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Let Us Remind

You that we have a bigger and better stock of high class groceries this month than ever before, and we continue the invitation for you to call and see what we can do for you. Where you can get the best goods at lowest prices is the place to do your trading, and we believe we can convince you that our place is that place.

BEALL & HUNT.

We Sell Grain and Other Feedstuff.

The Orient Grows.

Few people realize how rapidly the Orient is building up a business, and an equipment to handle it. The company now has in operation on this end of the line, four locomotives of its own and two leased from the Mo Pac. It also has two new passenger coaches, one combination passenger and baggage car, one caboose, eight combination stock and coal cars, 110 flat cars, and 320 box cars. Besides these the company now has on the way from the factory, two locomotive engines just from the shops at Patterson, N. J., two combination baggage, mail and express cars, four cabooses and four first class passenger coaches, all of which are expected to arrive this week. This gives the Orient good equipment, and should give the patrons of the road still better accommodations and prompt service.

The Orient has already been a great help to the farmers and business men of this part of Oklahoma, and when completed "I have the best line of road for a stomach in Kansas or Oklahoma."

armen Headlight.

Stomach Trouble,

been troubled with my stomach for the past four years, says Dr. L. Beach, of Clover Nook Farm, Greenfield, Mass. "A few days ago I was induced to buy a box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. I have taken part of them and feel a deal better." If you have any trouble with your stomach try a box of these Tablets. You are certain to be pleased with the result. Price 25 cents. For sale by J. D. Douthit, Leading Druggist.

Mexican Killed.

A Mexican man who has been employed with the T. & P. Steel gang was instantly killed last Friday night at Westbrook, or near there, by the passenger train which arrived here at 10:7.

The steel gang was camped near Westbrook on the railroad right of way. They had eaten supper and were setting about the camps talking, some on the railroad and others near by, and this Mexican lay down between the end of the cross ties with his head on the rail, and fell sound asleep, and when the passenger train came along his head was cut off, and the Mexican was not waked yet.

Squire Smith went out Saturday to hold inquest and says the Mexican was a resident of El Paso and has a family out there. Colorado Spokesman.

For a bilious attack take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and a quick cure is certain. For sale by J. D. Douthit Leading Druggist.

Sweetwater's Oil Mill.

While in Sweetwater Tuesday we went out north of town to the oil mill now in course of construction and went through the building. Work is progressing rapidly and the brick work will be finished in a short time. The mill is to be sixty ton capacity and if necessary could be increased forty tons more. The power will be furnished by two boilers of 150 horse power each and a 350 horse power engine. We learned with surprise that enough cotton seed has already been engaged to keep the plant in operation seven months. The men back of the enterprise are principally capitalists. Go it, Sweetwater.—Roscoe Herald.

A contract entered into by the Kansas City Mexico, and Orient Railroad Company with the American Cigar and Cigarette Company for the purchase of 320 box cars, 100 combination stock and stock cars, 110 flat and 6 caboose cars was filed for record yesterday. The price to be paid for these cars is \$577,983.00.—El Paso Daily Times.

Years a Dyspeptic.

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d St., Salt Lake City, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years; tried many doctors without relief; recently got a bottle of Herbine. One bottle cured me, I am now tapering off on the second. I have recommended it to my friends; it is curing them, too." 50c sold by Medlock & Maner.

Some unknown party made an unsuccessful attempt to buglarize the depot Tuesday night. A stranger was noticed around the depot by Night Operator Childress before and after the arrival of the east bound train. Shortly after the west bound he made his appearance at the door, but was not admitted, and stepping out side he broke in a window, presumably to gain admittance. However, the night watchman was seen coming up and the would be burglar took to his heels.

Agent McCord has made an armory out of the depot, and next night prowler will receive a warm reception.—Merkel Mail

A Boy's Wild Ride for Life.

With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, 18 miles to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption of Leesville, Ind., endured death agonies from asthma; but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of consumption pneumonia, bronchitis, Coughs, colds and Grip prove its matchless merit for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottle 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free at S. Z. Williams drug store.

Work to Begin South.

J. D. Baker, the well known farmer stockman, was in San Angelo Tuesday from his ranch near Tennyson, Coke county, bringing some good news concerning Orient railroad construction work. He stated that Thos. Trammell, of Sweetwater, who is prominently connected with the road in Texas, was at his home a few days since, engaged in securing the remainder of the right of way through Ccke county between San Angelo and Sweetwater.

"I understand," said Mr. Baker, "that the right of way has all been secured except in two instances. Mr. Trammell informed me that the work of grading on the line from Sweetwater south is to be begun at once, and that the company expect to use all possible energy and expedition in pushing along." "Saturday last at Tennyson I had confirmation of this in the statement of a farmer who lives near Sweetwater and who had advised me that a number of men and teams were at Sweetwater a few days before, ready to begin work on the southern extension, and that he supposed grading was in progress by that time.—San Angelo Standard.

A Remarkable Record.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has a remarkable record. It has been in use for over thirty years during which time millions of bottles have been sold and used. It has long been the standard and main reliance in the treatment of croup in thousands of homes yet during all this time no case has ever been reported to the manufacturers in which it failed to effect a cure. When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse or even as the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is pleasant to take, many children cry for it. It contains no opium or other harmful substance and may be given as confidential to a baby as to an adult. For sale by J. D. Douthit, Leading Druggist.

Some towns are determined not to be outdone in any line. Osage boasts of a man who has been married thirty years who kisses his wife every time he leaves home, and now here comes the Waverly Democrat with an account of a citizen of that town married forty years who not only kisses his wife when he leaves home, but kisses the hired girl when his wife leaves home.—Marcus News.

What is Life?

In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse that even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangement of the organs, resulting in Constipation, headache or Liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly re adjusts this. It's gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c at S. Z. Williams drug store.

An Ohio paper hits the nail on the head when it says: "Man's business requires haste." The average business and professional man eats in a hurry and gets dyspepsia. He walks in a hurry and gets appoplexy. He talks in a hurry and gets the lie. He does business in a hurry and becomes a bankrupt. He reads in a hurry and is superficial. He votes in a hurry and produces corruption. He marries in a hurry and gets a divorce. He trains his children in a hurry and develops spendthrifts and criminals. He gets religion in a hurry and forgets it in a hurry. He makes his will in a hurry and leaves a legal contest. He dies in a hurry and goes to the devil—and his tribe increase.

Owes His Life to His Neighbors Kindness.

Mr. D. Daugherty, well known throughout Mercer and Summer counties, West Va., most likely owes his life to the kindness of a neighbor. He was severely and long afflicted with diarrhoea; was attended by two physicians who gave him little, if any, relief when a neighbor learning of his serious condition brought him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, which cured him in less than twenty four hours. For sale by J. D. Douthit, Leading Druggist.

A Missouri orator is said to have gotten off the following: "We live in a land of high mountains and high taxes, low valleys and low wages, big crooked rivers and big crooked statesmen, big lakes, big strikes, big pumpkins big men with pumpkin heads, silver streams that gambol in the mountains and pious politicians that gambel in the night, fast young men and faster girls, sharp financiers and sharp toed shoes, fertile plains that lie like a sheet of water and thousands of news papers that lie like thunder."

Croup

Usually begins with the symptoms of a common cold; there is chilliness, sneezing, sore throat, hot skin, quick pulse, hoarseness and impeded respiration. Give frequent small doses of Ballard's Horehound glyrup (the child will cry for it) and at the first sign of a croupy cough, apply frequently Ballard's Snow Liniment externally to the throat 50c. Sold by Medlock & Maner, Druggist.

There is a protracted meeting in progress at Brownlee school house five miles west of town Revs. J. L. Elliott of Sweetwater and R. W. Lewis, an evangelist are the conductors. Considerable interest is being shown in the services and several persons attended from Roscoe last night.—Roscoe Herald.

CITY BARBER SHOP.

T. E. RADICAN, Prop. Three chairs and only first class workmen employed. Your patronage solicited. West Side of Square. Sweetwater, Texas.

Telephone Notice.

It is very annoying to people who have phones and pay for them, to have their neighbors who have none, come into see them and ask "Please May I Use Your Phone." Of course the lady of the house cannot refuse her neighbor the use of the phone, but it gets to be an old story, first one and then another comes to use it. She has to say she "Don't Mind it at all, Come in Any Time," but she don't like it. We have had many complaints from subscribers asking us to stop the practice. The people who pay for phones don't do so for the benefit of their neighbors and it is not right that they should be bothered so. We wish that you would not do it, they don't like it.

The Telephone Co.

Devoured by Worms.

