

# The McAlester Wasp.

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NO.

The Sandy creek "improvement (?) " is one among the many monuments to prove the utter incompetency of every city official who passed on it as being o. k. What do you think of the competency of a city civil engineer who would hand the tax-payers such a "bum package?" Don't you really think it is about the rottenest thing ever? Go and take a look at the "big ditch" from one end to the other, and then figure it out if you can why your mayer is so hell bent on "sticking to your city engineer (?) But Sandy creek is only one sample of your city engineer's "artistic jobs." How could you ever expect McAlester to become a city of any importance under such circumstances? Give us a commission form of government! Yes give us any damn thing so it's a change.

It seems to be a hard job for the Republicans to wake up even to the extent of getting their people to register. They seem to feel it in their bones that there is not much in it for them. It's their own fault.

It seems that a number of your city councilmen have laid down in the harness, so to speak, and they say it will require "dough" to induce them to rise again and "tighten the tugs." However, they have been a balky team all the way through. The taxpayers are sore on the way things have been going, but what are they going to do about it?

It is more important for a young and growing city like McAlester to have a competent city civil engineer than any other official. Is your city engineer competent? But before you answer this, take a look at the Sandy creek improvement (?) as one thing that stands out in "bold relief" as evidence.

Steet corner loafers are now in their glory talking politics while their wives are at home doing the family washing. Better get a job and go to work.

Have you heard from your city charter yet? That charter proposition is probably the greatest joke of the season. However, the people who voted for commission form of government were in real earnest. You know sometimes a man will hang on like the grace of God to a camp meeting to the best job he ever before held or ever will again hold, regardless of the wishes of three-fourths of the tax-payers.

There are a few Republicans in McAlester who could not be elected "dog-catcher" who are always knocking on the Wasp, and of course they disturb us about as much as they amount to in politics. It is evidence that they don't amount to anything one way or the other or they wouldn't pay any attention to the Wasp, which is only run when fish won't bite and during dog days. You fellows had just as well let up on the Wasp for you can't hurt it, because it would be lonesome if such fellows as "you all" didn't belly-ache" because the little bladder is not run to suit your carpetbag ideas.

It now looks very much like Fritz Sittel will be the Republican nominee for sheriff and Will Anderson will be the Democratic nominee for the same office. They are both good men and well qualified for the office.

The people should support no man as representative in the State legislature who does not own enough real estate or personal property in the county in which he lives to pay his fair to the state capital should he be elected. Representative property owners and tax payers should be the kind of men chosen to make our state laws. Better pass the wind-jammers up and vote for successful business men, farmers, etc., to fill your state and county offices. Carpetbaggers and adventurers have had their day in this state.

McAlester is a good town to live in but could be made a whole lot better.

On a number of property owners in the Second ward say they are going to absolutely refuse to pay for street paving charged against their respective property. They claim they have been grossly flim-flammed in more ways than one in the street paving proposition, and the Wasp don't doubt in the least. The editor of the Wasp, for one, knows a certainty that he has been charged up with more than double the amount the contract price called for for paving by his property on Wyandotte avenue. We are perfectly willing to pay for our own paving but when it comes to trying to force us to pay for the paving of street and ally intersections, besides helping to pay for some one else's paving on some other street, right there we balk, and so do many others. So you may look out for "a grown ass suit," one that will, if necessary, be carried to the highest court. There is lots of property (peoples homes,) in the paving districts which if sold at the highest bidder would not pay for the street paving charged up against it. Is it not against the constitution of the United States to confiscate the property of any one? You bet your life it is, and "the fur is going to fly" before the people will submit to such an outrage being FORCED upon them; and when the matter gets into the courts, you may look out for some startling developments. "The worm has turned."

The grandfather clause is becoming more popular every day and many Republicans are now in favor of it.

Not many years ago white men in the Indian Territory were falling over each other to marry Indian women, but now it is a rare occurrence for a white man to marry an Indian. "No more whisky no more fits."

The farmers ars about the happiest people in this country at the present time. Crop prospects were never better.

The members of the city council knew before they were elected what salary they were to receive for their services, and if they have become dissatisfied with their jobs let them resign, and perhaps that would hurry along what the people of this city most desire—commission form of government. We suppose there would be no weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth if every bloomin' one of them would resign from mayor to dog-catcher. There are others who can certainly do as well.

The Wasp is not a knocker. It is simply with the common people and wants to see everything done on the square. But that causes a newspaper to be mighty unpopular with a certain lot of people.

It seems that the city councilmen of McAlester have organized a union and if they are not paid the union scale they will all go out on a strike. Wouldn't that be awful?

If the Democrats wish to stand any show in electing a governor this fall they had better not nominate Bill Murray.

It is said that there is a hotel keeper in this city who is so blamed stingy that he peals potatoes with a safety razor.

The fact that Socialism has closed a bunch of disorderly saloons in Milwaukee may induce some people to read up and find out what other things it believes in.

You had better get busy and register if you value your vote as worth anything.

We have made enough out of the printing business, besides we are tired of it, and want to quit so we can devote our entire time to fishing and roaming around among the mountains and valleys away from political grafters, town-site addition flim-flammers, disgusting city councils, etc., etc., etc. Who wants to buy a good print shop that is making more money than it would take to burn up a wet dog.

A few more good rains at the right time and the corn crop will break the record in Pittsburg county.

