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Back-Trailin' in the Southwest

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Our history, like some good people, is scarcely appreciated until it is a thing of the past. When the opportunity for the preservation of that which tells of the development of a country is gone, then we often awake to its real value. It is nearly a case of grieving after the pitcher is broken. Excusing ourselves for not doing what we should have done at the auspicious time is mere acknowledgement of our own lack of vision or initiative. It is the doctrine of a lazy man. The preservation of that which is of historic significance should always be a matter of the present, not of the future. If we wait, it will be gone. A gradual awakening to this fact on the part of the citizens of West is matter of encouragement to those most interested in passing on to the future a reliable record of the past.

Saloons and Relics.

Perhaps it would be a matter of disappointment to those who never saw an iota of good in the old time saloon to know that these spots were often the repositories of large collections of relics of great significance. From all the country round was brought all the old guns, Indian relics, and oddities which struck the fancy of the cowboys, buffalo hunters, and other pioneers who trod the trails of the West. At old Tascosa the collection that was made in Jack Cooper's saloon was sufficient to challenge the interest of large museums. But the passing of time brought on Jack's death, leaving no one to claim his few belongings and the interesting collection, and the soda-water drinking densizens who followed the march of civilization in Jack's stead failed to recognize the value of such "junk", and it was scattered to the winds.

In San Antonio one sees the old bar and the collection made by a saloon that has done much to spread the fame of that city through out the country. Few who have heard much of San Antonio have failed to hear of the old Buckhorn Saloon. It contains the greatest collection of horns and mounted steer heads that is to be found in the world, and one that now impossible of duplication. There is little doubt but that these collections were made for mercenary reasons. They were intended to draw those individuals whose curiosity was alert and whose throats were dry. Whatever may have been the motivating principle, the fact remains that those self-appointed collectors rendered a real service for which posterity should be grateful.

A Library for the Historical Soc.

A library has been started by the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society. Primarily, it's interest is in books of history that deal with the southwest, but it hopes eventually to build up a general library that contains the standard works of literature, history, and some of the current publications. As most organizations of its kind, it is in the swaddling clothes period, and is not yet independent, either from the standpoint of physical equipment or from that of finances. Naturally, the latter state of affairs will bring with it the former. When some big oil man decides to give the Society sufficient money to guarantee it a permanent building, then the work of gathering printed material will go on with added vigor. Then when the Legislature recognizes the work which we are doing for the benefit of this section of the state, and takes steps to guarantee us a permanent income, then our work will go forward consistently, and the Panhandle will soon have a museum of which it can well be proud.

But the critical man will ask, when will this happen. It will happen when half the legislature of the state are members of the Society, and when some oil man believes as sincerely in the value of the work as some of us poor "cusses" do. But the time is coming when it will be done.

We are not slowing up because of lack of financial support. The fact that the officers of the society (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

Safe Crackers Get \$108 at the Buffalo

Knob-knockers pulled another neat job in Canyon Monday morning, getting \$108.00 from the safe at the Buffalo Grocery. A cotton rag was wrapped around the knob on the safe and combination and the dial was removed soundlessly with a hammer.

Entrance was gained to the store through a south window, the screen being prized off and the sash jimmied. Rain wiped out the tracks a short time after the robbery was done, but finger-prints were plentiful. Sheriff John Fry is gathering evidence with the aid of finger print experts.

The cash in the safe and the two cash-registers in the store was taken. So far no merchandise has been missed, according to Tom Knighton, one of the owners of the store.

Walker and Graham on Mediterranean

The following letters have been received from Miss Darthula Walker, professor of Geography, and Miss Edna Graham, professor of Mathematics, who are on leave of absence. Their party is now in Italy and the letters were written on ship-board while on the Mediterranean.

"Mediterranean Sea, June 17, 1926
"My dear Miss Ritchie:

"Just a little over two weeks now you saw us safely off. It is very difficult for us to realize how far away we are over here skirting the shores of Italy.

"We are having the loveliest time you can imagine. We have as yet had no trouble of any kind and everything has been so pleasant for us. We have a nice party and are delighted with Mrs. Armstrong, who is conducting our party. She is very efficient and charming. With four preachers in our party, two Presbyterians, and two Baptists, I think we ought to be kept fairly straight along the way.

"We have just passed the Island of Elba. It is rather bleak looking. None of us feel that we should like to be set off there for the rest of our days. We expect to go into Naples tomorrow morning but will not stay there long this time because we are coming back there later. We are sailing on such a nice little French vessel, nothing like as large as the one in which we crossed the Atlantic, but it is very nice and comfortable. It is not at all crowded and we are having such quiet peaceful time. I have had the best rest so far that I have had in years. When you want a real rest from everything just put out to sea.

"We had such a pleasant trip across France. We crossed Normandy, Paris Basin, and came down the Phone Valley. We were delighted with it. We spent only a half day and a night in Paris this time but we go back there later for several days.

"Sincerely,
"DARTHULA WALKER"

"One the Blue Waters of the Mediterranean.

Dear Miss Ritchie:
Great life this! So restful, beautiful and instructive.

"We have just passed the Isle of Elba where Napoleon was exiled. He had a lonely spot on which to think things over, but he also had the most beautiful country to call his homeland! We had a delightful ride across France from Havre to Marseilles and it's fields of grain and red poppies and its rivers and trees, it's vineyards and mulberry orchards won me.

"I am so happy.
"EDNA GRAHAM"

That Copy Board!

