

FIRST DAY OF CARNIVAL

Weather Prevents Roping and Racing, Also keeps Many Away. No Dance.

The late bad weather that we have been having has put the ground in such bad condition and there being no steers brought in as arranged for no roping was had. There were not many people in town on account of the muddy condition of the roads and the threatening attitude of the weather.

A few young ladies came in during the day but most of them returned home before night. At night several of the boys went over to Gomez to attend a dance held there. They report a fine time. The roping was put off till the next day.

The new quarantine regulations place Childress county, heretofore free of the quarantine, in the infected district and cattle in that county cannot come out of it except when especially authorized to do so by a federal inspector. Garza county is removed from all restrictions heretofore prevailing there. In Oklahoma, Greer county is placed below the quarantine line, and all restraints removed from Custer county. The new regulations are now effective.—Ex.

Lake Arthur is a new town in N. M., situated four miles north of Atesia. A month ago the townsite of Lake Arthur was a broad prairie but now contains eighteen houses and there are contemplated for fifty-five more. It is another artesian well boom town and people are flocking in from all sections.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Craig on Feb. 15, a girl.

Grand Duke Sergius Assassinated.

While driving through the streets of Moscow last Friday Grand Duke Sergius was blown up by an assassin's bomb. The bomb is said to have been thrown from a passing sleigh, although other reports have it that three students are responsible for the Grand Duke's death.

The bomb was thrown directly under the duke's carriage, blowing it to fragments and completely decapitated the duke and otherwise mangling him horribly. The driver was badly burned and died shortly afterwards. The horses were not hurt. St. Petersburg is greatly excited over the event although the news of the duke's death does not come as a surprise to them for it has been universally known there for some time past that the terrorists had marked him for a victim. All Russia is in a tense state of excitement and it is rumored that the Russian authorities are now more in favor of peace proposals with Japan than ever. Reports from Berlin, Germany say that travelers from St. Petersburg report that the terrorists have marked three more of Russia's leaders for assassination—the Czar, Governor General Trepoff, of St. Petersburg and Interior Minister Boulegan,

Following the assassination of the grand duke an extraordinary Council of the Empire has been summoned to consider the situation resulting from the assassination of Sergius.

The burial of Sergius will not take place for some time partly on account of the unfinished condition of the new burial chambers of the Cathedral at St. Petersburg but mostly from the fact that ancient customs demand that the entire royal family walk behind the coffin at the funeral. This would give a bomb thrower a chance of a pot shot of the entire Russian dynasty and the members of the royal family are a little timid about being seen on the streets just now.

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The President's Answer.

In Response to an invitation from a confederate camp at Paris Texas, to visit that town President Roosevelt wrote:

"If I can arrange the schedule of my trip to San Antonio so that I can stop at Paris, I shall most certainly do so, in order to have the pleasure of meeting your camp. On that trip I shall be on my way to San Antonio where I took part in raising a regiment, most of the members of which had fathers who either wore the blue or the gray in the great war.

"Personally I had kinsmen on both sides. Two of my mother's brothers fought in the confederate service; one by the way served on the Alabama under Admiral Semmes, the leader of the wife of that gallant ex-Confederate, Luke White, whom I made Governor of the Philippines. I was but the other day that I designated the only living grandson of Stonewall Jackson as a cadet at West Point, and have just made Jeb Stuart, Jr., United States marshal for the eastern district of Virginia."

A Petition.

The following petition, gotten up by R. F. Randal and others of the Pride vicinity, was circulated here during the Carnival by Mr. Randal, who secured a long list of signatures in a short while ranging from the names of the most influential citizens of Terry county to heedless youths who are just beginning to feel the power of a legal voter.

To the Honorable A. C. Wilmeth, State Representative of the 101st District:

We, your constituents desire to submit to your honorable body the fact that there are in Dawson county at this time as many as (14) fourteen holdings as assignees of School Lands of the original lessees of the State of Texas. Besides other extended interests of a like character in the most of our adjoining counties, consequently we respectfully ask you to favor us with your best effort in support of the bill now before the House, giving prior right to purchase as assignees of the said original lessees of the State of Texas.

