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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution fixing the Salary of members of the Legislature.

AN ACT to amend Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the compensation of members of the Legislature.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

SECTION 24. The members of the Legislature shall receive from the Public Treasury such compensation for their services as may from time to time be provided by law, not to exceed one thousand dollars for each year in which a biennial session of the Legislature is held under the provisions of this Constitution, and five dollars for each day of any Special Session held during the subsequent year, and in addition thereto, they shall receive mileage in going to and returning from the State Capitol, not to exceed three cents per mile; the distance to be computed by the nearest railroad route, and the Comptroller shall prepare and preserve a table of distances for each county seat now or hereafter to be established, and by such table the mileage of each member shall be paid no member shall be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of a Regular or Called Session.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday in August, 1907, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment, shall have written or printed on their ballots, the words: "For the amendment to Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution, relating to the salary of the members of the Legislature," and all those opposed, shall have written or printed on their ballots, the words, "Against the amendment to Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution, relating to the salary of the members of the Legislature."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of the State, and the sum of \$1000 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

[A true copy.]

L. T. Dashiell, Secretary of State.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Authorizing the Establishment of a State Printing Plant.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS authorizing the submission to a vote of the people of the State of Texas of a proposed amendment of Section 21, Article XVI, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to printing, publishing, stationery, paper and fuel, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 21 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows.

Section 21. All printing and publishing, and all stationery, paper and fuel for various departments, and for all offices, whether created by this Constitution or by law, shall be done and supplied as may be provided by law, and for the accomplishment of these objects and purposes the Legislature may provide and establish all requisite means and agencies, invested with such powers as may be deemed adequate and advisable.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday in August, A.D. 1907, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words "For the amendment to Section 21 of Article XVI of the Constitution, relating to stationery, printing, paper and fuel," and all those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words "Against the amendment to Section 21 of Article XVI of the Constitution, relating to stationery, printing, paper and fuel."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Sec. 4. That the sum of two thousand (\$2000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

[A true copy] L. T. Dashiell, Secretary of State.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Creating the Office of Commissioner of Agriculture.

JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article four (4) of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 27, providing for a Department of Agriculture, with a bureau of labor.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article four (4)

of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding thereto Section 27, when a majority of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature of Texas at an election for that purpose shall vote in favor of the amendment, shall read as follows:

Section 27. The Legislature shall provide for office of Commissioner of Agriculture, who shall be either elected by the qualified voters of the State, or appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the Senate, as the Legislature may provide; whose term of office, duties and salary shall be prescribed by law; in which department there shall be established by the Legislature a bureau of labor, when required by the public interest.

SEC. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue and have published the necessary proclamation for the submission of this resolution to the qualified voters for members of the Legislature of Texas, as an amendment to the Constitution of Texas to be voted upon on the first Tuesday in August, 1907. All persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, as follows: "For the amendment to the Constitution providing for a Department of Agriculture and a Bureau of Labor." And those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, as follows: "Against the amendment to the Constitution, providing for a Department of Agriculture and a Bureau of Labor." And the sum of (\$2000) two thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publications, proclamation and election.

[A true copy.]

L. T. Dashiell, Secretary of State

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution providing for the Establishment of a Home for Confederate Widows.

Joint Resolution to amend Section 51, Art. 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, as amended in 1903, so as to authorize the grant of aid in the establishment and maintenance of a home for the disabled and dependent wives and widows of Confederate soldiers and sailors and such women as aided the Confederacy, and making an appropriation.

Section 1. Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas as amended in 1903, be so amended so to hereafter read as follows:

Article 3. Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public money to any individual, associations or individuals municipal or other corporations whatsoever; provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1880, and who are either over sixty years of age or whose disability is the

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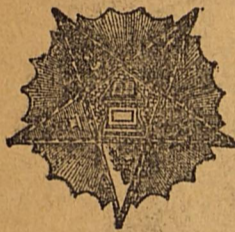
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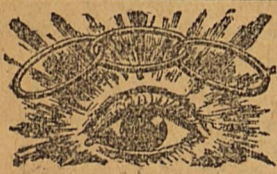
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A. D. Brownfield, Clerk.

