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FARMERS OF TEXAS

ATTENDANCE LARGE AT COLLEGE STATION CONGRESS.

Many Able Papers Were Read and Much Interest Manifested in the Proceedings. Farmers Are Studying Modern Methods of Agriculture.

College Station, Texas, July 24.—The fourth annual session of the Texas Farmers' congress was begun here yesterday afternoon. The attendance is larger than ever before and there is every reason to believe that the meeting will be the most successful in the history of the organization.

About 125 visitors arrived here yesterday and last night and every train has brought in additional crowds until the total number has been increased to something over 200. In addition to those arriving by train many farmers have come in covered wagons from the surrounding country, some of them having traveled as much as seventy miles in order to be here at the opening of the congress. It is doubtful if any other one feature could demonstrate more forcibly the great interest which is gradually being worked up in these meetings. A wagon trip of seventy miles across an open country in such torrid weather as has prevailed for some time past is by no means inviting and the fact that so many have made such trips in order to attend the gathering is particularly gratifying to those who are responsible for the organization of the congress and who are so deeply interested in its success.

The weather yesterday, for the most part, was ideal. For only a short while during the forenoon the heat was intense, but before midday the sky became overcast, a breeze sprang up and a delightful coolness became in evidence. This lasted during about half of the afternoon.

Very complete arrangements have been made for the handling of the big crowd which will be here during the session. The visitors are quartered in the various dormitories of the college without charge, and meals are served at the mess hall at a nominal cost. The accommodations are ample for handling even a much larger crowd than is here now and all those who contemplate coming may be sure that they will be well taken care of.

A general session of the congress was held yesterday afternoon, at which a number of interesting papers were read, and the visitors were given an opportunity to get acquainted. Last night another session was held, at which the members of the congress were formally welcomed. A response to the address of welcome was given and Professor J. H. Connell, president of the organization, read his annual address.

The only section meeting held during the day was that of the Texas Nurseries' association of which E. W. Kirkpatrick is president and John S. Kerr is secretary. Two or three papers were read, several interesting discussions were indulged in and the session, on the whole, was a very entertaining one for those present. The other sections will begin their meetings today and some ten or twelve of them will be in session at the same time in the different buildings.

The exhibits have not all arrived as yet, but those on hand are being rapidly put in shape, and it is plain that a very fine showing will be made when the work is completed. Altogether the congress has started its fourth session under most favorable circumstances. As before stated, there is no doubt that the meeting will be eminently successful in every way. During the intermissions many of the visitors visited the various departments of the college, the experimental plants, barns, etc., and were thus given an opportunity to get information through actual observation as well as through the various lectures and discussions.

A Peculiar Case.
San Antonio, July 24.—A Mexican boy in Shiner's corral on South Laredo street, who is suffering from a bullet wound inflicted several days ago, is furnishing interesting study for local physicians. The boy was shot through the chest with a small caliber rifle and the bullet is lodged near the shoulder blade, but the doctors deem it advisable not to remove it just now, for the boy has a high fever and is in a critical condition. Several years ago he was bitten by a rattlesnake and the effects of the bite are now being felt by the boy. His right hand and arm is badly crippled with deep scars caused by the serpent's venom.

Killed by Lightning.
Hico, Texas, July 24.—Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock lightning struck and killed Morgan Payne, aged 23, and Grover Hammock, aged 16, also killing their horses. Burt Payne was badly injured and is not expected to live. These young men were driving cattle to water two miles south of Lanham, in this county. A younger brother of Grover Hammock was with them, but escaped injury. The Payne boys were sons of William Payne, well known in this county.

SIXTEENTH GUSHER

NATIONAL OIL AND PIPE LINE COMPANY'S SECOND WELL.

News of the Wells Now Drilling—It Is Feared that Gladys No. 4 Will Have to Be Abandoned—Other News From the New Oil Fields.

Beaumont, Texas, July 23.—The National Oil and Pipe Line company spouted its second well yesterday morning, making the sixteenth gusher in the field. The well was completed during the night but was not opened until morning. This spouter came in rather unexpectedly, and the fact that it was completed was not known in the city until this morning. The well discharged considerable oil rock about dark, and the drilling pipe was withdrawn. The gate valve was closed and the well was allowed to stand until this morning, when a T pipe was attached to the casing and the well was allowed to spout horizontally, the danger from fire being too great to allow its being spouted perpendicularly. The new well is about 200 feet east of the Beatty well and 924 feet deep, and a 6-inch casing extends to the oil sand. It has no bearing on the development of the field further than the adding of another gusher. The drilling record was broken in the case of this well, however. P. M. Lee was the contractor, and he brought the well in in seventeen days. The former record was twenty-one days.

The National Oil and Pipe Line company, the owner of the new well, was the first of the big corporations to enter this field. It bought the Beatty gusher and organized with a capital of \$5,000,000. The company has now under construction seven large steel tanks and a pipe line to Port Arthur. It is reported that the well of the Bonanza Oil company, situated two or three miles from Netherlands, has struck a gas pocket which blew the drilling pipe out. The machinery was not seriously damaged, it is said, and operations will be resumed in a short time.

The Guber Oil company, which found a duster east of the hill some time ago, is now drilling a well on Spindle Top, near the Columbia gusher. Contractor Gladys No. 4 for the Guffey company, fears that the well will have to be abandoned. The gas pocket which was struck about a month ago filled the bottom of the well with about 100 feet of rubbish, and Mr. Hamill, after nearly a month's work on this rubbish, has made practically no progress.

The Strike Situation.
Pittsburg, July 23.—The strike situation yesterday was practically the same as on Saturday. Wellsville and McKeesport being the points around which interest centers, and the only new development will, no doubt, emanate from these places. It is rumored that accession to the strikers' forces of men at the Wellsville plant did not take place and twenty loyal men who have stuck to the company went to work yesterday morning as usual. It is expected, however, that this company will endeavor to increase this number within the next few hours. At McKeesport nothing was doing yesterday morning.

Italian Exposition.
New York, July 23.—A United States general committee to promote interest in and to pass on exhibits for the International Exhibition of Modern Decorative Art, to be held in Turin next year under the presidency of the Duke of Aosta, has been formed here and it extends an invitation to communicate with it to architects, artists and manufacturers who desire to exhibit their work.

Freight and Passenger Collide.
Cleveland, Ohio, July 23.—A heavy freight train on the Big Four road ran into a heavily loaded passenger train at Columbia Station, eighteen miles west of Cleveland, last night. Five trainmen were hurt but not seriously. The injured are: Station Agent Harris of Bellefontaine, C. Rath of Cleveland, J. F. Clark, mail clerk of Cincinnati, and two other railroad men, names unknown.

Splendid Rain.
San Antonio, Texas, July 23.—This section of Texas was visited by another splendid rain yesterday afternoon, the precipitation continuing for two hours in the city. Reports from other lying districts show that the rain extended over sixty miles west and all the way to the coast on the east. This has been of incalculable benefit to crop and cotton interests.

Arizona Storms.
El Paso, Texas, July 23.—Within the last forty-eight hours storms of great magnitude have occurred in the mountain regions north and east of Phoenix, Arizona. At Prescott and Iron Springs a terrific rain and hail storm prevailed yesterday and for 100 miles east the streams are out of their banks. The rain came in time to prevent great damage from drought and stopped many forest fires of large proportions.

Must Fight It Out.
Capetown, July 24.—It is reported that General Deloray has informed the Klerksdorp commando that there is no longer any chance of European intervention and that they must fight the war out to the bitter end entirely on their own account.

Bonham, Texas.—George Donahue was bitten by a copperhead and was made quite sick for a time, but will recover.

VENEDITA IN HARRIS COUNTY.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, JULY 23.—LATE LAST EVENING NEWS WAS BROUGHT TO THE POLICE THAT A DEAD MAN WAS ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD NEAR CAYE'S PASTURE, JUST SOUTH OF THE EMANCIPATION GROUNDS, AND THREE MILES FROM THE CITY.

Sheriff Anderson and Detective John Quinn in a buggy proceeded to the spot, taking with them an undertaker's wagon. Following directions, they found the body, prone upon the ground, face down, with a loaded shotgun near by. A horse attached to a wagon was fastened near. Examination of the body showed that it had been shot in the back, and a long, deep gash had been cut behind the left ear. It must have been lying there for twenty-four or forty-eight hours. It had turned black about the face, neck, shoulders and feet. Nobody was seen who could identify the body, so it was brought into the morgue at Westheimer's. After a close search a small strip of paper containing Italian words was found. The only intelligible part of it was "L'averi, A 7044 Second avenue, New York."

The matter is doubtless connected with the killing at Dickinson, the attempted assassination or the shooting of two men, Italians, in this city, within ten days, on at the corner of Franklin avenue and Austin street and another while sitting in his store about 10 o'clock last night in a remote part of the third ward.

In connection with this matter two of the Liversis are now in jail here, and the one now dead at the morgue is supposed to be the one out on bond. Sheriff Anderson and the police are doing all in their power to bring justice to the guilty parties.

It seems from the facts in the case that Houston and Galveston counties are up against a regular Italian vendetta.

The Hot Wave.
Washington, D. C., July 23.—Reports from the Middle Mississippi Valley stations yesterday to the weather bureau did not indicate any relief for the people of that drought and heat stricken region. At St. Louis the thermometer registered 106 degrees, four degrees higher than at the same hour Sunday; Kansas City, 84 degrees, indicating two degrees higher than Sunday; Omaha, 89 degrees, twelve degrees higher, and Austin, Texas, 82 degrees, an increase of eight.

The weather was clear throughout this region, though there was a fall in the temperature at Chicago and the prospects are for cooler weather on the great lakes and later throughout New England. The weather forecasters say there is no sign of relief for the people of the Mississippi valley.

News From China.
London, July 23.—A dispatch from Peking says: Disaffection caused by banditti is prevalent in thirty districts in the central part of the province of Chi Li. The local officials are either disinclined or unable with the force at their command to suppress the trouble. Li Hung Chang, as viceroy is too busy to attend to provincial matters. The troops sent against the banditti showed sympathy for them, many of them having formerly been soldiers. They are better armed than the troops. In a recent conflict a hundred soldiers and officers were killed. The troops of Yuan Shih Kai, governor of Shan Tung, are the only ones that can be trusted to act. The result of dispatching some of them to quell the disaffection is not yet known.

To Try Mandamans.
Austin, Texas, July 23.—State President Michaux of the Traveler's Protective association is here and is authorized by the statement that a suit will be filed in the next day or two in the district court here against the railroad commission for a reduced rate on excess baggage. The suit will be in the nature of a mandamus to compel the commission to give the Traveler's Protective association lower rates on excess baggage, and as Gregory and Batts are the attorneys, the case will be on the order of the Weld and Neville suit against the commission. Michaux says they can show that the present rates authorized by the commission are out of proportion and not in conformity with the rates in force in other States.

Santa Fe Oil Burners.
Cleburne, Texas, July 23.—The Santa Fe road has two passenger engines and four more freight engines in the Cleburne shops being transferred into oil burners. Doubtless others will soon follow. The engine 065 was the forerunner of an entire change on many roads, and it seems that the Santa Fe means to use lots of oil since orders have been put in for thousands of barrels of kerosene here and south.

Machinists Gave Up.
Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 23.—The striking machinists employed at the Dickson works, this city, and the Lehigh Valley shops at Croxton, Wilkesbarre and Sayre, made application today for reinstatement, having come to the conclusion that it would be useless to carry the strike any further.

At the Dickson works all the old hands were taken back. At Croxton about 4000 old hands were given work. At the Lehigh Valley shops in this city applications from many of the old employees were placed on file.

SCHLEY INCIDENT.

A COURT OF INQUIRY WILL BE CALLED ON TO SETTLE IT.

The Names of Men Suggested Who, It Is Claimed, Would Render an Impartial Verdict—Some Comments On the Affair in Naval Circles.

Washington, D. C., July 22.—If Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley desires a thorough investigation of his conduct before and during the battle of Santiago, it can be done by a naval court of inquiry, the members of which can practically be selected by himself. Secretary Long, desirous that the controversy should end, will not further discuss it, yet I am in a position to say that the department is willing that a most thorough investigation shall be made, and if Rear Admiral Schley intimates a desire that a court shall consider the facts, it will be immediately recognized by the department. As showing that the department is willing to give Rear Admiral Schley a fair court, it may be stated that three officers would be selected, all senior to Rear Admiral Schley, who took no part in the operations in the West Indies, or in the discussion that has since occurred. Such men as Admiral George Dewey, Rear Admiral F. M. Ramsay, retired, and Rear Admiral A. E. H. Benham, retired, are mentioned as being especially fit to investigate the conduct of a junior officer. Admiral Dewey's reputation is, of course, well known to the public, and undoubtedly he would render a just decision.