Signed by
Eighty-seven Names

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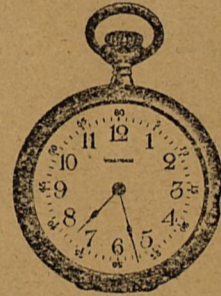
A few couples met at the court house last Thursday night and spent the evening hours in music and dancing. The lancers stayed until after the clock had struck the midnight hour. A few of the boys, Jack Ford, Walter and Will Dixon, and Hugh Bostick went over to Gomez in the afternoon returning at night in time for the dance. Splendid music was furnished by Messrs. Thompson Bostick and Elzie Groves. Those present were Misses Bina Compton, Myrtle Nicks, Lavina Brooks from Gomez, Annie Hamilton and Nez Bess.

Messrs. Walter and Will Dixon, Jack Heal, Lawson Bess, Chalk Morgan from Petersburg, Mark C. Banks Groves, Tom Criswell and a number of others whose names we were unable to obtain.

Roosevelt Versus Trusts

The Kansas Oil Fight is causing much excitement in Washington. The Standard Oil is regarded as trying to get its hold on the Kansas and Indian Territory oil lands in effort to stifle competition and thus increase its already enormous power but Roosevelt does not propose to let by and idly watch the proceedings. Kansas has arrayed herself against the Standard Oil and is preparing to fight to the finish and Roosevelt is going to lend a helping hand.

According to reports he has ordered the Bureau of Commerce and the Department of Justice to get in concert and ascertain the exact operations of this particular trust down in the Territory oil fields. Roosevelt seems to think that he has the game grabbed and intends to show the Nation how to bust trusts.



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Brownfield, Terry County, Texas

Application has been made for Second-Class Postal privileges.

Friday, Feb. 24 1905.

Death of Jesse Hill.

On the morning of February 24th 1905 at 25 minutes before 6 o'clock a. m. in the town of Brownfield Jesse Hill died. He was born Aug. 16th 1836, and was 18 years, 6 months and eight days old. A little over six months since the writer first met Jesse and since while boarding at his father's became well acquainted with him as he was assisting in conducting the hotel. He always showed himself a kind and clever host. His amiability and general deportment won for him a large circle of friends, and a feeling of sadness and regret for his early death prevades the entire community. A nobler, truer or more devoted nature never lived. This was Brownfield's first burial and there could not have been a sadder one.

He has a father, mother, brother and three sister to mourn his loss. To the bereaved ones we can only say that the ways of Providence are past finding out, and that the pale horse and his conquering rider lays the shepherd's Crook beside the peasant and the peer.

Loving hands have laid Jesse away in a newly made grave, the first dug in Brownfield history, where he waits the trumpet call of the resurrection.

A Friend

Second Day of The Carnival.

The morning of the second day of the Carnival up to ten o'clock showed signs of rain. But by noon most all the clouds had disappeared and the evening program was carried out as scheduled. There was quite a good attendance considering the condition of the elements. After the first roping was carried out according to the day's schedule program several of the ropers clubbed together and pulled off another contest about an hour after the first was finished. Following are the names in order of the ropers in both contests and time made.

FIRST ROPING.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Time. Includes S. H. Bostick (52 sec), John Wyatt (1:05), Lewis Byers (1:06), Claude Criswell (43), Walter Holloway (00), Clay McGonnigal (35), Tom Criswell (35), Billy Connell (00), George Lee (00).

It will be noticed that Clay McGonnigal and Tom Criswell made the same time, this tie was not contested, it being decided to split first and second money between them. The first and second money in this contest being \$50 and \$20.

Claude Criswell took third money which was \$10.

SECOND ROPING

Table with 2 columns: Name, Time. Includes S. H. Bostic (42), Claud Criswell (00), Billy Connell (00), Tom Criswell (00), Walter Holloway (52).

