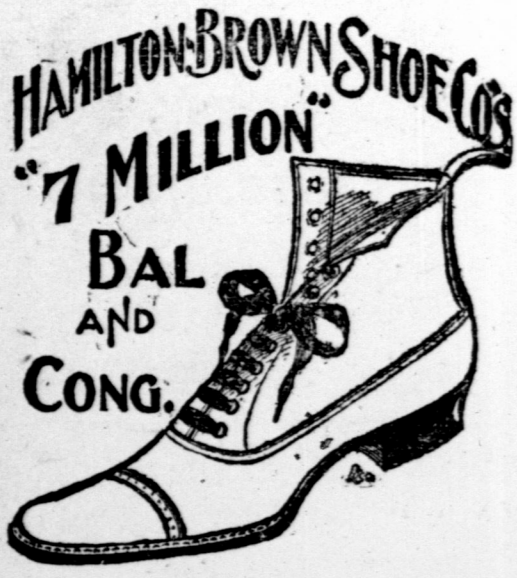


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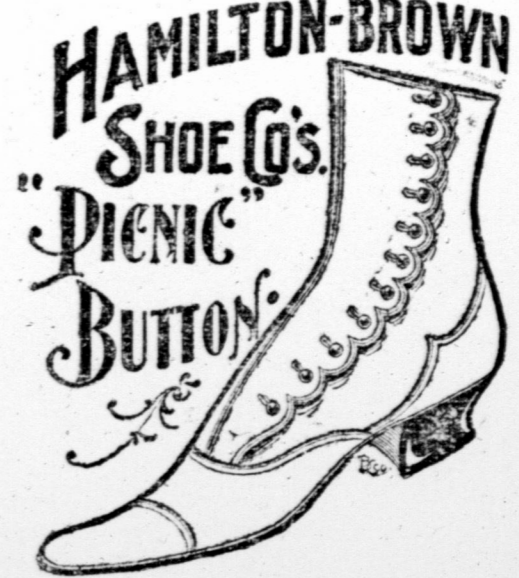


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ERUPTION OF PELEE.

Graphic Description by the Vicar of Martinique.

Startling Details of the Awful Unheaval That Overwhelmed the City of St. Pierre--Entombed Thousands.

The following paragraphs are part of a letter in the form of a journal written to the absent bishop of Martinique by Vicar General Parel, the whole forming an historic document of great intelligence and particularity. A copy of the original was given by the writer to Champlain MacGrail, of the Dixie, and appears entire in Century. The qualities of a trained observer appear in these pathetic passages:

"Thursday, May 8. The Ascension. This date should be written in blood!"

"Toward four o'clock in the morning a violent thunderstorm, with torrents of rain, broke over Fort de France. Toward eight o'clock the horizon in the north, in the direction of the volcano, was as black as ink. The clouds were moving rapidly toward the northwest. The sky was darkening more and more, when suddenly I heard something like hail falling on the roofs and the leaves of the trees. A great noise rose from the city. In church, where the eight o'clock mass was in progress, a terrible panic seized the congregation, and the priest was left standing alone.

"Night had descended on us, and the crash of thunder was continuous. The sea retreated three times for a distance of several hundred meters. The boat which was putting out of St. Pierre turned back.

"I stepped out on my balcony to take in the situation, and immediately it was covered with a hail of stones and still hot cinders. People stood petrified on their doorsteps. Others ran wildly here and there through the streets. All this lasted for about a quarter of an hour--a quarter on an hour of terror.

"But what was happening at St. Pierre? No one dared to think. Telephone communication had been cut off abruptly in the middle of a word. Some persons asserted that they had seen, above the tops of the mountains separating us from St. Pierre, a column of fire rising into the sky and spreading outward toward all points of the horizon. Boundless anxiety seized upon us all. At 11 o'clock the Marin set out to reconnoiter. It witnessed a sight appalling beyond imagination. St. Pierre was nothing but one vast brazier! When the truth, like the funeral knell of Martinique, reached us at about one o'clock, a cry of horror went up not to be described. I will not try to give a picture of such scenes. To write of them would

take the pen of Dante and the accents of Jeremiah.