# THE WASP

By JOHN W. EDGELL

## McALESTER. OKLAHOMA FARM FOR PETTY OFFENDERS.

Petty offenders in Los Angeles will hereafter contribute their mite toward reducing the cost of living. The city has adopted for them the slogan of "back to the land." Los Angeles has bought a suburban farm, and petty offenders will there work out their salvation instead of lying idly and unprofitably in the city jail. There are several good points about this plan. It ought to relieve the taxpayer from giving support to worthless idlers. At the same time it will probably put a curb upon the inclination now manifested by the hobo class to seek cheap food and lodging at the expense of the city through the committing of some petty offense. Should each offender of this sort be required to work his way, he might decide to embrace free instead of forced labor. The suburban farm, too, will probably do something for the petty offender, especially if his trouble is due to some phase of alcoholism. Fresh air and sanitary surroundings with healthful activity might serve as a kind of liquor cure, says St. Paul Dispatch. Who knows but it might be a means of training agricultural labor so much needed in rural communities?

Two big steamers that ply between New York and Boston have given what is regarded as a thorough test of the efficacy of oil as fuel and the result seems to be accepted as conclusive in favor of oil as against coal. It is announced that coal will be no longer used on these vessels, and it is believed the gain in cleanliness, convenience and in other respects will be marked. This decision, added to the growing preference for oil fuel in our own and other navies, may indicate a complete revolution in the method of generating steam on ships.

Americans, Britons and Frenchmen are taking the lead in aeroplane work. For a long time Britons seemed hopelessly in the rear, but Captain Rolls' feat in flying across the channel and back has restored John Bull's self-respect. Now Rochester fondly hopes that Rolls' flight will inspire Doctor Greene with a determination to fly from Rochester to Toronto this month. If Doctor Greene performs this feat, he will make the record for long flight across water, and so bring new laurels to America.

The fact that the new battleship Florida had to be launched with propeller and rudder in place, and a large part of her armor plating bolted to her lower sides, because the drydock at Brooklyn is too short to receive her for work below the water line, calls attention to a problem that has been troubling navy builders who are bent on keeping up with the procession. Big ships must have docks to match or there will be double trouble when injuries are suffered below light watermark.

Now that one educational institution has demonstrated that a cigar can be made to afford a continuous smoke for one hour and twenty-five minutes, another should institute scientific tests of the maximum duration of a schooner of beer. Thus original research will bring light into the great issues of every-day life.

There are women who can bolt cabbage for dinner and still retain the respect of their neighbors.



## The HOME DEPARTMENT

### FOR THE PLAIN GIRL

ADVICE TO ONE WHO WOULD SHINE IN SOCIETY.

The Heart and Mind Count for Fully as Much as an Attractive Personal Appearance Would.

A girl writes me plaintively: "I have great ambition to shine in society, but though my figure is good, my features are very plain, and, like all ugly persons, I am extremely sensitive. Then I am afraid that I haven't the kind of way that is needed. Do tell me what to do, for I am very unhappy."

There are a good many plain people in the world, if they only knew it, for a great deal of the lack of charm comes from the inside. Irregular features and the indifferent colorings which stand for absence of beauty are by no means the whole thing. The heart counts, as do the mind, dress, extreme fastidiousness in personal habits, etc. The plain girl must want to please in every way, and she must get some fun out of her efforts if she hopes to be an entire success. She must not only like the little amenities of society; she must love them.

Let me consider the qualities of my correspondent for social brilliancy. She has, to begin with, a good figure. Way down under her tormented self-consciousness she has the wish to please. So, if she will only stop thinking of her good points she will be able to do wonders.

A girl who can write such a frank and simple letter is, no fool, and her self-deprecation shows she is of modest nature, two excellent qualities for conquering the bland artificialities of social life. For no woman with a good figure is ugly when she is well-dressed and society sees nothing but charm in the modest figure who, without ostentation, does the right thing at the right moment every time.

So the first thing to do is to strive with might and main to banish self-consciousness. When the plain girl listens she must think of the talker and not of herself. She must endeavor to be interested and to give such sympathetic answers as will immediately endear her to the speaker. There is a point to keep ever before you—the good and sympathetic listener is a power in society. Every little act of graciousness in the way of considering the comfort and vanity of another before your own adds one more figure to the total of charm. The girl, plain or beautiful, who would shine in the world cannot afford to take always the best chair and biggest piece of cake at the drawing room tea any more than she can afford to interrupt talk with irrelevant gabble. Her first must be open to the toilet of the other "critter," man or woman, and she must have at her finger tips a perfect knowledge of all the small politenesses that constitute human decency. Tact must be her sword and genuine liking for humanity her armor. So let me advise all girls who fancy themselves plain to practise, first, the gentle art of pleasing; for this constitutes the very foundation of success in society, and without it one is nil. And of course this recommendation includes the little arts and graces for if you don't know when to call and when not, and think it not worth while to answer invitations, or do some other

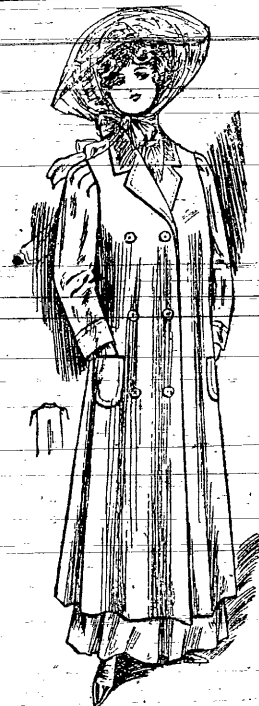
thing equally annoying to others, you will fall far short of being tactful. A knowledge of every social requirement, however small, is absolutely necessary.

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Materials required: Five yards 43 inches wide, six buttons.

### Pretty Gump Dress.

In these days when gump dresses are worn and gumpes are both expensive to buy and rather troublesome to make, one can save time and money by utilizing old thin shirt-waists. Yokes and lower portions of sleeves wear out first, and these can be cut away and new material substituted.

This new fabric may be lace, net, lingerie or any preferred fabric.

Then the shirt waist should be cut off at the waist line and all fullness eliminated. The edge should be neatly finished with a narrow hem or binding.

