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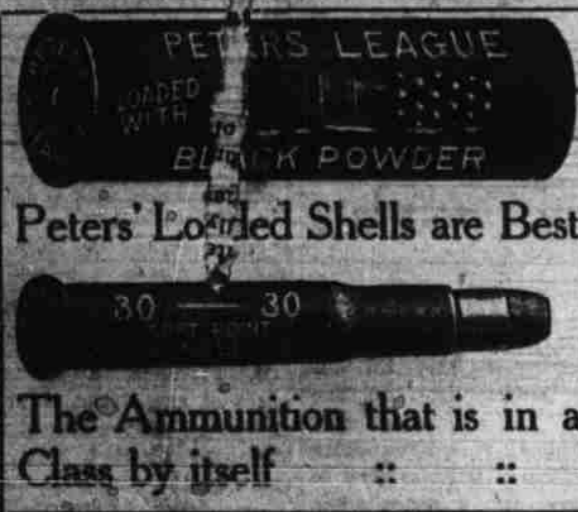
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Commercial Club Meets

The Big Springs Commercial Club met in regular session last Wednesday afternoon, January 22, 1908, with president B. Reagan in the chair.

The attendance was very good and all seemed interested in doing what they can for the promotion of our town.

P. G. Stokes, retiring treasurer, turned over the books to the secretary and reported \$106.03 on hand January 1st, 1908.

A committee of three was appointed to get all funds belonging to the club together and turn it over to the treasurers.

The committee appointed to raise money to pay expenses of the Campbell lecture reported \$106.50 promised.

The committee on membership reported 23 new names enrolled since last meeting, and the committee is still at work.

The proposition of Col. J. H. Ransom concerning the railroad bonus, was referred to the railroad committee which is composed of C. L. Alderman, chairman, J. I. McDowell, R. D. Matthews, H. C. Read and J. L. Perminter, who were appointed by the president.

The time for meeting was changed from 4:30 to 3:30 p. m. L. L. Stevenson and E. A. Pool were appointed a committee to petition the city council to buy a chemical engine.

By request of the club, W. G. Hayden, G. D. Lee and R. L. Perminter were appointed a committee to draft resolutions upon the death of E. O. Price.

Failure at Stanton

It is with keen regret that the friends of the firm of G. C. Fletcher & Co., heard of their failure in business. Having made an assignment in favor of creditors. The firm has enjoyed the confidence of a large number of patrons and had done a good busi-

ness but the money flurry coming as it did caught them with something like \$20,000 on the books, which they were unable to collect.

The liabilities are reported to be \$32,000 while the assets are \$42,000, and if their creditors had not pushed them at this time there is no doubt but that they would have come out all right.

Mr. Konz was appointed receiver and will have the stock invoiced and placed on the market. —Reporter.

J. O. Gibson, the tailor, opposite Enterprise office, makes a specialty of cleaning and pressing clothing.

Now is the time for you to begin trading at Reagan's drug store, if you are not already doing so.

Ring phone no 1 for what you need in the drug store.

R. P. Patty, a Candidate

We are authorized to announce R. P. Patty as a candidate for the office of district and county clerk, subject to the action of the democratic primary. Mr. Patty has been a citizen of our county a number of years and has always acted honorably and upright with his fellow citizens, and in asking for the votes of the people, promises them if elected he will faithfully discharge the duties of the office. Be sure to consider his claims when you cast your ballot.

Bert Weir of Moument, New Mexico, spent Sunday here and went on to San Angelo to spend a week with friends.

Dr. I. M. Howard and family, who were detained here three weeks on account of sickness, left the first of the week for Seminole, where they will locate.

J. I. Prichard for Re-Election.

This week we place the name of J. I. Prichard in our announcement column as a candidate for re-election to the office of district and county clerk, subject to the democratic primary. He has held the office several years, performed the duties faithfully and fairly and is always found at his post. He respectfully solicits your support.

There will be a ten cent social given by the Ladies Aid Society of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at the home of W. S. Kennon, Wednesday night, Jan. 29, 1908. All are cordially invited to be present to help in the good work.

Railroad Meeting

Quite a number of our business men met in the West Texas National Bank building Saturday night to confer with Col. J. H. Ransom, second vice-president of the Panhandle Short Line railroad, and to receive such proposals as he wished to make to the people of Big Springs.

His proposition is that the road be given a bonus of \$75,000, and right-of-way through the county. He also wanted 25 per cent of this amount to be paid for grading purposes.

The matter was taken under consideration and will be acted upon later.

We believe that if the people

of Big Springs want the road they can and will raise the bonus asked for. Towns all along the proposed route have come up with their bonuses, and Big Springs can do the same. There will be some opposition to the proposition but if we want to do anything, all must pull together.

We notice that our old friend, F. N. Olyer, is a candidate for county judge of Dawson county. He is a man of firm convictions and if elected will make that county a competent official. He is not new to the bench as a judge and his decisions have always been fair and just.

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

Tulsa, Ok., will after May 1 be a free mail delivery city.

Sir John Lawson Walton, a member of Parliament, and Attorney General, died in London last Saturday.

Waco is holding "Good Cheer" meetings to propagate the good feeling upon the passing of the threatened panic.

Col. John O. Handley, Supreme Vice-President of the Fraternal Union of America, died of appendicitis Friday at his home in Denver.

A year ago, when cars were scarce, the high price of coal was attributed to its scarcity; now that cars are standing in all the railway yards idle, coal is still higher.

Mary, the little five-year-old adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams, living near Duncan, after trying to swallow a capsule which lodged in her throat, choked to death.

Between the Baptist and Methodist congregations at Dixby, Ok., a controversy is on over the possession of a church building, where both denominations insist on holding services.

Congressman H. Burd Carrell of Pennsylvania and others have been indicted under a charge of grafting \$50,160 from the State in connection with the building of the new State Capitol.

Dan Gallegos, a pitcher of the Fort Worth baseball team, who was shot early Saturday morning, died at the Medical College Hospital about noon Sunday. Palmer Maddox was arrested and gave bond.

The buffalo fence in the Wichita National game preserve, erected at an expense of \$15,000 to the Government, enclosing 8000 acres, was completed and turned over to the Government representatives.

A fire which totally destroyed the Julius Marquis warehouse at Jamesville, Wis., caused a loss of between \$160,000 and \$200,000 in tobacco, which was stored in cases. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Assaulting W. C. Sadler, a policeman in Oklahoma City, Saturday night, a negro who was resisting arrest secured a club and struck the policeman over the head, and was returned fatally shot.

Arizona mines in 1907 produced \$67,000,000, surpassing both Michigan and Montana in the copper output. Attendance was 446, showing that every pupil, with the exception of two attended the institution every day.

Three men were killed and two were fatally injured at Corydon, Ind., Sunday, when a giant engine of the Southern Railway, westbound from New Albany, plunged from a ninety foot trestle, dragging down two freight cars with it.

Orders have been received at the Boston headquarters of the Northern Texas Traction Company to resume improvement work on the power plant at Handley, which supplies power for the city and interurban lines, and \$160,000 will be expended.

The large sawmill of the Sabine Tram Company at Deweyville was started up Monday after a long idleness, during which time extensive repairs were made on the plant. The mill will run a full crew and on full time.

Charles Emory Smith, editor of the Philadelphia Press, former minister to Russia and Postmaster General died suddenly at his home in that city Sunday, aged sixty-five years. Death was caused by heart failure.

Hon. W. W. Half of Temple, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Eleventh District formally opened his campaign Saturday. His opponent for the nomination is the present incumbent, Hon. R. L. Henry.

The Southern Cotton Association will convene in annual session in the auditorium of the Fair Grounds, Dallas, on the 19th, 20th and 21st of February. An attendance of between five and seven thousand is expected.

Josiah Hicks Harrison, a well known educator, brother of Dr. J. E. Harrison, President of the San Antonio Female College, died suddenly in San Antonio Saturday. He was the head of the boys' department of the Harrison School.

Jim Driscoll, a prominent young Grayson County, farmer, was fatally hurt in Sherman Saturday afternoon by being blown out of a wagon. His skull was fractured and one knocked out.

PUBLIC SERVICE FAVORS

MR. RANDALL MAKES STRONG LOSING FIGHT.

THE DEMOCRATS ARE SOLID

Free Pass Packers, Frank Holders and Public Service Beneficiaries Win.

Washington, Jan. 22.—By a vote of 103 to 86 the House yesterday afternoon, sitting as a committee on the whole, rejected a motion made by Mr. Randall to incorporate in the criminal code a section making it a felony for a member of Congress to accept a gift or employment from a public service corporation, or a corporation doing an interstate business.

Previously, by a vote of 52 to 56, the House rejected Mr. Randall's other proposition, making it a penal offense for a member of Congress or of the Federal Judiciary to accept a pass.

All the Democrats except four voted for both these propositions, and the opposition vote was made by the Republicans. Every Texas member present stood up when the eyes were called, but several of them were absent.

Judge Hardy of Texas supported Mr. Randall in a vigorous speech. With that exception Mr. Randall made the fight alone and acquitted himself well.

Mr. Randall declared that if what he proposed was already a law, not a man in the House would dare to vote for its repeal. Congress, he said, ought to be composed of men who are not only honest, but men who can act disinterestedly.

"It would seem," he continued, "that a sense of propriety, considerations of ethics, might be sufficient; but it is well known that a sense of propriety does not prevent not only some, but many men from accepting employment from public service corporations. Not only a few, but many men receive gifts from public service corporations. To receive a gift is to put yourself under obligation to the man who gives it to you. It is understood among men of high moral character, as well as among men of low moral character, that when they accept a gift they are expected to return the favor if the opportunity offers. Members of Congress should not only do what is right, but they should avoid the appearance of evil."

The Peanut Goes Marching On. Mincola: A committee has just returned from Emory and Hallville, where it was sent by the Ten Thousand Club to investigate the peanut proposition. The committee is enthusiastic, and steps will be taken at once to induce the farmers to plant 3000 acres to peanuts in Wood County. An effort will be made to establish a mill at this place. Every indication points to a larger volume of business for 1908 than ever before.

It is Now Senator Williams. Jackson, Miss.: In the two houses of the Mississippi Legislature Tuesday Congressman John Sharp Williams was elected to the United States Senate to succeed Hon. H. D. Money, whose term expires March 4, 1911.

Wednesday a joint session was held to ratify the election, and the nominee delivered an address. Edmund F. Noel was inaugurated Governor of Mississippi.

A \$40,000 Fire at Denison. Denison: Tuesday the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway was visited by the most disastrous fire in its history at this point. The coal chutes, the largest in the State, seven cylinder cars and three loaded coal cars, the sand house and about one thousand tons of coal were burned. The coal chutes, a structure four hundred feet in length and forty feet in height and six engines were endangered, and barely escaped.

Wants \$100,000 Repairs to Feelings. Houston: Suit for \$100,000 damages has been filed against the city of Houston, George Ellis, Chief of Police, and other officers, in which allegations of brutality are made in connection with the search of a private dwelling for alleged stolen property. G. T. Redding is the complainant, and alleges that his sick wife was disturbed and his fifteen-year-old daughter insulted by the officers making the search.

Claimed First Shot at Shiloh. Paducah, Ky.: Napoleon Roulean, the Confederate soldier who fired the first shot at the battle of Shiloh, died here Tuesday, aged seventy-two years. He was a member of Cobb's Battery, and won special mention for courage at Shiloh. He was a French-Canadian, but came to Kentucky when a youth. He was wounded several times in the war, but continued in service until surrendered by Johnston in South Carolina in 1865.

TO EXTEND FREE DELIVERY.

Burleson Introduces Bill to Make Change.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Mr. Burleson introduced a bill yesterday morning to extend the free mail delivery service to towns whose postal receipts are \$6000 a year. At present only towns whose annual receipts are \$10,000 are entitled. San Marcos, Brenham, Taylor are entitled to the service under the present law, and Mr. Burleson is trying to get it for them. Under the bill introduced yesterday every county seat in Mr. Burleson's district would have this service, and in addition, Granger. The proposed change would have the effect of giving free delivery service to many towns from which rural free delivery routes radiate, but which now have no delivery service within their corporate limits.

Made a Good Haul at Texola. Texola, Ok.: After a hand-to-hand battle with Assistant Cashier Jones, two masked men robbed the First National Bank of Texola of about \$4000 in currency at 7 o'clock Saturday night. Jones was found an hour later bound and gagged and insensible from a blow on the head. "Hands up" were the words that greeted Jones while he was working on his books. Jones raised his hands, but when one of the bandits turned to dump the loose change on the counter into a sack the assistant cashier attacked the other. The two men struggled on the floor until the other robber hit Jones on the head with his gun.