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Lodge meets every Friday night, at 8 o'clock d. m. in the Lodge Room in the town of Brownfield.

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Bro. Miller 4th Sunday, Gomez
Bro. Estes Gomez
Bro. Fouts 1st Sunday, Arnett
Bro. Fouts 2nd Sunday, Elliot
Bro. Fouts 3rd Sunday, Sligo
Bro. Fouts 4th Sunday, Aldie
METHODIST.
Bro. Cash 1st Sunday Gomez.
Bro. Cash 2nd Sunday Meadow
Bro. Cash 3rd Sunday Gomez
Bro. Cash 4th Sunday Brownfield.
Bro. Lovelady 2nd Sunday at Brownfield.
Bro. Groves 3rd Sunday at Brownfield.
Sunday School at 10; A. M. at Brownfield and Gomez.
Singing every Friday night at Gomez and every Sunday evening Brownfield.

Merkle, the place Abilene is close to, has a daily paper, The Evening Telegram.

Jeff McLean was killed by Thomson, in Ft. Worth Mar. 22 Thomason who was shot the same evening, died next day. Hamil Scott, shot by Thomason, died May. 1st. Mrs Thomason died a day or so later at Ballinger of Appendicitis. Mrs McLean got \$12,000. insurance. Mrs. Scott left a widow without children.

Numerous petitions are being sent in to the Legislature asking against the two cent fare rate, urging that it would prevent railroads building in Texas. This is a reasonable idea too; with these prosperous times and plenty of money, we can all well afford to pay three cents per mile. It has never broke anyone, and at this time we, of the plains especially, are in much need of railroads, and it is unjust and unreasonable for our Legislature to do anything that tends to prevent railroad building in Texas. Make the farmers haul freight, that the drummers may ride cheap.

Another Pasture Going.

M. V. Brownfield has placed the West portion of his 30 section Pasture just East of town on the market. Will sell in 160 acre tracts Priced at \$8.50 Bonus and \$10.00 land giving terms so that the small farmer can meet them. The Moore Land Co. of this place will sell this land. The first sold will consist of 16 quarter section tracts.

Constitution Amendments
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proximate result of actual service in the Confederate army for a period of at least three months, their widows in indigent circumstances who have never been married and who have been bona fide residents of the State of Texas since March 1, 1880, and who were married to such soldiers anterior to March 1, 1880; provided said aid shall not exceed eight dollars per month, and provided further, that no appropriations shall ever be made for the purpose hereinbefore specified in excess of five hundred thousand dollars for any one year. And also grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, their wives and widows and women who aided in the Confederacy, under such regulations limitation as may be provided by law; provided the grant to aid said home shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for any one year, and no inmate of said homes shall be entitled to any other aid from the State, the Legislature may provide for husband and wife to remain together in the home; and provided further, that the provisions of this section shall not be construed to prevent the grant of aid in case of public calamity.

Sec. 2. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1907.

The sum of \$5000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of carrying out the provisions of this resolution.

[A true copy.]

L. T. Dashiell, Secretary of State.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Authorizing the Levy of a Road Tax.

Joint Resolution amending Sec. 9 of Article 8. of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 9a, increasing the amount of tax that may be voted for the purpose of improving public roads and to allow counties as political subdivisions of counties by a majority vote of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county, or subdivision thereof, voting at all elections, to be held for that purpose, to adopt same

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas;

SECTION 1, That section 9 of Article 8 of the constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto Section 9a, which shall read as follows:

SECTION 9a. A majority of the property tax paying voters in any county or one or more political subdivision thereof, in this State, voting at an election held for that purpose may vote a tax for road and bridge purposes not to exceed 30 cents on the \$100 valuation of property subject to taxation in such county or political subdivision of such county or may issue bonds not to exceed 20 per cent of the assessed value of the real property in such district, for such road and bridge purposes, provided that such tax, or proceeds of such bonds, shall be expended in the territory in which it is voted, and no other and this provision of the constitution shall be self-enacting without the necessity of further legislation

SEC. 2 The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas at the next general election held in this State, or in case any previous election shall he had in the State for other purposes, then this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified tax paying voters. And the sum of \$2000, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the treasury of the State of Texas for the purpose of submitting this proposition to a vote of the people of the State of Texas.

