

Last Saturday was one of the best business days with the merchants of Eagle Lake since last fall. Trade has been good here all the spring, while a number of other towns are crying "dull business". If trade is holding up at such a splendid rate at this season of the year, it looks very favorable to a good business a little later on move. The potato crop will make good business for Eagle Lake and then after that crop is marketed the cotton, corn and rice crops will be on the market which always make business hum. The Headlight man is talking to one of the most prominent business men, and for fear some one might think this is just a "boost-the-town" item, we will give his name. Mr. Hayes Stephens, last week, he stated that his house had enjoyed a splendid trade all the spring.

was the best that has been done. "We had no dull season last year," he said, "business was good the year around." It is a well known fact to most localities that a dull business is always experienced and expected during the spring and summer until the cotton and rice crops begin to move, but the potato crop of the Eagle Lake section which comes on the market just at this dull season, has eliminated that dull business season as this crop puts lots of money in circulation and revives the business which lasts until the cotton and other crops are marketed.

Mr. L. M. Wirtz of Columbus, father of Attorney A. J. Wirtz of this city, is at the Fitzgerald sanitarium where he underwent an operation this week. He is improving nicely and will be able to be about again in a few days.

Mr. Ralph Nathan came over from Yoakum this week for a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nathan.

Miss Kate Griffin was a visitor to Houston and Galveston last week and while in the latter city had an x-ray picture made of her hand in which she had the misfortune to stick a needle and break the point off in the fourth finger about two months ago. In the x-ray picture the piece of the needle can be plainly seen lodged in the second joint, but Dr. Israel, who made the picture, advised her not to have an operation performed and the point of the needle taken out at this time, for in doing so, in all probability, a stiff joint to that finger would be the result. Miss Griffin returned home without having the piece of needle removed, thinking it will likely work out or shift itself to a place from which it can be removed without causing permanent stiffness in the joint of the finger.

The business at the Fitzgerald sanitarium has found it necessary to engage a second nurse who is expected to be on duty at the sanitarium in a few days. The superintendent and nurse in charge, Miss Alberta Pfenniger, is most efficient in her line. We have talked to a number who have been sick at the sanitarium and all of them have been loud in their praise of Miss Pfenniger as an efficient and painstaking attendant. The Fitzgerald sanitarium is certainly filling a long felt want in Eagle Lake.

The Sunset railroad had a gang of men here last week and cut away about four feet of the platform at the freight depot, giving the traveling public more room in boarding and alighting from the trains. While the cutting away of this much of the old depot which is an eye-sore to the town helps just that much, it would in reality be an improvement if the Sunset would cut away the entire structure.

Mr. H. W. Caldwell, of the Caldwell Construction Company of Mena, Arkansas, spent several days in Eagle Lake going over the grounds for putting in a sewerage system here. He was in conference with the city council while here and also discussed the proposition with a number of the prominent and influential citizens of the town, including Messrs. M. E. Guynn, M. G. Calvert, Fox Stephens and others, who will likely become associated with him in the proposition. That is, we are told these gentlemen will join him in putting through the sewerage system, provided the city council puts into force certain ordinances relative to the sewerage proposition which will be submitted to the city by Mr. Caldwell. Mr. Caldwell returned home in the best of spirits over his visit here, stating that it is very likely that he will put in a sewerage system here.

Our town is surely in need of just such a system, and as the town grows larger the need of it can be seen more and more.

Mr. J. K. Callahan of the Headlight, who has been quite ill at the Fitzgerald sanitarium, is able to get up again, but has not yet sufficiently regained his strength to resume his work at the office. Rev. J. W. King will preach at the Christian church next Sunday night. All are invited to attend. This congregation has sold the church seats to the colored people and placed an order for handsome, comfortable, new seats which are expected to be here by the first of June. Until that time chairs will be rented for the services.

Messrs. Lyle Fordyce, who is with the Schuhmacher Company in Houston, and George Stephens came up from that city and spent a couple of days with Mr. J. F. Fordyce's family the first of the week.

USES FOR THE PAPER BAG

Careful Housekeeper Can Find Many Ways of Storing These Useful Articles.

There are very few housekeepers who do not find uses for ordinary paper bags that are continually accumulating. A most excellent way to keep these bags so that they will always be not only easy of access, but in good condition and in assorted sizes, is to have a pine board, three inches wide by one inch thick, neatly planed. Screw two brass rings in the top by which the board may be hung to the wall or pantry door, and drive three nails with the heads filed off on the boards.