Children often cry not from pain, but from hunger, although fed abundantly. The entire trouble arises from inanition. their food is not assimilated but devoured by worms. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge will cause them to cease crying and begin to thrive at once, very much to the surprise and joy of the mother. 25c sold by Medlock & Maner druggist.

Helpful Reading.

Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of The Semi-Weekly News to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

THE FARMER'S DEPARTMENT

Has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up north on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experiences of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

SPECIAL OFFER.

If you are not taking The Sweetwater Reporter you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For \$1.50 cash in advance, we will mail you The Reporter and The Galveston or The Dallas Semi Weekly News for 12 months. The News stops when your time is out.

"And who is there in all the land
That doesn't know the Mitchell brand?
Its name is great—its record grand!"

**It has been an established fact
for : : : : :
SIXTY-FIVE YEARS
That the Mitchell is the best
wagon in the world. : : :
Has always been, and still is,
made by the same family.
There is a family prize behind it. The Mitchell is the most
desirable wagon made.
It Out-lasts them All!**

Every man with a Mitchell wagon is well pleased. You
should have one.

Ed. S. Hughes & Co.,
Distributors, Abilene, Texas.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been
in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of
and has been made under his
personal supervision since its infancy.
Allow no one to deceive you in this.
All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but
Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of
Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Pare-
goric, Drops and Soothing Syrup. It is Pleasant. It
contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic
substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms
and Allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhoea and Wind
Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation
and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the
Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep.
The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS
Bears the Signature of
Chas. H. Fletcher.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
In Use For Over 30 Years.
THE CASTORIA COMPANY, 27 MURRAY STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

**Old Fellows Convention,
BALTIMORE,**
One fare plus \$2 Round Trip, sale Sept. 16, 17 and 18.
California and return, \$50; Oct. 11th to 17th.] Ban-
ker's Convention.
Salt Lake City and return Sept. 12th, 13th and
Ogden 14th. Limit Oct. 21. One fare.] National Ir-
rigation Congress.
Detroit and return, one fare plus \$2, Oct. 14, 15, and
16. Christian Church Conventions.

Rock Island System Through Sleepers to Chicago daily.]
W. H. FIRTH, G. P., T. A.,
Fort Worth, Texas.]

An Old-Fashioned Garden.
Strange, is it not? She was making her
garden.
Planting the old-fashioned flowers that
day—
Bleeding-hearts tender and bachelor's
buttons—
Spreading the seeds in the old-fashioned
way.
Just in the old-fashioned way, too, our
quarrel
Grew, until angrily she set me free—
Planting, indeed, bleeding-hearts for the
two of us—
Ordaining bachelor's buttons for me.
Strange, was it not? But seeds planted in
anger
Bour in the earth and, ere long, a decay
Withered the bleeding-hearts, blighted
the buttons,
And—we were wed—in the old-fashioned
way.
—Ellis P. Butler in Frank Leslie's.

Won By Wire

By Elliot Kays Stone
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A violent ringing of the bell brought
me smiling to the door, for I strongly
suspected that it was heading Jack.
But alas! It was only a messenger boy
calmly holding out a telegram. My
heart immediately stopped its hurried
beating, for who can tell the freight
contained in a manila envelope. Re-
lieving him of his burden as calmly as
possible, I retreated into the house;
but did not so calmly open it. The
message was an enigma. It read:
"Prove 1312. May Icu.

J. T. S."
It was from Jack—and how like
him! You must never look for Jack
to do the ordinary. I had certainly
led him a pretty chase, only to be-
come entangled in the snares myself.
He was so bold, so impetuous, so big
and strong, and withal so sunny-
natured, that my heart could not re-
sist him. I told him "No," I know not
how often, but the last few had been
"a woman's no," and had he taken
them otherwise I fear I should have
felt as blue as any jilted lass. But
defeats did not discourage him. After
each rebuff he would return to the
attack with more subtle strategy and
intrepid daring. It was only last week
that I had told him "No" more posi-
tively than ever, and I had been on
needles and pins all this time, for
fear that he had wearied of the fray;
so that, when that resolute ring came
at the door, I could think of none but
Jack.

But to return to the message. It
was surely as simple as a child's
game. "Prove 1312. May Icu." I
would not understand it.
What could it mean? "Prove 1312.
May Icu." What could 1312 prove?
Who was the May Icu?
I puzzled over this all the rest of
the afternoon and after supper
pleaded a convenient headache, that
I might retire to my room to ponder
on it more, for I was determined
to checkmate Jack at his own game.
If his wits could conceive the mes-
sage, mine should discover its mean-
ing.
Long I struggled with this vexing
problem, and had given up in despair
when suddenly its meaning dawned
upon me. "Prove 1312" could surely
be nothing but Proverbs, thirteenth
chapter and the twelfth verse. Hur-
riedly seizing my Bible, and turning
its pages faster I fear than I had done
in many days, I came to the place and
read:
"Hope long deferred maketh the
heart sick; but when the desire com-
eth, it is a tree of life."
All was clear now; his heart was
sick, and he, poor boy, desired me to
become his tree of life. He had added
on "e" to the usual abbreviation for
Proverbs, and either he or the opera-
tor had joined the numerals together.
How like my Jack! Had ever a
maiden so clever a lover?

But I must now solve the rest.
"May Icu!" This was certainly no
great compliment thus to refer to an-
other, even if she were as charming
as I knew she must be to deserve
even one of Jack's fleeting thoughts.
The jade troubled me not a little, till
my poor blind eyes at last saw that
this Miss "May Icu" was merely,
"May I see you?"
So the riddle was solved. "Ha,
ha! Master Jack!" thought I; "you
will find your Mistress Betty is quite
a match for you!" And I blushed to
think of the double meaning of my
words. But the next moment I feared
I had exulted too soon, for his mes-
sage was still unanswered, and I must
give him tit for tat.
Long peered I into the Concord-
ance, forsaking one verse after an-
other, till at last I found that which
pleased me well, and taking up my
pencil, upon a scrap of paper wrote:
"He 10-37.

E. L. M."
"There," I said, with a sigh of sat-
isfaction, "that will make him use
his wits, but if he add a letter, I can
leave one off. He should surely un-
derstand that 'He' is a Hebrew, and
turning to the proper place may read,
'For yet a little while, and he that
shall come will come, and will not
tarry.'"
"There," I mused. "If he knows
not 'tis he should come, and dares
not to do it he is not worthy of
me."
In the morning I ordered my Polly
saddled and sallied forth to speed an
answer to the ardent knave, whom I
knew was anxiously awaiting my re-
ply. Monstrous gay must I have
looked in my slinging riding-habit,
mounted on my dainty mare, for all
the beaux of the town seemed anxious
to accompany me. But my thoughts
were not with them, and I fear I must
have answered them quite coldly.
In the evening I donned my choicest
gown, and placed a single-blushing
rose within the ripples of my hair;
for that vague, indefinite I-know-not-
what-to-call-it—that strange, myster-
ious boding, that every woman
knows—that ope to her a little way
the portals of the future, told me that
Jack was coming!
I managed to restrain my desire to
greet him at the door long enough to
allow the maid to tell me that he was

Encourages Composers.
Felix Mottl, the Austrian conductor
who has signed a contract with Mr.
Conried for the coming opera season
in New York, is an especial friend and
encourager of young composers. His
idea in coming to America is, it is re-
ported, to make himself financially in-
dependent, to the end that he may
carry out certain musical aims of his
own.

King Edward's Coffeemaker.
Wherever King Edward goes now-
adays he is accompanied by his own
coffeemaker, an Egyptian named
Emin Abraham, who serves his ro-
tund majesty with the fragrant
beverage in small cups. The at-
tendant, of course, appears in all
the glory of Oriental costume. Fa-
vored friends have been privileged
to taste the carefully prepared brew,
but none of them has gone into rap-
tures over the inky-looking fluid of
which his majesty has become so
fond of late.



And taking up my pencil, upon a scrap
of paper wrote: "He 10-37. E. L.
M."

awaiting me in the reception room.
"Tell him I will be down presently,"
replied I calmly, for I knew not what
the rogue might gather from her.
When a few minutes later I entered
with a queenly air, it was only to find
myself enclosed in a pair of manly
arms.
"How dare you, sir!" I cried.
"I would dare anything!" says he.
"I have but consulted our valiant He-
brew, and he has told me my case is
won. Is not that so, my saucy
Betty?" And he gave me a very
heavy kiss, which I returned with
interest.
"Jack," said I, "my message might
have had two meanings. How dared
you to assume I was you should
come?"
"Betty," was his port reply, "I
always was a daring knave."
"And that is why I love you, Jack.
I knew you'd read my answer right."