(A true copy.)

L. T. Dashiell, Secretary of State.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Providing for the Creation of Improvement Districts in Certain Cities.

JOINT RESOLUTION amending Section 9, of Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the creation of improvement districts in cities of more than five thousand inhabitants, and charging the cost of certain improvements made there in against the abutting property.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas; That Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows,

SEC. 9. The State tax on property, exclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt, and of the taxes provided for the benefit of public free schools, shall never exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation and no county, city or town shall levy more than twenty-five cents for city or county purposes, and not exceeding fifteen cents for roads and bridges, and not exceeding fifteen cents to pay ju-

rors, on the hundred dollars valuation, except for payment of debts incurred prior to the adoption of the amendment September 25, A. D. 1883, and for the erection of public buildings, streets, sewers, water works and other permanent improvements, not to exceed twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, in any one year, and except as is in this Constitution otherwise provided; and the Legislature may also authorize an additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected for the further maintenance of the public roads; provided, that a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax, not to exceed fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, of the property subject to taxation in such county. And the Legislature may pass local laws for the maintenance of the public roads and highways, without the local notice required for special or local laws.

In addition to the foregoing, cities of more than five thousand inhabitants may lay out within their corporate limits, improvement districts in which they, by and with the consent of a majority of the taxpayers owning real estate therein, may build sidewalks and charge the cost thereof against the abutting property, and build sewers and pave streets and charge one-third of the cost thereof against the abutting property on either side of the streets upon which such improvements are made in such district, and the amount charged against all such abutting property shall be deemed and held to be a tax against and a lien upon such abutting

property, and the Legislature is required to enact laws prescribing the means for ascertaining the amount properly chargeable against each parcel of abutting property, and providing for the enforcement of its collection.

SEC. 2. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the Constitution to the qualified voters of the State of Texas, on the first Tuesday in August, A. D. 1907, at which election all voters favoring this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots. For the amendment to Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution, permitting property owners in cities of more than five thousand inhabitants to create improvement districts, one-third the cost of which to be charged against abutting property on either side of the street." And the voters opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the following: "Against the amendment to Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution, permitting property owners in cities of more than five thousand inhabitants to create improvement districts, one third the cost of which to be charged against abutting property on either side of the street."

SEC. 3. The lateness in the session, the crowded condition of the calendars of both houses, and the importance of this proposed amendment, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity demanding that the constitutional rule, and Senate Rule No. 37, requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and the same are hereby suspended.

[A true copy.]

L. T. Dashiell, Secretary of State.

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Local & Personal

T.J. Price visited Yoakum Co. the first of the week.

A number of Gomez young people visited Brownfield Sunday after-noon.

W. N. Adams of Brownwood Texas spent last week visiting old friends and acquaintances here. Mr. Adams is an old school Teacher of M. V. Brownfield and their meeting was one of great pleasure. It is one of the interesting incidents of this Country to see and meet with people of old acquaintance which is a frequent occasion, coming west.

W.H.Ghist and G A Whitley of Needmore were in town last week.

Wm.Howard and family were trading in town Saturday.

Mr. Huckelberry is teaching the Needmore school.

The Brownfield Merc.Co. are adding a large addition to their Store House.

Dr.Mies of Steevville was here several days last week seeing a bout his ranch lands near here.

J. C. Green has settled on his school land recently awarded to him in the Dumas settlement, and reports that the people of that community helped him build his house, and gave him a welcome that makes him proud of his community. This is a typical trait in Terry Counties Citizenship.

