy, if you wish butter or milk delivered at your residence. We can supply any reasonable demaad and we make our trips regular. A careful inspection of the methods employed in our dairy.

It is now reported from Chicago on what is said to be almost official authority, that the Rock Island railroad has secured control of the Frisco system. This will add five thousand miles of road to the Rock Island and give that system a mileage of about thirteen thousand miles.

For a clear complexion, bright sparkling eye and vigorous digestion, take Prickly Ash Bitters. It puts the system in perfect order.

We learned yesterday that G. W. Hickey of this place is still in jail at Haskell for the killing of Tom J. Dixon in that county on February 11th, an account of which appeared in the Progress of that week. His bond was set at $7,500 and so far all efforts to get it reduced have been failures. Friends and relatives in this county are at work on the bond.

The scratch of a pin may cause loss of a limb or even death when blood poisoning results from the injury. All danger of this may be avoided, however, by promptly applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is an antiseptic and quick healing liniment for cuts, bruises and burns. For sale by Overton Drug Co.

Comanche papers are agitating the adoption by the city council of a curfew ordinance. The operations of this law for the past two or three years in Dublin has had a salutary effect and the good accomplished is undoubtedly beyond computation. The boys all know that curfew rings at 8:30 her and after that time they make themselves scarce on the streets.

It is claimed by what is supposedly competent authority that Henry Stevenson, a native of Kentucky, is due the credit for preaching the first protestant sermon west of the Sabine river. This was in 1824, when as a resident of Arkansas and presiding elder of the Louisiana district of the Methodist church, he visited Austin's colony and preached at Washington and San Felipe, Texas. In June of 1834 he organized a church at San Augustine and was given the assignment of missionary to Texas. Z. N. Morrill, a Baptist minister preached at Nacogdoches on January 10th, 1836 and in 1828 Sumner Bacon, a Cumberland presbyterian minister preached at the same place.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Alderman Third Ward,
LEE PIPES.

School Notes.

The past month has been an exceptionally good one considering the inclement weather. Prof. Marr and Miss Herndon had the best attendance, each reporting 95 per cent.

Miss Perry and Miss Powell had the fewest tardy marks in their rooms, 10 each.

Miss Moss had 26 children who were neither absent or tardy during the month. Now, why can not every pupil in school do as these 26 have done? It is impossible for an irregular student in school to succeed in his work. I want to urge the parents to see that their children come to school regularly and are on time. A tardy student makes a tardy man or woman.

We now have on the roll of the school 682 pupils and the school is doing fine work. During the past month we had 143 pupils who were neither absent or tardy. Let us have a better record for the coming month.

The eighth and ninth grades have taken up the subject of civics.

The eighth grade has completed U. S. History and physiology and next week will begin the subject of algebra.

The school library is not sufficiently large. We need more books and more suitable ones. The children want to read. Let us give them books that are good, interesting and instructive. The school will appreciate contributions in the way of money or books for this purpose.

The Art Gallery will be in Dublin next Wednesday, March 4th, under the auspices of the Woman's Thursday Club of Dublin. Through the courtesy of the club the school children will be permitted to see this excellent exhibit of English art free of charge. The public will be charged the small fee of 10 cents. School children will be admitted in the morning; the public is especially invited for the afternoon. Come up and see these works of the masters in English art and visit the school. See what your children are doing in their studies. The exhibit will be in room 13 of the third floor of the High School building. Miss Hasse comes with the Art Gallery and will explain the various pictures. All are cordially invited.

E. I. HALL, Supt. Schools.

Call at Zack Eakins' saloon for the best whiskies, wines and cigars.

Cured Consumption.

Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan. writes: "My husband lay sick for three months; the doctor stated that he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup and it cured him. That was six years ago and since then we always keep a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal." 25c, 50c and $1 bottle at Overton Drug Co.

Us Texas Fools.

There are plenty of ways to be a fool, and our laws give a wide range of liberty in this matter. The price of cucumbers is too low to justify our people to raise and pickle them, yet we mortgage our land to the Northerner who does raise them and pay the freight on pickles to our doors. If we raise a crop of tomatoes "they don't sell for anything," yet months later we buy them shipped from Maryland and then mortgage our land for the money we paid. You don't get paid for your trouble in making and taking care of butter, and yet Dallas jobbers buy Kansas butter by the ton, and Kansas farmers have paid off two-thirds of outside mortgages within the past three years. Hogs are not worth keeping, yet we already find farmers mortgaging their mules, horses, wagons and even unplanted cotton to buy yankee sow-belly at mortgage prices. Oh, there's no limit to the kind of fools we may be only it costs like thunder to play the fool in Texas.—Arlington Democrat.

DISEASED KIDNEYS

Cause more deaths than bullets. Their symptoms are not alarming, hence they are neglected and quickly become dangerous.

Prickly Ash Bitters

Is a kidney medicine of great value; it strengthens the kidneys, allays inflammation, eases backache and arrests the progress of the disease. It is an honest remedy that can be depended on.

AT ALL DRUGGISTS.
PRICE, $1.00.

A Weak Stomach.

Causes a weak body and invites disease. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures and strengthens the stomach and wards off and overcomes disease. J. B. Taylor, a prominent merchant of Chriesman, Texas, says, "I could not eat because of a weak stomach. I lost all strength and run down in weight. All that money could do was done but all hopes of recovery vanished. Hearing of some wonderful cures effected by use of Kodol I concluded to try it. The first bottle benefitted me and after taking four bottles I am fully restored to my usual strength, weight and health."—Overton Drug Company.

The celebrated Green Lake, Golden Wedding and Middlebrook whiskies are handled over the bar at Zack Eakins' saloon. 16-tf.

C. H. Strong of this city has been having considerable trouble recently regarding a little advertisement which he inserted in the Progress a few times regarding his poultry business. The advertisement stated that he would pay $1.50 for guineas, of course meaning that much per dozen, but the guinea raisers took the matter different and concluded that the price quoted was $1.50 for each fowl. The result has been that he has been besieged by questions and guineas from all points of the compass within a radius of more than one hundred miles from Dublin. His mail regarding the guinea proposition is beginning to be a serious menace and says if something is not done to stop it he will be necessarily compelled to employ a private secretary to answer the correspondence and explain matters.

Unexcelled stamp photos at Thompson's 40-4t

One Minute Cough Cure gives relief in one minute because it kills the microbe which tickles the mucous membrane, causing the cough and at the same time clears the phlegm, draws out the inflammation and heals and soothes the affected parts. One Minute Cough Cure strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia and is a harmless and never failing cure in all curable cases of coughs, colds and croup. One Minute Cough Cure is pleasant to take, harmless and good alike for young and old.

The family that keeps on hand and uses occasionally the celebrated Prickly Ash Bitters is always a well regulated family.

New Suits Filed.

The following suits have been filed in Erath county court, viz:

Mrs. Bettie Miller et al. vs. Texas Central railroad, damages.

Mrs. M. S. Seiman vs. Mrs. M. J. Crow.

A. G. B. Dunn vs. Eugene Moore, suit on note.

J. C. Wingo vs. Dublin Baptist church.

J. F. Weiser & Co. vs. Charles McGunnigle, suit for foreclosure of lien.

J. E. McCarty vs. Ft. Worth & Rio Grande railroad.

S. W. Erwin vs. Texas Central railroad.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best and most famous compound in the world to conquer aches and kill pains. Cures cuts, heals burns and bruises, subdues inflammation, masters piles. Millions of boxes sold yearly. Works wonders in boils, ulcers, felons, skin eruptions. It cures or no pay, 25c at Overton Drug Company.

If you put your hand in the pockets you'll find a little dodger—thats our bond—that means that we are in earnest when we say that the Buckskin Breeches are the best pants that money will buy. They are the kind of pants that don't rip, and keep the buttons until they are worn out. When they do wear out you'll think about the quality, just as we do.

Stops the cough and works off the cold. Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure no pay. Price 25c.

Miss Loula Sinclair is now in the northern market selecting one of the latest, up-to-date stocks of millinery that money will purchase. She will open up in F. E. Shugart & Co's Drug Store. Friends, acquaintances and strangers are alike invited to call and get prices. 41-2t

You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay, 50c.

Elections to decide whether a special school tax of 20c on the hundred dollars will be levied has been ordered held at Harmony on March 4th, John Lingle presiding officer; Marthel Gap on March 14th, E. T. Meisenheimer presiding officer and at Lingleville with R. P. Campbell presiding officer.

More About the Boll Weevil.

A recent letter from the state department of agriculture incloses a phamplet of several pages regarding the boll weevil, which was issued by the secretary of the Texas Boll Weevil Convention, and aside from containing suggestions as to how to fight the boll weevil, recently reprinted in the columns of the Progress, also contains a large amount of information relative to the habits of that insect and several illustrations showing it in enlarged form. The phamphet also says:

DON'T BURN THE STALKS.

"It is now too late to get good results from burning stalks. This will not kill the boll weevil. It is a waste of labor, time and money. Burn stalks in the fall and early winter season only during next year. The land is now wet, the stalk is green and we should plant the land at the earliest opportunity, if safe from frost.

"The eggs that are now found in the limbs of the cotton stalks are not boll weevil eggs. These eggs are from the tree cricket, which does not harm cotton. Farmers find them laid in long rows nearly touching each other in the limbs of the stalk. The egg of the boll weevil is laid nowhere but in the form or in the young boll, as long as there is a young boll to be found. Late in the summer the eggs are sometimes laid in grown bolls. If the winter is mild, some of these eggs may hatch at that season. Usually they are killed by the first freezes.

WHERE IS THE WEEVIL NOW?

"Throughout the weevil district the grown weevil winters at the base of the cotton stalk about two inches below the surface of the ground, and the timber, brush and trash just outside the field. Cotton land near heavy timber is more subject to weevil than any other. They can be plowed up if in the cotton land and killed if turned up during the winter. It is necessary to plow cotton land as soon as possible. This exposes the weevil to freezing, thawing and to rains while dormant. He cannot live under this treatment. The winter brood, when it comes from the brush and timber land, is few in number and can make little headway in a fast growing crop of cotton.

"Plow up your fields now. Plow deep and kill the weevil."

Copies of these phamplets may be had for the asking by addressing Hon. W. J. Clay, commissioner of agriculture, Austin, Texas.

Call at Zack Eakins' saloon and buy a bottle of "Bud" or Schlitz.

WEAK AND LOW-SPIRITED.

A Correspondent Thus Describes His Experience.

"I can strongly recommend Herbine as a medicine of remarkable efficacy for indigestion, loss of appetite, sour taste in the mouth, palpitation, headache, drowsiness after meals with distressing mental depressions and low spirits. Herbine must be a unique preparation for cases such as mine, for a few doses entirely removed my complaint. I wonder at people going on suffering or spending their money on worthless things, when Herbine is procurable and so cheap." 50c a bottle at Overton Drug Co.

Hamilton Commissioner's Court.

From Hamilton Rustler.

Feb. 17th.—Commissioners court was in session last week. Among the important work of the court was the appointment of J. F. Stephens as justice of the peace and C. M. Pressler constable in precinct four and R. Adams in precinct eight.

Ten thousand dollars insurance was ordered written on court house and $250 premium thereon allowed E. A. Perry.

The rendition price of stock cattle was set at $6 per head, steers and other cattle in proportion according to value.

Election ordered held for special school tax of fifteen cents on the hundred dollars in Tonkawa district March 14th and in Stanford school district March 28th. Also one for a twenty cent levy in Pottsville district March 28th.

Applications of G. W. Walker and W. J. Elrod for Confederate pensions were approved.

The use of the county road grader was allowed the town of Hamilton for one week to be operated at the expense of the county and four weeks at the expense of the city, the purpose being to grade and gravel the public square.

Claims against the county to the amount of a little over $3000 were allowed.

Cancer Cured!!

W. W. Prickett, Smithfield, Ill., writes, Sept. 10th, 1901: "I have been suffering several years with a cancer on my face which gave great annoyance and unbearable itching. I was using Ballard's Snow Liniment for a sore leg and through an accident I rubbed some of the liniment on the cancer and as it gave me almost instant relief I decided to continue the use of the liniment on the cancer. In a short time the cancer came out, my face healed up and there is not the slightest scar left. I have implicit faith in the merits of this preparation and it cannot be too highly recommended." 25c, 50c and $1. For sale by Overton Drug Co.

