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Newspaper Patronage.

In giving your patronage to your local paper you are helping to add to the value of your property and to build up in every way the country. The local paper is the mirror in which others see the locality and they are impressed in proportion to the substantial appearance of the home paper. The more liberal the home patronage the more certain the observer will be favorably impressed with the people it represents. This fact is so well understood in Northwest and even in West Texas that property holders contribute large money to the support of the local paper whether they have anything on the market or not. The banks of West Texas are the largest patrons of the local paper, some banks contribute as much as \$50 a month to their town weekly paper. Citizens who have large tracts of land for sale go directly to the local paper and pay it a liberal price to advertise their lands for sale. But here in East Texas the situation is different. The banks are in the list of the smaller patrons of the paper, and the men who have real estate rarely put a line in the local paper. They sometimes depend upon their own efforts to find a customer; or else place their land with a real estate agent who has many other tracts for sale and who does not patronize the local paper, but gets about 5 per cent of all sales he makes. It is not any wonder therefore that East Texas is attracting so little attention from home-seekers and from men who are on the lookout all the time for good investments. What East Texas is most in need of is publicity of what it has to offer others. The average local paper contains a few advertisements of merchants who sell to the local trade and this is the extent of the showing the paper can make to outsiders who would gladly learn what is behind the stores and papers in the way of opportunities for desirable homes and desirable investments. The home paper cannot impress the outsiders unless in what it says editorially, it is backed by propositions and offers by individuals appearing in its columns and signed by individuals or firms making them. A simple statement by a farmer of a home he has for sale or rent giving a truthful description of it and soliciting correspondence is the character of advertising which brings results and which sustains the local paper inviting strangers to our midst to make investments.—Tyler Courier.

Don't Take the Risk.

When you you have a bad cough or cold do not let it drag along until it becomes chronic bronchitis or develops into an attack of pneumonia, but give it the attention it deserves and get rid of it. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you are sure of prompt relief. From a small beginning the sale and use of this preparation has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. Its many remarkable cures of coughs and colds have won for it this wide reputation and extensive use. Sold by B. R. Guice & Son.

From Taylor County.

Buffalo Gap, Texas.—As I promised to write to my Houston county friends, I will let them hear from me through the Messenger.

I am located at Buffalo Gap, which is a valley that lays between two groups of mountains, one on the west and the other on the east. The valley is about seven miles long and from three to five miles wide. The soil is a red sandy loam. Roads are fine. An average load for a single team is from two to four thousand pounds. Hauling cotton has been the order of the day since I have been here. I have seen more cotton than I ever saw before. The climate is very little different from Houston county, only the wind can hit you on the prairie. We have plenty of wood and good water at a depth of about twenty-five to forty feet.

The people are friendly and accommodating. It don't take long to get acquainted. As to health, it is as good as anywhere in the state, I guess.

Land is worth from twenty-five to forty dollars per acre.

Perhaps some of my home folk would like to know my occupation. We are selling goods at the Gap. This is a very good business point. To those who like to hunt this is a fine place. There are lots of wolves and cats, some deer and quails. That suits me pretty well, so if any of you want to take a hunt come out and we will try it around.

Guess I will stay here for a while at least. My betterhalf is pleased and wears a smile all over her face. Alton Lively.

It is very important and in fact it is absolutely necessary to health that we give relief to the stomach promptly at the first signs of trouble—which are belching of gas, nausea, sour stomach, headache, irritability and nervousness. These are warnings that the stomach has been mistreated; it is doing too much work and it is demanding help from you. Take something once in awhile; especially after meals; something like Kodol for Dyspepsia and Indigestion. It will enable your stomach to do its work properly. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Mr. John C. Oliver and Miss Geneva Yates were married at the residence of Rev. W. N. Warlick last Sunday night.

Lame Shoulder Cured.

Lame shoulder is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and quickly yields to a few applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Mrs. F. H. McElwee, of Boistown, New Brunswick, writes: "Having been troubled for some time with a pain in my left shoulder, I decided to give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial, with the result that I got prompt relief." For sale by Guice & Son.

It depends upon the pill you take. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills known for constipation and sick headaches. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

J J Faulk for District Judge

To the people of the 3rd Judicial District of Texas: After consulting with many of friends in the district, I have decided to announce as a candidate for the nomination of District Judge, at the next democratic primary election.

I shall make the race entirely upon my own merits and qualifications, free from bickerings or personal criticisms; conceding the right to any man to run that wishes.

I may be pardoned in saying, that I think an active practice of many years of my profession not only qualify me to fill the position, but also to appreciate the weighty and delicate responsibilities it carries with it.

To most of you I am not a stranger. I have served you before. I tried then by vigilance and hard work to merit your confidence and esteem. If elected to this office, the discharge of its duties shall be characterized by the same energy and zeal shown in the performance of duty in other official positions.

I believe in official integrity in the highest degree, and that no man in office should permit any outside influence, from whatsoever source, to control or vary his acts from an honest discharge of duty, giving the lawyer a fair hearing, the litigants justice and the country honest and efficient service.

This office belongs to and is within the gift of the people of this judicial district. They alone have the right to say who shall fill it.

In primary elections I have always believed that candidates should be selected by a MAJORITY vote. MAJORITY RULE IS DEMOCRACY.

There is nothing in the law to prevent aspirants to this position from agreeing to this rule. It is eminently fair, and I am willing and prefer that the democracy of this district should say, by a MAJORITY VOTE, whom they desire to serve them as District Judge for four years. My opponents, whoever they may be, shall be treated with the utmost fairness and consideration.

If you deem me worthy to fill this place, I ask for your honorable support.

Most respectfully,
J. J. FAULK.

When you want the best, get DeWitt's Carbolic Witch Hazel Salve. It is good for little or big cuts, boils or bruises, and is especially recommended for piles. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

If a cough once gets into your system it acts on every muscle and fibre of the body and makes you ache all over. It especially affects the intestines and makes you constipated, so in order to get rid of a cold thoroughly and without delay you should not take anything that will tend to constipate. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts upon the bowels and thereby drives the cold out of the system. It contains no opiates—it is pleasant to take and is highly recommended for children. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Reynard News

Reynard, Jan. 12—Hog killing time has come at last and we are now enjoying backbone, ribs and sausage, and we country folk can now enjoy good cold ice water like you town folk do in the summer time.

We enjoyed several of Bro. Green's sermons. We have heard several evangelists, but none like him. We Methodist folk are proud of Bro Green.

There is not much excitement over the railroad survey through here, but will keep you posted.

Nearly every family have more or less sickness, such as bad colds and fevers. The bad weather is just now getting in its work.

Farming is getting off rather slow. Some potatoes will be planted.

Have not heard much about the boat, but guess work on the lock and dam will begin real early.

Daniel Pennington and bride spent Thursday night with his sister Mrs. Jack Beazley. So two more souls enter the new year happy. Go thou and do likewise Mr. Editor.

May this be a good year with the Messenger.

Zack.

Try It Once.

There is more actual misery and less real danger in a case of itching, skin disease than any other ailment. Hunt's Cure is manufactured especially for these cases. It relieves instantly and cures promptly. Absolutely guaranteed.