Prof. McConnell and wife returned from Gains County Monday.

N.H Biggr of sligo was in town Monday. Mr. Bigger, Pat Mc Hugh and L.D.Camp have organized a Land Company at sligo, and will endeavor to settle up Yoakum County, in which we hope them much success.

The last meeting of the S. T. F Club was with Cumia Nicks at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boone. Members present were as follows:

Gaster Randal, Mabel Nicks, Cumia Nicks, Jeffie Ray Harris, Estelle Harris, and Annie Pell, Harris. After the business was discharged, very delicious refreshments were served.

On Wednesday evening last a crowd of young people attended the commencement exercises at Gomez. Three of our girls having been honored by a place in the program. A large wagon having been secured, and capacious seats arranged on each side, and the proverbial "Old Brass Wagon" never afforded more enjoyment. The program splendidly arranged and so well gotten up, was voted by all who attended, a decided success, a compliment to the town, as well as to gentleman who has labored so successfully in their behalf for the past months.

NEW BANK BUILDING.

At the regular meeting of the Brownfield State Bank held Wednesday May 8, they voted that the capital stock be raised to \$25,000.00, a nice two story concrete building be erected on S. W corner of square in which to transact their business.

Rock is on the ground for a vault and work will begin soon as possible.

Dr. and Mrs. Ellis, W. E. Ellis J. L. and Mrs. Randal, attended the concert at Gomez Wednesday night and Thursday.

A fine rain fell here Wednesday night and Thursday.

shoe Make Cane seed for sale at Brownfield Mercantile Company and at my ranch.

W. H. Gist.

Chas. Alexander, President of the Staked Plains Telephone Co. and Milton Moore local manager from Tahoka are here assisting our local manager, Geo. R. Foley in straightening up the books, and getting things in first-class order.

Aldie Siftings

Lawson Bess and John Hudson were in Aldie Sunday.

Misses Mary and Ruth Hudson were in Aldie Sunday, the guests of Misses Ara and Lillian Hurst.

R.H.Hurst has gone to Mldand on business this week.

Marion Bess was in Aldie Sunday last.

Mr.H. D. Leach was in Aldie

Mrs Reeves and Children went to Gomez to attend the Concert.

J.T. and M.E.Bowen left for Midland the seventh.

Mr.Newman was here on business this week.

Mr. Geo. Cleveland is in Midland this week on Business.

Miss Nannie Forensforth of Lockny is visiting her sister Mrs. A. Gavis.

Joe McCrary left for 5 wells ranch this week on business,

Miss Ann Pyeatt of Pride is visiting in the City this week.

W.R.Spencer made a business trip to Big springs this week.

Mr. Longbreak and family have arrived from Big springs and will make this their home.

A "Box supper" was given at the Clifford school House Saturday night May 4th. An immense crowd attended, and acquitted themselves like "True Westerners." The object of the meeting was to secure money for seating our new building. The choir and musicians rendered some beautiful selections that inspired each hearer so that when our able auctioneer E. D. Garner, began the sale of the boxes, old and young men vied with each other in paying fair prices for all boxes, which were certainly a credit to the deft fingers that filled them.

The supper was a decided success both financially and socially realizing \$110.80, and no end of pleasure. We thank those from other communities who so kindly aided us, and trust we may have the pleasure of proving our gratitude in the near future. The seats have been ordered and in a short time the house will be seated.

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And in man's soul makes light to shine? The Bible.

When sin and sorrow, want and woe
Assail poor mortals here below
What book can then true comfort show? The Bible.