Lewis Byers 53 1 2
Clay McGonnigal 23

The first and second money in this contest was \$30 and \$10, going to Clay Gonnigal and Hugh Bostick respectively.

The World's Gold.

The theory held by miners that the gold in the earth has been deposited from solution has been demonstrated by several experimenters. Daintree prepared a solution of gold and left it in a small piece of metallic gold. Accidentally a small piece of wood fell into the solution. The solution decomposed, the gold assumed a metallic state and collected and held to the small piece of undissolved gold, which increased in size. Another investigator heard of this and made a dilute gold solution, in which he immersed a piece of iron pyrites and left it there a month. He added also organic matter and at the month's end the pyrites were covered with a film of metallic gold. Pyrites and galena were next tried, and each was covered with gold.

Fast Time by Freight Train.

In order to reach the port of New York with a shipment of cotton intended for Liverpool spinners, a freight train on the New York Central recently covered a 437-mile run in sixteen hours and twenty minutes.

Cause of Cancer.

Henry Morris, an Englishman who has given much attention to the subject of cancer, recently called attention to the pernicious influence of the clay pipe and the decayed tooth in causing cancerous growths.

Mutilate Corpse of "Witch."

After the death of a reputed witch some peasants of Hungary mutilated the corpse in the belief that she would otherwise reappear and suck the blood of living persons.

Mexico, D. F.

"Mexico, D. F.," as the postmark on all Mexican postal matter reads, means "Distrito Federal," or Federal District, and corresponds to our Washington, D. C.

Danger in Hunting in Winter.

It is known that a person hunting in the winter time should be careful not to run the muzzle of his gun into the snow, lest the end of the bore become filled with snow and the gun burst when fired. While the snow would be almost infinitesimal in weight, it would have to start instantly into motion at the rate of perhaps a third of a mile a second, when the powder is ignited. While it may be hard to realize it, more force would probably be required to accomplish this result than the strength of the gun barrel could stand, and the barrel would rupture under the strain.

Not Afraid of Man.

On one occasion a naturalist in trying to photograph the nest of a ruff stationed his camera not more than two feet away; but while he was in the act of focusing the instrument the bird fearlessly stepped into the nest and began to cover herself with the lining of soft fiber. She was photographed several times, and was then boldly lifted off the nest and carried some distance. The naturalist hastened back to the camera, but before a photograph could be had the ruff was calmly seated on her nest again.

Feminine Attire.

It is hard to see why one thing is proper and another improper in feminine attire, why what a woman doesn't wear at the opera would be considered shocking in the daytime and what she wears while bathing in a mixed company would make the best policeman she met on Fifth Avenue speechless with amazement.

It is on record that when the dreadful balloons of the middle of the last century were abandoned there were many reformers who did not approve of the way in which the Miss Florence McPhersons of the time began to show the natural curve of their figures. Dear good old days of nice people with nasty minds, who looked at the thought of having legs, and whose vocabulary was a mass of polite words that were apologies for the fact of sex.

After all, it is a good thing that the "pull back" skirt is to go. It is ugly. And, unlike most other eccentric creations of the sartorial mind, we found it impossible to grow accustomed to it, in spite of its universality.

THE PRECAUTIONS HE TOOK.

They were important to the Old Farmer. The farmer in Quakerland county was driving across a railroad track when a train killed both his horses and mangled him about ten rods off his house. In the resulting suit for damages the plaintiff was on the witness stand, making out a good case, when the defendant's lawyer asked him: "Did you take any precaution before driving upon the track?" The witness seemed reluctant to answer, but being pressed to do so, finally stammered out: "Well, squint, I took a little—just a couple of swallows, that's all." This started a new line of defense, and it turned out that the couple of swallows were the last in a pint flask that had come from the honest old farmer along the road. This put a new face on the situation.—Lewiston Evening Journal.

