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lief is a tremendous power in the soul of a good man. It allies us with intelligence. Science, natural and ethical, religious and divine, was, in each law and principle, first a belief. It began to be in some one's belief. All intelligence, all positive mental force, is originated and expressed in faith. Unbelief thinks nothing; it is the negation of thought. Pessimism is only another name for unbelief. It annihilates God and right. It banishes hope and joy.

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### Was He Homeless?

"Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head."

This scripture is often quoted by persons who glory in their poverty, who love to sing, "No foot of land do I possess, no cottage in this wilderness," believing they are in that respect like Him. But may it not mean that the world was His home; that Jesus was so emancipated from self that he claimed for Himself personally no abiding place? His spirit of universal brotherhood embracing all homes, and love of others overwhelming all desires for His own individual self, substituting universal love for personal love. The true religion of universal love knows of no self. Becoming citizens of the grand universe "robs us of a country and a home."

Jesus had many personal friends who had always felt honored by His presence under their roof and no doubt had no lack of the objective accessories of home. All external necessities comprising home in a worldly and material sense at His command. But this was not what He sought. His own personal interest was swallowed up in His zeal for the welfare of others. He came not to do His own will, but the will of Him that sent Him. In what a heart-breaking tone He exclaimed: "O, Jerusalem! How would I have gathered you as a hen gathers her brood under her and ye would not!"

A table may be spread with palatable food, but the persons to be benefitted must be partakers of the same. Not even Jesus Christ would eat food to nourish another. He could provide all that was needful and cry, "Come unto me all ye who hunger and thirst," but He did not compel them to eat, drink and be filled. It was spiritual food He had to give, as well as multiplying the water of life that He offered; as wine for the wedding feast. And down to the present day are the words still potent: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst

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### MOST HORRIBLE DEATH

#### A YOUNG LADY BURNED TO DEATH WEDNESDAY.

#### Was Kindling Fire With Kerosene-- Particulars of the Sad Affair.

Yesterday evening late, while making a fire with coal oil, the daughter of Mr. T. A. Gaskins, who lives five miles northwest of town, was horribly burned by the can exploding and setting fire to her clothing. None of the men folks were in the immediate vicinity of the house and by the time they arrived, the young lady having fled into the open air with the wind blowing a gale, she was burned almost to a crisp, living only a few hours. At least five of the family were severely burned in fighting the flames, and Mr. Gaskins' hands are very painfully burned.

The explosion of the can scattered fire in every direction, setting the house on fire, which was quickly burned to the ground with all its contents. There was no insurance and the loss falls heavily upon Mr. Gaskins.

The attending physician, Dr. Warnick, says he has hardly ever before seen a more pitiful sight than the condition of Miss Gaskins, she being burned from head to foot and every vestige of clothing except a few scattering rags were consumed.

Nothing could call forth the sympathy of the people to a greater extent than this sad occurrence. The family has only been here about a year, but during that time they have greatly endeared themselves to the entire community, all of whom join The Mail in heartfelt sympathy.

We are not advised as to Mr. Gaskins' condition financially, but he has suffered a very heavy loss, and if aid is needed we feel sure that the people of Merkel and Taylor county will come to the rescue and help him to partially regain a foothold.

The young lady, we under-

stand, will be buried tomorrow. She was a very lovable girl and bore her suffering with Christian fortitude, and her death is one of the saddest and most heart-rending we have ever been called upon to chronicle.

The directors of the First National Bank had their regular semi-annual meeting yesterday and found that popular institution in a most healthy financial condition. The usual semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent was declared, and Cashier Berry was busy this morning sending out checks to the stockholders. As a safe, sound, conservative and profitable institution, this bank stands towards the head of the list in the west.

Mrs. Ed Hudson of Chicago, is the guest of her friend, Mrs. Geo. S. Berry.

The Representative convention held at Baird Monday instructed for W. J. Bryan for the Legislature, there being no opposition vote. The platform adopted was an imprint of the platform adopted at the Senatorial convention, which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

#### A Panacea for the Blues.

A cigarette is a little roll of paper, tobacco and drugs with a little bit of fire on the front and a great big fool on the rear. It is never known to precede any but a fool.

A new weekly paper in Alabama is called the Hillbilly Herald, and its motto is thus announced: "Dimmycrat in Principul; Agin the Railroads and Revenoo; A Free Ballot and a Fair Count; Wildeat Licker and Free Tobacco."

These are the days that try the soul, and set men hunting the cyclone hole; when the clouds are black and the winds are high, and washtubs and boilers go sailing by; when the rain comes down with a mighty roar, and the hailstones fall on the crops galore; when the women fly in scanty array, and sit in the storm house and wish for day.

Here is a puzzle that puzzles everybody: Take the number of your living brothers, double the amount, add to it three, multiply

the result by five, add to it the number of living sisters, multiply the result by ten, add the number of deaths of brothers and sisters, subtract 150 from the result. The right hand figure will be the number of deaths; the middle figure will be the number of living sisters, and the left will show the number of living brothers.

Following is the unique farewell to Dakota of a Kentucky man who had decided to return to the blue grass country: "Four miles from a neighbor; sixteen miles from a postoffice; twenty-five miles from a railroad; fourteen miles from a school house; forty-one miles from a church; one hundred and eighty miles from a democrat; half a mile from water; a quarter of a mile from hell and the same distance from a Republican. 'God bless our home.' Gone to Kentucky, which is God's country, to get a fresh start."

"We had a delightful time last week," said the city cousin, who was describing the joys of metropolitan life. "One evening we trolleyed out to a suburban home and ping-ponged until nearly midnight, and next day we automobiled to the Country Club and golfed until dark."

"We had a purty good time last week, too," ventured the country cousin, with a sarcastic smile. "One day we buggyed over to Uncle Josiar's, and us boys got out in the back lot and baseballed all afternoon, and after we had dinned we sneaked up to the loft and lit a candle and poked until nearly midnight."

#### To Dedicate Stony Point.

The Stony Point battlefield reservation is to be formally dedicated by the American scenic and historic preservation society on July 16, the anniversary of the storming of that Hudson river post in 1779, by "Mad" Anthony Wayne. The society has built a pier to accommodate the largest river steamers, and has altogether expended \$3,500 in making the reservation attractive and accessible. Governor Odell will declare the reservation open, and S. W. Pennypacker, of Philadelphia, will make the oration.

