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THE POWER OF THE PURSE

[Whitney Montgomery]

Once upon a time, says the Almanac, two men and a boy went fishing. The boy fell in the creek and one of the men jumped in to pull him out.

"Why don't you let him drown?" said the man on the bank, "he ain't no count."

"Why, the little scamp's got the bait in his pocket!" cried the other as he seized the sinking boy.

There has never been a time since Adam went into the apple business when the world was as anxious to help the farmer as it is now. Lawyers, doctors, preachers, editors, and goodness knows who—all want to pull the farmer out of the creek, and the secret of it all is, the farmer has the bait in his pocket.

Uncle Sam institutes a parcel post all for the benefit of the farmers. The commercial clubs, made up of business men and professional men, advocate good roads, all for the benefit of the farmer. And a thousand and one farm journals are pointing the way to success and happiness to the tillers of the soil.

Now I wouldn't have any one think for a moment that I'm knocking any of these enterprises. We need them all, but how in the name of common sense can these promoters claim that they are all gotten up for the benefit of the farmer?

To begin with, the parcel post is a great success, but the farmer gets \$10 worth of junk over the parcel post to where he sends one dollar's worth of produce by it. The good roads movement is sweeping the country and all the movement is sweeping the country and all the knockers in the world can't retard its progress very long. But the city man must admit that he loves to run his automobile on a pike road and he must further admit that he can feel his pocket swell when he sees the old hayseed hauling in produce to sell.

As for the farm papers, I take five of them, read them all, and write for them when they'll let me. These papers make many mistakes, and print some articles, my own included, that are calculated to disgust the practical farmer, or provoke him to laughter. But they hit the nail sometimes, and they are worming their way into homes where a paper of any kind has never gone before, and they carry with them the gospel of optimism.

But what I wanted to say was, that these farm papers are not

run altogether for sweet charity's sake, nor could any of them subsist on the subscription list alone; it is their advertising columns that hold them up. The farmer is the most liberal buyer in the world, and the man with things to sell knows it. Long live the farm paper, but let us be truthful and say that the farmer could live longer without the farm paper, than the paper could live without the farmer.

There was a day, and not a very distant day either, when farming was looked upon as an occupation at which a man was not expected to make more than a living, but that policy has been dispelled. The farmers are becoming the nabobs of the country. If you doubt the truth of this statement, go to the tax-rolls and the bank-books, and be convinced.

The men who won this prosperity are the men who stayed with the farm when times were hard, and we are not willing to give one-tenth of the credit to anybody but ourselves. We stayed with the farm when cotton was selling for nothing-and-three-quarters. We fought the boll weevil to the last ditch, and we raised cattle when a porterhouse steak wouldn't sell for as much money as a soup bone will now. Yes, sir, we stayed through it all, and the men who sold their farms and moved to town are the ones who are crying high cost of living the loudest.

And now, brother farmer, if you are enjoying your part of this prosperity, if you are able to give your wife and children the comforts of life that they were once denied, if you can walk up to the front window of the bank and sign a check instead of going into a money shark's office and signing a mortgage, you deserve a world of credit, and the proper thing for you to do is to get before your looking-glass and take your hat off to yourself.

**Extra Session, National Congress,
Tariff Revision, etc.
Special Announcement.**

The most popular general news and farm paper in Texas is The Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News. It is read by more people than any other publication in the Southwest. It is the favorite with men readers, women readers and boy and girl readers, because it has something for all of them, and the best to be had at any price. The Haskell Free Press and Semi-Weekly Farm News will be sent a whole year to any address for \$1.75. We accept and receipt for all subscriptions at this office. We do all the ordering and take all the risk.

Let the Free Press do your job printing.

Foreign Money No Injury to Texas Lenders.

Advocates of cheaper money as a means toward the development of the virgin resources of Texas argue that the influx of foreign capital from other States will work no detriment to loans made by Texas concerns, nor, as a matter of fact, will it materially lower the rates of interest they now get up in their loans. In support of this argument it is shown, and cannot be controverted, that the amount of capital available at this time in Texas, is far inadequate for the needs of the State. With all the money that can be had in the shape of loans, even the general interest rate of eight per cent., the total falls far short of requirements.

The great life insurance company, now barred from Texas by the provisions of the Robertson Insurance law, are eager to make loans at low rates of interest and, with proper safeguards and a reasonable modification of the statute which drove them from the State seven years ago, they will come back and their millions will be available at rates that will encourage and promote the rapid development of Texas resources, so that the open non-revenue producing acres of today will become productive farms and add to the wealth of the State and bring prosperity to its people.

One of the plans suggested for the modification of the Robertson law which will open the way for the great life companies, with their more than three billions of money, to re-enter the state is a graduated tax to be levied upon their Texas reserve funds in proportion to the amount of said reserves they loan upon Texas real estate securities. Under the existing provisions of the Robertson Law foreign life company doing business in this state are required to invest three-fourths of the reserves from their Texas policies in Texas securities. This is compulsory upon the companies and is objected to because, the companies contend that if they accept that feature of the Texas law, other states will adopt the same, or very probably, a more drastic provision in reference to the reserves of such states. This would force the companies doing business in such states to invest the reserves from the policies of the respective states in the securities of such states, regardless of the rates of interest, the demand for money or the quality of the securities to be had.

Under the graduated tax levy proposition the investment of reserves on Texas policies becomes voluntary instead of compulsory, but the graduated tax plan makes it impracticable for foreign companies to do business in Texas without loaning a large proportion of their Texas reserve fund upon Texas realty securities. For instance, here is the plan: The state will under this plan levy a tax of five per cent upon foreign companies doing business here but loaning nothing in the state; a tax of four per cent will be levied if 25 per cent of the Texas reserve fund is loaned in the state; a tax of three per cent if loans amount to 50 per cent of the reserve fund; a tax of two per cent if 75 per cent of the reserve fund is loaned and a tax of one and one-half per cent if a hundred per cent or more is loaned in Texas.

It is plain that a company will not seek to do business in this state under a tax levy of five per cent but will quickly avail itself of the low rates of taxation because of the high character of Texas se-

curities and the great need of money for the development of the state's resources. Indeed, it is claimed, and with strong show of reason, that many of the companies with enormous assets will be glad to lend even more than 100 per cent of their Texas reserve funds upon the attractive securities offered by borrowers in Texas.

These big life companies with billions of assets never lend more than fifty per cent of the value of the security offered, which always must be first mortgages. Loans on this basis leaves a large margin for subsequent loans, which are none the less attractive than the first mortgage and investments in such subsequent loans can be and usually are made at a higher rate of interest than is made on the first mortgage loan. The Texas companies thus have a way open for the investment of their reserve funds at scarcely less rates than they now receive, while they carry out their slogan to "Keep Texas Money in Texas" and enable those who are endeavoring to open the fertile idle lands of the state, to establish factories and build up cities, to do so at a rate of interest that will not swamp them.

Under present conditions the prevailing rate of interest is eight per cent; more in some cases, and this is much too heavy a burden to place upon the development of the rich resources of a commonwealth which has such inviting resources to offer and which needs so much the helping hand of capital for its upbuilding.

Such is the argument for lower rates of interest in Texas, and they contend that the progress of the state is retarded because of the lack of sufficient capital for its development, even at the prevailing high rates. Proof to the contrary they assert cannot be produced.

The above article was submitted to us for publication by John R. Lunsford. We think that the present law is better than the scheme he suggests.

Notice to the Public.

H. N. Pope, assistant state lecturer and organizer for the Farmers' Union, of Texas, will be in Haskell county as follows:

Pleasant Valley, June 9th.
Roberts, June 10th.
Rose, June 11th.
Howard, June 12th.
Haskell, June 13th.
Rule, June 14th.
Speaking at night. Everybody invited.

J. W. Barbee,
County Secretary.

Advertised Letters.

Haskell, Texas, June 1, 1913.

E. Craig.
John Moor.
Mrs. Mae Jameson.
E. E. Lee.
Miss Callie Cotton.
Miss Lucy Cary.
Mr. L. Levine.
Miss Rosalee Graves.
T. B. White.
J. M. Schwartz.
Sam Lipshitz.
Davison & Smith.
J. B. Blair.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that the commissioners court of Haskell county, Texas, will convene and sit as a Board of Equalization on the second Tuesday in June, A. D. 1913, the same being the tenth day of said month, at the court house in the town of Haskell said county and state.

Done by order of said court, this May 24th, A. D. 1913.
R. R. English, County Clerk,
By Lucile Hughes, Deputy.

AN INTEREST- ING LETTER

Many erroneous statements have been widely published about the position of the University authorities in the event that the constitutional amendment submitted in Senate Joint Resolution No. 18 should be adopted. It seems fitting, therefore that an authoritative statement should come from one who is in a position to speak for the University.

The Amendment does not contemplate, and give no authority for the consolidation of the A. & M. College and the University in Austin.

The Amendment gives no authority to move the Medical Department.

The Amendment gives no authority to move the College of Industrial Arts for women.

The amendment gives no authority to move the Sam Houston Normal, the Southwest Texas Normal, the North Texas Normal, or the West Texas Normal.

The Amendment will in no way change the constitutional relations between the University and the A. & M. College, the College of Industrial Arts, or the four state normals.

If the Amendment is adopted, the authorities of the University will continue to develop the course of study as seems best for the needs of its thirty-three hundred students. Four hundred and sixty-one of these students, in the regular session alone, come direct from the farm, and more than a thousand of them are preparing to teach in the common schools. It is probable that the demands of these students will require more courses than we now offer in agriculture, both for those who plan to teach agriculture in the public schools and for those who expect to go back to the farm. If the capacity of the University, the A. & M. College, the College of Industrial Arts, the four state normals schools, and the public schools were doubled, all of them

could not supply the needs of the three hundred and fifty thousand white farmers.

The directors of the A. & M. College in their last biennial report state that nearly a million dollars are needed at once for buildings. Under the provision of the Amendment buildings could be provided without delay at an immediate cost of \$50,000 a year. Moreover, the adoption of the Amendment would forever free the College from the danger of being unable to get buildings from appropriations should another Governor, or the Supreme Court, consider such a method unconstitutional. Should this Amendment fail and should another disastrous fire revisit the College during the administration of a governor who considered appropriations for A. & M. buildings unconstitutional, how would it be possible to replace the burned buildings? I cannot think that the opponents of the Amendment have seriously considered the question.

I have spent twenty of my best years in educational work in Texas, and I expect to spend the rest of my life here. I am more confident than ever that the people of Texas wish to develop all their educational institutions and will deal generously by them. The pending Amendment, in my judgment, is the most equitable and beneficial measure in the interest of every higher educational institution that has been submitted to the people during my long residence in the state. I confidently urge every friend of education to vote and work for the constitutional amendment submitted in Senate Joint Resolution Number 18.