What paints the beautiful and true
And mirrors at a single view
The paths which here we should pursue? The Bible

What is the brightest gift the Lord
In His great mercy did award
To man to be his shield and guard? The Bible

What teaches love and truth and peace
And bids good will 'mong men increase
And bids strife, war and murder cease? The Bible

What elevates and purifies
The souls of men, until they rise
Like brilliant stars set in the skies? The Bible

Oh! What can make this world of woe
With peace and truth and virtues glow
Till men no sin nor sorrow know? The Bible

When error fled before its foes
And Luther, like the morning rose
With what did he, Rome's crimes expose? The Bible

What is it now that baffles Rome
Where error long has found a home
In many a pagan pile and dome? The Bible

What gives to man the power and will
God's high behest to do fulfill
And points the way to Zion's hill? The Bible

When death comes knocking at the door
And man's short life on earth is o'er
What tells of bliss for ever more? The Bible

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PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Cheridah Simpson, starring in "The Red Feather," has made such a success that her manager is negotiating with a well known librettist and composer to write a new opera for her, in which she will again be seen in tights.

Statistical research by the executive staff of the Manhattan theater, New York, reveals the fact that fully twice as many women as men have been there since Grace George started in "Clothes." A possible explanation lies in the name.

Mary Marble, who supports Little Chip in Joseph M. Gaites' fine production of Julian Mitchell's "Wonderland," has become such a favorite with the ladies of the south that she has been elected an honorary member of the Daughters of the Confederacy at Augusta, Ga.

Thomas W. Ryley has finished the cast for "The Belle of Mayfair," which goes to Daly's theater, New York, in a few days, by engaging for the principal feminine part Miss Christie McDonald. This is the character that was played by Miss Edna May in London before her resignation.

SHORT STORIES.

Half the negroes in the United States are under 19.4 years of age.

The postoffice has a profit of \$15,000 a year through unclaimed money orders.

The number of murders and homicides decreased 2,000 in the United States during the last ten years.

There have been over 8,200 visitors to the Longfellow home in Portland, Me., this season against 7,757 in 1905.

A Maine schooner, the Natalie B. Nickerson of Boothbay Harbor, Me., was high line in the mackerel fishery this season, with a gross stock of \$13,800, the crew sharing \$245.

Three lives have been saved by means of a device invented by a Swedish woman named Lind for preventing people from being buried alive. It was applied to 2,200 supposed corpses.

In Johannesburg, South Africa, the agents of the Bible society were last year asked to supply fifty-three different translations of the Scriptures. In only one case, that of an Icelandic, did they fail to produce the desired translation.

Hunting the Bird of Paradise.

Inside a queer, bird-like wicker contrivance built high up in a tree the Aru islander will watch patiently for days to get a shot at a bird of paradise, perhaps the loveliest of nature's creations. His food is supplied every morning by another native, who remains at the foot of the tree during the day to secure any bird which may fall, killed or stunned. Only the adult males, with long plumes, are sought after, for were not this the case this beautiful species would long ago have become extinct. To secure living specimens the natives employ an arrow having three prongs at the end. These prongs are barbed on the inside, and the object is to shoot at the legs of the bird, which, when hit, flutters helplessly to the ground.—A. E. Pratt in Wide World Magazine.

Matter of Fact Lovemaking.

For downright prose Dr. Johnson's offer of hand and heart to his second wife would be hard to beat. "My dear woman," said Johnson, "I am a hard-working man and withal something of a philosopher. I am, as you know, very poor. I have always been respectable myself, but I grieve to tell you that one of my uncles was hung." "I have less money than you, doctor," demurely answered the lady, "but I shall try to be philosophical too. None of my relatives have ever been hung, but I have several who ought to be." "Providence and philosophy have evidently mated us, my good woman," said the doctor as he pressed a chaste salute on the lady's brow.

Defrauding the Waiter.

In a Parisian cafe an American ordered a hors d'oeuvre, sole, agneau pre sale, artichoke salad, peche Melba, and so on, and when the waiter brought him a bill of 30 francs he paid it like a man. After his change was brought he counted it and pushed a franc toward the waiter for a tip. But the man, pushing back the franc, said in gentle reproach: "Pardon, monsieur, but that is the counterfeit franc."—Argonaut.

His Income.

