

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Ben F. Owen of Folsom, state cattle inspector, was a business visitor in the county seat Monday.

C. Sampson of near Bertrand, Oklahoma, one of our regulars who always does his trading in Clayton, was here Monday trading with News advertisers.

Rexall remedies and preparations are guaranteed best on the market for sale by City Drug Store.

Stanley Galhoun of Shattuck, Oklahoma, an old time friend of The News man, spent several days in the city this week. He has land near Des Moines, and thinks Union county the real country. We are willing to swear to his good judgment.

Uncle Charlie Bond of near Pasamonte, has been in the city several days this week. The arm he had broken last fall is not yet entirely healed.

See G. C. Smith before you buy that buggy. He is agent for the best rig on the market.

A. C. Lehr, the restaurant man, got in good standing with the editor this week by putting up cash for subscription. They all like it.

Our old friend, Dan Dill, has sold his ranch near Clayton and will leave in a few days for Grant county, New Mexico, where he has another ranch, and will make that his future home. The News will follow to keep Dan posted on local affairs so that he will know where to land when he gets ready to come back, as they all do.

Our stock of toilet preparations is complete, prices exactly right. We have it, City Drug Store.

E. W. Fox, U. S. commissioner, attended to land business at Santa Fe this week. He returned today noon. Ed says the old town looks about the same as usual, but that he can not help feeling sorry for a man who has to live there. Clayton is the one burg on the map.

Ferguson Gets Heavy Mail

To my New Mexico Friends:

The fact that the amount of mail concerning public business of congress continues to come to me, in almost as large volume since the adjournment of congress on the 4th day of March, as prior to that time, when the government provided me with a secretary, comfortable office room, and an adequate salary for all of my time, I write with the profoundest feelings of friendship for the good people of New Mexico, to state that it is costing me money out of my own pocket since I ceased to be a congressman, to give these letters the attention I have been able to, after trying from congress.

I therefore regret very much that I am wholly unable to attend to the business of my constituents as their congressman, without neglecting the duties of my present office as private secretary to Honorable William Jennings Bryan which are exacting.

With highest compliments and regards to each and every one of my friends in New Mexico, I beg to remain,

Sincerely,
H. B. FERGUSSON.

Special Notice

The town clerk is instructed to notify all residents of Clayton to clear their premises of all rubbish of whatsoever kind, including dead animals and fowls, also that the practice of throwing refuse of any kind in the alleys must be discontinued.

The cost of hauling will be greatly reduced by all taking pains to keep their ashes free from rubbish and otherwise clean so they can be used on the streets. Those doing this will be able to get their rubbish hauled away for 50c per load, if same can be easily loaded from the alley; less than loads will be hauled in proportion. Anyone failing to clean up as here required, will have their premises cleaned under the supervision of the sanitary board, with additional cost.

It is further advised that Ordinance No. 8 will in future be strictly enforced. This ordinance prohibits the keeping of hogs in the city limits, or permitting chickens to run at large, under penalty of a fine or imprisonment, or both, at discretion of the court.

It is to the interest of all to cooperate with the city officials to make Clayton clean and sanitary, and it is earnestly hoped that it will not be necessary to use compulsory

measures in a single instance to enforce the above ordinances.

By order of the Board of Trustees
Town of Clayton, New Mexico.

Another Cake Sale

The Baptist Ladies Aid will hold another cake sale at Spring's meat market next Saturday, the 10th. It will be an ideal place to secure good eating. Don't fail to attend.

Clarence E. Warner, who has a fine homestead in the Pasamonte country, spent several days in the city this week. He has been working in Colfax county.

Makes 61 Feel Like 16

"I suffered with kidney ailment for two years," writes Mrs. M. A. Bridges, Robinson, Miss., "and commenced taking Foley Kidney Pills ten months ago. I am now able to do all my work without fatigue. I am now 61 years of age and feel like a 16-year old girl." Foley Kidney Pills strengthen and invigorate weak, tired and deranged kidneys; relieve backache, weak back, rheumatism and bladder trouble. They are tonic in action. For sale by City Drug Store.

Israel's Wrong Course.