S. E. MEZES,
President of the University of Texas.

Masonic.

On Tuesday, June 3rd, the Haskell Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of this city, elected the following officers: W. B. Alexander, High Priest, H. R. Jones, King, H. S. Wilson, Scribe, G. R. Couch, Treasurer, and F. L. Daugherty, Secretary.

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Community Cooperation

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A town, to be a "good" town, must have good stores—stores that handle large assortments and offer the same values and styles at the same prices asked elsewhere.

Good local shipping facilities, however, depend entirely upon the extent of patronage accorded merchants by community consumers.

Those who live in smaller towns often say they are forced to shop elsewhere, because their local stores do not carry the specific articles they want. If these people would make their wants known to their home merchants, in nearly every case, these merchants would supply them.

Bear in mind that a portion of every dollar spent in your local stores applies to the building and maintenance of your schools, churches, good roads, streets and sidewalks—in fact, every improvement that goes to make your community attractive from every commercial and social standpoint.

If you have children to educate; if you are interested in religious matters; if you own a home or other property in your community, you should patronize your local merchants whenever practicable. It is to your interest to do this.

Of course, there are merchants in every town who will not carry standard lines and who expect their customers to buy their unknown goods at standard prices; however, there are progressive merchants in every locality who handle brands that are sold everywhere at uniform prices, whose quality is known to all who read and keep up with the times.

Trademarked-Advertised merchandise always offers maximum values and can be secured in smallest towns to as good advantage as elsewhere.

No manufacturer will put his name and trademark on an article and spend large sums of money advertising it unless his goods come up to his claims in every respect.

READ! READ! READ!

If you have land you want to exchange for other land or other property anywhere, list it with us and we will get you a trade. We have correspondents everywhere, and can do the business for you.

Our abstract books are up to date, and if you want a correct abstract we can furnish it on short notice at reasonable prices.

MONEY! MONEY! MONEY! MONEY!

If you want to borrow money on land, or sell Vendors loan notes come and see us; we can supply you in short time.

We are land lawyers and make a specialty of examining and perfecting land titles.

SANDERS & WILSON
HASKELL, TEXAS.

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To Do Your Prescription Work For All Time to Come

We have Two Registered Pharmacist in our Prescription Department. When one isn't there, the other fellow is, so you see you take no risk in having your prescription filled by one who isn't on to his job.

We strive to please in every way, and in doing your prescription work do we especially feel the responsibility placed upon us

Think of these advantages when in need of medicine and call on us.

We still carry the popular "Symphony Lawn Stationery." The best Candy, Cigars and anything in a store called Drug Store

Spencer & Richardson

The Rexall Store

Phone 216

LOCAL NOTES

M. D. Johnson has moved to Lindale.

Our drays are always subject to call. Pinkerton & Loe.

Miss Temple Hardeman is visiting at Gays Store.

Oak Dale Nut coal E. A. Chambers.

Mrs. J. R. Dyer is visiting with relatives at Vernon.

Let the Free Press do your job printing.

Robt. Branham made a trip to Wichita Falls Friday.

J. D. Kennedy of Rule was in this city Wednesday.

Get a bath at the White Front Barber Shop.

Mrs. John Couch visited at Rotan this week.

Children, see those nice hats at the Farmers Supply. 18-tf

Miss Stella Lindsey, is visiting at Strawn.

We take the greatest care of your goods hauled by us. Pinkerton & Loe.

Mrs. Willie Thompson is visiting at Buie.

Mrs. M. A. Johnstone is visiting at Wichita Falls.

Will Speck of O'Brien was in this city Friday.

J. W. Cooper of Stamford was in this city Tuesday.

We have arsenic now. Corner Drug Store.

E. E. Marvin has returned from a trip to Dallas.

Geo. E. Courtney was up from Stamford Tuesday.

Miss Leta Taylor left Monday to visit with friends at Waco.

Mrs. Hattie Crossett of Stamford was in this city Monday.

F. F. Stevens of Coloman was in this city Tuesday.

Mrs. Courtney Hunt visited in Merkel this week.

Get your arsenic at Corner Drug Store.

Little Miss Johnnie Combes is visiting her grandparents at Vernon.

S. W. Scott was called to Fort Worth this week on legal business.

L. F. Burris of Mertzon, spent several days in this city this week.

Miss Julia Butler left the early part of the week for Weatherford.

W. A. Earnest and S. W. Scott made a trip to Monday Tuesday.

We sell new and second hand sewing machines. Wells-Pinkerton.

It costs only 25c to get a good bath at the White Front Barber Shop.

Mrs. I. F. Dyer of Barstow is visiting Mrs. J. F. Lloyd of this city.

Miss Lena Sherrill, came from Dallas Wednesday for a visit with relatives.

Miss Agness Bullington left the early part of the week for Weatherford.

Get a sweet and juicy milk chocolate at West Side Drug Store.

Oak Dale Nut coal: mothers' delightful cooking fuel, sold at Chambers.

John Speck and Tom Lancaster of O'Brien were in this city Monday.

Miss Dess Wilfong entertained Miss Mary Bellows of Seymour this week.

Miss Jeff Maddox of Weatherford, is visiting Misses Hughes of this city.

Mr. C. D. Long and Jno. Baker made a business trip to Wichita Falls this week.

Mrs. J. Walker Smith left Thursday for a visit to relatives in Navarro county.

Mr. Parish came in this week from the road to spend a few days with his family.

J. F. Hamilton of Weatherford is visiting his son Haynes Hamilton of this city.

Try us for clocks, watches, repairing, testing eyes and fitting glasses, W. H. Parsons.

Dr. C. E. Terrell of Ranger is in this city. Dr. Terrell is a brother in law of Mrs. C. L. Terrell.

A. J. Combes, Manager of the Haskell Telephone Co., came down from Seymour Monday.

Lost.—About ten days ago, a tan colored gauntlet glove. Finder leave at this office and get reward. 24-1t.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller, who have been visiting in this city, have returned to Abilene.

Marvin Post came in from Austin, and Curtis Ballard came in from the A. & M. College Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jenkins of Mineral Wells was in this city Monday.

A shipment of fresh cakes and bulk crackers just received at the Farmers Supply. 18-tf

R. S. Spann, an attorney of Temple and a friend of Judge Kinnard attended court here his week.

Mrs. M. K. Linville, who lives with her son-in-law, near Rochester, is visiting at Wichita Falls.

Mrs. J. U. Dillard of Bartlett is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson of this city.

Miss Mabel Elliott, who has been visiting Mrs. J. E. Walling, has returned to her home at Anson.

Mrs. Dan Waggoner of Ranger, who, has been visiting with Mrs. J. L. Means, left Monday for her home.

Mrs. T. C. Williams returned a few days ago from an extended visit to friends at Marlin and Waco.

Mr. J. L. Baldwin and little daughter, Miss Elizabeth, visited at Stamford with relatives this week.

Indian Runner Duck Eggs (Penciled) \$1.25 per 13. J. M. Riley, R 1, Haskell, Texas 14-4tp

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Alexander have returned after several days outing on the Clear Fork of the Brazos.

Judge A. C. Foster, W. A. Earnest, Arthur Foster and J. L. Jones of Rule were in this city Monday.

* Mrs. Donephon, who has been visiting her father, N. McNeill of this city, left Wednesday for Clayton N. M.

Mrs. G. S. McCutcheon who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. G. O. Hardeman, has returned to Gainesville.

Just like you like it. Oakdale Nut, specially prepared for cooking fuel. Phone, 157. E. A. Chambers.

Rev. L. N. Lipscomb left Wednesday for Georgetown, where he will attend a theological school this summer.

Spend the hot months in Moore Villa on the beach, Corpus Christi, Texas. Amos Moore, owner, high grade modern cottages.

Nice, comfortable rooms, plenty of good hot water and other conveniences for a bath at the White Front Barber Shop.

Mrs. L. D. Morgan of Weatherford, who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Boone of this city, has returned to her home.

W. A. Whatlev is the exclusive agent in Haskell, Jones and Knox counties for the Mitchell Automobiles. Figure with him before you buy. 23-3t

See what the North Side Variety Store has in candies, stationery, china, glass and tin ware, kitchen and household and every day needs. W. H. Parsons.

Miss Fannie Cummings Beal and little son, Henry C. of Sweetwater were visiting with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Garrett, this week.

Miss Alta James, of O'Brien, came in Friday and visited her sister, Mrs. John Ellis, until Sunday afternoon, when she left for Abilene, where she will attend the summer normal.

District court adjourned Tuesday after a two week's session. There were no sensational cases tried, but a large amount of civil business was transacted.

Our prescription department is a busy place. Physicians appreciate our reliability. Let us fill your prescriptions. Corner Drug Store.

Mrs. A. J. Nolen and guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nolen, of Alabama, who are visiting in this city, spent several days this week with Mrs. Da Costa Nolen of Weinert.

A prescription to have the desired result, should be compounded with accuracy and with pure drugs. We give you both.

For Sale—Head maize and ear corn, corn 60c and maize 75c per hundred. Five miles north of Rule, route 2. C. B. Burdine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nolen, left Thursday for their home in Alabama. Mr. Woodford Owens who has been with Richard Nolen at "Dicks Theatre," the past few months, accompanied them. He was also returning to his old home.

Singing Convention. The west Haskell Singing Convention will convene at Weinert, Sunday the 15th, of June. All good singers are invited. W. F. Hayes.

The Late Rains. Haskell county was visited with rain last Sunday night and in most of the county there was a good precipitation, though a few small spots did not get a season. In the northern part of the county the rain was heavy. At Munday over in Knox county there was almost a waterspout. The water rose in the streets of that city until it ran over the hubs of the vehicles that met the train, we are told by a passenger. The fields were flooded. In many places it floated the shock of grain. There will be a big crop of kaffir corn and maize made. Cotton is looking fine all over the county except in a few localities where the grass hoppers have damaged the stand.

EXTRA SPECIAL SHOE BARGAINS

Bargains in Low Shoes for Men, Women and Children. A big accumulation of odds and ends offered during the Sale at less than Wholesale cost.

MENS' OXFORDS \$1.95

Two full tables of Men's Oxfords ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$5.00. Choice for \$1.95. These are goods carried from last season yet the values are fully guaranteed. You save from \$1.50 to \$3.00 on every pair at this price.

LADIES' OXFORDS \$1.95

Patent, Vici, Tan and Gun Metal Pumps and Button Oxfords are in this lot. Some are worth \$3.50 and \$4.00 a pair, but they are an accumulation of odd sizes and styles. This is a chance to save some real money.