"I learn that a boat is to be sent out to rescue the wounded. I am fortunate enough to obtain a place in it, together with one of my vicars. The police and gendarmes cannot keep back the crowd struggling to make its way on board. The expedition is composed of the public prosecutor of the republic, and officer, and a platoon of marines. People refuse to believe in the realities of so horrible a disaster. They cling to every hypothesis that may still make hope possible. We say to ourselves that, at least, a great part of the population must have had time to flee!

"When, about four o'clock in the afternoon, we turn the last promontory that separates us from what was once the magnificent panorama of St. Pierre, the first sight that strikes our eyes, at the farther end of the roadstead, is Riviere Blanche, with its stream of smoke, throwing itself furiously, as the day before, into the sea. Then, a little farther out, a large steamer (the Roraima) in flames. We hear that it is an American packet, just arrived that morning, in time to be enveloped in the catastrophe. Two other steamboats are burning nearer the shore. Wreckage and the upturned keels of boats strew the roadstead. And this is all that is left of the 30 or 40 ships anchored here the day previous. All along the quays, for a distance of 200 meters, piles of lumber are burning. There are smaller fires on the hills about the city, visible, through the smoke, as far as Fonds Core. But St. Pierre, that city this morning alive, full of human souls, is no more! It lies consumed before us, in its winding-sheet of smoke and cinders, silent and desolate, a city of the dead. We strain our eyes for fleeing inhabitants, for men returning to bury their lost ones. We see no one! There is no living being left in this desert of desolation, framed in a terrifying solitude. In the background, when the cloud of smoke and cinders breaks away, the mountain and its slopes, once so green, stand forth like an Alpine landscape. They look as if they were covered with a heavy cloak of snow, and through the thickened atmosphere rays of pale sunshine, wan, and unknown to our latitudes, illumine this scene with a light that seems to belong to the other side of the grave.

"With what profound emotion I raise my hand over these 35,000 victims sleeping, in their dread tomb, their last sleep!"

Maple Cream Filling.

Mix one-third cupful flour, one cupful maple sugar (previously shaved fine), pinch salt. Add two (scant) cupfuls milk that has been heated, and cook until smooth. Add well-beaten yolks of two eggs. Cook several minutes longer, then cool. Beat the two whites to dry froth. Add scant cupful pulverized maple sugar, and one tea-

spoonful vanilla; spread evenly over top of pie.--Ladies' World, New York.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Pugilistic.--Nell--"Did Miss Billy-ums act as if it was a severe blow when she didn't get the prize?" Belle--"Yes; she took the count."--Philadelphia Record.

"What's the matter with Jimson?" "Doctor says it's a complication. Played ping-pong, golf, bicycled and got a motor car, and the four kinds of faces were too much for him."--London Answers.

Eyzymark--"A lady told my fortune yesterday, and she said I would meet with a financial reverse." Sceptick--"And did you?" Eyzymark--"Sure! She charged me \$2."--Ohio State Journal.

"Troubled with dyspepsia, are you?" "No, but I try any of my medicine?" "Oh, yes; but it wasn't that that gave it to me. I had it long before I took any of your stuff."--Yonkers Statesman.

"By the way," reminded the curious inquirer, "what's a synonymous expression for 'talking shop'?" "Well," replied Jockley, "there's 'tonorial emporium,' and haircutting parlor."--Philadelphia Press.

Hangin' On.--Lariat Luke--"What became of that hang-on from the east?" Horrible Hank--"He's still hangin' on." Lariat Luke--"Down at the Red Eye saloon?" Horrible Hank--"Naw; hangin' on tew a cottonwood tree at the edge of town."--Ohio State Journal.

The Point of Difference.--"You don't mean to cite your government as an example of a republic." "Well," answered the South American dictator, "there's only one little difference between our republic and yours. Instead of elections we have revolutions."--Washington Star.