You Will Be Happy if Well.

Paine's Celery Compound

Bestows that Health and Vigor that Makes Living a Pleasure.

If you are sick and out-of-sorts, it is in your power to make yourself healthy, strong, and happy.

There is not the slightest reason why you should go through life feeling sickly, miserable, languid, and melancholic. To be well and strong, means happiness and true joy.

If you are sleepless, rheumatic, neuralgic, dyspeptic, or have the shadows of disease hovering over you; if you are not as bright, energetic, and strong as you were some weeks ago, the use of Paine's Celery Compound will tone up and fortify your whole system, cleanse the blood, correct digestion, sharpen the appetite, and conduce to restful sleep. Thousands once in a half-dead condition owe their present good health to the use of Paine's Celery Compound. Mr. Wm. S. Gibson, of Pleasureville, Ky., who, through sickness and suffering, was brought near the dark grave, writes as follows, regarding his marvelous cure:—

"I have been broken down in health and strength, nervous system shattered, kidneys out of order, had nervous and trembling spells off and on for the last ten years. I have taken three bottles of your Paine's Celery Compound and all of the above-mentioned troubles have left me, and I can now do a good day's work. I go about my business all day long and it don't worry me, and I now feel better than I have in ten years. I have a good appetite and can eat and get around on foot as active as when I was a boy. My age is 65 years."

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LOOK OUT

For Colds—La Grippe

Protect yourself, and don't trust Providence. Considering the h done, "neglect" before and after tak a cold is a physical crime. You m prevent a cold, or, if too late, you insure yourself against the "after ects," for there is the greatest da by using Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic. die from Colds, or La Grippe, or tarrh. They die of the after eff These diseases all weaken, and t weakened body come flocking a ho diseases that fasten on weak lu heart, stomach, kidneys, and o weak parts that we seldom think o

The easiest and best thing to do fortify the system so that you will catch cold, but if too late to do t then you must see that no lasting jury is done. Medical authoritie agree that iron is the fighting eleme the blood enabling the system not to ward off disease, but to fight it it has obtained a hold.

Dr. HARTER'S IRON TONI

is just the remedy needed, as it plies the blood directly with the ir requires to combat Colds or La Gri Take it before, during, or after taken in time, it will prevent; if t during, it will shorten the cours taken after, it will prevent all bad effects.

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The streets of Dublin and the public highways through this section have of late been in most distressing condition for the movement of vehicles as well as pedestrians, but not nearly so bad as is reported from many points in the black waxy belt. Notably the town of Temple has suffered inconvenience with which our own troubles along that line may not even be compared. The cemetery there is located about a mile from town and the condition of the roads have made it absolutely impossible to approach the place in any kind of a vehicle except by rail, as the railroad track runs near the cemetery. Since the wet spell began several deaths have occurred there and in each case funeral trains containing the corps and mourners were run to the cemetery. In but one instance has this not been the case, this one being the burial of an infant, which was carried to the cemetery by pedestrians. Deliveries of dry goods, groceries and other provisions are made on foot, newspaper carriers al! have to walk and drivers of drays and express wagons are in despair.

The first of the present week H. H. Andrews showed a Progress reporter some plum bush sprouts that he had just received from our former townsman, J. C. Ansley at Tyler. The sprouts were not unlike the ordinary kind but because of the memories they revive an exceptional interest attaches to them. Mr. Andrews is very proud to get them and has placed them in his yard where he can see them grow. They were gathered by Mr. Ansley from the sight of an old confederate stockade in which Mr. Andrews was guarded as a prisoner for ten months during the civil war. Mr. Ansley was one of his guards during the time and J. W. Collier of Dublin was another. Mr. Andrews has also been promised a walking stick cut from the same sight and the handle of an old skillett, found imbedded in the ground there and which had doubtless been used by the soldiers.

H. M. Bateman and family left today for their former home in Smith county, some sixteen miles from Tyler, at which place they will permanently locate on the farm of Mr. Bateman's father. For a number of years Mr. Bateman has resided in Dublin and pursued his occupation as blacksmith, but he recently sold his business property to E. Rouleau, retaining his shop tools which he took with him to his new home. During his stay here he has been a valuable citizen and for the past two years a useful member of the city council in which his term expires in April. The Progress regrets the loss of himself and family from our citizenship.

The condition of the finances of Comanche county, as shown by the recent quarterly report of the treasurer is as follows: Balance in jury fund $281.76, road and bridge fund $1,890.88, general fund $16.34, pauper fund $21.58, special bridge fund $2,082.85, court house fund $782.20 and estray fund $43.78, total $5,120.39. The sum of $11,670.79 has been paid into the treasury by the tax collector since the report was filled, this amount being for taxes paid to Feb. 19th.

W. E. Dodge, who many years ago resided in Erath county and was employed variously at Stephenville and Dublin in the mercantile line, was here the first of the week renewing old acquaintances, many of whom he had not met in about eighteen years. For a number of years he has been engaged in the bank at Albany and he was here en route to Ft. Worth to take a position with the Reynolds banking institution of that city.

Capt. E. B. Hilbun writes us from Granbury under recent date that after a good rest he is again feeling well. He has an opportunity to enter one of the banks there later in the year but says he is desirous of getting out of a cotton country.

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Personal Mention.

Mayor Spencer made a business trip to Ft. Worth Tuesday.

W. T. Hunt left Tuesday for a trip of several days at Abilene.

R. E. Harris, tax collector of Comanche county, was here yesterday on business.

Miss Allie Baxter and mother of Comanche spent Sunday in Dublin with with relatives.

Miss Gertie Andruss left Tuesday for a visit of several days with her brother at Gorman.

W. T. Laudermilk, the gin man at Downing, was here on business a short time Tuesday.

O. H. Hazlewood of Eastland county, representing the McKnight Nursery of near Dublin, was here yesterday on business.

H. E. Ellis of Groesbeck, representing the A. G. Elliott Paper Co. of Dallas, was a pleasant caller on the Progress Wednesday.

Mr. J. H. Holcomb of Cisco, who has been in Dublin for several weeks on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Mulloy, left for home Tuesday.

Miss Lula Wilkins left Sunday morning for the St. Louis markets to purchase spring and summer millinery goods for the Utterback & Harris Company.

Jerry Proctor of De Leon was here Monday on business preparatory to his removal at an early date with his family to some point in the Indian Territory.

DR. LEWIS has Norman Horses and Durham Cattle for sale.

STAMP PHOTOS and photo jewelry—Edmond's studio over postoffice.

A nice cottage to rent or sell, good location. See C. H. Strong, Dublin, Texas. 39-tf

Farm & Ranch, the best family, farm and live stock journal published will be sent with the Progress one year for $1.75 cash. Old subscribers who are paid a year in advance for the Progress may yet take advantage of the offer by payment of 75c.

The appointment of H. H. Andrew to be postmaster at Dublin was confirmed by the United States senate last Saturday. We are informed that the new incumbent will not take charge of the office until the close of the first quarter of this year on March 31st.

Two fine sermons were preached last Sunday at the Episcopal church in this city by Rev. Gibbs of Dallas, rector of the church at this place. He also held services at the church here Wednesday morning, that day being Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lental season.

A Mother's Recommendation.

I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitency in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, cold and croup I have ever used in my family. I have not words to express my confidence in this remedy.—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich. For sale by Overton Drug Co.

A freight wreck on the Frisco was narrowly averted last Sunday between Dublin and Comanche. One car of a northbound freight flew the track by reason of spreading rails, but fortunately the train was quickly stopped and only a brief delay was occasioned.

Van Dyke is the name of a new postoffice just established at Duncan school house, six miles north of Comanche. D. E. Nabers is postmaster and John G. Nicholas his deputy. Boon Cox, formerly of Gustine, will also put in a drug store there at an early date.

John Sullivan of Comanche on Wednesday of last week purchased the W. J. Wasson property, occupied by Geo. B. Maloney, at a cash consideration of $1000. The lot extends from Patrick to Grafton street and he expects to build two rent houses on the Grafton street front of the property.

Preaching as usual both morning and night at the Christian church next Sunday. On account of so much bad weather the offering for foreign Missions will be postponed until Sunday week. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. and Endeavor at 3:30 p. m. The public is made welcome. —G. H. Morrison, pastor.

The fight that has been in progress at Lingleville over the postoffice at that point has resulted this week in the appointment of Mr. Daly of that place. The appointment is said to be another victory for the Hawley and Green people.

Walter Hickey of this county, who recently killed a man near Haskell, notice of which appeared in the Progress at the time, is still retained in the jail at that place in default of bail to the extent of $7,500. An effort was made to have the bond reduced from that sum, but so far the effort has been unsuccessful.

Tuesday morning about three o'clock fire was discovered in the Zack Eakins saloon and an alarm was given which was promptly responded too by the fire department. The night watchman discovered the fire, which was burning brightly in waste paper basket under a show case. The fire was extinguished with slight damage by fire and water.

The mammoth packing houses at Ft. Worth will be formally opened for business on March 6th. Appropriate ceremonies will be attended the opening and a general invitation to the people of Texas has been issued that they may have the opportunity to witness the interesting process of converting the live animal into food product ready for the market. Governor Lanham and other prominent officials of the state have been invited to address the people and reduced rates will be given by all railroads.

About eight o'clock yesterday morning the residence of W. L. Shaw in east Dublin, narrowly escaped destruction by fire. The roof of the building had caught fire from the kitchen stove, the pipe of which had settled down until it did not connect with the rain-proof in the roof. Fortunately the fire was discovered by neighbors before any considerable head-way had been obtained and a few buckets of water judiciously applied saved the building, which was burning slowly on account of the wet condition of the roof.

There's no question about Thompson's photos—they are staple. 40-4t

Levi Russell arrived in the city this week with the remains of his brother Ollie V., who lost his life in a mine at Cannoneer, Old Mexico, on Feb. 11th. It appears from a companion of Ollie's that they were standing in a man-way when some of the dirt began to give way and they jumped across to another footing which Ollie failed to reach and he fell back into the shaft 123 feet deep. His remains were laid to rest in the Cisco cemetery Tuesday afternoon. —Cisco Apert.

In some respects Venezula is the most interesting country in the world. It is larger than France and Germany put together, having a greater area than the state of Texas, Colorado, Idaho and California combined. The best watered region of the earth, it has over 1,000 navigable rivers, the mightiest of them being the Orinoco, which is one of the biggest rivers on the globe. The delta of the Orinoco is nearly as large as that of the Nile.

Frank Leslie, who was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary in connection with the killing of Constable John Adams in Dublin several years ago, and who escaped from the penitentiary some time last year after having served about two years, has returned to Rusk and given himself up to serve out the remainder of his term. He was absent for several months, a part of which time he spent on the Leon river near Dublin and a part in New Mexico.

BUILDING BONES.

Of Great Importance That Children Have Proper Food.

A child will grow up with weak and small bones or strong and sturdy frame, depending on the food given.

That's why feeding the youngsters is of such great importance. The children do not select the food —the responsibility rests with the parent or guardian or with you if you select the food for a boy or girl.

The scientific selection of this food should begin as early as possible. That's when the delicate little plant needs the tenderest care. A well known lady of Calistoga, Cal., says: "About two years ago my little niece was taken sick. When medical aid was called one physician pronounced the case curvature of the spine; another called it softening of the bones and gave but little hope of her recovery. For weeks she had been failing before her parents thought it anything but trouble from her teething.

"She had been fed on mushes and soft foods of different kinds, but at last her stomach could retain scarcely nothing. At this time she had; become a weak little skeleton of humanity that could not much more than stand alone.

"The doctors changed her food several times until finally she was put on Grape-Nuts which she relished from the first and ate at almost every meal and her recovery has been wonderful. She has been gaining ever since in strength and weight.

"She has eaten dozens of packages of Grape-Nuts in the last year and a half and the child is now a rosy-cheeked and healthy little girl, still clinging to her Grape-Nuts.

"It is plain the food has saved her life by giving her body the needed material to keep it well and the bone material to build with." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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18 pounds Granulated Sugar, Standard........	1 00
20 pounds Navy Beans........................	1 00
25 pound Box of Prunes	1 75
10 pounds Best Soda.........................	50
Good Vinegar, per gallon....................	20
Good Syrup, per gallon......................	40
Extra Good Laundry Soap, 10 Bars............	25

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Dr. J. J. Mulloy, practice limited to the diseasesof the eye, ear, nose and throat. Office over the Grange Store, Dublin, Texas.