Israel's government differed from all other earthly governments. God was their King; and in His providences, according to His Covenant with them. He supervised their affairs. But in Samuel's day, the Elders, perceiving that his sons were unreliable and forgetting that God was their King and the Judge merely His representative, petitioned the Prophet that he anoint them a king.

It is hard for us to sympathize with such prayers for their own degradation. The Prophet Samuel seems to have viewed the matter from this standpoint. He very properly went to the Lord in prayer; it was not for him to decide. He was merely the Lord's mouthpiece, to speak to the Israelites whatever message he should receive from the Lord.

Webster's Father

Daniel Webster's father's name was Ebenezer Webster. He was born in Kingston, N. H. in 1730, served in the French war, under Sir Jeffrey Amherst and was one of the first settlers of what is now Franklin, N. H. in 1761. He died in 1800 when Daniel was twenty-four years of age.

The Devil's Wall

Between England and Scotland stand the ruins of the old Roman wall known as the Devil's Wall, owing to the belief of the peasantry that on account of the firmness of the mortar and the imperturbability of the stones Satan had a hand in its construction. ARGUMENT.

EVERYBODY KNITS IN BERLIN.

Street Car Companies Have to Prohibit It Among Passengers.

Knitting stockings is a sacred thing to the girls and women of Germany. Every idle moment is being used for the laudable purpose of providing the German soldiers in the battle lines with good, solid, "homemade" footgear, says a Berlin dispatch. In the street cars, in the cafes, on the benches in the park everywhere can be seen busy hands with still busier needles.

Of late the women of Berlin are somewhat exasperated. The management of the municipal street car service has announced that knitting stockings while sitting in the cars must cease. Conductors have been furnished with copies of the official order, which requires them to ask women engaged in this occupation to stop it or "step outside."

The reason given by the street car management is that there is considerable danger of passengers falling into the needles.

WANTED, BABY SILENCER.

Delegation Puts Task of Ages Up to Albany Bishop.

To stop babies from crying is the latest reform sought by some residents of Albany, N. Y. About a year ago there was completed in the Pine Hills section of the city the Frances Elliott Austin Infant home, which was founded on a gift of \$100,000 entrusted to Bishop Burke, head of the Catholic diocese of Albany, by Anthony N. Brady.

A few days ago a delegation of people living in the vicinity called upon the bishop and requested that he do something to prevent the babies in the home from crying, because it was annoying to the people in the neighborhood. The bishop was told that the weeping of the infants caused a depreciation of the property in the vicinity. It was stated that the principal complaint was in the summer time, when the little ones were allowed to get the fresh air in a large outdoor crib.

GENESIS OF WATER

The First Invisible Vapor That Enveloped Our Globe.

AND ITS CHANGE INTO STEAM.

How the Earth, Which Was Born Out of a Mass of Flaming Gases, Came to Have Its Surface Covered With a Liquid Which Cannot Endure Fire.

The story of the origin of water involves that of the birth of the earth. According to the generally accepted hypothesis, the earth was once a mass of heated gases, which cooled, in one form or another, every chemical element that we know. Among these gases were oxygen and hydrogen, the two elements by whose combination water is formed. But there was no water then because the heat was too great to permit of the combination of oxygen and hydrogen. The elements of water were present, but not water itself.

As the gaseous mass continued to cool a temperature was reached at which condensation could begin to take place, and then water appeared in the form, not of liquid, but of an invisible vapor which we call water vapor. Although oxygen and hydrogen had combined in this vapor, the heat was still too great for it to condense into the liquid state. With further cooling, however, it did undergo a partial condensation into that form of water which we know as steam. At that time the globe was probably a great white hot ball, enveloped at a vast height above its surface with a hissing shell or envelope of steam. This immense steamy shell was contained in the vaporous form, all the water that the future earth was to possess. The oceans were there, but as scalding clouds.