Two Sinners.--"It is very wrong to tell a falsehood," said his mother to little Jimmie, who had caught him in one. "Then we're both offal sinners, ain't we, maw?" queried Jimmie. "Both! What do you mean?" "Why, you told Missus Smith yesterday that you hoped she'd call again, and after she wuz gone you said you wished she'd never come again."--Ohio State Journal.

THOUGHT GUN BEWITCHED.

Why the Old Negro Threw It Away and Would Not Touch It Again.

A story is told of Uncle Washington Harris, one of "Marse Clay's niggers afore de war," who remained on the plantation after he was set free. He was considered a power among the negroes, being somewhat of a local preacher, says the New York Tribune, but he said: "Ise jist a exhortioner 'mong de congregation."

Once when Uncle "Wash" was "exhortionin' 'mong de congregation," the Ku Klux came after him, and, as the old man hurriedly beat an exit through a window, one of the Ku Klux got the tail of his Prince Albert coat, that "Marse Clay" had given him, and which the old darkey was very proud of. From that time Uncle "Wash" always carried an old long-barreled shotgun.

The neighbors were in the habit of meeting at night at "Bob" Clay's country store to tell yarns and talk about the crops. Uncle "Wash" and several other old colored men, were always present, sitting on nail kegs a respectable distance behind "de white folks to hear de yarns." On these occasions Uncle "Wash" always left his gun in the rear of the store.

One night "Buck" Allen, who never was tired of playing jokes on the old man, got his gun, and, after drawing the shot from it, loaded it with powder and phosphorous wood as wadding, then another load of powder and more phosphorous wood, repeating this till there were several loads of powder and wood in the gun, ramming down the last charge of powder with an extra long piece of wood. "Buck" dropped a coal on it and went back to his seat.

If phosphorous wood is lighted, the fire will eat very slowly through it and act as a fuse. Uncle "Wash" took up his gun and started home and was several hundred yards from the store when the spark reached the first charge of powder and exploded it which greatly perplexed the old man but he attributed it to an accident. When the second explosion occurred he fell on his knees and prayed, but when the third came he threw the gun from him into the bushes and ran for dear life. As Uncle "Wash" burst in the front door to the consternation of his wife, and fell sprawling on the floor, hysterically praying, he heard the last charge explode.

Uncle "Wash" never went back for his gun, and could never be convinced "speereets" were not in that "ole turkie gun," and that it was not bewitched.

Chloroform and Gaslight.

In general the profession in this country is united in the belief that ether is a much more satisfactory anesthetic than chloroform. A not inconsiderable number, however, prefer chloroform, particularly under especial circumstances, and some operators who have no well-equipped clinics at their command tend to use chloroform when working by artificial light, and particularly in ill-equipped houses. It is, however, known by most pharmacologists and by many others that chloroform has dangers when used by artificial light, but this fact is by no means generally recognized. Persons have been killed by the decomposition of chloroform by gaslight. It has been attempted to overcome the danger of the production of

this form of poisoning by placing soda or borax solution or milk of lime in the operating-room, but these methods have been shown to be wholly insufficient.--Philadelphia Medical Journal.

Agricultural Possibilities of the Region Have Been Found to Far Surpass Expectations--Gold, Fish and Furs.

A million dollars a month is the estimate made by the bureau of statistics of the present value of the market which "frozen Alaska" offers the producers and manufacturers of the United States, states a special to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

"Commercial Alaska in 1901" is the title of a monograph just issued by the treasury bureau of statistics. In it are presented some striking figures about this (until recently) little explored and little understood territory of the United States. By reason of the application of modern systems of travel and transportation, Alaska is now as accessible as Arizona. Three days of travel by modern ocean steamers from Seattle among the islands and along the coast which forms the southeastern extension of Alaska lands the traveler at Skaguay; 12 hours by rail over the mountains, carries him to the headwaters of the Yukon, where comfortable and well-equipped river steamers carry him to the gold field of central Alaska or down the Yukon river, which is navigable for more than 2,000 miles at this season of the year. From the mouth of the Yukon another comparatively short trip by steamer carries him to Cape Nome--the latest and greatest of the gold fields of Alaska.