#### Last of the Snufftakers.

The venerable Senator Pettus, of Alabama, is entitled to be known as "the last of the snufftakers." On either side of the United States senate chamber is an ancient snuffbox—one for republicans and one for democrats. The boxes are a survival of the old-time habit of snufftaking, which was almost universal in the eighteenth century among persons of fashion and public men. The habit persisted well through the first half of the nineteenth century, but during the past fifty years snuff has gone out of style. The senate boxes, however, remain, and it appears that they are kept filled. A Washington papers recently noted that Senator Vest, of Missouri, and Senator Harris, of Kansas, who formerly used the boxes occasionally, have broken off the habit, and that Senator Pettus is now their solitary patron. He is the last of the snufftakers in that historic body at least. "Every now and then he goes to one of the black ebony boxes . . . and, taking a pinch, snuffs it. Then an expansive smile spreads over his face, and, with a look of thorough enjoyment, he sneezes." Senator Pettus, being well over 80 years of age, came honestly by the snuff habit, since he was taught the grand manners of the old school of Southern statesmen in vogue sixty years ago.

#### The English Litigious People.

As a race the English people must be very litigious, for judicial figures given out in a recent parliamentary return show that on the average, in 189, one person in every twenty-five in England and Wales went to law during the course of the year. These are, of course, average figures, based on the fact that there were 1,310,680 civil cases begun during that year. The London Express, in explaining these figures, declares that "the cantankerously litigious person and the tradesman who is unfortunate in the number of customers who will not pay their debts bring up the average." There are some 1,357 appeals from old cases which go to swell the return for 1900.

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### Books That Sell by the Pound.

Thousands of families all over the country treasure old Bibles, hymn books and volumes of sermons published in the eighteenth and seventeenth centuries, fondly believing that any of these works may be sold some day, if necessary, for a sufficient sum to pay off the household mortgage. Requests like this are being received constantly by newspaper editors: "Please let me know the value of a Bible published by Smith & Jones, London, in 1745. I am informed that it is worth a large sum." In almost every case the reply must be given that old religious books and Bibles are worth only as much per pound as the old paper junk man is willing to give. This seems like a reflection on public taste in book collecting, but it is true nevertheless. There still is a popular impression that age alone gives value to a book, but a wheelbarrow full of theological treatises issued previous to 1600 may be bought for a few shillings apiece.

Signs of all kinds and designs to suit the times and your dimes. "Mc," the old reliable sign writer, will be in your midst for a few days. Give him your work.

### The World's Letter Writers.

People who speak English write two-thirds of the letters of the world, says Bradstreet's. There are substantially 500,000,000 persons speaking colloquially one or other of the ten or twelve chief modern languages, and of these about 25 per cent, or 125,000,000 persons speak English, about 90,000,000 speak Russian, 75,000,000 German, 55,000,000 French, 45,000,000 Spanish, 35,000,000 Italian and 12,000,000 Portuguese, and the balance Hungarian, Dutch, Polish, Flemish, Bohemian, Gaelic, Roumanian, Swedish, Finnish, Danish and Norwegian. Thus, while only one-quarter of those who employ the facilities of the postal departments of civilized governments speak as their native tongue English, two-thirds of those who correspond do so in the English language. There are, for instance, more than 20,000 postoffices in India, the business of which in letters and papers aggregates more than 300,000,000 a year, and the business of these offices is done chiefly in English, though of India's total population which is nearly 300,000,000, fewer than 30,000 either speak or understand English.

### Army Feuds Nothing New.

When President Roosevelt and General Miles met at West Point, they formally recognized each other, after which General Miles stood very erect, and the president talked chiefly with the man on the other side. It is not recorded whether General Miles met Secretary Root. General W. T. Sherman once publicly snubbed Secretary Stanton before a crowd of people in Washington soon after the civil war, which reminds one that these feuds between war secretaries, presidents and army generals are nothing new under the sun.

### The Best is the Cheapest.

Not how cheap, but how good, is the question.

The Twice-a-Week Republic is not as cheap as are some so-called newspapers. But it is as cheap as it is possible to sell a first-class newspaper. It prints all the news that is worth printing. If you read it all the year round, you are posted on all the important and interesting affairs of the world. It is the best and most reliable newspaper that money and brains can produce—and those should be the distinguished traits of the newspaper that is designed to be read by all the members of the family.

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The Republic,  
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### Looking for a Popular Song.

"This year," said a Philadelphia young man who haunts the theaters, "there doesn't seem to be any one popular song that has caught on to the exclusion of others. This condition of affairs is really remarkable, when you come to think of it. Of course, the summer is young yet, and it may still come, but the conditions are against it. In previous years, wherever you would go, you would be sure to hear the popular song of the day, played by bands in the various parks, whistled on the streets, sung by the colored boy quartettes and that night hideous and ground out on street pianos. We had lots of good musical comedies during the past season, with lots of good songs, but no one seems to have just caught on to such an extent as to be 'it.'"

## A Good Hearted Man,

or in other words, men with good sound hearts, are not very numerous. The increasing number of sudden deaths from heart disease daily chronicled by the press, is proof of the alarming prevalence of this dangerous complaint, and as no one can foretell just when a fatal collapse will occur, the danger of neglecting treatment is certainly a very risky matter. If you are short of breath, have pain in left side, smothering spells, palpitation, urging to lie on side, especially the left, you should begin taking



J. A. Kreamer.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure.

J. A. Kreamer of Arkansas City, Kans., says: "My heart was so bad it was impossible for me to get down, and I could neither sleep nor rest. My pulse was rapid, and I was told I must get help soon. I was advised to try Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, which I did, and candidly believe it saved my life."

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Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

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Nelson's walking cane, which was picked up on the deck of the Victory after he was shot at Trafalgar, is now in the possession of a resident of Newport, Mont.

### Cornmeal Cheapest Food.

The article in common use as food which has the greatest food value in proportion to cost is cornmeal. The article having the greatest cost in proportion to its food value is the oyster.

## Ramblings Through Mexico.

By J. L. VAUGHAN.

NUMBER TWO.

May 18. Our slumbers were disturbed by the Pullman porter at 2:30 a. m., with the information that we were near Irapuato and would change cars for Guadalajara. On alighting from the train we found ourselves surrounded by a motley crowd of men, women and children, all carrying baskets of strawberries and shouting, "Fresas, fresas!" We were in the celebrated strawberry town. Strawberries everywhere—a basket that held about a half peck for twenty-five cents and a very large basket full for fifty cents. The train was besieged by the crowd, all clamoring to sell, and many baskets were sold before the train moved on.

As our train did not leave until 4:30 a. m., we had a chance to study our surroundings. The waiting room was crowded with Mexicans and Indians who had come to town on Saturday evening to do their shopping. All were in a good humor, and I did not see a drunk man in the crowd. All around the depot were strawberries in baskets and down a street leading out from the depot I could see stands lighted up by torches, with different kinds of fruit and vegetables, but most of all strawberries.

A neat looking boy asked if we wanted some coffee and bread and brought us some good coffee and rolls; these with strawberries made our early breakfast.

We had started out with the intention of having our fill of fruit. At Torreon we filled up on figs; at Calera we tried it on plums, but they nearly made us sick, and here we waded into strawberries—such big luscious fellows, nice and fresh from the vines.