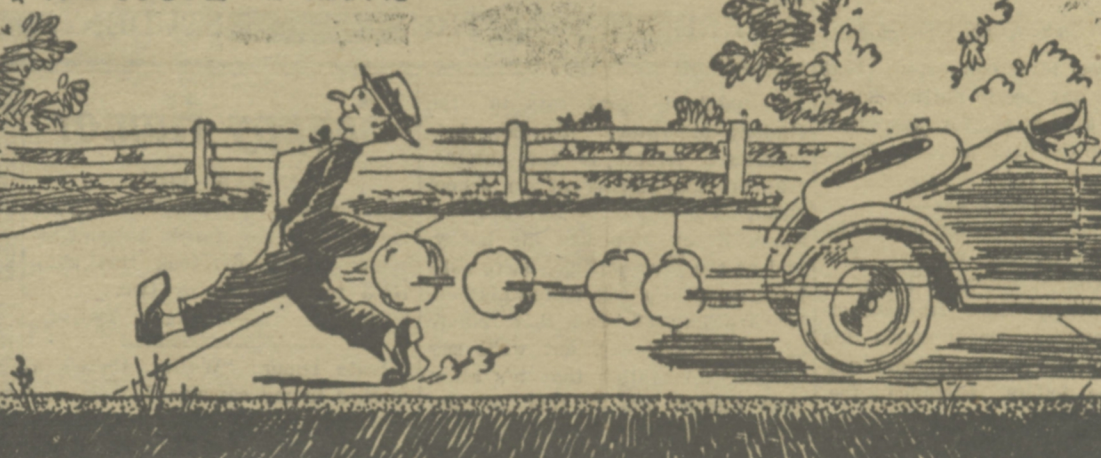
The copy board The Prairie asked about last week has not been heard from. The Staff needs this badly and are thinking very blackly of the kind hearted person who took it out of the office.

In addition to our offer last week we are now offering two years' free subscription to The Prairie for information leading to the recovery of the board. Help us find this please.

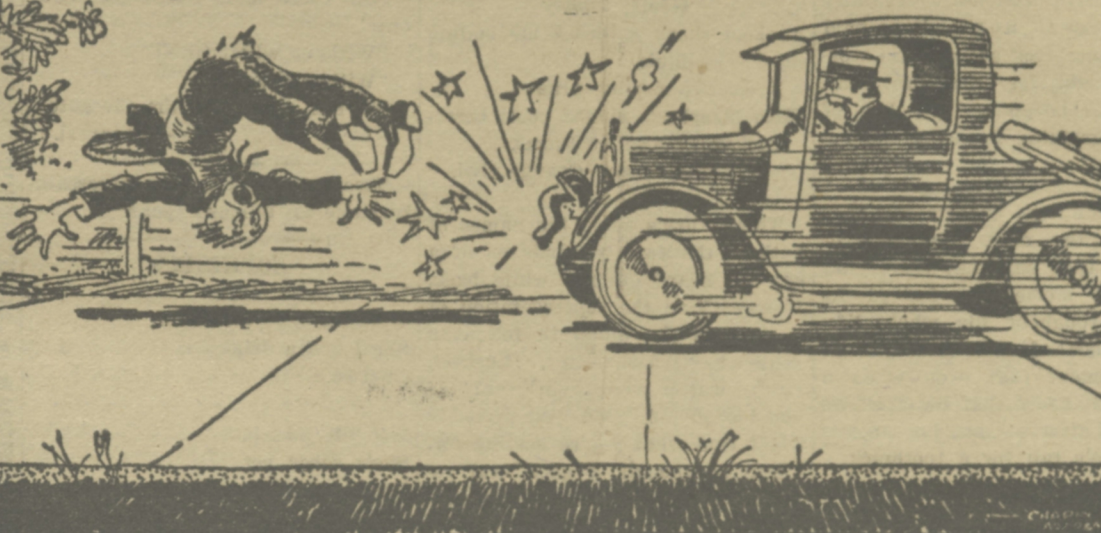
HELPFUL HINTS FOR HIKING

By A. B. CHAPIN

WHEN YOU'RE HITTING THE HIGHWAY - ALWAYS WALK ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ROAD AND FACE THE TRAFFIC -



DON'T AMBLE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE CONCRETE WITH YOUR BACK TO THE TRAFFIC - IT'S HARD ON THE FENDERS!



Earl C. Bryan Is Heard in Program

Professor Earl C. Bryan entertained the students during the chapel period Wednesday with a number of readings.

Mr. Bryan's program was full of genuine warmth and was heartily enjoyed. He read several good numbers, among them, poems by Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Ben Gage, and others. James Whitcomb Riley, "Out to Old Aunt Mary's" proved to be the favorite of this group and Mr. Bryan was encored enthusiastically on this number.

Morelock Speaks in Chapel on Thursday

H. W. Morelock, president of the Sul Ross State Teachers College at Alpine, spoke in Chapel Tuesday. Mr. Morelock has just returned from the summer meeting of the National Education Association which has been in session at Philadelphia. Mr. Morelock and Mr. Hill attended the N. E. A. together. The keynote of the N. E. A. convention, Mr. Morelock said, was: "The Challenge of Childhood." The trend of the meeting, he said, was toward the child at all times, showing that the child was all-important. "The meeting left me with a feeling that my job is a bigger one than I thought", Mr. Morelock said, "and convinced me that the teaching profession has one of the brightest futures of any present day work."