The central mass continued to cool and condense, and at last when the temperature of the rocky crust that had begun to form about it had descended to about 370 degrees C., the first true water—that is, liquid water—appeared on the earth. It fell in hot drops from the vaporous envelope and at first no doubt was instantly reconverted into steam by contact with the heated crust. After awhile, though, it became so cool that the descending water could remain upon it in the liquid state. Then the mighty rains fell thicker and faster from the condensing envelope until the accumulated water formed great oceans or perhaps at the beginning one universal ocean surrounding the entire earth. That would depend upon the form of the surface of the crust at the time when the descent of the waters occurred. The origin of the present ocean basins goes back to the very beginning of geological history and antedates every period that can be fixed with reasonable certainty.

These facts explain why the earth has so great a quantity of water and where that water came from.

It is believed that the oceans cannot continue to exist for all time as we see them today. The minerals constituting the solid crust of the earth are continually absorbing water. It has been estimated that granite contains two gallons of absorbed water in every cubic yard. The condition of the moon, as revealed by telescopes and by photography shows that a globe may, as far at least as its surface is concerned, become absolutely arid, no water what ever remaining upon it, although in ages past it may have been covered with oceans.

The drying up process, however, must be a slow one, and no considerable quantity of the oceanic waters can be absorbed into the earth's interior until the core of the globe has become relatively cool. At present the internal heat is so great that water cannot penetrate to a depth of more, say, than twenty miles at the most. It is only as the rocks cool that they begin to take up water in combination.

If we heat water to the boiling point we turn it into steam. If we heat the steam still further it becomes an invisible vapor, which may be made so hot that it will char a piece of paper like a flame. On the other hand, if we cool water to the freezing point it turns into a brittle solid—ice.

So if we had happened to be born in a fiery hot world we should only have known water as a scorching vapor, capable of devouring metals like a strong acid, and, on the contrary, if our lot had been cast in an intensely cold world our only knowledge of water, as a natural product, would have been in the shape of a solid, harder than most rocks.—Garrett P. Serviss in New York Journal.

Early Football Players.

Football was for many years the national game of Florence. The season was from January to March, and the ladies and gentlemen of Florence and the populace as well were wont to assemble on the Piazza Santa Croce to witness the game, which was called "calcio," from the word meaning "to kick." The last game was played in 1739.

LEADERS OF THE WAR SUGGEST

Sir Edward Grey, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, Count Okuma and Dr. Dumba Tell What We Can Do.

HOW can the United States best serve civilization? is the question that was put by the editor of the World's Work to Sir Edward Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs of Great Britain; Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor; Count Okuma, the premier of Japan, and Dr. Constantine Theodor Dumba, ambassador of Austria-Hungary to the United States. The answers of these statesmen included the following opinions:

Sir Edward Grey.

"If the World's Work wants a contribution to its central idea of inquiring how the United States may best serve the interests of civilization at this period of change and redefinition—how best their immunity may be used and what is their opportunity, not only selfishly, but ultimately, the only thing I can say is that a great nation standing outside this European conflict should use what influence it can on the side of right and against wrong. We believe that we are fighting for liberty and independence unthreatened by militarism and to redress the cruel wrong done to Belgium. We hope to win a peace that will secure these things. What influence the United States can exercise and to what end and when their influence should be used is a question for their own people to decide. But I do not think that this will be a suitable contribution to the dispassionate inquiry made by the editors of the World's Work Magazine, and perhaps I may explain how impossible it is for a member of a government who believes that it is fighting for the independence of its country and that all it cares for and believes is at stake to do anything except plead the cause of that country and to ask at least for sympathy."

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg.

"The people of the United States will best serve the cause of peace and humanity by being not only neutral, according to the letter of President Wilson's proclamation, but also impartial in spirit of his further utterances. This is the only way to gain the confidence of the whole world, and without this confidence the United States cannot hope to render the important services to the cause of humanity which it wishes to render.

"There are two sides to every question. Of late Germany has even been accused of intentionally starving the civilian population of Belgium, while it is evident that there would not be the slightest question of starvation or even want if the declaration of London had not been violated by our enemies, who try to prevent all shipments of foodstuffs, regardless of their destination. Not only Belgium, but all neutral countries in Europe are suffering under the hard laws which British navalism seeks to impose on the world.

"Everybody is full of pity for the unhappy civilian population of Belgium, which has suffered more than others under the inevitable hardships of war. England puts the blame for this state of affairs on us. No German will agree with the English contention. The cases of Belgium and Luxemburg are identical. The latter country was really neutral, did not fight and has suffered no losses at all. Germany paid her ample indemnity for all damages Belgium, however, did fight, because it followed England's advice."