Regular services at the Baptist Church next Sunday. Lets start next Sunday and try to keep the Lord's day as He would have us and "do the things that please Him." Miss Mosher, a representative of the National W. C. T. U. will speak in our church Saturday night. All will be welcomed to each of these services.—E. L. Compere.

Baptist Senior Union.

Program for Sunday, March 1st.
Lesson from the Sermon on the Mount: What Christ Teaches About Blessedness, Matt. 5:1 12.
Leader—Henry Stancil.
Song and prayer.
Who are the Happy?—Miss Harriet Wasson.
Characteristics of an Acceptable Worshiper—Mrs. Lafferty.
Contrast Between the Poor in Spirit and the Proud—Miss Willie Dow.
Duet, "Make Some Other Heart Rejoice"—Misses Davenport.
Suffering as a Christian—Mark Barrett.

Christian Endeavor.

Program for Sunday, March 1st, at 3:30 p. m.
Lesson from the Sermon on the Mount: What Christ Teaches About Blessedness, Matt. 5:1-12.
Leader—Miss Maggie Neel.
Suggestions—Miss Ellen McClatchy.
Meekness—Gilbert Williams.
Righteousness—Miss Daisy McClatchy.
Reading—Miss Annie Cargile.
Solo—Miss Grayce Adams.
Illustration—Miss Dixie McCain.

The firm of Roberts & Bryan, who have been doing a grocery business in Dublin for a year or more, closed their doors last Monday morning and turned over their stock to the Cooper Grocer Co. to be used for the benefit of creditors. The Cooper Grocer Co. was the largest creditors and a small amount was due the Citizen's National Bank.

Miss Rhena Mosher, the W. C. T. U. national lecturer and organizer, will address the people of Dublin at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The young people's societies are especially invited. The date of her lecture at the Baptist church has been changed from Saturday night to Wednesday night of next week. Miss Mosher comes highly recommended and a rare treat is anticipated. All are cordially invited.

The Erath county tax levy for the present year has been placed at 85c on the one hundred dollars valuation as follows: Road and bridge 15c, general county 25c, court house 20c, poll 25c. Special local school taxes levied in the following communities: Alexander 20c, Center Grove 20c, Duffau 10c, Harbin 20c, Halsell 20c, Pony Creek 20c, Pilot Knob 20c, Smith Springs 20c, Selden 12½c, Shiloh 20c, Triangle 20c, New Hope 10c, Erath and Comanche line 20c.

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An especial low rate of one cent a word for first insersion and a half cent a word for each succeeding insertion without change, given items under this head. Items must in all cases be paid for in advance as the sums are to small to justify opening an account for them.

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For Sale—House and lot in west Dublin, conveniently located, plenty of room. Apply to H. M. Bateman. 38-tf

For Sale—A good farm two miles west of Proctor. Apply to Mrs. S. J. Hardin, Dublin.

Strayed—One gray mare, 14 hands high, nine years old, one eye out, branded cross on shoulder. Also small horse mule, three years old, branded T with bar over it on hip. Both in very good shape when left, Thursday, Feb. 12. Liberal reward for return to F. M. Morris, Dublin, Texas. 41-2p

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UNDERTAKER DOONAN'S ROUGHBOX

By ALLAN P. AMES

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Patrolman McGuirk had never been a favorite with the sergeant; and when Lannigan learned that he aspired to the hand of Mary Doonan he swore that he should be "broke." "The nerve of a lad that hasn't been on the force more'n a year tryin' to buck up aginst me!" said Lannigan. "Me, that was a district prisident when he wasn't big enough to set a pail on top of a bar! Not that I'm afraid of the likes of him. I know women as well as I know bosses. It's jist his amazin' gall."

When McGuirk heard of his superior's determination he worried a little, although not over his chances with Miss Doonan. Mike Lannigan might be a police sergeant and a big man in his ward, but the fact remained that he was a widower with two children and he wore a fifty-two-inch belt. Marty McGuirk was straight as a lamp-post and lithe as a panther and six feet in his woolen stockings. No one but Lannigan thought him presumptuous when he began paying attention to the daughter of Undertaker Doonan. Forewarned of the sergeant's enmity, he performed his duties more carefully than ever, but made no secret of his ambition to become Mr. Doonan's son-in-law.

Baffled in his attempts to catch his rival napping, Lannigan played his last card: he had the young patrolman transferred to a beat where the object of their rivalry resided. This made it necessary for Marty to pass the undertaker's shop several times a day, a temptation before which even an older and less ardent suitor might have trembled.

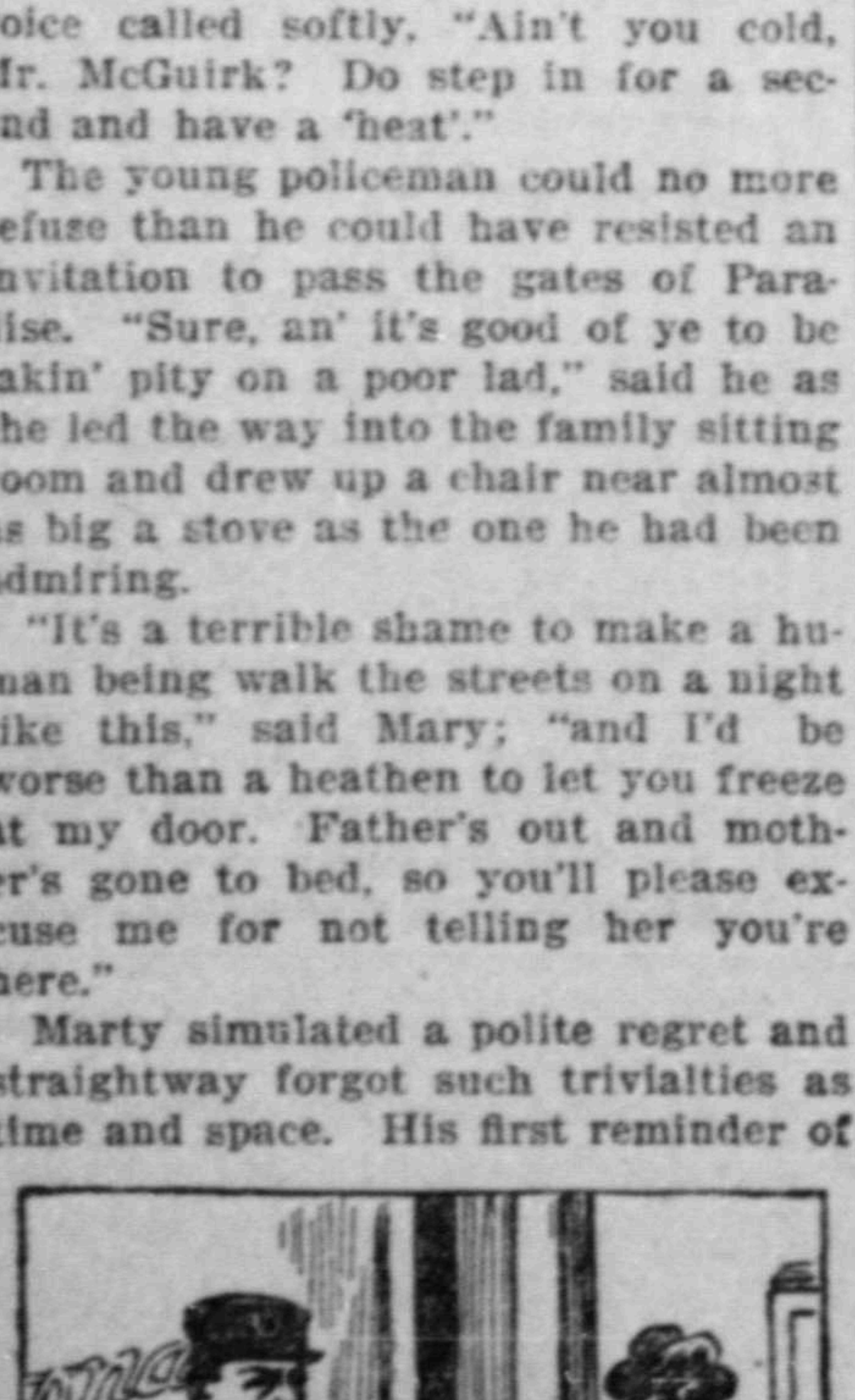
One night it was so cold that poor Marty fancied that he could hear the metal buttons on his overcoat snap with the frost. As he paced past Doonan's he could see the great stove in the shop on the ground floor glowing like a red meteor. For a moment he stopped to gaze at the cheerful picture through the plate glass window, then walked on, thrashing his arms against his breast and wiggling his toes inside his boots to keep the blood in circulation. When Mary and he were married he determined that they should own a stove of the same pattern. The thought of toasting himself there while Mary brought his slippers and something hot to drink was comforting, but a poor substitute for the reality, and he found himself shortening his patrol to turn and pass the shop again.

This time as he approached he observed that the firelight illuminated the walk less brightly than before. When he came opposite he discovered the reason: someone was standing between himself and the stove, looking out the window. The next moment the door opened just a crack and a voice called softly, "Ain't you cold, Mr. McGuirk? Do step in for a second and have a 'heat'."

The young policeman could no more refuse than he could have resisted an invitation to pass the gates of Paradise. "Sure, an' it's good of ye to be takin' pity on a poor lad," said he as she led the way into the family sitting room and drew up a chair near almost as big a stove as the one he had been admiring.

"It's a terrible shame to make a human being walk the streets on a night like this," said Mary; "and I'd be worse than a heathen to let you freeze at my door. Father's out and mother's gone to bed, so you'll please excuse me for not telling her you're here."

Marty simulated a polite regret and straightway forgot such trivialties as time and space. His first reminder of the existence of a world beyond the range of Mary Doonan's blue eyes was the jangle of the office bell.



"Do stip in and have a 'heat.'"

"It's father's man come for the casket that goes to the train," explained his hostess, rising to answer the summons.

Then Marty came to himself with a start and pulled out his watch to find that it was nearly 10 o'clock. His trick of duty expired at half past 10, and half an hour was none too much time for getting back to the precinct station house to report. Moreover, he realized with sudden anxiety that he had neglected to patrol his beat for nearly an hour. All this he explained as he accompanied Miss Doonan to the door, buttoning his coat in preparation for a sally into the piercing cold.

As Patrolman McGuirk stepped into the shop he saw something that caused him to dodge back into the hallway with an exclamation of alarm. It was nothing less than the burly figure of Sergeant Lannigan planted on the sidewalk in an attitude that indicated a relentless siege. McGuirk remembered that there was no rear avenue of escape and realized that he was caught like a fly in a bottle with a spider watching at the mouth.

Mary, who had preceded him into the office, had almost reached the door when she also recognized his rival, who fortunately happened to be looking the other way. Instantly she changed her course and instead of opening the door went to the window and drew down the shade. When she had secured them from prying eyes without she returned to the hall, where Marty stood half-dazed by his dilemma, and laying a hand on his arm gently drew him into the shop. There in the red firelight the young policeman saw a rough box of unpainted pine containing a casket, to obtain which Doonan's assistant was thundering at the door. The cover had not been nailed on yet, and removing this, the girl signed to him to help her lift out the handsome coffin. Dimly perceiving her plan, McGuirk obeyed.

"Will you be so kind as to step in, Mr. McGuirk?" she inquired.

"Will you be so kind as to step in, Mr. McGuirk," she inquired with a lurking smile. "The man is in a hurry."

In spite of himself he shivered and drew back.

"I don't see any other way. Can't you trust me, Marty?" whispered the girl, looking into his eyes.

Ashamed of his hesitation, he stretched at full length in the bottom of the box and said not a word while she quickly replaced the cover and drove in four nails to hold it fast. There was plenty of room even for his great frame and the cracks between the rough boards admitted air enough; nevertheless the inactive role he was forced to play was torture to a man trained to fight his way out of difficulties with his fists and a club of locust wood.