Prexy Hill Tells of N. E. A. Meeting

President Hill commented briefly on the summer meeting of the National Education Association which he attended at Philadelphia recently at the chapel period Saturday morning.

One thousand delegates attended the meeting, according to Mr. Hill, of which thirty-five were from Texas. In addition to the delegates from 10,000 to 15,000 teachers were also in attendance.

The multi-phases of education were taken up at the meeting and discussed by eminent authorities from all sections of the United States.

EXAMS TAKE PLACE AT REGULAR PERIODS

Examinations for the first half of the summer term will be held Saturday, July 17, according to Registrar D. A. Shirley. No schedule for the examinations has been made for the reason that the quizzes will be held at the regular hour of the class and in the same rooms, unless otherwise announced by the instructors.

Ridicule Is A N. E. A. Pickups Balancing Force

Child labor must stop.

There must be a Federal department of Education with a secretary in the President's cabinet.

"Some of us like to deck ourselves in academic confections, but the old breeze of American ridicule will save us from carrying our mortar boards too high. Do you know of any place where rich and poor, black and white, clean and dirty, can come nearer equal rights than in the American school room." —Supt. William McAndrew of Chicago Schools.

"Talk of the good old days is nonsense in educational circles, as is proved by merely comparing the marks made by present day pupils with pupils of 1848 on identical tests." The burden laid upon the teacher by the legislators compares the public school to the public hospital: "Does the public attempt to decree what surgical instruments shall be used?—Dr. Edwin C. Broome, Philadelphia Public schools.

The cinema: "One liquor-drinking scene which defies the majesty of the law—one lecherous climax of sex appeal which tramples every sacred law of God and man, and alas! the teacher's handiwork of many patient years is shattered in one fateful and fatal night." —Congressman Upshaw of Georgia.

Radio: "The child in the home can and does tune in on any program that is available and can absorb many things which he would not otherwise hear."

"Mass education, not the education of leaders, is the bulwark of democracy!"—William C. Bagley, Columbia University.

"Until the school is operated on a basis of individual differences it will remain what it largely is today, an institution to educate all to the common level of mediocrity." —William A. Wetzel, Trenton N. J. Public schools.

"A school is a 'child garden', to translate a German term. An expert gardener should know the peculiarities of each species of plant he tries to keep growing in his garden." —Flora Drake of the Indianapolis schools.

"It is quite clear that democracy which has breathed as much of vitality into the schools of the present generation, may be carried to the point where it will become an evil which can be equaled only by

Benches, Fountain Help Looks of Front

Stone benches and fountains have been placed near the front entrance by the campus force under the direction of Professor L. S. Baker during the past week.

The benches and fountain are of the Grecian type of architecture and lend harmony and balance to the front entrance. The benches have been set in the shade of the large trees and will prove a popular loafing place it is thought.

Y. W. C. A. Vesper Campus Wednesday

A large group of girls met on the front steps of the Administration building late Wednesday afternoon for Vesper service. After song, prayer, and scripture reading, Miss Richardson gave an impressive discussion of the periods of waiting in the lives of Milton and Tennyson. Miss Lamb read a beautiful story, "In the Desert of Waiting," by Annie F. Johnston. The girls came from the meeting feeling that the periods of waiting in their own lives might prove of benefit: "from the commonest experiences of life may be distilled its greatest blessing."

Le Mirage Offers Book for Pictures

May Simmons, editor of Le Mirage, announced a snapshot contest last week in chapel, intended to enable the incorporation of the colorful summer school in the year book for 1926. Miss Simmons is offering a 1927 Le Mirage to the person who presents the best roll of snapshots of campus life.

The pictures must be representatives of some activity in the school, and it is suggested that a balanced variety in the subjects will help greatly. Number 116 films are the smallest size negative that will be accepted.

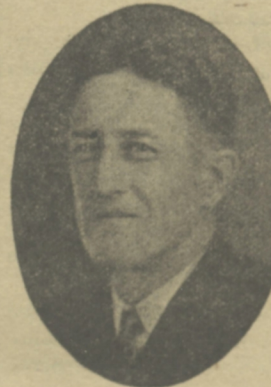
The following directions for submitting the twelve pictures are announced by Miss Simmons: "Put your twelve pictures in an envelope seal it, put your name in another envelope and seal it; fasten the two together securely and drop in the box in the Publications office, room 216."

SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES?

the good it has accomplished. It is a serious question in the minds of thoughtful men." —United States Commissioner of Education John J. Tigert.

Mr. Francis G. Blair, State Supt. of Public Instruction of Illinois, was elected president of the Association.

Sul Ross Prexy.



H. W. Morelock, president of the Sul Ross State Teachers College at Alpine, who spoke in Chapel Thursday, Mr. Morelock and Prexy Hill were the official delegates from the Teachers Colleges of Texas to the National Education Association in Philadelphia last week.

Batchelder Takes Bryan's Speech Work

C. W. Batchelder now of the University school of music at Lincoln, Nebraska, will come to the College in September to take the place of Earl C. Bryan in the department of Public speaking.

Mr. Batchelder is a graduate of the Emerson College of Oratory, holding the B. L. I. degree, and has done graduate work in the University of Nebraska. He has been head of the department of Dramatic Art in the University School of Music at Lincoln for the past two years and has been exceptionally successful, according to Mr. Adrian M. Newens, director of the University School of Music.

Mr. Batchelder will devote his time here largely to public speaking and debate courses, according to Miss Mary Morgan Brown, head of the department of public speaking. Miss Brown says she expects Mr. Batchelder to be a great general help in the department, and is well pleased with his selection. President Hill had a conference with Mr. Batchelder while he was in New York early last week and Mr. Batchelder's selection for the place came as a result of this conference.