Rear Admiral Ramsay was chief of the Bureau of Navigation before Rear Admiral Crowninshield was appointed to the office, and is regarded by the service as a thoroughly fair, high-minded officer. Rear Admiral Benham has an exceptionally fine record. His services at Rio during the Brazilian revolution of 1894, when he handled the difficult questions with a tact that obtained for him the confidence of the country, are recalled. If any objection should be raised to any one of these officers, the department is prepared to substitute another.

Secretary Long was informed today by the publishers of McClay's history of the navy that they would immediately revise the third volume and eliminate the objectionable comment which Secretary Long in his letter to them stated was intemperate. Mr. McClay has consented to make the revision. Admiral Schley's statement in the Herald this morning that the time for herald has arrived has caused a great deal of comment in naval circles here. If he proposes to institute a suit for libel, the facts may then be brought out in connection with the Santiago dispute. Should this permit a full ventilation, the authorities would be quite willing to have a judicial investigation. Rather than to have more talk without results, the authorities would prefer that the matter should be allowed to die as promptly as possible, as its constant stirring up is regarded as distinctly injurious to the entire service.

Caught Cigar Smugglers.
El Paso, Texas, July 22.—Late Saturday night the United States customs authorities unearthed a gigantic smuggling scheme and captured red-handed three of the men engaged in it. The men arrested are a Mexican customs officer, an El Paso tailor and another, who apparently has no avocation. Some weeks ago one of the men called on a retail cigar dealer of this city and proposed to furnish him 15,000 Mexican cigars of the Victoria de Colon brand per month. The cigars were to be smuggled from Juarez. He closed the deal and notified the customs authorities. Last night the first consignment of contraband cigars were to be delivered. The officers were in waiting and nabbed the smugglers.

Disorder and Distress.
Fort Sill, Ok., July 22.—Disorder and distress will, it is feared follow the actual opening of the Kiowa and Comanche lands on August 6. It is now estimated that fully 150,000 people will have registered for a chance to secure one of the 13,000 claims to be awarded by the Territory when the registration booths close on July 26. The thousands of persons now on the reservation who are neither mechanics nor artisans and who have little or no money, announce their intention of locating around Lawton if they fail to win a claim. Campers, who came in "prairie schooners" by the thousand generally brought with them provisions sufficient only to last five days.

Women Smashers.
Eldorado, Kan., July 22.—Seven women, headed by Mrs. H. T. Grover, president of the local W. C. T. U., entered a "joint" run by a man named Burch, in a tent in the center of town, and demolished a tub full of bottled beer. They took samples of the liquor to the sheriff, who later ordered the joint to quit business. Five hundred people gathered while the raid was in progress. A jointist in another part of town loaded his stock into a wagon and disappeared.

AMBUSHED BY MOONSHINERS.

NASHVILLE, TENN., JULY 22.—REPORTS FROM MONTEREY, TENN., TODAY NARRATE WHICH PLACE THE REVENUE RAIDING PARTY WAS AMBUSHED BY "MOONSHINERS" SUNDAY MORNING, SAY EXCITEMENT IN THE DISTRICT IS AT A HIGH PITCH.

The natives seem to have generally sided with the moonshiners and Collector Bell deemed it advisable to carry his posse to Cookeville, as reinforcements. The moonshiners have boasted that they would not be taken alive, and as they are well armed and fortified in the mountains, a serious conflict is expected. Collector Bell says that one of the moonshiners, Frank Whitaker, has died of wounds received in Saturday's fight, and that another, Will Hall, will have to have his leg amputated as a result of a wound received in the same affray. Thomas Price, the mounted deputy, has been taken to his home in Sparta, while Corder Mackey, the wounded officer, is reported to be in a critical condition. United States Marshal John Overal of the Middle District of Tennessee, will head the reinforcement party leaving here today. Colonel Chapman, revenue agent of this district, will also accompany the force, which will invade a wild country, inhabited by a hardy and desperate people, almost universally hostile to the revenue men, "on general principles."

Galvestonian's Luck.
Fort Worth, Texas, July 22.—Mr. Charles J. Swasey of this city is in receipt of a letter from P. S. Wrenn, who is located at Minnehaha, Ariz., and who is interested in gold mining property there, a large portion of the stock in which is owned by Mr. Swasey. Mr. Wrenn writes that the company is the Oro Mining company and ten men and that the gold taken from the mines makes it most valuable property. The name of the company is the Oro Mining company and the capital stock is \$500,000. Mr. Swasey is vice president of the company. Mr. Wrenn was formerly a resident of Galveston, having resided there over twenty years, and served as county clerk and was for a time in the internal revenue office. He came to Fort Worth a short time before the September storm and lost the greater portion of his property there by the terrible disaster which befell the Island City.

Brewery Strike.
New Orleans, La., July 22.—The strike of the brewery workers is on and every brewery in the city is crippled to a considerable extent. Joseph Probst of Houston, the representative of the National Union of United Brewery Workmen of the United States, is directing the strike. Both sides are very determined and it threatens to be a prolonged struggle. The Central Trades and Labor Council will meet in special session today to indorse the strike and to declare a general boycott against the beer of the eight local breweries. There are forty-one unions in the central body.

Arranged to Burn Oil.
Paris, Texas, July 22.—Major F. H. Bailey, manager of the Lamar Cotton Oil company, returned last night from Houston, where he made arrangements with the National Supply Company of Chicago for the installation of a fuel plant of the latest and most approved design, and with the Waters-Pierce Oil company for a year's supply of fuel petroleum from the Beaumont wells, amounting to from 5000 to 7000 barrels. The plant will be installed in ample time for the next crushing season.

China's Attitude.
Tien Tsin, July 22.—Europeans here consider that speedy recurrence of trouble is likely. It is thought that the feeling in Tien Tsin is that China is in no wise overawed or repentant. Li Hung Chang is reported to have adopted an off-hand tone toward a member of the provisional government, and to have talked confidently of ousting the provisional government soon. The Chinese recommended cutting telegraph wires.

Sold to Combination.
Charlotte, N. C., July 22.—A special from Albemarle says: John Smith and Joel Smith, who own cottonseed oil and fertilizer works at that place and at Athens, Ga., have sold two plants to the oil mill combination. The price paid was \$62,000.

Broke a Policy Wheel.
Leavenworth, Kan., July 22.—Mrs. Mary E. Dickinson surprised half a dozen men in Jack Bachelor's place here Saturday night and smashed a policy wheel into hundreds of pieces with a hatchet.

Two Boys Killed.
Wesson, Miss., July 22.—Joe Pennell and E. Pierce, two white boys about 15 years old, were found on the road north of Beauregard early this morning by a track-walker. Pierce's body was strewn along the track for about two miles. The supposition is that they were stealing a ride and fell between the cars.

Washington, D. C.—England's new peril is believed by diplomats to be in Afghanistan.

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI

CONGRESS NAMED TEXANS ON IMPORTANT COMMITTEES.

A Houston Delegate Is to Be One of the Committee to Present the Resolutions. Congress Adjourned—Texans Visited the Colorado Gold Mine.

Colorado Springs, Colo., July 20.—The Texas delegation is in Colorado Springs and Manitou today. The session of the Transmississippi Congress was completed this morning in short order with but meagre attendance. The greater part of the day was given over to the acceptance of the hospitality of the citizens of Victor, just across the mountains from Cripple Creek. The Texas went through Economy mines, climbed in ore cars and were taken by electricity through a thirty-four-mile tunnel and hoisted up into the big shaft house of the Gold Coin mine, whence they were escorted to the club house. The afternoon was spent until 3 o'clock going through mines and at 4 those not already gone took the short line for Colorado Springs and saw the most wonderful scenery of their lives.

The congress has been a great success and not a Texan but is heartily glad he came. The gavel used by Presidents Gresham and Smith was made of East Texas wood and presented by J. H. Bright of Beaumont.

The resolutions pertaining to deep water have been lost or stolen. Some think the latter. However, this makes no difference, as the original draft of the resolutions as adopted by the committee is in the hands of Member Bigger of Missouri. This will have no effect on Houston and Galveston resolutions. J. M. Coleman of Houston was one of the five appointed to go to Washington to represent the Transmississippi congress in pushing the resolutions.

Resolutions indorsing the action of the postmaster general of the United States in forbidding the rights of second-class matter to "fake newspapers and other undesirable publications" and urging the adoption of 1 cent on letter postage, which had been rejected by the resolutions committee as outside the province of the congress, was adopted.

The following committees were announced:
Advisory Committee.—H. R. Whitmore of Missouri, chairman; C. J. Gavin of New Mexico, Dr. J. H. Neagle of California, Thomas Richardson of Texas, and John Canfield of Minnesota.

Committee to urge upon congress the demands of this organization.—L. Bradford Proce, New Mexico, chairman; H. R. Whitmore, Missouri; Wm. Bunker, California; Robert Graham, Colorado; J. M. Coleman, Texas.

Fremont Memorial Committee.—Alva Adams, Colorado, chairman; S. E. Reading, Arkansas; Sidney Storey, Louisiana; Dr. H. J. Neagle, Colorado; J. R. Barnes, Utah.

Sixty-two Days at Sea.
New York, July 20.—The Argentine transport Guardia Nacional, which has arrived at Buenos Ayres, according to a dispatch from that place to the Herald, picked up off the Falkland Islands a small boat containing a man named Newman and his 9-year-old son. The two were carried away by currents from Stanley, and for sixty-two days they were tossed about in their little craft on the open sea. A small supply of potatoes and turnips on board when they left Stanley saved the father and son from starvation.

Perished in a Squall.
New Haven, Conn., July 20.—In a squall off Captain's Island yesterday afternoon, the yacht Venizita was capsized and only two persons are known to have been rescued. On board the yacht were her owner, Arthur Coburn, a rich Philadelphia manufacturer, and his three daughters; Mrs. Walter T. Spanker of Philadelphia, and a crew of three men. Mrs. Spanker and the steward of the boat were picked up by the tug Gertrude and brought here this morning.

Death of a Priest.
New York, July 20.—Father Philip S. Cardella of the Jesuit brotherhood, whose career as a priest has been somewhat picturesque, is dead. He was found unconscious on the doorstep of St. Francis Xavier college, in this city, and taken to St. Vincent's hospital, where he died without regaining consciousness.

Mysterious Girl Found.
Goshen, Ind., July 20.—Irene Caning, a mysterious girl found near here, and who claims to have been abducted from New Haven, Conn., has not been identified. The girl still says she is the heiress to a \$300,000 estate at Galveston, Texas. She is believed to be insane.

The Strike Situation.
Pittsburg, July 20.—There was no important change in the strike situation yesterday. The points of interest are Vandergrift, Pa., and Dunceville, Pa., where strikers are trying to get the men to go out. No results are reported so far.

Washington, D. C.—England's new peril is believed by diplomats to be in Afghanistan.

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FRIDAY, JULY 26th, 1901.

KEEP your eye on Brackett.

One sweet, ecstatic thought Comes to me o'er and o'er. My wife is away on a three months' trip accompanied by her mother.

One sad, sad thought Is ever present though. To pay for the three months' trip We've got to hustle for the dough.

CARRIE NATION is getting a taste of the jug. She got 30 days for smashing another joint.

Good rains have fallen over the State this week and Kinney County has come in for its share.

Mr. Joe Boehmer, former editor of the Eagle Pass Guide is now editing the Rockport New Era. He's getting out a good paper too.

IF THE people who borrow THE BRACKETT NEWS from their neighbors would subscribe, we could publish a better paper, and have the biggest subscription list of any paper in West Texas.

It is now rumored that the Southern Pacific will straighten the road to Comstock. In such an event Del Rio would probably be left some 6 or 8 miles from the railroad.

WITH an oil boom in sight, two railroads coming, and Fort Clark full of troops, it's no wonder that people from here traveling over the country, are pleased to remark, "I am from Brackett."

A great big slice of the N. Y. & Tex. Land Co's lands come in for taxes part of this year. Next year all will be taxed. This company owns over 200,000 acres of land in Kinney county which has been exempt from taxation for twenty years.

TEXAS.

Rain drops jest a-splashing, Puddles in th' sun 'Flectin' back th' rainbows When the rain is done; Good, old-fashioned Texas, Air perfumed an' wet, Everythin' a-growin', On, she's great, you bet. -J. M. Lewis, in Houston Post.