Irapuato is a nice city of about 20,000 inhabitants, 1,004 miles from El Paso, elevation about 5,500 feet above sea level. The surrounding country is very rich and in a fair state of cultivation, much of the land being in strawberries that bear nearly every month in the year. They are shipped to many of the principal cities in the Republic and some to Texas. If the rains fail, the strawberry farmer waters his plants from shallow wells, using a contrivance that looks like a cross between a New England well sweep and an Egyptian "shadoof."

Our course is now towards the west through the celebrated Guadalajara country. It is still very dry and dusty, but most of the land is plowed and planted and waiting for rain. The general appearance of the country is different from any we have passed through. The mountains are higher, and occasionally we strike malpais (lava), showing that not far away there are some extinct volcanoes. The fields are fenced with walls of lava rock. The houses are adobe, or built of rough stone and covered with red tiles. These houses grouped into villages surrounded by fruit and shade trees, magnays and giant cactus have quite a foreign look. Vines clamber over the humble dwellings and the most beautiful flowers bloom all around them. Oleanders as large as peach trees grow along the road. At intervals handsome residences of the wealthy contrast with the huts of the peons.

The mountain sides are covered with pine trees in many places, and the mesquite grows to be a large tree. We cross a number of beautiful streams which run into the Rio Lerma, which in turn empties into Lake Chapala, the largest lake in Mexico.

At Yurecuero the Zamora branch goes to Zamora and Tinguandín, a newly opened country of surpassing richness. At La Barca we had breakfast at the railroad eating house, kept by an American, and we had fresh fish and game served in true American style.

The River Lerma, the longest river in Mexico, empties into Lake Chapala, here, and it is the sportsman's paradise. At the train fruits of new kinds are offered for sale—mangos, mamees, agua cotes, zapotes, a large bean pod called "guamucho" looks like the small pods that grow on the cat claws in Texas. The beans have a sweet, nutty flavor. The fruit of the organ cactus called "patayas," is about the size of a large peach, very rich red flesh, very full of small seed, but of a fine flavor. A couple of blind musicians sing and play on guitars, while a woman passes around a cup for the contribution. They play the Mexican National Hymn, "Golindrina" and other Mexican airs, but when some one remarked that there were Americans on the train they switched off to "After the Ball."

There are but few beggars here. Nearly every one has something to sell, which is an indication of prosperity. In the State of Zacatecas, where the drouth has been severe, there were women and children begging at every station.

At El Castillo a small road runs to the Falls of Juanacatlan, the Niagara of Mexico. At this season the Falls are not very much to see, but during the rainy season, when the river is full, the water falls 100 feet and must be a grand sight.

At Ocotlán the water leaves Lake Chapala and on its way to the Pacific is known as the "Rio Grande de Santiago." The Falls of Juanacatlan are on this river.

This part of the valley is better watered, and immense cane fields are irrigated with water from the river. There are a number of sugar factories, and the whole country looks prosperous. We pass many fields of wheat that are a good crop and much of it is harvested. I saw considerable American machinery, such as plows, reapers and threshers. Land is higher priced than in other places, but the fertility of the soil, fine climate and good markets make it more valuable. American farmers could improve on the native methods and by using machinery to raise the water from the rivers and lakes, instead of waiting for rain, could raise one or two extra crops in the year.

At noon we arrived at Guadalajara and take up our abode at the "Sanitarium."

J. L. VAUGHAN.

J. H. Campbell says The Mail's injunction to "keep a stiff upperlip" is a hard proposition coming in the face of the dry weather. His neighborhood is suffering for rain, and it must come soon to do any good.

'Phone the news to No. 31.

# The Merkel Mail

ED J. LEEMAN, Editor and Prop'r.

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The present system of primary elections is the biggest farce that the people have ever been called upon to put up with and popular indignation will force the State Democratic convention to remedy the evil by pledging uniform primaries. The way they have been held this year is a disgrace to any party countenancing them. A poor man had no earthly show for a nomination for office, the monied interests controlling the situation entirely, and as a result politics have become so corrupt that a decent man could not dabble in it and retain his self-respect. Uniform primaries hold out the hope of a remedial effect, hence the clamor that is being made in this direction. It will come through all right enough if the people are properly represented at the State convention, but the politicians will make a hard fight to defeat the proposition. Shall the people rule the affairs of State or shall they be turned over to the politicians?

Reports come from London that insurance companies have suffered the loss of thousands of dollars through the postponement of the coronation exercises. It seems from the dispatches that the companies issued policies guaranteeing that the coronation would take place on such a date and those who had stands, tradesmen whose interests would suffer and innumerable individuals and corporations whose financial loss would be great in the event of a postponement, took out policies running into millions of dollars. The illness of the King necessitated a postponement and of course the gigantic preparations resulted in naught and the companies were called upon to "pay the freight." This form of gambling has long been in vogue in England.

The drouth in Texas was broken by copious rains Friday which extended from Red River to the Gulf and to the eastern border of the State, and about 40 counties came in for the blessing. Generally speaking, the rain came too late to benefit the corn crop, although in some localities it is believed that a fair yield is now assured. Cotton was greatly benefitted. Only light showers fell in the west and they were very scattering.

Mr. Morgan has now turned his attention to the consolidation of all the large coal mines of the country. It is a cold day in August when Mr. Morgan's fertile brain fails to plan some gigantic project which saps at the vitals of prosperity.

Democratic harmony is the crying need of the hour, not only for the party, but for the entire country.

The platform adopted by the Senatorial convention is a very conservative one and should meet the approval of both the interests above and below the line which have been antagonistic so long. It will no doubt have the effect of cementing the breach between the cowman and the nestor in so far as this end may be accomplished.

Mr. Grogan got the nomination for State Senator where the proverbial chicken got the ax—in the neck. He never showed his real character, however, until the day of the convention when he tried to run in a dark horse. It was anything with him, no matter how low and puerile, to defeat Sebastian.

It is now very evident that Congress has no intention of granting tariff concessions to Cuba, but will continue to rub-berneck the people and add to the avoirdupois of the trusts by taxing all Cuban products.

Public office is not such a private snap as it used to be. The line of morality is being drawn closer and closer and the day is speeding when only good men will dare offer for office.

The weather clerk has seen fit to keep Abilene wet in anticipation of her future "dryness."

Since Taylor County voted prohibition, it is hard to get brick layers to work on the epileptic asylum at Abilene, says the Albany News. This is merely a matter of guesswork on the part of the News or the source from whence came its information. It is absurd on its face, for the saloons are still wide open and will be for some time to come, and work is moving forward on the asylum. There is plenty of time to say "prohibition has killed Abilene" after the deed has been accomplished. But we have plenty of honest, sober brick masons in Taylor County without calling on the saloon bums.