Prof. T. P. Perkins went down to Crockett Saturday afternoon to meet a committee of teachers in regard to the summer normal to be held this summer. The business was not finished and another meeting will be held in February. Mr. Perkins informs us that this will be the best normal in East Texas without a doubt, and there is some chance for Grapeland to secure it. We have Crockett and Lovelady to bid against, but we want it if it can be got. There will be at least one hundred teachers in attendance, and that means lots of money turned loose in the dull season. Let us put forth our best efforts to secure it.

Don't Jar You?

To have a cough that you can't leave off—even when you go to bed? Put it away for good by using Simmons' Cough Syrup. It heals inflammation of the throat and lungs—gives you rest and peaceful sleep.

W. S. Johnson left Monday for Palmetto to look over the situation, as he contemplates moving to that place.

Fever Sores.

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Higher Education

There has been a good deal of talk about the higher education of women. I believe in it. When I marry I want an educated girl—if she will have me. After a woman marries she is confined so closely to the house that she has not as good an opportunity to grow in wisdom and experience as the man who works in the world and is constantly meeting other men and discussing politics and business. And for that reason she is chief teacher of the children, with whom she is constantly associated. What I know and what I am I owe chiefly to my mother. Father was always too busy to teach the kids—and too impatient. The right kind of an education teaches women patience and kindness as well as book knowledge. My mother knows enough music to play for us when when we want to sing or have a little dance at home, and it makes home jolly. I hope when I am old enough I will be as lucky as my father in getting a wife—and I am going to try to deserve the love of such a woman by trying to equal her as nearly as a man can in purity, honor, industry and goodness.—Mother's Boy.

It Will Stay There.

In my family medicine chest no remedy is permitted to remain unless it is proved beyond a doubt the best to be obtained for its particular purpose. For treating all manner of skin troubles, such as Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, etc., Hunt's Cure has held its place for many years. I have failed to find a surer remedy. It cures itching instantly."

R. M. Swann, Franklin, La.

Mrs. Dewitt Coker returned to her home in Athens Sunday after spending several weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Royall.

J. R. Luce returned Saturday from Memphis, Tenn., where he had been to attend a farmers union meeting. He says they resolved for "15c or bust."

It is learned here that Judge J. F. Weeks of Palestine, law partner of G. R. Whitley, will make the race for State Senator from this district.

For goodness sake don't be a knocker. If you have a grouch nurse it to yourself, hide your hammer and let other people pursue the even tenor of their way without being bothered by listening to your tale of woe.

A newspaper may boom its town through its editorial columns, but a critical investor looks to the advertising columns for substantial evidence of push and life. To him they are the thermometers measuring the intensity of public warmth. They are the pulse which indicates the healthy condition of the collective body of the people. They tell him whether or not the community is up to time in business matters.

Cottonseed Meal for Horses and Mule

An Address delivered before the **GEORGIA COTTONSEED CRUSHERS' ASSOCIATION**.
By Hon. Henry C. Hammond,
Judge of the Superior Court,
Augusta, Ga.

(Continued from last week)
There are in the fifteen cotton producing states today, 5,698,114 head of horses, 2,594,199 head of mules, each one of these should eat at least nine pound a day or four sacks of cottonseed meal annually. This would mean a brand new demand on the cottonseed meal market alone in the States where it is produced, of 1,658,462 tons per annum, or a half million tons more than is actually made.

The value of commercial fertilizers is determined by the amount and value of their three ingredients—ammonia, phosphoric acid and potash. In the same way the value of a horse feed may be ascertained by determining the amount and value of its three principal components—protein, carbohydrates and ether extract. One of the latest estimates, based on the value of many different animal feeds, places their value as follows: Protein one and one-half cents per pound, carbohydrates one cent per pound and ether extracts five cents per pound. Let us now, in the light of these conservative valuations, compare corn, pre-eminent ly the leading horse feed of the South—of America—with cottonseed meal.

A TON OF CORN CONTAINS:

10 per cent, or 200 lbs of protein worth	\$3.00
70 per cent, or 1,400 lbs. carbohydrates, worth	14.00
5 per cent, or 100 pounds of ether extract worth	5.00
Giving a total value of	\$22.00

Yet corn is retailing today for \$30 per ton.

NOW ONE TON OF COTTONSEED MEAL CONTAINS:

40 per cent, or 800 lbs of protein, worth	\$12.00
30 per cent, or 600 lbs of carbohydrates worth	6.00
13 per cent, or 260 lbs of ether extract worth	13.00
Giving a total value of	\$31.00

Yet cottonseed meal is retailing for only \$25.00 per ton.

By their true food values cottonseed meal is worth \$9.00 per ton more than corn. But assuming the present market value of cottonseed meal to be about right corn is actually worth only \$16.00 per ton and is selling for \$14.00 more than it is really worth.

Or on the other hand assuming the present value if corn to be about right, cottonseed meal is actually worth \$39.00 a ton and is selling for \$14.00 a ton less than it is really worth.

In spite of these plain facts, in spite of oft repeated experiment in spite of the most authoritative utterance cottonseed meal, in the eyes of the Southern feeder is a doubtful proposition while a grain of corn looks as big and as sure as a brick. When he hands the old mule over some corn and fodder he has the same inward satisfaction and confidence that inspires the christian who says his prayers before getting into bed on a cold night.

In an official report of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, 1904, the state chemist Mr. Jno. M. McCandless, on the subject of horse and mule feeds, writes: "When the Georgia farmer has failed to raise sufficient corn for his mules, the cost of feeding his work stock, when he has to buy western corn at ruling high prices, must make a ruinous inroad on the net sum he gets for his cotton crop. Many farmers feed their stock 20 pounds of shelled corn and 10 pounds of fodder (blades) and think they are feeding them in the best manner. As a matter of fact the poor mule gets out of this ration only two pounds of protein, when he should at hard work, have nearly 3; and gets over 19 pounds of carbohydrates when a rational standard of feeding would only call for about 13, the nutritive ratio of the corn and fodder ration being 1:9.6, when it should approximate

1:5.4. A comparison of cottonseed meal with corn as to its feeding value shows the great superiority of cottonseed meal."

With such unequivocal endorsement from the highest sources cottonseed meal must eventually come into its own as a horse feed. Mr. McCandless then gives the following grain ration formulas: "Light work: 8 pounds ground corn and oats, 1 pound cottonseed meal; Average work: 10 pounds corn and cob meal, 2 1-2 pounds cottonseed meal; hard work: 10 pounds corn and cob meal, 4 1-2 pounds cottonseed meal."

Let me give in a word my experience, rather than my views and conclusions, on the horse feed problem: Several years ago, when I was a cottonseed crusher, on a small scale, (I am not now even remotely connected with that worthy calling) it was at certain times better to do anything with meal than to sell it. There came into my family unexpectedly, two colts. Just like a baby is never wanted until it comes, and then immediately the household goes crazy over it; just so I took on about my colts. At that time oats were about \$36.00 per ton, and corn about \$26.00. I began feeding my mares on these expensive grains, ground, with a little cottonseed meal dusted in. They took to it all right, and before the colts were six weeks old, they were nibbling at their mother's feed. Since more colts, have come. The oldest are now five years old, and none of them have ever passed a day in their lives without eating some cottonseed meal. They have never been out of fix. The older ones weigh 1100 pounds and are 16 hands high—decidedly larger than dams or sires. They have carried me fifty miles a day without breathing deep.