Lots Sold.

The following is a list of lots sold recently by Mr. Jos. Veltmann: Aug. Studer, lots 1 and 2, in block 2, \$85.00. Mrs. E. Reed, lots 3 and 4, in block 2, \$85.00. Al. Fegan, lots 1 and 2, block 3, \$85.00. Dr. Geo. Fegan, lots 3, 4, 5, and 6, block 3, \$105.00. John H. Stadler, lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, block 2, \$110.00.

It is a pity that there is no capital here available to develop the resources of this section. For we have a county rich in many kinds of ore and oil. Down on the Las Moras at R. V. Sauer's place is an old abandoned gold mine, that was worked long years ago, and later by the Seminole Scouts, but never fully developed. It is reported that the ore assays \$7.00 to the ton, and if that much, is an excellent investment for some man with money to work it.

THE TOWN BOY.

The town boy, as well as town cow, seems to have become a nuisance in almost every town. There are quite a large number of young cubs supported by their parents and allowed to run at large with the dogs and town yearlings, with no one to call their actions into question and they are no doubt, guilty of many crimes credited to tramps. Some of them are known as sneak thieves and they may be worse—they certainly will grow worse every month until the state finally has to teach them trades or neck them with negroes on a convict farm. This is the plain English of the situation and parents who don't know where their boys are nor what they are doing may well inquire into their doings.—The Abilene Reporter.

The Bulletin points to the above allusion of an esteemed contemporary to the town boy and thinks that some Brownwood parents may read with benefit the quotation: "This is the plain English of the situation and parents who don't know where their boys are, or what they are doing, may well inquire into their doings." The county attorney and justice of the peace of Haskell warn parents as follows:

We regret to have your boy before the courts either as a witness against some other boy or as a defendant in the case, but if he has outgrown your authority and your control, he is big enough and old enough for the state to take charge of.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Tell us not in idle jingle, 'marriage is an empty dream,' for the girl is dead that's single, and things are not just what they seem. Life is real, life is earnest, single blessedness is the rib. Not enjoyment and not sorrow is our destined end or way, but to act that each tomorrow finds us nearer marriage day. Life is long and youth is fleeting, and our hearts, though light and gay, still like pleasant drums are beating wedding marches all the way. In the world's broad field of battle, in the bivouac of life, be not like dumb, driven cattle—be a heroine a wife. Trust no future, however pleasant, let the dead past bury its dead; act in the real and living present, heart within and hope ahead. Lives of married folks remind us we can make our lives as well, and departing leave behind us such examples as shall "tell"—such examples that another, wasting time in idle sport, a forlorn and unmarried brother seeing shall take heart and court. Let us, then, be up and doing, with a heart on a triumph set, still contriving, still pursuing, and each one a husband get.—El Campo News.

Tell us not, in verses varied, that a wedded life's the thing; that the brother who is married still hath heart to rise and sing. Life is just an easy amble for the fellow still unwed, but a most exciting scramble when the marriage vows are said. Not a little bit of sorrow is the benedict's sad way; he must beg and steal and borrow, just to keep the wolf away. Days are long, and nights are longer, and his tears of grief shall scald; and his wails shall eke be stronger when he sees he's getting bald. In the world's broad field of battle, in the bivouac of life, if you'd hear a baby's rattle be a martyr—take a wife. Lives of benedicts remind us, we can be a jay as well, and leave single life behind and make life a hairless—sell. Let us, then, be up and flying, flying hence ere we are wed, leave the maidens vainly sighing, and our hair upon our head.—Houston Post.

The Eagle Pass Guide devoted about three columns of its valuable first-page space to what purported to be a write-up of the Del Rio 4th of July celebration, but was in reality an attempt at an excuse for the ball team being defeated by the Brackett boys for the "championship of West Texas". Take it easy boys, you never were the champions anyway.—Rockport New Era.

THE time for the opening of the San Antonio International fair approaches. Will Kinney County have an exhibit? We could have as good an exhibit as any county in the West.

Hello, just what we want.

Dr. Wm. J. Powrie has opened his dental office again at the Post Hospital, Fort Clark. All kinds of work done with neatness and dispatch, at reasonable prices.

Goats can stand a drought. Therefore get yourself some goats.—New Braunfels Herald. So can polecats, but somehow we don't seem to see in this fact a good reason for laying in supply.—Houston Post.

We would respectfully suggest to the scientist who claims to be able to turn a negro white that whatever color you may make an onion, the old, sweet smell remains.—Houston Post.

United States Senators Vest, Elkins and Cockrell are expected to be present at an old settlers picnic which is to be held at Kansas City, Mo., during the second week in July. They will all speak and a fiddlers' contest will be another of the attractions which the Old Settlers' society expects to draw a big crowd.

A New French Hero. Captain Robillot will soon be considered France's newest hero. The work that he has done with a few men has been simply marvelous and exceedingly productive of results beneficial to France. His star threatens to outshine that of Colonel Marchand, which, though glorious, was unprofitable.

Planting Forests in Russia. For some years past the question of afforesting the vast treeless plains of southern Russia as a remedy for drought has engaged the serious attention of the government. The long droughts so common to this region at inopportune seasons are attributed mainly to the absence of woods.

Jackson's House for Hospital. The Mary Custis Lee chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, in Lexington, Va., is desirous of purchasing the old home of Gen. Stonewall Jackson in that town for a hospital, and if it succeeds will name it the Jackson Memorial hospital. The residence is now owned by Gen. Jackson's widow.

Moore's Pilules are a guaranteed cure for all forms of Malaria, Ague, Chills and Fever, Swamp Fever, Malarial Fever, Bilious Fever, Jaundice, Biliousness, fetid breath and a tired, listless feeling. They cure Rheumatism and the lassitude following blood poison produced from malarial poisoning. No Arsenic, Acids or Iron. Do not ruin stomach or teeth. Entirely tasteless. Price, 50c per box. Dr. C. C. Moore Co., No. 310 North Main Street St. Louis, Mo.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Uvalde, Texas, July 24.—Yesterday afternoon at the Parker-Washington company's mines twenty miles from this city, Dudley Brighton, a young man formerly of Gonzales county, was struck and instantly killed by lightning. Three mules were also killed at the same time.—Daily Light.

Marriage Not a Failure.

A New York minister says marriage is not a failure, and that more than 2,500 of the 3,000 couples he has united are happy. His advice to those who would wed and be happy is largely summed up in the following half-dozen don'ts: Don't marry when too young. Don't marry until you can support a wife. Don't marry a girl who can't cook and sew. Don't live in six rooms when three are enough. Don't marry unless you suit each other. Don't come to me for a divorce.

Will Not Be Denationalized.

A meeting called at Glasgow a few evenings ago to protest against the King calling himself Edward the Seventh of the whole nation, resulted in the formation of the "Scottish Patriotic Society," whose object will be to agitate for the rights granted to Scotland by the Union, to foster a liking for the country and to encourage its music, its books and the keeping of its national anniversaries, such as Bannockburn, etc.

Advertisement for Roach & Co. featuring a bicycle and the text: "We are in it again with \$20 & \$30 MACHINES. Roach & Co."

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The above reward will be paid for the apprehension and conviction of any and all parties caught stealing our cattle. Ranch in Kinney County. Reward will be paid when sentence is passed. WEST & BENNETT.

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I will pay the above reward for the arrest and conviction of any party or parties caught stealing any of my Cattle. Ranch in Kinney and Val Verde Co's. R. E. CANNON.

Sojourners at the Riviera.

It is calculated that the respectable sum of \$60,000,000 is spent annually by about 270,000 visitors who frequent the Riviera during the winter season, which lasts about 150 days. This makes an average of \$400 per day. Of these visitors about one-third, or 90,000, are of the English-speaking race—30,000 British and 30,000 American.

Matrimonial Shrinkage.

It was Ernest McGaffey, the writer of verse, to whom a lady said: "O Mr. McGaffey, I have just seen your wife for the first time since your marriage; but I had supposed she was a taller woman. She seems shorter than when I saw her last." "Certainly," said the poet, solemnly. "She has married and settled down."

J. F. NANCE,

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GENERAL REPAIR WORK A SPECIALTY.

A nice line of watches and jewelry kept in stock. Orders filled at once for articles not in stock.

Raising Ducks at Shore.

In Hawaii enormous quantities of ducks are raised by the Chinese upon the edges of the ocean. Twice a day, within restricted areas, they are permitted to eat the young fish which swim in the enclosed coves. Fish are reported to be growing scarcer every year, and by some this diminution is attributed to the wholesale destruction of the young fry by the Chinese.

Gigantic Trucking Industry.

The trucking industry in North Carolina is showing immense proportions. The census figures show that last year 66,450 packages of vegetables, 4,544,050 pounds, 45 cars, 12,504 crates of cantaloupes, 23 cars, 4,153 crates of dewberries, 55 cars, 22,840 crates of beans, and 249,889 crates, 17,499,450 pounds of strawberries were shipped from the Wilmington section alone.

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Tombstones, Monuments, Tiling, Curbing, or for any other purpose.

This is a copyrighted work, and is made by a chemical process. It is guaranteed to withstand all atmospheric agencies, will not seam open by expansion or contraction, like some natural stone of inferior quality. It has been improved to perfection, and will not turn black or tarnish. It gives perfect satisfaction for tombstones and is nice enough to adorn the grave of anyone, although it costs about one-fourth as much as marble.

I can build a cistern that will never leak, or repair old cisterns so they will never leak again. Write to me or call at my shop in Uvalde. J. C. CRIDER, Uvalde, Tex.

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LOCAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Happenings of interest in Brackett and Kinney County.....

The two-story building at Marietta is almost completed.

Cooper was here for a few days this week from Rocksprings buying horses.

Howard Levering, the Nueces stockman, is taking a pasiar in the city this week.

For sprains, swellings and lameness there is nothing so good as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Try it. For sale by Holmes' Drug Store.

It is said that the work of straightening the Southern Pacific line will not be long delayed.

Si Brooks reports that wolves are killing cattle on the Nueces. They attack and kill grown cattle, colts and sheep, and the loss from this source is a big item to the stockmen of this section.

White's Cream Vermifuge is a highly valuable preparation, capable, from the promptitude of its action, of clearing the system in a few hours of every worm. Price 25 cts, for sale at Partricks' Drug Store.

A lot of machinery for boring oil wells is side tracked at Cline, but we were unable to ascertain if it was to be used on the Allen or Tom Perry ranges.

The most stubborn cases of Bronchitis succumb to Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Price 25 and 50 cts for sale at Partricks' Drug Store.

Albert Converse and Ramon Perez are with the surveyors running the line to Comstock.

A soldier accidentally shot himself through the hand the other day while cleaning his rifle.

Dizziness, loss of appetite, flatulency and nausea are all connected with dyspepsia or indigestion. Herbine will give prompt relief. Price 50 cts, for sale at Partricks' Drug Store.

Nance and Studer think the're pretty shrewd and that we are gull enough to swallow everything they tell us. Nance said there were 13 carloads of pile-drivers at Waldo and Studer said there was one car with 13 pile-drivers. It would take a pile-driver to make us believe 'em.

For all fresh cuts or wounds, in either the human subject or in animals, as a dressing, Ballard's Snow Liniment is excellent; while for sores on working horses, especially if slow to heal, or suppurating, its healing qualities are unequalled. Price, 25 cts, and 50 cts for sale at Partricks' Drug Store.

Troops L and M of the Twelfth Cavalry arrived at Fort Clark yesterday from Fort Sam Houston, for target practice and instruction. They brought no horses and will probably remain but a short time.

Mrs. Ada Partrick is here from San Antonio on a visit.

When you cannot sleep for coughing, it is hardly necessary that any one should tell you that you need a few doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to allay the irritation of the throat, and make sleep possible. It is good. Try it. For sale by Holmes' Drug Store.

The Del Rio people are coming our way now.

Evaresto Barrera has another son and heir at his home.

Yes, Ed is all right now, feeling pretty good, thanks.

Walter Fegan was assistant drug clerk at Holmes' this week.

Ed. Ross bought 600 head of goats from Don Anselmo Trevino, of Boquillas, Monday, at \$1.20 per head. Good stock and cheap at above price.

When you have no appetite, do not relish your food and feel dull after eating you may know that you need a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at Holmes' drug store.

Wm. Holmes our good looking druggist, visited San Antonio this week.

Fred Coley is among our new subs. He is a strong Rep. but if he remains here long he will change to the other side.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart of the "Flashes" company are occupying the old Graves place, and we understand that they will locate here.