The antis in Abilene have employed J. F. Cunningham to contest the recent local option victory in that town, and he says he will fight the case all the way to the supreme court of the United States. It is understood that the Judge takes the position that a majority for the measure must include a majority of all voters whether voting or not.—Colorado Clipper.

This is refreshing news, reflecting, as it does, the sentiments of the antis. There have been various plans canvassed by which it was hoped the election might be set aside. First, there was talk of an illegal election because two sets of clerks were employed, the lawyers claiming that the local option act of 1874 had precedence over the later act of '95, both relating to the holding of such elections. Then they tumbled upon the brilliant idea that because a few voters did not vote the will of the majority was not expressed, seemingly not knowing that the law plainly states "a majority of all votes cast." And now they have brought suit against a prominent prohibitionist for "destroying a lucrative business" and as a side issue threaten to enjoin the commissioners from declaring the result of the election until after the suit is decided. This, evidently, was the intention all the while, but in order to create a little sympathy, this round-about way was hit upon. O, tempora! O, mores! O, h—! What a travesty!

## SEBASTIAN NOMINATED.

The Senatorial Convention a Warm Proposition—The Platform.

The Senatorial convention held at Abilene Thursday developed into a battle royal in which a "dark horse" figured very conspicuously, but Sebastian finally won out. Mr. Grogan, after seeing that he had no earthly show for the nomination, showed his true colors by running in a dark horse, H. E. Crowley of Midland, to whom is due the honor(?) for the existence of the absolute lease law. He developed considerable strength, but Sebastian was nominated on first ballot. Grogan, it seems, was actuated by purely a matter of venom. The main points of the platform follow:

That what is known as the absolute lease line be abolished and public lands be immediately put upon the market for sale to actual settlers only and that the present lessee be given a reasonable time in which to remove improvements after sale is made.

That hereafter all leases of public lands be made subject to sale.

That stringent laws be passed to suppress collusion purchases of public lands. (The Supreme Court handed down a decision Friday which makes collusion purchases an infraction of the law, which is in tune with the above.)

That we condemn in stroug and unmeasured terms the recent action of the commissioner of the general land office in raising the price of public lands in the west to three dollars per acre.

That if it be the policy of the state to further maintain a quarantine line, then we recommend that the livestock sanitary commission be amended in the following particulars, viz: (a) That said quarantine line be fixed by the legislature (and not by the quarantine commission) and be made to conform in location as near as practicable to the federal quarantine line. (b) That cattle be allowed to cross said line at all times of the year on proper inspection. (c) That cattle be allowed to cross said line without inspection for a period of not less than 30 or more than 60 days beginning Nov. 15, of each year. (d) That it be made an offense punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for any one except the sheriff, constable or other peace officer in the execution of proper legal process to stop and detain cattle that have crossed said line after having been duly inspected as required by law, or that have crossed said line at a time when inspection is not required by law. (e) That a sufficient appropriation be made to enable the quarantine commission to enforce the quarantine law and make needed experiments in the way of spraying cattle with a view to finding out the best means of killing the tick without damaging the cattle. (f) That all rules and regulations intended to be made penal be defined by law and be made a penal offense by statute.

That we endorse the course of Hon. J. E. Cockrell of Dallas in so far as he favors the holding of all primaries and conventions as the several counties may determine on the same day throughout the entire state, and we would be glad to see him elected chairman of the state executive committee by the next democratic convention.

That we favor the passage of penal laws prohibiting the sale and purchase of votes at primary conventions. We also favor penal laws requiring saloons to close on days on which primaries and precinct conventions are held.

On the question of the new county proposed to be formed out of parts of Callahan, Eastland, Brown, Comanche and Coleman counties, we respectfully suggest that said issue is a local one, and Eastland and Callahan counties are the only counties in this senatorial district to be effected thereby, therefore we submit that issue to the people of the counties interested.

That in the event our nominee should draw a four years' term, then that he be instructed to vote for Charley Culberson for U. S. Senator.

That the nominee of this convention be instructed to use his best endeavor to obtain the passage of laws embodying substantially the foregoing.

The goose layed a golden egg for the trusts when Teddy assumed the tutorship of the administration.

The first bale of cotton for the season of 1902 was ginned at Devine, Texas, Saturday.

The following item is going the rounds credited to the Hamilton Rustler:

"We heard a prominent prohibition lecturer tell an intelligent audience that 80 per cent of all the crime is due to liquor. Now the State of Texas steps up with her statistics and informs us that only 14 per cent of crime is chargeable to the liquor traffic. There is a serious mistake abroad somewhere and it is really simply terrible to think that our moral lecturers would misstate a proposition of facts. It is immoral to tell stories."

The only serious mistake we can see in the above is the difference between "liquor" and "liquor traffic." We have our doubts about such statistics being available, but if they are, the mistake has been made in their application. You will have to show us, Mr. Rustler man.

## Grace Case Reversed.

Dr. J. H. Grace, who was tried and convicted in the District Court at Anson, a short time ago, for the murder of Miss Mollie Lane at Stamford, has succeeded in having his case reversed by the Appellate Court at Austin. The Dallas News sums up the case in the following unique manner:

In the case of J. H. Grace from Jones County, reversed and remanded, an interesting point was involved, in fact the record reads like a romance of the weird "yellow back" novel variety. Among the things figuring in it were the mention of an intended elopement, a ruined girl, two or three narrow escapes from pistol duels, and finally the suicide of a girl, after a previous attempt.

The girl swallowed liquid poison, which was pumped out, and on the same day she shot herself at the home of Dr. J. H. Grace, who is defendant in this case. He was arrested charged with murder in that he had, alleged, left the pistol where the girl could get it, after she had expressed an intention of killing herself. The trial court convicted Grace, but the high court says the evidence was insufficient to sustain the charge, that he had placed or left the pistol where the girl could get it.

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## The Same Old Story.

J. A. Kelly relates an experience similar to that which has happened in almost every neighborhood in the United States and has been told and retold by thousands of others. He says: "Last summer I had an attack of dysentery and purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I used according to directions and with entirely satisfactory results. The trouble was controlled much quicker than former attacks when I used other remedies." Mr. Kelly is well known citizen of Henderson, N. C. For sale by Rust & Fard.

Henry West came in from Dallas Monday.

#### If a Man Lie to You,

and say some other salve, ointment, lotion, oil or alleged healer is as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve, tell him thirty years of marvelous cures of piles, burns, boils, corns, felons, cuts, ulcers, scalds, bruises and skin eruptions prove it's the best and cheapest. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

#### The Methodist Conference.

The Methodist District Conference, which convened here on Friday and continued over Monday, was admittedly one of the most profitable meetings of the kind ever held in this district. The attendance was unusually small, not over one-fourth of the delegates of the district being in attendance, but that did not detract from the interests of the meeting. The Mail is unable to give an outline of the work, owing to the enormous business transacted. Suffice it to say that everything was harmonious and the meeting was a genuine success.