Lay on the new material before cutting away the old, and then no fitting will be necessary.

### Fagoting Now Much Used.

Five or six years ago fagoting was used a great deal on dresses boasting of hand work. Then it seemed to sink into disfavor.

It is being revived this season, and some of the smartest blouses boast of much of it.

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### Household Consternation.

"Charley, dear!" exclaimed young Mrs. Torkins, "the baby has swallowed a gold dollar!"

"Great heavens! Something must be done. There will be no end to the cost of living if he gets habits like that!"

### Looked Like a Pattern

"My dear," asks the thoughtful husband, "did you notice a large sheet of paper with a lot of diagrams on it about my desk?"

"You mean that big piece with dots and curves and diagonals and things all over it?"

"Yes. It was my map of the path of Halley's comet. I wanted to—"

"My goodness! I thought it was that pattern I asked you to get, and the dressmaker is cutting out my new shirtwaist by it!"—Chicago Evening Post.

### Foxy Hiram.

"Well, now, if that ain't surprising!" speculated Mrs. Ryetop, as she shaded her eyes with her hand. "There goes old Hiram Skinfliet, and rather than step on a poor black ant he picked it up, and I bet he is going to drop it somewhere out of the reach of danger."

Her husband laughed knowingly.

"Not Hiram Skinfliet, Mandy. He'll go down to Jed Weatherby's general store and order a pound of granulated sugar. Then while Jed is looking another way he'll drop the ant among the grains and tell Jed as long as his sugar has ants in it he ought to sell it at half price. Like as not he'll try to get Jed to throw in two or three raisins and a yeast cake. You don't know Hiram Skinfliet!"

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## IN THE PUBLIC EYE

### JOHN MITCHELL'S WORK



John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, continues to work for the improvement, advancement and safety of the man who toils with his hands.

For a couple of years now, Mr. Mitchell has been connected with the National Civic Federation, an organization backed by Andrew Carnegie and other millionaires. His office has to do with the welfare of the workingman and results of his work have shown that no better choice could have been made.

John Mitchell is a self made man. He knows what it is to toil in a coal mine. He has gone down in the pits not knowing whether he would come out alive. He has had some narrow escapes, and he has seen his companions and friends die at their work. He is noted for his

kind-heartedness. In the fall of 1898 he was vice-president and organizer of the United Mine Workers of America. There was a strike at the Virden Coal company's mine in Virden, Ill. For days the striking miners camped around the stockade the company had erected for the protection of its property. Mr. Mitchell, accompanied by several newspaper men, visited the camp of grim toilers one night, and the sights he witnessed touched his heart. Then came the day when the company attempted to land a train-load of negroes from Alabama to take the places of the white men. Governor Tanner had refused to order out the militia to protect negroes from other states. There was a riot. Nineteen or twenty men in the ranks of the strikers fell dead under the shower of bullets from rifles used by hired detectives from an agency in St. Louis. Negroes were killed, and one or two guards slain. The engineer of the train was shot through the arm.

The other day he went out to St. Louis from New York and talked on the subject closest to his heart—that of placing safeguards around the working man.

### GORE SHOCKED SENATORS



Thomas Pryor Gore, the blind senator from Oklahoma, caused his fellow members of the United States senate to sit up and take notice a day or so before the adjournment of congress. It takes a great deal to cause the staid old senate to show anything like a panic, but when Senator Gore intimated that an effort had been made to bribe him to the extent of \$25,000 to \$50,000 in connection with legislation affecting \$3,000,000 in attorney's fees for services rendered to the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, in land and township sites, the senator gave immediate attention.

Then when the senator involved two former members of the senate in the alleged plot the upper branch of congress strained its ears to catch every word. The senator's charges reached across the capitol to the house side, and a member of the lower branch also was dragged into the affair.

Mr. Gore did not let the loss of his eyesight interfere with his schooling. He was graduated from a normal school and then went through Cumberland university, in Tennessee. He was married to Miss Nina Kay, in 1900, and she has been a great help to him in his reading. He removed to Texas in 1895, and was a delegate to the National Populist convention in St. Louis, in 1896. He was nominated by the Populists as a candidate for congress, but was defeated. After he had removed to Oklahoma in 1901 he became a member of the Territorial council, and when Oklahoma became a state, he was elected senator.

### JUSTICE MOODY TO RETIRE



Because of his continued illness, Associate Justice William H. Moody of the United States supreme court must resign. Under the law a member of the court must serve ten years before he can retire on pay. To aid Justice Moody, Senator Lodge introduced in the senate a bill giving him his pay in future because it was illness and not a desire to enter other business that caused his inability to give his attention to court duties.

Justice Moody was attorney general when President Roosevelt appointed him to the bench in 1906. He has been ill much of the time since then, but it was not until about one year ago that his ailment took such a serious turn that he was not able to give his attention to his duties.

Justice Moody is a native of Massachusetts, and a graduate of Harvard. He was admitted to the practise of law in 1878, and served as solicitor for Haverhill and district attorney for the eastern district of Massachusetts. He was elected to the Fifty-fourth congress from the Sixth district to fill a vacancy, and was also a member of the Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh congresses. He was secretary of the navy for two years before he was attorney general.

### Controlled Newspapers.

The *Atchafalpa-Globe* says that no advertiser has ever tried to control its editorial policy, the remark being occasioned by the charge often made nowadays, that the big advertisers direct the editorial policy of newspapers.

The experience of the *Globe* is the experience of most newspapers. The merchant who does a great deal of advertising is more interested in the circulation department of a newspaper than in the editorial department. If a daily paper goes to the homes of the people, and is read by them, he is satisfied, and it may chase after any theory or fad, for all he cares. He has troubles of his own, and he isn't trying to shoulder those of the editorial brethren.