There is a clean cut decisive example of cottonseed meal as a component part of a horse's ration.

I will simply add to the above testimony that for the past five years my stable has consisted of ten pleasure and work animals—one a mule that could pull a lion out of his den—and every one of them has been fed daily with one pound or more of cottonseed meal. I have never seen a sick one in that time, or one that was not ready for work. I have had the good fortune to win some blue ribbons and silver cups, and I may be pardoned for adding, and I do so in the interest of truth only, that when I drive up to the church grounds the pelopee look up and say: "Who comes?"

HENRY C. HAMMOND,
Augusta, Georgia, June 20, 1907.

San Antonio the lowly and neglected peanut has sprung into popular favor in Texas as a forage crop and a wave of peanut enthusiasm is sweeping over Texas. Already two large peanut mills have been established one in East Texas and one at Falfurrias, in this section. This latter now building will have a capacity of 100,000 bushels of peanuts, a month and will give employment to 100 persons. This factory announces that it will pay 75 cents a bushel for peanuts of the right variety. Arrangements have been made for the farmers in the adjacent territory to plant 3000 acres in peanuts this spring. In addition hundreds of acres over Southwest Texas are being put into peanuts. In some localities they are pulled up by the roots and baled for forage as hay and alfalfa. At other places the hogs are turned into the peanut fields and fattened for market. As feed for hogs and mules the peanut is considered superior to all other forage plants. As food for human beings it is also highly nutritious and much used. Roasted peanuts, peanut candy are common, and experiments in making peanut flour have been tried. A large St. Louis commission firm has bought a large farm near here and is raising high grade peanuts for the market. From the commercial world the peanut has passed into the social life of Southwest Texas, and Progressive Peanut Parties are all the rage occupying a place in popular favor analogous to enche and bridee in other sections. The skill of the game consists in conveying peanuts upon the blade of an ordinary table knife from one part of the room to another. The

peanuts are then roasted and philopenas are eaten by the young folks with kisses as forfeits. In short, the peanut is filling a large place in Southwest Texas just now and is proving a valuable addition to the State's products.

SMOOTH SWINDLER.

Woman Imposes Upon New York's Swell Social Circles.

Guest of Prince Louis of Battenberg when the royal English visitor gave his famous ball on his flagship, the Drake, two years ago; associate of Mrs Stuyvesant Fish and other society leaders; member of the widely known women's clubs of the city, and close friend of General James Grant Wilson, soldier and author, who escorted her to Prince Louis' ball, Mrs. John Van Ness Roberts, who died in her apartments at 227 Riverside Drive from strychnine poisoning on Friday, was identified positively today as Louise Vermeule, swindler, forger, hotel beat and clever all-around confidence woman.

None of the friends of Mrs. Roberts would believe today that she was Louise Vermeule. It was hard for them to realize that the handsome looking, vivacious brunette, who gave many entertainments in the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, who seemed so wrapped up in her work of ministering to the poor, was swindling men and women in various parts of the country when she was not attending to her social or charitable duties.

General Wilson almost collapsed when he was told tonight that the woman whom he had escorted to Prince Louis' ball was a notorious swindler. He said he met her in the home of a prominent society woman, and that when she showed him a personal invitation from Prince Louis to the first royal ball ever given in this country and asked him to act as her escort he did not hesitate to do so.—New York American.

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The World's News of a Week

Interesting and Newsy Happenings Boiled Down
for Busy Readers of The Republic

STATE

Waco.—A rather unique marriage of two couples of Chinese was solemnized by Justice Dilworth.

Beaumont.—The production of oil in December showed an increase over November.

Austin.—The majority of petitions received by the Commission are against a lower railroad fare.

Austin.—W. L. Sill has been chosen successor to W. F. Ramsey on the Penitentiary Board.

Llano.—A kaolin company with \$350,000 capital will operate the kaolin beds of Edwards and Llano Counties.

Beeville.—Arrangements are being made by a California man to plant the largest orange orchard in the State.

Austin.—Governor Campbell says he will call a special Legislature, but not soon.

El Paso.—The biggest oil gusher yet struck has been opened in the Pecos valley, extending the power fuel greatly.

Houston.—The business men of Houston are planning another trading excursion for February.

Burge.—A number of stores were destroyed by fire Saturday morning.

Hallettsville.—Mr. Beaumier of the Herald, was shot and killed, Saturday morning. His wife is held in \$2000 bond.

San Antonio.—The South Texas Onion Growers' Association met in San Antonio Monday and considered matters relating to the spring trade.

Lampasas.—The banks have removed restrictions, so depositors can withdraw any amount.

Galveston.—Rates have been lowered on steamer passage, and an increasing number of immigrants from German ports is looked for.

Austin.—Judge Calhoun granted the State's motion for a receiver of Standard Oil properties in the State.

Austin.—After personally examining the various roads of the State, the Commission ordered improvements to the extent of \$2,000,000 to be made within the next year.

Austin.—The first report under the Robinson Insurance Law has been made with the State Treasurer, by the Philadelphia Life.

Fort Worth.—A serious break is threatened by warring factions of the Farmers' Union.

Austin.—The report of the Banking Commissioner who had charge of the West Texas Bank and Trust Company's business, declares the bank to be perfectly sound.

Burnet.—The Don Gray murder trial, transferred from Llano County, has been begun for the third time.

Laredo.—A number of State Rangers have been summoned to attend the trial for the killing of Gregoria Duffy at Rio Grande City.

Austin.—Judge Calhoun appointed Guy A. Collett receiver of the Standard Oil properties in Texas.

Houston.—A meeting of the business men was held to look after the interests of business and commerce as it is affected by legislation.

Dallas.—The newspaper men of Dallas banqueted William S. Sterrett, upon his resignation from the Dallas News, to make the race for Congress in the Fifth District.

Houston.—A carload of Japanese from Los Angeles have arrived and gone to the rice fields to work.

Crystal City.—The effort of Mr. Holman to establish a colony of professional people in need of change and rest, is meeting with success, and the Lake Farm in Zavala county will be open for temporary or permanent residents.

Fort Worth.—Fire destroyed the freight depot of the T. P., with a property loss of \$250,000.

Cleburne.—The Swine Breeders' Association in session at Cleburne, urges Texas people to go more extensively into the hog raising industry.

DOMESTIC

San Diego, Cal.—Thousands of spectators, including officers of the Pacific squadron, gathered to witness the unveiling of the monument to the memory of those killed in the Bennington disaster.

applying as individuals for work, are securing it.

Spence, Ark.—An escaped convict killed his wife, two neighbor women and a man, then made his escape.

Boise, Idaho.—The jury decided that Pettibone was not guilty of complicity in the murder of Steunenburg.

Oklahoma City.—Governor Haskell has appointed his own legal advisers, to keep from asking the assistance of the Attorney General, whom he does not care to come in contact with.