As soon as Mary had the box securely closed and its former contents dragged into the hall out of sight she ran to admit the man who was jumping up and down to keep warm on the doorsteps. "Sorry to have kept you waiting, mister," said she. "It's all ready."

The assistant, too cold to express resentment, shuffled over to the box where Marty lay scarcely daring to breathe, and bent stiffly to raise it. To his astonishment it clung to the floor as if anchored. After a couple of futile tugs he gave up the attempt.

"Must be one of them extra heavy silver bar-extension handles," he remarked.

Mary was in despair until she remembered the sergeant. This cause of all the trouble still held his post, eagerly watching the door through which he had seen one man enter and from which he hoped to see another emerge. When, instead of a blue uniform he beheld the fair face of Mary Doonan, he grabbed off his helmet and advanced with fat gallantry.

"O, Mr. Lannigan, I'm so glad it's you," cried Mary. "Father is out and this box is too heavy for the man to handle. Would you mind helping him?"

"Delighted," replied the sergeant, and in half a minute they had the rough box safely in the wagon. Meanwhile Miss Doonan had donned a thick cloak and hood and gone out to watch them, wondering how she should get rid of her father's employee. The man himself showed a way, for after he had snapped the tailboard into place he asked for the bill of lading.

"It's inside on father's desk," replied Miss Doonan with a sigh of relief. She followed the assistant to the door and when he had entered snatched the key from the inside and quickly locked him in. Then she ran back to the wagon, climbed lightly to the seat and started the horse at a rapid gait in the direction of the station house.

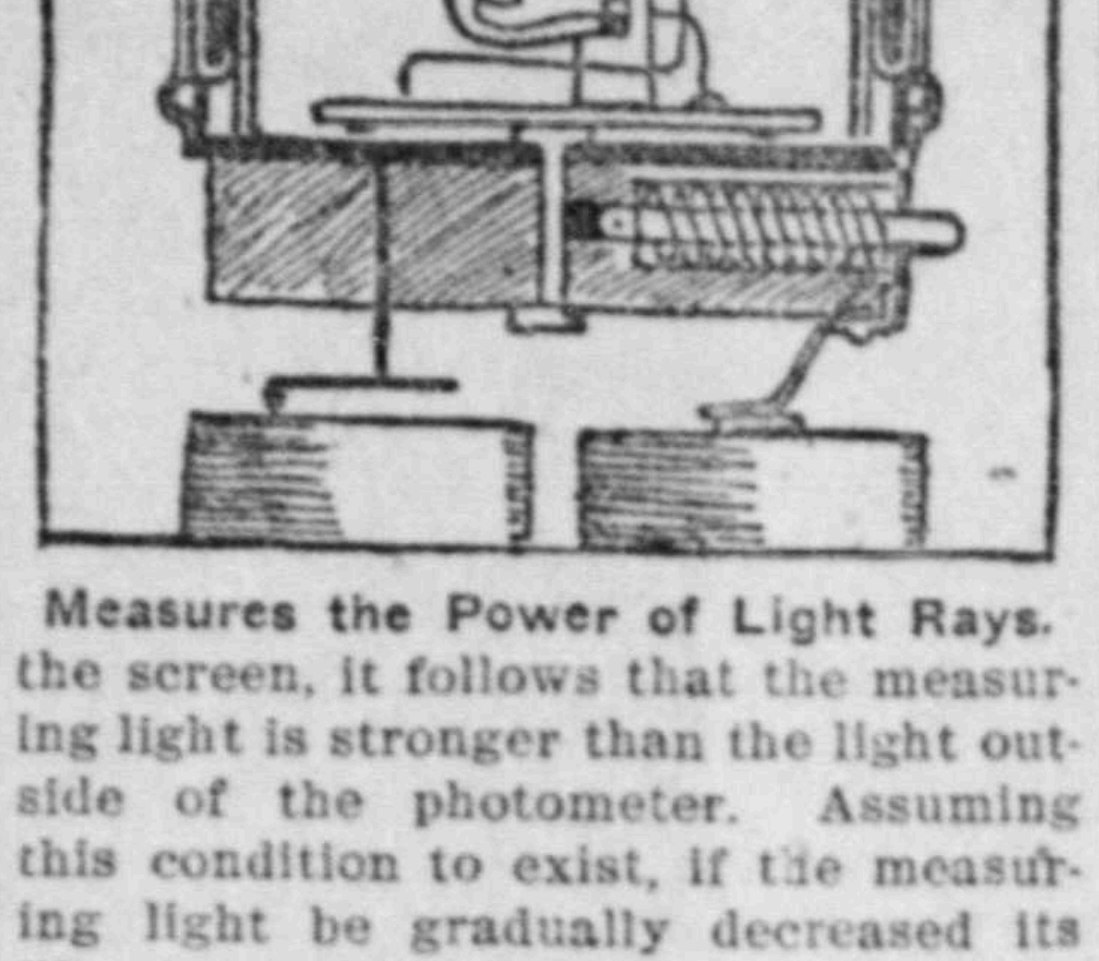
From his post on the sidewalk Sergeant Lannigan stared after her in speechless wonder. But when wagon, driver and rough box were out of sight he fixed his eyes once more on the door before him. "He's in there," he said to himself, "and, be the powers I'll catch him if I have to stand hare until I freeze into an iceberg."

POPULAR SCIENCE

Interests the Photographer.

The illustration shows the details of a photometer for comparing the relative values of a measured light with that prevailing where a picture is to be taken. Two dry batteries are connected with a small incandescent lamp, which is located behind a translucent screen, with means for varying the intensity of the rays emitted by the filament of the lamp.

Let us suppose that the light to be measured is projected against one side of the screen, with this lamp shining on the opposite side. If the measuring light causes the exposed face of the screen to glow or makes visible an opaque image or one less translucent than the screen, which is only visible when light is transmitted through the screen, it follows that the measuring light is stronger than the light outside of the photometer. Assuming this condition to exist, if the measuring light be gradually decreased its illuminating effect upon the exposed face of the screen will gradually fade away and eventually vanish.



Measures the Power of Light Rays.

When this vanishing point is reached it may be assumed that the light to be measured is equal to that in the instrument, and the operator has only to look on his gauge which controls the power of the incandescent lamp to find the value of its light rays. With the knowledge of this value it is an easy matter to adjust the diaphragm and time the exposure of the plate. Eugene T. Turney of San Francisco, Cal., is the inventor.

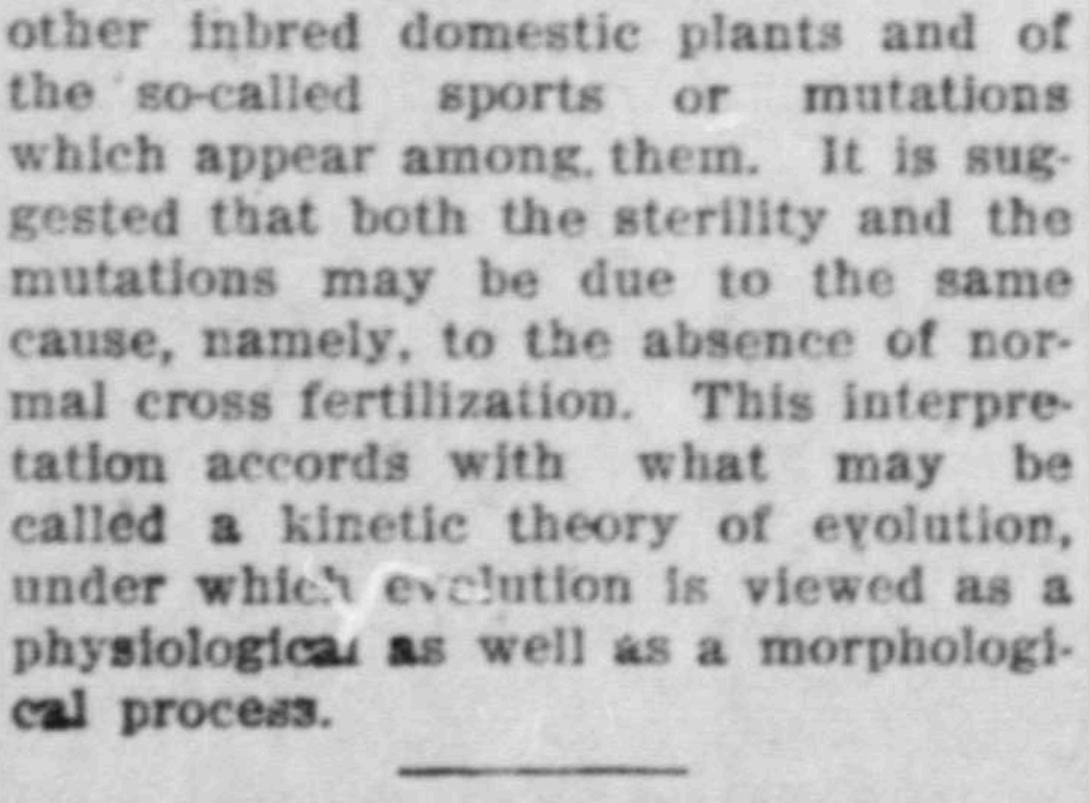
Evolution in Coffee.

At a recent meeting of the Botanical Society of Washington, Mr. O. F. Cook discussed "Evolution in Coffee; its mutations described and causes suggested." Coffee is the most important crop grown from seed for the seeds. It has been in cultivation for about a thousand years, but the selection of varieties has not been practiced. Nevertheless, sports or mutations are rather frequent. Where several such varieties from other parts of the world have been tested in the plantations of Guatemala the new sorts present great diversity in other respects, but agree in being less fertile than the parent stock in actual amount of weight of seeds. It is reasonable to associate this relative or complete sterility with the fact that coffee has been unintentionally inbred, new regions having usually been stocked from single trees. And it is further to be noted that reproductive debility is a general characteristic of other inbred domestic plants and of the so-called sports or mutations which appear among them. It is suggested that both the sterility and the mutations may be due to the same cause, namely, to the absence of normal cross fertilization. This interpretation accords with what may be called a kinetic theory of evolution, under which evolution is viewed as a physiological as well as a morphological process.

Electric Sweating Robe.

Among recent inventions in medical apparatus is the sweating robe here illustrated with a picture taken from the Scientific American. It is for the treatment of such diseases as are susceptible to the influence of electricity applied in in the form of heat.

The robe is made of two layers sewed together. A resistance wire arranged in zigzag folds is interposed between these layers. When in use the patient is wrapped in this robe, and a current of proper strength is passed through the resistance wire to generate heat. The arrangement of the wire poles is such as to evenly distribute the heat throughout the robe. By regulating the current varying degrees of heat may be obtained. On account of the zigzag disposition of the resistance wire, the robe may be readily rolled up in a small bundle.



Prehistoric Pygmies.