CHILDRENS' OXFORDS 95c to 50c

Children's black pumps worth \$1.25 to \$1.75 for 95 cents. Children's tan and oxblood pumps for 50 cents. One lot Misses 2 strap patent pumps, new stock, sizes 2½ to 5. Regular price \$2.00. During this sale for only \$1.45

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QUININE AND IRON—THE MOST EFFECTUAL GENERAL TONIC

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic Combines both in Tasteless form. The Quinine drives out Malaria and the Iron builds up the System. For Adults and Children.

You know what you are taking when you take GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, recognized for 30 years throughout the South as the standard Malaria, Chill and Fever Remedy and General Strengthening Tonic. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic, but you do not taste the bitter because the ingredients do not dissolve in the mouth but do dissolve readily in the acids of the stomach. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

There is Only One "BROMO QUININE" That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE on every box. Cures a Cold in One Day. 25c.

RELIEVES PAIN AND HEALS AT THE SAME TIME

The Wonderful, Old Reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. An Antiseptic Surgical Dressing discovered by an Old R. R. Surgeon. Prevents Blood Poisoning.

Thousands of families know it already, and a trial will convince you that DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL is the most wonderful remedy ever discovered for Wounds, Burns, Old Sores, Ulcers, Carbuncles, Granulated Eye Lids, Sore Throat, Skin or Scalp Diseases and all wounds and external diseases whether slight or serious. Continually people are finding new uses for this famous old remedy. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

Corner Drug Store

SOME SPECIAL PRICES TO OUR CUSTOMERS

Will be made to Reduce Stock in some Lines before our Regular Inventory, July 1st. No Stale, Off Brand stuff, but Goods out of our Regular stock. A dollar saved is a dollar made.

Fresh Fruits ————— Fresh Vegetables ————— Light Bread

THE FARMERS SUPPLY COMPANY

THE STORE OF QUALITY

From O'Brien

Dear Editor:

I will send you a little news this week from our little city.

We had a fine rain last night the farmers are all smiles.

Crops are looking good in this part of the country.

Two of the O'Brien girls, Myrtle and Arzela Smith, have returned home from Belton where they have been going to school.

Our music teacher has returned to her home, at Seymour.

Miss Nelson of our city is visiting relatives in Abilene this week.

Miss Della Duprey is visiting in McCauley.

Mrs. Luther Speck is visiting her mother at Chillicothe.

Mrs. J. L. Bradley is visiting friends at Stamford.

Miss Alta James left Friday to attend the Normal at Abilene.

J. M. Speck and T. W. Langston have gone to Haskell on business.

The ladies of our town are taking great interest practicing the children for children's day next Sunday at the Baptist church.

Bro. Hamlin of Knox City preached a fine sermon at the Methodist church.

The farmers in this part of the county are having their wheat threshed.

If this doesn't go to the waste basket, I will try and write more next time.

Plow Boy.

Center Point

Mr. Editor and Chats:

Let us join you all, and have a chat. How do you all enjoy this damp weather?

Mrs. Frank Patterson spent last week with her parents, P. C. Patterson and wife.

Mrs. Dela Jeter's brother and wife of Mart, visited her a few days last week.

Miss Maggie Bledsoe of Sayles community visited the Misses Kennamer's Sunday night.

R. A. Cauthen and family visited relatives near Stamford Saturday and Sunday.

Eula and Rilla Kennamer visited Misses Winnie and Bess Gross Sunday afternoon.

Jno. B. Baker of Haskell called at C. McLennan Saturday eve.

Eugene McLennan and Clyde Gross made a business trip to Haskell Saturday.

Paschal and Willie Hood of Post community spent Friday night with J. D. Rhodes.

Mrs. Pearl Elmore spent Wednesday with Mrs. Gross.

Mrs. Kennamer visited Mrs. Patterson Sunday eve.

I'll be going.

Ignorance.

Take Plenty of Time to Eat.

There is a saying that "rapid eating is slow suicide." If you have formed the habit of eating to rapidly you are most likely suffering from indigestion or constipation, which will result eventually in serious illness unless corrected. Digestion begins in the mouth. Food should be thoroughly masticated and insalivated. Then when you have a fullness of the stomach or feel dull and stupid after eating, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets. Many severe cases of stomach trouble and constipation have been cured by the use of these tablets. They are easy to take and most agreeable in effect. Sold by All Dealers.

CARING FOR THE WORKING MAN

The new employee laid the offending tool down on the bench and looked at a trickle of blood oozing from a cut in his finger.

"It don't amount to anything," he laughed, as he reached in his hip pocket and took out a dirty handkerchief to wrap up the injury.

"Here, don't do that!" cautioned his comrade at the same bench.

"Oh, it don't amount to anything—" began the injured one.

"No matter how slight a cut, you must have it taken care of at once. It is the rule here. Go at once to the emergency hospital and have it washed and bandaged."

The emergency hospital was a neat little building, centrally located, and completely equipped for any kind of emergency work. There was a skillful doctor in charge and two bright attendants to assist with the medical work. The finger was soon washed in antiseptic solution and wrapped with a sterilized gauze bandage. After a complete record of the injury the young man returned to his bench and resumed work.

At Lynn, Mass., where more than twelve thousand workers are employed in the huge plant of the General Electric Company, a new emergency hospital has just been completed. This new hospital is equipped with all the modern appliances for the care of accident cases such as are inevitable, in such a large plant, in spite of all the safety appliances installed. There is a separate room for minor injuries, a room for the treatment of infectious wounds and a third room where those suffering from injuries to the eyes are cared for. There are also a waiting room and a special office for the attendant in charge.

It has long been known that serious results often have their beginning in small wounds which have been slighted. Skilled workmen are too valuable in this day and age to be lost through neglect. To guard against infection and the possible loss of fingers, or even an arm, and the loss of time through sickness and injury, this hospital has been established and will be maintained as long as the plant is in operation. Statistics show that such a hospital pays wherever a large plant is in operation.

All serious operations that may be necessary following injuries, (of which the history of the company shows a minimum), will be turned over to the practicing physicians or to hospitals. No surgical work will be attempted at the company's hospital department beyond the removal of a foreign substance from a workman's eye or the care of minor wounds.

In most of the company's buildings in which girls or women are employed rest rooms have been built, glass enclosed, and equipped with couches, rocking chairs, rest chairs, and oak tables loaded with magazines and reading matter of the better and

more educational variety. These rest rooms have been made bright, cheerful looking and "homey" by the addition of potted plants, pictures of an educational sort and the like. In these rooms the girls who live too far from the factory to go home to lunch may spend a pleasant noon hour.

Another important feature of the first aid work is the training of 100 men and women employees, workers located in the different buildings, in first aid work. These people are called together from time to time to be instructed by the "doctor" in what they should do to give necessary first aid to the injured, pending the arrival of medical aid.

Statistics show a remarkably small number of industrial accidents at the Lynn works, or at any of the works of the General Electric Company. The company has always made it a practice to have every injury, however slight, reported on official report blanks, even if the injury does require the employee to stop work beyond the time needed to wash a slightly cut finger in healing and antiseptic solution and put on a sterilized gauze bandage.

In the equipment of the first aid rooms of the works hospital the idea has been to make the most efficient arrangements possible for the benefit of both the injured person and the one giving him care. Boiling water is available in abundance. At the sink there is a device by which the water can be turned on by pressing with the knee. A mixing chamber enables the operator to regulate the temperature of the water as it flows from the outlet. This enables him to wash his hands and turn off the water without infecting the hand by touching the metal work. For securing cold, sterile water an electric sterilizer is installed. The most convenient surgical chairs are provided, basins are placed in rings at a convenient height for the patient and in a surgical bag the latest available devices, such as prepared hypodermic solutions and other conveniences, are available.

Miss Inis Whiteside

One of the most entraining and intellectual treats of the season was provided Tuesday night by Mr. Richard Nolen, at his theatre, in this city, on which occasion Miss Inis Whiteside, a pupil of Miss Ella Day, rendered "The Music Master" by Charles Klein. Miss Whiteside is only seventeen, and a most deserving vocalist. She will go to Boston this summer, to take a course in the Emerson College of Oratory. The Haskell public showed their appreciation of high class entertainment, by filling the theatre to its capacity, and giving Miss Whiteside their most enthusiastic and sympathetic support.

Shake Off Your Rheumatism.

Now is the time to shake off your rheumatism. Try a twenty-five cent bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and see how quickly your rheumatic pains disappear. Sold by All Dealers.

Financing the Cotton Crop.

Judge J. E. Poole and Hollis Fields have opened up an office in the lower floor of the Pierson building, where they will carry on an active campaign for the Southern States Cotton Corporation. The farmers are listing their cotton and we believe it is the thing to do. They have been preaching that they ought to have a system of co-operative marketing, and this scheme seems to be the best solution of the problem and the most plausible way of financing the cotton crop.

Can't Keep it Secret

The splendid work of Chamberlain's Tablets is daily becoming more widely known. No such grand remedy for stomach and liver troubles has ever been known. For sale by All Dealers.

Salves Can't Cure Eczema

In regard to skin diseases, medical authorities are now agreed on this: Don't imprison the disease germs in your skin by the use of greasy salves, and thus encourage them to multiply. A true cure of all eczematous diseases can be brought about only by using the healing agents in the form of a liquid. WASH THE GERMS OUT.

A simple wash: A compound of Oil of Wintergreen, Thymol, and other ingredients as combined in the D.D.D. Prescription. This penetrates to the disease germs and destroys them, then soothes and heals the skin as nothing else has ever done. A 25 cent bottle will start the cure and give you instant relief. We have made fast friends of more than one family by recommending this D.D.D. Prescription to a skin sufferer here and there, and we want you to try it now on our positive pay guarantee. D.D.D. Soap keeps the pores clean; ask us.

Cerner Drug Store.

Haskell Boys Win

Squire J. S. Post received a telegram Thursday from H. S. Post, stating that Marvin Post won the scholarship from the High School of Austin, to the State University, and that Bailey Post was second to his brother. Marvin is about 15 years old and Bailey is hardly 16. The boys arrived in this city Thursday morning and will

be showered with congratulations of friends. The Free Press has said before that we had brains and talent right here in Haskell, and has advocated that we recognize the good qualities of our boys and girls at home.

Let the Free Press do your Job Printing. We are prepared to please you both as to workmanship and price. Let us figure with you on your next order.

ATTENTION LADIES

Mr. and Mrs. A. Mayo are at our Store For a Few Days

giving a free exhibition of art work on the Rotary White Sewing Machine. They are displaying many pieces of Art Work, consisting of Battenburg, Embroidery, Point Lace and Mexican Hand Drawn Work, done on the White Sewing Machine. Mrs. Mayo is recognized as one of the leading demonstrators on the sewing machine in the United States.