To Pipe Gas Out of Oklahoma. Guthrie, Ok.: Information from Washington is to the effect that an effort is being made to involve the Federal Government and Oklahoma in litigation over the bill recently passed by the Legislature prohibiting the piping of gas out of the State. The basis for the proposed suit is that Indians who own the gas sought to be carried out have made legal contracts as wards of the Government and under provision of the Interior Department.

Johnson County Diversifiers Busy. Cleburne: At a second meeting of the stockholders of the local spinning factory it was agreed to ask the farmers of the county to plant tomatoes, sweet potatoes and other vegetables, at the rate of 70 cents per hundred pounds for tomatoes and 80 cents per hundred for potatoes, etc. A long list of names was attached to the agreement. Several hundred acres in the county will be devoted to tomatoes. The farmers will also plant peanuts.

Oldest Preacher Dies. Waxahachie: Rev. Angus Johnson, reputed to be the oldest minister in the United States, died Sunday at his home at Avalon, Ellis County, where he had resided since 1899. Had he survived until August 26, Rev. Johnson would have reached the century mark in life's journey. He was a man of wonderful vitality, and was actively engaged in the ministry until just a few months ago. His death was primarily due to old age.

Two-Cent Rate Law Invalid. Philadelphia, Pa.: The 2-cent rate law now in force in Pennsylvania was Monday declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court, which handed down an opinion affirming the opinion of the Common Pleas Court of Philadelphia rendered last September. The vote of the court was four to three.

Elevator Burns at Beaumont. Beaumont: The Josey-Miller Company's grain elevator, grist mill and warehouse were destroyed by fire on Monday night, causing a loss estimated at \$38,000, with insurance amounting to \$19,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. A negro employee discovered the flames bursting from the third-story window of the elevator and gave the alarm. The fire department responded promptly but could do nothing.

A world's record was broken during the first hour of the six-day bicycle race Monday afternoon at Kansas City, when 26 miles and 7 laps were made on a 12-lap track in Convention Hall. The previous record for one hour was 26 miles and 3 laps on a 10-lap track.

W. U. Perkins was elected Mayor of Nacogdoches without opposition to fill out the unexpired term of R. T. Shindler, resigned. The term expires next April.

Representatives of a Pennsylvania oil company have secured options on 150 acres of land in Camp County and will prospect for oil or gas, as there are indications of both.

Mrs. J. W. Hledoske, aged thirty years, dropped dead at Ardmore, Ok., Monday morning, though in apparently good health. The remains were shipped to Denton, Texas.

State Treasurer Sparks issued another call for State funds on all State depositories. He expects this call to net about \$50,000.

SOUNDS RATHER FISHY

CLAIMS AN ANARCHIST PLOT IS UNEARTHED.

PLAN TO BLOW UP ARMADA

Foreign Reds Said to Have Laid Plot to Destroy Vessels at Rio de Janeiro.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 20.—The Brazilian police have discovered an anarchistic plot here having as its object the destruction of part of the American fleet now lying in the harbor. The conspiracy, while centering in Rio de Janeiro and Petropolis, has ramifications in Sao Paulo and Minas Geraes. An individual named Jean Fedher, who resided in Petropolis, was the chief conspirator here, although it is understood that foreign anarchists are deeply involved in the plot. Fedher is believed to have fled to Sao Paulo, and police who know him have been sent to that place for the purpose of apprehending him.

As yet the people of Brazil are ignorant of the details of the plot to do injury to the visiting warships, though there has been some slight inkling of the matter. The impression which the exposure of this plot will create here will be a profound one, because it is the first anarchistic conspiracy that has even been known in Brazil. The police of Sao Paulo have sent word that they are on the track of the malefactors, who, they declare, will not be able to come to Rio de Janeiro.

Aged Editor and Veteran Dead. Atlanta, Ga.: Captain Vary Pritchard Sisson, one of the oldest editors and publishers in the South, died at his home in Kirkwood, a suburb, Sunday, aged seventy years. Captain Sisson was a Confederate veteran, and served with distinction throughout the Civil War. He was connected with the Atlanta Intelligencer before the war, and with the Constitution for a number of years after its termination. He leaves a widow and daughters.

It Means Business. Tecumseh, Ok.: Alfred, a prominent banker of Tecumseh, advocates the merger of Tecumseh, the county seat of Pottawatomie County, with Shawnee, six miles distant, in order to unite their efforts to secure the State Capital. A delegation of Tecumseh citizens has been selected to meet with the Shawnee Commercial Club to draw up the merger contract. The merged town would have a population of 14,000.

Harvester People Fined \$12,500. Topeka, Kan.: Judge Dana, in the Shawnee County District Court here, has assessed a fine of \$12,500 against the International Harvester Company, which the Court found guilty on forty-three counts of violating the Kansas anti-trust law. The maximum fine is \$1000 a count and the minimum \$100. The company was given a stay of execution of sixty days to prepare a case for the Supreme Court. The criminal suit was filed a year ago.

School teachers are so scarce in Chicago that many of the classes in the public schools are turned over to the best pupils to manage, rather than dismiss the classes and turn the children into the streets.

John R. Walsh Found Guilty. Chicago, Ill.: John R. Walsh, former President of the defunct Chicago National Bank, was Saturday found guilty of the misappropriation of the funds of that institution. The penalty under the law for the crime is imprisonment of not less than five years nor more than ten on each count. This does not permit the substitution of a fine for the prison term. He was convicted on fifty-four counts. New trial is sought.

Selected His Coffin and Shroud. Plano: John W. Martin, a retired merchant of this city, died at his residence in this city at 10 o'clock Saturday. He was seventy-two years old. About three years ago he had a local carpenter construct for him a coffin made according to his own ideas and had it stored away in the upper story of his residence. About two years ago he celebrated his golden wedding with his wife, who survives him.

After forty-six days buried. Ely, Nev.: After having been entombed forty-six days in the Alpha shaft or the Cirropx mine, A. H. Bailey, P. J. Brown and Fred McDonald were rescued Saturday night. At 8:30 Bailey was brought out. Fourteen minutes later McDonald, while ten minutes later Brown was brought up. Whistles over the district blew loudly, while the crowds in the streets cheered, and every bell in the town was set ringing.

A SMOOTH GAME IS SQUELCHED.

Plot to Use Mails as a Liquor Carrier.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Representative Sims of Tennessee discovered a man whom he knew to be the legislative agent of distilling interests, in the Balcony of the House. Mr. Sims recalled that he had seen this man several times during the consideration of the bill to revise and codify the penal statutes.

The codification bill is a most important but at the same time a most uninteresting subject of legislation. No one who can escape ever listens to the discussion.

"There must be a nigger in the wood pile," thought Mr. Sims, and no sooner did he say it than he began to explore the wood pile, which, in this case, was the huge codification bill.

It was a long, tedious search. Several sections were ransacked, but no suspicious circumstances discovered. After a while he came to the section which describes what shall be non-mailable.

He discovered that the section had been copied faithfully, except for the omission of the words "and liquors," so that if the section had been reenacted with this omission, whiskey, if properly packed, would have been mailable matter.

Mr. Sims thought it perhaps was due to inadvertence, until, looking into another section, he discovered that words had been inserted which made it mandatory on the Postmaster General to prescribe regulations for packing that would leave him no discretion as to the carrying of whiskey in the mails.

Every rural and star route would have been an agency of distribution. The section in which it was sought to make this revision of the laws had not been reached. Mr. Sims rose and warned the House.

Two Killed in Fire Panic. Scranton, Pa.: The Imperial Underwear Factory, employing more than one hundred girls, was burned early Friday. The factory was a four-story building in a largely built section of the city. There was a panic when the alarm of fire was sounded. Florence Wainhouse was caught in the burning building and met a terrible death in the flames. Mary Beckley, who, with a number of other girls, jumped from the fire escape, broke her neck.

Death from Carbolic Acid. Corsicana: John Kennedy, about thirty years of age, who had been working for the pipe line company, was found dying condition Friday on a sidewalk on Eighth Street. Before medical aid could reach him he died. An inquest resulted in the verdict that death was caused by carbolic acid poisoning. Letters found indicate he had relatives living in Newark, N. J., to whom telegrams have been sent.

Seventeen More Oil Cars Seized. Austin: The State has laid its hand on seventeen more cars of the Union Tank Line Company, a defendant in the Standard Oil anti-trust suits, and now has a total of sixty-six cars of that company impounded in the State, but has been unable to get service. The cars will probably average about \$600 each in value, making a total of \$32,000 impounded in the State. The receiver, Guy A. Collett, is having a list made of the cars.

Waco is undergoing one of its periodical invasions of rats. The city is said to be literally overrun with the rodents.

To Inspect West Texas Soil. Washington: At the solicitation of Judge Smith the Department of Agriculture will shortly send Prof. Youngblood to West Texas to study and report on the agricultural resources of that country. This report will include a study of the soil and of the climate, a consideration of farming methods and as well as of the adaptation of various crops. Prof. Youngblood used to be attached to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

Woman Poisons Self and Children. St. Louis, Mo.: Mrs. Leo Jacobs, thirty years of age, killed her two children and herself Wednesday afternoon with poison. The three bodies were found Wednesday night, and a physician said the mother and children had been dead about three hours. Mr. Jacobs is traveling manager for a cement concern, and was out of the city. Before marriage Mrs. Jacobs was Miss Camille Blum of Dallas, Texas.

In a pistol duel in Chicago William Finkenbaurer was killed early Thursday by Detective Michael Kern. Finkenbaurer was attempting to rob two men when he was seen by the detective, and the shooting followed.

The Nevada Legislature passed a resolution Thursday petitioning the President to maintain troops in Goldfield until the Legislature can, by the passage of a law, provide either for a police force or some other method of maintaining the peace.

FROM ALL OVER TEXAS

The Bank of England Thursday reduced the rate of discount from six to five per cent.

Bill Raby, a well known negro at Paddy, dropped dead at the home of a neighbor a few days since.

The Fort Worth City Commission has under advisement a bread ordinance, prescribing the weight and prices of loaves.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas report for November shows a decline in net earnings of over \$500,000. Other roads made similar statements.

Katy Hayes, a negro, died at Temple from burns. She was employed at a farm near there, and while washing clothes her garments caught fire.

J. T. Whitley, a prominent merchant of Pilot Point, shot himself Friday. He died almost instantly. He leaves a wife and a large family of children.

Mrs. W. E. Mason, who was shot in the chest over a month ago at Cleburne, attending physicians say, will recover, unless some new complication develops.

Mrs. J. J. Culbertson of Paris has a family Bible 125 years old, that was purchased in London. It has been in her family 110 years, having been owned by her grandfather.

John H. Cole, one of Dallas County's best citizens, died in Dallas Friday, aged eighty-one years. He was Dallas County's first Probate Judge and surveyor.

Frank Ellsworth was found guilty of the murder of Bary Dockray at Amarillo about a year ago, and assessed the punishment of ninety-nine years in the penitentiary.

D. Florence, a farmer, sixty-five years of age, living eight miles north of Venus, dropped dead at his home Thursday about 4 p. m. Heart failure was the cause of death.

Mr. Henry has for the Judiciary Committee reported favorably Mr. Stephens' bill creating a division of the Federal Court at Amarillo. The bill has already passed the Senate.

A movement is on foot to organize the North Texas League of baseball. The scheme this time is that Denison, Sherman, Paris, Greenville, Terrell and one other town compose the league.

The four-year-old daughter of Ezekiel Brown, residing about one mile northwest of Weatherford, died Friday night from the effect of burns. The child's dress ignited from a heating stove.

Alex Walker, the negro shot Thursday in an attempt to hold up a Longview bank, died Friday. He named two other negroes, who were parties to the affair but who made their escape when the shooting commenced.

Night Officer Houston of Lufkin killed Jesse Knight, son of R. A. Knight, a prominent citizen of the county, a few nights since. Houston claims Knight was resisting arrest, and that he attacked him with a knife.

Secretary Taft, before the Senate Committee on Intercoastal Canals, testified that his opinion was that the Panama Canal would be finished and ready for use in six years, at a total cost, including purchase price, of \$300,000,000.

In a protest filed the anti-prohibitionists, or at least some of them, gave notice that they will contest Tuesday's election, in which prohibition carried in Shreveport by a vote of 1300 to 1239.

J. L. Carlisle died Friday morning at the home of his son in Greenville. He was eighty-eight years old, and was a prominent citizen of the county for years, a Confederate veteran, a Mason for fifty-three years and a Methodist since boyhood.