Ely, N. M.—A number of miners they can be rescued before it is too late.

New York.—While skating, two boys, and a man who tried to assist them, broke through the ice and were drowned.

Chicago.—Hundreds of thousands of the Shetto district are on a rent reduction crusade.

Pittsburg, Pa.—A Pastoral letter is being issued by the Catholic Bishops, forbidding priests to marry persons not residing in their own parishes.

Muncie, Ind.—The troops called out to keep down rioting in the street car strike, have the situation under control.

Washington.—Congressman Slayden has introduced a bill, favored by Secretary Root, for a creditable Embassy home at Mexico City.

Frankfort, Ky.—The struggle for supremacy in the tobacco growing belt of Kentucky and Tennessee is growing very acute, and much trouble is likely to occur.

Cairo, Ill.—Saloon keepers are strictly obeying the law, fearing local option will be the alternative.

New York.—Fifty thousand renters are organizing to secure reduced rents in East Side, where serious riots have occurred when landlords would collect rent.

Goldfield, Nev.—Governor Sparks has sent to Austin for a copy of the law creating the Texas Rangers.

Topeka, Kas.—Governor Hoch has called a special session of the Legislature, to consider the advisability of guaranteeing deposits in State banks.

Washington.—The report of the Interstate Commerce Commission reports great progress made in securing enforcement of the railroad laws.

New York.—Legal insanity is to be the sole defense in the Thaw trial now being held in New York.

Washington.—The Employers' Liability Law has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

Washington.—Congressman Garner introduced a bill asking that a 25 feet channel be made connecting Aransas Pass and Corpus Christi.

Washington.—A bill has been introduced by members of the Finance Committee to meet the present financial conditions, allowing \$250,000,000 emergency notes to be issued.

Ciudad, Juarez.—A thousand people are homeless and depending on Government aid, having been sent here by the railroads where they were working on sections.

New Orleans.—The Eighteenth annual reunion of Confederate Veterans will be held in Birmingham, Ala., June 9-11.

Peoria, Ill.—Fifty or more tobacco and cigar manufacturers, of the Middle West, employing union labor, met to devise ways and means of breaking up the so-called tobacco trust.

Washington.—In the Supreme Court, Texas won the land suit that gave it 13,000 acres, a part of the Garza grant, in Hidalgo County, that a number of San Antonio people are interested in.

St. Paul, Minn.—Judge Sanborn, of the United States Circuit Court, appointed A. B. Stiekney and C. F. Smith receivers for the Chicago & Great Western.

New York.—The Federal Grand Jury is expected to make more indictments in the Helnze bank case.

Oklahoma City.—The Republican State Committee is in favor of Taft's candidacy.

Memphis, Tenn.—At its annual session the Farmers' Co-operative Union resolved to ask for laws allowing the government to loan money direct with land as collateral.

Chicago.—The Government wants the Standard Oil bond raised from \$6,000,000 to \$29,000,000, claiming that could be realized on Standard property.

Kansas City.—Four men tried to raid the "Katy Pier" while in the yards at Kansas City, but were scared off by the conductor and porter.

Paris, Ky.—Night riders have been busy again, burning two independent warehouses in two small towns.

Washington.—Senator Culberson has introduced a bill requiring National banks to be mutually responsible for deposits subject to check.

New York.—Dunn & Co. report 11,725 failures in the United States for 1907, about 1000 more than for the preceding year.

Guadalajara, Mex.—A shipment of 4000 tons of rails from Russia arrived at Tampico, to be used on the extension of the Southern Pacific.

'ZIMMERS

A Thrifty Little Town Populated With Thrifty People.

To The Republic:

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Mr. Vonderbaum, the manager of the Schertz Mercantile Company, states that Christmas trade was good, and further says that there is only about 200 bales of cotton being reserved by growers in that section.

A Sudden Uprising.

A picnic was in progress, and a benevolent and elderly lady took much enjoyment in seeing the delight of the "it"—Youth's Companion, children who were sporting themselves in her grounds.

She went from one to another, saying a few kind words to each. Presently she seated herself on the grass beside Tommy, a little boy with golden curls and an angelic expression. But as soon as he observed her sitting beside him Tommy set up an ear-piercing howl.

"Have you the stomach ache?" she asked anxiously.

"No, I ain't," snapped Tommy.

"Perhaps you would like some more cake?"

"No!" roared the angelic child.

"Wot I want is my frog wot I caught!"

"Frog?"

"Yes, my frog; you're sitting on

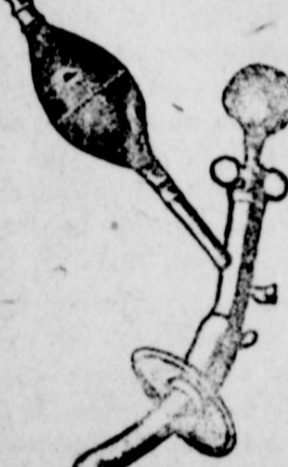


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THE MESSENGER.

A Letter From The Philippines.

"Julius" notes that I told what the Filipinos did during the earth quake but did not tell what I did. Why, as I do not possess the mustard-seed variety of faith I didn't do anything. Those who have that faith which will remove mountains may afford to ask the Divine Legislator to violate the laws of his own making. I can not remove a mountain unless I should live long enough to dig it down with a pick-axe and spade; therefore I spared myself the folly of getting scared and trying to stop an earthquake.

What a change one short year has brought! A year ago on Thanksgiving Day we dined with a friend in Grape-land. I remember that the variety and quality of the good things that crowned that repast were equalled only by the good cheer and hospitality of that congenial home. I remember also that we soon quitted our places on the front gallery to seek a station by the fireside. This year the mercury played around 84 F all day. We dined at home. No such variety of goodies loaded our board. In fact, we didn't even have a turkey. Our neighbor on the next lot has six of the strutting creatures but he would not part with them for either love or money. It was our cook Arkansas who finally solved the dinner problem for us by knocking a huge rooster on the head and fixing him up just like a turkey. I doubt whether we would have ever known the difference if he had not told us.

During the last month we have been at San Fernando, the capital of our province, teaching in the Provincial Normal Institute. We will remain here until Christmas. There are more than two hundred Filipino teachers in attendance as students. There are ten instructors, all of whom are Americans. I devote all my time to Methods of Teaching. Every student comes to my room once a day. Miss Nannie is assistant in the industrial department. She teaches the weaving of mats, bags, hats, baskets, etc. We felt some regret at leaving our work at Arayat in the hands of substitutes for two months but we feel very proud of the compliment the Division Supt. paid us by appointing us to teach in the Normal when we are among the newest teachers in the province. We daily come in contact with twenty or more Americans. This makes us feel quite at home.