There are newspapers controlled by people outside of the editorial rooms, and a good many of them, more's the pity; but the people exercising that control are not the business men who pay their money for advertising space. The newspapers which are controlled for political purposes are often controlled by chronic office-seekers, whose first concern is their own interests. There are newspapers controlled by great corporations, and the voice of such newspapers is always raised in protest against any genuine reform.

The average western newspaper, usually is controlled by its owner, and he is supposed to be in duty bound to make all sorts of sacrifices at all sorts of times; there are people who consider it a duty to insult his advertisers, just to show that he is free and independent. If he shows a decent respect for his patrons, who pay him their money, and make it possible for him to carry on the business, he is "subsidized" or "controlled." The newspaper owner is a business man, like the dry goods man or the grocer. The merchants are expected to have consideration for their customers, and they are not supposed to be subsidized by the man who spends five dollars with them, but the publisher is expected to demonstrate his courage by showing that he is ungrateful for the patronage of his friends. It is a funny combination when you think it over. *Emporia Gazette.*

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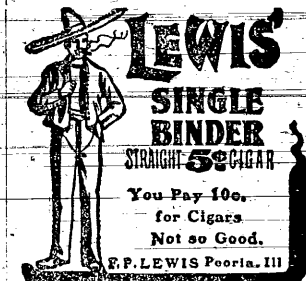
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## News of the World Briefly Told

Most Important Events of the Past Week Boiled Down for the Busy Readers

### WASHINGTON.

Labor-saving devices have recently been installed in the Treasury department at Washington, resulting in the throwing out of work of about 500 employes.

Members of the Interstate Commerce commission are showing a disposition to make a thorough investigation of the proposed increase of freight rates.

The announcement comes from Washington to the effect that Brigadier General W. L. Marshall, retired, former chief of engineers of the United States army, is slated to head the commission which is to supervise the expenditure of the \$20,000,000 which congress authorized to be expended in the prosecution and completion of irrigation projects in the west.

### DOMESTIC

From April 1 to June 11 on this year the Kansas state banks lost nearly eight and one-half million dollars in deposits. The decrease is due to farmers drawing out funds to pay for caring for their crops.

Overcome by gas while cleaning out a well on their farm near Girard, Kas., Roy Duncan, 24 years old, and his father, R. S. Duncan, died before help could reach them.

More than ten tons of frozen or desiccated eggs, shipped to New York from Chicago, were seized as unfit for human consumption at the Kings County Refrigerating company's plant in Brooklyn. Government inspectors, acting under orders from the department of agriculture, made the seizure. It is the largest one recorded.

An agreement between attorneys for the state and the Waters-Pierce Oil company has been approved by Judge Huston at Enid, Okla. The agreement fixes a penalty of \$75,000 to be paid the state, restrains the company from entering into any contract or agreement in the future in restraint of trade, or fixing prices of oils.

The gas well brought in three miles east of Poteau last week was shot with one hundred and forty quarts of nitro-glycerine, with the expectation of bringing in an oil well. Indications for oil are very strong. The flow of gas immediately after the shot increased to twelve million cubic feet per day.

Sebe Benefield, whose sensational conviction in McIntosh county of manslaughter is still remembered, is at last free. Sebe went up for ten years, after a hard fight against conviction, but was paroled last year by Governor Haskell, and last week was granted a full and complete pardon.

John Connor, a white man, was found guilty of the charge of burglary in the district court at Tulsa recently and sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary. It was proven that Connor had stole a 15-cent linen towel from a Pullman car on the Frisco tracks there.

Following the appeal made by the United Society of the Christian Endeavor from Boston to have the showing of the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures prohibited in every city in the United States, city after city has fallen in line. Others are considering the matter with evident intention of forbidding the exhibition of the pictures.

Walter Brookings, in a Wright machine, accompanied by Bertrand De Lessens, brother of the count, made a flight lasting 23-1/2 minutes and rose to a height of 1,140 feet at the aviation meeting at Montreal, Canada, Friday.

The national convention of the National Good Roads' Association will meet in Oklahoma City, October 4, 5 and 6.

Dependents of the victims of the Marr mine disaster at Jacobs Creek in December, 1907, has received \$141,700 in cash. Of the 238 men in the mine only one escaped.

Governor B. B. Comer, of Alabama, was injured Friday in a runaway, he being thrown against a seat in his carriage at Abbeville. The governor was kicked by a horse a few weeks ago.

At the beginning of the fiscal year of the state's business, between two and a half and three million dollars become available through legislative appropriation in Oklahoma. The funds will be used to maintain the state departments, and for construction work on state buildings.

With several homesteads in immediate danger of destruction and over 100 acres of the finest white pine timber a mass of raging flames, the biggest forest fire of the present year in the Coyer & Alene is sweeping up the valley at Kingston, on Pine Creek, sixteen miles west of Wallace, Idaho.

Oklahoma stands seventh in the estimated winter wheat and corn crop yields. Kansas leads, with Indiana second on wheat, and Illinois is first, and Iowa second on the corn crop, according to the crop report of the department of agriculture in Washington.

The United States land office at Lander, Wyo., has rendered decisions in civil contest cases against 63 entrymen on the coal lands of the Owl Creek and Gebu mines of Big Horn county, involving 10,000 acres, valued at \$1,500,000. Fifty-seven cases were decided in favor of the government, four in favor of entrymen and two cases set for rehearing.

That another meeting between Jeff and Johnson would be as great a drawing card as the Fourth of July party and would result in an entirely different story, is the opinion of sporting men following the announcement that Jeff may seek another fight with the negro. The Jeffries statement has created great excitement in sporting circles.