The two National banks in Waxahachie have on deposit more than \$1,000,000, and it is conservatively estimated that about two-thirds of the amount belongs to the farmers of Waxahachie's trade territory.

Carter Forrest, a Longview negro, while removing his overcoat, dropped a revolver to the floor. It was discharged, the bullet striking a man in the arm and penetrating the lungs of Ella Hughes, a negro, who was in the same room. The woman may die.

Following two weeks of hard training, twenty students of Polytechnic College will leave Fort Worth for Dallas Sunday evening, January 26, and on the following morning begin their return trip on foot.

Thursday afternoon fire broke out among the cotton stored on the platform of the compass at Hillsboro. Before the flames were under control a number of bales were burned and between seventy-five and one hundred bales damaged.

Local and Personal

Cut glass at Reagan's.
See J. O. Hartzog for fire insurance.

G. R. Everett of Glasscock county was here Tuesday.
Take Ward's Pink Blood and Liver Pills, best on earth.

H. J. Lackin, of Stanton, was here Saturday.

All kinds of school books and school supplies at Reagan's.

See our line of men's shirts at 45c. Stokes-Hughes Co.

Favorite Headache Tablets are the best, at Ward's.

J. C. Dorward of Borden county was trading here Monday.

Big stock of linoleum just in, at Big Springs Furniture Co. 71f

Jesse F. Cross of Midland was here Saturday.

Don't forget Reagan's store is full of goods and he wants to sell them.

A. P. McDonald returned from a visit to his brother at Abilene Wednesday.

Kidney, Bladder, Backache and Rheumatic troubles cured with Ward's Kidney Pills.

Jack Alley of Tahoka, was here Saturday, en route home from a trip to Dallas.

The man who buys his things in the drug store line at Reagan's is the man who saves money.

H. W. Caylor and wife were here Saturday from their home south of town.

I believe I have the prettiest line of wall paper ever brought to Big Springs, considering the price. B. Reagan.

P. M. Horn of Dawson county was here Saturday and informed us that he expected to locate in Big Springs soon.

We will sell you a sewing machine on easy payments and buy your old machine. We are agents for the New Home and Standard machines.

H. L. Rix & Co.

If you want the best results, bring your prescriptions to Reagan's drug store, where the purest drugs and the most careful and skillful work is done in compounding them.

While putting a sack of chops on his wagon Tuesday afternoon Bob Spears wrenched his back so badly that he fainted. He was unable to drive his wagon home, but at last accounts was getting along nicely.

Plans, specifications and material bills furnished for all class of buildings at reasonable prices. See us before you build and we can help you in many ways. M. M. Rooker, architect and civil engineer, office over Van Gieson's store, Big Springs, Tex. 10f

Services at Christian Church.

Preaching every Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Prayer meeting every Tuesday night. You are cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.

MITCHELL and PARK

Druggists and Jewelers

See us before you Buy Elsewhere.

Diamonds at Reagan's.
L. O. Ramsey of Sierra Blanca was here this week.

Laxative Quinine Cold Tablets, cure colds, at Ward's.

R. Y. Lindsey, of Lamesa was here Monday.

Phone no 1 for your drug store wants.

J. J. Curlee, one of Lamesa's dry goods merchants, was here Monday.

R. H. Sneed has returned from a visit to Tombstone Arizona.

For handsome presents, wedding gifts etc go to Reagan's. County court convenes on Monday, February 3rd.

Just received a car of furniture by the Big Springs Furniture Co.

J. B. Miles of Dawson county was here yesterday.

A number of local scenes, beautiful colored post cards at Reagan's.

Buy your year's wedding gifts 50c on the dollar until Feb 1st at Ward's.

See the Jewell Hot Blast Heaters before you buy any other.

H. L. Rix & Co.

James E. Morris will preach next Sunday at 11 a. m., at the Baptist church.

See Arnold for flues, tanks and gutters, or anything else in the line of sheet iron work. 49-3t

H. W. Caylor and wife were here Saturday from their home south of town.

See us for your heating and cooking stoves. Stokes-Hughes Company.

Watches, Diamonds and solid gold jewelry 50c on the dollar at Ward's until Feb. 1st.

We have a few ladies and Misses cloaks left that will be sold at a great reduction. Stokes-Hughes Company.

P. M. Horn, of Dawson county, was here Saturday and informed us that he expected to locate in soon.

J. D. McDonald will sell and deliver goods promptly for the cash. Next door to A. G. Hall's store. Phone 226.

T. G. Fletcher has just completed a neat cottage on his property west of the court house.

Red Cross noiseless shoes. The most comfortable shoes for ladies at Stokes-Hughes Co.

W. R. Settles of the North Concho country was in town last Monday.

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Mrs. Edward Mills of Dallas is here on a visit to her parents, J. D. Birdwell and wife.

You save money on your feed bill if you use International Stock Food. For sale at Reagan's.

R. C. Sanderson visited Lamesa and Tahoka, the first of the week.

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Jno B. Slaughter was here Wednesday on his way from Fort Worth to his Garza county ranch.

Iron-Tonic Pills, a great nerve tonic, at Ward's.

Twenty-five thousand men were returned to work in Pittsburg last week which is a good sign of better conditions.

J. D. McDonald will sell and deliver goods promptly, for the cash. Next door to A. G. Hall's store. Phone 226. 15-1f

In Albuquerque, N. M., people are not permitted to use their telephones on Sunday. Sunday must be a dull day for the women who is in the habit of listening on a party line out there.

Victor phonographs at Reagan's.

Mrs. John Snoddy of Toyah visited relatives and friends here last week.

Dr. Peper and Cosco Colo served at Reagan's fountain.

Miss Eric Ellis of Midland, visited relatives and friends here last week.

The grip is easily cured by using Reagan's Cold Tablets

J. H. Montgomery of the Gay Hill country was in the city Monday.

Frank Good, of the Sparenberg country marketed cotton here Monday.

Mrs. I. D. Eddins, who has been sick for the past three weeks is reported better.

I. D. Eddins says that he is in the race for tax assessor and wants his friends to remember him.

Yancy Adams, who has been on a visit to his home at Lamesa left Saturday for his home at Minneapolis, Minn.

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J. C. Carter of Glasscock county was here Wednesday and had his date moved up one year on our subscription list.

Rev. E. B. Watson, who was pastor of the Christian church here several years ago, died in Brownwood last Friday.

There will be preaching at the Cumberland Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon by Elder J. L. Robertson. Public cordially invited.

D. C. Porch and family returned last week from a visit to Alabama. They report times pretty hard there and lots of people out of employment.

When he Skipped

Suddenly the Lone woman awoke and pressing a button flooded the apartment with light. In the full glare stood a burglar.

"I don't wish to alarm you," she said to him, but in just a minute the hour of midnight will strike."

He did not seem impressed.

"Are you aware," she continued, that the coming of the hour will usher in the new year?"

Still he stood mute.

"And that it will be leap year at that?" she added.

Then it was that he fled into the darkness.

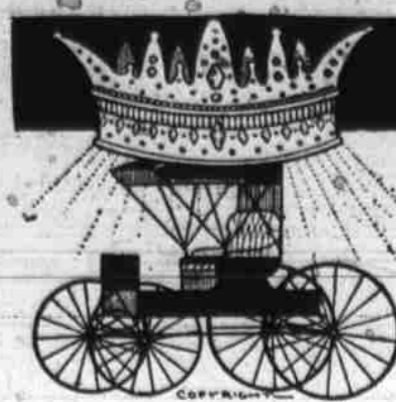
F. M. McKinney

Born in County Dare, Ireland in 1828, died at his home in Howard county, Texas, January 17th 1908, after a short illness, and was buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery Saturday afternoon.

The funeral services were conducted at the Christian church. Mr. McKinney came to the United States in 1854, settling in New Jersey, moved to Pennsylvania, then to Kentucky, and in 1881 came to Texas and to Howard county in 1891, making his home since coming to this county on a farm twelve miles east of town.

When the war between the States broke out Mr. McKinney enlisted in the 2nd Kentucky infantry and served with through the war. This regiment went into the struggle with 1100 men and at the close of the war only mustered out 80 able bodied men. At the time of his death he was a member of Joe Wheeler Camp, U. C. V. of this place. He was a man that was kind hearted and loyal to his friends and was always willing to assist those in distress and many hearts have had their burdens lightened by his kind thoughtfulness.

He leaves nine children, seven sons and two daughters to mourn his loss and to whom this paper extends sympathy.



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Junior Epworth League, Sunday 3 p. m. Senior Epworth League, Sunday 4.20 p. m.

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS.

DEFICIENCIES OF RAILROAD ORGANIZATION

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 20, 1903.

In my last letter I said I would take as the subject for next week, "The Mistakes of Railroad Managers." In giving this subject further consideration it occurs to me that we must go deeper; that a mere criticism of railroad management is not sufficient. The cause, rather than the effect, should be considered, and that the caption suggested last week would be a misnomer. In answer to the question, "Why do railroad managers make the mistakes they have made in dealing with the public?" it is clear to my mind that the answer must be: Because railroad organizations are built on wrong lines. The plan of organization suited to early days, when the building of railroads was a matter of land speculation, is not suited to the present day, when it is a matter of land, commerce, whether right or wrong, the purpose of governmental authority, if not to prohibit, to render unprofitable, by the passage of laws, the building of railroads to open up a territory to settlement regardless of a prospect for direct traffic returns.

Before I begin to point out how our railroad organizations are deficient for the needs of the present in dealing with the public, it is necessary to properly understand the subject—to go back to the beginning of railroad building in Texas, and an account of the ways and means of doing it in this state, will apply to all of the Western United States.

Railroads at the Close of the Civil War.

While a few miles of road were built before the war, the real beginning will date at its close. In 1864 the only railroads in operation in Texas were the following: Gulf, Western Texas and Pacific from Indianola to Victoria, thirty-eight miles; Houston and Texas Central from Houston to Millcan, twenty-nine miles; Texas and New Orleans from Houston to Liberty, forty-one miles; Texas and Pacific, from Swanson's Landing on Cross Lake, to Marshall, thirty-eight miles; Galveston, Houston and Henderson from Galveston to Houston, fifty miles. Total railroads in operation, 144 miles.

During the term of the great war there was neither the means nor the money to maintain or improve the existing roads, and consequently in the year 1865 they were practically all unfit for the service of transportation. In one case, that of the Texas and New Orleans road, six miles of track from Liberty to the Sabine river, had been torn up, as it had gotten in such bad repair that it could not be used, and the serviceable material secured was used to improve the roads. The railroad companies, as did individuals, accepted pay for service in Confederate money, and with the fall of the Confederacy they were reduced to bankruptcy.

The people of the state were also beggared; their farms and ranches in ruins, the dependent labor demoralized and useless, and coin money had completely disappeared from our borders. Desolation stared the railroads and the people in the face, but it was not long before the energies of the people were aroused, and they manifested a desire to work to recuperate their industrial strength and repair their lost fortunes.

The state held a vast property of 87,000,000 acres of land, but more than 80 per cent of it was in the Western portion and the Panhandle, untilled and unutilizable, inaccessible to production and commerce for many years in the future. But this land secured a credit and a borrowing power, which the legislature used in issuing bonds, which were loaned to the railroads in order that they could put their lines in operation. To induce the building of more railroads to open the country to agriculture and commerce the legislature wisely passed a law donating sixteen sections of state land for each mile of new railroad built in a specified time. Enterprising and ambitious Texans, among whom may be mentioned H. B. Andrews, J. M. Brandon, George B. Nichols, John Seay, G. S. Wood, W. L. Moody, Leon Blum, G. A. Crow, C. Ennis, W. J. Helms, W. R. Baker, G. Greenbeck, P. W. Hogue and Paul Braham and others traveled throughout the Eastern states and Europe advertising the opportunity to build railroads in Texas and setting forth to capitalists in most gorgeous hues the richness of Texas and the wealth of the future if they were opened to settlement and commerce. And their's was no easy job, for every Western state was strenuously competing for this same capital, and offering bonuses and advantages of every sort to induce the investment of money in the competition, when you know that in that vast territory west of the ninety-seventh meridian of longitude (passing between Fort Worth and Dallas) comprising two-thirds of the land area of the United States, there were contained only 1100 miles of railroad!