I have met a number of missionaries since I have been in the orient. I am surprised to learn that the position of missionary is not so extremely trying. I was

formerly led to believe that none save the most consecrated natural heroes who had heard of the "G. P. C." and who dared not refuse for fear of the Divine wrath could ever go "beyond the reef" to proclaim the unsearchable riches. I know some Presbyterian missionaries in Siam. They tell me that their church pays an unmarried man or woman missionary \$550 per annum. If he or she is married the salary is \$1100, and the work is neither difficult nor dangerous. According to the statements which some of the missionaries in China made to me, they are receiving salaries which enable them to maintain their homes in perfect comfort and with some degree of luxury. I am a living witness to the fact that the Methodist missionary who lives here in San Fernando has an accomplished wife, lives in a painted house, drives a nice rig, wears good clothes and receives an annual salary of \$1200. It is with much pleasure that I note these facts. Missionaries should have good pay and comfortable surroundings for nearly all of them are people of ability and could earn good salaries in some other line of business. But those people in the states who peddle pathetic stories about the hard and stunted lives of missionaries should get ashamed and sin no more along that line.

The missionary cause has its occasional freak just as everything else has. These always do harm to whatever cause they embrace. A friend of mine who recently crossed the Pacific says there was a woman missionary on board bound for India. She claimed to have the "power of tongues" which enabled her to speak any and all languages without learning them. To demonstrate her wonderful power, she delivered a sermon to the 140 Chinese on board. John Pigtail shook his head and said "No sabe". Verily, the day of miracles is past. He who falls back on that old stunt in this enlightened age will get the "horse laugh" from the average person in any nation.

This tropical climate is hard on the exterior of a fellow's pate. The Filipino can grow a fine crop of hair but most Americans lose a good part of what they already had. A long time ago it was said the hairs of our head are all numbered. If this useless practice is still kept up, it must be provoking to the tellers who have charge of this department, as they must be constantly re-adjusting their figures. I regret to see my raven locks thinning out so fast, but there is one consolation: while my hair is getting thinner I am otherwise getting thicker. At my present rate of progress it will not be long until I am as bald headed and as fat as the Major.

English nurses used to scare naughty children into being good by telling them King Richards would carry them off. Twenty years ago (when I was a tiny baby) American mothers often found it necessary to tell how fond Old Nick was of squalling kids. The Filipino mother throws her refractory cub into the Jim-Jams by threatening him with the "Americano". Either the Richards or Nick would fail to produce the desired effect on the mind of a Filipino kid in the enjoyment of a good squall.

To day has been a glorious time with the Filipinos. Not that they care anything for Thanksgiving Day but because a holiday always means an opportunity for much extra cock fighting. This

national sport is forbidden by law on all days except Sundays and holidays. The "tao" in calico pants gets very hungry for a fight from Sunday to Sunday, and a holiday in the middle of the week is always hailed with rejoicing. You ask why the law restrict cock-fighting. Why, to be sure, if it were not for the law a large percent of the population would be engaged in the one business of pitting their gamblers against each other. The fighting cock is cared for much more tenderly than any other member of the family. When his owner is at home, the rooster occupies a favorite place in the front yard where he is constantly fondled and caressed by some one of the family. And when the keeper of the gallant chanticleer goes anywhere he always takes his pet in his arms, a thing which I have never seen him do for one of his children. If the tao should go out to witness a performance by Mollie Bailey (or Joe either) he would be certain to take along his cock. It is said that the cock pits are attended by crowds of people, many of whom are anxious to stake all they have on the success of a favorite bird.

The Filipino is a great kicker; not the chronic grumbler that we often call a kicker, but a real physical kicker. He reminds me of a girl I used to know. It was at the age of sixteen when she stood in No. 7's and tipped the beam at 160 that the said miss made her debut in society. She knew nothing of social usages except that girls "went with" the boys they liked and "kicked" those they didn't like. A certain swain who took a fancy to the coy maid crept up sheepishly behind her and pinching the brim of her hat as was the then and there custom, said "May I C U home?" The maiden wheeled around and planted a lusty kick on the shin of her would-be suitor. That's how the Filipino kicks. The cruel parent never beats his children, he kicks them; the coacher kicks his horses, and in fact kicking is the national means of defense and offense. The one-legged Filipino is the most defenseless creature imaginable. His condition is only half told by the old Proverb about the one-legged man at the kicking.

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For District Judge.

By reference to the proper column will be found the announcement of Hon. J. J. Faulk of Athens for District Judge. No doubt Mr. Faulk needs but little introduction to the people of Houston county, he having served as district attorney a number of years ago. Mr. Faulk asks your consideration when you cast your vote.

Catarrh and Headache.

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Palestine, Texas, Jan. 11.—This afternoon at 2 o'clock the jury in the case of Esau and Ellis Nelson, charged with murder, returned a verdict of not guilty. The case has occupied the time of the district court all this week and has created a great deal of interest. It was brought here on a change of venue from Houston county and the defendants were charged with killing Mr. Alexander and wife.

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J J Faulk, of Henderson County

LOCAL NEWS.

See Howard before buying.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shipper is right sick this week.

Quick sales and small profits at Howard's.

Have your clothes pressed, the cost is very small. Odell Faris.

Buy your seed potatoes from Geo. E. Darsey. A car just received. Prices right.

Constable Spence is confined to his bed this week with a stubborn case of lagrippe.

Let us have your chickens and eggs at highest market prices at Howard's.

Miss Cammie Thompson returned to her home at Ioni Wednesday after spending some time here visiting Mrs. W. H. Lively.

Miss Ada Robertson of Palmetto spent a few days this and last week with her friend, Miss Callie Spence.

P. H. Burke, representing the Galveston News, was in town Wednesday in the interest of his paper.

See what you need in the grocery line and get our prices before you buy.

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Buy your onion sets from F. A. Faris'.

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Five gallons of Eupeon oil for 85c at W. R. Wherry's.

Let Odell Faris fix up your old clothes.

Big lot of shoes just received at Faris'.

Go to W. R. Wherry's the grocery man, for fresh groceries.

All kinds of breakfast food at W. R. Wherry's.

Buy your dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes and plow tools from Faris.

FOR SALE—1 cultivator and 1 No. 4 Oliver plow.
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There is lots of sickness in the community this week—mostly bad colds and lagrippe.

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Oscar Beazley has returned home from Ford county where he run a gin last fall.

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Don't be too late, but buy your seed potatoes before they are all gone. Darsey is unloading a car this week.

Buy your kelly plows, beams, handles, points, harness, collars, and Georgia stocks at F. A. Faris'.

The revival at the Methodist church closed Tuesday night and Bro. Green returned to his home in Houston Wednesday. The meeting was a great success, and no doubt seed were sown that will bear fruit in abundance for years to come. Thirty-three members were added to the church.

To arrive this week, a car of flour, chops, brand, and meal at F. A. Faris'.

Tuesday was election day at the bank and the following board of directors were elected for the ensuing year: Geo. E. Darsey president; T. S. Kent, vice-president; S. E. Miller, cashier; W. G. Darsey, Joe Adams, Arch Baker, W. F. Murchison, J. H. Beazley. We understand that Mr. Brooks has disposed of his entire interest in the bank. He was former vice-president.

THE ALARMING INCREASE OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

"He died of Bright's Disease." Hardly a week passes that this statement is not made in reference to some prominent citizen.

The increasing prevalence of this disease makes the present time seem most opportune for discussion in the hope that some who are unconsciously afflicted with this dreaded disease may receive timely warning.