Gold, fish and furs are, according to this monograph, the principal industry of Alaska at the present time, and they send to the United States \$15,000,000 worth of their products, \$5,000,000 of gold, \$9,000,000 of fish, chiefly salmon, and the remainder furs.

The revenue which the government has derived from it since its purchase amounts to over \$9,000,000, and the value of the products are now twice as much every year as it cost. The total value of the products of Alaska brought to the United States since its purchase is (according to the best estimates that the bureau of statistics is able to make) about \$150,000,000, of which \$50,000,000 is precious metals, \$50,000,000 products of the fisheries, chiefly salmon, and \$50,000,000 more furs, chiefly seal furs.

Probably \$50,000,000 of American capital is invested in Alaskan industries and business enterprises, including transportation systems. In the salmon fisheries alone the companies engaged have a capitalization of \$22,000,000, and the value of their plants, including vessels, is given at \$12,000,000. In the mining industries there are large investments--the great quartz

mill at Juneau being the largest quartz stamp mill in the world, while several other quartz mills represent large investments. With the inflow of capital, the development of transportation systems, and the gold discoveries, has come the building up of towns and the development of cities with modern conveniences of life.

Nome City, which is located but a comparatively short distance south of the arctic circle, has now a population of over 12,000; postal facilities have been so extended that the number of post offices is now about 60, and mails are being regularly delivered north of the arctic circle.

Agricultural possibilities in Alaska have, until within a recent period, been considered of but slight importance. As the country was explored, however, and its conditions of climate and soil studied, its natural products observed, and experiments made with various classes of agricultural productions, it became apparent that the agricultural possibilities of the country, and especially of the south and southeast, where the climate is modified by the Japan current, were of considerable importance in view of the practicability of furnishing at least a part of the food supply of the population which the varied resources of Alaska seem likely to sustain and make permanent. These observations and experiments lead those who have participated in them to the belief that vegetables in great variety can be produced all along the southern coast and in the valley of the Yukon, and by some of the possibility of the successful production of wheat and oats is strongly supported.

The grasses for the support of cattle are abundant, and the experiment with live stock thus far justify the belief that this feature of the food requirements of Alaska may be furnished by the development of stock farms in the southern sections. In the north vast areas are covered with a moss similar to that upon which the reindeer thrives in other parts of the arctic regions, and in view of this fact the introduction of reindeer from Siberia was begun a few years since and has proved extremely successful, about 3,000 now being distributed through northwest Alaska, and the experiment has advanced sufficiently to justify the confident belief that the reindeer will within a few years prove an important feature in furnishing both the transportation and food supply of northern and northwestern Alaska.

The gross area of Alaska is, according to the 1900 census, 590,804. The Governor of Alaska in a recent report states that this is equal to the combined area of the 20 states, of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida.

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Mont Pelee has again belched forth a stream of fire and the result is several hundred more victims.

The President came near losing his life at Pittsfield, Mass., on the 3rd inst., by the colliding of his carriage and an electric car.

Where are the members of the Brackett base ball team since going to San Antonio? They are hard to find.

General Miles is going to the Philippines to inspect the army. His report will doubtless make interesting reading.

County Attorney Henry Moore of Val Verde county, and Miss Mary Walker, both of Del Rio, were married at San Antonio Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock at St. Mark's Episcopal church, Bishop J. S. Johnson performing the ceremony. Mr. Moore formerly lived in Brackett and Miss Walker also has many friends here, all of whom wish the happy young couple a long and prosperous wedded life. The NEWS extends congratulations.

SCHOOL NOTES FROM BRACKETT HIGH SCHOOL.

Session 1902-3 opened Monday morning promptly at 9 o'clock with a large enrollment. The assignment of teachers was as follows: A. H. Horn, Principal; Miss Mittie Jones, First Asst.; Mrs. J. D. Severn, Second Asst.; Miss Cora Whiteley, Third Asst.; Miss Agnes Windus Fourth Asst.