Adrian M. Newens, Director of the University School of Music has written an unsolicited letter, saying: "Mr. Batchelder came to us last September and undertook a rather difficult job, that of heading up the Department of Dramatic Art in the University School of Music. He has handled himself and his work in a masterful way. He has won the respect and confidence of all of his associates here in the school, of his students and of the people of Lincoln with whom he has come in vital contact. Too much cannot be said of him as a gentleman and of his thorough grasp of the whole subject of Speech Arts."

Mr. Batchelder is New Englander and his wife is a native of New Mexico. He is teaching here in the West in preference to more remunerative work in the East. He is a member of the Congregational Church.

Tate Fry Plans to Study With Grabill

Dean E. W. Grabill has invited Tate Fry and Dessie Mae Steele, members of his present class in piano, to study at his studio in Los Angeles during the coming year. Mr. Fry has already accepted Mr. Grabill's invitation and is making arrangements to leave with in the next two weeks. Miss Steele has not yet announced whether or not she will accept Mr. Grabill's offer.

Dean Grabill takes only a very few students during the winter—"only enough to amuse me", he says, "since I no longer depend on the work for my livelihood." Members of the department of Music are pleased at the interest Mr. Grabill has taken in the work here and over the invitation to the two students of the department to accompany him to his studio in Los Angeles.

Professor Harris M. Cook of the department of Education has accepted an invitation to again lecture at the teachers institute at New Boston, Texas. Mr. Cook lectured at the New Boston Institute last September.

HUMOR TOPIC OF MRS. LANG'S CHAPEL TALK

English Professor Gives Fifteen Age-Old Joke Topics

"What Makes a Funny Thing Funny" Is the Second Subject

Mrs. Mabel Watkins Lang, professor in English, capably and cleverly presented the topic "Humor" to the student body in chapel on Tuesday and Thursday of last week. Her subject for her first discussion was "An Inquiry into the Nature of Humor".

In this talk she gave the philosophy of humor as set forth by Aristotle and the theory of Bergson, as "the sense of humor is the involuntary assertion of man's love of life and hatred of the domination of personality by material force."

Tuesday morning, Mrs. Lang continued her talk, using the topic, "Why a Funny Thing is Funny". She gave the subjects of the fifteen-year old orthodox jokes as follows: the mother-in-law, the old maid, the lame excuse, the bride's housekeeping, the fat man, seasickness, boarding house, the gold brick the hen-pecked husband, marriage, the garrulous woman, the Volstead act, thrift, children's sayings and doings, and death and future state.

Mrs. Lang's addresses were replete with arid humor and were a delight to the students.

Library to Open Two Nights Week

The library will open from 7:30 to 10:30 on the evenings of Monday and Friday during the remainder of the summer, according to an announcement made by Miss Tennessee Malone, Librarian. Miss Malone expressed a hope that the students would avail themselves of the opportunity of night study, and at the same time made clear that the library was to be used "for reading only".

The Library was opened to the students in the evening four years ago but the response was very small, and only the great load on the library facilities at the present time has caused the decision to open the Library at night.

Ray Daniel, president of the Senior class, asked the co-operation of the students in making the use of the library at night as successful as possible, in Chapel Saturday, Daniel said the senior class had brought about the arrangement to some extent and felt that it was their duty to urge the students observe order and to keep out of the other sections of the building during the library hours in the evening.

Cousins-Sesame In First Session Monday

Last Monday evening the Cousins and Sesame literary societies had their first meeting of the summer. A large crowd heard the program which was given in the Auditorium. Following the program a get-acquainted meeting took place at the front entrance where games and contests were staged. Arrangements have been made for more meetings during the summer.

Miss Andersson's Sunday School class hiked out to Hale's Park Friday afternoon.

Mrs. J. A. Hill entertained the faculty women of the College with a lawn party at her home Friday evening from seven to nine.

Misses Marivena Bartley and Pauline Stovall of Floydada visited friends here last week.

NO PRAIRIE NEXT WEEK.

In order to permit the staff workers on the Prairie to "erom" without interruption and to get their back work up before the close of the term, there will be no paper next week.

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Poking About at Random

HALF-MINUTE INTERVIEWS

Stend: (Sitting on the street corner) "Oh, if Prexy could see me now!"

Blithe Young Thing: (Promenading in the hall while chapel is being held) "What's the matter; don't we have chapel this morning?"

Remorseful Damsel: "I shouldn't have accepted it."

Newhead: "Friendly bunch you have here. I passed by a classroom a minute ago and everyone waved at me so nicely."
Oldhead: "Aw, sister, don't take it to heart. The prof had just asked them an easy question."

Kansas City has been the scene of two miracles of a purely modern type during the last week. Joe Hearne, the year old baby of Mrs. Joseph Hearn of Fort Worth, Texas, fell six stories out of a hotel window and the physicians couldn't find a serious bruise on his body! Another baby a few months younger fell four stories out of a hotel window and didn't injure either the concrete or himself. A doctor at the hospital where the youngsters are confined while the M.D.'s anxiously look for developments that will discount the evidence of their eyes, expresses himself "Of course the elastic bodies and the soft bones of the baby would break an ordinary fall to some extent, but never-the-less the escape of these two youngsters from death is nothing short of a miracle. The Hearne baby was kicking about in his hospital bunk, 24 hours after his frantic mother had lifted him off the sidewalk, yelling lustily for release from the straps which held him to the bed.