A School of Instruction Will Be Conducted

For the purpose of teaching every purchaser of the "White" the many usages of the attachments which have made the "Rotary White" the most famous sewing machine in the world, besides giving everyone a complete course of instruction in all lines of art work.

This Course of Instruction will be Given at our Store Every Day from 8 a. m. to 6. p. m.

This is a rare opportunity to see a great art exhibit and no lady can afford to miss it. In the interest of art needle work we earnestly solicit the co-operation of every art club, embroidery and domestic science classes of the city schools.

JONES COX & CO.
Haskell Texas.

While in our Store, We ask you to inspect our line of Furniture Your Credit is Good.

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Give them an Insurance Policy on your Life. in the
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HASKELL, TEXAS, June 14, 1913.

The Grand Jury has adjourned after finding only one felony and seventeen misdemeanor indictments. The felony was a young man who unfortunately became expert in picking a lock, and was tempted to commit a burglary. The jury recommended a suspended sentence, which the court granted, but we fear this young fellow will have to have a worse experience than a suspended verdict before he will look upon his accomplishment as a misfortune as most people do.

In a conference between German, French and Italian statesmen a few days ago, they passed resolutions advocating the peace policies of the American Secretary of State, William Jennings Bryan. It seems that the influence of this great statesman is not only shaping the policies of America, but that he is exerting a big influence in Europe.

The Fourth of July is coming. Haskell should do something to celebrate the natal day.

If we only had a good tabernacle we could have a small expense, a befitting observance of the Fourth of July. There ought to be some organized effort to get some of our local men to make a practical talk on the occasion. Haskell has produced men of splendid ability, in all walks of life, and we feel sure that an occasional address from some of them, will be both instructive and entertaining. This place has encouraged no man to become a public speaker. You go anywhere else and every community has produced orators. It seems that the people of the West are so busy piling up wealth that they have no time for any diversion, patriotic display, or social pleasure. Our social life is dominated by upstarts and parvenues, while the modesty of capable people keep them in the background. We need something along the lines indicated to counteract the false philosophy of life taught by certain social cults. The social ideals

of a people shapes their destinies. The arrogance of the social fabric accomplished the downfall of Rome and Greece, and has retarded the progress of modern peoples. The public gatherings break the barriers of seclusion and command, and cultures a love of democratic principles. As long as the people of Athens and Rome gathered daily to listen to the inspiring orations of their philosophers, the cities prospered. When the prophets of Israel were stoned, and Socrates was forced to drink the fatal hemlock, the ancient empires of Israel and Greece began to crumble. Through their public speakers, the ancient peoples no doubt were better educated in the laws of their country than we are today. We are often impressed with the lessons of history, and often wish that they meant more to us of a boasting age and civilization. Let's celebrate the natal day, and cultivate social and civic amenities.

Evidently it is President Wilson that put the go in jingo.—Columbia State.

The Republicans are laying plans, but it is doubtful if they will hatch.—Charleston News and Courier.

Nine Cornell men are learning to cook, thus justifying the worst fears of the antisuffragists.—Kansas City Times.

California, however, continues to see no objection to using alien labels on her champagne bottles.—Columbia State.

In spite of all you read in the papers, Washington is more deeply interested in Walter Johnson than in Hiram.—Syracuse Post-Standard.

If the Government doctors are right, there are a lot of turtles being wasted on serum that ought to go into soup.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Naturally an "industrious" lobby at Washington attracts attention, as anything industrious always does down there.—Boston Transcript.

In the present hysterical state of our yellow press, we expect to sight Japanese fleets off Cape Hearst any minute now.—Columbia State.

The sentence of a country editor to the chain-gang may delay the issue of the paper, but it will give him a nice, lost rest.—Washington Post.

Oscar Underwood is spoken of as having framed the tariff bill. Payne and Aldrich were referred to as having "framed up" theirs.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The turkey trot, the bunny hug, and the tango are forbidden at White House dances, but 17,000 office-seekers continue to hen-on-a-hot-griddle on the front lawn.—Philadelphia North American.

Turkey, it is reported will be amply represented at the London peace conference, her only regret probably being that universal peace didn't come a little sooner.—Southern Lumberman (Nashville).

Trustee Sale

Whereas, on the 1st day of December, 1911, E. P. Gaines executed and delivered to L. A. Elmendorf as Trustee, a certain Deed of Trust, in which it is provided that should the said L. A. Elmendorf from any cause whatever fail or refuse to act, or become disqualified from acting as such Trustee, then the said L. A. Elmendorf shall have full power to appoint a substitute in writing who shall have the same powers as are by said Deed of Trust delegated to the said L. A. Elmendorf.

And, whereas, the said L. A. Elmendorf has failed and declined to further act as said Trustee and he, the said L. A. Elmendorf, by virtue of the power and authority given him in said Deed of Trust, did on the 23rd day of May, 1913, in writing appoint H. G. McConnell as Substitute Trustee:

And, whereas, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Substitute Trustee, under said Deed of Trust, which is recorded in volume 10, page 544 of the Deed Trust Records of Haskell County, Texas and which was executed and delivered for better securing the payment of one certain promissory note for \$230.27, executed by Texas Land & Lumber Company, per E. P. Gaines, Secy. & Treas., E. P. Gaines, B. C. Pharr, J. B. Brewton, G. G. Gaines and Penn B. Thornton and endorsed by E. P. Gaines and bearing interest at eight per cent per annum from November 27, 1911 and providing for the payment of ten per cent additional on the amount of the principal and interest as collection fees, if default is made in its payment at maturity and it is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection or collected through the Probate, Bankrupt or other Court: And whereas the said L. A. Elmendorf is the holder and owner of said note and the makers above named have each and all made default in the payment of the same, and the same is now past due and unpaid, principal, interest and attorneys fees:

And, whereas, I have been requested by the said L. A. Elmendorf to enforce said trust, I will offer for sale between the legal hours thereof, to-wit, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. at Public Auction to the highest bidder, on the 1st Tuesday in July, A. D. 1913, same being the 1st day of said month, at the court house door, in the town of Haskell, in Haskell County, Texas, the following described property, described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, to-wit:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Haskell County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Being 29 1/2 acres, more or less, out of the Coryell County School Land League No. 60, the part of said survey hereby conveyed being all the tract heretofore conveyed by W. R. Ramage and Walter Jenull to E. P. Gaines on the 17th day of July, 1911; Beginning at a piece of Gas Pipe set in the ground for the S. W. corner of the L. C. Smith and Ada H. Johnson tract, which is 723 vrs. south of the N. W. Corner of Coryell County School Land League No. 60; thence south 121 vrs. to corner of Sandifer's pasture; thence south 89° 37' E. along the N. B. line of the Wichita Valley R. R. Co. right of way, and continuing east 1335 vrs. to Haskell and Anson road; thence north 14° east 135 vrs to gas pipe set in; thence west 478 vrs to east line of said railway right of way, and continuing 1369 vrs along said Smith and Johnson land S. B. Line to the place of beginning containing 39 1-10 acres, more or less, together with all the rights, members and appurtenances thereto belonging.

Witness my hand this 26th day of May, A. D. 1913.

H. G. McConnell,
 Substitute Trustee.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

The Gospel Thousands of Years Ago.

We are requested to announce that W. J. Skaggs will preach at the Gauntt school house, four miles northwest of Haskell, on the fourth Sunday evening, at 4 o'clock p. m. Subject: "The Great Fall and Destruction of Babylon," by the beast with seven heads and seven horns, and how the Saints will suffer persecution by the beast for the space of about three years and six months. The final judgment of the beast and the glory revealed to the Saints.

Believing therefore that the time is nigh at hand when these things shall be done, he wishes all to read the sixth chapter of Genesis and the second chapter of Thessalonians, together with the 17th and 18th chapters of Revelations. If you hear Mr. Skaggs you will get the interpretation as it is revealed to him.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Dallas County, Texas, 14th Judicial District of Texas, on a judgement rendered in said court on the 15th day of February 1913, in favor of the Southern Rock Island Plow Company, and against Solomon Implement Company, P. D. Solomon, J. E. Solomon, L. O. Pardo, Geo. B. Cox and Chesley Smith, No. 8926—A on the docket of said court, said judgement being, among other things, a judgment of foreclosure of a lien on the following described land, to-wit: Lots One (1) to Twelve (12) inclusive, in Block Six (6), of the Bond Addition to the town of Haskell, in the county of Haskell, State of Texas; and I did on the 29th day of May A. D. 1913, at 4 o'clock P. M., levy upon said land, and on the 1st day of July A. D. 1913, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M. on said day, at the court house door of said Haskell County, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at a public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Solomon Implement Company, P. D. Solomon, J. E. Solomon, L. O. Pardo, Geo. B. Cox and Chesley Smith in and to said land.

Dated at Haskell, Texas, this the 29th day of May 1913.

W. C. Allen,
 Sheriff Haskell County, Texas.
 By M. S. Edwards, Deputy.

Some Things Men Forget.

That the wife enjoys an occasional trip to the city to do her own shopping.

That the children in the home belong to them and they are equally responsible for their health, education, and religious training.

That it is their duty to be as neat and cleanly about their dress as the good wife is; that she cannot respect a filthy, unshaven man even though he is the father of her children.

That a woman is as likely to become tired, nervous and irritable as the head of the house, and she should not be to severely censured for an occasional attack of ill temper.

That they would not think of riding to town with the wife attired in her wash dress and faded head shawl, and if they choose to wear the faded jeans and manure-soaked shoes she has a right to object.

That the boys take more interest in the farm and livestock if they are allowed to own some of the animals, and to teach them to respond to their call.

That when people criticize men for immoral conduct they do not refer to good men. The good man has no more right to take offense when bad men are censured than has the good woman to feel hurt when the public makes an object of the silly woman, or the newspapers run pictures of the gay flirt.

That many women are equal to men in intelligence and business ability and that is one reason men rail at the new woman.—Home and Farm.

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No Alum—No Phosphates

Be on your guard. Alum Powders may be known by their price—10 or 25c. a lb., or one cent an ounce.

The Fall of the Frisco.

The Frisco Railroad System, with a trackage of 5,254 miles, a capital stock of \$200,000,000 and a bonded indebtedness of \$320,000,000, is in the hands of receivers. This giant industry has fallen with a crash that has been heard around the world and its echo is still reverberating in the bank vaults of two continents.

While the financial fabric of the nation is torn and bleeding in conspicuous places, this great industrial tragedy carries with it lessons for us all—as all calamities do—which if properly memorized in railroad circles, stock exchanges, legislative halls and by the people, will, in a measure, compensate our losses.