MORE THAN THEIR SHARE.

**What Bibulous Gentleman Thought of
Missionaries' Thirst.**
A temperance orator, with a par-
ticular fondness for statistics, was
speaking to a Pittsburg audience re-
cently, one of the listeners being
"Ben" Stanford, one of the most no-
torious bibulous characters in western
Pennsylvania.
To impress his truths, the speaker
went into statistical illustrations. He
stated that the beer barrels emptied
in this country every year would, if
placed end to end, make a circle twice
around the globe; that there are sa-
loons enough to fill a street running
from Pittsburg to Philadelphia; that
the lumber used in making bungs for
beer kegs was sufficient to construct
an Atlantic City board walk from In-
dependence Hall to the Golden gate.
Finally, in a peroration of great fer-
vor, he exclaimed: "Citizens, for ev-
ery missionary sent out from this
country we export 20,000 gallons of
rum!"
The audience sat hushed a moment,
during which time old Ben seemed to
ruminate on this awful truth. Then he
murmured thickly:
"Mish—narish—hic—drink too
much."

Had Love for Wigs.

An English wigmaker who for about
twenty years had charge of the head
coverings of the fifth dukes of Port-
land, a very eccentric character, tells
this story: "The first time I ever saw
the duke was about the year 1850. I
was sent around to Cavendish House
to supply the duke with a new wig.
These he was perpetually ordering.
There was a small wicket window on
each side of the front door. When I
rang the bell I noticed that a very old
butler was peering at me through the
glass. At last, after a tremendous lot
of unbolting, the door was opened and
I was admitted to the house and con-
ducted upstairs to a room about twenty
feet square. The walls were honey-
combed with pigeonholes and each of
these contained a wig. There must
have been at least 500 or 600 of them."

An's 70th Birthday.
The 70th birthday of the Emp-
ress of China, which occurs next
year, is to be celebrated in Pek-
ing with unprecedented splendor. If
the present plans are carried out,
the cost will amount to nearly \$5,-
000,000. One-half of this sum has
already been put aside by the di-
rector of the treasury, Tshuan-lin;
the remainder the provincial man-
darins who owe their positions to
the empress will be expected to pro-
vide.

"The Devine William."

It is told of the German emper-
or, and while it may be merely
ben trovato, it is certainly ben ve-
nuto. At dinner one night, when
the emperor was staying with Lord
Lonsdale, a guest talking to an-
other across the table quoted a lit-
tle-known passage from Shake-
speare, and, that there should be
no mistake on its source, ended
with the words, "as the divine Wil-
liam said." There happened to be
a lull in the conversation at the
time, and the remark was audible to
everyone, the emperor included.
Turning to his host the emperor
said, with a puzzled expression:
"Curiously I do not remember that
my vinted grandfather ever said
that."

Oldest Surviving Field Officer.

Colonel Elijah Walker, of the
Fourth Maine infantry, now re-
siding in a Boston suburb, is said
to be the oldest surviving field of-
ficer of the Army of the Potomac,
and he was a marked feat:
the Hooker monument cere
at Boston recently. He is 8
old, and on his birthday
post, G. A. R., of which he
member, presented him a hand-
some easy chair. Colonel Walker missed
only one battle of the Army of the
Potomac and at the battle of the
Wilderness he had two horses shot
from under him and was wounded
five times.

Phillips Fled From Ghost.

Stephen Phillips, the young Eng-
lishman who has come to the front
with his "Paola and Francesca,"
"Herod" and "Ulysses," had no
thought of literature when he start-
ed out to look after himself. He
was destined by his father, who
is precentor of Peterborough cat-
hedral for the British civil service.
He subsequently had a brief experi-
ence on the professional stage. For
his further work to publicity, Mr.
Phillips recently found a ghost—
not a literary one, but a real one
—in his house, from which he fled
with his family, ordering a furni-
ture mover to look after his house-
hold effects.

Hall Caine Named Pius X.

It is a curious fact that in his
novel, "The Eternal City," Hall
Caine writes of a Pope Pius X.
The first Pius, Pope St. Pius I.,
was the eleventh pope, his term of
office extending from 158 to 167.
It was not until the fifteenth cen-
tury that a pope took the name of
Pius II. The last pope canonized
was St. Pius V., who died in 1572.
Pope Pius IX., the immediate pre-
decessor of Pope Leo XIII., wore
the tiara from 1846 to 1878. Pius
VII. and Pius VIII. were also popes
in the last century. The last occu-
pant of the papal chair to take a
name not borne by one of his prede-
cessors was Pope Lando, whose pe-
riod was 913-14.

The "New" French Novel.

Here is a good story on a New York publisher of push and acumen: Of course he has at his call some twenty translators, to whom he pays excellent wages when their services are required. Some are lawyers, some doctors, some interpreters for courts, some employees of the hotels that cater to foreign arrivals. Not long ago he set three or four experts at work on a "grand discovery, a novel in French entitled "Le Neveu de Ma Tante," which means in English "The Nephew of My Aunt." The Fly Leaf and Title Page were missing. The translators took fifty pages each and toiled night and day for a week, when one said to the rest: "There is something strangely familiar about my 'take.' It seems I have read the book before." The others expressed similar "seems," but all labored on. When the translation was about completed a startling discovery was made. The book proved to be a French translation of Dickens' "David Copperfield," by M. Amedee Pichot, the well known editor of the Revue Britannique, and the translator of Lord Byron. Much chagrined, the publisher paid his men off, at the rate of six dollars a day and begged them to keep the matter to themselves.

West Point's Oldest Graduate.

The oldest graduate of West Point is Colonel John Beardsley, now living in Athens, N. Y. He was born in Fairfield, N. Y., in 1816, and graduated from West Point in the class of 1841. He was appointed lieutenant in the Eighth regiment of infantry, served in the Seminole war in Florida, afterward in the war with Mexico and was wounded in the battle of Molino del Rey and compelled to resign his commission on account of inflammation of his eyes, which threatened loss of sight. When the civil war broke out he was appointed colonel of the Ninth New York volunteer cavalry and served as such.

A Great Map of France.

A complete, minute and exact map of the whole of France was completed over half a century ago, after many years of incessant labor and at an expense of over ten million francs, or \$2,000,000. It was executed by officers of the general staff and the engineers of the army. It is the grandest work of the kind ever undertaken by any country in the world.

Cool Summer and Business.

A well known Philadelphia business man says that the ordinary observer does not stop to consider what a cool summer means to the entire business community. Said he: "It affects everything that depends upon trade for life. I have no doubt that the present slump in stocks is due in part to the cool summer, which has made the crops so uncertain. Let us start with the farmer. He has had poor luck with his corn, melons and all kinds of truck. The merchants who sell summer clothing and all kinds of seasonal wear have hardly paid expenses. Every seashore resort has been running light and will lose heavily unless August pulls them out. This means so much money lost from circulation and all the mechanical trades and industries must suffer. Of course, no one is to blame, and the only thing to do is to live and let live until a real hot summer comes to push things along again."

Tolstoi's Present Life.

Professor Edward A. Stainer, of Grinnell college, who has recently returned from a visit to Count Leo Tolstoi. He says the count has been exceedingly ill of late, but is recovering and spends a portion of each day working in the fields. He receives many tourists, whose visits he does not crave, yet he treats all with courtesy. He keeps in touch with everything going on in Russia of a political or socialistic nature, but recognizes the fact that his age and infirmities will not permit him to participate in public affairs or discussions of any sort. He is still writing however, but does not expect to undertake any extended literary labor for fear that he will not live to complete it.

The Vigilant Turkish Censor.

The New York Outlook tells an amusing story illustrative of the vigilance of the Turkish censor. There is a Paris firm for some time a stationary engine, to be shipped to the Lebanon placed an order with a Paris firm for some time a stationary engine, to be shipped to the Lebanon as soon as possible. The firm telegraphed to inquire how many revolutions a minute he wanted. He answered, "Five hundred revolutions a minute." The next day he was arrested. Brought into the court the judge asked him if he lived in the Lebanon. He replied that he did. "Do you correspond with such and such a firm in Paris?" "Yes." "Ah!" cried the judge; "I know you. You are the man who telegraphed to Paris that there are 500 revolutions a minute in the Lebanon!"

The Magnet in Surgery.