Misses Laura and Margaret Ballantyne returned from Del Rio Monday. The postoffice looks bright again.

Jake Sharpe was here from Del Rio this week and also contemplates pitching his tent among us again.

Old Vicente, a Mexican long in the employ of the Cornell family died Sunday night.

"Rocky" Rivers and George Marback were in San Antonio the early part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Plummer left for their home at Huntsville last week going overland. Mr. Plummer is very ill with consumption and has been here the past year in search of health.

F. W. Thomme, the Del Rio jeweler and watchmaker, was here this week, and we understand was looking for a location. Mr. Thomme is an old-time citizen of Brackett and The News would be pleased to see him return.

A. M. Gildea was here from Del Rio this week organizing a council of the Order of Columbus, and we hear that he met with excellent success and will return soon to install a council. The order of Columbus gives protection at absolute cost, and is a young and vigorous order. It admitted 4,000 new members in 1899, and instituted 265 councils. It has the most solid and improved plan of any organization in existence and men and women are admitted upon equal terms. Now is your golden opportunity to join. See Mr. Gildea and get in as a charter member.

The Subtle American Joke.
"Did you ever hear the joke about the guide in Rome who showed some travelers two skulls of St. Paul, one as a boy and the other as a man?" asked an American of a German friend, who claimed that he had acquired the real New England sense of humor. "No," said the German, beaming in anticipation of a good story. "Tell it me at once, mein friend, dat joke."

The Biggest Clock in America.
The biggest clock in America is in the tower of a public building in Philadelphia. It is 351 feet from the pavement. Its bell weighs over 20,000 pounds. The dial is 25 feet in diameter, the minute hand 12 feet long, and the hour hand 9 feet, the numerals on the face being 2 feet 8 inches in length. A three-horse-power engine winds the clock.

Willie Partrick accompanied his mother on her return to San Antonio yesterday.

J. R. Dewitt is in El Paso representing Thomas Goggan Bros. of San Antonio.

Payday came off last week and we forgot to mention this very important event in last issue.

Sergt. R. Noal announces that he will not be responsible for any debts contracted by Mrs. Noal.

Dr. Partrick is giving an enlarged picture away with every \$20 worth of goods purchased at his store.

Mrs. Joseph Veltmann and family left for San Antonio yesterday. From there they go to Rockport or Boerne, two noted summer resorts, where they will remain about a month.

In another column we stated that troops L and M arrived yesterday. Only M came; L is expected to-morrow.

Would some power the gift give to me, to tell 'em where the depot'll be.

A COLD glass of the best bottled carbonated water (or soda water) flavored with the purest fruit juices and extracts is not only wholesome and recommended by physicians in febrile diseases and stomach troubles, but is one of the most refreshing and invigorating drinks on the market. Keep a supply on hand during this warm weather and when tired, hot and dry give it a trial.

W. F. Holmes makes the best. See ad in another column.

Messrs. Tom Martin and Gray are here from Spofford. Report their town dry, the rain falling a mile this side.

Ireland's Oldest Inhabitant Dies.
A remarkable Irish centenarian has just passed away in the person of Mrs. Ellen O'Mullane, whose death, at the extraordinary age of 118 years, at Gneevys, near Millstreet, County Cork, is announced. Deceased, who was born in 1783, lived in three centuries, and was certainly the "oldest inhabitant" in the census of Ireland just taken. She had three daughters, who are still living, the eldest now being 82 years, and had besides 25 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A Long Train.
One of the longest trains ever hauled by an engine was run into the yards at Point St. Charles, Montreal, a few days ago from Island Pond, by compound engine 955. The train consisted of one hundred cars, loaded and light, and a caboose, and measured 3,724 feet from the front of the engine to the rear of the caboose. The running time between Island Pond and Montreal was eight hours and twenty minutes, the distance being 149 miles.

Late Bishop's Wit.
There is a spice of mischief in one story told of the late Bishop of Oxford. Dr. Stubbs was auditing the accounts of a national, that is to say, a sectarian, school. Among the items was a charge of £50 for an "occasional monitor." The bishop was asked by one of those present at the audit what an "occasional monitor" was. "I suppose that is the Non-conformist conscience," replied the bishop, with a smile.

Commodore Purchased Yacht.
C. L. F. Robinson, rear commodore of the New York yacht club, has purchased the steam yacht Kethalics, which was built four years ago at Leith, from designs by St. Clair J. Byrne. She is 178 feet over all, 167 feet on the water line and 24 feet 5 inches beam. She is rigged as a pole-masted schooner.

Hundredth Tree Always Dies.
At Peiswick churchyard, a pretty spot between Stroud and Gloucester, England, there are 99 yew trees. The hundredth always died, though it has been planted many times. A local story says that "when the hundredth lives after it has been planted the world will come to an end."

Widely-Published Treatise.
The father of the game of whist, Edward Hoyle, lived to be 97 years old. His treatise on cards has been published in all languages, and probably no work except the Bible has passed through more editions. The original work appeared in London in 1742.

Barbershop
Shaving and haircutting in latest styles.
R. H. Wood, Proprietor.
Korunum Building.

Millions Pass Over Gambling Tables.
The gross income from the gambling tables of Monte Carlo for the year ending March 31, 1900, was \$4,600,000. The amount left for dividends, etc., after the payment of salaries, perquisites to officials and other expenses was \$2,400,000.

Hats Blown Up Four Stories.
Boston has a new windy corner since two neighboring sky-scrapers were completed on Pemberton square. It is not uncommon to see hats sailing up four stories, and policemen are kept busy clearing away wrecked umbrellas.

Outstrips the Swiftest Ship.
For long-distance swimming the shark may be said to hold the record, as he can outstrip the swiftest ship apparently without effort, swimming and playing around them and ever on the lookout for prey.

A Long-Postponed Ride.
A conductor who runs into Fulton, Ky., recently collected on his train a ticket from Cincinnati to Fulton which had been sold on Dec. 21, 1892. The old man who presented it for passage said that just after he bought it he had heard of a wreck on the road, and was afraid to get on the train. He never summoned up courage enough to use the ticket until last week.

A Strange Flower.
One of the strangest botanical curiosities in the world is the "Wonder-Wonder" flower found in the Malay Peninsula. It is simply a blossom, without leaves, vine, or stem, and grows as a parasite on decayed wood. This extraordinary flower is something like a yard in diameter, and has a globular cup in the middle with a capacity of five or six quarts.

It Happened in a Drug Store.
"One day last winter a lady came to my drug store and asked for a brand of cough medicine that I did not have in stock," says Mr. Chamberlain, the popular druggist of Orange, N. Y. "She was disappointed and wanted to know what cough preparation I could recommend. I said to her that I could freely recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and that she could take a bottle of the remedy and after giving it a fair trial if she did not find it worth the money to bring back the bottle and I would refund the price paid. In the course of a day or two the lady came back in company with a friend in need of a cough medicine and advised her to buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I consider that a very good recommendation for the remedy." The remedy owes its great popularity and extensive sale in a large measure to the personal recommendations of people who have been cured by its use. It is for sale by Holmes' Drug Store.

What Potatoes Contain.
Potatoes contain the alkaloid solanine, although this fact is not generally recognized. New potatoes contain comparatively little of this poison, unless they grow above the surface of the ground and have a green skin, when they are generally known to be poisonous. It is not, however, known generally that old potatoes contain much of this poisonous principle, and that many cases of serious poisoning have occurred in late summer when old potatoes were used.

Long Service as Time Keeper.
William Barrow, timekeeper at Gilroy's cabinet works, Lancaster, England, has been in the employ of the firm for sixty-six years. Although over 80 years of age, he is still active, being invariably the first on the premises every morning and the last to leave at night. His father held the keys before him, having joined the house of Gilroy's in 1801, so that the present year crowns "a century of service" by father and son.

Scientist of Antarctic Expedition.
Dr. Walter J. Gregory, head of the scientific staff of the English national antarctic expedition, is the son of a London merchant. He was born in 1884 and recently held the chair of geology in Melbourne university.

Making Orchards Very Productive.
Tasmanians plant apple trees close together. The average orchard is set out 10 feet apart, and it is said that as much as 600 bushels are sometimes gathered from a single acre.

Paid in Compensation.
The railways of Great Britain pay £1,400 a day on an average, in compensation, as against £100 a day in 1850.

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Prescriptions accurately
Compounded at all hours.

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Fresh meat sold at all hours of the day. Also
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MAIN STREET.

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Blacksmith & Wheelwright
Solicits your patronage. He has had thirty-five years experience at the business, and guarantees his work to be first-class. All work entrusted to him will receive prompt attention.

General Repairing
NEW BAKERY
KIEFFER & BITTER, Proprietors. Bakery on Main Street.
FRESH BREAD, PIES, CAKES, DELIVERED EVERY DAY
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THE ARBOR SALOON.
FRED BITTER, Proprietor.
CITY BEER, LEMONADE, SODA WATER.
The Arbor has a lunch counter in connection, where meals can be secured in short order. Oysters, ham and eggs, Swiss cheese, etc.
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Closes October 30, 1901.

MINE THOUGHTS



I love the day—the bright, the golden day—
When Earth is fair on ocean and on land—
When Sorrow smiles and Care is laid away
And Heart and Hope go blithely—hand in hand;
When Summer's breath comes softly thro' the door
And Love ascends the summit of its dream;
When rippling waves roll lightly to the shore
And Heaven's smile lies pictured in the stream;
When Nature trembles with the power of song
And lilts bloom—untrod—by the way—
God loves the day, so let the day be long,
And in the eve—departing—let us say
"Well was the day."

I love the night—the soft—the moonlit wave—
The stars—the stillness and the haunted hour—
When Melancholy, crouching by the grave,
Receives response from every soulful bow;
When Earth is dark and Time goes creeping by
With silent tread, unmeasured by the sigh,
When Love lies mute, unconscious of the sigh,
And past and present are, unbridged, apart;
When Nature sleeps and passion is at rest;
When weary Fancy may forget its flight—
Then, in the Morn, calm on the Father's breast,
May we look backward and behold the night
Pure, perfect, bright.

Days of Suspense.

BY FRANK H. SWEET.
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At fourteen Pierre was already dreaming and planning for his future. He would be a physician and surgeon, like his father, and he would own cotton and sugar plantations and be good to everybody, just as his father had been. Only he did not say much of this to his grandmother. One day when he had mentioned it, she had caught him to her with a wild, passionate "Now, now, my Pierre! My little one! Do not forget your father! You are all that I have left, little Pierre, my baby! You must never leave me. Surely the good God cannot ask more!"

Since then, Pierre had kept his ambition to himself. He helped provide the necessities for the house, and bought little luxuries for his grandmother, and even after these expenditures, was able to save occasional pennies from his papers and errands and chores to purchase books on the science he loved. As he grew older, he longed for an opportunity to go away to the great medical schools, as his father had done. He worked harder, and began to store up dollars instead of pennies.

One day he met Pierre. Pierre, only, as his board increased, he would discover that his grandmother's clothing was getting shabby, or that there was some expensive food or cordial in the market that would please her; and then his money would melt away. But it did not matter, he would tell himself consolingly, his grandmother was getting old and needed these things; there was plenty of time. So he saved more money, and spent it for the grandmother; and boarded again, and again lavished it on the grandmother. But all the time he was working and studying and thinking. He bought books when he could, and borrowed books and pamphlets from the

free library, and from an old physician who was becoming interested in him. And this same old physician took him to the hospital and explained cases; and occasionally even allowed him to assist in the work. At eighteen, Pierre had a general knowledge of hospital practice, and his untrained course of reading had been shaped and made useful by the advice and companionship of the old physician. But there was much yet for him to learn, and more and more he realized the necessity of spending a few years in a good medical college.

He was earning steady wages now as a clerk in a drug store, but the grandmother was getting more feeble, and every day there were household expenses, and new things to be purchased for her comfort. The college was a long way off, but it would come, he told himself confidently. Some day the grandmother would see the future as he did, and then her strong, true self would be the first to bid him go. For the present, he would urge matters; could wait, he would not urge matters; the grandmother had suffered, ah! how she had suffered! Few women were called upon to sacrifice husband, sons and brother in one short week. No, no, he would not urge matters. Every year there were rumors of yellow fever in the city, but only once or twice in a lifetime did it become the tidal wave of death which had desolated the grandmother's life. Pierre had been only a child then, but each year it was brought home to him by the mute terror which the rumors brought into the dear old eyes. At such times he would draw her close to him and promise never to leave without her consent.