The county commissioners of Muskogee county, Okla., have come to a tacit understanding with the sheriff and enforcement officers that further efforts to enforce the prohibition law are useless and that the county will not stand any more expense in this line. Muskogee county has spent approximately \$100,000 trying to enforce the Billups law in Muskogee, and has met complete failure. The county now has a deficit of \$35,000 from this source.

Immediately following their defeat in the bleached flour cases at Kansas City, attorneys for the millers announced that they would file a motion for a new trial within 20 days. If refused the case will go to the circuit court.

Severe earthquake shocks, continuing for three minutes, were recorded by the Georgetown University observatory Thursday. It was the heaviest quake recorded this year and was said to be only 500 miles distant.

J. B. Green and J. F. Hartwell of Oklahoma City were elected directors of the newly organized Security State bank of Gary, Ind., the steel city. The bank will be one of the largest capitalized institutions in the state.

Officials of the Memphis, Dallas & Gulf railroad have filed a certificate of an increase in capital stock from \$645,000 to \$1,875,000. The purpose of the increase of stock is to extend the road from Murfreesboro, in Pike county, Arkansas, to Memphis, Tenn.

James J. Jeffries, the most famous fighter the world has ever produced, met his first defeat Monday, July 4, at the hands of the negro champion, Jack Johnson. Jeffries displayed his old gameness, but his endurance was gone and after taking fifteen rounds of awful beating, he sank in a pitiful heap for the fatal count.

# STATE NEWS

### KATY CHANGES FREIGHT RATES

Means Much to Oklahoma Shippers on Texas Returns

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Important to Oklahoma shippers who deal with Texas as points is the action of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad company, which declares that after September 10 it will be permissible to return shipments from Texas to Oklahoma points at one-half the tariff rate. J. Hartnett, local commercial agent of the road, says that during the summer months, and especially early September heavy shipments are made to Texas over the "Katy" from Oklahoma City and other manufacturing and commercial centers within the state, and this reduction on returns will mean much financially to the shippers.

The company has decided to cancel the special rates on second-hand bottles returned from points in Oklahoma to Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and other eastern states, the change going into effect some date to be designated in the immediate future.

While this reduction in rates has been applied to all empty bottles returned by Oklahoma dealers to the factory, by far the greater number have been those sent out by the distillers containing whiskey, beer and other intoxicating beverages. The special rate was made before the prohibitory law was enacted and now that intoxicants are not lawfully sold within the state, the road revokes its concession so as not to appear to encourage in an indirect way any infringement of the law.

### State Chemist Tests Salt

Okeene, Okla.—Two months ago Okeene was thrown into a fever of excitement by the discovery, at a depth of only 240 feet, of a large vein of rock salt, with a strong flow of salt water coming apparently from out the middle of the bed of salt. After some delay in having the state chemist come here to make a test of the find, the secretary of the Okeene Commercial club is in possession of his report, which is as follows: Bromide, 165.4 parts per million; magnesium oxide, 1,424 parts per million; calcium oxide, 3,276 parts per million; sulphuric anhydride, 2,016 parts per million; sodium chloride (salt), 252,064 parts per million. The report is signed by Edwin DeBarr.

### WATERS-PIERCE CASE SETTLED

Must Pay the State of Oklahoma \$75,000 Penalty

Enid, Okla.—The famous quo warranto suit brought in this county by Attorney General West in the name of the state of Oklahoma against the Waters-Pierce Oil Co., is now a matter of history. The final chapter of the case was written at 1 o'clock Thursday, when Judge A. H. Huston of Guthrie approved the stipulation entered into by the parties effecting a compromise of the suit.

The stipulation resulted in the termination of the case inflicting a penalty of \$75,000 upon the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. It restrains them from entering into any agreement or contract in restraint of trade. The stipulation also contains many other points not made public.

It is believed that this latter agreement provides that a maximum tariff shall not be exceeded by the defendant company in their charges for oil in this state.

### NEW WHEAT BEING MARKETED

Best Grade Sells on Kansas City Market For \$1.06 Per Bushel

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Indications from all sections of the state are that crops are beginning to feel slightly the continued dry weather, but as yet the lack of rain has not injured to any appreciable extent the excellent agricultural outlook. Showers are reported during the past week in various localities, especially in the southern part of the state, but there has been little general moisture. Both corn and cotton would benefit greatly from heavy showers at the present time.

Cotton has risen from a point to a point and three-quarters in the market during the week. This is due to the wide damage caused the growing crop in Mississippi, Alabama and other states in the southeastern cotton belt by the heavy rains that have deluged that section during the past ten days, in many places washing the cotton away and detaching the buds. There is some talk of cotton being injured by a lack of rain in Texas and Southern Oklahoma, but local cotton dealers are sanguine and say that the crop will not suffer seriously for ten days or two weeks.

Best Oklahoma wheat sold at \$1.06 on the Kansas City market Wednesday. The Oklahoma crop, which is the first to be marketed, is harvested and most of it is moving to market. The yield is exceptionally heavy this year, the acreage somewhat larger than last year and the quality of the cereal all that could be desired. As Oklahoma wheat gets to market early and is of fine quality, the farmers of the state will realize top prices for their sales, the crop averaging over a dollar per bushel, according to Oklahoma City grain dealers. The first Oklahoma wheat to arrive in the Kansas City and St. Louis markets graded at the top and brought \$1.06.

The oats crop is harvested, but not threshed. The acreage far exceeds that of last year and farmers say that the yield is the best they have ever known in the state. They claim that oats, is practically a sure crop in Oklahoma and say that climatic conditions make this a banner oat state.

### Salicylic Acid Found in Peas

Oklahoma City.—Dr. Edwin DeBarr, state chemist, has obtained samples of the questionable grade of goods, alleged to have been shipped into Oklahoma recently by some eastern manufacturing concerns. DeBarr says certain cheap brands of canned peas were found to contain salicylic acid, a preservative positively forbidden by the pure food and drug law. He has taken the samples to his laboratory in Norman.