A prominent citizen residing in a nearby town informs us that he suffered for nearly a year from Bright's Disease, but that he recently affected a complete cure.

"What seemed to be the first indications of the trouble," was asked. "They seemed hardly worth noticing. My digestion bothered me at times, my stomach seemed out of order, and I had occasional backaches, but I thought it was due to too much work."

"Did you take anything?" "I did not. Later, my strength failed me, I had severe pains in the back and noticed some irregularities of the urine, I couldn't sleep well at night. I then used some simple remedies, but without benefit."

"Did you realize that your trouble was Bright's Disease?"

"I never thought of such a thing. Finally, my condition became serious. My back ached all the time, I had shooting pains in my joints and a weak tired feeling at the knees, a little work played me out completely. I then began doctoring for kidney trouble but did not improve very much."

"Did you have any trouble with your heart?"

"Yes. I had spells of heart throbbing and a nervous faint feeling. I thought I had heart disease and treated awhile for that. Nothing seemed to help me. I had to give up trying to work."

"How did you affect a cure?"

"A friend of mine persuaded me to try Prickly Ash Bitters. I bought a bottle of my druggist. After taking it a week I began to feel some better, my urine became more natural and there was a gradual lessening of my misery. I kept on taking Prickly Ash Bitters for several weeks and I could feel my strength returning—slowly at first—but increasing daily. I am now entirely cured of my trouble and able to do a full day's work without the least fatigue. I consider Prickly Ash Bitters the grandest kidney medicine in the world."

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If there is any shortcomings in the Messenger this week you will have to charge it up to the lagrippe. The editor and "devil" both have been afflicted with this most horrible of all maladies.

Dan Fulton died at the home of his father two miles north of town Tuesday night. Dan had been in ill health for a number of months, and while everything known to medical skill was done for his restoration, but to no avail and he steadily grew worse until death relieved him of all pain. He was an exemplary young man of about twenty four years of age, and learned station work here in the railroad office, and was holding a position at Big Springs last summer when he was taken sick. The Messenger extends sincere sympathy to the father and mother and brothers and sisters who survive him.

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A MEXICAN ROMANCE

The last piece of baggage had been lifted into the hold of the Esperanza and the signals to draw in the gang plank and move off had been given when the couple with Winfield Shipman (retired banker), his son and daughter dashed up to the pier.

They were barely in time and as the big boat moved slowly away from her dock Master Irving Shipman called to the boatman still standing on the pier, gazing at this strange trio as if in a final farewell.

Winfield Shipman's business methods had been hard and merciless, and that there was a kinder side to his nature no one but his children believed.

To them he had been father and mother, giving them everything great wealth could give, and his hard, cold, gray eyes only lighted with tenderness when he thought of them or their future.

And it was for their sake he was taking this trip, which his physicians had advised.

Master Irving had been hastily summoned from the military academy to join his father and sister on this trip and had not had time to change his uniform for the less conspicuous citizen's garb.

She was very fair, almost pale, with large, sad, brown eyes and masses of rich brown hair done in the latest fashion. Her mouth was sensitive and a faint sadness lurked in the corners, disappearing only when she smiled, displaying rows of beautiful teeth.

But she did not smile as much as a girl of twenty should.

Her mother had died when she was 12, and now her father's illness had taken a serious turn, threatening to leave her alone save for her brother.

She hated travel and she wondered what kind of a place Mexico was.

The first few days out she kept in her stateroom, taking her meals there with her father, who was unable to be about. After Havana they were gale-swept, and at Progresso ran into a "norther," and had to ride anchor for three days until lighters could get out to take off the passengers for that port.

From Progresso to Vera Cruz the weather was delightful, and Mildred spent a great deal of time on deck.

Arriving at Vera Cruz, they proceeded by rail to the City of Mexico. The ride through the mountains was as beautiful, Mildred thought, as the Alps.

They arrived late and tired and next morning Mildred and her brother went to the breakfast room alone, their father not having stood the trip so well.

It was late and there was but one other diner, a frank faced, handsome young man, wearing a flowing black tie much the same as artists wear.

He was the new engineer for the Read, Miller Construction Company of Pittsburgh, who were erecting electric plants in the city and its suburbs.

He was late and had ordered a hasty repast, and when the new comers entered he forgot it and all else save who they were.

He wondered what so lovely a creature could be doing there, for frankly Roy Kendall did not like Mexico, and wondered at anyone coming there on pleasure bent.

He did not understand the language, and he despised their life and customs.

All the way out to the work he kept wondering who she was and how he was going to arrange to meet her.

But he resolved to meet her some way and he was not to be turned from a purpose once he had made up his mind.

The little party spent the first few days visiting the lagoons, the cathedral, Chapultepec, the thieves' market and even Flacubuyo, the Mexican Monte Carlo, where the games were in progress.

The doctor had said he noted a slight improvement in her father's condition, and Mildred had resigned herself to a longer stay there hoping he might be permanently cured.

Meanwhile Roy Kendall was not idle.

He had made friends with Master Irving, who in turn had taken him to his father to obtain permission to allow him to visit the new buildings in course of construction for the city's new power supply.

Winfield Shipman liked the honest blue eyes and frank, easy manner of Roy Kendall, and had given consent for his daughter to go also.

She had been greatly interested, as he showed her the great traveling cranes and asked many amusing if not silly little questions as he took her to inspect the huge dynamo that supplied light to the ancient city of the Zoltec and Aztec.

At least, she was interested, he mused as he rode to the hotel that night, and when he arrived there and received a note from Mildred's father asking him to dine with them that night he was in his seventh heaven.

He was never more particular about his grooming than that night, and when he had finished he surveyed himself in the mirror with evident satisfaction. He found them waiting for him, and could not help notice how radiantly happy Mildred was. He fancied her face lighted up when he entered and the sadness that sometimes lurked around the sweet mouth seemed to disappear in his presence. He felt a new, strange happiness when near her, and knew

that at least he was in love.

Mildred and Roy Kendall now saw a great deal of each other. They rode together out the beautiful Paseo to historical old Chapultepec, where Maximilian brought the lovely Carlotta a bride.

Sometimes they walked to the Alameda listening to the music or wandered through the flower mart.

They both thought they had never seen a more beautiful place than Mexico.

But the slight improvement in Winfield Shipman's health proved only a temporary one and when he was not able to be about Mildred spent her time in care of him, leaving Roy to the society of her brother.

Between Mildred and her father there was a great unselfish devotion, but she loved Roy Kendall and she missed the little pilgrimages that grew less frequent each week.

Her father was growing worse each day and realized the end was near. To this crusty, old man the world had been a place to make and hoard money and he had never until now thought there was anything else of importance to be considered at death.

But the thought of leaving Mildred alone made these declining days more wretched, and he wondered what would become of her.

Then he thought of Roy Kendall. He knew he was in love with Mildred, and he was sure she cared for him.

But he knew she would never consent to any arrangement, so he resolved to see him and talk to him about it, and Mildred need not know of it.

He had liked him from the first, and the feeling had grown with the acquaintance, and he felt that Mildred would be safe and happy in his care.