The old physician had been a classmate of his father's, and had always treated the grandmother with tender deference and sympathy. One day he met Pierre on the street and told him that he must not go to the hospital any more; there were cases of fever just brought in, and it might not be safe. So Pierre waited, and a few oaks multiplied the cases to twenty; and then a few more days, and the city was hushed in the apprehension of a great terror. Business ceased, and those who were able fled to the hills, to the north, out to sea, anywhere to get away from the plague. The hospital was soon full, and there were not enough physicians and nurses to look after them—then a new building was leveled upon for the temporary use of patients, and then the whole city became a hospital.

Pierre had been working day and night at the drug store, but that was not enough. He had a fair knowledge of medicine, and there was a wonderful lack of help. An appeal had been made to the country at large, but it would take time for volunteers to arrive, and just now every moment was precious. He left the drug store and went home. "Thank God that you are come, Pierre," said the grandmother, fervently, as he entered; "I have been counting on you, and we have been counting on you, and we have been counting on you. It will take us back among the hills. We can get along

some way, mon cher, and at least you will be safe."

But Pierre threw back his head and looked at her silently; and the grandmother after one swift, aged glance at his set face, fell back into her chair with a low cry.

"I feared it would be so, my little one! my poor little one!" she moaned. "The good God has dealt hardly with me, and I hoped that he would let this pass. No, no," as Pierre was about to speak, "I know what you would say. There are hundreds dying, and no one to minister to them. You would give your life. Ah, my God! I know it is right! I have been through it before, and gave all I had. But it was hard, my little Pierre. I am an old woman now, and not as strong as I was when your father and grandfather, and your two boy uncles, came and looked at me as you do now. Not one of them came back to me, little Pierre—not one!" She rocked to and fro, and obeying a sudden impulse, Pierre sprang to her side and threw his arm across her shoulders.

"No, no," he whispered, tenderly, "I will never leave you. We will go back among the hills."

The grandmother shivered as though from a blow, and as she rose slowly



"I feared it would be so!" from her chair, there came to her face the same strong, resolute expression which Pierre remembered to have seen far back in his childhood.

"It is right that you should go, Pierre," she said, softly. "I knew, but I was weak. May the good God overlook our frailties. Yes," in answer to his look, "you may go now. They need you more than I. But hold me close once more, little Pierre, we may never see each other again."

She was standing firm and erect when he looked back at her from the door; then he turned away and gave himself and his thoughts to the duty before him.

The grandmother scarcely left her room during the terrible weeks that followed. Occasionally she heard hushed whispers along the sidewalk, and, more frequently, the dull rattle of the dead cart, stopping here and there to pick up its silent passengers. She did not listen for the footsteps of Pierre; she had given him up. Rumors reached her of physicians and nurses dying at their posts, and of the gradual extension of the plague to other coast cities, but she scarcely heeded. She had given up her future, and now she was gradually falling back into dreaming of the past.

One day slow, uncertain footsteps shuffled along the sidewalk, and then the door opened and Pierre stood before her, big-eyed and emaciated. "The plague has run its course," he said, wearily. "They have no further need for me."

The grandmother look at him wonderingly, incredulously; then, as she caught him in her arms, a look of ineffable joy drove the expression of stony resignation from her face.

"The good God has blessed me," she said, reverently, "even while I was cursing Him. Let us not forget, my little Pierre."

WILL HARNESS THE RIVER.

Electric Power Will Be Developed in the Grand Colorado Canyon.

It is proposed now to utilize the power of the Colorado river, which tears its way through the Grand Canyon with force enough to move the machinery of a thousand mills. For many months hydraulic engineers have been studying the project and they have just made a report. They declare that in 150 miles of the river's course a dozen times more electrical energy can be secured than is taken from Niagara falls. Part of the canyon is in the forest reserve and it also passes through several Indian reservations. If the government's consent can be secured it is intended to install this summer a plant of sufficient size to furnish electrical power to cities, towns and mining camps within comparatively easy reach of the Colorado, and then to increase the scope of the company until all of Arizona and most of the lower part of California can be supplied from the canyon torrent. It success attends the plans of the company one of the chief results will be the placing in operation of many mines of value which have long been idle because of lack of power. The plans of the company include the furnishing of motive power and light to all the cities within reach and to electric railways. It is proposed to build an electric line along the rim of the canyon for a distance of fifteen miles, the better to enable tourists to view the wonders of the great chasm.

Prefer to Remain Slaves.

According to correspondence issued by the London foreign office, 98 per cent of the slaves of Zanzibar and Pemba prefer to remain slaves. Fewer slaves applied for freedom in 1900 than in 1899, because, the British commissioner avers, most of the slaves know that they are not likely to gain much present advantage, seeing that those who were thrown on their own resources have a difficult time to make a living. The masters have been kinder since the slave legislation was enacted, and seek to make their service more attractive.

The Hayes group of copper mines, near Abernethy, the west coast of Vancouver Island, has been sold for \$300,000.

As the World Revolves

The Oldest Graduate.

Rev. Joseph Warren, the earliest living graduate of Harvard college, has just celebrated his ninety-third anniversary of his birth in his comfortable home in Worcester, Mass. Mr. Cross was graduated from Harvard with the class of 1828. He was born at Bridgewater, Mass., in 1808, and was prepared for college by Rev. Pitt Clark at Newton. Soon after his graduation he was married to his first wife, Mary J. Danforth, who died in 1830. At that time Mr. Cross was principal of Chatham Academy. The young Harvard man studied for the ministry in the divinity school of his own university, and also at the Andover Seminary, and was called to the pastorate of the First Congregational church of West Boylston, Mass., in 1840. Thereafter he lived for nearly fifty years in one house. He was a member of the state constitutional convention in 1853 and of the legislature in 1878. Although approaching his centennial, Mr. Cross is active, clear-headed and intensely interested in the



REV. J. W. CROSS. affairs of the world at large and of the old university of which he is a graduate.

Too Many Colonial Dames Societies.

There are now three Societies of Colonial Dames, each one of which claims the sole right to use that title. The claim has caused so much friction among the dames, and at times had so seriously threatened to arouse the old revolutionary spirit, that one of the organizations went into court and demanded that it should decide which one of the three was the one and only original Colonial Dames of America. The court—the Appellate division of the supreme court of New York—once was nonplussed and after long and serious consideration sustained the ruling of the lower court that all three had the right to use the title indiscriminately. As this decision virtually says there is to be one and only original set of Colonial Dames, and moreover, denies the right of mutual exclusiveness, it may well be imagined that the Colonial Dames of all three societies are in a state of mind which can be better imagined than described.

A recent writer proved that nearly all the members of one society of Colonial Dames who could trace ancestry back to the "colonial times" were descended from "staunch old Tories" who never became reconciled to the severance from slavish bondage to Britain. In this respect the colonial dames should not be confounded with the Dames of the American Revolution, who are the actual descendants of American patriots.

A Naid Queen.

Eight young beauties, all society leaders, attired in serge combinations, but minus shoes and hose, contested



CONSTANCE MACKENZIE.

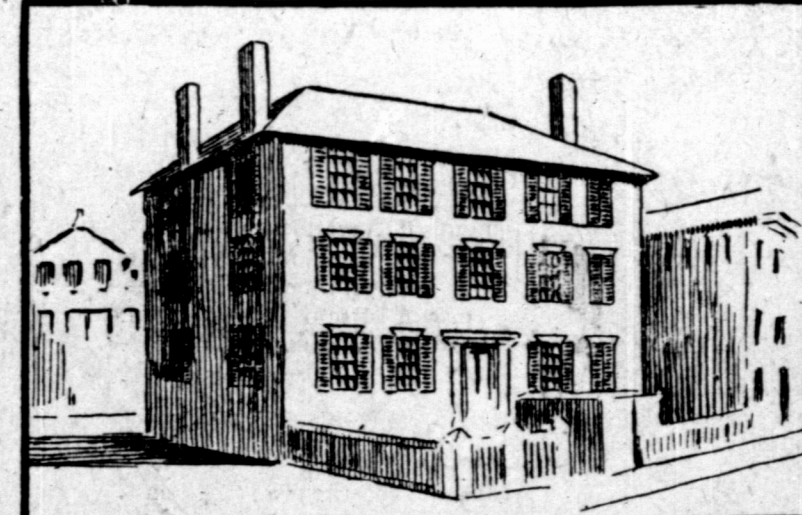
for the swimming championship, says London cablegram. Lady Constance Mackenzie, niece of the Duke of Sutherland and heiress to the Cromartie estates, won the challenge shield gold medal for the third time in succession. Medals previously won by her were worn on her blouse. Her beautiful raven hair fell over her shoulders.

The Polar Expeditions.

The Peary relief expedition, under the command of N. L. Bridgeman of New York, has at last sailed. Mr. Bridgeman expects to find that Peary has discovered the pole, and failing that, has made some important explorations. Mr. E. B. Baldwin of Illinois has also left Tromsø, Norway, with a first-class outfit, a stanch vessel, and plenty of dogs, and expects to reach the pole. Another north pole expedition is that of Captain Bernier of Canada, who intends to enter the arctic regions through Bering strait and drift to the pole. In the meantime four expeditions, German, British, and Scandinavian, are about to sail for the south polar regions. The frozen North and South have lost none of their fascinations for adventurous spirits bent upon solving the polar mystery. Thus far, however, the outcome of exploration has been principally the sending of relief expeditions—an experience likely to be repeated in the cases of Baldwin and Bernier.

Holland is the only country in Europe that admits coffee free of duty.

A HISTORIC MANSION.



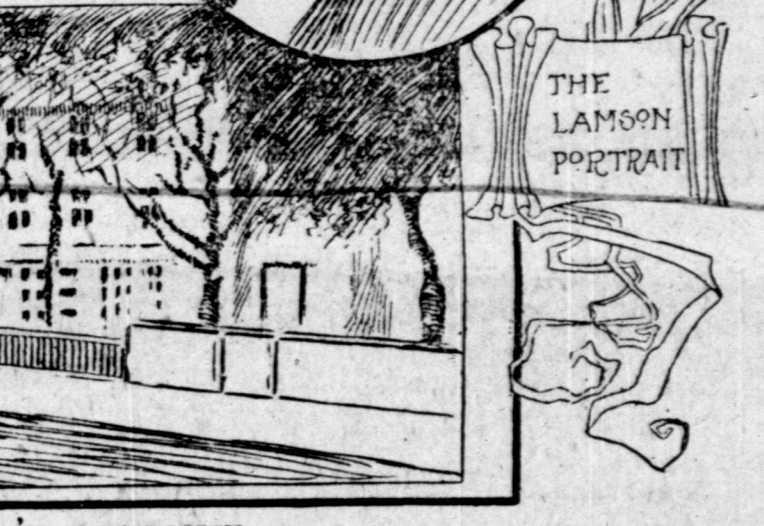
LONGFELLOW'S BIRTHPLACE



THE LAMSON PORTRAIT

The Maine Historical society has voted to accept the gift of the old historic Longfellow mansion on Congress street, Portland, tendered it by the late Mrs. Anne Longfellow Pierce. The acceptance was made only after long hesitation, on account of the conditions made by Mrs. Pierce, among these being that the society should make its home in the building and preserve its occupancy by other similar organizations that may wish to use it as a meeting place. Another provision binds the society to erect a hall for its meetings and accommodation of its library, to connect with the main house, which must be left substantially as it stands. It is also provided that "the two front rooms upon the first floor of the house are to be kept with appropriate articles for a memorial of the home of Longfellow."