No matter what may have been the causes that contributed toward this undesirable situation, the intrinsic value of the property is no less at this time than before it was placed in the hands of a receiver. The prosperity of a large section of our State is closely interwoven in the future of these properties and we are all vitally interested in their early restoration to normal business conditions.

Come to the Free Press for your warranty deeds. We have them with or without the vendor's lien clause.

BLAME YOURSELF



if your eye glasses are not perfect, for we can show you in a few minutes what a difference it makes when you are properly fitted, and how easily we can suit you perfectly.

Remember, glasses not fitted perfectly do a great deal of harm to vision; and in addition to being a constant source of annoyance and discomfort instead of an aid to you, are positively injurious to your eyesight.

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20 Yards Calico for 20c

For One Week Only

Saturday, June 14th to Saturday, June 21st

We offer 20 yards best Calico for 20 cents when bought with the following Goods.

20 yards Calico	20c
10 " Best 10c Bleached Domestic \$1.00	
10 " 12c Lawn (Figured or White)	1.25
10 " 7c Apron Gingham	75c
4 pair 15c Hose (any kind)	60c
1 Bar Pin	25c
10 yards Best 5c Lace (any kind)	50c
5 dozen 5c buttons	25c
4 spools Clark's Thread	20c
	\$5.00

We guarantee all the above goods to be standard in quality and correct in price. At these prices the goods must be bought as listed.

Hardy Grissom

FARM LOANS

We have placed over \$100,000 this season and still have plenty to handle all the desirable business offered. Loan business is our specialty, and no side lines to bother. Hence we give the very best possible attention and quickest service to all business given us. Represent several Companies and can give you loans on various terms.

It will pay you to see me before placing your loan—large or small

J. L. Robertson

FARMERS STATE BANK HASKELL, TEXAS.

As the DOCTOR DIRECTS

You can bring your prescriptions to us, knowing your physician will be pleased—because of the assurance that the finished compound will be perfect in every way. Our drugs are the finest; Our Prescription Department is equipped with everything required for the scientific dispensing of Medicines, and our work is marked by the accuracy that comes of suitable training and ample experience.

Let Us fill your Prescriptions, they are filled by a Registered Pharmacist.

Corner Drug Store

FARM CONDITIONS IN ITALY

Naples, June 2—Immediately upon the arrival of the American Commission on Agricultural Cooperation in Italy, it was found that on account of the short time allotted to the Commission's stay in that country, it would be necessary to divide into four divisions, which was done and every section of Italy visited.

Farm Products and Marketing

The farmers of Italy produce silk, wine, corn, hay, oats, rye, wheat, hemp, potatoes, vegetables, milk butter, cheese, eggs, poultry, goats, sheep, hogs, cattle and horses.

At this time farm products here sell for the following prices:

Cows \$150.00 per head; horses about the same as in Texas; hogs 10 cents on foot; corn \$1.80 per bushel, potatoes \$2.40 per bushel; eggs 18 cents per dozen; butter 35 cents per pound; wheat \$1.20 per bushel, and hay \$18.00 per ton.

The market is close at hand. There are no commission men, no long hauls, the road are macadam, built and maintained by the State, so that with a cart and one horse the farmer can convey two tons to market, and he seldom uses two horses to one vehicle. The parcel's post is a great boon to the farmer in this country, as it is much cheaper and more serviceable because it will take articles of larger size and weights than ours.

One farmer who cultivated sixteen acres of land stated he made an average of about \$1,000 a year his part being \$500 and the land owner getting the other half.

Rural Finance

These farm operators require financing. Cows and horses are high, so is farm machinery. Most of the farm machinery sold here is made in the United States, and is sold about 40 per cent higher than in our States—instance: A self binder that would cost about \$130.00 in Texas, sells here for \$194; a wheat driller that sells for \$45 in Texas sells for \$68, and these things are bought by co-operative purchasing agencies for cash.

So it is that the Italian farmer needs money the same as does our farmer. The question now is how does he obtain his needed finances? This I will tell later, because it is a story within itself worth careful consideration, but I will close this article with a brief statement of

A Rural Credit Bank

One of our Commissioners made a careful examination of a so-called rural bank at a farm village in northern Italy, near Padu, and reported as follows:

Bank organized 28 years ago by forty tenants, who combined and borrowed \$100 to start with. The bank now has 300 members, twenty-five of whom own their farms. Deposits amount to

\$12,607.70, with a surplus of \$4,000, which it deposits in a savings bank at 4 per cent interest. It has now loaned to its members \$17,000 at 6 per cent interest. In other words, the savings of the community finance the community. The bank has no capital stock nor shares, but inasmuch as its deposits and surplus are sufficient to finance the needs of the members, it has not borrowed any money in five years.

It pays its cashier \$40 a year. House rent is \$10. Taxes and stationery \$86 a year, a total operating expense of \$136 a year. The banking house furniture and fixtures consist of a room over the Association's store, a rough table, a small case in which stationery, such as notes, etc., are kept and a few chairs, the total being valued at \$30.

Unpretentious as this little rural bank is, it teaches its members business frugality, morals, punctuality, honesty, industry and sobriety, for this one had as one of its by-laws the wine drinker cannot become a member. Small as this bank is, there are in Italy 816 such banks, which dispensed loans to 571,200 members last year, aggregating \$85,000,000.00. Their savings deposits are \$10,000,000. There are two other types of people's banks in Italy, one being a State institution and the other is banks of shares and stock. I will discuss these in a later article.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Every family without exception should keep this preparation at hand during the hot weather of the summer months. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is worth many times its cost when needed and is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. It has no superior for the purposes for which it is intended. Buy it now. For sale by All Dealers.

Missionary Notes

The Woman's Missionary Society will not meet next Monday, June 10, because so many of the Officers will be at Seymour attending the Annual Conference.

On Monday, June 23, there will be a call meeting to wind up the first half of the year's work. It will be a short business meeting but a very important one and each member is urged to attend. After business there will be a social hour while busy fingers ply the needle for that Annual Bazaar. Place of meeting will be announced next week.

Reporter.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter how long standing are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

Mr. S. A. Rudisill of Arkadelphia Ark; is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Lloyd, and Mrs. L. G. Poe, of New Ark a sister is also visiting Mr. Lloyd.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

(REAL ESTATE.)

By virtue of an alias execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of Denton County, on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1913, in the case of J. M. Ferrell vs. W. C. Dickson, No. 5624, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I did on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1913, at 4 o'clock p. m. levy upon the land herein below described, and will, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on the first Tuesday in July A. D. 1913, it being the 1st day of said month, at the court house door of Haskell county, in the town of Haskell, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which W. C. Dickson had on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1913, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property, to wit:

First Tract—204 acres of land in Haskell county, Texas, out of the east one-half of section 28 in block No. 1, of the H. & T. C. Ry. Co., lands, known as certificate No. 844, abstract No. 529 and patented to A. L. Rhomberg, patent No. 53, Vol. No. 6. Said 204 acres being all of the east one-half of said section 28, save and except 120 acres off of the south end of said east one-half and being the same land conveyed to W. C. Dickson by J. M. Ferrell by deed dated April 11th, 1911 and recorded in Vol. 52, page 550, Haskell county deed records.

Second Tract—120 acres of land in Haskell county, Texas, off the south end of the east one-half of section 28, in block No. 1, of the H. & T. C. Ry. Co., lands, known as certificate No. 844, abstract No. 529, patented to A. L. Rhomberg, patent No. 53, Vol. 6, and being the same land conveyed to the said W. C. Dickson by Melissa E. Ferrell by deed dated April 11th, 1911, recorded in Vol. 52, page 551, Haskell county deed records and both of said tracts being all of the east one-half of said section 28 in said Block No. 1.

Said property being levied on as the property of W. C. Dickson to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$735.15 in favor of J. M. Ferrell and costs of suit.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of June A. D. 1913.

W. C. Allen,
Sheriff Haskell County, Texas.
By M. S. Edwards, Deputy.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

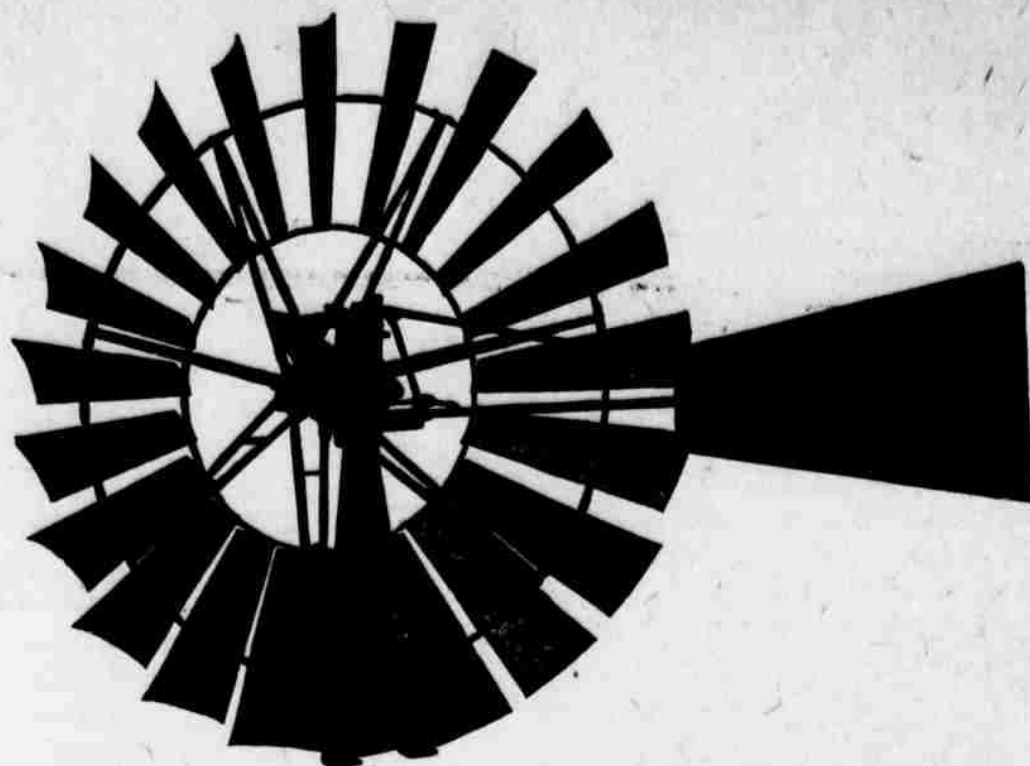
by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed. Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give one hundred dollars for any case of deafness (caused by Catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. Cheney & Company, Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Ulcers and Skin Trouble.