If these accidents had happened in olden days they would have been passed on to posterity as "miracles" brought about by the deity, but in the present day the non-credulous physicians gave the credit in the Hearn baby's case, to a network of electric light wires which broke his fall a few feet above the ground.

Number One Ivory

"G. R. L." and "C. V. S." are first pair to carve their initials on the new stone benches under the trees in front of the Ad building. Number one ivory, but they believe in advertising, nevertheless.

If you'll pardon the impertinence gentle dreamer, we would like to know what everyone is trying to save America from and why, and if so, for how much?

Sam Wiggins: "Boys, we're going to have the park in fine shape in a few weeks. This is going to be one football season that you'll get to play on grass all the time."

Look out folks, here comes Squiat Phillips in his "wreck." He can turn this car on a dime without running off the edge; it has the shortest wheel base on record and exhales the foulest breath this side of Listerine Falls, New York. Yes, he can turn it around on a dime, but it takes a quarter to run it from here to town! Give him a wide berth.

A Bit of Poetry

The editor regrets that he can not publish the poem submitted in reply to the feature story last week on the absence of a hill Close to Canyon. If Miss H -- will come around to the office sometime we will explain. Glad to have an opportunity to read it, though.

O, Thou Ship!

Meddlesome Mattie found a piece of poetry written in that well known scrawny attributable to no

other than Pud Thompson the other day. M. Mattie says her suspicions that Pud is in love are now confirmed—yes sir-ee-e!

Gid Tyler had a date at Randall Hall Saturday evening.

Funeral rites for Bozo, the news hound killed last week by the crowds in the office, have been delayed due to lack of facilities for preparing him for burial with proper pomp.

Two singles have a soleful thought. —Wampus.

First Prof.—I say, Old Chappy, Santa Claus played a devilish mean trick on that girl.

Second Prof.—How's that?

First Prof.—Look what he put in her stocking. Wampus.

Madame X: So you've been to Italy have you? And how did you enjoy Bologan?

Tourist: Oh, just fine, but little Guinevere would swallow the skins. —Chaparral.

Hostess—Will you take your tea with a lemon, Mr. Jones?

Blase Youth:—I prefer it with a peach. However if your daughter insists . . . ! —Chaparral.

Evolution is slow and it may be years and years before the balloon trousers are pulled off over the head. —Illini

A COLLEGE FATHER

Dear Dad:

Please send check am dead broke.

Your loving son,

T. B.

Two days later the dad crashes through.

Dear Son:

So's your old man.

Dad.

—Wisconsin Daily Cardinal.

He used to hold her on his lap

As happy as could be

But now it makes her sea-sick;

He has water on the knee.

—Chaparral, 1911.

Mabel: Have you any cold cream?

My lips are terribly chapped.

Marge: My dear, who were the chaps?

Judge: You say the defendant turned and whistled to the dog.

What fellow?

Intelligent Witness: The dog.

—Harvard Lampoon.

A farmer just arrived in town was walking across the street and happened to notice a sign on a hardware store, "Cast Iron Sinks."

He stood for a minute and then said: "Any fool knows that."

—Parsons Portfolio.

He looks profoundly philosophical.

Mabe he's thinking.

—Wampus

Dear, Dear Editor:

I went to call for a girl the other night and she had one of her stockings on wrong side out. What should I have done?

Perplexed.

Dear Peuplexed:

Under the circumstances you should have turned the hose on her.

—Buchtelite.

The Lieutenant: Do you believe that there are mermaids under the bottom of the sea?

The Sergeant: Dunno, but there's usually a woman at the bottom of everything.

—Chaparral

Helpful Salesman: Now that, Sir, is the most becoming hat you've tried on so far.

Very weary Customer: I agree with you entirely—it's my own!

—Chaparral.

SHORTER STORY

Onct there wuz aman who allus told the truth. One day his wife sed, "How dew yew like my hat?"

(Finis)

—Illinois.

Teacher: "Abbie, spell avoid."

Abbie: "Tell me first the void."

"Hey, Roomy, change beds with me. This one's too short."

"Not my fault, you shouldn't sleep so long."

—Daily Cardinal.

"Is your mother away now?"

"Yes she's gone to Bagdad."

"Really! I didn't know he got away."

—Wampus.

Customer: "How much are the plums?"

Fruit merchant: "Ten cents a peck."

Customer: "What do you think I am, a bird?"

BISON BULL (PEDIGREED BRAND)



By Squint

One wise bird has said that there isn't any use in putting horns on fords any more, for they look enough like the devil already. Blah! Smart Aleck!

There's one good thing about the Victrola up at our house. You have to wind it before it'll play.

The Holman house Intercollegiate Chess Tournament starts this week. All entrants will please pay Ed Pierce fo'bits entrance fee. Frank Henning looks to be the logical winner of the meet, for he worries his opponents so by twisting his right ear while he plays that the other fellow is willing to lose to save Henning's auditory organ. Those of us who have paid our entrance fees are a little worried, though, for treasurer Ed Pierce has bought a new box of cigars, something he never did before.

Some admirers of cats say that they are the most intelligent of animals. They say that there isn't a wasted moment performed by a cat throughout his whole life. As evidence of this they present the statement that even when a cat eats a mouse that he swallows him head first so that he can use the mouse's tail for a toothpick.

Father—How is it, young man, that I find you kissing my daughter? How is it, young man?