Not long ago a New England electrical engineer, who accidentally got a needle stuck into his leg, twisted some wires about a piece of iron and connected the wires with a dynamo. Then with the magnet thus made he pulled the bit of steel from the wound. About the same time an apprentice in the Mare Island navy yard in California was injured in the face by some bits of steel from a broken tool. The surgeon failed to extract all the pieces and the wound inflamed. The chief electrician then improvised a magnet capable of lifting 500 pounds, and held it in front of the boy's face, when the remaining bit of steel flew out of the wound as promptly as if it had been sent for. Now, if someone would invent a magnet that would pull slivers out of a boy's fingers thousands of young Americans would rise and call him blessed.

Relics of a Queen.

The famous cherry stones which had "once dallied with the teeth of royalty itself" must retire into the background. At Stevens' auction rooms in London recently a sale took place of "an interesting collection of Victorian relics, formed by Miss Margaret French, who was for twenty years chief maid to the late queen." A pair of gaiters worn by the late queen brought 10 shillings; a pair of black shoes 7 shillings; two handkerchiefs, marked "V. R.," 10 shillings; an embroidered lace handkerchief with the mark "V. R.," with crown and a piece of the late Prince Leopold's christening cake, June 28, 1853, made together, 16 shillings, a pink silk parasol used by the queen when a child, 16 shillings; a white satin pincushion, 1 pound eight shillings; a green satin sunshade, with pearl and gold handle, used by the queen, 1 pound 1 shilling; a square box, formerly the property of the late queen, 7 shillings, and a number of other articles brought prices no less sensational.

"Diamond Jim" Brady.

James Brady, the well known bridge builder of New York, is an inveterate theatergoer, and is especially fond of patronizing roof gardens and similar summer entertainments. Also he has an extraordinary passion for diamonds, in displaying which he has many startling ideas. In addition to a full assortment for fingers, shirt, cuffs and less exposed articles of apparel he carries a beautiful stone in the handle of his umbrella, another in the ferrule of his cane and several finer than all on the handle bars of his bicycle. To this fad he owes the nickname of "Diamond Jim" Brady.

"Phil" May's Reply.

The English papers are full of anecdotes of the late Phil May, that brilliant English pen draftsman. One of them describes him as at a supper party in London, where he made an exquisite drawing on a menu card for the lady in whose honor the party was given. This was seen by a wealthy woman present, who sent the waiter with a ten-pound note to the artist, asking him to do a similar drawing for her. Mr. May, disgusted at the woman's impertinence, took a good look at her and then made an appallingly truthful caricature of her features on the back of the banknote, which he returned.

An Early Chamberlain Speech.

Some fanciful stories are being circulated about Joseph Chamberlain's college days it is a mistake to think that young Chamberlain could speak well when at school. In fact, he could never be induced to speak, and in this he somewhat resembled the retiring Arthur Balfour. One day one of the masters of the school asked Chamberlain to make reply to a speech which had just been delivered by one of the older students of the debating class. The hour came, and with a firm step Chamberlain mounted the platform. With perfect outward self-possession he faced the audience and made his bow—a low bow. Everyone waited expectantly. People became anxious when the young man again bowed, but said nothing. When a titter went around among the boys. Suddenly the coming colonial secretary, with a look of utter despair, sidled off the platform with another bow—not having said a word.

Why He Was Honored.

Raymond Hitchcock, the actor, tells a funny experience of his recent trip abroad. In a Paris hotel he did not receive any great amount of attention, and one day he pinned a little red ribbon on the lapel of his coat—the insignia of the Order of Freeman, to which he belongs. After that he noticed that waiters vied with one another to give him the best seat in the dining room. Porters insisted upon seeing him to his carriage, with an extra amount of bowing and scraping, and gendarmes stood at military attention as he passed. "Why am I so signalingly honored?" asked Hitchcock of a friend. "That ribbon," was the answer. "That is the badge of the Order of Freeman. I don't see why it entitles me to all this attention here." "Ah, my friend, it is also the insignia of an officer of the Legion of Honor."

Physicians to Beasts.

It is believed that in all cases puppies are born blind. A millionaire dog fancier has two dogs were not only born blind, but remained so. He values them at \$500 each. At first it was decided to send them to a veterinary surgeon for treatment. The matter was discussed pro and con. The "veterinary," it was suggested, treats only horses and cows; he knows nothing of dogs. Singularly enough, notwithstanding there are dogs a plenty worth \$10,000 each, we have no famous dog doctors. It is still more strange that we have many horses that are valued at from \$30,000 to \$75,000, and have never had a great veterinary surgeon. There are cows in the herds of Morton, Rockefeller, Twombly and Havemeyer worth \$20,000 each, but we have no celebrated cow doctors. Last year one of these animals was taken with a colic, and an ordinary, everyday physician was sent for. He cured the cow and his fee was \$300.

Leo as a Linguist.

Leo XIII, though an excellent Latin scholar and a speaker of very fluent French, was not born one of those happy men who pick up a language readily, says the London Courier. French, however, he found fairly easy, though he did not learn to talk it till he was 30. When he was at Brussels as nuncio in the early '40s of the last century, he tried to acquire English, but in spite of hours spent in "conversation" with an English resident there, G. Weld, he never got any facility of speech.

The Pope's American Cousin.

Rev. Don Luigi Sartori, pastor of St. Joseph's church, Midland, Md., a cousin of Pope Pius X., will sail for Rome next month to pay his respects to the new pontiff. The pope and the American parish priest are descendants of the same grandfather, the parents of the Midland pastor having added the "ri" to their name, according to the custom of the Venetian province in which they lived. There is a striking physical resemblance between Pope Pius X. and Father Sartori. They are well acquainted.

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The Hon. M. E. Ingalls, of Cincinnati, the president of the Big Four railroad, who will deliver an address in Portland on "Old Home Day," is a Maine man, and whenever he comes to his native State always spends a good portion of his time at Harrison, where he began the practice of law. He tells the following very good anecdote on himself: "One evening when I was at Harrison on a vacation, I had gone down to the village store and joined the circle of loafers that had gathered to talk over the public and private events of the nation, state, town and village. One old fellow, whom I formerly knew well, when there was a lull in the conversation, leaned over and said that he wanted to ask me a question. "I want to know," said he "if it is true that you get a salary of \$10,000 a year." "I admitted that I did make as much as that in twelve months." "Well," said he, "it is remarkable what cheek and brass will do."

Hackett as Alexander.

James K. Hackett and his wife, Mary Manning, have returned from their six weeks in London and Paris, and are making ready for the season's work, one item of which, for Mr. Hackett, will be the personation of no less a character than Alexander the Great, whom Pope called "Macedonia's madman," in a play by Victor Maples, of which he gave copyright performances in London. Mr. Hackett aims at versatility, sure enough; his leading piece will be "John Ermine of the Yellowstone," in which he has the title role, a Wild West hero.

Industry.

"You have been sitting idly on that bench for three long hours." "You are wrong. I couldn't possibly have sat here more industriously; haven't got up to stretch my legs once."

A New Slot Machine.

The "slot" machine has entered a new field. For a long time, by dropping a penny in its maw, the gum chewer, the man who likes to know what his exact avoirdupois is, the girl who loves a lozenge and even the quick-lunch man hurriedly seeking a sandwich have been accommodated. But the new field is a wider one. The diner in some restaurants can now, by a new invention in the "slot" line, rest at ease while he takes his meals and reads complacently between bites the religion's mottoes on the walls, for before he sits down he can go to a box, drop a penny in the slot and out jumps a key from another slot. That key opens a closet ample enough for his hat and coat. The very hooks on which he hangs his clothes lock also, so that even if the door of the closet were opened the articles cannot be hurried away with by anyone but the owner.

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Notice is hereby given to all parties interested. That much and frequent complaints have been daily made to us as the county attorney and sheriff of your county of the many and frequent violations of the laws, such as violations of the Sunday law permitting certain games, dominoes and other prohibitive games, slot machines etc. to be run and be kept in different business places of the town and as those complaining seem to think it our duty, which we acknowledge it to be, to put down and stop all such violations, now we have agreed and undertook to perform and carry out our duty as officers and as such give this notice as a courtesy to those who have heretofore been permitted to so violate the law and go unnoticed, that from and after this notice all persons so violating will be by us promptly prosecuted.

W. F. McGaughey, Sheriff
J. J. Ford County Attorney.

The Protracted Meeting.

The protracted meeting at the Methodist church conducted by pastor Evans, who is assisted by Evangelist Brown, of Whitesboro, is attracting considerable attention, and the audiences at the night services are large. Mr. Brown is one of the most successful evangelists in the state. He is an interesting speaker, his style being somewhat different from any one who has heretofore occupied a Sweetwater pulpit. He attacks the devil and his works without gloves, and he has thoroughly convinced his hearers that he is not afraid to speak out in condemnation of any and all forms of sin. He has paid special attention to the dance, modern society games, dram drinking, etc. and while he is a small man, he felt like he weighed a ton when he stepped upon the toes of many along these lines. Considerable interest has already been manifested and it is safe to say that much and great good will be done during this meeting.