There were mighty reasons why each section wanted to get railroads, and get them before a competing state or section. Immigration from Europe had been stopped for many years, the great annual migratory land seekers from the East to the West had likewise been held in abeyance, and when the war finally ceased there was a flood tide of immigration to the West that swamped all means of transportation. Advertisements in Eastern and European papers of new railroad building and new territory opening brought a veritable storm of immigrants. This immigration was accentuated from the fact that a million homes had been broken up by the shock of war, and thousands wished to close their eyes to ruin by moving to a new territory. Railroad building was then a land opening and a home-building episode. There was no reckoning for the future, no thought of when or how long before a road would become self-supporting. The lions of the people who had the money would buy stocks and bonds at any discount, the stocks and bonds were issued, and the roads were built. The people knew that when the roads were once built, they were there for all time, and would have to be operated whether they would earn operating expenses or not after the fever of speculation was over. The fever died subsiding, and the greatest speculation in the history of the world came to an end. Hundreds of railroads went into receivers' hands, and it was a fight to a finish between those who put money into the railroad building to see who would get it out.

The era of speculative railroad building in the West covers fully the two decades after the close of the war, and took the country exactly two more decades to grow up the railroad building. In 1902 it could, for the first time, be said, that the traffic of the West was equal to the ability of the transportation companies. From 1855 until 1899 there was a fierce fight for traffic, and during this time competition paved all bounds of reason. No traffic manager's word to another about maintaining rates was worth the paper

it was written upon. Hundreds of agreements to maintain rates were broken before the ink was dry. Resales, false claims, underbidding, all manner of devices were used to cut rates secretly. The claim departments became rate-cutting bureaus. It was a case of "take who may, and keep who can," and the sharp merchant who knew how to play one road against another always secured lower rates, in one form or another, than the man who was not "onto the ropes." Legitimate claims of small shippers were delayed or refused payment, an every claim was viewed as a scheme to cut the rate, and claims were not paid unless there was some additional business in sight. Hundreds of times has one railroad, which had a disability of some nature, as time, service or connections, cut rates between certain points to secure a chance shipment or passenger, thereby reducing the revenues of the road entitled to the business to a ruinous extent. The whole idea of the traffic manager was to "make a showing" on accounts to his superiors. If he secured a dollar's worth of business for which he was not properly a competitor, he boasted of it, even if his competitor had lost \$100 by his action. The railroads, in the face of the great need for revenue, finding themselves powerless to live by any pledge or word or honor, appealed to congress for a law permitting pooling and agreements on rates, and punishing infractions of agreements, but the big shippers were too strong to permit anything of this nature, or they had waxed fat on the condition of dire necessity of the railroads and the reductions in rates, paid in rebates, which the club of big shippers had enforced. Something had to be done to secure equitable rates, and failing to secure government authority to maintain them, the inevitable alternative was "group control" in competitive territories, as has since been evolved. Naturally, when rates began to ascend to a proper figure, a howl was raised by the big shippers, and the small shipper, imagining from the howl that he was hit, also raised a howl. No one of us ever gave up a soft snap that we didn't howl, and herein have the railroads secured the condemnation of the public, because some members of it claimed that they have been wronged. It is the business of every shipper to get the lowest rate of transportation possible, for a dollar saved is a dollar made. The dealer, in the vast majority of instances, secures all the profit on a reduction of freight rates, for the reason that the freight rate on a single article, as a handkerchief, a pair of shoes or a suit of clothes, is so small that it cannot enter into a competitive price. If, ten years ago, congress had acceded to the request of the railroads for a law permitting pooling, the railroad question would have been settled to the benefit of the people, and we would today have many more railroads with local independent ownerships on a paying basis, and would not have an incentive to railroad building, but would cause the people of each section of the country to take an active interest in the railroad business, and many inequalities a great system cannot tolerate would be corrected. But the influence of the big shippers was too great to permit the passage of a law for the good of the whole country.

Railroads Must Appeal to the People. The old order has passed away, and the new has taken its place before the railroad companies have prepared for it. The day of favors to big shippers has come never to return, except, perhaps, in some legal form, as the giving of a reduced rate for a "trainload" shipment, and under the new order this will be an absolute necessity, so far as export shipments are concerned. But for a decade to come the hand of every big shipper and every political lawyer who thrives most when strife is greatest, will be turned against the railroads, and they must prepare to appeal to the common people, who are not blinded by avarice.

To appeal to them successfully and by right, they must inaugurate a method of administration that will secure to the smallest shipper and the humblest passenger equal and exact justice. The details of management must be looked after more closely, the thousands and one small things that add to the peace of mind of the patron must be taken note of.

A Change in Methods of Administration. The principal trouble with the present railroad organization is, that all the officers are on the staff, and none on the line. The consequence is that it is impossible for the officials to know precisely how the men on the line who come in contact with the public, treat the public. No general manager, general superintendent or other general officer that ever lived is able to keep the proper espionage on the men on the line to tell how they treat the public, except by means of secret service men, and they do more harm than good in the long run, and destroy all esprit de corps, which is a prime necessity.

Another serious objection to the present administration is the too strict delimiting of departments so far as the public is concerned. Railroad men have been taught not to interfere in each other's departments, and some misguided department officials take it as an insult for a fault of their department to be called to their attention by a man in another department. If the railroads adopted the plan of having division officers, for say every 100 miles of road, and let all of the complaints of the public of whatever nature pass through their hands, good results would be shown. These division men, selected from the ranks of the agents, engineers and conductors, would be of immense benefit to a railroad and its patrons, through them the general manager could not only keep "tab" on the wants of the public, but also on staff officers.

With present organizations it is impossible for an executive officer to know wherein a department officer fails in his dealings with the public, and this being the case, it has been an enigma to me why, in many cases, railroad managers put their sorriest men in the passenger department, which comes in touch with every man, woman and child in a road's territory. The most important department of a railroad is the passenger department, and the best man should have charge of it. This will eliminate many causes of complaint. A general passenger agent's power to gain friends or make enemies of a railroad is enormous. The vast majority of the people of Texas wish to encourage railroad builders. They are entirely willing that the railroads should participate in the prosperity of the state which, they in such large measure, help to bring about, and if the railroad managers make up their minds to deal directly with the people, and do the fair thing by them, no set of job-seeking demagogues on earth can ever poison the minds of the people against them.

MILTON EVERETT.

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Did you every try home owing? It's a good thing to do.

What about a weekly trades' day? It works elsewhere.

When you have absolutely nothing else to do, then talk hard times.

When are you going to have your first open meeting for this year?

Wear your overcoat all summer if necessary, but don't give a mortgage.

Every citizen owes it to himself, his family and his community to own a home.

Plant peanuts, but don't stop at that. Plant Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, corn and some cotton.

The farmer is the primary road-user, and it is up to him to make better roads. Get you a split log drag, and do it now.

You owe it to your country to own your home, and then you owe it to your neighbor to help him to own a home, too.

It is not too early to begin to lay plans for a summer campaign of membership-getting. What are you going to do about it?

The old-fashioned liar is mighty uncomming now. People have learned more sense than to talk about hard times any more.

Serve God and love your neighbor as yourself and keep faith with the Union, and you will have been a mighty busy man.

If you want an absolutely square deal, take the hen and the cow into partnership with you and treat them at least half right.

When you have planted all that it is practicable to raise, you will not have to worry about "over-production" of any crop. See?

The happiest and most contented people on earth are those who own their homes, people who have a place to lay their heads.

The hen is the finest crop on the place, and has the poorest chance, at that. Give the hen a decent show, and you will have the surprise of your life.

The word to inspire every member of the Union for this year ought to be "Progress." This means progress in Union, in Education, progress in action. Are you in on the campaign?

All good Union men are fixing up their yards, so that the passer-by will think that some white man lives at that place. Are you willing to live at a place that will "look like a 'widow woman's' place"?

This is the year that you ought to take up the matter of consolidating your schools and securing bigger and better school houses and larger courses of study and better teachers. What are you going to do about it?

"Plant peanuts" is the slogan in Texas. This is good so far as it goes, but it ought to be built up till it reels. "Plant peanuts, pigs, poultry, peas, potatoes and prosperity all over the farm," and this need not be taken seriously by Texans only. They need it all over this country.

This is the year you have promised to make your best year. Begin it right by becoming so good a Union man that your neighbor, who has been holding off will see the error in his ways, and be constrained to come into the ranks of his brotherhood.

It is still time to plant a few more trees, and as it is past the usual season for selling, there are a lot of good trees at the nurseries that may be had at bargain prices. Better look into this matter.

In the work of the Union, as everywhere else, there are discouragements. Sometimes it seems that people get the "contraries" and seem to take a fendish delight in undoing work that has taken months to accomplish. The consoling thought in this sort of dark times is that this same sort of trouble has come up in the history of all movements for the people. This is a time to take up the ancient Roman maxim: "Nil desperandum," and work on till a new day dawns with clearer skies and balmy breezes.

The main item of cost in the majority of the things that we have to use is transportation. This includes transportation from the field to the home, to the market, to the mill, to the store, and to the home of consumer, and the majority of things include all these "hauls." How will you get rid of all this transportation? You can't get rid of all of it, but you can reduce it to such figures that it won't cut any ice with you. This is by the simple rule of "making a living at home, and dying on the living you have at home."

THE LAW OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

The law of supply and demand is imperious, and will control. Now, do not think that Co-Operator is reversing itself, or changing its position, so many times expressed and maintained on this question of the law of supply and demand. Co-Operator has always contended, and does so still, that no cotton crop has ever been raised or can be raised on the acreage of land in cultivation to supply the needs of the world for cotton and cotton products. Our idea of supply and demand, as above referred to, is simply this: It takes nearly a year to produce a cotton crop, and it ought to take somewhere about the same length of time to sell, but when it is rushed on the market and dumped at any price offered, then the supply (on the market) is greater than the demand (of the market). This is the supply and demand it is intended for the scaling price to be availed itself. When the dumpers overcrowd the market, and prices drop below minimum figures, Union cotton stays in the warehouses. When the prices go up to the minimum prices, or above, Union cotton is on the market, and the result will be, especially after September every year, that in nearly every case Union cotton in the warehouse will fetch more than the minimum price, and what applies to Union cotton will apply to Union grain in Union elevators, and Union truck in Union cold storages. With this system in effect, and it surely ought to be put into effect, the world will look on with admiration, and with respect for us. The grafter and spoiler would see that the day of his passing has come, and that there is no more picking for them in the cotton fields of the South, in the grain fields of the West, in the orchards and vineyards and truck fields—in any agricultural enterprise anywhere in the land, and he would gnash his teeth and swear, but he will respect us and admire us in his heart, and mind, and congratulate us that we have at last awakened and gone back to doing business in a practical, sensible, business way.

What is there or can there be of injustice in this plan? Nothing that one can conceive of, or even imagine. Is there any business concern in these modern days that let's the market—the trade—fix the price? The Standard Oil Company does not do so. The United States Steel Association does not do so. The great meat packing establishments do not do so. The railroad companies do not do so. But this system would secure our own price. That is certainly just, and whatever is just is honest and honorable. It would be within the pale of the law—not by jugglery, or subterfuge, but openly, squarely, fully, unreservedly, and strictly within the pale of the law in its every provision and injunction, mandate and inhibition. That is the kind of trust the Farmers' Union would be. An open and above board, and just prices for farm products of every character the various soils and climates of the United States will grow, and doing it absolutely without conflict with the law, but in accordance with and in maintenance of the law. Not in restraint of trade, but in the furtherance, development and growth of trade.—National Co-Operator.

Raise, corn, oats, wheat, potatoes, chickens, hogs and only as much cotton as you can carefully look after. That means prosperity every month in the year and fine living at home.

Are all your tools and implements under sheds, where they are not putting in full time working for the implement and vehicle trust? If not, don't kick about trusts.

It is not too early to think of the coming Union Picnics that you are going to have this summer. Get busy doing something for the Union, so that it will be able to do something for you.

There is plenty of practical work for every local Union to keep busy all the time. Are you seeking to make your local as interesting and as valuable as it can be? Less than this is short of your duty.

Every farmer should organize a small "home industry club," and should work the home for everything that it is possible to produce at home. The idea of "trades days" which are in vogue in many places should become common. In these days those having anything for sale or trade meet and you have an opportunity to trade anything you may have surplus for something you may want. For instance, one man has more pigs than he can properly care for, and some other man has a surplus of calves, but is shy of pigs. These two men meet at these places, and in no time they are both happy by getting rid of what they did not want, and at the same time getting full value for it. This saves the losses of time and money that comes from the usual manner of selling to the "middle man" and buying from him at two profits to him and two losses to the other fellow.

Nearly all the good Union men are keeping books on the business this year. The time has come for men to quit raising unprofitable crops. Life is too short. But the only way to know what a thing costs is to keep accurate lab on what money, time and care have been put into it.

It is not the surplus of cotton that is playing havoc with the farmer. It is the shortage of other things. Put your cotton in the warehouse, and raise some other things until the spinner wants that cotton bad enough to pay what it is worth for it.