Another good idea is to reserve a small drawer in the kitchen or pantry for them. Before being placed in the drawer they should be carefully smoothed and folded.

An enamel-cloth bag tucked upon the pantry door is also a convenient receptacle for these bags. An ingenious housewife has fashioned a bag, convenient for holding paper bags and also for odds and ends of string.

pieces of linen duck of the length required. One piece is four inches narrower than the other. The narrower strip is stitched across its width to the wider strip to form three pockets. The two strips are placed flatly together and stitched and bound all around with braid. The middle pocket is made wide enough to hold large and small paper bags; the end pockets are intended for string.

HEARTLESS FRAUD



"That rich old man that Maud married was a regular cheat." "Why, wasn't he as rich as he said he was?" "Yes, but he wasn't as old as he said he was."

TWIST ENGLISH LANGUAGE

"The gentlemen are requested to come in smoking." "Now," writes an American from a German winter resort, "what would you do if you received an invitation to a card party at the home of a nice family, where you had been introduced? Light your cigar or pipe when you reach the house or wait until the maid opened the door? Either would be wrong, for the 'smoking' refers to the coat you are expected to wear. What we call a 'dinner coat' is known here as a 'smoking.' This sounds as queer to Americans as 'Bobhaus.' That is what they call the clubhouse of the bobsleigh club of which the young duke of Coburg is the patron, which has just been erected at Oberhof. Queer are these Germans make of our language."

PUZZLED.

"Why do you wish to marry my daughter?" "Well, sir, that's the very question I have asked myself about four hundred times. And I haven't found an answer yet."

NOT THE SAME.

"I understand a popular music hall actress says she always wanted to be a surgeon." "Well, isn't she a regular cut-up?"

PROPER TINT.

"How very blue this sea view is in your painting." "Well, wasn't it the sort of view to be painted in ultramarine?"

HOW TO AVOID PNEUMONIA

Keep Away From Crowds, Especially When Measles Have Been Mixed.

Pneumonia is practically a disease of city life and crowded living. With our present knowledge the prospects are hopeful for the control of pneumonia in the future through prevention. This is of special importance to the individual. The avoidance of pneumonia is largely a question of personal precautions that prevent the development of the disease by lessening the predisposition to it. Men in middle life, particularly those about fifty, must learn during unsettled weather to avoid crowds, especially when fatigued and when they have been for a number of hours without eating. Late at night, when for any reason a meal has been missed, crowds are dangerous. If this lesson could be generally learned there would be less pneumonia among the well-to-do classes. The principal danger comes in crowded street cars, which, if possible, should be avoided at rush hours. It needs

from overcrowding is greatly enhanced by fatigue and going without food. In a word, prevention of pneumonia is now much clearer than it was. Like all of the other infectious diseases, instead of being a more or less inevitable dispensation, it has come to be recognized as due to certain definite factors which can be greatly lessened by public and individual hygienic regulations. Journal of the American Medical Association.

EQUAL RIGHTS AMONG BIRDS

Some interesting Facts About Warblers Given by Professor Who Has Studied Them.

"The male pine warbler takes no part in the incubation of his young. He believes in equal rights of women, takes no part in the nest building, watches his little wife gather the material and put it together, while he sits on a branch close by, pouring out his love in sweet, delicious notes. It's a case of everybody works for father and son." Prof. William Brewster, discussing "Our More Common Warblers" in a recent lecture.

"There is no more varied group than that of the warblers. They are divided into two large groups, old world and new world warblers. The old worlders are smaller and more modest in plumage. Anyone who can tell a warbler on the wing is a marvel. The differences of species are very difficult to notice when the bird is flying."

"The only way to know a warbler is to know him from the earliest through the various stages of his plumage, which change as fast as the Paris fashions. Of the wood warbler there are 150 varieties alone. Their territory covers the district between Argentina and Labrador. In North America there are fifty-five varieties. Here they reach their greatest numerical strength. They fly at night and often take a 500-mile trip between sundown and sunrise. They are rapid on the wing and often get ahead of the weather. They are easily harmed by storm, their plumage is quickly saturated with water and they drown."—Milwaukee Journal.

GENTLE SUGGESTION.

Mr. Spriggins (gently)—My dear, a Boston man was shot at by a burglar, and his life was saved by a button which the bullet struck. Mrs. Spriggins—Well, what of it? Mr. Spriggins—Nothing, only the button must have been on.—Sacred Heart Review.

PROFIT AND LOSS.