Fearful Odds Against Him,

Bedridden, alone and destitute. Such, in brief was the condition of an old soldier by name of J. J. Havens, Versailles, O. For years he was troubled with kidney disease and neither doctors nor medicine gave him relief, at length he tried Electric Bitters. It put him on his feet in short order and now he testifies "I am on the road to complete recovery." Best on earth for Liver and Kidney troubles and all forms of stomach and Bowel Complaints. Only 50c. Guaranteed by S. Z. Williams Druggist.

John R. Lewis is shaping up some of his best cattle to exhibit at the West Texas Fair, at Abilene next month. In former years Mr. Lewis has carried his cattle to the fairs of larger cities and while he has been eminently successful in winning premiums they have never amounted to enough to defray the expenses of showing them, so he concluded to give the West Texas Fair the advantage of his animal exhibit, this year, and curtail the expense. He will hold an auction sale one day during the fair at which a few of his best animals will be offered.

The regular service will be conducted at the Christian church Sunday morning by Pastor F. F. Wyatt. On account of the protracted meeting at the Methodist church there will be no services at night.

School Opened Thursday.

The 1903-4 term of our Public School opened Thursday morning with 275 students, the largest enrollment in the history of the school. Short talks were made by Superintendent S. A. Maroney, H. C. Hord, president of the board of trustees and Dr. L. B. Roebuck. A few vocal and instrumental selections were also rendered.

The school opens with a bright prospect, and with the able body of instructors employed by our trustees, there is no need to fear a failure, if they are backed up by the support of the patrons.

Let us all extend every effort to make the school what it should be, the best in West Texas.

We understand that Thos Trammell has made arrangements to place 600 head of bulls on feed at the mill as soon as it can furnish the feed product. We are pleased to know that the mill men are confident that they can secure seed enough to keep the machinery in operation and that there will be cattle enough to consume all the feed they can produce.

Miss May Cowen will teach the Decker school the coming session. Miss May is an intelligent and refined young woman and the Reporter commends her to the good people of that community, as one in every way worthy of their utmost confidence and esteem.

Miss Ollie Campbell came in from Grover Thursday and remained in the city over night the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Allen, going on to Hylton the following morning to visit among friends and relatives.

Wm. Wight has been employed by the mill people to buy seed, and in the future whenever you hear of a bale of seed you will soon hear of Wight.

J. V. W. Tye, from near Nugent, Taylor county marketed 1 bale of cotton here Tuesday. It was bought by the Sweetwater Mercantile Co. at 10c.

Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham and children, of Clairmont, returned home Saturday, having spent a week here visiting R. A. Williamson and family.

Prof. L. R. Buchanan, principal of the public school came in from Weatherford Monday night.

H. M. Hefner was in from Nolan Thursday. He reports only a light shower in his community Wednesday night.

J. P. Cowen returned Saturday from market. While gone visited his old home in Mississippi and reports a most enjoyable trip.

Attorney J. B. Cox who has been confined to his bed for the past two weeks was able to be up Wednesday and spend a short while in town.

Rev. K. T. Hanks is assisting the pastor of the Breckenridge Baptist church in conducting a protracted meeting this week.

J. K. Simpson and family returned Wednesday from a two weeks stay on their country place, in Fisher county.

Mrs. R. T. Hanks was called to Breckenridge Thursday by a message stating that her husband was quite sick at that place.

L. L. Toland was in from Capitan Thursday. He reports a good rain Wednesday night.

Mrs. Jennie Hagarix and daughter, Miss Eva were in the city Tuesday from Claytonville.

J. C. Dearborn sold one bale of cotton Tuesday 10c to the Sweetwater Mercantile Co.

Now send the children to school. They need it after the long vacation they have enjoyed.

R. S. Baxter has bought Elton Norman's residence in the eastern part of the city and will make some improvements on the same. Elton will leave for Lockney the last of the month where he will make his future home.

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Branch Office at Odessa, Texas.

Passengers on the west bound train Thursday report a heavy rain at Abilene Wednesday night.

Attorney Lee Fowler, of Ft. Stockton, is in the city visiting relatives and friends.

Raised from the Dead.

C. W. Landis, "Porter" for the Oriental Hotel, Chanute, Kan., says: "I know what it was to suffer with neuralgia deed I did, and I got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment and I was 'raised from the dead.' I tried to get some more, but before I had 'deposited' of my bottle I was cured entirely. I am tellin' de truth too." 25c, 50c a id \$1. Sold by Medlock & Maner druggist.

Amarillo to Lubbock.

Lubbock, Tex., Sept. 3.—Saturday, Aug. 29, and Monday, Aug. 31, the Lubbock Commercial Club met and was addressed by Major Gordon of Alabama, who is a railroad projector. The Major proposes to build a standard gauge road from Amarillo in Potter County, to Lubbock in Lubbock County for \$2,500 in cash and 1,800 acres of land per mile. A contract to that effect was drawn up and a committee is now endeavoring to secure the bonus from Plainview to Lubbock.

It is understood that all commercial clubs on the route are working for the road.

The citizens of Lubbock have about \$15,000 in cash for a bonus to the first road that puts an engine into Lubbock.—Dallas News

His Life Saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"B. L. Byer, a well known cooper of this town, says he believes Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy saved his life last summer. He had been sick for a month with what the Doctors call bilious dysentery, and could get nothing to do him any good until he tried this remedy. It gave him immediate relief," says B. T. Little, merchant, Hancock, Md. For sale by J. D. Druthit, Leading Druggist.

The Cost of Wars.

The announcement that the English government will make a Transvaal loan amounting to something like \$150,000,000 within the next few months draws attention to the enormous cost of the Boer war. Its total cost to Great Britain is estimated, by F. R. Fairchild, of Yale university, to have been \$1,063,000,000. A comparison with the other principal wars in which Great Britain has been engaged since 1688 shows that the total cost of this South African war has been exceeded by that of only one other war, the twenty-three years' war with France (1793-1815). No other war, not even the prolonged struggle waged against Napoleon, reached half the cost of this South African war. A greater proportion of the cost was met by borrowing than was the case in any of the other important wars.

Automobiles in the Alps.

Should the experiments in progress in the neighborhood of Berne prove as successful as is anticipated, travelers to Switzerland in the summer of this year will be able to cross the mountains by automobile instead of the usual post diligence. The actual trials will be made in the spring, and the result, if successful, will be not only to allow travelers to make the different journeys in half the time, but to open to automobilists the chance of driving over the mountain roads, which are at present closed to them on account of the horses.

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J. P. Trammell was here from Anson Sunday.

Joe Wright was over from Roby Thursday.

Say, W. B. Jones will make it for you.

J. F. Newman spent Monday in Abilene.

A few day boarders wanted at the Palace Hotel.

Merchant Linn was in from Dora Wednesday.

No market sells better beef than Perry's.

R. H. Logan was here from Abilene Saturday evening.

Try me on any kind of repair work. W. B. Jones.

Fred Anderson spent Sunday in Abilene.

If you want meat that tender go to Perry's.

Vardaman Woodruff went to Abilene Tuesday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Withers were in from their place near Decker Monday.

A few day boarders wanted at the Palace Hotel.

Miss Mae Grogan returned Sunday from Hico, where she spent several weeks visiting.

Lemons, apples, tomatoes, melons, bananas and potatoes just received by J. C. Patterson.

Attorney J. F. Eidson returned Saturday night from a professional visit to Midland.

For Sale:—My residence on North 3rd street, cheap for cash.

J. V. W. Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McGaughy returned Tuesday morning from a visit to relatives at Stanton.

Notice.

I will not serve meals on short notice after this week.

T. J. Fry.

Barron Goode, of Roby, was here Monday enroute to Greenville to enter school.

Guy Green, who has been conducting the furniture business here during Mr. Ellington's absence, returned to Abilene Monday.

Will Bradford of Ft. Worth, spent Saturday and Sunday here among his many friends.

Miss Mabel Lockett of Abilene, one of the assistant teachers in our public school came in Tuesday evening.

Dr. Adams, the eye, ear, nose and throat specialist is in the city today and will remain over until to-morrow night.

E. Beatright was in Wednesday from his ranch in the southern part of the county.

Notice the ad of Yantis & Cochran in this issue of The Reporter. Give them a share of your law, land and insurance business.