Lizard—Great! Great!—From the "Witt."

One girl suggests that we place demountable cots up and down the halls in our Ad Building for resting purposes in the afternoons. We think it's a great idea, but it would necessitate our buying a set of coverlets, and we world detest the idea of carrying them to and fro mschool each day. Besides, our co-eds would fight over the south exposure cots, and that would be awful. After thinking it over, we think her idea ain't so good.

Amerikum Langwitch

American language is pretty queer, though. For instance, you can mean things when you tell a man that he looks pretty hard. You can mean that he appears physically fit. You can mean that he looks hard-boiled. You can mean that he habitually gazes intently at whatever he sees. Or, you can mean that he is just a little unkempt and worn looking. We suggest that to stop the steadily increasing flow of immigrants to this country that we force them to study the English language immediately upon landing. Many a word-worn serf would return to his native land to take up Bolshevism.

The Final Tear-Shed

One of our co-eds has a sweetie at the New Mexico Military Institute, and let us tell you, this same co-ed is dumb. This soldier sweetheart of hers invited her to attend their final Ball, and she thought this same ball was when they all got together for the last time and cried over each other. She wouldn't go, because she said when she saw everyone else so sad, she just knew she would break down, too.

First, our Editor Ed falsely accuses of us of mercilessly slaying

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There was a man who had an axe. He walked the forest through; When hunger overtook this chap He'd take a chop or two.

—Michigan Daily.

Irate Diner: "Waiter, there's a feather in my sausage!"

Waiter (soothingly): "Oh that's all right. It was made from a bird dog."

—Purple Parrot.

"Sir there is a messenger with-

out."

"Without what, Olaf?"

"Without the gate."

"Sirrah, then give him the gate."

—Chaparral.

Two crocodiles do not necessari-

ly make an alligator pear.

SOPHISTIA

Her wicked wink Would make you think She'd had a drink Or two.

But I'll just bet She's sober yet With net all set For you

So go this night Out with this spirit, And learn what might ensue.

And you'dbe wet

To e'er forget

The things she'd let you do.

—Wampus.

From what we have read in the Paris style reports, it seems that the women are going to pull something off on us this year.

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Superintendent O. R. Bridges, formerly of the Kress High School, has been informed that the school at Kress has been granted eleven and a half more units of affiliation by the State Department of Education. This makes eighteen units held by that school.

During the year 1924-25 the Hap- High School of which Bridges was superintendant, was granted fifteen units.

Bridges is a graduate of the College with the Class of 1925.

Winnie Mae Word Married

The wedding of Miss Winnie Mae Word and Curtis Wescott took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Word, Amarillo Wednesday morning, July 17. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Wescott left for Guidoso Valley, New Mexico, where they will spend their honeymoon. After their return they will be at home at 906 Mississippi Avenue, Amarillo.

The bride is a graduate of the Amarillo High School with the Class of 1919, and attended Hollins College in Hollins, Virginia. She was a member of the student body here in 1922-23. Mr. Wescott is connected with the Long Bell Lumber Company of Amarillo.

Mrs. W. B. Mahan and twin sons of Fayetteville, Arkansas, are visiting Mrs. Mahan's parents in Tulsa. Mrs. Mahan will be remembered as Miss Waldine Hogan, a diploma graduate of this institution and a former member of the training school faculty. Mr. Mahan, who was English instructor here for some time has been teaching in the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville for the past few years. He will be a member of the University faculty at Birmingham, Alabama, this summer, but will return to Fayetteville in the fall to resume his work there.

Miss Opal Dutton of Panhandle is spending the summer with relatives at Wichita Falls. She is planning to return to W. T. S. T. C. this winter.

L. W. Blau, B. A. '25, recently finished his thesis for the M. A. degree at the University of Texas. He will continue his work in the field of physics at that institution next year.

Miss Bernice Miller, a member of last year's sophomore class is spending the summer at her home in Clovis, New Mexico.

Mrs. Millard Word and children, Mary Charlotte and Bobby, of Amarillo are visiting in Canyon with Mrs. Word's parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Ingham.

Raymond L. Thompson, B. A. '26, is working in the First State Bank at Vega during the summer.

Miss Mary Kent, a member of

last year's student body, will teach in a consolidated rural school near Colorado, Texas, this winter.

Miss Agnes Bier, '26, of Plainview, was a Canyon visitor Thursday.

Andrew Allen and Robert Hester of Lubbock were meeting their W. T. friends here last week. Andrew is Baptist student Secretary at the Tech this summer, and Bob is working in a Lubbock bank.

Miss Mabel Harris, a student here in '24, will teach near O'Donnel this winter.

Dr. and Mrs. John Younger announces the arrival of a son on July 9, at the home of Mrs. Younger's parents at Farmerville, Louisiana. Mrs. Younger was formerly Miss Brunette Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Younger, announce the birth of a son, July 9. Mrs. Younger was Miss Brunette Francis.

Miss Eloyse Pitman, of Hereford, exstudent of '25 and '26 visited friends in Canyon last week. Miss Pitman will teach at Black next year.

Common Schools Show Loss in Enrollment

Common school districts in Central Texas shows large decreases in scholastics for the coming year, while independent school districts over the state will show an increase of approximately 26,000, reports at the department of education show. The total scholastic increase in all Texas' Public schools for next year will be about 20,000 increasing it from 1,340,000 to 1,360,000. About 22 of the 253 counties are yet to report. Travis county common school districts show a decrease of 951 scholastics and Austin independent district showed a loss of 669, for a total loss of 1,620 scholastics. This was one of the largest losses in a single section, while other Central Texas counties and towns show large losses, due to the drouth of 1925. Laredo independent district shows a loss of 922 scholastics and Marshall showed a loss of 543 scholastics.