### State Buys Land for Asylum

Guthrie, Okla.—Attorney General West has approved the transfer of the state of approximately 542 acres of land at Vinita, for additional site for the insane asylum there. J. W. Orr and M. E. Knight are the sellers, turning over to the state 250 and 291.88 acres respectively. The price paid them by the state is not stated.

### Adopts Commission Government

Spaulpa, Okla.—By a majority of 342 out of a total vote of 446, the commission form of government was adopted in this city at a special election. The clause requiring all holders of franchises hereafter granted or renewed to pay to the city not less than 3 per cent of their gross receipts, was defeated by a majority of 28.

## EXTRAORDINARY POWER OF A MEDIUM



LEVITATION OF OBJECTS BY MILE. STANISLAW TOMCZYK

THE scientific world of Europe has been much interested in the experiments made by Doctor Ochowicz of Paris, and Wisla of Silesia, with Mile. Stanislaw Tomczyk, a medium who has extraordinary magnetic qualities. When hypnotized, Mile. Tomczyk has the remarkable power of being able to levitate any objects she chooses. In one set of experiments a glove was put on the table in front of her, and at her bidding it rose, curved over from the middle, and went high up into the air, to drop gently into the lap of the person indicated. The same sort of thing she did with a magnet, as well as a pair of scissors, a match-box, and a note-book, the pages of which last turned over in accordance with her directions. Still more striking was one of the experiments with scales. She asked that the scales should be fastened to the bottom of the gas-bracket. This done, an egg-shaped marble paper-weight was placed in one of the pans, and a celluloid ball in the other. By merely placing her hands near the paper-weight she caused that pan to rise until it was on a level with the one containing the light celluloid ball. It need hardly be said that elaborate steps were taken to prove that Mile. Tomczyk had no wires concealed on her person.

## TREASURE IS MYTH

### Stories of Hidden Gold of Aztecs Inventions of Historians.

Greatest Store of Precious Metal Was Found in Imperial Palace and Promptly Shipped to Spain by Cortez—Amount Is Small.

San Antonio, Tex.—According to Jose Ramon Palafox, a Mexican journalist, who recently passed through this city on his way to Washington, there are no hidden Montezuma treasures.

"No doubt the stories circulated about the hidden treasures of the Aztec emperors have their origin in the sadly exaggerated accounts of old Spanish historians—men who swallowed the yarns of the conquerors of Mexico and whose judgment had been upset by the few shipments of gold and silver made to Spain shortly after the taking of the Aztec capital," said Senor Palafox.

"The amount of gold and silver in the possession of the Aztecs at any time was comparatively small and in the case of the people consisting of little more than a few personal ornaments. The greatest store of these precious metals was found by the Spaniards in the imperial palace and this was promptly shipped to Spain by Cortez. Compared with the wealth of today even this was a mere drop in the bucket. The statement made by historians that Hernando Cortez sent ship loads of gold and silver to his king should not be taken literally, for in all probability it means no more than that heavy shipments of these took place.

"The accounts of the Montezuma treasure is merely a counterpart of similar extravagances found on many

pages of history. We read of the fabulous wealth of the people of the Euphrates valley, of the ancient Egyptians, of India and other parts and so far have never found a trace of it. In their day, no doubt, these people had a certain amount of gold and silver, but they never had enough to cause us moderns to call them rich. Dispersed among them in the form of currency, as is the case today, their wealth in precious metals would have made a very poor showing. Gold and silver, then, as in the case of the Aztecs, were not used at all as mediums of exchange or were used only in a very limited way. Rulers paid and received tributes in the form of gold and as a rule converted it into articles of practical value or objects of art. The old records show this down to a very late date. The tribute collected by the kings of Egypt, for example, were gold and silver vases, statuettes and the like. We see Ramesses reward the services of his generals by hanging a golden chain around their necks and so on.

"Conditions in Mexico when the conquistadores got there were the same. Metals did not figure to any extent as money or its equivalent. In the palace of the emperor gold and silver were found in the shape of cooking utensils, toilet articles and wall coverings. Perhaps a small store of gold and silver ingots was also discovered and so, no doubt, was a small quantity of precious stones.

"The so-called Aztec codices telling of the whereabouts of hidden treasure are all spurious and are sold to unsuspecting foreigners for fancy prices. It is an industry somewhat analogous to the making of antique furniture and jewels. Of course only the most credulous are taken in and usually one experience suffices to tell

the purchaser of a codex that he has been humbugged. However, sometimes a great deal of harm is done by an unscrupulous man getting possession of a so-called codex. He is enterprising enough to turn his purchase to good account as far as he is concerned, but those who have been foolish enough to believe his plausible stories will find that the Montezuma treasure is no more than a fable—is, in fact, a swindle. Probably no one knows Mexico better than do its natives and nowhere are traditions and the like better preserved. In view of these facts it would be more than strange that the Mexican should sell information as to treasures when he could lift the hoard himself."

### DENTISTRY REFORMS BAD BOY

Delinquent Chicago Urchin Testifies to Good Done Him by Forwarding Gold Piece.

Chicago.—Ten dollars' worth of dentistry, supplied by the Children's Day association has reformed a delinquent Chicago urchin into an honest, industrious boy. A five-dollar gold piece received in Chicago the other day proves the transformation.

Joseph Bejlovec, sixteen years old, a Bohemian boy, is the hero of the story. Bejlovec was until a short time ago a delinquent youth, spent most of his time dodging the truant officer and the rest in mischief of more or less serious nature.