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SILLY ROBBERY PLAN

NEGROES ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP
LONGVIEW BANK.

PRINCIPAL FATALLY WOUNDED

Posse Trailing the Lookout, Who Took
to His Heels for the
Woods.

Longview, Tex., Jan. 17. — Alex Walker, a negro, yesterday afternoon at 2:10 o'clock, walked into the Citizens National Bank, ordered the bankers to leave the place, and began shooting with a revolver, and as a result of wounds during a fusillade of shots is probably in a dying condition at the jail.

Another negro, whose name Walker gave the officers, disappeared when the shooting began, and is being pursued by a posse. Two negro women, with whom Walker and the other negro had associated, are being held by the officers.

Sheriff Little was near the bank when the shooting began and ran in the place and onto Walker, who at that time was shooting from the rear end of the counter.

L. J. Everett, President of the bank, at an opportune time sprang on the negro and took the pistol from him. During the struggle the revolver held by the negro was discharged and a bullet passed through Mr. Everett's clothing and inflicted a skin wound. The powder ignited Mr. Everett's clot. The powder ignited Mr. Everett's clothing.

The bank President made use of the pistol that he had wrested from the negro, but there was only one shot in it when he got the weapon. During the struggle Assistant Cashier Sparkman, Sheriff Little and others were shooting.

The negro fell at the door of the bank vault, with five bullets in him and begged for mercy. He was hurried to the jail through the crowds that were clamoring to take him into their hands, and the officers succeeded in placing Walker in the prison only because of statements from a doctor that the negro was in a dying condition. Walker received a bullet in the right hip, one in the right leg and two in the left leg. The right leg was broken in two places.

ANTI-LIQUOR FIGHT ON.

Dallas, Jan. 17. — An active campaign for State prohibition in Texas was determined upon yesterday at a conference of representatives from the various organizations interested in the suppression or prohibition of the liquor traffic. "Texas Dry in 1909," was adopted as the slogan of the combined organization, and the expressed purpose is to request the next Legislature to submit to the people of Texas a "Constitutional amendment prohibiting the liquor traffic in all Texas."

A campaign committee of ten has been named, and they have authority to select fifteen other members to complete the committee. They will map out the campaign in detail, and have authority to collect funds and take such other steps as may be necessary "to free Texas from the liquor traffic." These ten members are: Rev. Arthur W. Jones, Rev. G. C. Rankin, Dallas; Dr. B. F. Riley, Dallas; Dr. J. B. Cranfill, Dallas; E. H. Conibear, Dallas; Mrs. A. C. Zehner, Dallas; Dr. S. P. Brooks, Waco; Judge R. F. Spearman, Greenville, and H. A. Fry, Sherman.

The new organization is styled the Texas State Prohibition Federation, and will have headquarters in Dallas. The Texas Local Option Association, the Anti-Saloon League of Texas, the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Texas and the Prohibition party of Texas have joined forces in the movement, and are pledged to cooperate in every way possible. Each of them announce, however, that it will continue its respective line of work.

Texas State Banks Can Insure.

Austin: Thomas B. Love, State Bank Commissioner, declares that the State banks of Texas can provide insurance for their deposits, without further legislation, if they will organize an insurance company for that purpose. He has made public his reply to a letter from W. L. Lasley, cashier of the Farmer's State Bank of Putnam, which, in substance, is that under present laws Texas banks can form such a company.

Cotton Wakes Up.

New York: The cotton market was very active and excited Thursday, with more business than any day in months past, and extremely favorable to an advance in price. The report that Dan Kelly had embarked on a campaign to move up prices appeared to have a strong effect, and local quotations advanced \$2.50 per bale since the low level of Wednesday morning. The opening was firm at an advance from 11 to 23 points.

PLAYS COARSE POLITICS.

Federal Patronage the Reward of
Personal Fidelity.

Washington, Jan. 16. — Secretary Loeb remarked yesterday afternoon, says a special to The Dallas Morning News, that, nevertheless and notwithstanding, whenever there were any appointments to be made in Ohio, efforts would be made to find good Taft men.

Which means, Secretary Loeb having been inspired with this observation, that the President is not daunted by the action of the Senate Tuesday in rejecting four of his nominations. The President that in nominating the Senate to do that Senator Foraker merely intensified the Taft allegiance of the four men rejected.

The action of the Senate in this case has, as a subject of gossip, shared honors with the stories concerning Secretary Cortelyou and his relations with the President.

It is not uncommon for the Senate to hold up a nomination, so that the President may have opportunity to withdraw it, but the outright rejection of four nominations in a bunch is enough to be sensational in politics.

In this case the circumstances make a stinging rebuke of the President. Less than a year ago it transpired he refused to appoint, on the recommendation of Senators Foraker and Dick, two of the men whose nominations were rejected Tuesday.

At that time these men, who are chairmen of county executive committees, were followers of Foraker, and when he sought to have them appointed, he was told they would displace men whose records were without blemish, which, it was declared, was contrary to the policy of the department.

Since then these men have seen a light. They are Taft men now. Senator Foraker asserts that they were induced to transfer their allegiance by the promise of the offices which were denied them last year.

New Railway Pushing Southward.

Guthrie, Ok. — A railroad proposition that is interesting Western Oklahoma and Kansas and the Panhandle of Texas is the Kansas and Texas, chartered last October to build 700 miles southward from Kansas City, Kan., via Guymon, Ok., to Amarillo, Texas, thence southeast to Houston, Texas. At the present time the company is pushing the line from Garden City to Amarillo, and the survey is practically complete in Kansas and Oklahoma.

To Settle Troublesome Question.

Washington: Mr. Randall has introduced a bill making it a criminal offense for a member of Congress to accept employment from any trust or public service corporation, or from any corporation doing interstate business. The penalty provided is "fine, imprisonment and forfeiture of office." Mr. Randall also re-introduced his bill making it unlawful for railroad and telegraph lines to give a pass or frank to members of Congress.

Leaders Have a Fight.

Fort Worth: An altercation occurred in the State headquarters of the Farmers' Union shortly after noon between D. J. Neill, President of the Texas Farmers' Union, and O. P. Pyle, editor of the "National Co-Operator," which is published in Dallas. Statements concerning the affair are conflicting, but it is admitted by both sides that Mr. Neill and Mr. Pyle were the principals. Mr. Pyle returned to Dallas.

Kopperl Depot Burned.

Kopperl: The Santa Fe depot, which included the Wells-Fargo Express office and the Western Union Telegraph office, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. A car coal that was standing on the side track was also destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown. The northbound passenger, and the agent had started home, when he heard shots and turned to discover the building in flames.

Suicide in Railway Station.

Dallas: Thomas Cox, said to live at El Paso, and about thirty years of age, died in the Texas and Pacific railroad baggage room at 2:50 o'clock Wednesday afternoon as the result of a bullet from a revolver. He was noticed around the depot for an hour or more before he was found dead, and got a grip from the baggage agent. Something over \$20 was found in his pockets.

A railway ticket was sold in Houston a few days since for \$7980.

It was for seventy-six people at \$106 each, and read from Houston to Omaha via El Paso, San Francisco and Portland.

A strayed Bengal tiger has been several times seen near Petersburg, Ind., and the citizens are going out in companies, armed to the teeth.

The State Life Insurance Company has given notice of withdrawal from Texas, to take effect at once.

TRAPS FOR UNWARY

ADVERTISING TRICKS OF MAIL-
ORDER HOUSES.

GOODS PRICED BELOW COST

Articles of Standard Value Frequently
Sold at Cost to Create False Impression of Cheapness—
Thinking People Victims.

The theory upon which a great number of mail order concerns proceed is to select a certain number of articles, those of standard values and well-known, and mark them down to wholesale prices or lower. This is for the purpose of "baiting," as well as to give the impression that regular dealers are selling goods at prices too high. On many widely advertised goods which are in constant demand the mail order house advertises prices much lower than the actual cost of the goods to the house. This is done with a view of catching customers, killing off the trade of local dealers, and with hopes of selling other goods at enormous profits. Then the advertising part of the deal is of some value.

People like to buy goods at the lowest possible cost. They get impressions of low prices from comparison of goods of which they know the selling price. If a certain rifle is always sold in the gunstores at \$14 and the catalogue house sells the same at \$11, the average man realizes that he is getting a bargain, even though the concern may lose a half dollar in the transaction. But the man is also impressed with the idea that prices are just as low on other goods of which he has little information as to values. It is knowing this fact, that causes the mail-order houses to resort to this trick. Then there is difference in quality of goods. In the different lines there are different grades. It is not long ago that a United States district court grand jury returned an indictment against a large mail-order house on three different charges of fraud. In each case there was misrepresentation. One of the charges was that "pure white lead" paint, supposed to be manufactured by the concern, did not contain a trace of white lead, and was manufactured by contract by another concern. The other charge was that jewelry was misrepresented. In the matter of jewelry there is great chance for fraud. That which is called "solid gold" may be not over one-tenth gold, a little better than brass. Gold always has a certain value. Whether it is in jewelry or in a coin of the realm, the value is just the same. Its purity and weight is what counts. It is curious how intelligent people who know of the fixed value of gold will take the word of a mail-order schemer as to quality, when the article is sold at a low price than the metal which it is claimed is represented in it can be bought for in the markets.

Low prices are generally quoted upon goods which the average people understand, and are acquainted with, and the loss is made up on the classes of goods which allow the practice of deception, of the value of which the people little know. People who patronize mail-order concerns should understand that in the majority of cases they are paying more than they would be compelled to pay if they made their purchases at home. Then there is involved the principle of sending money away from the neighborhood where it is earned.

If the people who patronize mail-order houses would only buy such goods as they know are priced below cost to the concern, the mail-order houses could not continue in business a year. But these concerns know that Mr. Barnum was about right when he said that the "American people like to be lumbugged." They transact their business accordingly. The home merchant must go ahead on a different

Chance for the Youth.

Young men who are residents of country districts should be impressed with the fact that there are chances for every one to get along in the world if endowed with a good quality of brain matter and the desire and the ability to work, and work rightly and industriously.

For the young man starting out in life there are many pitfalls; not the ones in the category of bad habits and dissipation, but in the business world. The catchy advertisement in the want columns of the daily press or in the farm journal, "\$10 to \$20 a day," attracts the attention of many of the young men who know little about the devious methods of the sharks to catch dollars from the pockets of the "producers." Many of these concerns aim to sell to the agent a lot of goods that are almost wholly worthless, and let him fight it out the best way possible. Then again, there are legitimate concerns that employ men to sell to the trade, but they never hold out promises of such great profits.

It is well to steer clear of grafts that are intended to take dollars from

Eagle Robs a Hunter.

"Rocky Mountain Shorty," who operates a string of traps on Hoodoo creek, is the latest candidate for denunciation as a nature taker by the president. Shorty asserts that as he was carrying home a live rabbit caught in one of his traps a large eagle swooped down from behind him and seized the rabbit in its talons.

The tremendous jerk the bird gave the rabbit so startled Shorty he dropped the game and uttered a yell. The howl caused the eagle to drop the

ent basis. He depends upon his reputation for square dealing. He knows that he must be honest, whether he is inclined to be of no, or that he will soon be compelled to get out of business for lack of patronage. The mail-order concerns look for a new crop of "suckers" every year, and they find more or less of a crop.

The Country Editor.

If conscientious effort and merit mean anything, there is no good reason why the country editor should not expect to wear a golden crown and a diamond-studded harp in the good world to come. His sphere is surely one in which his usefulness is limited only by his ability to work. It may be a debatable question whether the average editor of a small town paper does more for the town than the town does for the editor. It may be true that one of the greatest sins that can be laid at his door is that of poverty—not poverty of brain but of pocket. He may labor for the enlightenment of an unappreciative people, but is there not compensation in knowing that a duty is faithfully performed? His efforts to boom the town may not always meet with an encouraging response in the way of good advertising patronage from the local business interests. His work of showing up his town as a live and progressive place sometimes falls flat because of a lack of good snappy advertising of the stores. There are few things that are a better criterion of the life of a place than the advertising pages of the local paper. By it a stranger is impressed either favorably or otherwise. If the paper is bright, newsy, well filled with advertising, there are in it indications that the town is progressive, the merchants prosperous, and that the people are of the class that make excellent neighbors. On the other hand, if there are only a few lines of local news, half a dozen small cards and announcements, and a few large advertisements of department stores and mail order houses in other cities, the impression is given to the reader that the town is a good place to steer clear of, and not the kind of place where one would care to build a home. — D. M. CARR.

One Editor's Advice.