Houston independent school district showed an increase from 36,640 to 41,694, one of the largest increases with Dallas yet to report. San Antonio shows an increase from 38,999 to 39,649, and Wichita Falls increased from 8,230 to 9,369. Amarillo underwent an increase from 4,705 to 5,241 and Fort Worth showed only a slight increase from 27,907 to 27,823. Beaumont increased scholastics from 8,491 to 8,785, and Port Arthur 8,642 to 8,699. Waco and El Paso have yet to report and increases are expected in both.

The following independent districts showed losses: Corsicana,

loss of 296; Del Rio, 314; Fentress, 105 out of 5221; Gonzales, 314; Gatesville, 101; Hearne, 119; Hillsboro, 173; Hondo, 104 out of 655; Jacquin, 232 out of 730; Laredo, 922; Marshall, 543; New Boston, 132; Rogers 127 out of 590; San Marcos, 111; Somerville, 105; Sour Lake, 227; Taylor, 142; Temple 140; Victoria, 100; Waxahachie, 152; and Wortham, 238.

Common school districts in the following counties showed big losses: Anderson, 341; Bastrop, 26; Bell, 625; Caldwell, 308; Cooke, 264; Coryell, 454; Ellis, 737; Falls, 409; Fannin, 358; Guadalupe, 727; Hill, 340; Hidalgo, 676; Medina, 250; Navarro, 601; San Jacinto, 324; Travis, 957; Tarrant, 255; Williamson, 551; and Young, 361.

NOTICE STUDENTS.

The Curliabob Shoppe has moved from The Oasis to The Buffalo. Your patronage appreciated. p1

Back Trailin' In The Southwest

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) have served six years without any financial remuneration, and have given much time to the work, is sufficient to impress the most skeptical with the earnestness of those who believe in what is being done. People often burn or throw away old books, which, because of their age, their worn condition, or the lack of room for storage, are considered of little value. Most books, which are worth the printing, are worth saving, and, it matters not the general condition of such, the Society is always very glad to get them. All old newspapers, letters, and books should be carefully considered as to historic worth before they are destroyed. Let us help you to pass judgement upon them.

Recent Donations

Among those who have always manifested a lively interest in all enterprises which are for the advancement of this country, is Judge L. Gough of Amarillo. Concrete evidence of this interest in history work was recently shown by a loan and donation of several volumes of works of considerable value. Oldham County donated to the Society several volumes of early reports made by different departments of the federal government. Interest in the history of North-west Texas is gravitating toward

the headquarters of the Historical Society, and it's members are back-trailin' with the pioneers of this country, and at the same time keeping pace with the present.

Scurry County Club hiked to Wragge's Park Friday afternoon. Miss Josephine Duflet entertained a number of friends with a bridge party at her home Saturday evening.

Supt. Younger Studies Home Ec. at the University

The study of home economics in the University of Texas is generally followed by fair co-eds, but now and then a man is found who perseveres in acquiring knowledge of home-making as assiduously as any of the other sex. And W. H. Younger Jr., of Tulsa is one of them.

Members of the department of home economics were rather surprised recently to discover a man burrowing among the professional text books, poring over the intricacies of the unit kitchen and the hollow square plan, the best way to teach felled seams, and puzzling as to whether to locate the ironing board in the cellar or on the back porch.

On being questioned, Younger, who is superintendent of the schools at Tulsa, admitted that he had equipped and gained affiliation in two home economics departments within the last few years. His study of the subject has met with such success that his foods laboratory at Tulsa has been selected as a model for the 1926-27

equipment bulletin.

School equipment required in one of the education courses offered in the university this summer was the inspiration to the burrowing, it seems.

COMBS-BARKER

Miss Irene Combs and Clyde Barker of Amarillo were married Friday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Combs. Mrs. Barker is a former resident of Canyon and is an ex-student of the College. For past two years she has been teaching in the public schools of Amarillo. The bridegroom is a resident of Amarillo.

The bride wore a beautiful dress of orchid georgette, carrying a bouquet of wax-like sweet peas which were in perfect harmony with the dress. The groom was neatly dressed in the appropriate blue serge suit, while the bridesmaid, Miss Janet Combs, and the best man, Tom Fatheringham, helped carry out the color scheme, being dressed in the light and dark.

After many congratulations the couple left for their honeymoon which extends into the mountains of New Mexico. They will make their home in Amarillo.

The guests present were: Bobbie Roland of Wildorado; Mary Carney of Groom; Josie Curtis of Snyder; the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Combs, and Ruby Combs, sister of the bride. The officiating minister was Rev. J. W. Blair of Bovina.

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PLANS BEING MADE FOR A BIGGER SOCIETY

With a field man regularly at work the Panhandle Plains Historical Society which has its headquarters here, is collecting a great deal of material which is priceless to the student of history.

During a recent visit to Vega, Tascosa, and Channing, J. Evetts Haley, the field representative of the society secured much valuable information from men and women who have resided in the Panhandle for the past forty or fifty years.

Tascosa was known as the "Dodge City of the Panhandle", and there are many stirring tales clustered around the now deserted cow town. Tascosa's Bootheel grave yard is widely known, and the legend has grown that here were buried only those men who died with their boots on.