The people of Merkel are to be congratulated upon the way the delegates are entertained, for all were loud in their praises of our hospitality. The next conference will be held at Stamford.

The Mail is very grateful to Merkel's two banks for large orders for job work the past week. As farsighted business men, the management of the banks realize that every dollar spent with The Mail is kept in circulation here and adds to its volume, while if this money is sent to foreign concerns it is lost forever. The most prosperous communities in the world are those which depend upon home for everything they use, and hence the volume of business is greater, the circulation is greater and the prosperity is greater.

Geo. S. Berry has added a strip of land 30x40 feet from the Johnson lots to his residence site, which gives him ample room for spreading out, and the addition of a tennis court lends to the beauty of his premises. He has a lovely home indeed.

Dr. Warnick is to be congratulated upon the changes made to and around his residence. There are many little changes that can be made to our homes with little or no cost, which would not only add to their appearance, but value as well.

C. W. Simpson, formerly editor of the Colorado Spokesman, but now a retired capitalist, was in attendance upon the Methodist conference.

Trent is to have a big barbecue and Fourth of July celebration and many attractions will be provided to make the occasion a complete success. Trent people never do things by piece-meals, which is a guarantee that a good time is in store for all who are on hand.

T. J. Witt of Anson brought his mother over last week and the two visited the family of R. W. Witt.

There has been quite a change in the resident portion of town the past week. T. A. Johnson moved into the Millard Coggin residence, W. H. Dickson into the Hoople residence, A. Fitts into the Shell residence and the editor's family into the Johnson residence. A. Fitts bought the Shell residence for a consideration of \$800 and the Johnson residence was transferred to Geo. and then to the editor.

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The Thoroughbred for	\$3.00
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The Globe for	\$1.50

You don't have to be a judge of Hats to buy intelligently here. Price and quality conform at this store.



J. T. WARREN

Summer complaint is unusually prevalent among children this season. A well developed case in the writer's family was cured last week by the timely use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy,—one of the best patent medicines manufactures and which is always kept on hand by ye scribe. This is not intended as a free puff for the company, who do not advertise with us, but to benefit little sufferers who may not be within easy access of a physician. No family should be without a bottle of this medicine in the house, especially in summer-time.—Lansing, Iowa, Journal. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

Mrs. T. B. Garoutte of the beautiful home, Evillo Villa, was able to be in attendance at the conference. She has been sick for some time, and The Mail was glad to note that she was able to enjoy the occasion.

Rev. C. W. Irvin was among the delegates to the conference, and was given a royal welcome by the members of his old charge. He is the same good, kind Christian gentleman.

Miss Lucy Leeman writes from Hale Center that they have had a very nice time so far and are headed for Portales, N. M. All are enjoying themselves immensely. A description of the Plains is summed up in the following unique sentence: "It looks like a hat with the brim on top of the crown."

Mrs. W. L. Johnson, who has been visiting her parents here, returned to her home at Baird Thursday night.

The Mail's 'phone is 31. If you know any item of news, or if friends or relatives are visiting you, or if you are going or have been off on a visit, please let us know. It will be a great favor.

All jewelry is good, bad or indifferent. The kind Ustick has is good—and cheap.

The Texas & Pacific Railway Company is now operating dining cars on trains 5 and 6 between Jefferson, Texas and St. Louis, Mo.; also on Iron Mountain train No. 4, between Arkadelphia and St. Louis. This will give north-bound passengers on train No. 6, which is the fast "Cannon Ball," the benefit of dinner and supper and those on No. 4, breakfast and dinner on the cars.

The cars are the latest pattern. Have electric lights and fans, choicest tableware and the most modern conveniences in general. The cuisine is incomparable and meals are served a la carte. This service is a great improvement over the Old Station Eating Houses and you are respectfully invited to give it a trial.

Asa Sheppard came in last Thursday from Colorado Springs, Col. He does not give one a very favorable impression of that country, but says it is all right if a fellow has the "dough." He didn't have it, so was compelled to migrate.

Misses Swafford and Armstrong and W. S. Swafford of Elmdale, Miss Emma McGarr and W. G. McGarr of Abilene, were the guests of T. B. Garoutte and family during conference.

We are able to offer the Texas Stock Journal, or the Texas Farm Journal, in connection with The Merkel Mail, at \$1.50 per year for the two papers. This is less than three cents per week for the two. The Journal is the standard Stock and Farm publication of Texas, and with The Merkel Mail, you can not buy any more valuable literature for the money. Let us hear from you with an order under this clubbing offer.

S. A. Walden has a good organ for sale or will trade for a good horse. See him.

Fine watch repairing is the kind you want. That's the kind Ustick does. Guaranteed.

Wood Beds and Mattings, all kinds, are going at greatly reduced prices. Call and see them.

W. P. Browning & Co.

Three candidates were examined and licensed for the ministry during the Methodist conference. Among the number was a Merkel boy, Alonze Bickley, who has grown to manhood here and has the love and respect of all our people. We are informed that he stood a very creditable examination and was generally complimented upon his efficiency. Alonzo is a young man of high attainments, studious and ambitious, and The Mail congratulates him upon his progress so far. He has a bright future before him. May he reach the goal of his ambition, is the wish of his friends.

Miss May Harris of Sweetwater was the guest of Miss Laura Herring during conference.

#### NOTICE.

Our Photo Gallery will be open for work two days (Friday and Saturday) in each week until further notice.

tt Barnhill & Wife.

Dr. I. E. Smith, Eye Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, of Weatherford, will be in Merkel July 4 and 5. 2t

#### Need More Help.

Often the overtaxed organs of digestion cry out for help by dyspepsia's pains, nausea, dizziness, headaches, liver complaints, bowel disorders. Such troubles call for prompt use of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are gentle, thorough and guaranteed to cure. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

Judge Forrester, formerly of this place, but now County judge of Stonewall county, was a delegate to the conference.

The town looks just a little bit lonesome since the departure of the preachers and laymen who attended the conference. We have seldom had a brainer crowd to put up with.

Miss Prudence Allyn returned last week from a visit to friends at Pilot Point.

Mrs. Bob Winship of Shreveport, La., is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Richardson.

Mrs. Sammie Kendrick of Dallas is visiting her mother, Mrs. Pete Boaz, north of town.

For Sale—Two good lots, desirable location, fenced, a well. Must go quick. Enquire at this office.

#### NOTICE.

No more fishing or hunting allowed in my pastures.

Parties who have had permission, please consider cancelled.

tt Resp't.,  
J. T. Warren.

Dr. J. H. Bass of Abilene sends The Mail to his son, Henry, at Ennis.