"They say you get 250 marks a month. I can't believe it. Tell me how."

"I get 110 marks salary; then I don't pay my rent, 40 marks; that's 150 marks; I owe the milkman 30 marks, that's 120 marks; my butcher 40 marks, 220 marks, and every month I raise 30 marks out of my friends, making an income of 250 marks a month!"—Fliegende Blatter.

Drawing a Tooth.

An elephant had a raging toothache, the agony of which caused her to nearly destroy her caravan. She was thrown on her side and roped to stakes. Two men held a pair of ice tongs fast round the aching tooth, and a couple of dray horses attached to the tongs by a rope did the rest. The tooth was sixteen inches long by three inches across.

Help in Colonial Days.

For help the colonial woman had to choose between an Indian who might scalp her if the mood or fancy so dictated, "blackamoors" not yet outgrown African savagery, the town poor sold to the highest bidder, bound convicts transported for crime or ignorant creatures who had been beguiled to board ships that carried them off to virtual slavery and "free willers" discontented under and impatient for the end of the compacts which bound them. Occasionally she had a chance to engage a respectable young woman who had come from England or Holland to find service, but she never failed to lose her through speedy marriage.—Good Housekeeping.

The Father of All Novels.

A great branch of literature, undoubtedly the most widely popular and one in which England showed the way to the world, is the novel. In the year 1740 readers were delighted with a new kind of book, a prose romance not of legend, but of their own day and manners. It was the pioneer novel, was called "Pamela," the work of Samuel Richardson, a London printer, and the great success it met with soon brought forth a host of others.

Lavish.

"Let us have some dinner on the veranda," said a nervous young gentleman during the first stage of his honeymoon.

"Certainly, sir," said the waiter politely. "Table d'hote or a la carte, sir?"

"Er—well," said the young Benedict, who was anxious to impress his wife with his lavish expenditure, "bring some of both, please!"

Getting a Fit.

"What's the matter across the way?" asked the tailor of a bystander as the ambulance backed up to the door of his rival.

"A customer fell in a fit, and they are taking him to the hospital," was the reply.

"That's strange," said the tailor. "I never knew a customer to get a fit in that establishment before."

Man.

These are the real facts about the standing of the noblest work of God—man. He is first known as the son of his mother, then the husband of his wife and ends by being known as the father of his children.—Atchison Globe.

Receding Gums.

"The best remedy I know for receding gums," says a dental surgeon, "is to saturate soda or bicarbonate of soda, used freely as a wash and also in massaging the gums. The soda solution is soothing to the irritated flesh and is also strengthening. In massaging rub the gums with a rotary motion from the roots downward so that any pus that might have formed between the teeth and the gums will be forced out, for if left around the roots the foreign matter will decay and may eat into them and ruin the teeth."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Quickly made friendships are quickly ended.

Life's most desirable pleasures cost the least.

Sorrows of life enable us to appreciate the joys thereof.

It's easy to talk philosophically if you are not personally interested.

Instead of trying to beat his record the average man should try to forget it.

Most of the things we learn from experience come under the head of compulsory education.

It has been observed that the average man is never so happy as when he is posing as a critic.

Don't forget that the brownstone front usually depends on a homely brick rear for support.

If sympathy could be converted into cash, it's doughnuts to fudge there wouldn't be so much of it wasted.—Chicago News.

Ristori's Too Grateful Soldier.

During Ristori's first engagement at Madrid an elderly woman one night gained access to her dressing room and tearfully begged her intervention on behalf of her son, a young soldier condemned to death for a serious breach of discipline. At the close of the performance Ristori was presented to Queen Isabella, made the required appeal and obtained the young man's free pardon, perhaps because it gave to the queen the opportunity of a note—that she was certain the actress had never before played in a tragedy with such a happy ending. Some years later Ristori again visited Madrid. During the first performance a soldier among the audience made a disturbance, was ejected only after severely damaging a number of policemen and was subsequently sentenced to a long term of imprisonment. He proved to be Ristori's former protegee, who, hearing of her return, had come to the theater in order to renew his expression of gratitude. Unfortunately he had drunk her health too enthusiastically beforehand, with the result that he finally owed her not only his life, but free board and lodging for several years into the bargain.—London Truth.