If you are suffering with any old, running or fever sores, ulcers, boils, eczema or other skin troubles get a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and you will get relief promptly. Mrs. Bruce Jones of Birmingham Ala., suffered from an ugly ulcer for nine months and Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured her in two weeks. It will help you. Only 25c. Recommended by West Side Pharmacy.



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We consider the Best None too Good for our Customers,

McNeill & Smith
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PUT ONE EYE OUT. Suffered 36 Years From Skin Disease.

I suffered from a skin disease for 36 years, and about six months ago it attacked one of my eyes and put it out. After it was too late, I got a box of Hunt's Cure and began to use it, and I must say that it is the best remedy I have tried in 36 years, and I believe it will cure any skin eruption.

P. H. Chaney,
Caney, La.

195 New Farms Opened Up In Haskell County Annually

195 new farms are opened up in Haskell County every year and the latest Federal Census Reports which are based on data gathered in the spring of 1910 show a total of 2210 farms in this county at that time. In 1900 we had 256 farms. We have a total of \$14,742,133 invested in farm property and our farms are worth \$6,571 each including equipment.

The total number of farms in Texas at the rate of the last census was 417,770 having increased 65,580 or 16 per cent during the past decade. The value of all farm property in the State is \$2,218,645,000. The average Texas farm is valued at \$5,811.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Loomis Da C. Nolen, deceased, to present the same to me at Weinert, Texas, within 12 months of the 5th day of May 1913 for payment.

Leona B. Nolen,
Administratrix.

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Wanted: Woman or girl to do house work, small family. Permanent position. Phone or call and see me at the court house.
Jas. A. Hankerson.

More Silos Needed in Haskell County.

The Farmers Union has been conducting an exhaustive investigation into agricultural conditions with reference to the cost of producing and value received for farm crops with a view of recommending a substitute for cotton as that industry is already suffering from overproduction. In discussing the subject, President Radford of the Farmers' Union said: "The Lord made the greater part of Texas a cotton country and it will always remain the money crop of Texas so long as the farmer markets his crop direct from the harvest field, but I believe with plenty of good live stock and a silo a farmer can successfully raise feed stuff and he will be justified in planting less cotton

and raising more livestock. The Federal Census reports show that we have 14,080,936 head of livestock in Texas, and 96 per cent of our farms reported domestic animals.

There were 2,156 farms in Haskell county that reported livestock when the Thirteenth Census was taken, according to a report just issued by the Federal Department of Commerce and labor and the total number of domestic animals on these farms numbered 40,164, which has a combined value of \$1,558,831. Cattle is the predominating class of livestock in this County, as shown by the following table:

KIND	NUMBER	VALUE
Cattle	19,023	\$406,892
Horses	7,430	577,802
Mules	4,418	505,590
Asses & burros	112	12,243
Swine	9,106	56,506
Sheep	41	192
Goats	34	106

Total.....40,164 \$1,558,831

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City Building Notes

The way to build a city is to build it.

When sidewalks go down property values go up.

Instead of kicking your town try kicking yourself.

All things come to towns that present a solid front.

Don't bleed your town to fatten some other, trade at home.

What your town needs is not merely to say what your town needs.

It is a short cut from the garbage can to the dinner table, via the fly route.

Selfishness is responsible for more sorrow in the world than anything else.

There must be organized strength, harmoniously working together to build a city.

An ad in a local paper is the advance agent that goes ahead and creates the desire.

The man who boasts intelligently, truthfully and persistently is truly a builder of builders.

The merchant who talks mostly about hard times doesn't advertise in his home paper.

Lots of people pretend progressiveness, but their actions give this the denial. After all, actions are what count.

The booster has his uses as well as the builder—the rooster is a booster, but as a laying proposition he does not amount to much.

A man who wouldn't fight for his town in a pinch shouldn't feel peeved if the town lays down upon him at a critical moment.

The Yukon.

The mighty Yukon, rising in Summit Lake, only twenty miles from Skagway, on the Pacific,

flows for 2,044 miles north and west to Bering Sea, through canons and plains, crossing and recrossing the Arctic Circle, and affords an Alaskan water trip full of unusual experiences. A writer thus describes the Yukon scenery:

"The river is tortuous and rapid, its banks generally green with luxuriant vegetation and the meadows gay with an endless variety of flowers; one species known as the fireweed spreading a flame-like color over patches of hundreds of acres of sloping country. Again the river leaves the meadow lands and pours its flood against the solid masonry of earth on whose seared and broken face is written for the geologists the history of time." More than 2,000 miles of this great river are navigable to stern-wheel steamers.

Passenger steamers are operated during the summer months from White Horse to Dawson, Fort Yukon, and St. Michael, at the Yukon's mouth.

Grand Jury Report.

Judge J. B. Thomas, Honorable District Judge, 29th Judicial District, State of Texas:

We, your Grand Jurors, duly impaneled at the May term of the District Court of Haskell County wish to report to your honor as follows:

In our efforts to find out what violations of law have occurred in this county, we have examined about 150 witnesses from all the county but especially from around the town of Haskell and around O'Brien.

On the whole, we think there is a considerable change for the better amongst our people. There is a healthy growing sentiment in favor of law and order.

In a number of cases where crime has been committed it has been impossible to discover the guilty parties. This is a condition always existing.

In a number of cases sufficient evidence has been wanting and we have had to defer action for further evidence.

In several cases we have secured evidence which convinced us, and in such cases we have found bills.

In a number of cases we thought witnesses failed to testify to as much as they know

in a few instances we have felt morally certain of this, and have asked your assistance in requiring the witnesses to give the information which we were sure they must know but were refusing to give. Your hearty co-operation in this effort has been very much appreciated by the Grand Jury. The results attained fully justify the action by your Honor and the Grand Jury. From this we confidently expect good to come to the entire county.

There has been no murder or crime of that class calling for heavier penalties of the law, and for this we are thankful.

Such crimes as have been committed fall mainly under three classes.

1st. Violations of the Local Option Laws. And those who make a practice of violating these laws seem to have no regard for their oaths, and most of them prefer to perjure themselves rather than give the information. This shows a fearful state of morals among those who drink intoxicating liquors.

2nd. Gambling Gaming, etc. What has been said just above will apply to these as well.

3rd. Adultery and Fornication. We prefer not to comment on this except to call every good citizen, to do all in his power to prevent the corruption of the morals of the young and save them from a life of shame.

After examining the records of the receipts of intoxicating liquors in our territory we are astonished at the amount of liquors brought in and the class of people who are getting it.

In this work we have endeavored to do our duty faithfully and as efficiently as we were able.

We have made no investigation into the county's finances, its records, the acts of its officials, or its public property.

We wish to express our appreciation for wholehearted assistance in this work rendered both by the District and County Attorneys as well as by your Honor without whose help we could have done very little.

We wish to call attention publicly to the requirements of the Sunday law, and at this time particularly to the sale of cold drinks, cigars, tobacco and the like by dealers in the same, and all other violation of this law which provides for the requirements of our natures, and we can never outgrow it; hence its wisdom and necessity. We therefore ask your Honor to have this notice printed in one or more of our county papers preparatory to the meeting of the next Grand Jury. We demand that this law be henceforth rigidly enforced and insist that our officers be watchful and see that it is enforced.

Respectfully submitted by

R. E. SHERRILL, Foreman.

Preventing Accidents in Machine Shops.

In the largest electrical manufacturing plant in the world at Schenectady, N. Y., where the General Electric Company keeps nearly twenty thousand men and women busy, the percentage is remarkably small. No less than nine thousand safe-guarding devices are in operation on the various machines to prevent the loss of fingers, hands, and etc. With all these thousands of workmen, totalling the population of a fair sized city, only one life was lost for each six thousand employees in each year from 1909 to 1913. The total of disabling accidents averages only about one a year.

The safety devices on the various tools are wonderful little appliances. For instance, many serious accidents formerly resulted in the punchpress rooms where metal disks are punched by crumpling machines from long strips of sheet iron. Every now and then a finger would be lost

in the jaws of a press. Now a little automatic device, somewhat resembling a folding iron gate, advances in front of the die just before the jaws close. This gate will push away the hand, if it is left in danger, in time to prevent an accident. All the other machines are similarly protected. The design of safe-guarding devices necessarily changes with the type of machine, but all are nearly human in their eternal vigilance to prevent accidents.

To Test Diamonds

How to tell real from false diamonds is briefly explained by a contributor to *Neueste Erfindungen und Erfahrungen* (Vienna May).

In the first place, he says, real brilliants may be recognized by their great hardness and high refractive index, which are not found together in any imitation stone. The diamond stays brilliant because it is hard, while other stones and imitations become scratched and dulled by friction. He goes on:

"In the grinding and polishing of real brilliants, on the other hand effort is made to keep the original size, as nearly as possible, and some little irregularities in the faces and angles are preferred to any diminution in weight. In the imitations the superfluity of cheap material which may be wasted without making any difference enables a perfect counterfeit to be made.

"A necessary tool for testing is the file, which is not able to injure or scratch a real diamond, while on an imitation it quickly makes its mark. Better than the file is a fragment of sapphire, because the sapphire is the next hardest stone to the diamond. Any stone that can be scratched with a sapphire is surely no diamond.

"If a small drop of water is placed on the upper part of a brilliant and touched with a pointed pencil, the drop will keep its rounded form, while the stone remains clean and dry. If the same thing is done to a glass imitation, the drop spreads out at once.

"A diamond plunged into water will be plainly visible and will glitter through the liquid, while an imitation stone is almost invisible.

"The white sapphire, the white topaz, and rock crystal are commonly sold as diamonds, but more often imitations are made of glass.

"To recognize these glass imitations, treatment with acid is also recommended, which removes the polish on the faces, while it does not affect the diamond, ruby, sapphire, or emerald. However, an imitation made of glass yields to the hardness test, so that a chemical test is superfluous."—Literary Digest.

Mrs. J.K. Simmons has returned from a visit to her parents at Granger.

Mrs. H. C. Hord of Sweetwater is visiting with Mrs. Matthew Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Broach were passengers on Thursday morning train.

Whit Whiteside and Miss Mary Bellows of Seymour were members of a wedding party on Thursday morning train.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Whiteside were passengers on Thursday morning train. Mrs. Whiteside was formerly Miss Lucile Glasgow. They were married a few days ago, and will make their home at Seymour.

The Free Press desires to call special attention to its job department. We are prepared to turn out as high class job printing as you can get anywhere. There is no need to send any printing away from Haskell. We can please you in workmanship, material and price.

How Their Story Ended

By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS

They were walking in a garden. The roses were in full bloom; consequently you must know that it was June.