A western editor in a recent number of his paper says: "We again desire to call our readers' attention to the fact that they should buy everything they use from home merchants, and not aid in building up large establishments in a distant city. Did you ever stop to think that every cent you buy at home aids the city in which you live, and all you send away drains the city of that much of the medium of exchange that should remain at home? The stability of your home institutions depends upon you and you alone. You do not believe that, but remember when you speak of other persons it is said as you, and when thus explained means you. Your trade at home will make better mercantile establishments and a better city. The next time you are possessed with a spirit of getting something away from home, gently call a halt and go to your home merchants and call for what you want and in nine cases out of ten you will find the desired article, but should you fail, ask the merchant to get it for you and see how rapidly he will accommodate you, and when the price is named and you compare it with the catalogue you will be agreeably surprised. Discard the idea that you must get something from a distance, but instead buy at home and every citizen become an advertising medium, and you will be surprised at the result. Don't say 'That article does not apply to me, for what little I get away from home does not amount to anything.' You are mistaken, for every little put together make the larger things. Be loyal and do all your trading at home."

Agreeable Conversation.

There is no conversation so agreeable as that of the man of integrity, who hears without any intention to betray, and speaks without any intention to deceive. — Nicol.

your pocket under the pretense of giving you employment. If you fell that you could make a success as a salesman, there are legitimate houses in your nearest city that may afford you an opportunity. But don't think that you can demand the salary of a bank president from the start. You will get what you are worth, and no more. The more you can make your services of value to your employers, the more pay you will receive. Good men are always in demand. Chances for advancement were never better, but the field is narrowing year by year, owing to change in commercial methods, and concentration in almost every line. If you would succeed in commercial life, get the idea out of your head that getting to the front is a snap, and the path a flowery one. Work is necessary if you find an honored place among the winners.

Katzenjammer.

"The worst thing about taking a day off and having a good time," groaned Budger, bathing his aching head, "is that you need about two days to forget it!"

Men and Muffs.

When muffs first got into vogue in Paris men wore them, if anything, more than women, and in the plates of the beaux of the town a large muff is the accompaniment of the frock coat of the period. These muffs were generally of Siberian wolf.

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Rules of Etiquette Observed Until
Player's Sporting Blood Was Up,
and Then He Started Out
to Win.

"Did you ever play poker with a prince of Wales?" asked Col. Tom Hopkins, of Texas, now promoting gold mines and formerly a buccaneer in Wall street, as he sat in the grill-room of the Breslin talking with a New York Telegraph man:

"I have," continued the colonel, meditatively. "I sat in a game with King Edward when he was entitled to only three ostrich plumes and the 'Ich Dien' motto. It was at a house party not far from London, and I am willing to confess that it was not a pleasing game at all in the early stages. "It was during those delightful days when our government was represented by Schenck, a past master in the art of poker and one of the first men to properly hedge in the game with rules and laws. Some of the best poker literature we possess has been written by Schenck, and the popularity of draw in England is wholly due to his exploitation of its merits.

"Before the game began Schenck took me to one side and impressed me with the necessity of observing the many rules of etiquette that obtain when playing with the prince. He laid particular stress upon the fact that I was not to raise unless Albert Edward had raised and showed a disposition to stay. Even in that case it was regarded as proper to simply see his raise and allow him to take the bridge and set the course.

"I stuck to that rule for four hours, and it cost me money. I laid down many a strong hand just because I did not want to be regarded as lacking in courtesy to the prince, but finally I got tired of seeing whole bundles of good American money going across the table, and my sporting blood was aroused. It hurt me to see my blue and red bits of ivory going across the table to the first gentleman in England, and I felt that, while the privilege of playing with the prince of Wales was worth a great deal, I did not care to pay for it in that way.

"It was while I was in this mood I picked up a hand that looked almost too good to be true. Four kings nestled together by themselves, crowding a poor weak little tray. I looked over the hand carefully and then announced I would stand pat.

"The prince was unlucky enough to get a full house in the draw and another player filled a flush. Of course, such a run as that made for a killing, and, in an ordinary game, unhampered by the presence of a prince and heir apparent, the betting would be lively. "When I started in placing my chips on the table I forgot all about the rules of etiquette. The prince made a tentative raise of a pound, just feeling out my hand, as it were. Of course, it was expected that I would see the bet, but I gave it a slight raise of 25 and the man with the flush stayed in. The prince also got in for 25 and raised and when it came my way I lifted it 20.

"Well, it's a terrible story. The prince tried to intimate to me by dark looks and other evidences of discontent that he was not pleased with my methods, but it was a table-stakes game and he couldn't easily get away without showing a trace of the white feather, and when, after another raise, it came my way again, I made it cost the prince a level hundred pounds to call.

"I won, of course, but I could see in a minute that I had made a bad break. The prince really took it better than the others, for they looked frightened and hurt. He was a bit vexed, but when the game was over he shook hands and expressed himself as greatly pleased with the run I had given him."

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At the Mecca Hotel at Lawton, Ok., Blues S. Phillips, a negro employe, went into the room where the gas plant was located to see why it would not work. From the light he had, the gas exploded, throwing a blazing furnace about him. He can not recover.

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The Texas Farmer, adheres to the proposition that Bailey or anti-Bailey is too insignificant a proposition for an issue. A fellow who has no stronger slogan, whichever his side, had better at home.—Texas Farmer.

Several tons of molasses candy and 15,000 pounds of bonbons were among the stores carried to the Pacific by the battleship fleet. Admiral Evans' fighting machines will probably be dubbed the "sweet sixteen" by facetious Japanese.

Postmaster Sloan Simpson, of Dallas, says the Texas Republicans will send uninstructed delegation to the national convention. They will favor Roosevelt as first choice and after that some man who favors Roosevelt's policies, which he says means Taft.

In an interview William Jennings Bryan said that the trusts, the tariff and railroad regulation would be the paramount issues of the campaign of 1908. He said it was impossible at this time to determine what the one paramount issue would be.

Science should experiment a few thousand years more with alcohol and be certain that is a food before letting the world in on the secret. If the past is anything to judge by, man will use plenty of it without any information from science as to its merits.

Hon. John H. Stevens has introduced a bill in Congress for the national government to purchase the Palo Duro canyon of 100,000 acres, and the Goodnight heard of buffalo and make of it a game and timber reserve, which will prove a great blessing to a great part of the United States and especially to the Panhandle country.

The farmers of Texas have taken up the growing of peanuts to an extent which makes it probable that within the comparatively near future the great peanut growing States of Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia will have to relinquish their laurels to Texas, as is being done in the case of other States, in the production of other products. At a peanut factory recently established in Terrell about 1,500 bushels a day are being handled.

The Fort Worth Record is endeavoring, and rightly, to create an interest and have Governor Campbell call the legislature to pass a law guaranteeing deposits in banks in this state. While a called session of the legislature is never very desirable, it could not be called for a better purpose in our humble opinion. A law of this kind would bring millions of dollars out of hiding and create confidence as nothing else would. Oklahoma has already taken the lead and passed such a law. Now let Texas follow, and we will not know that there is a panic, or ever has been.

Saturday is always a busy day in Big Springs—in fact all days are—but last Saturday there was an unusually large number of farmers in town, a good many of them having come with the expectation of hearing the lecture by Mr. Campbell on dry farming. Some of them were disappointed but all seemed to be in a good humor and those we conversed with were delighted with the present outlook for this year's crops. Reports from different localities over the county indicate that the people are making use of the fine weather to prepare their lands for another crop.

Coahoma Correspondent

So many things have occurred since our last writing, we are at a loss to know where to begin.

Cotton all in, everybody looking prosperous.

As is the usual pranks of the cupid, he has thrown his darts around in our county.

Dr. Barker and Miss Georgia Brice, of Marshal, Texas, were married during the holidays.

Mr. Louis Huttox and Miss Fannie Glasscock of Garden City, were married last week.

The T. & P. railroad have closed their night office here.

The severe wind did some damage to our town blowing several houses off their blocks, blew down the Methodist parsonage and wrecked a few fences.

Rev. W. G. Hart, the pastor of the Methodist church here, has moved into his new residence near the school building.

We are very sorry to report the death of Grand-pa McKinney which occurred last Friday. He was one of the oldest settlers of our county. All of his children were at his bedside during his illness.

Messrs. Gus and Ben Bass left for their home in East Texas Monday.

Miss Bertha Willis of Johnson was the guest of Miss Vivian Roberts Friday night.

Mr. A. S. Taylor has sold his interest in the wagon yard and meat market to Mr. Fred Wilson.

The young people enjoyed a musical at the home of Mr. Haynie Monday night.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Moody Logan is very sick.

Mr. Jackson of Colorado spent a few days in our town the past week.

Miss Vivian Roberts our primary teacher was unable to leave her bed for two days this week but we are glad to report her doing nicely now.

School enrollment has reached the mark of 150 pupils.

Mrs. L. L. Lewis has sold her millinery stock to Mr. Coffman.

Damon Lewis has gone to Mason, where he will attend school.

Several of our young people attended the joint debate between Vincent and Coahoma, at Vincent last Saturday night. Subject was: "Resolved that the United States should hold the Philippines". Vincent affirmative. Prof. H. R. Debenport and Prof. McKay, Coahoma negative. J. W. D. Permenter, J. L. Webb. It was a warm debate and resulted in a victory for Coahoma. Following attended from here: Misses Bertha Willis, Zula Williams, Ethel Williams, Vivian Roberts, Messrs. Permenter, Riley, Haynie, Evans and Webb. The next debate will be at Coahoma in the near future.

The District singing convention meets at Coahoma on the third Sunday in February. Everybody invited.

Literary and debating club meets every Friday night.

KNOW-ALL.

Railroad Notes

Joseph Potton was on the sick list several days this week.

J. S. Matchias, chief clerk to the Master Mechanic, was sick several days this week.

Two new engines have been received here. They are very large and of a different pattern to anything heretofore used on this division. They are numbers 388 and 389.

A Kansas City, Mexico and Orient special, bearing President Stillwell and a party of capitalists, who were on their way to the City of Mexico, passed through here Tuesday afternoon.

Some of the machinery for the new shops has arrived and is being placed in position.

Engineer Joe Everly, who has been laying off for some time on account of a badly sprained ankle, resumed his run between here and Toyah this week.

The Sunday School Association Meets



W. N. WIGGINS, STATE PRES. S. S. ASSOCIATION

The Howard County Interdenominational Sunday School Association will meet at the Methodist church in Big Springs, Texas, on January 25th and 26th, 1908.

PROGRAM:

Saturday afternoon 2:00 o'clock, Devotional, Rev. W. S. P. McCullough.
 2:15—What we are here for..... Judge L. A. Dale
 2:30—A Sunday School aim..... Mr. W. N. Wiggins, State Pres.
 3:00—Roll call of all Sunday Schools of Howard county.
 3:10—The Bible our text book..... Rev. T. M. Stubling
 3:30—The Ceadle Roll and Home Department..... Pres. Wiggins
 4:00—The Sunday School teacher and superintendent.....
 4:15—The Sunday School organized, equipped and managed..... President Wiggins
 4:40—"Round Table"..... Conducted by President Wiggins
 5:00—Adjourn
 Evening, 7:15, Devotional and song service.
 7:30—Free trip to the Holy Land, illustrated by 150 stereoptican views..... President Wiggins
 Close with free will offering and benediction.
 Sunday, 9:45 a. m., Sunday schools of the city to meet in their respective churches and hold short sessions and adjourn in time to meet at the Methodist church at 10:15
 10:15—President Wiggins will conduct the combined Sunday school along modern methods.
 12:00 m.—Free will offering and adjournment.
 Afternoon, 3:30—Boys and girls grand rally.
 4:00—Workers grand rally.
 Evening, 7:00—Devotional and song service.
 7:15—The Adult Department. How men and women are being swept into the Sunday School..... President Wiggins
 7:45—Song and basket offering.
 8:00—Free trip to the Holy Land, concluded, illustrated with more stereoptican views..... President Wiggins
 Close—"God Be With You." Benediction.

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Has the Swellest line of Furniture in west Texas, and extend to all an invitation to come and examine this swell line of goods.

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Exchanging new Furniture for second hand goods our Specialty. Call and see us.

Big Springs Furniture Company

Howard County Singing Convention. lowering leaders: Dave Reid, D. C. Riley.

The Howard County Singing Convention will convene at Coahoma, Texas in the Presbyterian church on the third Sunday and Saturday before in Feb. 1908. The following program will be rendered:
 House will be called to order by the president at 10 o'clock Saturday a. m.

Opening song by the president. Prayer by the chaplain. Roll call of officers. Minutes of last meeting read. Two songs by B. F. Logan. Welcome address by J. W. D. Permenter.