There are very few "yaller legged" chickens left in the town.

H. A. Tillett, S. H. Garrison and Dr. Bass of Abilene were among the lay delegates to the conference.

#### Long-Lived Royalty.

King Christian IX. of Denmark, who recently completed his 82d year, was one of ten children, all but two of whom lived to be over 60. His sister, the Dowager Duches of Anhalt-Bernburg, is 91 years old, and he has two brothers living, aged 78 and 77 years respectively.

#### In Memory of Poe.

The building in which Edgar Allen Poe edited the "Southern Literary Messenger," in Richmond, Va., is still standing and it is proposed to place a suitable commemorative tablet on its walls.

#### How Ted Understood the Text.

The golden text for a certain Sunday school was, "And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit" (Luke ii:40). Little "Ted's" hand went up like a flash when the superintendent asked: 'Can any of these bright, smiling little boys or girls repeat the golden text for today?' Ah, how glad it makes my heart to see so many little hands go up! Teddy, my boy, you may repeat it, and speak good and loud, that all may hear." And they all heard this: "And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit like 2:40."

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## TOWN and COUNTRY NEWS

## WEEKLY BUDGET OF HAPPENINGS THROUGH THE COUNTY...

### ABILENE.

Hon. W. J. Bryan of Abilene was nominated for representative of this district at Baird Monday. The platform adopted was the same as that on which Senator Sebastian was nominated here last week, declaring for the abolishment of the absolute lease line and modification of the quarantine line for an open season subject to inspection for 60 days, beginning Nov. 15.

Marriage license were issued the past week to T. M. Ward and Miss Hattie Adams; Joseph W. McCann and Miss Francis M. Beebe. They were married Wednesday night at the Methodist church.

A half inch of rain fell here Sunday afternoon and was accompanied by a hard blow out. The residence of E. A. Chasteen in the north part of town was completely destroyed and two of the children were injured slightly. Mrs. Payton's residence on Pine street was badly damaged by the wind as were several others on the same street. The oil mill was unroofed and the hull house demolished. The new Odd Fellows' hall on the south side was also damaged some. Several barns were overturned and many shade trees unrooted.

A board of trade has been organized here and has a membership of over 75 business men.

### NUBIA.

Crops are needing rain very bad.

C. G. Combs passed through Nubia Monday.

Lon Watkins and Sam Toombs are running a binder this week. Mr. Tipton and family, of near Merkel, visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tipton Tuesday.

Mrs. Jim and Miss Toombs went to Merkel trading Tuesday. Miss Lizzie Blackburn visited her brother Friday.

A candy breaking was given at the residence of J. M. Blackburn's Saturday night in honor of John Watkins. A very large crowd attended.

U. L. and John Blackburn went to Sterling county on a hunt for land, but they did not like.

Mr. and Mrs. McClue of Spring Creek was in the Canyon last week.

Misses Cattie and Rhoda Les-

lie were in Nubia Saturday.

Chas. Brown was in Nubia Monday.

Mrs. Ed Watkins and Miss Della Brown were in Nubia Monday.

The wind has not forgot how to blow yet.

Mr. Editor, you made a mistake last week. You had Lon Watkins and family visited A. W. Hunter, and it should have been Lee Watkins. Lon, don't get mad for Rosebud did not make the mistake, but Mr. Editor did.

(We apologise.—Ed.)  
Rosebud.

### DORA.

J. W. Hawkins and sister, Miss Nettie, went to Merkel Friday to attend conference.

The Dora ball team played the Hylton team Saturday, score 17 to 13 in favor of Dora.

The young people enjoyed an ice cream supper at Mr. and Mrs. Grounds' Saturday night.

No preaching Sunday.

Singing Sunday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Jinkens'.

G. B. Sligers was up from Valley Creek Sunday.

S. L. McNay and wife were up from Wingate Sunday visiting J. M. Bryson and family.

Ed Rounseville was down from Nolan Sunday.

Toll Hampton came in from Hamilton county Sunday, en route to Scurry county.

Kat Klaw.

Victor Harris was severely injured this morning at Nubia, where he and Alec Harris were at work on a gin. It seems from reports that Alec was driving a bolt in a log, when the hammer slipped and glanced, striking Victor on the nose and badly crushing that member. The wound is a very painful one, but it is hoped that he will soon be able to be out again.

Mr. T. M. Ward of Stith and Miss Hattie Adams of Salt Branch were married by Rev. A. J. Leach yesterday at the home of the bride's parents. They are very popular young people and have the best wishes of a large circle of friends, with whom The Mail joins in sincere congratulations.

Ed Green came in yesterday from Weatherford on a visit to his parents.

Mrs. W. A. Barnhill returned yesterday from a visit to relatives at Baird.

Dr. McCauley will be here next week, at the office of Dr. Little. Teeth extracted without pain by the use of nitrous oxide gas. See them.

Miss Lillie Julian of Caps spent a few days with friends here last week, who were delighted to see her.

J. J. Miller returned yesterday from New Mexico. The atmosphere up there was too exuberant for him and he cut his visit short.

Dr. Clayton McCauley and wife went east tonight, but will return by the first of the week and spend the summer here.

Madam Rumor has been at her old tricks again and asserts that work on that long-looked for and very much needed new depot will commence next week. It will be a great surprise to the natives if the rumor is correct.

### Mrs. Davis' Complaint to Grant.

A valuable letter was withdrawn from an auction sale of literary rarities in New York the other day. The owner took this action when a request was made to copy the letter for publication. In the catalogue the letter appeared as No. 80 on the list; with the following description: "Letter to General Grant from Mrs. Jefferson Davis on behalf of her husband, then in prison. 'He is tormented by a series of petty tyrannies exercised over him by the man now in command.' Complains that General Miles makes a spectacle of him for his (Miles') lady friends. 'Not liking to be made a spectacle of he retired to his quarters when the females pursued him.' 'Please, General Grant, go down to Fortress Monroe and change General Miles for an older and kindlier man.' 'If he is not spared to me I shall have no hope of keeping the wolf from my children's door.' 'Little hope has lighted me through the valley of the shadow of death into which I seem to have walked.'"

### Black, as Clerical Garb.

Not until Martin Luther's time did black become the distinguishing hue of clerical garb. When Luther laid aside his monk's clothes the elector of Saxany sent him a piece of black cloth, and Luther had a suit made of it according to the prevailing cut of the time. It was long after before the cut of a clergyman's coat became different from that of the laity.

### Unequally Balanced.

They tell in Washington a story of the Pennsylvania legislature when that body was controlled by the democrats. They elected a speaker named Patterson, who did not know anything of parliamentary law, but who posed as a second Reed. At the close of the session one of the democratic members offered a series of resolutions lauding the speaker for his services, but a republican member opposed their adoption. "I cannot," said he, at the close of a ten-minute speech, during which he emphasized all the mistakes that the democrats had made, "I cannot indorse a speaker who has the vaulting ambition of Napoleon and the intellect of Blind Tom."