He told Mildred that she might drive out to the works and tell Mr. Kendall he wished to see him as soon as reached the hotel that evening.

Roy sat in his rudely constructed office before a table littered with blue drawings. He was thinking of Mildred and wondering whether he should go to her father and tell him or whether he should speak to her first.

He wondered if she might not think him cruel and selfish to mention his love while her father was so ill.

But he must tell her and he promised himself to see her that night and know her answer.

Just then she peeped in at the door and asked gayly, "May I come in, Roy?"

"Well, I should say so," he answered, jumping to his feet and tendering the one chair the office afforded.

"How did you get away this afternoon?"

She told him of her father's wish to see him and began arranging the confused heap of drawings, all the while scolding him for the untidy condition of his desk.

He thought he had never seen her more beautiful, although the pale face showed the confinement her father's illness had forced upon her. She needs air and sunshine, he mused as he sat on the arm of her chair. He felt her tremble just a little, but she did not attempt to move.

"Mildred, you must know I love you, dear. I felt I ought to wait until your father was better to tell you this, but I know you must have understood all along. May I say what is in my heart now? Will you marry me?"

She nestled closer and he knew it was his answer. He took her in his arms and said: "Come, dear, we must not keep your father waiting."

When they reached the hotel they found the doctor there and all in confusion. One look and the doctor knew he could be of no more service. He whispered to Mildred and Roy Kendall. They knelt beside the bed and the gray eyes wandered from one to the other. The lips parted as if to speak, then all was still and Winfield Shipman was gone.—Margaret Carruthers.

DIRE PREDICTIONS.

An American Seer Frames Up a Great Store of Trouble.

Professor Lee J. Spangler of York, Pa., known as the "American Seer," ventures the following dire disasters to occur during 1908:

This world is to be convulsed in Dec., 1908, during the latter part of the month, on a Sunday, when the weather is unusually cold. There will be great signs in the skies, and the heavens and earth will tremble.

This cataclysm will be foretold by a year of great trouble, such as was never known before.

Nations will rise against nations and kingdoms against kingdoms. There will be great famines, pestilences and earthquakes in every part of the earth.

Cities will tumble down, and there will be great confusion.

The rivers will dry up and the fish of the sea will die. The sea will boil up with a great noise. Mountains will pass away and not be found. Islands will sink from sight.

Boston will go down. New York will go up in smoke. People will flee for the mountains and will not be able to find them. The land will go dry to get ready for the flames of fire.

Crops will fail and the prosperity of the land will be cut off. There will be greater distress in the money market. Banks will continue to fail, industries will close down and go out of existence.

People will become suspicious, lose confidence, draw their money and carry it in their pockets. Many of them will hide it in secret places to prevent one family from stealing from another. This is the gold that is piled up for the last days—gold that will rust in their pockets and give more trouble than good. These things cannot be stopped.

Labor organizations will be federated under one head and their power will rule the land.

There will be great enmity and wrath among the people. They will kill each other. Suicides will be many. Children will rise up against their parents and provoke them to anger. There will be two against three and three against two. Mothers-in-law will be against daughters-in-law, and awful scenes will be witnessed.

All the plagues that are mentioned in the Bible will be brought forth to harass and torture the people.

The land will be full of lice, frogs, locusts and crickets. The sting of the locust will be death.

There will be many signs in the sun. The moon and the stars will also give numerous signs of the approaching end.

During the last days the sun will turn black and the land will be filled with darkness. "Know ye then that the end is drawing nigh." Later the moon will be as blood, the stars will fall and the heavens will be shaken.

These will be the signs for the elect and saints to gather together and get ready for the coming of the Bridegroom. Then will come the sudden change, and the chosen of God will be taken up to meet him in the air.

St. Louis.—It is generally thought the Standard Oil Company is fighting to oust Harriman as a railroad factor.

Washington.—Senators Williams and DeArmond have made mutual apologies for their primitive fight on the floor of the Senate.

Hiram, Ga.—An excursion train with 200 people fell twenty-five feet from a trestle, killing one passenger and wounding many.

Lexington, Ky.—The fourth trial of Caleb Powers ended with a disagreement of the jury.

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HARDEST VARIETIES.

Several of the most beautiful of all palms are hardy enough to be grown safely out of doors much further north than is generally supposed. The secret of doing this successfully is to make sure that they never suffer for moisture during the summer months. They will then willingly rest and go into condition more resistant to frost, particularly if no irrigation, fertilization or cultivation be given for a month or so before cold weather and a mat of grass or even weed is growing around them at this season. Especially adapted for this outside use are the dates Canariensis and Sylvestris Chamaerops (the hardest of all), Washingtonias (California desert palm), Sabals, especially the fine but little-known one native to the lower Rio Grande valley, called Sabal Mexicana.

All these, and probably others, now being tested by Harvey C. Stiles in parks under his charge, are hardy all over South Texas.

Fifty varieties of the hardier sorts are now growing in the parks at Kingsville, Sarita and the beautiful home ranch of Jno. G. Kenedy, La Parra. All of these bid fair to prove hardy, having now endured two winters without injury, even while so young.

PROTECTION FROM COLD.

This is easily and cheaply given by simply drawing together the fronds or branches at the approach of freezing weather into a loose columnar bundle, and about this bind, but not too tightly, evergreen branches, corn or milo-maze stalks till the short cold period has passed.

To thus protect a score of these charming, stately royalties costs only a little—as the autumn days suggest keen weather—and their beauty is ours for the entire year. Also protection is easily secured by building a small house or box of tar paper about each at the approach of winter.

Entirely safe without this protection are all these varieties, with suitable culture as suggested, in all South Texas, that "New California," where citrus fruits, oranges, lemons, grape fruit, kumquats and many other semi-tropic fruits are now being planted.

PLANTING TIME.

If open ground, any time during the year; if potted in tubs, late in the spring, after all cool weather is past. If planted earlier they stand dormant and undecided till fall into summer. Put if set in April, May or June they will start at once and make fine, handsome growth very rapidly. However, if they have been previously well established in large pots or boxes, so that their roots are not disturbed in shifting to open soil, they can be transplanted at any time. Failure usually results in transplanting palms with bare roots, unless they be very large ones with large trunks in which to store vitality from which a new start is made.

BEAUTIFUL NATURE PALMS.

The native Sabal Mexicana palms, once a magnificent grove extending along the lower reaches of the Rio Grande for fifty miles, are now nearly destroyed by the ruthless hand of man. Thus has passed away a

treasure of priceless value to Texas, comparable in beauty and rarity with the giant redwoods of California, for the final securing and preservation of which, in one grove, the Legislature of that State has recently appropriated a quarter of a million dollars.

These Texas palms, like the redwoods, are found only in that one habitat. Their numbers are now dwindled to a mere handful of stately beauties, and even these will doubtless soon be sacrificed.

Fortunately this palm is very hardy, and specimen trees are now planted in northern cities of the State, with no injury from cold, though many years old. One in Main Plaza, San Antonio, is said to be over half a century old. It far surpasses in hardiness the eastern palmetto of the Florida coast, besides being so much handsomer and richer in foliage and form. It is a palm every Texan should take a special pride in planting in his own grounds and on public squares, parks and avenues. And everyone should lend an earnest effort to some plan to secure forever to public ownership at least a portion of this priceless grove.