To Cure Sneezing

A medical paper says a sneeze is instantaneously dispelled by pressing the finger upward against the division of the nose at the point where the upper lip inside joins the gum. Another plan is to exhale all the air possible from the lungs the moment you perceive indications of a sneeze.

The "Spitz" Dog.

The Spitz dog gets its name from its sharp pointed nose. "Spitz" means "sharp point" in German and the Spitz was a favorite German breed before he became known in England and America. The Spitz is known also as Dalmatian dog, because his native home is in Dalmatia.

The Bee in Haymies.

The French army has discovered that bees can be used as messengers in time of war. One has flown four miles in twenty minutes with a message. When liberated they will return to their hives, just as a carrier pigeon will return to its loft.

Had Had Enough.

During some recent army maneuvers at Fort McPherson a sentinel was stationed in the road. A farmer came along and his horse, unaccustomed to the sight, bolted and upset the soldier. After going a short distance the farmer managed to pull up and then, turning to the soldier, indignantly exclaimed: "Why the mischief don't you get out of the road?" "Good lord!" exclaimed the disheveled warrior; "you ain't coming back, are you?"

Women as Legislators.

Advocates of woman's rights should know that ladies of quality sat in the council with the Saxon Witas, deliberated and signed decrees along with the king, bishops and nobles. In the time of King Henry III. and Edward I. four abbesses were summoned to parliament, while in the parliament of King Edward III. there were represented by their proxies the countesses of Norfolk, Ormond, March, Pembroke, Oxford and Athole.

Wu Writing His Book.

Minister Wu Ting-fang is already at work on the first of the books he declared he would write as soon as his diplomatic duties afforded him the opportunity. In his first volume Mr. Wu will give, in popular style, his impression of America, which will be published in England for circulation in this country. The book will later be printed in Chinese for circulation in his own land. Mr. Wu is reserving his choicest thoughts for his book, apparently. Recently a reporter asked him for an interview on the coal strike. "I can't talk to you about these matters," Mr. Wu said. "Don't you know that I am now engaged in writing a book which will give my impressions of America?"

The Planet Venus.

The conditions of the planet Venus are most like those on the earth, but there is a strong suspicion that Venus has no night or day, but always keeps the same side toward the sun. If this is really the case, then the sunny side must be always burning hot and quite dry, while the opposite side must be always incased in ice—nay, more, in a mixture of ice and solidified atmospheric gases. The life of such a world must be very different from any that we know.

Unique Wedding Party.

A short time ago a wedding took place at St. Luke's church, Reddall Hill, Cradley Heath, England, at which a man named John Hill was married to a young woman whose name was also Hill. The fathers of the bride and bridegroom were each named John Hill, the witnesses were all named Hill, and both the bridegroom and bride resided at Old Hill.

Regulate Korean Clothing.

The Korean government has ordered that all Koreans, without regard to rank or class, should not wear clothes except of a blue or dark color.

Daily Newspapers.

The daily newspapers of the United States use in a year \$23,197,000 worth of paper; in weight nearly 100,000,000 pounds.

To Rebuild Campanile.

It will take five years to rebuild the Campanile of Venice. The new tower will probably have an elevator.

Average Age of Senators.

The average age of senators is 59 years; eight are less than 45.

Discouraging Suicide.

A favorite method of suicide in Japan lately has been to leap over certain waterfalls. So frequent have such occurrences become that police are now constantly stationed in their neighborhood, and large notice boards are erected bearing inscriptions in large letters, of which the following is an example: "Do not drown yourself here! Intended suicides are warned that heaven disapproves of the utilization of Kegon waterfall for the purpose. This is certified to on the best priestly authority, and serious consequences in the hereafter are guaranteed. To drown here is also forbidden by the prefectural authorities."

Government Must Be Neutral.

It is expressly provided in the constitution of Colombia that "when one state of the Union shall be at war with another, or the citizens of one state shall be at war among themselves, the government of the union is required to preserve the strictest neutrality."