For Sale:—Four sections of land in Garza county, suitable for both grazing and farming. Will either sell or trade for other property. A splendid opportunity. Apply to E. A. Linn, Linnie, Texas.

Frank Long was in the city Thursday.

Winter Turf Oats. Beall & Hunt.

Joe Bruce, the Nolan ginner, was in the Wednesday.

Miss Genoa Beall entertained Wednesday evening.

J. V. Tye was in Wednesday from Mulberry Canyon.

J. C. Montgomery was in from the ranch Wednesday.

Winter Turf Oats. Beall & Hunt.

Tex Polk was here from Roby Tuesday.

B. L. Cooper paid Colorado a visit Sunday evening.

T. B. Tharpe was in from the A. K. X. ranch Monday.

Hatley Harrison, of Abilene spent Sunday here with friends.

W. T. Berry and little daughter, Genevieve spent Monday in Abilene.

J. A. Hazlewood sold one bale of cotton Wednesday to the Sweetwater Mercantile Co. at 10 cents.

Lackey & Stout, of Hylton, sold one bale of cotton Wednesday to the Sweetwater Mercantile Co. at 11 cents.

After school begins I will deliver butter three days in each week, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

W. R. Hope.

Miss L. Harrington returned Wednesday afternoon from a few days visit with home folks at Guion.

Mr. Allen's new residence in the southern part of the city is completed. He moved in Wednesday.

Monday was Labor Day, and duly observed by those hard working, moneyed men, the bankers, postmaster and editor.

J. W. Bettes was in from the ranch Thursday with a load of oats for sale for which he found a ready market.

R. O. Allen was in the city Saturday from his place south of town. He will leave with his family for the east soon where they expect to spend the fall and winter.

Notice.

Slater ranch still for sale, Estell T Slater, Hylton, Texas.

The Orient cut in the western part of town was completed Saturday evening and the road bed is now ready for the ties and rails on the main line of the road.

Miss Clara Berry came down from Sweetwater this morning to visit her relatives and friends who are always glad to see her.—Abilene Reporter.

Mrs. E. W. W. Hopkins, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. George and other relatives for the past week returned to her home at Roscoe on Thursday evening's train.

Fire Insurance.

We represent ten of the best Fire Insurance Companies in existence. We write fire and tornado insurance in Sweetwater and want and will appreciate your business in this line.

Ragland & Crane, over Trammell Bank

A few day boarders wanted at the Palace Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Campbell were over from Grover Thursday.

H. W. Holland is building some additions to his residence in the eastern part of the city.

L. V. Ellington has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Mississippi.

J. L. Elhott, our photographer left for Roby Thursday morning to be absent until next week.

Sweetwater will have more furniture this fall and cheaper than ever in its history. Mr. Ellington has four cars on the road for this place and Abilene:

To build up your town:—Go to Fort Worth and Dallas and buy your goods, and call on the Merchants at Sweetwater to build your churches and school houses. "Consistency, thou art a jewel."

Estell T. Slater and family have moved into the city from North Branch Canyon. They are occupying the place bought from E. L. Hopkins a few months ago.

J. F. Newman received a wire Thursday from Chicago that his gray wonder, Don Domo, had crossed under the wire in the lead in half mile dash winning a purse of \$3,000.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Glass and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook attended the Witt-Bardwell wedding at Bitter Creek Sunday. The ladies are sisters of the bride.

Miss Sue Ella and Emma Whittenburg attended the marriage of their friend, Miss Ada Bardwell to Mr. Sam Witt Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the Bitter Creek section.

Wanted.

Students in Harmony and Violin music, a course of twenty lessons for \$4.00. Also voice culture at \$2.00 per course of twenty lessons. I hold certificate in the branches and feel sure I can give satisfaction.

Allie Dial.

Dr. R. F. Burge and family left Wednesday for Anson, Tex., their old home, for a few months visit. The doctor has considerable business interests in that section which he will wind up before returning.

Druggist J. D. Douthit seems very much "set" in his determination to move to Roswell, N. M. He informs us that he will move the latter part of November—would go sooner, but will be unable to secure a building for his business before that time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Blewett, who have been visiting relatives Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crossman in the Nolan community returned to their home at Dallas Thursday. They were pleased with Nolan county and enjoyed their two weeks visit very much.

W. V. George and family have moved here from Eskota and are in charge of the Daniel Mineral Wells property. Mr. George will push this mineral water both for bathing and drinking, and it is useless to say that it will go, as it has long since proven its medicinal value.

Mrs. G. F. Brewster's little boy and girl, who had badly crossed eyes were operated on today by Drs. Adams & Hubbert their eyes being put in perfect condition.

Mr. John May of Nugent, Tex. had an operation performed on his wife's eyes today, they having been crossed for years. Drs. Adams & Hubbert are doing quite a number of scientific and surgical operations, which so greatly benefits the sufferers of this district.—Abilene Reporter.

Dr. Adams is now in the city and will remain until Saturday night. In the future he will visit Sweetwater twice each month.

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Wednesday will be our general delivery day of water, but will deliver water any other day when ordered. Will run free conveyance from town to bath house for those wanting to take baths. Will give baths 'till 10 p. m. Saturday and to 10 a. m. Sunday. We solicit your patronage, and will do all we can to make you comfortable.

W. V. George.

Married Sunday.

Mr. Sam Witt and Miss Ada Bardwell were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, nine miles southeast of Sweetwater Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. J. L. McAdams, officiating. The contracting parties are among the most worthy young people of our county, and their numerous friends are sure that neither will ever have cause in future life to deplore the step they have taken. May they live long and prosper, is the wish of The Reporter.

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District court adjourned rather abruptly last Saturday night. The case of G. S. Roberts et al. vs. First National Bank of Sweetwater et al. was on trial: the testimony was all in, the attorneys on each side were given 30 minutes in which to argue the case W. W. Beall excepted to the time. The court dismissed the jury and the case was carried over for the term.—Roby Banner.

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Joy of Memory.

There is nothing more universally compelling than the propensity to dwell on the joys of memory with exaggerated fondness. Among many illustrations, perhaps the most striking, and certainly a most impressive one, is supplied by Balfe's immortal composition, "Bohemian Girl." Here is a work whose musical imperfections are the theme of bitter denunciation, and whose plot is confessedly childish, yet it has as firm a hold upon the affections of the race as any opera ever written, and the whole secret of its power lies in its irresistible appeal to the joys of memory, a theme so effectively used by great verifiers like Byron and Moore. It is this fanciful adornment and idealization of memory that gives a perpetual charm to the patriotic exploits and pathetic love-making of Thaddeus, the dreams of Arline, the "bliss forever past" of the Gypsy queen, and the sorrows of the noble count himself, whose solace is:

For Memory is the only friend
That Grief can call its own.

Youth lives in the future, maturity in the present, age in the past, and it is a comforting and reassuring thing that as the man in his declining years returns in thought to "ponder o'er the past," nature has so ordered it that joys stand out sharply in memory and sorrow either passes from mind or are touched with a glamour that softens them into sweet and tender recollection. As memory scans the past it finds only the bright spot—"my youthful days, which were also my happiest."

No past the glad heart cowers,
No memories dark,
Only the sunny hours
The dial mark.

Is Cancer Increasing?

There is a feeling of great uneasiness in England over some statistics that were recently published about the increase of cancer in England. The death rate from that disease in 1890 was sixty-eight persons in every 100,000 inhabitants, but in 1900 it was eighty-three persons in every 100,000. Besides, the ratio of deaths from cancer to those from all other causes, among persons over 35 years of age, was only one out of twenty in 1890, but one out of twelve in 1900. These figures have given rise to much alarm, but a conservative student of mortality says that the increased rate is probably due to the fact that vital statistics are becoming more accurate every year, and are now gathered from places from which no reports formerly came.

The Popular Fad of "Munching."

One of the popular fads in Newport at present is "munching" which means merely eating very slowly. Munching is one of the numerous preventatives of growing avariciousness, and as it has the recognition of King Edward it is naturally regarded with much favor by Newport. The theory is that every particle of food must be chewed slowly and carefully until no solid material remains to be swallowed. Slow eating is merely carried to an extreme by the new treatment. All London society threatened with too much flesh is said to be chewing very long and very thoroughly and American converts to the system are already numerous. Its effect is said to be noticeable at dinners, which have come to be known as munching parties and are much less vivacious than they were when eating and drinking went on rapidly. Persons who eat slowly also eat much less than those who eat rapidly.

Was Short a Norwegian.