VALUE OF FINGERS.

What the Various Countries of Europe Allow For Their Loss.

The different fingers are far from having the same value in the eyes of the law with reference to their functional utilization. Much the most important is the thumb, for without it prehension would be very imperfect. The hand is no longer pinchers, but merely a claw, when deprived of the thumb. It may be estimated that the thumb represents fully a third of the total value of the hand. The French courts allow 15 to 35 per cent value for the right hand and 10 to 15 for the left. The Austrian schedule gives from 15 per cent for the left to 25 per cent for the right. In Germany 20 and 28 per cent and even as high as 33.3 per cent has been awarded. The percentage is based on 100 as the total industrial value of the hand previous to the accident, a loss of 50 per cent representing half of the value, etc.

The total loss of the index finger causes an incapacity estimated at 10 to 15 per cent in Austria, 16 to 20 per cent in Germany, 15 per cent for the left and 20 per cent for the right by Italian courts. The French allow 15 per cent.

The middle finger is of much more importance than the index, states Dr. Melgoun, whom we are citing and who is no small authority, for a great loss of force is observed in the hand when the finger is amputated. Yet almost all the authorities ascribe less importance to it than the index. The Italian law allows 5 per cent, the

Question and Answer.

When Nathan M. Morse was trying the Tuckerman will case before Judge McKim, Dr. Jelley, the well known expert on insanity, was one of the witnesses. One of the hypothetical questions asked of the witness by Mr. Morse contained no less than 20,000 words. The lawyer started this pithy question at the opening of court and closed only a few minutes prior to the noon adjournment. The point that Mr. Morse was endeavoring to bring out related to the mental condition of the testator when he made his will.

This is said to have been the longest single interrogation ever made in a court of law, and the answer comprised just three words, "I do not."—Boston Herald.

The Obstinate Cook.

Father—Cooking schools are of some use after all. This cake is delicious. Daughter—is it? I thought it would be a terrible failure. Father—Why? Daughter—I told the cook exactly how to make it, and she went and made it some other way.

The Freshman.

"Is Reggy improving by his life in college?" "Oh, yes; he's already learned to toe in with one foot!"—Detroit Free Press.

After the joy which springs from eight doing the purest and sweetest is that which is born of companionship with spirits akin to our own.

Different Kinds.

"Most actors admire Shakespeare." "Some do," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes. "Others are too busy thinking of how Shakespeare would admire them if he could only see them do his plays."—Washington Star.

Poor Business Policy.

"And he makes no bones about it either." "Well, he ought to go into some business where he could make 'bones.'"—Kansas City Star.

The Liberty Bell.

The famous Liberty bell, which has been much exhibited and written about, was originally cast in London, for the English government restricted the industries in the American colonies to such an extent that there was no place on this side of the Atlantic where such a bell could be made. The bell's weight was 2,680 pounds. It arrived in Philadelphia in 1752. When hung up and being tried for sound, "it was cracked by a stroke of the clapper without any other violence." It was recast in Philadelphia and this prophetic motto inscribed: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof." When the British threatened the city this bell, together with those belonging to Christ church and St. Peter's, eleven in all, were taken to Allentown, Pa., to prevent their falling into the hands of the enemies. When the war ended the bell was hung again in the place whence it had rung out the news of the Declaration of Independence.

Counterfeits.

"They bill and coo a good deal." "That's all a bluff." "Then you think they are only mock turtledoves?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Tonic.

Willie—Pa, what's a tonic? Pa—It's something you take to brace you up. Willie—Well, what's teutonic—something to brace you too much?

Look beneath the surface. Let not the quality of a thing nor its worth escape thee.—Marcus Aurelius.

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