He was arrested and taken before the juvenile court. There he was examined by the physician attached to the court and his teeth found to be in bad condition. The physician spoke to the court nurse and the nurse told the agent of the Children's Day association. The association is devoted to relieving emergency cases that appear before the court, and the agent was interested immediately.

She gave \$10 to be used in fixing Bejlovec's teeth. As soon as this was done the judge told the boy he would not punish him, but would send him to a farm at Schererville, Ind., where he could work and if he were willing to do so could save enough money to pay back the \$10.

Bejlovec went to the farm. The other day a letter was received at the offices of the Children's Day association in the Woman's Temple. When it was opened a five-dollar gold piece rolled from the envelope. It was from Bejlovec. He said he was working steadily, had saved the five dollars, wanted it to be accepted as half payment of his debt, and that he would have the other five dollars saved up within a short time and would send it on.

### TROUBLE FOR CENSUS TAKER

One in State of Washington Mistakes Man's Wife for His Mother and Rumpus Follows.

Walla Walla, Wash.—Some curious information was gathered by the census enumerators in these parts. One found a gray-haired woman who had been married three times and had several grandchildren, but who insisted on being called "Miss."

Another enumerator mistook a man's wife for his mother, and barely escaped dire consequences. It developed that the husband was fifty-one years old the wife eighty-seven, and that the man had been married four times. This last fact was elicited with difficulty, and precipitated a family row, as the husband had told his spouse that he had been bound in holy wedlock only twice.

Several families of sixteen children have been discovered. In one of these the oldest child is about nineteen, and there are but two pairs of twins. One other man, ninety-two years old, was listed who "boards" with his "boy," who is fifty-four years old, and from whom he had never been separated.

The American simply refuses to be outclassed when up in the air.

## CRIMINAL LAND DEALS CHARGED

TEN MEN AND THREE WOMEN HAULED INTO COURT

### GIRL MAKES CONFESSION

Implicates Others in Scheme to Defraud Land Buyers by Forging Deeds to Lands They Did Not Own

Muskogee, Okla.—The state and the federal government combined here

bers, they say, of one of the most extensive land fraud schemes ever attempted in this state. It opened with the preliminary trial of Albert Taylor, of Tahlequah, a land man, and the defendants who answered not guilty in court on the same charge are: besides Taylor, W. L. Mays, Jim Escoc, John Culver, Ed Culver, Rnan Casey, Sallie Casey, alias Sallie Still, C. O. Zinn, Ben Davis, L. B. Gritts, Claud C. Upton, Bertha Muller and Jessie Hilder, alias Anna Hyghes.

It is alleged that these persons together with four others not yet arrested, have for the past two years carried on a systematic business of forging deeds to Indian lands and getting the money for it, when the real owners of the land knew nothing of the transaction, and that they have in this manner mulcted perhaps \$100,000 from land buyers who took their deeds, the women being used as blimps.

The plot was discovered after the conviction of John Culver on a charge of forging a deed in an individual case. Then Culver and one of the women, Jessie Hibden, a black-eyed girl who passes herself for a full blood Cherokee girl, went on the stand and made a full statement, implicating the other defendants in a gigantic scheme to defraud the land buyers by forging deeds and oil leases to lands they did not own.

Jessie Hibden stated that Taylor was to pay her \$50 for impersonating Rachel Holland; that she signed the lease with her thumb print in green ink; that she only got \$20 of the promised \$50. A scar on the end of the Hibden woman's thumb shows plainly on the thumb print on the lease. She signed with her mark because the Holland woman, a full blood Cherokee, was not supposed to be able to write her name. This oil lease is very valuable.

It is alleged that the other women were used as impersonators in the same way in other cases. The Hibden woman came here from Fort Smith.

Fred Cook, a district Indian agent, claims to have complete confessions from five of the alleged forgers. The evidence he secured interested the United States Indian agent, and the federal district attorney, and the federal authorities have joined the state prosecutors to assist in the prosecution.

It is claimed that there are sufficient forged deeds already in sight to break three or four of the biggest farm land companies in this section, and that more are being discovered each day.

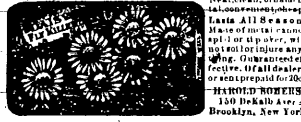
### Plenty of Money in State.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Bankers of Oklahoma City say the state of Oklahoma is now in an unusually prosperous condition, and in a few weeks, the entire state will witness such prosperity, never before experienced in its history. The financial conditions over the state, they say, and also the southwest, were never better. The banks are prepared to furnish money with which to handle Oklahoma's biggest crop production, and the bankers deny the rumor that money for legitimate purposes is scarce or hard to obtain.

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**ATTRACTED BY THE GOSPEL**

**Koreans Have Shown Themselves Willing and Anxious to Hear the Word.**

Rev. C. T. Collier writes as follows in the London Christian:

"It is more than twenty-one years since I came home for the mission field. Never have I known of people being so ready to hear the Gospel as are the Koreans just now. I have had the privilege of doing a good deal of personal work during the past few weeks. Without stretching the point, I can say I have had personal conversation with several hundreds of heathen. Not one to whom I have spoken but has acknowledged that he must become a Christian. The young empress of Korean has not been making good progress with her studies; so it was felt she ought to have some young lady companions who are used to study. A young lady from our school was chosen for this position. She has been in the palace less than a month, but she has found many opportunities of witnessing for her Lord, with the result that her majesty has definitely set one hour each day for the study of Christianity, and ordered that a Bible and hymn-book should be procured for her. It has been my privilege to order a specially bound copy of the New Testament for her."

**Heard Many a One.**

The Judge—Madam, do you understand the nature of an oath?

The Witness—You seem to forget your honor that I've been married for over 20 years.