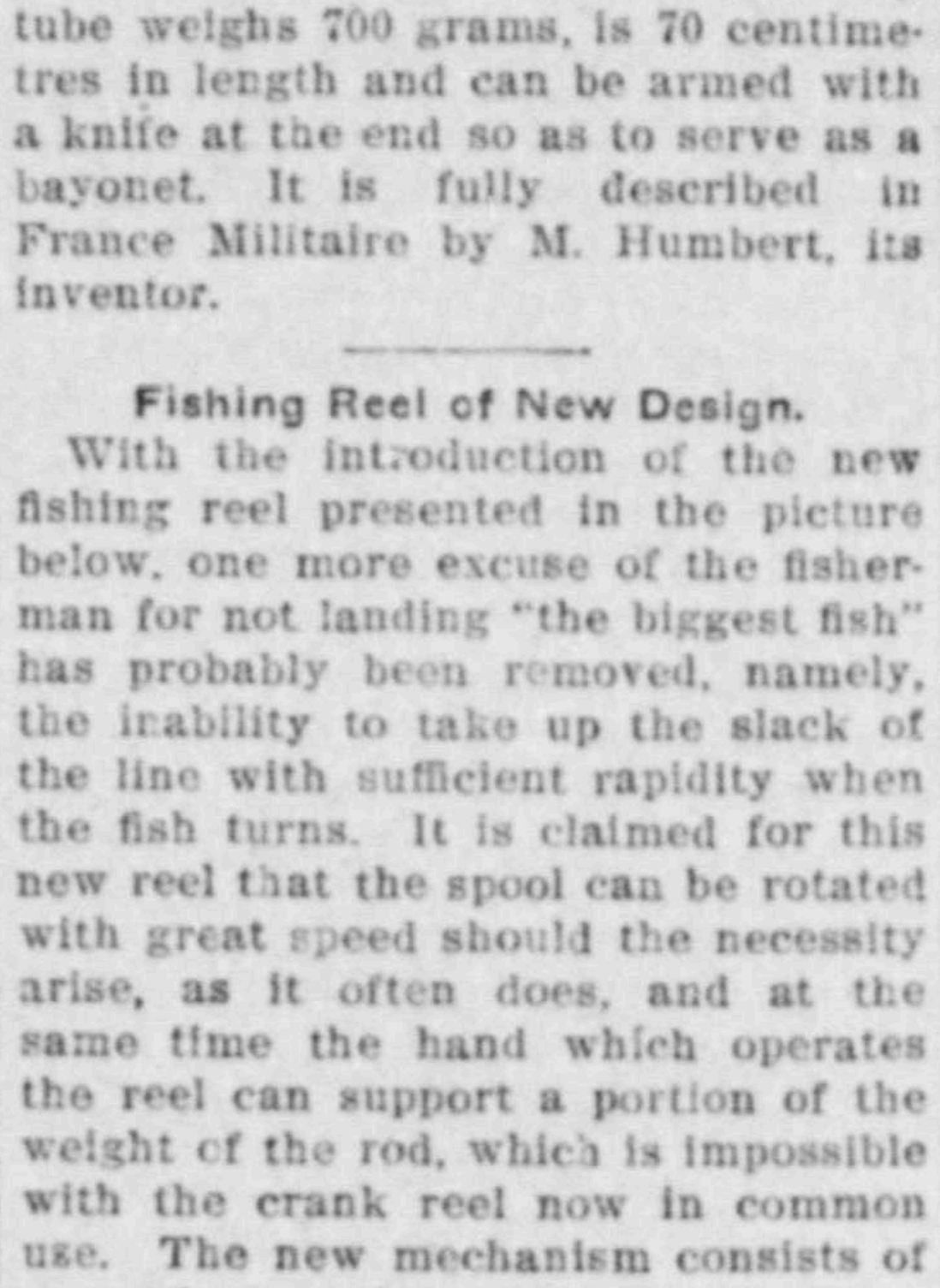
A German anthropologist, Herr Thilenius, has recently shown that pygmies—now only found in the interior of Africa—were, during prehistoric times, spread over parts of Europe. Numerous skeletons found in Silesia show that the stature of the men they represent was not much above 4½ feet. There were pygmies in Switzerland and in Alsace also. Many of the latter were in no wise degenerates. They appear to have persisted up to comparatively recent times. The pygmies of Silesia, for instance, were contemporary with the Romans and they continued up to the tenth century. At present there is no vestige of such a race, but their skeletons remain to prove their existence.

Noiseless and Smokeless Guns.

An apparatus has lately been invented to suppress sound, smoke and fire in guns. It consists essentially of a steel tube made in compartments closed by partitions, these partitions having orifices somewhat larger than the caliber of the firearm. This tube is fixed in front of the muzzle of the gun by a bayonet clasp at the moment of firing. At other times it is detached and carried as a walking stick. It operates as follows: While the projectile is engaged in the piece the gases from the powder spread in front of the muzzle and are arrested by the first partition. As the projectile passes along the bore the gas is arrested in the same way and when the bullet leaves the piece there is so little gas remaining that there is no flame produced by its combustion. The gases, momentarily stopped by the partitions, escape successively and quietly without sound or smoke. The auxiliary tube weighs 700 grams, is 70 centimetres in length and can be armed with a knife at the end so as to serve as a bayonet. It is fully described in France Militaire by M. Humbert, its inventor.

Fishing Reel of New Design.

With the introduction of the new fishing reel presented in the picture below, one more excuse of the fisherman for not landing "the biggest fish" has probably been removed, namely, the inability to take up the slack of the line with sufficient rapidity when the fish turns. It is claimed for this new reel that the spool can be rotated with great speed should the necessity arise, as it often does, and at the same time the hand which operates the reel can support a portion of the weight of the rod, which is impossible with the crank reel now in common use. The new mechanism consists of a spool pivoted in an enlargement of the pole, with a grooved shaft detachably connected to the lower end of the spool shaft. The grooved shaft is mounted below the spool, with a slot in one side of the pole, through which a finger enters the groove to give rotary motion to the spool as the sliding handle is worked up and down by the hand. The spool can be thrown out of gear when it is desired to unwind the line and by depressing a pin within easy reach of the thumb a brake is applied to retard the paying-out movement. The shaft and spool are mounted on ball bearings, to insure ease of motion. When it becomes necessary to rewind the line a lever is moved to connect the reel with the shaft, and the sliding handle is then moved rapidly up and down the pole, transmitting its motion to the internal shaft and thence to the spool. Allen E. Hall of Atlantic City, N. J., is the inventor.



Has High speed in Rewinding the Line.

Bombardments to Prevent Hailstorms.

Congresses were held in Europe in 1899, 1900 and 1901 to discuss the results obtained by shooting cannon toward storm clouds to prevent hail on vineyards and other cultivated lands beneath them. Statistics were presented in great quantities and subventions were obtained from the governments of Austria and Italy to be expended in aid of this form of protection. In 1899 the congress had no doubt of the success of such experiments; in 1900 the result was admitted to be doubtful and in 1901 to be very doubtful. As men of science all over the world were sceptical from the very first the Austrian minister of agriculture has lately convened a committee of experts to study the question and to advise him as to further expenditures. A strong majority of this committee has pronounced the experiment very doubtful and a majority has declared the reported successes to be illusory. That the question may now be tried out to the end the committee as a whole recommends the continuation of the experiments for several years yet.

The "Closeness" of Living Rooms.

In an article on "Air and Its Properties as Related to Health" in the Sanitarian, A. N. Bell says that what is generally described as the closeness in the air of rooms is due to ammonia that has been deposited on the surfaces of the room furnishings. This is why, according to an authority quoted by Dr. Bell, a good airing will sometimes not remove the closeness. The only sure preventive of it is to keep the surfaces clean by frequent wipings and rubbings.

Busy men are seldom afflicted with fits of melancholy.

CONFESSION WON A VOTE

Admission That Victory in Fight Was Secured by a Foul C Political Enemy

The judge of whom the following story is told is a young man and is deporting himself with suitable dignity on the bench, and the lawyer who tells it thinks that the name should, therefore, be left out.

"He was not always so," said the lawyer, who is sometimes before the young man whom he helped to place upon the bench. "When we were cronies together we occupied the same apartments, and there were evenings when we did neglect the preparation of our cases—we had a few.

"On one of the evenings when our clients had been shunted aside we were returning home at an hour when there was no crush. My friend always thought he could sing, and, while I had my own opinion as to his pretentions, I never crossed him, for he was as quick as gunpowder to resent any criticism. As we walked along he was giving chest to his alleged accomplishment when he heard a voice sing out, 'Give that calf more rope.'

"The future judge put in a full stop instanter and demurred. The man who had made the challenge replied that he would come and furnish the rope. My friend defied him, and the next minute the challenger appeared.

"He looked to me to be as high as a church steeple. Before I could suggest arbitration he had tangled himself up with my friend and had him on his back. I saw that the struggle was on and went to my friend's assistance. By a dexterous move I reversed the situation.

"I pulled my friend fro adversary and when he wa held him while he shook sary's head against the with every shake he wou usual exclamation when he erent, to-wit, 'Oh, I'm a Almighty, and this is my howl.'

"At the proper stage of th ings I separated the com my friend and I proceed way. When we reached my friend, who, strange not uttered a word about to that time, said, as he wa at the keyhole:

"'Say, Tom, it takes a man to get away from both it?'

"It had evidently just him that he had had a cape. Some years later, w a candidate for the be making a speech at a p ing, when a voice piped

"'Give that calf more r

"The candidate stopped ment and then replied:

"'That remark reminds only time in my life wh fight on a foul.'

"The audience did not the retort, but before came off the candidate re ter from the man whe licked, in which he sai acknowledgment made by date had won him a vote."

SOME FACTS ABOUT A MORTGAGE

Fanciful Description of a Western Editor Does Not Much Fit the Facts in the Case

The following description of a mortgage by a western editor will be easily recognized by those who have ever had one seated on their roof tree or covering any other species of their property. "The mortgage," says the western, "is a self-supporting institution. It always holds its own. It calls for just as many dollars when grain is cheap as when grain is dear. It is not affected by the drouth. It is not drowned out by the heavy rains. It never winter kills. Late springs and early frosts never trouble it. Potato bugs do not disturb it. Moth and rust do not destroy it. It grows nights, Sundays, rainy days and even holidays. It brings a sure crop every year, and sometimes twice a year. It produces cash every time. It does not have to wait for the market to advance. It is not subject to speculations of the bulls and bears on the Board of Trade. It is a load that galls and frets and chafes.

"It is a burden that the not shake off. It is with noon and night. It eats the table. It gets under when he sleeps. It rides shoulders during the day. his grain crop. It devours It selects the finest hor fattest steers. It lives on fruit of the season. It sa dairy where the busy hou day after day and month and takes the nicest ch choicest butter. It sha dren's bread and robs th clothes. It stoops the with its remorseless bu It hardens his hands, be tellect, prematurely whi and oftentimes sends his wife over the hills to It is the inexorable and master. Its whip is as cruel as the lash of the It is a menace to libert to progress, a curse to

WILDEST OF ALL MEATS IS RACCO

Southern Epicure Admires Its Flavor and Regrets That Is More Common

"The wildest meat I ever tasted in my life," said an epicure, "is the meat of the raccoon. It has a flavor about it which you cannot find in any other meat, so far as my experience goes. I have spent much of my life in hunting in the wilder regions of this country, and have had splendid opportunities to know the particular flavors of various wild meats. Deer meat is almost tasteless in comparison with other means of a wild kind. I was about to say the flavor was scarcely distinctive, but this is not exactly a fact, for there is just a suggestion of wildness about venison if it is not too highly seasoned. Bear meat is just a trifle more wild in flavor, but not wild enough to be offensive to the man whose taste is acquainted with food of a tamer kind. 'Possum meat is deceptive,

"'Possum meat
Am good and sweet,"

as the old negro song runs, and yet it is a fact that there are sons who are capable of ing between carefully well-cooked 'possum m meat of a very young pig sweet potatoes and serv usual condiments it is sible for a man whose keen to an extraordina tell 'possum from pig. different. There can be about the meat of this strong, awfully strong, a of seasoning, no amount will rob it of that taste which is peculiarly its not a bad taste when you it. I rather like it if prepared. There are very who knew how to prep a 'coon, however, and I is because the meat is except in more remote s it is good meat, and I see its use more general

WHAT IT STOOD FOR.

How Jemmy Explained Meaning of Masonic Emblem.

It happened when a Boston Commandery of the Knights Templar observed their anniversary. The temple was profusely covered with bunting and Masonic insignia, and on almost every building adjoining the emblem of the "free and accepted Masons" was displayed. Two sons of the Emerald Isle walked along and surveyed the decorations. One of the Celts, a little short fellow, with the stubbed retrousse nose so indicative of inquisitiveness, said to his friend, a big, confident fellow:

"Say, Jemmy, what does that mean?"

Jemmy answered as a Yankee by asking "What does what mean?"

"Why," said "Val," for so his friend called him, "that device up there."

"You bliddering eejit," said Jemmy. "Don't you know a square?"

"Yes, I know what a square it," said Val, "and I know what a compass is. But I can't get through my head what the 'G' stands for."

Then it was that Jemmy inflated his chest and said with withering grandeur, "Why, the 'G' stands for gimlet."

Masons say there is no secret in the significance of the seventh letter, but that it stands for God and geometry, but Jemmy's elucidation of the problem was unique.

IN THE ALLIGATO

Reptiles Collect in Great the Swam

Alligator hunting used slaughter; now there is code of ethics for the sp years ago it would have overestimate the number in Florida. Since then ers have made such them that they are no cult to find in some lo home of the alligator is press swamp west of th In the dry season the from great portions of t ing many small ponds tors collect in great nu

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Don't forget that love tokens as well a before marriage.

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How to Combat the Boll Weevil.