"Put that ton of coal on the slate." "We have no slate," said the dealer frigidly. "Oh, yes you have. I got 300 pounds of it with the coal."

DISTINCTION.

"Does your landlord use hot air?" "Yes, but not to heat the house."

ANCIENT CUSTOMS IN MALTA

Many Things Done in the Manner in Vogue Hundreds of Years Ago.

In Malta the customs of a hundred years ago are still in vogue. Take, for instance, their method of harvesting. Instead of cutting the wheat as in this country, the harvesters kneel down to their task and taking hold of the wheat pull it up by the roots, so that there is never seen in Malta a field of stubble.

The wheat is then taken to a corner of the field where there is a smooth circular patch of stones, usually about twenty feet radius, is spread over a it to a depth of eighteen inches or so, and trampled on by oxen, a small boy usually leading them by a rope. When the process of thrashing is completed the straw is forked away and the grain swept up ready for the mill.

Another curious custom is their way of watering the roads. The water cart consists of a light kind of vehicle (dubbed by the military a "watered cart") which consists of nothing more or less than a pair of shafts with about eight battens bolted across them, and a couple of diagonals to strengthen the whole.

On the cart is lashed a fifty-gallon barrel, and a length of canvas hose about a yard long is connected to it, terminating in a sprinkler. The cart is always attended by two men, one leading the horse and the other taking hold of a couple of yards of rope, the end of which is fastened to the sprinkler end of the hose. As the cart goes along, so he follows, and keeps the sprinkler swinging from side to side. Newark News.

DIFFERENT NOW



"You didn't used to object to your husband playing poker?" "No; but that was before I learned to play bridge. It is a lovely game, but I cannot afford to play it unless he stops playing poker."

COLD JOKE.

The water has spoiled all the biscuits, half of which are nothing but a big lump of mildew, from which, however, we manage to pick out a few fragments which may yet prove eatable. The oatmeal has suffered less, but is perfectly green with age. The sugar has disappeared; the chocolate is also green and tastes of soap. However, we have found food, though not as good as we had expected, and we hope to be able to use the best of the biscuits, assuring each other that mildew cannot be poisonous. Iverson even goes so far as to declare it must be wholesome, being after all a sort of "green-stuff."—From "Lost in the Arctic," by Einar Mikkelsen.

QUICK ACTION.

"Did you do anything to try and save the professor when he fell off the observatory roof?" "Indeed, I did. When I saw him going, I begged him not to take any precipitate action."

CONSISTENT ANIMOSITY.

"Why do so many people want the press muzzled?" "Because of its dogged pertinacity."

BEYOND UNDERSTANDING.

"He tried to kiss me. I can't understand it." "Neither can I, dear." "You cut!"—Stray Stories.

THREE RULES FOR HAPPINESS

Celebrated Neurologist Tells Students to "Play Ball, Get Busy and Saw Wood."

Dr. George L. Walton, the neurologist, lectured recently at the Harvard Medical school on how to live through a life of happiness rather than one of fret and fears.

He said the present time was a less emotional period than that of fifty years ago, but that there was still much nervousness. If there were less of argument, swearing and fretting, and more willingness to listen to criticism in a sane manner, there would be few cases of nervous prostration, he said.

The workman should come home each day tired and happy, instead of tired and cross, Dr. Walton declared. He thought that the pooling of enormous wealth was a forerunner of the doom of civilization. The child of today, he said, after crawling in its crib, has discarded the "Now I lay me down to sleep" in favor of "Don't mention death to me."

Three rules for happiness laid down by the doctor were: "Don't harbor a grudge," "Don't live in the past" and "Don't play the martyr." His favored rules for a life of almost unalloyed bliss are: "Play ball, get busy and saw wood."

BOY TICKLED CONAN DOYLE

Is Rewarded for Instance of "Sherlock Holmes Talent and Then Pulls Newspaper.

The following story is told by the French weekly, L'Opinion: "As Sir Conan Doyle was entering the Carlton hotel a boy said to him:

"The chalk dust on your clothes shows you have been playing billiards; the fact of its not having been removed shows you were tired after a long game; your frown shows that you lost; one of your boots is stained with Boho mud; yet you do not bend your legs in walking like billiard professionals."

"Therefore I conclude that you disrupted the amateur billiards championship at the Orme rooms this afternoon, and that you lost."

"The novelist," continues the French paper, "was so pleased with this instance of Sherlock Holmes talent that he gave the boy a sovereign. Thereupon the youngster pulled out of his pocket a copy of an evening paper giving Sir Arthur's photograph and a full description of the match."