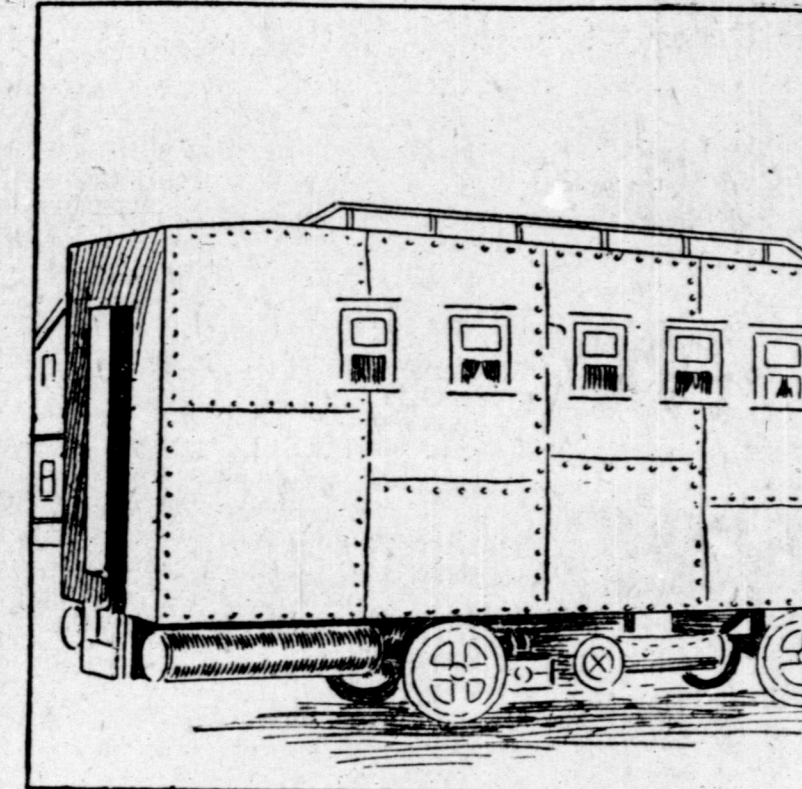
The cost of the proposed hall will be about \$21,000. The Longfellow family will put the house in good order, and by the provisions of the will of Mrs. Pierce, as far as possible, the home-



LONGFELLOW'S RESIDENCE.

like look of the place will be retained by leaving some articles of furniture, especially those of a semi-historic nature.

An Automobile Residence.



A TRAVELING RESIDENCE.

A novel vehicle that has attracted the attention of pedestrians along Wabash avenue, Chicago, for some days is an automobile house, belonging to George Washington, 481 Wabash avenue. It is a traveling van propelled by a forty-horse power gasoline motor, and is intended for a home for its owner and his wife during their wanderings about the country. An old street car has been rebuilt for the body of the house, to which are added an observation and operating platform at the front end, surrounded by large windows, and a porch in the rear. The machinery is mounted on a heavy steel frame, the whole weighing about four tons. Although no great success has as yet attended Mr. Washington's efforts to navigate in the new craft, he believes that when he has put ten-inch tires on it, with teeth to them to catch the ground, he can move his house at a good pace whenever he will.

The Harben medal of the Royal Institute of Public Health will be presented to Professor Koch at a dinner to be held in London in a few days.

Control of Balloons.

A cable dispatch from Paris described how Santos Dumont, the Brazilian aeronaut, steered a cigar-shaped balloon around the Longchamps race course several times, and, after circling around the Eiffel tower, went back to his starting point. The statement, on its face, indicates that one great difficulty in the navigation of the air has been surmounted.

Long voyages in balloons were made forty or fifty years ago. Professor Wise and three others started in a balloon from St. Louis in 1859 and traveled nearly 1,200 miles, landing in New York. Long voyages were also made by other American aeronauts and by balloonists in Great Britain and France, but in every case the aeronaut was helpless. The balloon carried him, not where he wanted to go, but where the winds willed. The problem of sustaining a man in air and of flying through the air was solved, but ballooning of that time was simply a matter of adventure.

All the efforts of aeronauts were then directed to controlling the large balloons in use. No one succeeded. Then came experiments looking to the construction of a balloon that would sustain itself in midair and to the use in connection therewith of a motive power and controlling apparatus that would make the aeronaut the master of his machine. Many of the new balloons were controllable in quiet air, but were utter failures when it came to tests of a practical nature.

Billion Dollar Trust.

A billion dollar cotton seed oil trust is the latest. The Standard Oil, though nominally only a hundred million dollar trust, is really a billionaire, for its stock is selling on a valuation of nearly \$800,000,000 and is worth more. The billion dollar steel trust is really a billion and a half dollar trust. Several of the "community of interest" railroad system run from a billion to two billions and a half apiece.—Ex.

Misleading Figures.

Some time when the National Bureau of Statistics has nothing better to do it might take a day off and revise the estimates of the population of the United States that it gravely presents to the world as mathematical facts. In skimming over that fascinating volume of light literature, the Monthly Summary of Commerce and Finance, the astonished reader finds that our population in the latter part of 1900 indulged in the erratic performances indicated by the following figures:

June	77,816,000
July	77,956,000
August	78,097,000
September	78,237,000
October	78,381,000
November	78,525,000
December	77,980,000

summed afterward. Was there a sudden invasion just then, a pestilence or a hot wave, or did the people drop dead from excitement over the approaching election? Of course the real explanation is simple. The population of the country in June 1900, was not 77,816,000, but 76,394,799. In October the treasury statisticians got the census returns, and thereafter they based their estimates upon those figures, but they never took the trouble to correct their back estimates, which accordingly continue to be repeated, month after month, in all their glaring absurdity. There is a page of these estimates, including population and per capita circulation of money, for every month from June 1896, and all patently wrong. As these are the things on which history is based, why not take time enough to get them right?

Hezekiah Conant, founder of the Conant Thread company of Pawtucket, R. I., now a branch of the J. & P. Coats thread company (Limited), has resigned as treasurer and general manager of his concern because of ill health.

Signor Crispi of Italy.



Francesco Crispi was born in Sicily, October 4, 1819. He took a leading part in the Palermo insurrection of 1848, and after its failure went into exile. In 1859-60 he organized another revolution, landed at Palermo with Garibaldi, and became a member of the provisional government. In 1861 he was elected to the first par-

liament of United Italy, and in 1876 became president of the chamber of deputies. He was for several years premier of Italy but resigned early in 1891, shortly after negotiating a settlement of the claims against the United States growing out of the Mafia massacre in New Orleans. He has three sons in the diplomatic service.

Don't Say Don't.

Mr. William Shaw of Boston said to the Christian Endeavorers at Cincinnati in discussing "How to Hold the Boy."

"Don't be forever saying 'don't.' Remember that boys are hero worshipers that they admire masterful men and women."

Napoleon Bonaparte said that "Mar is the born enemy of doubt." To this we beg to add that the boy is a born hater of uncertainty, of the unexplained. He is also the especial enemy of "Don't." No camel in the desert with all of his stomachs empty ever yearned for water as a boy yearns for a reason. He is a living question mark, and mere affirmation without explanation produces absolutely no effect upon him. Give your boy reasons and above all give him examples and an incentive. This writer is acquainted with a boy three years of age. He declined positively and finally to eat soup.—Ex.

Fishing poles are an article of export from Calcutta to the United States.

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MRS. JUDGE McALLISTER.

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WANT HARDY ORANGE

EXPERIMENTS IN HYBRIDIZATION BY GOVERNMENT.

Orange Tree That Grows as Far North as Maryland, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri—Its Fruit Eaten and Used for Food.

A large crop of paper bags seems to be the yield of a little tree which stands in the grounds of the Department of Agriculture at Washington. There are about fifty of these bags, each with the neck firmly, as close inspection discloses, about one of the terminal twigs. The effect is, rather grotesque. The tree is the particular charge of Prof. Herbert J. Webber, who, with his assistants, is responsible for its bagging. It is a species of orange tree, the variety having been brought to the United States from China about ten years ago with the idea of using it for hedges. It is evergreen, grows about thirty feet high, and has sharp thorns. The fruit is small and runty, and quite unfit for food. But the fact that it flourishes as far north as Maryland, Kentucky, Indiana, and Missouri gives it a great value to the scientists who are experimenting with a view to securing a more hardy breed of orange. And this is the explanation of the crop of paper bags. The blossoms of the tree have just been crossed with the St. Michaels and Sanguina oranges, which are the standard varieties of sweet Florida fruit. Prof. Webber is trying to secure a hybrid which will retain the edible qualities of the sweet Florida orange, and at the same time preserve the hardiness of the Chinese mother tree. One plant with these characteristics would be worth more than a bonanza gold mine. It would serve as the parent stock for thousands of plants which would be grown throughout the Gulf states, revolutionizing the agricultural industries there, and yielding millions to the growers. Experiments with this end in view began several years ago. At the present time the department has about 300 hybrid seedlings. It is expected that some of these will bear their first fruit this fall, though the majority of them will not appear much before next year. The 300 hybrid seedlings which Prof. Webber has secured represent a deal of patient labor. To cross varieties which are closely related is a comparatively simple matter; but the Chinese orange and the Florida variety have been long separated, and have grown in such different environments, that they have almost forgotten that they belong to the same genus, and they do not like kindly to each other. Consequently not more than one blossom out of a hundred fertilized with the foreign pollen bears fruit; and then not more than seven out of fifteen seeds in that fruit will germinate and produce a plant. The paper bags are used to protect the flower which has been fertilized with the pollen of the sweet orange. The first step in the operation of cross-fertilization is the removal of the pollen-bearing stamen from the blossom. This is done with small scissors and pinners. The petals are also removed leaving the stigma exposed. This is all done before the blossoms are fully opened; for by that time there is danger that bees or other insects might have carried the pollen from some open blossom and deposited it on the stigma. When the stamen has been completely removed pollen is gathered from the blossoms of the trees in the government greenhouses and shaken lightly upon the prepared flower. Then the bag is tied tightly in place to make sure that no pollen from the same tree becomes mingled with that already used. After the fruit has had time to begin forming the bags are removed and the twig is marked with a tag giving the name of the other parent. As soon as the seedlings bud they are sent to different parts of the country to be grafted on plants which have already been started. Thus it is soon discovered whether the plant is sufficiently hardy, and the only remaining question is as to the quality of the fruit.—New York Sun.

OUTWITTED THE PLOTTER.

Bride and Groom Were Secretly Happy in the Morning.

A charming young couple were recently married in Detroit. After the elaborate ceremony they sought to escape the joyous throng and start on their wedding trip without letting the curious know whether they went by land water or air. They were pursued by carriages and the carriages were so full that the windows had to be opened to allow for the overflow. It was much like a fox hunt or a paper chase, but the pursuers could not be shaken off, and they were at the dock with the principals of the affair. They harnessed the bridegroom in bright ribbons and drove him to the purser's window. Then they drove him to the cabin and tried to slip the boat with rice and old slippers. An hour later when ordinary schemers would have been at home in bed, a bunch of these plotters were busier than bees when the white clover is in bloom, or the nearest peach orchard is glorified in pink and white. They made a labyrinth of ribbons from the top of the stairway to a certain stateroom door. There was nothing for the passengers to do but to crawl under or take the other side, which they good naturedly did. Everybody was up at daylight the next morning to see how the couple appeared after so vivid an announcement of the relationship that had existed but a few hours. Standing room was at a premium at that end of the boat. Strong men crowded to the front and had expectant children on their shoulders. "Here they come," giggled some. "as the turn of the key was heard. There was an awful silence. The door opened, half closed and opened again. Out came a happy old couple of 65, wondered what the crowd was there for, wondered what the ribbons meant, and went to breakfast. The mystified crowd followed and looked silly. There sat the bride and groom placidly taking their meal. They had simply fooled the plotters at the last turn of the wheel.—Detroit Free Press.

THE AMERICAN WOMAN.

Professor Sees Extremation of Higher Culture in This Land.

"In America, on the other hand, the women are the real supporters of the ideal endeavors; in not a few fields their influence is the decisive one; in all fields this influence is felt, and the whole system tends ever more and more to push the men out and the women in," says Professor Munsterberg in the International Monthly for June. "Theater managers claim that 85 per cent of their patrons are women. No one can doubt that the same percentage would hold for those who attend art exhibitions, and even for those who read magazines and literary works in general, and we might as well continue with the same arbitrary figure. Can we deny that there are about 85 per cent of women among those who attend public lectures, or who go to concerts, among those who look after public charities and the work of the churches? I do not remember ever to have seen in a German exhibition, at least half of those present were not men, but I do remember art exhibitions in Boston, New York and Chicago where according to my actual count the men in the hall were less than 5 per cent of those present. As a matter of course the patron determines the direction which the development will take. As the political reader is more responsible for the yellow press than is the editor, so all the non-political functions of public life must slowly take, under these conditions, the stamp of the feminine taste and type, which must have again the further effect of repelling man from it more and more. The result is an effeminization of the higher culture, which is antagonistic to the development of a really representative national civilization."

Cave Dwellers at Dieppe.

People who only know the gayer side of the existence of the cave-dwellers of Dieppe would be surprised to hear of the existence of the cave-dwellers of the present. They are the same implements of prehistoric times; but here they are at Dieppe, within a stone's throw of the Casino, and they may be seen any day about the town, selling the shellfish from the rocks outside their habitations. They have certain marked characteristics, one being a peculiar complexion of their own that can be traced largely to a disinclination on the part of the cave dweller to avail himself of the water that washes so close to his door. Their language, also, is peculiar; but whether it really belongs to the stone age no one seems to have discovered. They have to hold a license from the municipality, though, which savors of no age but the present.