The many tales clustered about these old settlements are being collected by the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society and will be published as soon as possible.

A Variety of Gifts

Mrs. Dan Cole of Channing, Texas, has given the Historical Society a diary kept by her husband when he went up the trail in 1892, and a book which was presented to her husband when he was a small boy in 1863; this book is called "Stories of School Boys" and is of great interest to the student of children's literature as no one would expect to give children this old type of reading matter at the present time.

Judge Wm. Balfour of Vega, Texas, has given the society two steel Indian lances which were used by the Indians when they hunted buffalo; they killed the buffalo from their horses; this method was much more sportsman-like than that used by the buffalo hunters of a later day who killed the animals by the score, using high powered buffalo guns; these later hunters were followed by teams of skimmers who took care of the hides for the hunters.

Judge Balfour also presented a bayonet which came from the battle in which Custer was killed on the Little Big Horn River.

Among the most valuable finds of the Historical Society are the pictures showing sights during the days of first settlement in the Panhandle. Allen Stag of Vega supplied several pictures of scenes on the X I T and L S ranges during the '90's" Al Morris of Tascosa supplied pictures of scenes from old Tascosa.

Judge L. Gough Furnishes Books
Judge L. Gough, president of the Texas Wheat Growers Association, and himself a member of the original T-Anchor outfit has given the society twelve volumes of rare books, some of them the annals of Texas Historical Society for the years 1902-1908.

The Panhandle Plains Historical

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What Happened
To Jones

Society is rapidly acquiring a large and extremely valuable library of books dealing with Texas and the whole Southwest.

The Circuit Riders Saddle

Many tales have been told of the circuit riders who rode through a storm and cold to minister to members of the flock; one of these was the father of Judge Gough and the latter has recently placed in the care of the Historical Society the saddle which his father brought from Illinois to Texas in 1857, and used during his labors until his death in the 80's. Gough preached in Fannin, Lamar, and Red River counties which were then far from centers of civilization.

In the vault of one of the county courthouses in the Panhandle, Mr. Haley found, among the dust of the past and the bootleg of the present books which are very valuable; among these was the day book of a livery stable which existed during 1890 and 1891 at Tascosa; a very fair story of the town could be reconstructed from the entries in this book.

Work to be Further Prosecuted

The field work of the Panhandle Plains Historical Society will be continued as rapidly as finances will permit; there are hundreds of men and women in the Panhandle who wish to help along this work, but most of them have only a small amount of wealth; the Society hopes to interest those pioneers who have recently acquired wealth from cotton and other sources and so be enabled to properly carry on this work before the time comes when those who were participants in the stirring events of the early days have passed to the other range.

Gas Franchise

Being Given by Number of Towns

Floydada and Lockney gave 20-year gas franchises last week to the company which is seeking to build a gas line from the Amarillo field to the South Plains. Slaton and Lubbock have already granted such franchises. Plainview gave a franchise Tuesday of this week, and Tulia has been asked for such a franchise, and is understood to be favorable to the proposition.

A delegation from Crosbyton and Ralls met with the promoters Tuesday with a view of interesting them in extending the line to these towns.

The city commissioners of Canyon were recently asked by this company for a franchise, but asked for a little more time to await the development of the test well south of the city.

Every indication points to the construction of the gas line to the South Plains before fall.

Dumas Says He Will Drill Five Tests for Oil in This Section

Vern Dumas has not signed the drilling contract for the test well south of Canyon on the land blocked by the Chamber of Commerce and placed in the hands of O. W. H. Cook, Grady Oldham and O. M. Slack, trustees.

Mr. Dumas promised to sign the contract by Monday of this week, but failed to do so. In conversation with Mr. Cook yesterday over the telephone, he asked for a little more time as he was closing a contract for a test on the Puckett ranch in the Palo Duro southeast of Canyon, and was shipping five drilling outfits from California, one of which would be put on the block south of Canyon. He stated that drilling would be in progress before the end of a month.

Mexican Kidnappers of Shanklin Killed by Federal Troops

According to information from Mexico, the band of Mexican bandits, who recently kidnapped J. W. Shanklin of this city, have been killed by the Federal troops. The leader is reported to have escaped. Shanklin was kidnapped on the sugar plantation on which he is employed and held for a week by the bandits until the ransom of 5,000 pesos was paid.

Fashion: I see in the style magazine that man's coats are going to have a pocket for a flask near the hip.

Plate: Oh, that must be one of those swallow-tail coats."

—Stanford Chaparral.

GIVES PIPE ORGAN TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



C. R. BURROW.

Announcement was formally made at the College Chapel Thursday for the gift of a pipe organ to the new Presbyterian Church by C. R. Burrow of this city. Rev. W. C. Kunze made the announcement in a chapel talk to the students, and stated that one stipulation in the gift was that the organ was to be accessible to students in the College who desired to study the pipe organ.

Mr. Burrow has been a citizen of Canyon for nearly thirty years, and has always taken a leading part in the work of the Presbyterian church. The organ will be installed in the new church building now nearing completion on Fourth Avenue at 14th Street.

"Is this the speedometer dear?" She asked coyly as she peered at the instrument.

"Yes, darling, that's the speedometer," I answered softly.

"Is that the cutout?" she asked sweetly as she tried to reach it with her foot.

"Yes honey, that's the cut-out." I answered as I took my foot off the accelerator and stopped for a



fast moving freight train which was blocking our way.
"But what on earth is that?" she asked curiously as she gave the accelerator a vigorous push

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