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**BAD HAPPENING THAT HAS SOURD MRS. STOREY.**

**Avoidance of Publicity in This Case Was Cestly—And, of Course, Mr. Storey Says "I Told You So."**

Mrs. Storey's life had been haunted for years by the fear that some day she might be called upon to serve as a witness in court. Her grandmother was a witness once, and when Mrs. Storey was a little girl she used to hear all about it. Grandma, it appears, had been so scared she couldn't tell the judge her own name.

"And," said Mrs. Storey to her husband, "if there is anything more disgraceful than to be unable to tell your own name, I'd like to know what it is."

In order to reduce the possibility of such a calamity to a minimum, Mrs. Storey would walk on with deafened ears and averted head whenever she happened to be near a light or the scene of an accident. Only the other day she had occasion to shut her eyes and ears to the seething crowd around her. She was waiting in the south terminal station for Mr. Storey, who had gone around to the baggage room to check a trunk.

Presently she became aware that something exciting was happening close beside her. Hastily she shut her eyes and stuck her fingers into her ears, but before those protective measures could be accomplished she learned that a female thief had snatched a handbag which she had found lying on the floor and was being pursued by an excited crowd. Not being entirely devoid of the curiosity of her sex, Mrs. Storey would have liked to know more, but the old fear of being detained as a witness held her inert until her husband's return. Then she ventured to ask if they had caught the thief.

"Yes," said Mr. Storey, "but they couldn't do anything with her. Every one was confident the bag didn't belong to her, but as nobody appeared to claim it they had to let her go."

At that Mrs. Storey opened her eyes. "I am so glad," she said, "that it is all over. I am ready to go now. But—oh, dear me! Where are my purse and handbag? I had them here a moment ago. They must have dropped—ah, I wonder—"

"No use to wonder now," said Mr. Storey heartlessly; "of course, the stolen bag was yours."

**Closed Door an Aid to Harmony.**

Among the tribes where families live in one-roomed huts with never a door or division, dispositions must be of uncommon sweetness. As civilization increases the need of doors to increase, too, until finally our dispositions, or is it our effete dislike of violence? makes doors primal necessities. A closed door is the greatest aid to harmony known. Those people who are groping toward a desire for harmony but are not yet wholly emancipated from the savage one-room hot-row period of civilization, slam their door on closing it and thus manage to leave a little ruction outside, though their supposed desire is to take it in the room with them and dissolve it into nothingness before appearing again in public. Sometimes one's gratitude for dogs, doors in general and one's own door in particular, is so keen that one wonders if in the lares et penates there was not one especially devoted to doors. It would be to this little god that modern thanks would be most devoutly offered up.

In Papa's Footsteps.  
"You must not go on the railroad track, Cyril," said the comedian's wife to her little boy.  
"Why, papa used to walk there, didn't he, mamma?"

**It's a Mistake**

Many have the idea that anything will sell if advertised strong enough. This is a great mistake. True, a

low sales might be made by advertising an absolutely worthless article but it is only the article that is bought again and again that pays. An example of the big success of a worthy article is the enormous sale that has grown up for Cascarets Candy Cathartic. This wonderful record is the result of great merit successfully made known through persistent advertising and the mouth-to-mouth recommendation given Cascarets by its friends and users.

Like all great successes, trade pirates prey on the unsuspecting public, by marketing fake tablets similar in appearance to Cascarets. Care should always be exercised in purchasing well advertised goods, especially an article that has a national sale like Cascarets. Do not allow a substitute to be palmed off on you.

**Unflattering Truth.**

A Chicago physician gleefully tells a child story at his own expense. The five children of some faithful patients had measles, and during their rather long stay in the improvised home hospital they never failed to greet his daily visit with pleased acclamation. The good doctor felt duly flattered, but rashly pressed the children, in the days of convalescence, for the reason of this sudden affection. At last the youngest and most indiscreet let slip the better truth.

"We felt so sick that we wanted awfully to do something naughty, but we were afraid to be bad for fear you and the nurse would give us more horrid medicine. So we were awfully glad to see you, always, because you made us stick out our tongues. We stuck 'em out awfully far!"

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**Well, Wasn't He Right?**

The minister was addressing the Sunday school. "Children, I want to talk to you for a few moments about one of the most wonderful, one of the most important organs in the whole world," he said. "What is that that throbs away, beats away, never stopping, never ceasing, whether you wake or sleep, night or day, week in and week out, month in and month out, year in and year out, without any volition on your part, hidden away in the depths, as it were, unseen by you, throbbing, throbbing rhythmically all your life long?" During this pause for oratorical effect a small voice was heard: "I know. It's the gas meter."

**Cost of Spontaneity.**

"I want the office, of course," said the aspiring statesman, "but not unless I am the people's choice."  
"We can fix that, too," said his campaign manager. "Only you know it's a good deal more expensive to be the people's choice than it is to go in as the compromise candidate."

**Coming Down to Earth.**

"Happiness," declaimed the philosopher, "is in the pursuit of something, not in the catching of it."  
"Have you ever," interrupted the plain citizen, "chased the last car on a rainy night?"

Kind words are often wasted where a swift kick would have been more effective.

**Trying to Satisfy Him.**

Squeamish Guest (as waiter places water before him)—Waiter, are you sure this is boiled distilled water?

Waiter—I am positive, sir.  
Squeamish Guest (putting it to his lips)—But it seems to taste pretty hard for distilled water.  
Waiter—That's because it's hard-boiled distilled water, sir.

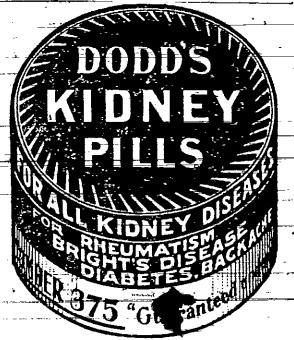
**Notes and Comments.**

Church—Does your neighbor play that cornet without notes?  
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