Catching Commission's Tagged Fish.

Several of the codfish set free by the United States fish commission at Wood's Hole last winter after they had been marked with tags showing their weight have been caught by the Nantucket fishermen. None of the fish had gained much in weight. Fish A, 536, released near Wood's Hole on Jan. 10, was caught off Quindret on April 27. Fish V, 32, released near Nobska on Dec. 21, 1900, and A, 522, set free in Great Harbor, were also caught off Quindret, and a dozen or more fish liberated at Wood's Hole on Jan. 15 have been caught off Sconset, 50 miles away.

Oil for Mosquitoes.

The board of health of the city of Galveston is arranging for a large supply of oil from the Beaumont wells to be used in fighting mosquitoes. The oil will be distributed in all stagnant pools in the city, sprinkled on the surface of water in the gutters and distributed free to owners of open cisterns for use in destroying mosquitoes and the fever-breeding germs which collect in the ponds.

Flea Dislike Tar Paper.

A writer in the Canadian Entomologist states that in Australia, where fleas are plenty, the people keep their houses free from them by the use of tar paper, as they have found that fleas will not stay where it is. He also says that upon trying it in Canada it worked like a charm.

Duck-Picking Contests.

Duck-picking contests are the latest game on Long Island. In a ten hours' race recently Miss Dolly Raynor won the championship over several male competitors. She picked 111 ducks in the allotted time.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY, Notre Dame, Indiana.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of St. Mary's Academy, which appears in another column of this paper. We do not need to expatiate upon the scholastic advantages of St. Mary's, for the catalogue of the school shows the scope of work included in its curriculum, which is of the same high standard as that of Yassar and Bryn Mawr, and is carried out faithfully in the class rooms. We simply emphasize the spirit of earnest devotion which makes every teacher of St. Mary's loyally strive to develop each young girl attendant there into the truest, noblest, and most intelligent womanhood. Every advantage of equipment in the class rooms, laboratories and study rooms, every care in the matter of food and clothing, and exceptional excellence of climatic conditions—all these features are found at St. Mary's, in the perfection of development only to be obtained by the consecration of devoted lives to educational Christian work in a spot favored by the Lord.

No man knows what is to be truly unpopular until he becomes a baseball umpire.

STONE IN THE BLADDER.

My son has suffered with stone in the bladder eight years. I have taken him to several watering places, also to Cincinnati, New York, Chicago and Nashville, where he was put under eminent physicians, with no improvement; on the contrary, it was gradually getting larger, until I lost all hope of getting him cured, when I was told of Smith's Sure Kidney Cure. I had him try it, and to my surprise he began to improve at once, and he was cured with two bottles. His general health has improved wonderfully. JOHN E. DEDMAN, Memphis, Tenn. Price 50 cents. For sale by all druggists.

The value of the fish landed in Great Britain and Ireland last year was fully 9,500,000 pounds sterling, as compared with less than 7,000,000 pounds in 1892.

With a population of 4,780,000, the Argentine Republic possesses 5,081,000 horses. It is the only country in the world that has a horse for every inhabitant.—Indiana Farmer.

GARFIELD HEADACHE POWDERS ARE THE BEST. The ingredients are simple, and carefully selected from remedies that are known to be harmless and effective. Send to Garfield Tea Co., Brooklyn, N. Y., for samples.

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For centuries the world has waited in vain for a perfect man.

There are ninety men in the Scots guards averaging 6 feet 2 1/2 inches in height. Not one is under 6 feet and twelve are 6 feet 4 inches.

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for," OXIDINE the realization.

Prevented by his occupation from attending religious revival services, Oliver Tremble, a locomotive engineer of Waycross, Ga., was baptized recently in the cab of his engine.

The climate of Western Australia is said to be most agreeable, for even if the midday sun is hot, a cool breeze generally springs up toward evening, making the air almost chilly at night.

High heels, it is said, owe their origin to Persia, where they were introduced to raise the feet from the burning sands of that country.

The recent Italian census records the fact that there are 392 persons in Italy over 100 years old; among them are sixteen monks and nuns.

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The man whose only claim to sanctity is a long face should dispose of a portion of his cheek.

"Then what is your reason for marrying her?" "I have no reason. I'm in love."

Some of our anticipations are never in any possible position to be realized.

A man who risks nothing accumulates a bountiful supply of the same.

Some people are never more serious than when they try to act funny.

Roseless thorns sometimes encounter thornless people's heads.

Love may be blind, but in financial matters it has a sensitive touch.

What some people don't know they are forever talking about.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Cocoa Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

It is sometimes a ticklish job to live on tick.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, always cures wind colic, etc. a bottle.

Some men, no difference what time they make, are always beaten.

FITS Permanently Cured. 20th or 21st century after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$5.00 trial bottle and treatment. DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Logic evidently has legs, otherwise it could not stand to reason.

A lady writes, "I do not consider it safe to be without OXIDINE."

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"A Change of Expression."

When a fellow's in gloom it is safe to assume that something or other perplexes; It may be about a small matter of doubt, Or it may be a trouble that vexes. But, whatever the cause, all the natural laws, Combine to make sad his expression, And, to give him his dues, he's a study in "blues."

And "gloom" seems his greatest possession. But the doubtful lion steals o'er the fellow who feels That life has no charm interesting, Yet an accident strange often makes a quick change— A brighter expression suggesting. The fact has just burst that September the first Is the banner day of the whole season, That 'tis joy to exist when the new Premium List LION COFFEE puts out, with good reason. This is news to beguile, and it makes people smile To think of the many surprises, In wonderful things that a Premium List brings In the way of nice presents and prizes. For this knowledge he'll thirst till September the first— If his grocer cannot then supply him, With a Premium List new, he will send us cents two. And we'll very soon satisfy him.

Watch our next advertisement.

Just try a package of **LION COFFEE** and you will understand the reason of its popularity.

WOOLSON SPICE CO., TOLEDO, OHIO.

TORRID SABBATH.

Washington, July 22.—A hot wave of unusual and in many places record-breaking intensity was again prevalent over the central western part of the country Sunday. The central west reported extraordinarily high temperatures to the weather bureau. The maximum temperature line of 100 degrees included the states and territories of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Sunday night at Chicago at 7 o'clock the temperature was 100 degrees, exceeding by several degrees anything ever reported at that time of day. A serious feature is the showing made in the states of Iowa, Missouri and Kansas, where the temperature has been 90 degrees or over for a period of over a month. For eighteen days of this time the thermometer at Kansas City registered 100 degrees or more. Weather bureau officials do not care to make any predictions as to the prospects of relief. They say that none as yet is in sight. The seriousness of the situation to the crops is increased by the lack of rain, none of importance having fallen in the corn belt for three days, and there apparently being no prospect. The rains which gave a partial relief to the states of the corn belt during the last week were not by any means general in character, but a succession of thunder showers, affording temporary relief to the overworked ground and grain. The relative high barometer in the southwest section of the country shows a persistent continuation of warm, northerly winds, and there appears to be no prospect of a change until the appearance of a high barometer in the northwest, where a low pressure now has full swing. Such relief of a local character as is held out in the meantime, it is stated, will be due to local thunder showers, which always accompany periods of protracted heat. Some rains have fallen in the south Atlantic states, the gulf states and in the extreme southwest, notably in northern Arizona. Contrasted with the remainder of the country, the Pacific coast is enjoying a period of cool weather, San Francisco reporting a temperature of 56 degrees as the result of cooling breezes from the ocean. Some of the maximum temperatures reported to the weather bureau are the following, although they are in many instances lower than those recorded by the local thermometers: Atlanta, Ga., 90; Boston, Mass., 90; Chicago, 102; Cincinnati, 100; Davenport, Iowa, 106; Denver, 94; Des Moines, 104; Helena, Mont., 93; Indianapolis, 100; Jacksonville, Fla., 88; Kansas City, Mo., 104; Little Rock, Ark., 96; Memphis, 98; New Orleans, 90; New York, 92; North Platte, Neb., 100; Omaha, 104; Pittsburg, 94; Salt Lake, 98; St. Louis, 106; St. Paul, 98; Springfield, Ill., 106; Yorkburg, 88; Washington, 90.

Join the Union.
Pittsburg, Pa., July 22.—The important event in the strike history of Sunday was the organization of the tube mill workers at McKeesport. The word from here is that after long and arduous work Assistant Secretary Tighe of the Amalgamated association succeeded in organizing 125 men of the National Tube Works company.

At the meeting twenty-five skilled men from each of the departments were initiated in the Amalgamated association, and Mr. Tighe claims that within forty-eight hours enough more of the skilled workmen will be secured to keep the entire plant closed down, affecting 9000 men.

Opposed by Bryan.
Cleveland, O., July 22.—By a letter to G. W. Groff, prominent in the Bryan bolt in Ohio, W. J. Bryan has thrown cold water on the movement. In no uncertain language he informs the bolters that they can expect no sympathy from him. While not pleased with the repudiation of the Kansas City platform by Ohio Democrats, Mr. Bryan emphatically sets his seal of disapproval on any move calculated to do possible harm to the party.

To Have Waterworks.
Muskegon, I. T., July 22.—The city council has directed the ordinance committee to draft an ordinance calling for an election authorizing the issuance of \$175,000 in bonds for waterworks and sewerage. Before the ratification of the Creek treaty last May there was no law authorizing cities and towns in the creek nation to issue bonds for any purpose. Other towns in the nation will shortly pass similar ordinances authorizing bonds to be issued for public improvements.

Smashed a Joint.
Eldorado, Kan., July 22.—Seven women, headed by Mrs. H. T. Grover, president of the local W. C. T. U., entered a "joint" run by a man named Birch in a tent in the center of the town and demolished a tub full of bottled beer. They took samples of the liquor to the sheriff, who later ordered the joint to quit business. Five hundred people gathered while the raid was in progress. Another "jointist" loaded his stock into a wagon and disappeared.

Toward Lawton.
Guthrie, Ok., July 22.—The Rock Island company has put a large force of men at work grading to push the grading of its extension from Anadarko to Fort Sill. The track is laid to within ten miles of Fort Sill, but work was suspended several weeks ago owing to the scarcity of men. It expects to have trains running into Lawton by Aug. 6.

HEALTH MENACED.

Accumulation of Refuse Matter at El Reno Occasions Alarm.
El Reno, Ok., July 22.—Sunday was a very busy day. The city police early in the morning instructed the lemonade and lunch vendors to refrain from yelling while offering their wares for sale, and although the streets were crowded there was but little noise.

The board of health suddenly made the discovery Sunday morning that the health of the community was being menaced by the accumulation of refuse matter from the hundreds of refreshment booths, sideshows, etc., which line the sides of the streets for scores of blocks, and the owners of these were kept busy all day moving them into the center of the street. This move was made none too soon.

The trains Sunday night brought large crowds of people into the city. Gov. Richards looks for a large crowd all the week and he has made arrangements to increase the force if necessary.

MRS. KRUGER DEAD.
The Wife of the Former President Passes Away at Pretoria.

Pretoria, July 22.—Mrs. Kruger, wife of former President Kruger of the South African republic, died Saturday afternoon of pneumonia, after an illness of three days. She was 67 years old.

Mrs. Kruger's long separation from her husband, combined with the death of her favorite daughter, Mrs. Smith, last week, had completely broken her spirit.

Mr. Eloff and many other members of the Kruger family were, at her bedside when she passed away.

Day of Prayer.
St. Louis, Mo., July 22.—The high record up to Sunday was 106, made in the early 80s. From 7 a. m. Sunday the thermometer showed 90 degrees until 3:30, when the mercury suddenly climbed. Hardly a breath of air stirred all day, and the little breeze that did circulate came as from a furnace. The parks were thronged all day and late into the night by thousands.

The governor's proclamation to pray for rain was generally heeded, nearly every church in the city holding well attended services.

Great Increase.
Birmingham, Ala., July 22.—A summary of monthly reports made by the Southern Iron commission shows that in the first half of the year shipments of pig iron and cast iron pipe from the Southern field (Alabama and Tennessee) were much larger than during the same period last year. For the first six months of this year the shipments of pig iron from Alabama and Tennessee aggregated 730,930 tons, an increase over the same period last year of 71,395 tons.

TEXAS IN TYPE.

A Number of Happonings that are Presented in Few Words.
Manuel Acosta, a Mexican, suicided at El Paso.

Nick White, colored, was killed near Troupe by lightning.

The McGregor Electric Light and Power company is using Beaumont oil for fuel.

Two saloon men, charged with keeping their saloons open at Hillsboro on election day, were fined \$100 each.