"The commerce of all neutral nations is being disturbed by British navalism. The North sea is blocked by English mines, and the ships of all neutral nations, even those destined to neutral ports, are dragged into British harbors. I repeat, we regret the disturbance of neutral commerce, but we are not to be blamed for it. Germany hopes that peace will come soon. After the great sacrifices which the German nation has brought, with a unanimity

Very Sick.

"Jonesby had a doctor with him all night."
"Was he very sick?"
"He was toward the last, when the doctor held all the good hands."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Sticks to Them.

Bill—He says cigars are his best friends.
Jill—Well, he's true to them.
"How so?"
"He never gives any of his friends away."—Youkers Statesman.

COUNTRIES AT COURSE FOR US.

Their Answer as to the Way We Can Best Serve Civilization as a Great Neutral Nation.

and devotion without parallel in history, no peace can, however, be acceptable which does not guarantee Germany against a second attack from its present enemies. Germany does not wish to dominate the world or, like British navalism, to 'rule the waves.' All it wants is equal opportunity, open door politics and open commerce throughout the world. Least of all does Germany desire to seek expansion on the American continent. This, however, has been said so often officially by the imperial government that I need hardly repeat it here."

Dr. Dumba.

"A severe defeat of either the allies or Germany and Austria-Hungary would inflict great personal loss on the business men of the United States. This country depends on the now belligerent powers for the sale of its raw material. They are not only its best customers, but also its debtors and creditors. The crushing of either European group would result in economic disaster for the United States. What I consider as an unquestionable right of the United States is the unhampered faculty to transport its staple goods on its own neutral ships to any neutral country that may be in need of and willing to pay a good price for them. The ocean is the highway of all seafaring nations. But now this highway is patrolled by English and French cruisers, which submit the legitimate neutral trade to the most vexatious treatment. The Declaration of London of 1909, agreed upon by all the great maritime powers on the invitation of Great Britain, has been quietly dropped and replaced by arbitrary rules. The claim to extend indefinitely the notion of contraband so as almost to obliterate the distinction between absolute and conditional contraband is cold and unfounded. In order to starve Germany and her ally and to cut off the supply of raw material for their industries Holland, Sweden and Denmark are made to suffer severely and to lack wheat and bread. A high spirited nation like the American ought to resist this tyranny and, by putting herself at the head of all neutral nations, defeat it. The present state of things on the sea bids a fair warning to the federal government how few rights would be left to the neutral seafaring nations should Great Britain succeed in sweeping German trade and shipping off the ocean and in destroying the German fleet. The United States would soon be confronted with the overbearing demands of Great Britain, who wishes to control single-handed the Atlantic and to share the domination of the Pacific with Japan."

Count Okuma.

"While it would be both unwise and premature to express at this time any opinion as to where and how the present war should be or will be terminated and peace be restored, I feel certain and therefore safe to say that the experiences of this Titanic struggle will bring most forcibly home to us all a sense of the weighty burdens and the horrible waste of war. There and then will be an opportunity for an impartial, wise counsel to prevail. I mean the counsel for a reduction of armament and for the cultivation of the spirit of mutual toleration and esteem among peoples of different races and creeds, with consequent adherence on the part of all nations to the principle of reciprocal freedom and equality in their intercourse with each other. As long as nations of the world live in armed peace and as long as they permit their peoples to be ruled by social animosities or national prejudices there can be no real peace and the world will have to suffer forever. But who is to be the one that shall give such an impartial counsel and have it listened to? To me it looks as if by Providence the United States is kept apart from the present momentous struggle. I sincerely hope she will remain so throughout it."

Sarcasm.

Real Estate Agent (after showing lady over house for two hours)—Why are you crying, madam? Woman—Oh, I was thinking supposing this was the only house in the world and I had to live in it!—Exchange.

She Got a New One.

Mr. Hornbill—Do you know, darling, I could pick you out of a crowd of women just by your style!
Mrs. Hornbill—I don't wonder, and me with this same old dress for the last two years!