Ambiguous.

Among a number of notes received by a teacher in excuse for the absence of children was the following: "Dear Teacher—Kindly excuse Minnie for having been absent yesterday, as she fell in the mud on her way to school. By doing the same you will oblige Her Mother."

FUTURE USES OF OLD AGE.

When Elderly People Will Do Most of the World's Work.

Our old men are going to be our future workers, if we are to credit a theory propounded in a recent work of Prof. Eli Metchnikoff, of the Pasteur Institute in Paris. He reminds us that, in the case of some of the most industrious of the lower creatures, such as ants and bees, the workers are distinct from the breeders, a third or neutral sex having been evolved by modification of one or both of the others. With man, no neutral sex has appeared, but both sexes cease the work of reproduction at a fixed period of life. This, then, is the most favorable period for work, and, when science has eliminated the infirmities of age, as Prof. Metchnikoff believes it is now able, or soon will be able, to do, the aged will be our most vigorous and efficient toilers. This is a paradoxical conclusion, and one that will hardly gain the consent of all physiologists.—Success.

Is Jewish Exclusiveness Passing?

"Is Jewish exclusiveness becoming a legend rather than a reality?" asks the London Chronicle in connection with the following data from Australia which would seem to suggest an affirmative answer. In New South Wales, according to the recently published matrimonial statistics, during the last year no less than sixty-seven Jewish selected husbands from the Church of England, while 17 mated with Catholics and 11 found their affinities in the Presbyterian fold. One hundred and fifty-one Jews were united to Anglican wives, 62 to Catholics, 13 to Presbyterians, 12 to Methodists, 4 to non-denominationalists and 2 to Congregationalists, while a solitary son of Israel is reported to have wed a Baptist. Altogether out of 781 Jewish marriages, 311 were more or less "mixed."

Rain Makers in Australia.

The rain-making hoax, which has run its course in this country, is being worked extensively by "drought-busters" in Australia.

New York's Visitors.

The average number of visitors in New York city is estimated at 250,000 and their stay is ten days.

Bandanna Is Indian.

Bandanna is derived from an Indian word signifying to bind or tie.

Changed His Mind.

"I wish dear," said the little woman in the ermine stole, "that you would come with me to Mrs. Smarting's tea. It's going to be so much fun, and the men—"
"The men my dear," interrupted the man in the paddock coat. "The men who go to pink teas aren't worth mentioning. And as for fun. Do you call it fun to stand around on one leg and sip hot water and munch animal crackers and listen to the wail of the long lost—I mean longhaired vocal genius, just because the candles are shaded with pink tissue paper, and there is bunch of pink roses on the mantelpiece? No I thank you my dear! I am willing to take Bobby to the circus, take you shopping and take your mother to the theatre and the museum, but I won't take anybody to a pink tea."

"But," she protested, "this isn't going to be a pink tea. It's a Hunnarian tea, and the men always come to one of those. It's the latest fad and you'll meet half your business friends there. The hostess gets a lots of girls together, the prettiest ones she knows. She asks them to wear the Hungarian peasant costumes, and really, if anything could make a girl look pretty, those bonnets and short skirts—"
"Short skirts?" interrupted the husband meditatively.
"Yee, and silver girdles. Well the tea is made in true Hungarian fashion, and served with a glass of French brandy."

"Brandy?"
"Yee, and lots of sugar. You lift a lump of sugar with small silver tongs, dip it in brandy, then set fire to it with a lighted taper, and drop it burning into the tea."

The man in the paddock coat looked doubtfully at his wife. "And is every fellow allowed to have all the sugar he wants?" he asked.
"Why, of course."

"And is each piece of sugar dipped in brandy?"
"Certainly, my dear."

"Then I'll go," was the unhesitating rejoinder. "I guess that business can wait until tomorrow."—Ex.

Crossing Torn Up.