The Katy road paid the controller \$2484.83 tax on \$243,481.01 of passenger earnings for the quarter ending June 30.

A new town is to be established on the extension of the Texas and New Orleans railroad nine miles north of Naacogoches.

William MacKenzie, the only son of Sir Kenneth MacKenzie, a Scotch nobleman, died at Houston from morphine poisoning.

The body of M. S. Gallagher was found at Dallas with a pistol beside it. He was a brother-in-law of Internal Revenue Collector Hunt.

Rev. Percy T. Fenn, rector of St. James, Episcopal church, Texarkana, has been tendered a call to the rectorship of Trinity church, Mobile, Ala.

"French Bill," a noted negro character of Tyler, who for a number of years waited on the supreme court when in session at that city, has passed away. White friends attended him in his last hours and buried him.

MATTERS LIVELY.

New York, July 22.—With temperature in the corn belt from 100 to 106 in many places and practically no rain over Sunday, the excitement in the corn market exceeded anything that took place there last week or the week before. Not since the corn failure of 1894 have prices soared as they did at the opening Monday morning, and even during that year the volume of speculation was light as compared with the enormous buying reported from all parts of the country.

Brokers came down to their offices earlier than usual to see whether there had been any change in the situation from that reported in the special bulletin issued from Washington late Saturday night, but private telegrams from every section of the corn belt showed no relief, and what was of more importance the weather authorities held out no hope of any change in the immediate future.

It was still dry and hot, drier and hotter than before the record-breaking month of July, at the same time doing more damage to crops which have withstood the trying conditions so long. Reports began the opening of the market stated that corn had burned badly in many sections of Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, with Iowa beginning to need rain and the corn crop there deteriorating somewhat. With the drought extending into the great corn states of Iowa and Illinois, the trade felt the situation more acutely than heretofore and the excitement attending the opening of the market was intense.

The mass of brokers stood around the pit watching the great dial on which the record of the Chicago opening could be read and wondering whether the market would be 2c, 3c or 5c higher than the seasonally high prices of Saturday. At the close Saturday thousands of bushels of corn had been sold for fear of rain over Sunday. A great many had gone short for a possible break in the price.

A few years ago corn sold at 19c a bushel, and 55c Saturday's closing price at Chicago, seemed very high. Shortly after the gong sounded the hands on the dial started at 55c, moved through 56c, 57c, 58c and finally touched 59c. The opening prices as quoted at Chicago showed opening prices to be 59c to 59c, an advance of 2@4c per bushel from last week and an extreme advance of 16c a bushel above the level prevailing a month or six weeks ago here. September corn sold to 61 1/2c.

In Chicago the pit was completely demoralized at the start, but later the intense anxiety over the situation threw a quieting influence over the average operator.

One Hundred Common.
Washington, July 22.—One hundred degrees temperature was common throughout the great corn belt Monday, according to reports to the weather bureau here. In various places all previous heat records were smashed.

In Des Moines, Ia., the temperature officially reported Monday was 108; in Springfield, Ill., 108, and in Cincinnati and Louisville 105.2, in each case breaking all previous records.

FOURTEEN THOUSAND

Persons Registered at El Reno and Hundreds at Lawton.

El Reno, Ok., July 22.—Monday's registration at this place was another record-breaker—14,556 were registered. Two thousand of these were old soldiers and 800 of them were women. The booths remained open until 6 o'clock. One thousand, seven hundred and sixty-four were registered at Lawton. Total of both places 118,591 up to date.

The cheap rates made by the railroads in the north and east will bring thousands who had never thought of coming. It is reported that 200 factory girls are coming from New York and Pittsburg. There are many "tender feet" here now. Most of them are greatly surprised to see a civilized city. They expected to see nothing but cattle ranches and none but cowboys and Indians. There are thousands of Indians living near here, but few of them come to town during the excitement.

They are greatly annoyed by strangers, who crowd around them. Most of them run from the kodak lenses, of whom there are many. The Indians generally are afraid of a camera.

W. J. Edwards, a civil engineer, has laid out a town for women only. The company is named the Women's Mutual Townsite company, and is located not far from Anadarko. About fifty El Reno women are behind the scheme. The women say that they want to show the men that they can conduct city affairs and attend to business matters in a manner far superior to men.

The postoffice department has established eight extra delivery windows and still handles mail with difficulty. All around bad men are becoming more numerous, and private detectives have been sent to protect the people.

BURNED TO DEATH.
A Mother and Three Children Meet an Awful Fate.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 22.—A whole family was burned in a Pennsylvania avenue tenement fire shortly before 8 o'clock Monday morning. The mother and three children are dead and the husband is badly burned and is now at the hospital. The explosion of an oil can was the cause of the fire.

From what can be learned, Mrs. Rataz was preparing breakfast in her apartments on the third floor of the tenement house in the rear of 2716 Pennsylvania avenue shortly before 8 o'clock. The fire in the kitchen stove was not burning as quickly as she wanted it to and she took an oil can and poured some of the oil on the fire. In a moment a blaze from the grate of the stove ignited the oil in the can and an explosion, which was heard throughout the house, followed.

The burning oil was scattered over the room, setting fire to the clothes of Mrs. Rataz and her children. The husband was in an adjoining room and his injuries were sustained while trying to save his wife and children.

SIXTEENTH GUSHER

On Spindletop Put in an Appearance on Sunday Afternoon.

Beaumont, Tex., July 22.—The National Oil and Pipe Line company brought in a gusher Sunday night about 7:30 o'clock on the Adams tract, block 23, Spindletop Hill. The well was finished without spouting more than was necessary, because of the oil flowed from the well several hours before it was finally finished, but it was not permitted to spout over the top of the derrick. This was prevented by keeping a heavy water pressure on top of the oil. Monday morning a pipe with an elbow was screwed on the casing and the valve opened. The oil was thrown in a six-inch horizontal stream fifty feet away. The well was then pronounced a success by the National company and accepted. The well is on the ten-acre tract belonging to Adams, upon which the Beatty gusher was brought in, and the well is the second well to be brought in on this land. The new well is about 250 feet to the east of the Beatty. It is a six-inch well, cased off to the rock. The hole drilling was all removed from the hole and it is in every respect a perfectly finished well, and ready to shoot oil into the tanks at the rate of about 30,000 barrels a day.

P. M. Lean & Son are the contractors, and in putting down the well they have broken all records for fast drilling. The drilling was started on July 4 and finished Sunday night, making just seventeen days since the hole was commenced. The next best record for fast drilling was held by Ben Arper, who drilled the Heywood wells, the No. 3 well being drilled by Mr. Harper in twenty-one days, and Mr. Lea takes four days off this time. Experience will eventually bring the time of drilling down, but few of them will equal this time, because, added to experience was a remarkable streak of luck, which made it possible for the well to be drilled without a single delay caused by accident.

The National Oil and Pipe Line company is the company which purchased the Beatty well. It is now building pipe lines, tanks, pumping stations and has already completed one steel tank with a capacity of 37,500 barrels, which is located a half mile east of the hill.

This is the sixteenth gusher on Spindletop. There are as many as half a dozen, perhaps more, wells which may be finished this week. In this number are the Beatty No. 2, Spindletop Oil company, the M. K. & T. Oil company, the Manhattan, two Guffey wells and other possibilities.

The M. K. & T. company is now down 700 feet, with a ten-inch pipe, and drilling is progressing remarkably well. This is perhaps deeper than any other drillers ever put down a ten-inch pipe, and there is a probability that the well will be something out of the ordinary, although it is yet too soon to predict anything.

Mexican Central Wreck.
El Paso, Tex., July 22.—The Pullman attached to the regular south-bound Mexican Central train was wrecked 100 miles south of El Paso Monday afternoon, and fourteen passengers were injured, some of them seriously.

The accident was due to the carelessness of trainmen, or the fact that a native engineer was pulling the south-bound. At Montezuma, the north-bound was met and an effort was made to exchange first-class coaches. It got away from the brakeman and ran several miles down the steep grade. The south-bound train backed after it, and when it was stopped the collision occurred, smashing the Pullman and knocking it from its trucks.

Soon to Begin.
Pecos, Tex., July 22.—The Cactus Oil company expects to commence boring its well on the Ross section in a few days. This company has a proven field and developments show oil of the finest grade. The property is located in Reeves county.

The Consolidated Oil company's well on section 114, Pecos county, struck oil at a depth of thirty-seven feet. The oil is of a very fine grade. The well will be put down until the reservoir is struck.

FARM, GARDEN, LIVESTOCK.

Late rain helped cotton.
Cotton needs rain in many counties. Coke county expects half a corn crop.

Recent rains in Kansas benefited corn. Kaffir corn is doing well in Nolan county. Forage crops will be short in Wilbarger county.

Cotton and grass are reported all right in Coke county. Wheat yielded from eight to ten bushels per acre around Ringgold.

Late corn in Hopkins county was benefited some by the recent rains. The rains last week in the vicinity of Vinita, I. T., practically saved the late corn.

Douglas & Neil of Van Alstyne shipped two cars of cattle, and hogs to Sherman. Grasshoppers and drouth have injured corn in the neighborhood of Margaret 50 per cent.

W. H. Sutherland shipped twenty-seven choice cows to New Orleans from Abbe, near Victoria. There is considerable complaint of loss of cattle in the vicinity of Margaret from fever and other causes.

The steamship Monarch cleared New Orleans for Cape Town with 1100 horses and the Michigan with 1200. Indian and Kaffir corn, milo and sorghum have been greatly benefited by the recent rains around Matador.

Hon. J. B. Doyle of Sildell, Denton county, says he has stopped selling his wheat and will use it for feeding purposes. Norman J. Colman, secretary of agriculture under ex-President Cleveland, says south is more disastrous than civil war.

Bee county's first bale of cotton for the season was raised by E. J. Kinder, of the Clareville settlement, and ginned on the 13th. Some Kaufman county farmers have cut their corn for fodder, it having passed that stage where rain would be of any benefit.

According to the tax assessor's figures, Nueces county has 52,775 cattle, an assessed valuation of \$950,740; 78 hogs and four dogs having any cash value. Some farmers in the vicinity of Mount Calm are successfully reducing the ranks of the grasshoppers by shooting into their midst with shotguns loaded with peas. John Razor, of near Allen, Collin county, has 600 acres in corn, of which he thinks 300 acres will yield as much as thirty bushels per acre, or 9000 bushels. The other 300 acres, Mr. Razor says, will not do so well.

A horse being ridden into Lockhart was discovered to have the glanders. The animal was appraised by a committee and the sheriff was ordered to have the beast killed and his body burned, which was done at once by the sheriff.

Advices from the Beaumont and Orange country show that charbon exists to some extent in those sections, but nothing like as bad as in some parts of Louisiana and Mississippi, where in one or two places it has become epidemic.

The Mexican government is considering the proposition to remove the duty on American corn. The action of the government is based on the theory that the farmers who are holding their crop for speculation will not turn it loose unless forced by competition.

S. Y. Trice, a Dallas county farmer, expects to raise, despite the drouth, thirty-five bushels of corn per acre. He says he planted his corn three and a half feet apart, thereby allowing each stalk to secure more moisture during a rain.

The recent fine rains in Tom Green county have greatly benefited corn planted in June, and it is thought a fine crop is assured. Fine pasturage is a certainty, and cotton and sorghum will also do well, despite the ravages of the grasshoppers.

John J. Myers has bought the flock of goats owned by Judge A. B. Kerr, on the Medina, numbering about 700 head. Mr. Myers says he has arranged with another party to take them on the shares.

J. H. Gregg of Altman, Erath county, purchased two sections of land five miles west of Roscoe, Nolan county, paying therefor \$3.50 per acre. Several other recent purchases have been made in that county by parties from different counties of the state.

Dr. William Sutherland, health officer of Bolivar county, Mississippi, says anthrax is causing wholesale destruction of mules, horses and swine in that county. They die so fast that they can not be buried or burned, and the air smells most foul.

Albert Barnett of Abbott, Hill county, says he will make a fair crop of corn. He attributes his success to the fact that he thinned his corn and keeps it far apart. With a few showers Mr. Barnett says he will have a splendid crop.

Judge Rufus Hardy of Corsicana claims to own a farm in Freestone county that will produce this season 8,000 to 10,000 bushels of corn and from 600 to 800 bales of cotton. J. Johnson, who is manager, says the rainfall has been that could be desired.

There is considerable fatality among stock in the Helena, Ark., section from charbon, which seems to be growing worse, several planters having lost from one to a dozen head of mules, while cows and hogs have also been attacked.