The following recommendations are based upon our present knowledge of the habits and means of controlling the Boll Weevil. The methods recommended have been tried and found effective. With further work, others may prove of value and will then be recommended. It is vitally important that the planter adopt the best means of combating the pest now known and apply them thoroughly, and not depend on remedies of doubtful value or await some possible easier method.

Winter Plowing.—During the winter, plow the land thoroughly and deeply. This will destroy many of the beetles which are hibernating in the crevices of the soil around the old cotton stalks and others under clods, by burying them too deeply for them to survive, and will also destroy large numbers of the pupae of the Boll Worm. The thorough plowing of the ground at the present time is therefore of value, but burning the stalks will not destroy the weevil now. To destroy the weevil the stalks must be cut before frost and burned in November or December. Harrow thoroughly before planting, and put the ground in the best condition possible for seeding.

Varieties.—The main object in all the following work is to make an early crop in spite of the Boll Weevil. To do this the crop must be made early before the second brood of the weevils commences to do its worst injury during the latter half of July. This is also necessary on account of the fall treatment of burning or grazing the cotton early in October and thus destroying any possible "top crop." The top crop, however, is agreed by all authorities to be a very speculative matter, being of value about once in seven to ten years, and undoubtedly adds to market speculation.

To secure such an early crop will necessitate the purchase of seed of early varieties, for the seed ordinarily used is least adapted to making an early crop. The following varieties have been thoroughly tested and are recommended by this office. Shine's, King's Improved, Mascot, Bohemian (genuine early strain); Wellborn's Perfection, and Dickson's Improved are early varieties and make a good crop but are disliked by pickers. If these early varieties cannot be secured, buy seed from as far north as Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Kansas, or Missouri if possible, as seed from the north will mature a crop two or three weeks earlier than local seed. By the use of early varieties or northern grown seed, good crops of cotton have been made the past year in districts where hardly any cotton was made with home grown seed. The most important matter for the attention of the planter at this time is to secure the best seed possible, at once. If planters will secure a few bushels of seed this year and keep it pure, they will have sufficient seed of these early varieties to plant a large acreage in 1904.

Planting.—Plant early. Use plenty of seed, take some risk of frost, and replant partly if necessary. Make the rows as far apart as possible, and the plants as far apart in the rows as will make a good crop, according to the nature of the soil, and run them east and west. Rows 6 feet apart in bottom and 4 feet in upland is a fair average. This is for the purpose of giving the maximum amount of sunshine between the rows Shade and moisture are conducive to the development of the larvae in the fallen squares. The heat does not destroy the weevils or larvae, but it withers up the fallen squares, and the larvae within them are thus starved. Cotton is usually planted too close to secure the best crop. Wide planting will produce a better crop and will decrease the cost of cultivation materially.

Cultivation.—Cultivate the cotton thoroughly and late. Late cultivation has been shown to be of considerable value in making a crop in spite of the weevil.

In brief, the whole object should be to give the crop the very best conditions and culture to make a good set of bolls by the first or middle of July (Central Texas), so that the bulk of the crop may be made by this time, free of weevil injury.

Handpicking and Picking Fallen Squares.—Both picking off the weevils from early cotton as they come out from the hibernation and picking up and destroying the fallen squares in which are all of the larvae of the first brood, are among the very best means of controlling injury on small plantations where planty of labor can be secured. Whether this method is profitable or not, will depend largely on local conditions and the size of the plantation. We would advise planters to try the picking of the weevils and the collection and destruction of the fallen squares on a moderate scale and each can then be the best judge as to whether such work is profitable under the individual conditions. The picking of the weevils requires some skill, and hands should be trained to it. They should be picked as soon as the first ones appear and until about June 1st. The collection of the fallen squares should commence about the middle of May and continue until the middle or lattef part of June according to the season and latitude.

The above recommendations are published at this early date so that all may be informed in ample time for using the best means of controlling the weevil, namely, to plant early maturing cotton as early as possible, and do everything possible to hasten the early maturity of the crop. The above recommendations include all the remedies or means of combating the pest which will be advised by us until fall. A thorough test of the above and all other possible remedies for the Boll Weevil will be made by the State Entomologist during the coming season and the results will be published upon completion. Further directions, based upon the experience of the past few years, will be published during the late summer for guidance in fall work against the weevil. We shall be glad to hear rfom planters as to their successes or failures in fighting the weevil, as such an accumulation of evidence will be of value to all.

IN SPITE OF THE WEEVIL.

Several weeks since the Dallas Morning News offered a number of prizes for the best articles of limited length written by practical farmers for successful operation of the farm in the cotton-raising section despite the ravages of the boll weevil. For some time the News has been printing these letters, which ran up into the hundreds. The awarding committee has announced its decision, and the two articles awarded first and second prizes are published herewith:

FIRST PREMIUM.

John Ballew, Crenshaw, Texas.

I raise Poland-Chinas, Plymouth Rocks, mule colts, red heifers, fat peas, potatoes and pumpkins, sweet yams, butter and milk, eggs and vegetables in endless variety. We bank potatoes and turnips, preserve, can and dry fruit and vegetables for winter, and every farmer should keep bees and raise his syrup and biscuit.

Graze hogs on green pastures. Have cantaloupes, melons and sorghum alongside the hog pasture to feed in summer and a door leading into the horse lot so they can get the gleanings and damaged corn. Have long corn rows and lots of them. Raise peanuts, bermuda, alfalfa, Elbertas, berries, cabbage, beets, beans, tomatoes and onions. Make kraut and homemade cheese.

I planted one pint of jerusalem corn, cultivated as ordinary corn, cut big heavy heads and planted back where corn had failed in July and got eight tons of fine feed from four acres. Thrashed 35 bushels of burt oats from one acre, resowed in sorghum, got 20 bushels of seed and three tons of sweet hay.

One field made three good crops—wheat, cowpeas and turnips. I made two crops of maize and kaffir, and yams made 200 bushels per acre. Wife's table is supplied with chickens, eggs, milk, butter, potatoes, peas, pumpkins, hams, turnips, biscuit, sausage, souce and—oh, go away trouble. We laugh in the weevil's face. He has no terror for us. These supplies were produced on this farm with team raised on the same place, and tools that are painted, repaired and sheltered by me. We are in the weevil district, but made half a bale by pasturing close, burning everything at night bedding and rebedding in cold weather with mammoth sweep and four horses. Planted early, thinned early, cultivated frequently. Planted alternate strips of corn and cotton, six rows each, but suggest the following improvement: Enlarge on diversification. Use homemade fertilizers, and intensive cultural methods. Don't plant after cotton. Plant earliest Northern delinted seed very early on checked hills 4x4 feet, alternating with diversified crops. Keep the dirt high around the hill so the falling squares will roll down in the sunshine. Use long single-tree to jar off punctured squares; keep plenty of domestic fowls in the cotton. Rake the squares in piles along the middles and burn at night. Protect the birds and nests. Pick early, white hands can be had cheap, and cotton is heavy and brings good prices. Put away your tear jug, look on the bright side; encourage organization, congresses, institutes and an appropriation for our entomologist. Cultivate that field fenced by the skull. Take experiment bulletins. Put in energy, economy, vitality, intensity. Wake the rooster Avoid debt, tobacco, whisky, stay at home, read the best papers, get to the head and stay.

I came to Texas without one nickel to rattle against another. By the foregoing system I have acquired a wife and six children and 160 acres of prairie land.

SECOND PRIZE.

O. A. Hiett, Mansfield, Tex.

How can farming be made profitable in spite of the boll weevil? I can only speak for myself and my good woman. We can make good money without cotton, and so can lots of others, while others can not, because all are not situated alike, but the majority can. It takes a good deal of experience at nearly anything before it can be made profitable The first thing is to stay out of debt for anything to eat, drink or wear, then plant some of everything that can be used profitably, that will grow on the land you work, whether landlord or renter. Every land owner ought to have a good orchard for himself and renter or renters. Any renter that has got any man about him will help take care of the orchard for what fruit they can eat and can dry for winter

I know from experience it takes lots of hard work and money to have a good orchard, or it has for me, because my trees die so badly, but we have fruit from one year's end to another. Then we plan to have something to sell the year round. We raise poultry—plenty for table use and some to sell. We make good money on cows and chickens. Sold from two cows last year 582 pounds of butter, which brought $131.85, after having plenty of butter and milk for table use and hundreds of gallons of buttermilk for the hogs. Sold six head of cattle for $105, chickens and eggs $55, hogs $57, garden $40, orchard $35, and besides this on my farm was planted twenty-seven acres in corn and stock peas planted in most of it; about nineteen acres in cotton, four acres in oats, two acres in sorghum, three-quarters of an acre in sweet potatoes. Corn made nothing. This is for last year. When it is a good crop year we beat that a good deal. This is to show what we have done, and others can do the same. Farming is easily done on paper, and in the shade at that, but not so when you strike the dirt. Some seem to think all lands can be cultivated alike. but not so by a jugful.

A RICH GIRL'S WHIM

By FRANK H. SWEET

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There had been an abundance of space on the through train from New York, so when after two days' stop at St. Augustine, Mabel Waring continued her journey toward Palm Beach she neglected her customary precaution of securing a seat in advance.

So with the folds of her dainty traveling skirt held gingerly between her gloved fingers, Mabel Waring entered one of the common cars and moved down the rows of passengers until, near the far end, a girl made room for her.

The man and woman in the seat opposite, and the woman ahead, might be like herself, without a choice in the matter. And that nice old man with the white hair, and the tall young man on the end seat who——. She dropped her gaze quickly and turned with heightened color to the girl at her side, who all this time had been watching and waiting with eager, wistful recognition in her eyes.

"Ah, Miss Waring," she whispered, "I saw you on the platform, and was hoping I might get a chance to thank you for that delightful trip last summer. I haven't been able to see you since."

"Why, yes, to be sure. How stupid of me," and in Mabel's expressive face was now a quick interest which atoned for her former lack of recognition. "I always liked your counter, for you seemed so interested in what I bought, and so anxious not to mislead."

"Yes," and the girl's eyes sparkled at being so well remembered, "she married a Florida man and went to West Palm Beach. He keeps a store. I am going there now. You see, I'm not strong enough for the confinement of store work, so Bessie wrote for me to come and try to get the public school. One of her husband's customers is the trustee, and they seem to think I will have a good chance. No one has applied for the position yet."

"That will be nice," Mabel declared, "so much better than store work, I think."

One morning, a few days after reaching Palm Beach, Mabel took out her purse to tip a waiter, and was surprised to find how small an amount of money there was left. It was odd how money slipped away in a place like this. She must have another draft cashed at once.

Her drafts were made in amounts of one hundred dollars each, for convenience; and were kept in a small leather case among her stationery. She opened the trunk and reached in confidently; then, as her hand did not come in contact with the case, raised the trunk-lid higher and made a more careful search. But the case did not reveal itself; and from the stationery she began a hurried examination of the entire contents of the trunk, and then went to another trunk, and another, and repeated the process. But it was no use, and at last she rose and went to a window which overlooked the sea, perplexed and annoyed. What had become of the drafts? She had cashed one at St. Augustine, she remembered, and then—why, yes, certainly, she had gone directly to her room from the office. Of course she had returned the case to its usual place. Had it been stolen? She made a quick gesture of dissent at the thought. No, she would not believe that. It was only her carelessness. But it was gone; that was the main point. Now what was she to do? Her uncle had started for Europe, and she would not even know his address for another two weeks. It would be a month or more before the drafts could be replaced. Of course she could go to the hotel manager and explain the situation to him; but that would be humiliating, and, besides, there were the little every-day expenses of boats and curiosity stores and magazine counters. She did not even have the money for them.

She began a hurried examination of the entire contents of the trunk.

Half an hour later, as she was walking thoughtfully down the avenue, she almost ran into the arms of a young girl who was hurrying from the opposite direction.

"Oh, I beg your pardon, Miss Waring," apologized the new-comer, laughing, "I was thinking."

"So was I," Mabel answered. Then, "Why, Lucy, how bright you look! That school has become an assured fact, I suppose?"

"No, indeed," with a wry grimace, "the trustee told me I wasn't quite competent. Lucky for me, though, for the hotel manager has offered me a position at five dollars a month more than I would receive as school teacher."

"Has any one else been engaged?" she asked.