The crossing troubles between the Orange and Northwestern and the Kansas City Southern have had another inning, and apparently to the advantage of the latter road. Deputy United States Marshal Dorrough returned from the point of confluence of the two lines, and while there tore up the crossing that had been placed in by the constructors of the new road under authority of a state court, which had enjoined the Kansas City Southern from interfering with the building of the crossing. A warm time between the two companies had preceded the decree of the court and a contest of strength and vigilance had been on for some days. The crossing was peacefully effected after the injunction was procured by the new line, the Kansas City people also deciding to appeal to the courts. The matter was taken before Judge Bryant of the United States court and upon hearing the evidence he decided that the injunction had not been properly granted. The judge therefore ordered that the crossing be torn out, and issued orders restraining the defendant company from placing it back. To execute the order of the court Deputy Dorrough left for the summit at once, and from there was conveyed on a special train to the crossing and tore...

Irregularly Colored.

The unprecedented drought and consequent failure of all kinds of crops this year has focalized public attention in San Saba county on the subject of irrigation. Nature has done everything necessary in the way of abundant water supply, for the lands favorably located, and all that is needed is the application of the water to the land to make the entire San Saba valley a veritable garden. Many are in favor of the land owners forming a home company, each man taking stock in proportion to his acreage. Others are in favor of offering inducements to some company or syndicate to furnish the money needed, the land owner entering in to a contract to pay a certain annual rental per acre, and crops both standing and the prompt payment of the contract.

The people are ripe now for some man or company to step in and make a good thing for all parties concerned. The crop of hay that is being harvested in Bee county this year is larger than ever before known. The demand for mowing machines has been in excess of that of any other season. Many ranchmen are putting up hay in large quantities.

Grant's Size.

Eibel was making her first visit to the metropolis and her eyes were big and wise with wonder at all the strange and curious things she had seen and heard. She had seen Conroy, the dazzling; Brooklyn bridge, the wonderful; Central Park, the beautiful, and all the sights which her young aunt had selected for her to see. Finally they came to Grant's tomb as the last thing to be seen and remembered. Eibel stood thoughtful a few moments looking down upon the sarcophagus, then she whispered, overcome with the immense size of it: "Auntie Claude, was he a giant?"—Boston Journal.

Sense of Smell in the Aged.

Old people have an atrophied sense of smell, and they do not seem to be conscious of this infirmity. Even when they can scarcely distinguish one familiar odor in ten, and when they take strong smelling liquids for pure water, they assert that they enjoy the perfume of flowers. Their visual images, for they recognize the perfume of flowers when they are able to see them. The olfactory nerve thus has an independent intellectual existence, since it is capable of functional revival.

Unwearying Trust.

I will not ask to have my cross removed. Thou knowest best the weight my heart can bear. But give me strength unnumbering to go. And happy still some pilgrim's load to share. I will not ask continual ways of peace. I will not ask to have my cross removed. I will not ask to have my cross removed. Only inspire me with unwearying trust. That when I plant the unliest seed for thee. Thy love shall raise it, blessing, from the dust. —Lulu Wheldon Mitchell.

Rain that Does Not Reach Earth. In the Colorado desert occur rain storms during which not a single drop of water touches the earth. The rain can be seen falling from the clouds high above the desert, but when the water reaches the strata of high, dry air beneath the clouds it is entirely absorbed before falling until the distance to the ground.

Profession of Christianity. The professor of Christianity who has never been convicted of any crime, but who has been convicted of many crimes, is a man who has been convicted of many crimes. The professor of Christianity who has never been convicted of any crime, but who has been convicted of many crimes, is a man who has been convicted of many crimes.

Garner Living in Obscurity. Bellamy Storer, United States minister to Spain, says that Admiral Cervera is living there in obscurity and comparative poverty. No Spanish minister will give him a post. He receives no pay while off duty and can get no assignment.

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The Queen of Fort Concho.

(By A. B. C.)

An old man with silvery locks stood on the banks of the beautiful Concho, where the great power house is located, which furnishes water and light to the city of San Angelo.