"I am short one Norwegian girl, hair light, eyes blue, destined Horton, Mont." This was the message sent by the St. Paul agent of the Northern Pacific Express Company to the agent at Chicago, because he had a bill of lading for the parcel and no girl. Teckla Hanson, the little human express package, had traveled as a parcel from her native country as far as Chicago, and she had been lost on the rebilling. The girl was found, however, she having left the car unobserved, and returned of her own accord.

The Seaboard Consolidation.

Public attention in the acquisition of the Seaboard Air Line by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific combination has been altogether concentrated upon the rapid fashion in which a road with 4000 miles of line and a tidy surplus, which made its shares worth twice their par value, has been turned into a system of some 17,000 miles, or one-tenth the mileage in this country, and an aggregate capital of \$680,000,000.

But this is only a part of what has been done. Public safety in great aggregations of property has hitherto rested upon the circumstance that its control required means so large and a stake so enormous that it alone would bring conservatism. This is not the case here. By the use of the "holding company" and ingenious grant of powers to preferred stock the entire management of this vast system, which lies like a gigantic Y, crossing the United States, its stem in Texas and Mexico and its two arms ending in Chicago and Norfolk, is under the control of the preferred stock of the Rock Island, and the majority of this preferred stock would cost today about \$16,000,000.

What has really taken place, therefore, is that a little capital, relatively speaking, and a great deal of credit have been used to acquire temporary control of a great railroad property, the Rock Island. This gained, further control has been secured of 13,000 more miles of railroad, including affiliated lines, and the load of carrying this great mass is dexterously shifted onto the public, while all the profits, and, if those in control please, all the plunder possible from control, is retained in a small body of preferred stock, easily owned by what in these days represents comparatively limited resources.

There is no railroad property in the country, so much faster have private fortunes grown than corporate capitalization, which could not be captured by this ingenious plan. Once captured and in the hands of a pliable board of directors any use might be made of the property of such a corporation without incurring legal responsibility.

Steps like these curtail the audacity of personal control and the continuity of corporate ownership. Toward such a combination the courts have never been friendly. The Northern Securities case began as a suit which only raised a question of protection against competition. It may end as a case memorable because in it the supreme court will decide that the "holding company" is a device by which all the benefits of corporate ownership are gained and all its responsibilities evaded.

It is certainly clear that before long there will be some appalling case of the speculative plunder of a great railroad which will require drastic legislation for the protection of the vast powerless herd of shareholders into which the ownership of corporate properties is now divided, or is being divided.

On Lord Aberdeen.

A characteristic remark of Mr. Choate was made about Lord Aberdeen at a dinner in New York, where the then governor general of Canada was the principal guest, appearing in kilts, in honor of his Scotch entertainers. Aberdeen had made a neat speech, and the applause had barely subsided when Choate was introduced and proceeded to say complimentary things of the last speaker and to declare that if he had known that he was to be permitted to sit next to his distinguished Scotch friend, the governor general of Canada, "this Gordon of the Gordons," he, too, would have come without his trousers. It was audacious, but the kilted guest was soonest to catch its humor and led the laughter it produced.

Natural Supposition.

Cholly—Yes, Miss Gwace, I had a beastly good time at Newport. But I'm afraid I stayed too long, don't you know. I came home (wightfully short.

Miss Grace—Intellectually, you mean, I presume?

Queen's Who Smoke.

The Empress Elizabeth of Austria, who was assassinated near Geneva, used to smoke thirty to forty cigarettes daily, either Turkish or Russian, and used also to indulge occasionally in small Italian cigars. The czarina smokes cigarettes now and then, and on her desk are always a couple of golden and engraved cigarette cases, a silver ash tray and a malachite match-holder. The Queen of Italy seldom smokes, but the mother of the King of Spain consumes a large number of Egyptian cigarettes every day. Former Queen Natalie of Servia owns a magnificently jeweled smoking outfit, and is very partial to the habit. The Queen of Roumania, Carmen Sylvia, also owns a large number of gold and silver cigarette cases, but she does not like the aroma of tobacco. The Queen of Portugal, on the other hand, is an ardent lover of the weed. She prefers a special brand of German tobacco, which is sent to her specially from Dresden. Her mother, the Countess of Paris, occasionally indulges in a Havana cigarette or two. At the English court the ladies are strictly prohibited from smoking by Queen Alexandra, who will not allow smoking in her presence. Many fair members of the British aristocracy are far from pleased thereat, because among them are many confirmed smokers.

Played Cards With Scott.

One of the most interesting men in this country is John Swartout, who, in his 85th year, lives in a beautiful country house two miles above Benton, on the Bloomsburg and Sullivan railroad, twenty-three miles north of Bloomsburg, Pa. He is a direct descendant of the celebrated John Swartout, who was collector of the port of New York, and is the last of his generation. He formerly lived in West Point. His wife, Mary Berard, was a sister of the late Blanche Berard, for many years postmistress at West Point. He settled in the woods above Benton in the '50s. At West Point he played cards with General Winfield Scott, and knew all his contemporaries. His reminiscences of the early days of the military academy would fill a book with rich reading. There has been some doubt about the last words of General Scott, but probably it is true that they concerned his horse, which he loved more than anything on earth. The animal followed him to the grave. Just before the old veteran breathed his last, he said to his body servant: "James, take good care of the horse." Frederick the Great's dying words were in reference to his favorite greyhound.

The Last Cargo of Slaves.

Jekyl Island, Ga., is famous for two things. It is the home of the Jekyl Island Club, and was the landing place of the yacht Wanderer, which brought to the United States the last cargo of slaves. John Egbert Farnum was captain of the Wanderer, whereby hangs a marvelous tale. He afterwards became inspector of customs in New York, and died holding that office. The very spot where his shipload of slaves was driven ashore is pointed out at this day. William R. Geering, of the Montauk, whose signal success is due largely to his acquaintance among Jekyl Island clubmen, says that the spot is the whitest in the world, as if to indicate that the stain of slavery has been washed out. It is on a beach of snow white sand, so dazzling that the eye cannot gaze upon it on a clear day.

Great Men on Other Great Men.

Mr. James Brice, in his "Studies in Contemporary Biography," says, that speaking of Dante Mr. Gladstone once remarked to the author: "How strange it is to think that these great souls whose words are a beacon light to all the generations that have come after them, should have had cares and anxieties to vex them in their daily life, just like the rest of us common mortals!" A few days before Mr. Bryce heard Mr. Darwin say, in dwelling upon the pleasure a visit paid by Mr. Gladstone had given him: "And he talked just as if he had been an ordinary person, like one of ourselves."



School Girls

Young girls at this period of life, or their mothers, are earnestly invited to write Mrs. Pinkham for advice; all such letters are strictly confidential; she has guided in a motherly way hundreds of young women; and her advice is freely and cheerfully given.

School days are danger days for American girls. Often physical collapse follows, and it takes years to recover the lost vitality. Sometimes it is never recovered.

Perhaps they are not over-careful about keeping their feet dry; through carelessness in this respect the monthly sickness is usually rendered very severe.

Then begin ailments which should be removed at once, or they will produce constant suffering. Headache, faintness, slight vertigo, pains in the back and loins, irregularity, loss of sleep and appetite, a tendency to avoid the society of others, are symptoms all indicating that woman's arch-enemy is at hand.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has helped many a young girl over this critical period. With it they have gone through their trials with courage and safety. With its proper use the young girl is safe from the peculiar dangers of school years and prepared for hearty womanhood.

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"Miss Pratt Unable to Attend School."

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"I was attacked last May by appendicitis. As I showed signs of recovery doctor and I began to cast around for a suitable diet and as a result we fell upon 'Force,' which has been a wonderful boon to me. I have eaten almost three cases. H. H. MILLER."

Love That Lasts.

Give me not love which would enthrall
A spirit panting to be free;
But give me love which more than all
Would find it sweet to soar with me!
The bird that close to earth doth cling
May, darling, be content to sing,
But love which draws its deeper breath
From altitudes that know not death.
—Atlantic Monthly.

For Love or Money

By F. R. Kerr

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Norma Hildreth sat up in the hammock and looked with increasing wonder at the open letter in her hand. Years ago, she did not stop to think how many, she and the writer of this letter had been college classmates and his fiancee had been a friend of hers. That the engagement was broken she had long known, though who had taken the first step she was ignorant. But—and she turned to the signature and read it again. "K. E. Langford," it looked as his writing did, when for a few brief months after graduation they had carried on a desultory sort of correspondence, but—and she caught her breath with a little gasp, hadn't she heard that he was dead, killed by a landslide, or an explosion or something in the far away state where she knew that he had gone after his graduation from the law school.