Response by W. R. Percer. Two songs by D. C. Riley. Regular order of business. One song by president. Adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m. House called to order by the president.

Prayer by the Chaplain. Two songs by W. Percer. Songs conducted by the following leaders, two songs each, W. L. Cope, K. K. Boyce, Jim Watts and L. A. Wheeler.

Quartet by D. C. Riley, Ethel Williams, W. R. Percer, Walter Coffman, Jim Williams and J. W. Smith. Closing song by J. A. Kinard. Adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m., Sunday.

House called to order by the president. Prayer by the Chaplain. Opening song by J. N. Smith. Songs conducted by the following leaders, two songs each, McDaniel's, Dave Reid, D. C. Riley, E. C. Cook, L. A. Wheeler, W. L. Cope, J. A. Kinard, B. F. Logan, Jim Watts, Jim Williams.

Male quartet by D. C. Riley, Dave Reid, W. R. Percer, J. W. Smith and K. K. Royce. Adjourn until 2 o'clock, p. m. Dinner on ground. House to be called to order by the president.

Opening song by McDaniel's. Songs conducted by the following

A solo by W. R. Percer. Songs by K. K. Byoe, L. A. Wheeler, J. A. Kinard, J. W. Smith, E. C. Cook, Jim Watts, W. L. Cope, William McGregor. A solo by Dave Reid. Duet by J. A. Kinard and Miss Jonnie Boyce. Closing song by W. L. Cope.

The Girl for Everybody There is a type of girl that everybody likes. Nobody can tell exactly why, but after you have met her you turn away to some other woman and say: "Don't you like Miss So-and-so?" Now, the reason you like her is a subtle one. Without knowing all about her, you feel that you know just the sort of girl she is. She is the girl that is sweet and womanly to look at and listen to and who doesn't strike you as a poor imitation of a vulgar boy. She is the girl who appreciates the fact that she cannot have the choice of everything in the world.

She is the girl who is not "too bright and good" to be able to find joy and pleasure all over the world. She is the girl who, whether it is warm or cold, clear or stormy, finds no fault with the weather. She is the girl who, when you invite her anywhere, compliments you by looking her best.

She is the girl who makes this world a pleasant place, because she is so pleasant herself. She is the girl who has tact enough not to say the very thing that will cause the skeleton in her friend's closet to rattle its bones.

And, by the bye, when you come to think of it, isn't she the girl who makes you feel she likes you, and therefore, you like her? —Dallas Democrat.

Strayed or Stolen One large gray horse about 16 hands high, unusually short tail, solid hart shaped shins on front feet. Liberal reward for his return to Electric light plant, Big Springs, Texas.



This woman says that sick women should not fail to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as she did.

Mrs. A. Gregory, of 2355 Lawrence St., Denver, Col., writes to Mrs. Pinkham:

"I was practically an invalid for six years, on account of female troubles. I underwent an operation by the doctor's advice, but in a few months I was worse than before. A friend advised Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it restored me to perfect health, such as I have not enjoyed in many years. Any woman suffering as I did with backache, bearing-down pains, and periodic pains, should not fail to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

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For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM
Grows the hair, keeps it soft, prevents dandruff, and restores the hair to its natural color. One small bottle 25c, six for \$1.00 at Druggists.

ANKER-PAIN-EXPELLER
Positively Cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache, Toothache, Backache, Stomachache, and all other pains. Price 25c per bottle.

PILES

Her brother, aged 17, had been made captain of a high school football team and consequently had become suddenly popular with the girls in the neighborhood. Because of this the manager of a skating rink presented brother with a season pass. Sister, who had attained the tremendous age of 20, was truly flattered when brother asked her, rather than some of the younger belles of his acquaintance, to share the privileges of that skating rink pass. But brother's explanation removed all danger of the immediate growth of sister's vanity. "You see," he told her with frank simplicity, "I'm not used to skating with girls. I'll practice on you for a month or two, and then when I can do it real well I'll ask some of the other girls."

Hopless Case.

Evangelist Torrey, who prides himself upon the number of his converts met one hardened sinner in Chicago whom he failed to convert. The minister had been preaching to a tent full of people. He had described the vices of the rich, and had pointed Biblical analogies at their luxuries. One man in the back of the tent had seemed to be much interested. He leaned forward to catch every word. Torrey, taking the interest to mean approaching conversion, redoubled his efforts. "The road to hell is lined with vintage, wine, beautiful women and fine automobiles!" he exclaimed. With a sigh as of relief, the man in the back of the tent arose. "Oh, death, where is thy sting?" he said.

BANISHED
Coffee Finally Had to Go.

The way some persons cling to coffee even after they know it is doing them harm, is a puzzle. But it is an easy matter to give it up for good, when Postum Food Coffee is properly made and used instead.

A girl writes: "Mother had been suffering with nervous headaches for seven weary years, but kept drinking coffee."

"One day I asked her why she did not give up coffee as a cousin of mine had done who had taken to Postum. But Mother was such a slave to coffee she thought it would be terrible to give it up."

"Finally, one day, she made the change to Postum, and quickly her headaches disappeared. One morning while she was drinking Postum so freely and with such relish I asked for a taste."

"That started me on Postum and I now drink it more freely than I did coffee, which never comes into our house now."

"A girl friend of mine, one day, saw me drinking Postum and asked if it was coffee. I told her it was Postum and gave her some to take home, but forgot to tell her how to make it."

"The next day she said she did not see how I could drink Postum. I found she had made it like ordinary coffee. So I told her how to make it right and gave her a cupful I made, after boiling it fifteen minutes. She said she never drank any coffee that tasted as good, and now coffee is banished from both our houses. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Michigan. Read the little book 'The Road to Wellville' in place 'There's a Reason'."

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE

A suit was brought to an abrupt end a few days since in New York City by one of the jurors pulling off an epileptic fit.

Z. V. Payne, father of A. J. and U. D. Payne of Colorado, both dry goods men, was killed by a freight train out at Plateau, near Sierra Blanco, a few days ago.

Secretary Taft has written a letter to the President recommending an increase in the width of the Panama Canal from 100, as is at present planned, to 110 feet.

As far as he can, Secretary Taft has committed the United States Government to a promise to withdraw completely from Cuba in the beginning of the spring of 1908.

John Mahac, a Bohemian farmer residing on the Dickey place, about six miles east of Hallettsville, hanged himself to the limb of a tree in his yard early Monday morning.

At an early hour Wednesday morning fire destroyed the custom mill and elevator belonging to Chris Renas; estimated loss \$7500, insurance \$2500; origin of the fire unknown.

The Delta County Farmers' Association cotton warehouse burned Monday with about 250 or 300 bales of cotton in it. Forty or fifty bales on the platform burned or were damaged.

The British steamer Tolesby, bound from Galveston for Havre, went ashore during a heavy snow storm Monday night at Freshwater Point, Cape Race. It is thought the vessel will be a total loss.

Edward S. Whitaker, inspector of police, entered the office of the Morning World in New Orleans Thursday night and fired two shots at Joseph M. Leveque, the editor. Neither shot took effect.

Fred W. Gooding of Idaho was elected President of the National Wool Growers' Association at the session recently held in Helena, Mont. The next convention will be held in Pocatillo, Idaho.

J. M. Leonard, a prominent jurist and Confederate veteran, was found dead in bed in Columbus, Ga., Tuesday morning. He was recently knocked down by a trolley car, but was thought to have recovered.

And still the grind of the second Thaw trial goes on. The attempt is being made to prove that he is crazy enough to be allowed to kill people, but not crazy enough to be electrocuted or penned up for life.

The Grayson County Poultry Association was organized Saturday afternoon with an enthusiastic membership of forty. The officers elected: Dr. R. H. Harris, Whitewright, president; C. A. Shock, Sherman, Secretary.

Descendants of General Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary War fame, will in a few days hold a family council at which time plans will be made to prove the right of the family to a fortune of \$20,000,000 which is said to be lying in the vaults of the Bank of England.

Bert Donlay, night foreman on the Katy hill engine at Denton, who was with President Roosevelt as a Rough Rider in Cuba, received a silver spur as a Christmas present, bearing the following inscription: "From T. Roosevelt. A Merry Christmas, 1907."

Mrs. Herbert M. Sears, a member of a wealthy Boston family, and a guest at the Hotel St. Regis, New York, committed suicide Friday by jumping from a fourteenth-story window.

The Florida mid-winter International Exposition will be formally opened at Jacksonville, Fla., on January 25. The large building on the banks of the St. James River is now complete, and the various exhibits have been arranged.

When J. A. Pearson and his wife, of near Denton, arose Thursday morning they found that their child, ten days old, had during the night slipped under the heavy bed covering and smothered.

The Democratic State Central Committee of Kansas has formally endorsed Bryan for President.

Another suspected case of yellow fever has been discovered at Santiago, Cuba. The new case is a Spaniard of three years' residence.

Senator Dick has introduced a joint resolution placing the government of the Isle of Pines in control of the United States until otherwise provided by act of Congress or through treaty with Cuba.

Chicago packers are selling gall stones at high prices to the Japanese. What the subjects of the Mikado do with the queer products of Packingtown is a mystery, but they use great quantities and are willing to pay any price demanded for them.

WORK WEAKENS KIDNEYS.

The Experience of Mr. Woods is the Experience of Thousands of Others.

Bernard P. Woods, of Jackson street, Lonaconing, Md., says: "Hard work and heavy lifting weakened my kidneys. I was tired every morning and my limbs stiff and sore. Dizzy spells and headaches were frequent, and the kidney secretions much disordered. This continued for fifteen years and until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. Then I improved steadily until cured, and naturally, I recommend them strongly."

Sold by all dealers, 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

A RESOLUTION TO BE KEPT.



Mr. Woods resolves that he will never again wear a high hat when snowballs are ripe.

ITCHING HUMOR ON BOY

His Hands Were a Solid Mass, and Disease Spread All Over Body—Cured in 4 Days By Cuticura.

"One day we noticed that our little boy was all broken out with itching sores. We first noticed it on his little hands. His hands were not as bad then, and we didn't think anything serious would result. But the next day we heard of the Cuticura Remedies being so good for itching sores. By this time the disease had spread all over his body, and his hands were nothing but a solid mass of this itching disease. I purchased a box of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment, and that night I took the Cuticura Soap and lukewarm water and washed him well. Then I dried him and took the Cuticura Ointment and anointed him with it. I did this every evening and in four nights he was entirely cured. Mrs. Frank Donahue, 208 Fremont St., Kokomo, Ind., Sept. 16, 1907."

Golf Course of 19 Holes.

"Neatness is essential on the links," said H. J. Whigham, the noted golfer, at a dinner in Chicago. "At Shinnock Hills one day," he went on, "I played behind two young and pretty girls. Overtaking them, I heard the younger say: 'How many holes in this course, Allen?' 'Nineteen, dear,' said Allen, including the one in your stocking."

Cataract Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Cataract is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Cataract Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Cataract Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing cataract. Send for testimonials. Sold by Druggists, prices 75c. Make Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Stork Left Heavy Baby.

A 16-pound baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Reichenbach of Brookline, Pa. It is the third largest baby ever born in Pennsylvania.

If You Suffer from Asthma or Bronchitis get immediate relief by using Brown's Bronchial Troches. Contains no harmful drugs.

Inactive Koreans.
A German tourist expressed the opinion that doing nothing is the national occupation of Koreans.

Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein is Nature's great remedy—Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup and Consumption, and all throat and lung troubles. At druggists, 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle.

Bring to bear upon thyself the resolution of a noble mind; thou mayest see what thou resolvest to be.—Mendus.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.
FARO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of itching, bleeding or protruding Piles in 10 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

The greatest is he who is most true to the principle of duty.—Channing.

Smokers have to call for Lewis' Single Binder cigar to get it. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

Cheerfulness is an offshoot of goodness and wisdom.—Bovee.

Wm. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, always cures whooping cough. Use a bottle.

Brains can make money, but money can't make brains.

TO CURE A COUGH OR COLD.

Doctor's Prescription Checks an Acute Cold in a Day and Cures Chronic Coughs.

The following formula is a never failing remedy for coughs or colds: Two ounces of glycerine, one-half ounce of Concentrated oil of pine, one-half pint of good whiskey, mix and shake thoroughly each time and use in doses of a teaspoonful to a table-spoonful every four hours.

This, if followed up, will cure any cough that is curable or break up an acute cold in 24 hours. The ingredients all can be gotten at any drug store.

Concentrated oil of pine comes put up for medicinal uses only in half ounce vials sealed in tin screw top cases designed to protect it from heat and light. Other oils of pine are insoluble and are likely to produce nausea and cannot give the desired results.