The schedule of bells for this session will be as follows: First morning bell at 8:30, second morning bell at 9:00, noon dismissal at 12:00, first afternoon bell at 12:40, second afternoon bell at 1:00, afternoon dismissal at 4:00. The bells will be rung strictly by railroad time and will never vary over a minute or two from the exact time. Great care will be taken to keep time pieces exactly with railroad time. Patrons will please keep their clocks with school bells so that children may not be tardy at school.

"Johnny you are five minutes tardy this morning and have interrupted the whole room by coming in late after the class was called up."

"Yes teacher, Mamma kept me at home to wash the dishes."

"A very good act, to help your Mamma at any work, but, for the sake of the school, you ought to commence a little sooner so as to be on time. When you quit school and enter business, such excuses will not keep you from being dismissed from employment. We wish to make school a training for business and cannot let you be tardy without punishment, unless it is absolutely impossible for you to be on time."

"Well, teacher, I will try to get up a little sooner next time and finish my work so as to reach school on time. I believe your demand is a good one and I will do my best to conform to it. Let me know what my punishment is this time and I will submit to it cheerfully."

"That is a noble spirit my boy and if I could excuse you without showing partiality I would cheerfully do so. Learn to be prompt and punctual to every call, no matter how insignificant. Better be too soon than too late, and your parents will no doubt do their part toward training you in this valuable lesson in life."

The recent rains have settled the dust and cooled the atmosphere, making everything much more pleasant for school work.

Avoristo San Miguel does the janitor work of the school now. He is employed for the whole day and is supposed to do any work necessary about the building or grounds. The school grounds have been trimmed up and raked clean this week and are very much improved in appearance.

The pupils of the school were assembled last Tuesday and the regulations for teachers and pupils were read and explained to them, so that in the beginning of the session they might know what is expected of them.

The work of the graduating class will be rather light this session, and the members, Misses Flory Dooley, Mabel Anderson and Maude Racer, are taking advantage of the opportunity to review some studies in the lower grades.

The first day of the school was spent principally in examining pupils who failed in certain branches last session, or who come here from other schools. Some applicants failed while, others who had studied during the summer passed successfully.

Quite a number of pupils stopped before the close of last ses-

sion, expecting to go into the next higher grade anyway this session, but could not stand the entrance examination and had to go back over the same grade again. Remember this session, pupils, to come to the close and come every day.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

California has 62,000 acres of prune trees. Oil fuel is used exclusively in the 16 melting furnaces of the new Philadelphia mint. The temperature in these furnaces can be raised to 1,000 degrees.

It is said that the flint which forms the substratum of London is nothing but petrified sponges. An examination of the fossil sponge or flint shows its structure.

The stick insect of Borneo, the largest insect known, is sometimes 13 inches long. It is wingless, but some species of stick insects have beautiful colored wings that fold like fans.

Several factories have been built in Germany for the manufacture of "forest wool" out of pine needles. It is used for making underclothes and for stuffing mattresses and furniture.

One of the most important industries attaching to the cheap power now produced by Niagara is the electrical tearing apart of the molecule of common salt resulting in the formation of caustic soda and bleaching powder.

A portable street light of great illuminating power is the device of the Westminster county council for lessening accidents from London fogs. A cylindrical tank 18 inches in diameter and two feet high is charged with 5 gallons of petroleum, and compressed air forces vapor from the oil into a standpipe provided with a burner. On igniting the torch flares up 18 inches to two feet, with a power of 1,000 candles.

Leroy Beaulieu, a well-known economist of Paris, has declared that the cure class of men will have to work for their living in 1952. He made this interesting statement in a lecture on the conversion of the French three and one-half per cent. debt into three per cent. bonds. He said that the rate of interest is constantly decreasing, and predicted that in the next 25 years capital will be glad to get two per cent., and that 50 years hence such first-class securities as government bonds and railway securities will bear one per cent. interest, "which," said the lecturer, "will compel all except the very large capitalists to work for a living, and the leisure of the class of people now called well off will be abolished."

THE ORIGIN OF GOLF.

Game Was First Played by a Scotch Shepherd with His Crook and a Pebble.