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His pruning is known as the medium pruning system. His trees were set four years ago. I noticed that some of his trees were not pruned at all and that he had truck growing between the rows. Close examination showed that the trees not pruned had less fruit than the ones pruned.

J. H. Smith has followed non-pruning and medium pruning. However, he is convinced that pruning is necessary and now follows the medium pruning system.

Digressing for a moment from our subject, will say that this section is a beautiful level prairie, rendered more beautiful by the cape jasmine. This beautiful and fragrant flower is scattered from one end of the United States to the other by the Alvin florists. I once saw a field of twenty acres in full bloom, and it is a common sight to see fields of from one to three acres.

Our last stop was at the lovely home of the Misses Cook and Cook. These young ladies in "cooks" and proved it by producing some as fine cake as I have ever eaten. Here we found a dozen or more bright boys and girls busily engaged in packing and getting ready to ship the cape jasmine buds. Alvin takes the lead in this pleasant and profitable industry.

While at the Farmers' Congress I met R. W. Holbert, industrial agent of the J. C. Carpenter Fig Company, headquarters at Houston, Texas. In speaking on this subject he tells me that from 1891 to 1898 very few fig orchards were planted, but about this time a few small growers saw that money could be made by preserving the fruit and shipping it to the far north, as this could not be done with the fresh fruit owing to the perishable qualities of it. At Alvin, however, where the magnolia fig is almost exclusively grown, Mr. Coye tells me that one commission house in Houston buys all his figs fresh and he cannot supply the demand. Hr. Holbert further tells me that the demand for preserving figs is growing, and it is at present one of the most paying industries of South Texas. Great improvements have been made in the art of preserving figs and the demand is greater than the supply.

Six years ago Mr. J. C. Carpenter was a lawyer and banker in Kansas and had never seen a fig tree. He came to South Texas and embarked in the growing of figs. He has made a grand success, and is doing a great work in this line. He initiated the packing of the "skinless preserved figs;" has started plants at several points and has just completed a plant at Alvin, Texas.

Mr. Stockwell and others tell me that the demand for fig trees is rapidly growing and that at least 400,000 magnolia fig trees will be sold this year. In a short time I promise an article telling of citrus fruits and other products of South Texas.—Farm and Ranch.

Jealousy a Disease.

A Paris physician, Dr. Mairet, has formulated the startling theory that jealousy is simply a physiological disease. He says it ought to be treated like other ailments, medically, and that if so dealt with it can be cured.

Dr. Mairet considers there are three forms of jealousy—first, jealous hyperesthesia or excessive morbid excitement of the sentiments with deep feeling of uneasiness.

Second, jealous monomania, which is closely akin to a mental malady, since it frequently engenders a feeling in the afflicted person that he or she is being persecuted.

Thirdly, jealous madness, or the last and acute stage of jealous hyperesthesia, and should be treated as a form of madness.

The doctor's opinion is that sufferers from acute jealousy should be treated by daily and frequent cold douches. He has proved it to be a valuable treatment, frequently bringing a complete cure, and nearly always a great alleviation.

"Be polite to women." is the advice which stares at one from placards placed in prominent positions in the Paris theaters, railway stations, cars, etc. This is the work of a new league formed to encourage politeness in France. It is called the League of Respect to Women.

For many years past the old traditional French politeness has been dying out—some say it is the democratic spirit of the republic which is to blame. For instance, in France no man ever thinks of giving up his seat to a lady who is standing in a car, and if a foreigner offers his seat he is regarded with surprise and curiosity.

Men smoke in non-smoking apartments without asking permission of any woman who may be present. Men push women to one side of the theaters and railway stations, and do not beg their pardon for jostling and pushing, and even saluting is not done as respectfully as it used to be.

The league does not intend to revive the old-fashioned and ceremonious politeness; that would be ridiculous in these commercial days, but it would like to revive or keep alive some of its former politeness toward women.

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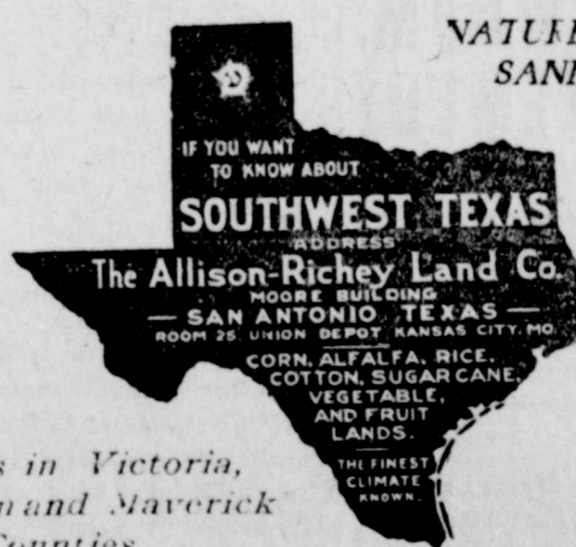
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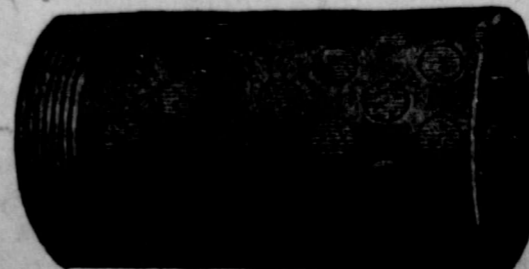
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It is estimated that over 10,000 new telegraph operators will be needed after the first of March, owing to the new National nine-hour law going into effect. This is certainly a golden opportunity for our young people who desire to spend a few months in school, then go direct into splendid positions.

Jas. Owens came home from Livingston and spent Sunday with home folks.

The Pure Food Law

Secretary Wilson says, "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Home Wedding.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents last Wednesday night, Jan. 8, Mr. Daniel Pennington and Miss Ada Ward, E-q. Jno. A. Davis officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ward, and ranks high in the social affairs of the community and numbers friends by the score. The groom is a prosperous young farmer, and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

The Messenger joins their many friends in wishing them a happy sail over the matrimonial sea.

Carrie Nation.

certainly smashed a hole in the barrooms of Kansas, but Ballard's Horehound Syrup has smashed all records as a cure for Bronchitis, Influenza and all Pulmonary diseases. T. C. H., Horton, Kansas, writes: "I have never found a medicine that would cure a cough so quick as Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I have used it for years." Sold by Carleton & Porter.

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Reproducing this statement Editor George D. Perkins writing in the Sioux City (Iowa) Journal says: "The sentiment is very pretty. But it is not accompanied by a statement that Mr. Bryan will withdraw his name from further consideration as a candidate."

Can it be possible that the only way to make a republican happy is for Mr. Bryan to withdraw from the contest of 1908.—Bryan's Commoner.

Everybody loves our baby, rosy sweet and warm
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Odell Paris.

Attorney Joe Adams was up from Crockett Tuesday to attend the election of the officers of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

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