"For the school? No, not yet," looking at her curiously. "Do you know of any one? The trustee said he was puzzled who to get."

"Do you think I would suit?"

Lucy stared, pursing her lips as though to whistle; then her lips straightened and quivered in a vain attempt to keep from laughing.

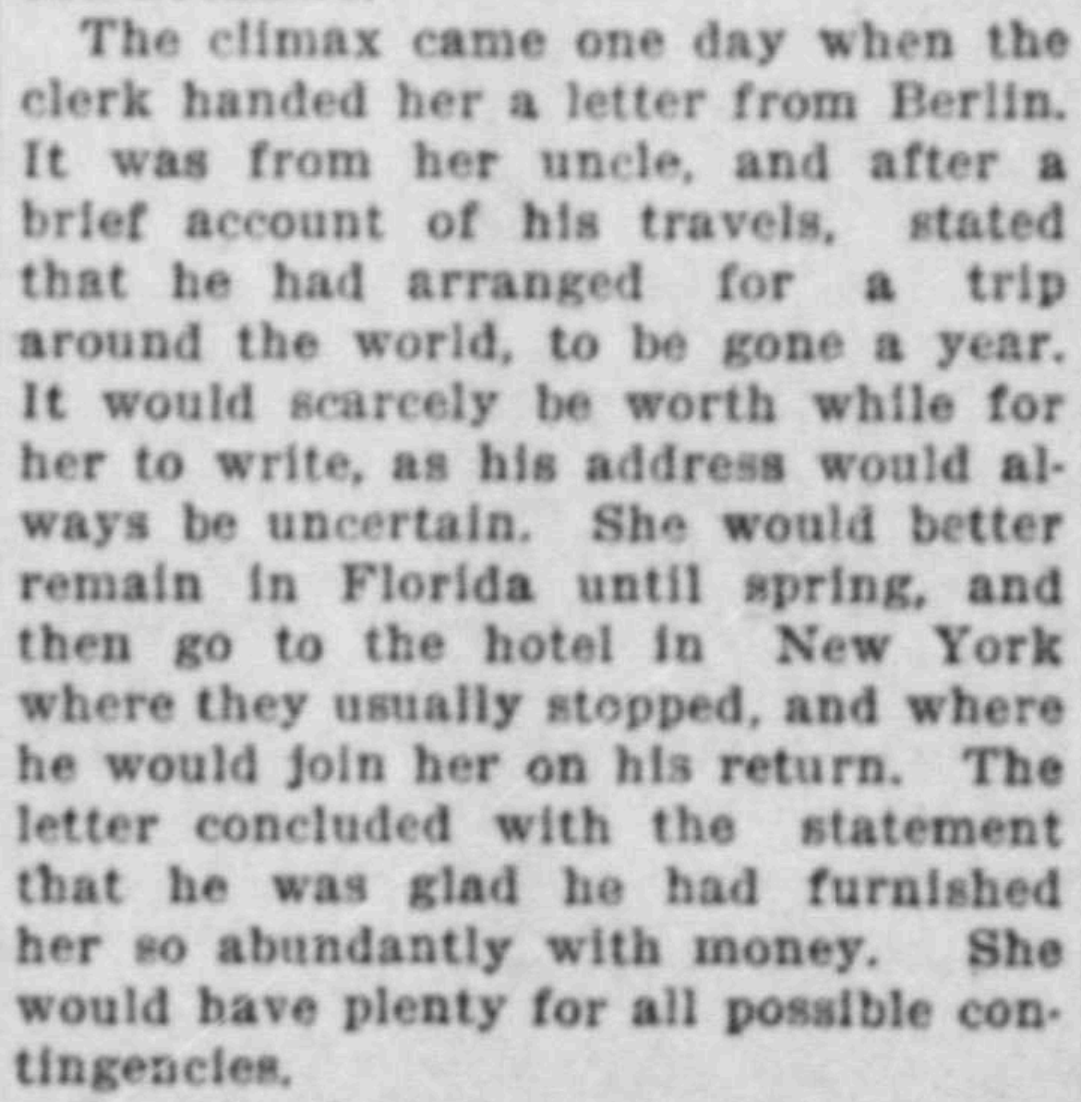
"Yes, I think you would," she answered at length, controlling her voice with a visible effort.

"Excuse me," Mabel interrupted hurriedly; "I want to see about the position before there are other applicants. Good-bye."

When Mabel returned to the hotel, a few hours later, she met Lucy in one of the halls, a dusting brush in her hand and a tiny white service-cap resting demurely upon her brown curls.

"Did you get the position, Miss Waring?" she asked, striving to keep her face straight.

"Yes," Mabel answered, "and thank you very much for giving me the information, Lucy. I commence work Monday."



"Do you think I would suit?"

Week after week went by, and Mabel still remained at the hotel, going across to her school every morning and returning at night. There could be but one conclusion. It was a rich girl's freak. Nothing else would explain a primary school-teacher receiving thirty dollars a month stopping at a hotel that charged five dollars a day. And this was the conclusion of the others, also, for by this time every one knew of Mabel's occupation.

But perhaps the most curious feature of it all was that Mabel never once thought of the inconsistency of a working girl staying at a place like the Breakers.

The climax came one day when the clerk handed her a letter from Berlin. It was from her uncle, and after a brief account of his travels, stated that he had arranged for a trip around the world, to be gone a year. It would scarcely be worth while for her to write, as his address would always be uncertain. She would better remain in Florida until spring, and then go to the hotel in New York where they usually stopped, and where he would join her on his return. The letter concluded with the statement that he was glad he had furnished her so abundantly with money. She would have plenty for all possible contingencies.

For the first time she began to go over the details of her situation. It was now the last week in January. She had been here twenty-five days, and that made one hundred and twenty-five dollars due the hotel. She wondered how much more than that her salary would be. Quite a deal, she hoped, for she was beginning to feel the need of many little things; and besides, she wanted to buy presents for all her school children.

Lucy came to the door in search of a truant child, and Mabel motioned for her to approach.

"Do you know how much salary the school pays?" she asked.

Lucy laughed.

"I thought the money part didn't appeal to you?" she answered. "That was the first thing I inquired about. The primary teacher gets thirty dollars a month," and then she hurried away to the child, who was laughing at her from the hall.

Mabel sat rigid for a moment. Then she arose and crossed to the elevator. The manager was in the office, but she did not glance toward him, nor toward any of the guests. Somehow she felt that she had no right here now.

Once in her room she opened her trunks and methodically began to take out and examine their contents. Her eyes were clear now, and her lips firm. These things must pay her debt and provide for her until she could draw the school salary. She would send them to Jacksonville, or perhaps to New York. It did not matter. They would probably bring but a trifle of their real value at either place; but still they had cost a great deal, and would yield enough to free her from debt. She ought to have known in the first place that a school teacher could not afford living like this.

At length, from the very bottom of a trunk, she took out and unfolded a plain serge. Of all her outfit it was the one article which showed unmistakable signs of wear. But it had been a favorite gown, and was serviceable, and for these reasons had been brought along for boating and other rough usage. The last time she had worn it had been on a trip from St. Augustine to Mantanzas. Well, it was just what she needed now, and she was about to place it on the small pile when she felt something in one of the pockets. Mechanically she took it out, and then with a low cry sprang to her feet. It was the leather case containing her drafts.

HERE IS A "PEACH."

Effusion That Must Have Cost Writer Hours of Thought.

Arabella, active, agreeable and angelic, arranged alluring and attractive amusements, acknowledged above all advertised an automatic apparatus, and accepted as appropriate at all academic assemblages.

Arabella arbitrated at argumentative aggregations, avoiding abhorrent accent and address—always. Able, ambitious and adventurous, an absolute adept, according ability all admiration and adoration.

Arabella adroitly accommodated accomplices and associates, abstemiously adding appetizing admixtures and obsorbents, appertaining, affecting and alleviating aggressive alimentary agony. Accordingly, after Arabella appeased Augustus Arlington's appetite, awakened an ardent affection, assertive, and also acceptable, as Arabella anxiously approached antique age, awaiting adventurous annexation, allowable and agreeable among aesthetics and agnostics.

Augustus's attentive attitude aroused anger and animosity among Arabella's associates, as all around Augustus an adorable admirer, and apprehensively awaited activities; and Augustus's avowed attachment appeased Arabella's abnormal alarm, albeit affairs appeared awfully awkward, as asking always antedates acceptance.

Augustus, ancient academician, abnormally agitated, anxiously awaited accommodating artifice; ably attempted asserting affection and adoration, and asked and awaited Arabella's acceptance.

And Arabella answered affirmatively.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

IS "SORE" ON LATIN.

One Man Who Sees No Manner of Use in Its Study.

Latin is a dum-fool thing. I feel that way to-day. My boy works at Latin and he requires 80 per cent of something to pass something else. I do the other 20 per cent myself. The new French pronunciation is what puts me at a disadvantage. When I was a boy bonus was simply bone-us, now it is bnoe-use; but when a thing is a dum-fool thing the way you say it doesn't matter" says a writer in the Book-Lovers' Magazine. "Isn't it time that our schools waken up to the fact that we can get along very well over here without Latin? If we must have it, give us three weeks of Latin roots from an old spelling book and let it go at that. The teacher told me upon inquiry that Latin gives a boy culture. I told her in two words that I didn't believe in any such thing. You might as well scratch a boy's back to produce culture. I know from observation as well as from experience that Latin produces obstinacy, and crankiness, and deceit, and fickleness, and hatred, and indigestion, and lying, and sore eyes, and a strong tendency toward profanity. I admit that Latin has its place, but it belongs with other Roman creations now dead. If we were the least bit short of studies there would be some excuse, but we're not."

Praise for Judicial Decision.

Judge Hazen of Kansas is an ornament to the bench. He upholds with integrity the rights of citizenship and the privileges of happiness as vouchsafed by the Constitution. Almost in the same breath he decides that the Bible may be read in the public schools, and that theaters may be opened for the entertainment of the public on the Sabbath day. The Christian may not be without his Bible where he will, and the heathen may surrender himself to quiet pleasures as he may elect. It is likely that both Christian and pagan will quarrel with this eninently fair and unbiased decision, each declaring that the good judge is pandering to superstition. "I pray you," said the beautiful Theodote, "what is superstition?" "Superstition," replied the wise Socrates, smiling benignantly, "is the other fellow's religion."—Roswell Field in Chicago Evening Post.

Unfinished Still.

A baby's boot, and skein of wool,
Faded, and soiled, and soft;
Odd things, you say, and no doubt you're right,
Round a seaman's neck this stormy night
Up in the yards aloft.

Most like it's folly, but, mate, look here,
When I first went to sea
A woman stood on the far-off strand,
With a wedding ring on her small, soft hand,
Which clung so close to me.

My wife, God bless her! the day before
She sat beside my foot,
And the sunlight kissed her yellow hair,
And the dainty fingers, deft and fair,
Knitted a baby's boot.

The voyage was over; I came ashore;
What, think you, found I there?
A grave the daisies had sprinkled white,
A cottage empty, and dark as night,
And this beside the chair.

The little boot, 'twas unfinished still;
The tangled skein lay near;
But the knitter had gone away to rest,
With the babe to sleep on her quiet breast,
Down in the churchyard drear.

A man of powerful fee-sick—the doctor.

OVER THE COUNTRY.

LINGLEVILLE.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 24th.—Since our last report the farmers in this section have done but little outside work on account of the bad weather.

Mrs. Ida Young is quite sick.

Miss Netta Cox is improving from a spell of sickness.

Matt Carr has relapsed and was quite sick at last reports.

Rev. Hearne preached at the Christian church last Sunday.

Rev. Kenchon failed to fill his appointment at the Baptist church last Sunday.

Fate Williams has three very sick children at his home. J. S. Whitacre's baby is also sick.

Stock in this section is suffering for want of feed, as most of our farmers have to buy all they get.

Sirene Brown has purchased D. F. Reid's farm at a consideration of $1,340. The latter gentleman will remain on the place the present year.

The firm name of Cox & Moss has been changed to J. W. Carr & Co. The new company is composed of Messrs. J. W. Carr, V. B. Cox and J. M. Moss.

Miss Lou Light returned on the 12th from an extended visit with her brothers, Jim and John Light, near Hale Center. She was accompanied home by John, who will visit in this community some two weeks.