The man or woman who has become interested in golf must needs know something of its origin over in Scotland. In his book, "The Art of Golf," Sir W. G. Simpson tells the following pretty story as to how the game had its beginning:

"A shepherd leading his sheep would often chance upon a round pebble, and, having his crook in his hand, would strike it away; for it is as inevitable that a man with a stick in his hand should aim a blow at any loose object lying in his path as that he should breathe. Over pastures green his led to nothing; but once upon a time a certain shepherd, feeding his sheep on a links, perhaps that of St. Andrews, rolled one of these stones on a rabbit scrape.

"Mary," quoth he, "I could not do that if I tried," a thought which nerved him to the attempt. But a man cannot long persevere alone in any arduous undertaking, so Mr. Shepherd called another, who was hard by, to witness the endeavor. "That is easy," said the friend, and, trying, failed. They now searched the grass for the roundest stones, and having deepened the rabbit scrape, so that the stones might not jump out of it, they set themselves to practice putting.

"The stronger but less skillful shepherd, finding himself worsted at the amusement, protested that it was a fairer test of skill to play for the hole from a considerable distance. With this arranged, the game was found to be much more varied and interesting. The sheep having meanwhile strayed, the shepherds had to go after them.

"This proving an exceedingly irksome interruption, they hit upon the ingenious device of nailing a circular course of holes, which enabled them to play and herd at the same time. These holes being now many and far apart, it became necessary to mark their whereabouts, which was easily done by means of a tag of wool from a sheep attached to a stick, a primitive kind of flag still used on many greens, almost in its original form. Since these early days the essentials of the game have altered but little."

In responding to the toast "Science" at a banquet in New York recently President Pritchett, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, told this story: "In a Boston school the other day a teacher said to a small boy: 'Who won the battle of New Orleans?' 'Why Jim Corbett, of course,' was the answer. 'How did that happen?' asked the teacher, thinking to set the boy right. 'He won,' was the prompt reply, 'because he had more science than the other guy.'"—Chicago Chronicle.

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Nat Holman, who has been ranging his cattle in Kinney county for the past three years, is preparing to ship them in a few days. Nat has made many friends here during his stay, all of whom regret very much to see him leave. He was in this week and subscribed for the NEWS so that he may keep up with the times in Kinney county. He will leave shortly for his home at Lagrange.

Sergt. Books and Private Horn of troop F, 12th cavalry, left for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, last Monday morning, having in charge, Private Dawson, of the same troop, who is to serve five years in prison. Dawson, it will be remembered, is the man who stole a horse from one of the officers some weeks ago and tried to desert, but was captured near Spofford.

Chas. Schwandner, from the ranch on the Nueces yesterday morning and reports the death of Huey Gorman which occurred at the ranch of Herman Heneke Thursday evening at 4 o'clock. His death was probably due to heart disease, as he suddenly fell over dead while sitting leaning against a tree, rolling a cigarette. We were unable to learn if he has any relation in this part of the State.

Miss Annie Schmidt is here from Del Rio visiting friends. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Meier.

Geo. Petty was in from Laguna this week and says the rain was very light in his section of the country.

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Wm. Taylor was in from his
well drill this week.

Miss Lucy Neil left this week
on a visit to friends and relatives
in Del Rio.

Miss Mary Kroschell of Del
Rio was here this week visiting
friends and relatives.

J. E. Fritter returned this week
from a business trip to San Anto-
nio.

County Clerk O. F. Seargeant
returned Tuesday from a trip to
Laredo and other points.

Romus Salmon is now Deputy
Sheriff having taken the place of
Mr. Yeates.

Leo Clamp and Clarence Start-
on returned this week from a
trip out West.

The Mint Cafe is a resort for ladies as well
as gentlemen. Call and bring the ladies,
good order prevails at all times.

Mrs. Johnnie Stadler was away
this week on a visit to friends in
San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sheedy
and son were in town this week
shopping.

Wiley Barksdale was in this
week from his ranch on Mud
Creek and reports two splendid
rains.