### "Uncle Remus" Is Now a Doctor.

Emory College, at Oxford, Ga., at its commencement last Wednesday, bestowed the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature upon Joel Chandler Harris, author of "Uncle Remus." It was the first time Emory College had bestowed this degree, and it was the only honorary degree conferred by the college at this commencement.

### Zeppelin Ruined by Airships.

Count von Zeppelin, who has the distinction of having built the largest of all airships, has been financially ruined by his aeronautical experiments. Unable to obtain means for carrying out his new projects, he is now breaking up the old framework of his airships in order to sell the aluminum of which they are composed. Zeppelin is 67 years of age. He was a military attache of the German embassy in the United States during the civil war and made several balloon ascensions from battlefields of the South in 1863. He was the leader of the famous cavalry raid in France in 1870, which marked the commencement of hostilities of the great Franco-Prussian war.

### Spiritualistic Journalism.

One of the most uncommon efforts ever attempted in journalism has originated in Russia and is headed: "A Column from the Other World," the editor and proprietor going on to say with great naivette that they have nothing whatever to do with the statements made or the questions answered by their "invisible assistant," who presumably is a ghost that has opened a "bureau" for the benefit of those desiring to communicate with the spirit world.

### The Boss Worm Medicine.

H. P. Kumpe, druggist, Leighton, Ala., writes: "One of our customers had a child, which was sick, and threw up all food, could retain nothing on its stomach. He bought one bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge, and it brought up 119 worms from the child. It's the boss worm medicine in the world." White's Cream Vermifuge is also the Childrens' tonic. It improves their digestion and assimilation of food, strengthens their nervous system and restores them to the health, vigor and elasticity of spirits natural to childhood. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

When you talk about there being better land than there is in this township, every potato slyly winks its eye; every cabbage shakes its head; every beet gored in the face; every onion feels stronger; every grain field is shocked; every cob of corn sticks up its ear, and every foot of land kicks.—Ex.

Miss Willie Bigham entertained the young people with a social Tuesday night.

A crowd of young people chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm and Mr. and Mrs. Glin Balch, left yesterday for Valley Creek to spend a few days fishing and picnicing.

J. J. Miller left last week for Mexico to spend a few days with relatives. The Mail hopes he will have a very pleasant stay of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. F. Green returned Saturday from their trip to the Plains.

J. J. Patterson dropped in on The Mail Tuesday and scared the push into connoption fits with a silver dollar. But we like to be scared.

Seth Hamilton is visiting at Iredell, Bosque county, this week, and recuperating.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hoople left overland Tuesday for Crosby county, where they will spend the balance of the summer on Mr. Hoople's ranch.

Mrs. Jim Dennis and two children are quite sick this week, but their rapid improvement is looked for.

E. Rogers was up from his farm near Caps to-day. He reports a fairly good rain at his place Sunday evening. A few of his neighbors were hailed out, their crops being completely destroyed, but only a sorry story was in the path o.

**Perfect Liver Medicine.**

Dr. M. A. Jolley, Noble, O. writes: "I have used Heraine for a number of years, and can cheerfully recommend it as the most perfect liver medicine, and the greatest blood purifier. It is a medicine of positive merit, and fully accomplishes all that is claimed for it." Malaria cannot find a lodgement in the system while the liver is in perfect order, for one of its functions is to prevent the absorption of fever producing poisons. Heraine is a most efficient liver regulator. 50c at Rust & Pittard's.

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**One-Third of Population Living Under Prohibition.**

It is estimated that fully 30,000,000 people are living in the United States under prohibition, either by State law or by local option, says the Philadelphia Leader. This is more than a third of the entire population of the republic. The following counties have in the various States enacted prohibition laws:

- Alabama—In 50 out of 66 counties.
- Arkansas—In 50 out of 75 counties.
- California—In 175 cities and towns.
- Colorado—In 50 cities and towns.
- Connecticut—In 75 out of 125 towns.
- Delaware—In fully half the state.
- Florida—In 30 out of 45 towns.
- Georgia—The whole of the State except four cities.
- Illinois—In 650 cities and towns.
- Indiana—In 140 towns.
- Iowa—The whole of the State except 23 cities.
- Kansas—The whole of the state.
- Kentucky—In 90 out of 119 counties.
- Maine—The whole of the State.
- Maryland—In 15 out of 24 counties.
- Massachusetts—In 263 out of 353 cities and towns.
- Michigan—In 400 cities and towns.
- Minnesota—In 400 cities and towns.
- Mississippi—In 71 out of 75 counties.
- Missouri—In 84 out of 115 counties.
- Montana—In a few counties.
- New Hampshire—The whole of the State.
- Nebraska—In 250 cities and towns.
- New Jersey—In 200 cities and towns.
- New York—In 700 cities and towns.
- North Carolina—In 60 out of 90 counties.
- North Dakota—The whole of the State.
- Ohio—In 500 cities and towns.
- Oregon—In the great Indian reservations.
- Pennsylvania—In 600 cities and towns and 20 counties.
- Rhode Island—In 20 cities and towns.
- South Carolina—The whole of the State except 10 cities.
- South Dakota—The whole of State except a few cities.
- Tennessee—In 70 out of 96 counties.
- Texas—In 120 out of 240 counties.
- Vermont—The whole of the State.
- Virginia—In 55 out of 106 counties.
- Washington—In 50 towns and cities.
- West Virginia—In 40 out of 54

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**Javal's Theory of a Sixth Sense.**

Dr. Javal, of the French Academy of Medicine, who is sightless, denies that nature compensates blindness by increased sensibility of touch and hearing, but contends that when a person is blind an extra development takes place in a sixth sense, which is latent in all persons. This sense, which has been called the sense of obstacles, acts by the perception of certain warmth and indefinite vibrations. The seat of the sense is believed to be placed in the forehead.

**Sultan Doesn't Read Much.**

The Sultan of Turkey never reads anything but state papers and very few laudatory articles upon himself, which his diligent secretary now and then unearths in some foreign journal.

**A \$25,000 Pair of Opera Glasses.**

One of the most costly pairs of opera glasses in the world is owned by Queen Alexandra, for whom they were specially made in Vienna. The barrels are of platinum and set with diamonds, sapphires and rubies. Various estimates have been made as to its probable worth. An expert in such matters fixes the value of the forgnette at \$25,000. It will, however, never come into the market if it did it would certainly fetch far more than its mere intrinsic value.

**The Pope Likes His Present.**

The Pope was highly delighted with President Roosevelt's gift of a complete set of the latter's work, and has issued orders with mosaics of St. Peter's and the Vatican be transmitted to the president, with his thanks. These mosaics are magnificent specimens of this branch of art and are made at the Vatican workshops.