HAS COFFIN FOR SALE.

A mistake of a word has caused a Kilkenny (Ireland) philanthropist to find himself with a coffin on his hands. He ordered it at the earnest request of the relatives of a poor old body reported to have died in the workhouse, to save her the indignity of a pauper's burial. When it was taken to the workhouse, however, the supposed corpse was found smoking a pipe and quite convalescent. The doctor, it seems, had written "caddis" after the old woman's name for the guidance of the nurse, and the nearest the workhouse master could come to deciphering the professional calligraphy was "dead." Hence the notification of the grave, and the other funeral arrangements—all of which were countermanded except the coffin.

PUZZLED BOY.

Willie—Pa, what are ancestors? Father—Well, I am one of yours. Your grandpa is another. Willie—Oh! Then why is it that folks brag about them?—London Opinion.

STATUS QUO.

Maud—Does Kitty love Jack well enough to marry him? Marie—Oh, yes; but Jack believes in letting well enough alone.

COULD BUT DID NOT WANT TO.

"Tired? And you said you could die dancing?" "I could. And I would, if I danced with you much longer."

PUTS HIS SOUL IN PICTURE

Japanese Artist Gets Spirit in Work That It May Be Given Again to Beholder.

The safety of the nation seems to be fairly well taken care of, but if there is one thing more than another which needs a master's care, that one thing is art, especially Tunist art. America has not quite decided about futurist art. We are never sure whether a thing is good until we know what we are supposed to think of it. The newspapers have ridiculed the futurist art and common people have dared laugh at it. Frankly, of course, Americans prefer good plain pictures that don't even require the catalogue for identification, but one is inclined to think that in art as in poetry there must be soul in obscurity because we cannot see it.

If it were possible we might transplant Japanese art. The something besides itself in a Japanese picture is really visible, and soul helps sense as much as sense helps soul. Japanese art, however, grew from the old Japanese character, and the Japanese character is not easily transplanted.

believed that written characters lived, and not only spelled words, but expressed various sentiments in themselves. The Japanese artist creates a living thing. He puts his spirit into his painting so that it may be given again to the beholder. If he accepts money for his paintings they lose their soul. Japanese art is, therefore, impossible to America. An art that grows from our writing would be worse than futurist. If our artists were not paid for their pictures we should have no artists. Perhaps the best we can do, if we must get away from our own common sense plain pictures, is to take up something along the futurist line. We may not enjoy it and it may spoil the wall paper, but it may be the proper thing after all.

POETIC REALISM



"Yes; I have pictured my sweet heart in my verses." "Oh! does she limp?"

EVENING OF CHANGES.

Turned into a wake and afterwards into the celebration of a birth, a wedding feast near Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland, had a peculiar outcome. While a merry party was in the height of the enjoyment of the wedding feast, one of the members of the household the guests were shocked to learn of the death of a two-year-old child who had been ill for some time, but not seriously. The wedding party then resolved itself into a wake, the traces of the festival being removed. While the wake was in progress it was announced that a birth had just taken place in the house, the mother being a near relative of the family.

HEARD AT THE CLUB.

Griggs—I'm sorry about Brown's failure. He's a brick if ever there was one. Briggs—Then it is not unnatural that he should go to the wall.

PART OF IT.

"That cook's temper will break up our home." "It's already started in on the crockery."

NO WALKING FOR HIM.

"What walk in life has your son attempted?" "No walk at all; he's in the auto business."

PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY



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The Dixie Theatre the past week has been giving the best picture programs that have ever been shown in Eagle Lake. The house has been crowded every night, and on last Saturday night many had to stand on the outside and wait for the second show, and standing room in the rear during the first show was at a premium. Mr. Moore should certainly be congratulated by the people of our town who enjoy picture shows on the splendor service he is giving. He is getting the very best film service obtainable, the same kind that the higher class picture shows of the cities are using.

Coming again, Dr. Craig, the expert Optometrist and Optician of San Antonio on his regular visit, May 2nd and 3rd, at Calvert's drug store.

A story is told of two Irish farmers who had not seen each other for a long time and who met at a fair. They had a lot of things to tell each other.

"Shure it's married Oi am," said Murphy. "You don't tell me so," said Moran.

"Faith yes," said Murphy, "an Oi've got a fine, healthy boy, which the neighbors say is the very picture o' me."

Moran looked for a moment at Murphy, who was not remarkable for his good looks, and then said: "Ah, well, what's the harm so long as the child's healthy?"—Tit-Bits.

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