This was his writing and that was his name; he was in the land of the living; he wanted to come to see her. She read it all over again slowly, as she sometimes used to do her Latin. In the hope that it would soak in. Here was this fortune, the figures danced before her fantastically, into which he was to come, if by the first of next year he was married. He was asking her to help him; asking her, Norma Hildreth, to be his wife in the eye of the law that a fortune might be realized; that done, the money once firmly in her possession, half of it and a divorce should be hers. Such was the situation as he had submitted it to her.

Why should she consider it for a moment? Here with her aunt she had a home. But some time it would be broken up; the little property would go, and ought to go to her cousins, and what would become of her?

"Then there's a chance for her and Carol with her music—oh, it is lovely to do things?"

She leaned back in the hammock and closed her eyes—all of her life she had coveted money and figured what it would do for her dear ones—well, she would write to him, tell him to come and see her, he might have changed so that the plan he proposed would be utterly impossible to her. "But auntie must never know. If I do it they must think it is an old love come to light or some such romantic nonsense."

It would soon be time to get supper and she must write to Mr. Langford now, while what she wanted to say was clearly in her mind. She would consider it as a business proposition and would see him at her aunt's home whenever he might find it convenient to call. She read the short note hurriedly and decided that it was formal and non-committal enough; then she sealed it hastily, that she might not be tempted to change it. She had put her hand to the plow and would not look back.

At supper that evening she was so preoccupied that she scarcely noticed her uncle's troubled look, until Elsie asked, "Does your head ache, papa?" "No."

"But you haven't eaten your toast," said Toddles, who for some time had had covetous eyes on the cream toast that Norma had prepared for her uncle. Mr. Williams pushed the plate toward the eager little hands with a brief, "There, Toddles, eat it. I don't want it."

"Are you not feeling well?" asked Mrs. Williams as she peered anxiously around the tea pot.

"Oh, yes, well enough. Things got kind of mixed at the store."

Norma knew how he had been straining every nerve to meet the interest which fell due in September and then there would be more interest in March and in September again, and some time would come the notes themselves.

"Uncle Rube has been so good to me," she said to herself as she wiped the dishes that Elsie washed.

"Elsie, what would you do if you had a thousand dollars, oh, more than that; all the money you wanted?"

"Me? Oh, I'd study music and take the whole family to the mountains and pay off papa's debts and hire a lot to do the dish washing."

"That would be pretty nice, wouldn't it?"

"You'd better guess it would." Norma felt the letter in her apron pocket and decided that she would mail it.

Two weeks afterward a tall, broad shouldered man with a firm chin and steady gray eyes, was helping Norma into the carriage that the boy from the livery stable had just driven up. Mr. Langford had come the day before, and that evening had been spent with the Williams' who all agreed that Norma's class mate was a very interesting man.

As Norma held out her cold, trembling hand she felt half sick with the fear of what this ride might mean. This man was so big and strong, so deferential and so masterful. She was glad that she had known him as she had, and thankful for the honest respect she had always felt for his unsullied manhood.

Over the smooth road they sped. Norma sought wildly for something to say, but found no middle ground be-



She felt half sick with the fear of what this ride might mean.

tween the platitudes that her lips would not utter and the purpose of this drive, and that she could not first touch upon. But the man beside her was talking, he might be saying something that she ought to hear. Very quiet his voice was as he told her about his life in the West, about the practice he had tried to build up, about what their class mates had done and were doing. As Norma felt the quiver of her excited nerves throbbing into quiet she relaxed her tense muscles and leaned back, thankful that this man was giving her a little time.

"You know about Beattie?" he was saying. Beattie had been his fiancee in those college days.

"I never knew which one of you did it."

"We both did, I guess," he answered and his voice had a far off sound. "I was a long way off and working hard—it takes a long time for a young fellow to build up a paying practice—an honest one—and then she began to go with Johnson and that Hadringham and I don't know who else."

"Yes?" it was the infection more than the word that helped him on.

"Well, I heard of it. I was angry with her and angry with myself—it didn't seem just fair—she had waited for me a long time—but there were the college debts, and when they were paid I couldn't ask her to come out to that far away country to nothing better than I could offer her."

"But if you loved each other—"

Norma began and then the purpose of this drive struck her dumb.

"Yes," he went on with what Norma almost felt to be ominous quiet, "but we grew apart instead of together. People talked, you know. I was proud and so was she, and—well, the bubble burst."

Some way Norma's vision began to clear. She clutched at the bows of the buggy and clasping one of them tight she plunged in.

"Mr. Langford, it seems this way to me. Hasn't Beattie the first right to a share of this money? Have you laid the matter before her? Perhaps—"

His quiet voice interrupted her, "Miss Hildreth, it is of no use to talk of Beattie or of any one else. When I knew of the provisions of Roger's will I did not hesitate in my choice. Do you suppose there are no girls in the town where I live? I didn't need to come a thousand miles to get a girl, but—I wanted you. Don't you understand? In college I liked you next to Beattie—my love for her is dead, but, Norma, don't you understand? I love you. I take back the proposition I made. When I wrote that letter, I knew that you were the only girl I would wish to share in the arrangement suggested—but until I came I did not know—that I was really in love. Sink the business part in the depths of the sea; try to love me a little, Norma, for I want you to be my wife for good and true."

Norma's heart gave a bound. Langford's arm drew her close as she sobbed out her answer.

He Won.

Like other men of prominence, Admiral Dewey often comes across the irrepressible party who always affects to be on terms of intimacy with notable persons. Courteous and genial to a degree, the admiral has a profound dislike for this sort of nuisance, and does not hesitate to show the feeling. Not long ago while out walking in Washington, he was accosted by an effusive stranger who grasped his hand and said: "George, I'll bet you don't know me." The admiral looked his displeasure as he answered grimly: "You win." and walked on.

Why He Quit.

Hal—What, you've stopped calling on the girl with the plaid waist? Tom—Yes, it's all over there. Hal—Why? Father object? Tom—Bless you, no! And I had nerve enough to dodge all her hints about popping the question, also, but the last time I called she had the sign "Do it now" stuck on the center table. That floored me, and I've quit.

Mark Twain's Joke on the Rector.

Bishop Doane was at one time the rector of an Episcopal church in Hartford, and the services at this church Mark Twain would occasionally attend. Twain one Sunday played a joke upon the rector. "Dr. Doane," he said at the end of the service, "I enjoyed your sermon this morning. I welcomed it like an old friend. I have, you know, a book at home containing every word of it." "You have not," said Dr. Doane. "I have so," said the humorist. "Well, send that book to me. I'd like to see it." "I'll send it," Twain replied. And the next morning he sent an unabridged dictionary to the rector.

A Non-Stinging Mosquito.

Dr. William Lyman Underwood, bacteriologist of the Boston board of health, has announced the discovery of a new species of mosquitoes twice as large as those that for ages have pestered humanity. The new creature is a non-stinging, non-biting member of the tribe, and aids in destroying mosquitoes that do sting, its larvae feasting on the larvae of the pest. According to the doctor, who has made many experiments, the larvae of the new mosquitoes will kill as many young biting mosquitoes floating in still water as will small fish, which hitherto have been considered our chief protection against the pest.

A Non-Resident Mayor.

From affidavits on file in Washington it would appear that Mayor Mullins, of Butte, has no right to the position he occupies, not being a citizen of Montana. He owns 300 acres of valuable land in Idaho, which he acquired under a desert land law. The affidavits cover a period of five years and Mullins states, under oath, that he was a resident of Boise, Id., and a farmer by occupation. As late as October 4, 1902, he made an affidavit on final proof, in which he set up Boise as his residence and all previous affidavits from the time of entry, September 19, 1898. These affidavits, it is contended by Mayor Mullins' political opponents, invalidate his election as mayor of Butte, where residence and citizenship is required by law as qualification of municipal officials.

Things Royalties Eat.

The German emperor is particularly fond of thrush salmi, a kind of stew made of thrushes. Queen Wilhelmina of Holland prefers roast joints, and the King of Spain likes underdone beef. Custards are the favorites of the King of Italy, while cod fried in oil finds favor with the czar of Russia, and mutton is chosen by the President of the French republic. The grandfather of the King of Italy had a peculiar taste for a monarch—he preferred bread and cheese, and used to carry it about with him, even to the opera. King Edward has a special liking for well-cooked mutton chops.

The Harvest.

"Young Briefly had only been admitted to the bar a week when he made a fortune. He was caught in a railroad wreck in which forty people were injured."

"And he was one of those who got damages?"

"He was all of them. He got all the victims to retain him."

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