Tendency of the Times.

The tendency of medical science is toward preventive measures. The best thought of the world is being given to the subject. It is easier and better to prevent than to cure. It has been fully demonstrated that pneumonia, one of the most dangerous diseases that medical men have to contend with, can be prevented by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of influenza (grip), and it has been observed that this remedy counteracts any tendency of these diseases toward pneumonia. This has been fully proven in many thousands of cases in which this remedy has been used during the great prevalence of colds and grip in recent years and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. Pneumonia often results from a slight cold when no danger is apprehended until it is suddenly discovered that there is fever and difficulty in breathing and pains in the chest, then it is announced that the patient has pneumonia. Be on the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the cold is contracted. It always cures. For sale by Overton Drug Co.

PALUXY.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 23rd.—We have just had one of the worst spells of weather for the time of the year that has been for years. It has been very hard on stock. A good many report having lost stock and some a large per cent. So far as we have learned no damage has been done to small grain. It was a set back to the farmers and will cause a large per cent of the oat crop to be put in late.

Cotton is about all picked out.

Joe Newman is recovering from a spell of sickness.

Every other man you meet is inquiring for pigs that are for sale. Hogs are more in demand than ever before.

Lenis Lock, Arthur Medows and several others have gone from this community to see the battleships at Galveston.

Dink Sansom, who moved to Oklahoma several years ago, has sold out in Greer county and is coming back to make Erath his home.

The Erath county people are opening up a new road six or seven miles this side of Duffau to connect with the Granbury road about four miles west of Paluxy.

There is a movement on foot to get up a telephone company at this place and before long they will have it in working order, which will be a great convenience to this community. Every man that is able should take stock.

I have had occasion to use your Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine and am pleased to say that I never used anything for stock that gave half as good satisfaction. I heartily recommend it to all owners of stock.

J. B. BELSHER, St. Louis, Mo.

Sick stock or poultry should not eat cheap stock food any more than sick persons should expect to be cured by food. When your stock and poultry are sick give them medicine. Don't stuff them with worthless stock foods. Unload the bowels and stir up the torpid liver and the animal will be cured, if it be possible to cure it. Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine unloads the bowels and stirs up the torpid liver. It cures every malady of stock if taken in time. Secure a 25-cent can of Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine and it will pay for itself ten times over. Horses work better. Cows give more milk. Hogs gain flesh. And hens lay more eggs. It solves the problem of making as much blood, flesh and energy as possible out of the smallest amount of food consumed. Buy a can from your dealer.

Saved Her Child's Life.

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CLAIRETTE.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 25th.—The weather is yet in a very unsettled condition and farmers are greatly behind with their work.

M. H. Blackmond is collecting delinquent taxes.

"Uncle" Frank Cook of Desdemona is visiting his sisters at this place.

A. L. Mayfield and family visited Mrs. Mayfield's parents between Hico and Iredell last week.

Henry Wolf and family visited his daughter, Mrs. Ed Johnson; at Walnut Springs last Sunday.

Farmers are in good spirits and not much grumbling about the rain. We had to do without too long to growl.

G. W. Shearrard has been on the sick list, but is better at this writing, we understand. Mrs. B. F. Thomason is also on the sick list.

"Grandma" Weeks, who has been suffering for over forty days from blood poison, is yet alive but is not expected to live but a few days at most.

We are hoping for a good crop this year. It would be nice to be able again to feed the old "crow baits" all the corn and oats they could eat.

G. H. McCarty's children have been sick; also this correspondent's baby is sick at this writing, but all the ills are simple with the exception of Mrs. Weeks.

It is with sadness that we report the death of Elder J. H. ("Grandpa") Weeks. "Grandpa," as he was familiarly called, was born in Jefferson county, Ala., in 1823 and at an early age moved to Atlanta county, Miss. He has been twice married and is the father of eleven children, four of whom have preceeded him to the grave. At the age of twenty-three he joined the Primitive Baptist church and later became a minister of the gospel. He was a faithful Christian, a good husband and neighbor, a sound and orderly preacher and commanded the love and respect of all who knew him. His remains were interred in the Clairette cemetery last Saturday evening in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends. His death was the result of a fall on the ice, which we reported last week.

LATER—"Grandma" Weeks died Wednesday evening about eight o'clock and was buried Thursday.

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HAZLE DELL.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 24th.—The recent rains and snow has retarded farm work so much that it begins to look like farmers were not going to get to plant corn very soon.

The roads are in a worse condition now than they have been in a long time. It is reported that there are ten wagons stuck in the mud on the road east of Comanche.

Dr. Applewhite is waiting for the roads to get in a passable condition, when he will move to Comanche. This will leave the community without a doctor and the people regret to see the doctor leave.

Wheat and oats are doing fine.

The recent cold spell was a fortunate thing for this country as peaches would in a few days have been killed, as it is, the chances are good for a big fruit crop.

We understand that last Saturday near Gustine two young men, Allen and Couch, became involved in a difficulty in which the latter badly "carved" the former up with a knife. We failed to get particulars.

A box supper for the purpose of raising funds for putting in a flue and otherwise repairing the Flat Rock church was to have taken place at the church last Saturday night. Owing to the inclemency of the weather it has been postponed until Saturday night, March 7th.

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COMANCHE.

From the Chief.

Feb. 21st.—The Fort Worth papers mention a suit that is pending in the court there against Mrs. Ida Campbell and her sureties, F. M. Browne, W. T. Lee and Miss Mary Roberts. It is a matter pertaining to the use of money in the guardianship of the minor children of Mrs. Campbell.

Sid J. Rowe, a Comanche county young man who has been serving as draught clerk in the land office for many years, has tendered his resignation to take effect the 15th of March and will accept the position of surveyor for a company in west Texas. The land commissioner has promised to appoint a Comanche county man in his place. The position is a good one.

Sheriff Jay and the county have purchased a brace of blood hounds for use in trailing criminals. This is a wise move provided the hounds are capable of doing the work. They would have saved several times their worth at the time Allsup and Farmer broke jail. And they will be of special service in hunting down convicts on the county farm. They will be shipped from Wichita, Kansas, Monday. Sheriff Jay has provided a kennel for them.

A Legacy of the Grip.

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COW CREEK.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 25th.—Farm work has been at a standstill the past ten days on account of the condition of the weather.

Mrs. J. T. Ferguson is on the sick list this week.

Miss Hallie Northcutt is reported as quite sick again.

Edgar Havis and lady visited relatives at De Leon this week.

Miss Mattie Caraway of Theny visited friends here last Saturday and Sunday.

J. M. Higginbotham of Dublin was buying yearlings in this community last week.

Rev. J. T. Owen attended the local preachers meeting at Harbin last Saturday night.

Mrs. Lowe of De Leon visited her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Havis of this community last Monday.

Rev. K. Van Zandt will preach next Saturday night at the residence of "Uncle Johnnie" McKitchen's near Highland.

W. T. Grisham lost a nice cow last week and W. C. Crawford lost his fine brood-sow, which he valued at twenty-five dollars.

Several farmers are only about one-half through sowing oats and the chances seem rather slim to finish in the near future.

On account of the extremely cold weather last week we had no mail from Victor to Dublin on Monday and Thursday of the week.

Millions Put to Work.

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UNION SCHOOL HOUSE.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 23rd.—Farmers are behind in this community. Very few oats sowed yet.

Oliver West from Gustine was among his friends here Sunday.

If the freeze recently hasn't killed the boll weevil we hope the rains has drowned him.

Some talk of organizing a singing class and Sunday school at this place as soon as the spring opens.

The public school at this place is moving along nicely under the able and efficient management of Prof. Minter.

A social was given at Mr. Tackets' last Friday night. Reports are that everyone present enjoyed themselves.

On account of bad weather Rev. Courtney failed to fill his appointment last Sunday. Preaching every 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday in each month.

Some of the farmers are beginning to get restless about planting corn. Some say they will stake-off and plant as soon as the ground will permit.

Mr. Cunningham, who represents the "Cash Buyers Union," was in our midst yesterday doing business with our people. We learn he took several orders.

Looks like the farmers are getting to be recognized in the government of state. Their delegates down at Austin are working for a $200,000 appropriation to the World's Fair. I think most of these farmers are those who farm the farmers.

The bad weather having prevented the farmers from carrying out the advice given to defeat the boll weevil—plant early—by these farmers who farm on paper; wouldn't it be a good idea for them now to advise how to plant regardless of the bad weather.

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The best prescription for malaria, chills and fever is a bottle of Grove's Tastless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tastless form. No cure, no pay, price 50c.

Epworth League.

Program for March 1st.

Lessons from the Sermon on the Mount: What Christ Teaches About Blessedness, Matt. 5:1-12.

Leader—Mrs. McKinney.

Opening songs.

Scripture lesson and prayer by leader.

Song.

Inner Characteristics—Miss Ina Hughes.

Outer Characteristics—Miss Ila Perry.

Song 91, Y. P. H. No. 2.

Blessedness of Godliness—James Wiseman.

Blessedness of Overcoming Temptation—Willie Clay.

Song.

Blessedness of Forgiveness—Miss Nettie Maben.

Blessedness of Service—Miss Bessie Harber.

General Summary and Discussion—Prof. Marr.

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What is known as the "Blues' is seldom occasioned by actual existing external conditions, but in the great majority of cases by a disordered LIVER.

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Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 25th.—Farmers are getting badly behind with their work on account of the bad weather.

There is still some cotton to pick.

W. M. Dunn went to Stephenville Monday.

Mr. Kites of Bluff Dale was here yesterday.

"Uncle" Jesse Nutt of Granbury is attending the meeting.

Mr. Rippetoe, druggist of Lipan, was here prospecting Tuesday.

Miss Nell Jackson spent several days in Ft. Worth last week and this week.

Superinduced by the bad weather the spring fights have opened up a little early this season to break the monotony of these gloomy days. We had one or two last week and about the same number this week.

There is a protracted meeting in progress at the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Sparks, pastor, Rev. Hardesty of Granbury and Rev. Baily of Midlothian the latter is accompanied by his brother who conducts the singing.

Several families from the old states have located in this section for the winter. Among them Mr. Shover and family and Geo. Fitshugh and family, all of Tennessee. Mr. Fitshugh is a son-in-law of J. R. Cherry and has lived in Texas before.

A representative of a St. Louis Commission House has been here this week talking up an interest in cantaloupe growing. There will be a mass meeting of farmers here tomorrow for the purpose of perfecting an organization. The above mentioned gentleman gives it as his opinion that this section is well adopted to the growth of cantaloupes and is in the market for one hundred acres of land.

The Easy Pill

DeWitt's Little Early Risers do not Gripe nor weaken the system. They cure biliousness, jaundice, constipation and inactive livers by arousing the secretions, moving the bowels gently, yet effectually, and giving such tone and strength to the glands of the stomach, liver and bowels that the cause of the trouble is removed entirely. These famous little pills exert a decided tonic effect upon the organs involved and if their use is continued for a few days there will be no return of the trouble.—Overton Drug Co.

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Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 25th.—O. F. Dornblaser visited his family at Hillsboro Friday, returning Monday night.

Taylor Higginbotham returned from Galveston Monday evening.

Miss Renkie Miears left Monday for a visit to friends in Alexander and Clairette.

Zollie Nelson is spending a few days with his family before taking the road again.

Gould Whaley and Bert Ayers are now attending Hills business college at Waco.

Dike White moved last week to his new residence just completed on the north side of town.

Charley Miears left last week for Weatherford, Oklahoma, where he expects to make his home.

W. C. and Odwin Whaley are in St. Louis this week purchasing goods for the Streety-Ham Co.

Another rain Tuesday night and most of the day Wednesday. Farmers are getting behind with crop work.

Jasper Wilson and Mrs. Grace Whaley left for St. Louis and other markets Tuesday to buy the spring stock for Whaley & Wilson Co.

Will Rich went to Colorado, Texas, Saturday with Nat Broughton to assist the latter in moving his household goods and stock back here.

Howard Short has the foundation laid for a two story, ten room building on the second lot north of the Free Press office to be used for a boarding house.

The irrepressable John Carney of Weatherford, lectured on the streets Saturday evening and at the Baptist church Sunday night on prohibition. He also handled the cigarette without gloves.

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