I was waiting for the afternoon east bound train, and to pass the time away strolled down to where he was. The first frost had fallen and a few leaves were drifting along the bosom of the rippling waters. Now and then a pecan would fall from the swaying limb overhead, and go plump into the stream. It was the picture of autumn, of those melancholy days, which are the saddest of the year.

As I approached, the old gentleman said, "good morning" in a kindly manner. After saluting him we drifted into conversation. He said, "No, I don't live here, only in memory. My home is far away, where the Wabash winds its blue waters through the cold soil of the north. Thirty-three years ago I was a soldier at Fort Concho. Ah, how time speeds by, as if on the wings of an Eagle! I was a young man then, my life was full of hope. Now I am old and feeble, and yet it seems as but yesterday."

The tears began rolling from his pale blue eyes, and I sat down on the bank of the stream and thumped pebbles into the water, while he talked on.

"Yes," he continued, "one moonlight night, thirty-three years ago I was right here, and she the morning star of my life was with me. West Texas was not very well civilized then. The Indians made occasional raids, and ever and anon some good man was left stiff and stark for the wolves to prey on. But I was not scared; I loved Maggie and she loved me, and we thought but little of danger.

It was in the middle of May. A severe thunderstorm had raged in the forenoon and some rain had fallen. But the sun sank behind the Twin Mountains in the West without a cloud to veil it. The evening cannon sent its echo up and down the river, and Old Glory, which floated from a great pole in the center of the parade grounds was lowered for the night.

Maggie and I came down for a boat ride. On the way I gathered some pretty flowers. I never saw a prettier night. The full moon came up out of the east and sprayed the rippling waters with its silver rays. The mocking birds sang sweet songs to one another from the tree tops above and the soft zephyrs that fanned our brows, were cool and as fragrant as the dew laden breezes from a Florida orange grove in blossom.

I was happy, no bird of paradise could have been happier. We talked of love. We planned for the future. Our courting began away back in Indiana, before her father was transferred to the department of Texas, but the longer we were together, the more I loved her, and while time may rob me of my youth and vigor, while it may to some extent destroy my memory, I never have or never shall forget how she looked with her eyes cast down on a little bunch of wild flowers that she held in her hands. It has been my opportunity to see many of the grand pictures made by famous artists. But Magie, poor lost darling! I have never seen anything half so sweet or half so pretty.

We talked on, so full of life yet near the abyss of death. In an instant there was a mighty roar of water up the river, I knew what it meant and turned the boat to the bank, I struggled with superhuman strength. But in vain. That wall of angry waters rushed upon us, the boat capsized and we were separated—yes separated forever. I made wild and desperate lunges towards her, but, my God, each time the cruel waves carried her farther away. I never gave up, but fought with the mad waters until they carried me out on the sand bar—and she, poor precious darling, was in eternity.

It was many days later when I came to myself in that hospital up yonder. For two months I wrestled with brain fever, and the first time I was able to collect my thoughts I begged God to let me die. Another world held my precious Maggie and I wanted to go there too. But my request was not granted. Whenever I closed my eyes I could see the angry waters carrying her away. And when at last I would close off to sleep, I could hear her calling to me to her from across on the golden shore of paradise.

When I fully recovered I went back to Indiana and made a fortune. I traveled over many countries but I would always see my darling, her white face upturned in the moonlight and the angry waters of the Concho carrying her out of my reach.

I am an old man now and rich, and have come back to the Fort of the Conchos to find again the last resting place of my darling and put a monument over it to her memory. But the ravages of time have defaced every trace of her grave, and now, thirty-three years after I find myself on the banks of the beautiful Concho, with the frost of years upon my brow and nothing left in life to live for and now my only wish is to go home. Then I can meet my darling face to face across the rolling Jordan, where no angry waves will upset the golden boat on which we shall sail together through eternity."