Went Him a Few Better.

A very dapper looking young man entered a Chicago hotel a few days ago, followed by a middle-aged man who seemed to be just a little careless concerning his personal appearance. The affable clerk offered a pen to the carefully dressed young gentleman, who registered himself as "William Henry Tyler III." When he had stepped aside the other man reached for the pen and under Mr. Tyler's name wrote: "John Smith MDCCLXXIX."

Something New Under the Sun.

A lady in Illinois sent us 12c a year ago for our remarkable collection of vegetable and flower seeds and sold \$37.76 worth therefrom, or made 314%. That's new.

- 1 pkg. "Quick Quick" Carrot.....\$1.10
- 1 pkg. Earliest Ripe Cabbage..... .10
- 1 pkg. Earliest Emerald Cucumber..... .15
- 1 pkg. La Crosse Market Lettuce..... .15
- 1 pkg. Early Dinner Onions..... .15
- 1 pkg. Strawberry Muskmelon..... .15
- 1 pkg. Thirteen Day Radish..... .10
- 1,000 kernels gloriously beautiful flower seed..... .15

© Total.....\$1.00
Above is sufficient seed to grow 35 lb. of rarest vegetables and thousands of brilliant flowers and is mailed to you POSTPAID FOR 12c, or if you send 10c, we will add a package of Berliner Earliest Cauliflower, John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis. K. & W.

First Nobel Prize.

The Nobel prizes were suggested by the eighth earl of Bridgewater, son of the bishop of Durham. He left \$40,000 to be paid to the author of the best treatise on "The Power, Wisdom and Goodness of God as Manifested in the Creation." The judges divided the money among eight persons.

The Per-na Almanac in 8,000,000 Homes.

The Peruna Lucky Day Almanac has become a fixture in over eight million homes. It can be obtained from all druggists free. Be sure to inquire early. The 1908 Almanac is already published, and the supply will soon be exhausted. Do not put it off. Speak for one to-day.

A very stout person named Gray was asked why he stood in this way. "It is," he replied, "a matter of pride; for it makes me look taller, they say!"

Important to Mothers.
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Hoar* in Use for Over 30 Years. The Kid You Have Always Bought.

Italy Has Largest Churches.
Italy owns the world's three largest churches—St. Peter's, Rome; The Duomo, Milan; and St. Paul's at Rome.

EITS, St. Vitus Dance and all Nervous Diseases permanently cured by Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for Free \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. Kline, Ed., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

All growth and achievement depend very largely upon knowing ourselves and how to apply that knowledge.—French.

A suggestion for 1908: Take Garfield Tea to establish and maintain a normal action of the digestive organs, to purify the blood, cleanse the system and to bring Good Health.

Let no man presume to give advice to others who has not first given good counsel to himself.—Seneca.

It's the judgment of many smokers that Lewis' Single Binder 5c cigar equals in quality the best 10c cigar.

Will it be the same old resolutions with a new coat of varnish?

HICKS' CAPUDINE
CURES ALL ACHES
And Nervousness—Total bottle 10c. All drug stores.

Every addition to true knowledge is an addition to human power.—Mann.

ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE"
This is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of W. W. GRAY. Used the World Over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 75c.

Remember it's a poor resolution that will not hold water.

GENEALOGICAL.



The Bull-Pup—I suppose this is what they call a family tree.

The Hard Loser.

Goodart—Brewder was telling me today about his hard luck last spring. He certainly did lose a great opportunity. Wise—Yes, and think of what he's lost since. Goodart—Why, what's that? Wise—Valuable time talking about it.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
OR RHEUMATISM, BRISHT'S DISEASE, DIABETES, BACKACHE.
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CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.
Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Bile, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

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Our \$10 Superba for \$6 and Superba Special \$3.50 Treatment for \$2.50 to December 31, 1907. A perfect cleanser and made of self-treatment for all Vaginal, Uterine and Ovarian, Ulceration, Irritability, Suppression, Falling and Displacements, and blotches on your face. ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER TO GO AT THIS PRICE. Send your order today and CURE YOURSELF AT HOME.



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K C Baking Powder will do it! Get a can. Try it for your favorite cake. If it doesn't raise better, more evenly, higher, —if it isn't daintier, more delicate in flavor, —we return your money. Everybody agrees K C has no equal.

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A sure and immediate relief for Headache, Neuralgia, Cold in the Head, Sleeplessness, Nervousness and all kinds of Pains in the Head. If your druggist does not keep them in stock, send us 25c and we will mail you a box, or send us 2c postage stamp for a sample Powder. Prepared only by JOHN SCHAAP & SONS DRUG CO., Ft. Smith, Ark.

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Because of those ugly, grizzly, gray hairs. Use "LA GREOLE" HAIR RESTORER. PRICE, \$1.00, retail.

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Nothing but Union Barber are Employed.

It will be unnecessary for you to go through a painful operation for Piles if you use the... Put up in collapsible tube with nozzle, ready to apply to the soreness and inflammation. For any form of Piles... Guaranteed by Mitchell & Park.

We understand that a number of young men in Big Springs, fearing the consequences of leap year, have organized a bachelors club and have agreed not to escort a young lady to church or any place of amusement that will deplete their bank accounts.

Bees Laxative Cough Syrup for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough grows in favor daily with young and old. Mothers should keep it on hand for children. It is prompt relief to croup. It is gently laxative, driving the poison and phlegm from the system. It is a simple remedy that gives immediate relief, guaranteed by Mitchell & Park.

For the gripp take Reagan's cold tablets.

Rank Foolishness.

When attacked by a cough or cold, or when your throat is sore, it is rank foolishness to take any other medicine than Dr. King's New Discovery, says C. O. Eldridge, of Empire, Ga. I have used New Discovery seven years and I have known it is the best remedy on earth for coughs and colds, croup, and all throat and lung troubles. My children are subject to croup, but New Discovery quickly cures every attack. Known the world over as the King of throat, lung remedies. Sold under a guarantee at B. Reagan drug store at 50c and \$1.00.

Solid gold rings and watches at Reagan's.

Bad Stomach Trouble Cured.

Having been sick for the past two years with a bad stomach trouble, a friend gave me a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They did me so much good that I bought a bottle of them and have used twelve bottles in all. Today I am well of a bad stomach trouble. Mrs. John Love, Cooper, Maine. These tablets are for sale by all druggists.

Let J. O. Hartzog write your fire insurance. 111f

Why Suffer From Rheumatism?

Do you know that rheumatic pains can be relieved? If you doubt this just try one application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It will make rest and sleep possible, and that certainly means a great deal to any one afflicted with rheumatism. For sale by all druggists.

Have you seen the 42-piece dinner set which we are giving away? H. L. Rix & Co. 61f

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For county offices..... 7.50
For precinct offices..... 5.00
For city offices..... 2.50
All announcements are cash in advance.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector
ED M MOBLEY

For County Treasurer
Dr J C BAIRD (2nd Term)
W R PURSER

For Tax Assessor
J M BATES
I B (Doe) CAUBLE

For District and County Clerk
J. I. PRICHARD
R. P. PATTY

Business Change.

An important change took place in business circles this week, J. P. Inman selling his interest in the Inman & Camp Jewelry Company to T. J. Martin and retiring from the firm.

Mr. Inman will remove himself and family to Big Springs, where he has purchased a jewelry and optical business connected with the Reagan drug store. He has been one of our best citizens and the removal of himself and family is regretted by their friends.—Midland Exam-

A Cure for Misery.

I have found a cure for the misery malaria poison produces, says R. M. James, of Louisa, S. C. It's called Electric Bitters, and comes in 50c bottles. It breaks up a case of chills or a bilious attack in almost no time; and it puts yellow jaundice clean out of commission. This great tonic medicine and blood purifier gives quick relief in all stomach, liver and kidney complaints and the misery of lame back. Sold under guarantee at B. Reagan's drug store.

McM. Rooke returned Saturday night from Atlanta, Kansas, where he was called by the death of his mother which occurred Friday. He received news that she was not expected to live and started there but she died before he reached her. She was 87 years of age and the cause of her death was a stroke of paralysis.

Carrie Nation.

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

Mrs. Geneva Morrison, aged 22 years, died Saturday at the home of Geo. Cline, eleven miles northwest of town, and was buried Monday afternoon at Moore school house. This paper joins in extending sympathy to sorrowing relatives.

We understand that the friends of M. D. Willis are urging him to make the race for city secretary, assessor and collector. He is a man well qualified for the position and if he decides to make the race the people will do well to elect him.

The Joy.

of living is to have good health. Use Herbine and you will have bushels of joy. You need not be blue, fretful and have that bad taste in your mouth. Try a bottle of Herbine, a positive cure for all liver complaints. E. Harrell, Austin, Texas, writes: "I have used Herbine for over a year, and find it a fine regulator. I gladly recommend it as a fine medicine for Dyspepsia." Sold by J. L. Ward.

The Great Western Glove that every one wears, is sold at Stokes-Hughes Co.

"I trust this may be read by many suffers from kidney and bladder trouble" writes Mrs. Joe King, of Woodland, Tex. "I suffered four years and could find nothing to give even temporary relief. Our druggist at last induced me to try your 30 days treatment of Pineales for \$1. This one bottle has cured me and money could not buy the value it has been to me. Guaranteed. Sold by Mitchell & Park.

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FROM THE ANTILLES.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Benefits a City Councilman at Kingston, Jamaica.

Mr. W. O'Reilly Fogarty, who is a member of the City Council at Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, writes as follows: One bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had good effect on a cough that was giving me trouble and I think I should have been more quickly relieved if I had continued the remedy. That it was beneficial and quick in relieving me there is no doubt and it is my intention to obtain another bottle. For sale by all druggists.

Horse shoe brand Mound City paint at Reagan's.

All The World.

is a stage, and Ballard's Snow Lintment plays a most prominent part. It has no superior for Rheumatism, stiff joints, cuts, sprains, and all pains. Buy it, try it and you will always use it. Anybody who has used Ballard's Snow Lintment is a living proof of what it does. Buy a trial bottle. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by J. L. Ward.

Why.

should your baby suffer? When he is fretful and restless, don't experiment on him and use any old thing your neighbor recommends. Buy a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge greatest known worm medicine and cure for all children diseases. It is mild in its action, build up the system, makes thin baby fat. Mrs. J. C. Smith, Tampa, Fla., writes: "My baby was thin and sickly, could not retain his food and cried all night. I used one bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge and in a few days baby was laughing happy and well." Sold by J. L. Ward.

Furniture repairing. All work guaranteed at Big Springs Furniture Co.

Pineale Carbolized sets like a position, draws out inflammation and poison. Antiseptic, healing. For chapped hands, lips, cuts, burns. Sold by Mitchell & Park.

To stop that pain in the back, that stiffness of the joints and muscles, take Pineules. They are guaranteed. Don't suffer from rheumatism, backache, kidney trouble, when you get 30 days treatment for \$1.00. A single dose at bedtime proves their merit. Get them today. Sold by Mitchell & Park.

A CASH OFFER.

THE ENTERPRISE has made a special clubbing rate with The Memphis Weekly Commercial Appeal by which we will furnish both papers one year for the low price of \$1.50, regular subscription price of one. The Commercial Appeal is one of the largest and best papers in the South, and we hope to receive many new subscriptions on this liberal offer: \$1.50 cash for both papers. This offer also applies to subscribers who pay up to date and one year in advance. 7-1f

It Does The Business.

Mr. E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Maine, says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It does the business; I have used it for piles and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them, at B. Reagan's drug store, 25c per box.

J. P. Inman and family of Midland came in the first of the week and will locate here. Mr. Inman has accepted a position with B. Reagan and will have charge of the jewelry department. He comes to our town highly recommended as a workman and we welcome him in our midst.

A Higher Health Level.

I have reached a higher health level since I began using Dr. King's New Life Pills, writes Jacob Springer, of West Franklin, Maine. They keep my stomach, liver and bowels working just right. If these pills disappoint you, our trial money will be refunded at B. Reagan's drug store. 25c.

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Railroad Proposition

Col. J. H. Hanson, president and general manager of the Panhandle Short Line railroad, was here yesterday talking railroad to our citizens. He proposed to begin work on his road south from Stanton toward Sterling as soon as the following proposition was accepted by our citizens. He demands a cash bonus of \$35,000, right-of-way through the county and 80 acres of land adjoining the town for depot grounds, etc. The written proposal was left with Emmett Westbrook, who will take pleasure in showing it.

We can meet this proposition if we will all do our part, but it will require our united efforts to do it. Let us all get down to work and do our best and we will succeed in getting a railroad.—Sterling News.

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