"I wish you would tell me how you write these stories," she remarked. "I can't understand how you take persons, make them talk and do things just as if they were real."

"Anybody who tries can do it," he replied.

"I couldn't write a line."

"Suppose you try. I'll help you. Take for your characters persons you know."

"Who, for instance?"

"Well, there's Ferguson."

"And you?"

"I don't think you can make anything interesting of me, but you are welcome to use me. That's two men. Now you need either one or two girls. Since this is your first story, perhaps you had better confine yourself to a few characters. One girl will do. She shall be the heroine."

"Is it to be a love story?"

"Well, yes; a kind of love story."

"What girl of my acquaintance shall I take for the heroine?"

"Yourself. You'll do very well."

"Oh, dear! I'm afraid I shall not behave myself heroically."

"The heroine of a story is not always heroic. The words hero and heroine were used for the leading male and female characters in stories when it was the fashion to make them possess every human heroic trait. Then as a counterpart there was always a villain—man or woman—whose evil acts noble persons were obliged to counteract. Our story will be a plain, uneventful love tale."

"Who is the heroine, as you call her, in love with?"

"Your question brings us to an element that is always of assistance in holding the interest of a story—curiosity. It may be well in this case to conceal her feelings from the reader for a time."

"She has only two men to choose from, you and Mr. Ferguson."

"There may be another who will enter at the climax—some one not mentioned till then—who will be a surprise."

"Is he to be a surprise to you and Mr. Ferguson?"

"He'll be a surprise to me, for the indications are in favor of Ferguson."

"What do you mean by that?"

"It is difficult of explanation, but I will try. When an author sets out to tell a story it is like one moving toward an object so distant that he can't make it out. It may turn out to be a house or a windmill or—"

"An elephant."

"Just so. Now, the story in the author's mind is like that object. He may suppose it to be a windmill, and as he nears it, despite his preconceived notion, it may turn out to be—"

"An elephant."

"I see you understand my demonstration perfectly."

"Partly. Do you refer to an ordinary elephant or a white one?"

"Why do you ask that?"

"I was thinking that if the heroine took either of the characters she might get—"

"Something she didn't want?"

"There was no reply to this. He did not seem pleased with the way the story was getting on. In fact, he looked very glum. She plucked a rose that leaned toward her from "its lovely companions" and handed it to him. Quite likely this was to encourage him to go on with the construction of the story. It brought about the change in him she desired.

"If you're going to introduce a third man to come in and take the heroine at the end of the story I suppose we'd better settle on who he is to be."

"What need of that?" she asked.

"Well, you see, in story making you must suggest faintly what you're going to do. The man should be in the story, but you don't need to give away the fact that he's to win the heroine in the end."

"But if we name some one we'll know that he's a dark horse, and it will spoil the story for us."

"It wouldn't spoil it for me."

"In other words, you take no interest in whom the heroine marries."

"There was a slight tinge of reproach in her tone as she said this."

"Not at all," he hastened to reply. "When I read other persons' stories, not my own, I always look at the end to see how it all turns out."

"But this is your story, isn't it?"

"And yours?"

"The lady, I believe, has the privilege of hearing the man's part of the story before she tells her part."

"Not when they are collaborating. They must work together. They would never get a story made in the world in that way."

"Then I'm afraid it will not be made."

"You might at least tell me who is the dark horse."

"If you go on with your story you will find out all you wish to know."

"Where does your part come in?"

"Oh, my part! I'll write the close."

They had reached a canopy formed by the drooping branches of trees, where they could not be seen or interrupted. There he told her his part of the story. She listened to it attentively and even permitted him to put an arm about her waist, to draw her to him and kiss her lips.

"Now, tell me how the story ends," he said.

"Happily."

THE BEAR THAT JOKED

By M. QUAD

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"I might have hawks to sell but for the bears, and I might have bacon in my smokin' house but for the darkies."

"Twixt the one and t'other I'm driven to eat coon and possum meat most of the time. Baw-gone b'ars and daw-gone darkies!"

The Arkansas squatter, having delivered himself of the above, filled his corn-cob anew, drew several long puffs and continued:

"Everybody knows what a taste the darky has for bacon, but you will meet up with mighty few people who know that a b'ar will face most any odds to git hold of fresh pork."

"Aside from the pork question, the b'ar is also smart in hev'in a sense of humor. I never heard one go haw, haw, haw, but I've seen 'em wearin' a grin and feelin' tickled."

"It was one night about five years ago that a b'ar come along at night and took my pig out of the pen. I was lyin' sick at the time and couldn't git out to shoot him, but I reckoned he'd hang around till I got a show to git even."

"It was a month befo' I was out, and then spring had come, and fur was no good. All I could do was to play a joke on that varmint and make him feel bad. I got some barbed wire and strung it across the pen, and when all was ready I killed a woodchuck and dragged him around the pen and threw his carcass in. The old woman seen what was goin' on and said:

"Jim, are yo' gwine to tangle that b'ar up in that barbed wire?"

"That's what it's fur," said I.

"What yo' got ag'in him?"

"He carried off our hawg."

"That was becase yo' was too lazy to roof the pen in. I wouldn't do any foolin' with that b'ar. He cum loadin' round yere the other day when yo' was away, and he looked mighty serious and solemn. He ain't no critter to joke with."

"But he'll hev to stand it jest the same. If he gits among them wires he'll feel tickled to death."

"Waal," said she, "yo' go ahead, but I'm tellin' yo' that if yo' joke with that b'ar he'll cum out ahead. That's b'ars and b'ars. Some goes in fur fun, and some don't."

"That night about eleven o'clock that b'ar cum spookin' round. I was awake and heard him snifflin', but I kept quiet till he climbed up the logs of the pen and dropped down inside. He knowed woodchuck from hawg, of co'se, but woodchuck was good 'nuff for him jest then. If he saw them barbed wires he'd leap right down, and next minit he was makin' fuss 'nuff for three dog fights. They heard him howlin' way over to Jim Tanner's place. Lawd, sah, but it made my hair stand up to hear him take on! But I got on my clothes and went out to rub it into him a little. Lookin' down into the pen, I called him a hawg thief and lots of other names, and every time he roared I laughed in his face. I jest poked fun at that critter till I was tired. How the varmint got free and got out of the pen I dunno, but he was gone in the mawnin'. That was blood and fur all over the pen, and that was fur scattered all round the yard, and I reckon he'd had a bad time of it. That was the last I seen of that b'ar for a long time—in fact, so many weeks had gone by I'd clean forgotten him when I cum home on day and the old woman said to me:

"Jim, camp meetin' begins tomorrow at Coon Creek, and we'll tote ourselves over thar."

"Too much shoutin'," said I.

"Yo' never mind the shoutin', but git ready."

"I didn't keer to go, but I didn't want to fuss, and so the next mawnin' we toted along. We reckoned to stay fo' days, but on the second day the old woman said to me:

"Jim, yo' 'member that b'ar yo' joked with?"

"I reckon."

"Ever seen him sence?"

"Noap."

"Waal, I've had a vision. I was puttin' the beans over to cook while I listened to the preachin' when that b'ar seemed to rise right up befo' me, and he was grinnin'."

"What about?"

"I couldn't say, but he was feelin' powerful good natured over sunthin'."

"Don't yo' reckon we'd better go home?"

"What fur?"

"To see if that varmint hain't bin up to sunthin'. He may hev got the cabin doah open."

"I laughed at her fur a spell, but she got so anxious that we finally sot out fur home. We was still half a mile away when a cloud of feathers came flyin' through the air, and we both groaned. When we got a little nearer we saw the front door open, and later on we looked in upon such a scene as no cyclone ever left behind. That blamed b'ar had bin in the cabin fur a day or two, and he had jist clawed and scratched and bit and destroyed till the fireplace was about the only thing left. We stood thar fur awhile and didn't say nuthin'. Then the old woman quietly turned to me and asked:

"Are this Jim Hope of Arkansas?"

"She are," I said.

"Waal, Jim Hope," she said as she p'inted to the destruction inside and made me a cerchy, "yo' are altogether too funny fur me, and I'll walk over to mother's an' stop till yo' git ready to buy \$300 worth of new things and git over crackin' barbed wire jokes!"

Sitting on a Log

A Story of College Students

By F. A. MITCHEL

Why is it that a young man—say twenty—and a young woman about the same age can't come together but that they must needs be talking a sort of maudlin philosophy?

And ten to one the season in which they fall into such talk is in the spring, when the birds are mating about them and they are really thinking about doing the same thing without realizing it. They suppose they are talking the one while they are really talking the other.

Margaret and I had both returned from college for the spring recess of our senior year. We were to graduate in June. The last part of college life is likely to contain philosophic studies—ours had at least—and we were walking, so to speak, on Mount Olympus. At any rate, we thought we were. We were ready to take the contract to solve the problem of the universe. The problem we were really solving was whether we should follow the example of the rest of nature, the flora and fauna about us, for we were walking in the woods, where the life of another year was springing forth.

"Do you believe matter to be indestructible?" asked Margaret.

"I do. I believe what appears to be its destruction is its passage from one form to another. But this you know as well as I. Why did you ask?"

"I had an object. If matter is indestructible why should life be destructible?"

"Life is not matter."

"Scientists are now claiming that it is. At least they say that matter is alive, and recent experiments indicate—"

"That log will afford us a comfortable seat. Shall we sit down? We can discuss the problem better while resting. It involves deep thought."

We seated ourselves and when we spoke again had bridged the enormous gap between the constitution of matter and two young persons sitting on a log. The former was speculative; the latter was real. Wild flowers were springing up about us; insects were beginning to stir in the grass; a squirrel was sitting up on his haunches looking at us; a bird was carrying a feather to a branch as material for a nest. We dropped to the consideration of what the other living things about us were doing, but could not get down to it at once. We halted in our descent at abstract matrimony.

"Do you think that intellect should wed intellect?" asked Margaret.

Margaret was intellectual. I was not. I paid just enough attention to books and lectures to get a smattering of the learning they contained. Mark how quickly I got down to business.

"No," I replied. "I should like an intellectual wife."

"That was very modestly put," she said, lifting her pretty eyes to my face.

"I prefer action to books; grappling with the world as it is; to lectures. I am content that the other fellows shall take the college honors so long as I run the class politics."

"I don't call myself intellectual, but I prefer to dwell upon such problems as what we are for and whether we are going. Every year we spin faster. The changes in a decade are greater now than they were formerly in a hundred."

She shrieked and clung to me. A snake had crawled from under the log, doubtless going out, after a long winter's sleep, to see if spring had come. The shriek startled him, and he got away as fast as possible. Margaret recovered her equanimity, but not her freedom. I held on to her. She made a faint effort to disengage herself.

"I think he's coming back," I said.