The clock over in San Angelo struck twelve. I bade the old gentleman good-bye and went to my dinner. Three hours later I was aboard the train, rushing towards Saint Louis, thinking of a good time and the grand sights of the fair. But somehow I could not forget the stranger I met that morning, and I was deeply impressed with his heroic devotion to the memory of a woman he truly loved.—South West Texan.

The above story was taken from a paper other than the South West Texan and it seems that part of the story was left out and we have taken the liberty to fill up the intervening space in order to keep up the connection.

Coreless apples, seedless orange, and stoneless plums are already accomplished facts. Perhaps in time we shall have the thornless rose, the rootless pig, the butless goat and the kickless mule. The millenium will get here if we only give it time. Ex.

Dr. Reynolds of Lubbock, who was down last week to see some of Brownfield's sick folks returned home last Saturday. While here he visited Mr. Pyeatt's family to investigate the small pox situation and said that although it was a genuine case of the disease but that there was no danger of its spreading under the precautions taken by the county. He said that all those now sick are convalescent.

Kansas on the Warpath

Kansas is on the war path and again attracts National attention. This time she has arrayed her self against the Standard Oil Company. The entire commonwealth of the state is aroused and from present indications the Oil Company will have a hard fight. Kansas has several causes that she considers sufficient excuse for action, some of which are: An increased freight rate that almost doubled the cost of petroleum shipment by rail and stopped the transportation of oil other than by the Standard Oil pipe lines.

A system of discounting pipeage, by which the producer lost 3 per cent for impurities that were not present, and 1-2 to 1 per cent as a charge for "steaming" the oil.

A belief that the Standard Oil was trying to depreciate the value of oil land holdings so that it could secure them cheap and confiscate them.

Kansas has \$400,000,000 to fight with and the promise of powerful aid outside the state.

Floyd Pyeatt had a slight attack of the La Grippe one day this week.

Elzy and Bank Groves came in Tuesday to attend the Carnival.

Misses Bertha Tow and Lavina Brooks from Gomez came in Tuesday to attend the Carnival.

Clay McGonnigal, the expert roper of the Midland vicinity, came in Tuesday for the Carnival.

Billy Connell, from the southwest part of the county, was in town Tuesday.

Harvey Jones, from the northwest portion of the county came in for the Carnival last Tuesday.

R. Conley, from the west part of the county, came in for the Carnival.

Virgil Boone, a citizen of the northeast part of the county, was in Tuesday for the Carnival.

Mr. Chalk Morgan, a well known citizen of Hail county, from the vicinity of Petersburg, came in Tuesday for the Carnival.

There was no roping contest on Tuesday, the first day of the Carnival, on account of there being no steers brought in as contracted for. The condition of the ground being considered as unfavorable.

Commissioners' court adjourned last Friday afternoon and Commissioners Gist and Shepherd returned home the same day. Commissioners Groves and Adams remaining over for a day or two on account of the weather.

Mr. T. R. Boone, a prominent citizen from Gomez, was over last Tuesday. While in town he made The Herald an appreciated visit and paid for a year's subscription.

M. V. Brownfield was in from his ranch last Tuesday. While in town he called at The Herald office and left an order for two yearly subscriptions of The Herald.

An Opinion.

Fort Worth Texas Feb. 16.— "The statement made by Col. Slaughter of Dallas in to day's News surprised me no little," declared S. B. Burnett, the owner of three large ranches in the Panhandle country.

"While the severe weather is terrible, still we must not look upon the dark side of a situation. There is moisture in the ground from the snow and sleet, and this will make the weeds and

wild onions grow, together with enough grass in the low places to start the cattle in good shape in March. What I most fear is a bad March.

"We all know what a cold, bad March means. My opinion is that the man who has fed this winter and who has taken care of his poor cattle will suffer but little from losses. I am feed-

ing 2,000 head and I commenced it before the second blizzard and I have received no bad results from either one of my ranches. It occurs to me that losses will be local propositions; that is to say that you will find one man who has been a heavy loser right alongside of another whose losses have been very light.—Dallas News.

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