Pat, Dan and Hancock Fritter
were among the visitors to San
Antonio this week to see the ball
game.

Mrs. James Murphy went to
San Antonio this week to take
her little daughter for school
purposes.

An ideal meal with all the finishing touches
at the Mint Cafe.

The report comes from the
Ross ranch near the Rio Grande
that good rains have fallen in
that vicinity.

C. A. Windus, proprietor of
the Mint Cafe, made a business
trip to San Antonio the early
part of the week.

Mrs. Wm. Sharpe and the
children went down to San An-
tonio and took in the ball game
Sunday.

Miss Della Coleman, after a
few weeks visit to friends here
returned to her home in Del Rio
Saturday.

James Clamp went to San
Antonio last week and witnessed
the ball games but has not show-
up here yet.

When you want a first-class meal served
in first-class style just drop in at the Mint
Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Mm. Murphy
and little daughter attended the
ball games at San Antonio this
week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ballan-
tine and family went to San
Antonio last week to see the ball
games.

Miss Lucy Windus assisted in
the postoffice this week during
the absence of Miss Laura Bal-
lantyne.

Wm. Holmes the druggist re-
turned this week from a few
days business and pleasure trip
to San Antonio.

Deputy Sheriff Chas. Yeates
resigned his position this week
and went out to the ranch where
he will look after his live stock
interests.

Miss Studer, who has been
spending a few months with re-
latives and friends in Brackett,
returned to San Antonio last
week.

The News office has been all
excitement this week over the
arrival of our new "devil." If
he keeps up at the present rate
we can't predict anything for the
future but a "howling success."

Everything the market affords can be found
on the bill of fare at the Mint Cafe.

The lumber has arrived and
the work of building the new
pump house and ice factory
building is being rapidly pushed
to completion.

Born to the editor, Sunday,
August 31st, a 10 pound boy.
Mother and son are doing well
and the editor is gradually re-
covering.

B. D. Lindsey, representing
the Banner distilling Co., was
in Brackett this week soliciting
orders. We can't see that Capt.
has grown any shorter since
here last.

Albert Schwandner was in
town this week making arrange-
ments for a teacher in his neigh-
borhood on the Nueces. Miss
Anderson will probably accept
the position.

J. M. Smith the vegetable man
who owns among the best irrigat-
ed farms in Kinney county and
helps supply Brackett with veg-
etables was in this week and re-
ports good rains.

Attorney W. L. Clamp return-
ed this week from San Antonio.
He left his son Harry in school
and Mrs. Clamp will remain a
few weeks for the benefit of her
health.

For the largest number of
tickets at Kartes' grocery store
Thanks Anderson received the
target gun for ten cent tickets
and Mrs. McGovern received the
\$10 gold piece for largest number
of 25c tickets.

On last Friday night quite a
crowd attended a barbecue at
Jim Clamps ranch two miles be-
low town. A fat calf had been
barbecued for the occasion, and
with the usual delicacies which
accompany such a meal all spent
a pleasant evening.

TAX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the
tax rolls have been completed
and turned over to the collector,
and those wishing to pay their
taxes can do so by calling at my
office.
J. W. NOLAN,
Tax Collector Kinney county.

Another appropriation of \$8,-
818 has been made by the gov-
ernment for the repairing and
building of more new quarters
here. This, with the other ap-
propriations mentioned in last
week's issue, will make Fort
Clark one of the leading military
posts in the South.

Perry the stockman was
in from his ranch eighteen miles
east of town Wednesday and
said he had good rains Monday
and Tuesday nights. Heavy
clouds lay in the east again
Thursday and the prospects are
that all that country got a thor-
ough soaking.

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ers have requested us to let them
know when their subscription
had expired so they could renew,
so everybody notice for the blue
cross mark.

County Surveyor Chas. Hodges
was out on Mud creek the latter
part of last week doing some
surveying but was forced to sus-
pend work and return to town
Tuesday on account of the heavy
rains. He reports heavy rains
in that part of the country and
up to within three miles of town
but from there in it was much
lighter.

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