"Oh, heavens!" clinging to me in terror and hiding her face against my spring cardigan jacket.

The situation was pleasant. There was a pastoral flavor in it. The spring flowers, the twittering birds, were more delicious than before. As for the snake, he had taken his hideous self out of sight. Margaret's eyes being pressed against my breast, she did not know that he was gone.

"Is he coming?" she asked with a shudder.

"I can't see him."

She spoke very low, and I did the same. That she might hear the better I bent my head down toward her ear. My cheek rested on hers.

What a descent from Olympus to sitting on a log!

It may have been a serpent that brought trouble into the world—indeed, since I have been married I have sometimes thought it quite possible—but sitting at twenty holding Margaret in my arms I felt very grateful to the reptile that had put her there.

"Is he coming?" she asked again.

"He is crawling under the dead leaves. He may be coming this way, but I can't see him."

She shuddered and clung closer.

"There he is!"

Another shudder and a closer cling. I knew that if I pressed my lips against her cheek I would in another moment be pressing them upon a lip, and then there would be the chief to pay. But I couldn't resist her cheek, and when she kissed her face to ask "What did you?" I kissed her lips.

That ended the matter.

And how did all this end? I believe asking me if I believe in indestructibility. "Waal, with a kiss!" I said.

"Ridiculous!"



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Notice of Sheriffs Sale. (Real Estate.)

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Jones County, on the 21st day of May, A. D. 1913, in the case of First National Bank of Stamford, versus J. L. Haskew No. 1470, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I did on the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1913, at 10 o'clock a. m. levy upon the land herein below described, and will, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on the first Tuesday in July, A. D. 1913, it being the first day of said month, at the Court House door of said Haskell County in the town of Haskell, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which J. L. Haskew had on the 16th day of April A. D., 1908, or at any time thereafter, of in and to the following described property, to-wit:

All that certain five (5) acre tract or parcel of land, situated, lying and being in Haskell county Texas, and being a part of section No. Twelve (12) of the B. B. B. & C. R. R. Co. land, except Wichita Valley right of way, and being the same conveyed to J. C. Haskew and W. R. West, and the interest of said West having been conveyed to J. C. Haskew, and the said J. C. Haskew by two different deeds having conveyed the same to me, all of which more fully appears from said deed of trust duly recorded in Deed of Trust records of Jones county Texas, in Vol. 11, page 278, and Deed of Trust records in Haskell county, Texas, Vol. 7, page 533.

Said property being levied on as the property of J. L. Haskew to satisfy a balance on a judgment amounting to \$2574.10, in favor

of First National Bank of Stamford and costs of suit. Given under my hand this 3rd day of June A. D. 1913.

W. C. ALLEN,
Sheriff Haskell County, Texas.
By M. S. Edwards, Deputy.

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Old men and women feel the need of a laxative more than young folks, but it must be safe and harmless and one which will not cause pain. Dr. King's New Life Pills are especially good for the aged, for they act promptly and easily. Price 25c. Recommended by the West Side Pharmacy.

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A Theory

By GRACE OGLESBY

This is an age of reform or at least new formations, and such an age is always attended by a certain amount of hysteria. When people leave a beaten track to strike out into new paths they are liable to bewilderment, and so when they find or believe they have found that they have been influenced by false ideas in seizing upon ones they are prone to jump from the frying pan into the fire. More than this, they are liable to jump from terra firma into water altogether too deep for them.

One of the new departures of the present day is a dissatisfaction with marriage as we in America have known it. Kent Blakeman's father and mother had lived together comfortably, bringing up half a dozen children. Kent at twenty-five discovered that they had taken a great risk in binding themselves so closely together that there was no easy way for them to break the chain. In their case fortunately they had not wished to break it. But, as for him, he did not intend this to be himself up. He believed in experimental marriage. If he married he would reserve the right to leave his wife as soon as he ceased to love her, and she should have the same privilege with regard to him.

Miss Estelle Woodruff, being about the same age as Blakeman, also grew up in the same atmosphere of hysterical reform. She heard persons talking about the frequency of divorce, marriage being a failure and kindred subjects, and her mind was very susceptible to absorb new theories. Blakeman found few women to sympathize with him in his notions about marriage—most reforms begin with a paucity of numbers—and when he met Miss Woodruff and made an easy convert of her he was much pleased with her. He was much pleased with her—this is, he was much pleased with himself for having struck into a new path—and considered the girl above the ordinary in that she had appreciated his ideas.

There is an infinite variety of mental structure among human beings. Blakeman, who married Miss Woodruff, was of a different brain. He kept on developing in his anti-marriage theories, while she, with the coming of children, ceased to take an interest in them and at last turned against them.

Perhaps it was the discovery that he had been mistaken in his wife's mental caliber that started him in his idea that they were not fitted for each other. Their union had lost its romance and was becoming humdrum. It seemed to him that the matrimonial kiss morning and night had lost its zest. He had asserted when a bachelor that the honeymoon should last always and that when it had completely waned it was time for the couple to separate and each find a new mate.

Time came when Blakeman concluded to "be true to himself," as he put it, and claim the privilege he had reserved for himself when he married. He made several attempts to get his courage up to a point where he could tell his wife that she was not his of right and that he proposed to free himself from her and make another trial to find a real and lasting mate. At last he succeeded.

Between a passing influence in youth and a woman who had been made over, so to speak, by the possession of two little children—a boy and a girl—there was an enormous difference. She was not only surprised by her husband's announcement: she was thunderstruck. But if she had not developed she had insensibly come into a lot of horse sense. To attempt to argue her husband out of his nonsense she knew would be futile. To oppose him would be equally so. Moreover, she remembered that at the time of her marriage she had coincided with his views. It was he who had been consistent, she who had changed. It had been mutually agreed that when either wished for freedom it should be granted.

She held to her agreement, though she recognized the outcome as a great misfortune. But she was a plucky as well as a proud woman and gave no sign of what a blow she suffered. The prenuptial agreement gave the children—if any came—to the mother, and this was, of course, a godsend to her. She wondered as she looked back when the provision was made that she had very nearly assented to a conditional proposition to divide the children between husband and wife.

When all preliminary arrangements had been made Mrs. Blakeman and her children—the little ones being ignorant of the separation of their parents—took a train for the mother's birthplace, where they expected to live. Blakeman saw them off and as the train was starting kissed them all and left the car.

He stood on the platform, looking after them as they rolled out of the station, and all of a sudden a great light broke in upon his brain, and he said to himself:

"What an addle pated ninny I have made of myself!"

Going to the ticket office, he bought a ticket for the next train to follow them, and the same night, when the mother was peacefully hearing the children say their prayers, the father swooped down on them like a cyclone and took them all in one embrace.

Has Blakeman given up theory? Never! His theory now is that the family is all there is in the world worth living for, and hereafter he proposes to live for his family only. Since his theory is sound all are happy.

A Real Lottery of Marriage

By MARY T. BRYCE

I grew up with a full realization of the great risks attending marriage. I wished that a husband might be selected for me, as marriages are made in foreign countries, especially among princes. If, however, I had left the matter to my parents both of them would have died leaving me an old maid.

And being an old maid was a horror to me. I wished to be a wife, the mother of children, the feminine head of a home. My trouble was to make a selection of the man to be the masculine head. This may sound amusing, but the truth is there were several men who had proposed to me. They were all good men, but I dared not risk matrimony with any of them.

"I know what's the matter with you," said my friend, Mrs. Seamon. "You have never met a man of your own caliber—one who, the moment you saw him, you would wish to possess."

"It wouldn't make any difference," I replied. "I would not marry him. The only way for me to marry is not to know who the bridegroom is to be and be married in the dark. Once tied I would have to get used to it, I suppose."

"I am not sure but you are right. I know such a man as I have described to you. You might be married to him, just as you say, in the dark without ever having seen him. He has never seen you and was only yesterday making the same point you have made."

To make a long story short, I became engaged to John Chesborough, knowing only his name and what Mrs. Seamon had said about him. We were to be married in a dark room with not a ray of light in it. As soon as the knot was tied the lights (electric) were to be all turned on at once, and after a few moments' conversation we and a few relatives who would be present were to adjourn to another room and partake of a wedding breakfast. Then we were to part, not to come together again until mutually agreed. It might be a month, a year or never.

Had I been about to marry a man I knew and was to live with him from the day of our marriage I should have during the engagement been on the border of nervous collapse, especially on standing up to be married. As it was, it seemed to me that I was waiting to make a trip or sign a deed to a piece of property or something like that. And when I went into that dark room and my father led me to the spot where I was to be married I was perfectly indifferent as to what I was about to do.

Perhaps this does not correctly express my feelings. I felt a pleasure akin to gambling. I was like one who expects to draw a prize or a blank. How I did hope I would draw a prize! And, if I should draw a blank, what then? Simply this: If I didn't fancy him I would not live with him. The advantage in the plan was that there was something strong enough to bind us together till we might begin a wedding process.

Having been put in position, the clergyman began the services. At that part where he placed my hand in that of the groom I knew that I should like him. How? There is something in the clasp of a hand that draws us to another or repels us. I felt that the hand clasping mine was a hand of vigor and tenderness combined, and the moment I clasped it I felt a current passing through it and up my arm, distributing itself through my being.

From that moment I was so absorbed that I forgot to make the responses, and the clergyman was obliged to wait till I had done so before proceeding. When the end came and I heard the words "man and wife" pronounced I was in a delirium of anxiety. For the first time I dreaded disappointment, but I had no time to indulge my emotions. In an instant every light was turned on at once. I turned and looked up into a handsome, manly, kindly face that looked down upon mine with an encouraging smile. A clapping of hands sounded in my ears, but since my whole being was engrossed in what I believed to be a prize I had drawn in the lottery of marriage it seemed to me in some faraway theater.

My husband offered me his arm, and we led the little procession of attendants to the adjoining room, where the breakfast was served. It had been agreed that there should be no congratulations, since they might be painful. But we were so soon seated at the table that some one proposed a toast to "the first and second prize, the former drawn by the groom, the latter by the bride." I tried not to show my relief and happiness, but in spite of all my efforts a continual smile hovered on my lips and a blush burned in my cheek at every happy word spoken to me.

Our breakfast lasted till early afternoon, when one by one the others withdrew, and presently we found ourselves alone. My husband rose.

"The contract, I believe," he said, "calls for a parting immediately after the breakfast."

"Immediately?" I said, looking I know not where to avoid his gaze.

"I leave you to name the exact time."

"Then let it be later. We will visit awhile in the drawing room."

The only part of the contract that was not carried out was the parting.

I do not recommend the plan of my marriage to others, but for me it was an instantaneous and, I may say, a lifelong success.

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