**President Kneaded the Bread.**

President Loubet of France made a flying visit to his mother at her farm near Daupheny recently and found the old lady kneading dough for the family baking. "Mother," said he, "you are getting too old for that work. Sit down here and talk to me." He then took off his coat, rolled up his sleeves and undertook the job himself. He was still busy at it when a messenger arrived from Paris with some important papers. The dandified Parisian was more than astonished at the sight, but the president finished his kneading before attending to the official matter.

**"Buffalo Bills" Royal Ancestry.**

Colonel Cody, in presenting to an acquaintance a copy of his biography, written by his sister, wrote this on the fly-leaf: "True to Friend and Foe; with the compliments of the subject; W. F. Cody, 'Buffalo Bill.' It may not be generally known that the last of the great scouts is a lineal descendant of Milesius, King of Spain, the famous monarch whose three sons, Heber, Heremon and Ir, founded the first dynasty in Ireland. The Cody family comes through the line of Heremon. The colonel has proof of his Spanish-Irish ancestry in the form of a crest. It is said that the Wild West may remain in Europe for five years.

**Italy's Jewish Cabinet Minister.**

King Victor Emmanuel has given evidence of his courage and freedom from prejudice by appointing General Ottolenghi minister of war, in the place of General Ponza di San Martino. General Ottolenghi is not only of Hebrew birth, but also of Jewish creed. So far as known this is the first time a member of this particular faith has been appointed by a great power of Europe to one of the leading cabinet offices. The members of the Hebrew race who have held cabinet offices in Europe have been like the late Lord Beaconsfield in England and Baron Sonino in Italy, converts to Christianity. The new Italian minister of war is one of the most distinguished field officers of the Italian army, and has commanded the military district of Turin, the military district of Genoa and that of Palermo, besides having been recently designated by the king to command one of the groups of army corps in the event of war.

**Saves a Woman's Life.**

To have given up would have meant death for Mrs. Lois Cragg, of Dorchester, Mass. For years she had endured untold misery from a severe lung trouble and obstinate cough. "Often," she writes, "I could scarcely breathe and sometimes could not speak. All doctors and remedies failed till I used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was completely cured." Sufferers from coughs, colds, throat and lung troubles need this grand remedy, for it never disappoints. Cure is guaranteed by Rust & Pittard. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

**About F. Marion Crawford.**

An English writer has the following to say of a popular American novelist: "I was surprised when I met Marion Crawford today down at Sarah Bernhardt's theater. He had been supervising the rehearsals of 'Francesca da Rimini,' and was very happy with the enthusiasm of Sarah for the work. As we drove back together the brilliant author told me that he could count on his fingers the days that he had been in England during the last twenty years. Southern Italy was to him a paradise. Marion Crawford is a burly man, almost horse guards blue in his gait, but I should imagine of very delicate temperament. Although the day was mild and a jacket was sufficient for the ordinary man, he buttoned up his overcoat to the cheek bones and then seemed chilly."

**Duke Is Dead.**

Colonel Cody's celebrated horse Duke was kicked on the knee by a four-dollar "plug" while the shew was in Harrisburg, and veterinarians agreeing that the wound would never heal the colonel very sadly gave orders that his favorite be shot. Thus ends the career of a horse better known to the young people—and old ones as well—of America than all others put together. Duke and "Buffalo Bill" seemed to be in perfect harmony. The rider's costume and the horse's coat were of nearly one color—nature's concealing color, an autumn tan. Children noticed the absence of Duke from the show last week, and inquired after him. Colonel Cody now has but one horse, the brown fellow, Prince, that he bought in Kansas last year. Prince is a beautiful equine specimen, but not a Duke nor a Dad.

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**She Knew Her Strong Points.**

The fact that stage struck girls are not all recruited from the ranks of fashionable society is shown by the following letter, which, according to the Philadelphia Record, was received the other day by the manager of a local theater: "Dear Sir I am just crazy to go on the stage and it would just be a great favor for you to give me a position i can kick 6 foot or higher do anything in the bending line or anything else everybody knows i am a fine looking girl, you will say the same i would send you my photo only i have none but what is enlarged, so pleas send me word this week because if you dont i will not be home any longer, send me the money to come on, i have money but i can not get it til i am of age; you will find out i am no fake i mean just what i say, meet me at Broad Street Station i have brown hair eyes very large, awtul light complexion Red rosie cheeks, nice shape age 17 five foot 2 inch just the right size, midlen small, rite as soon as received nice figer in tights." The letter is dated Coatesville.

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**Why Disraeli Didn't Attend.**  
Apropos of vacant seats at the  
coronation, the interesting fact is  
recalled that when Queen Vic-  
toria was crowned Benjamin Disraeli  
wrote:

"I must give up going to the  
coronation, as all the members of  
parliament must be in court  
dresses or uniforms, and I can't  
afford to buy any. I console my-  
self with the conviction that to  
get up at 7 o'clock; to sit dressed  
like a flunky in Westminster Ab-  
bey for seven or eight hours, and  
to listen to a sermon by the bish-  
op of London are treats which can  
be missed with fortitude."

This was when Disrael was a  
Radical member of the parliam-  
ent, and before he became the  
Earl of Beaconsfield and chief  
of the Tories.

**A Monument to Oglethorpe.**  
After many years of effort a  
monument is at last assured to  
General James Oglethorpe, the  
founder of the state of Georgia.  
The memorial is to be placed on  
St. Simon's island near Brunsw-  
ick, where Oglethorpe repelled  
a Spanish invasion from Florida  
in 1742.

**The Populations of Hawaii.**  
Out of the population of 160,-  
000 in Hawaii nearly 90,000 are  
Asiatic, 60,000 being Japanese and  
30,000 Chinese. There are also  
several thousand Porto Ricans.

**Longest Part Ever Written.**  
It is claimed that in "Du Bar-  
ry" Mrs. Leslie Carter has the  
longest part ever written.

**Significance of the "Bluff."**  
Pettus, of Alabama, the oldest  
man in the senate, was sitting in  
a poker game at his own home  
a few nights ago with some  
friends, one of whom was a young  
and rather exuberant person. The  
game was for small stakes, but  
was lively. Once Senator Pettus  
and the young man were in a pot  
together. There were a good  
many raises. Finally the vena-  
ble senator laid down his hand.  
The young man laughed and  
placed his cards on the table, face  
up. He had nothing. The sena-  
tor had been bluffed out. Sena-  
tor Pettus looked at the ceiling.  
"The most alarming and discour-  
aging sign of the total degeneracy  
of the times," he said, "is the lack  
of respect the younger generation  
shows to the older."

**Pierpont Morgan's New Cigars.**  
J. Pierpont Morgan smokes  
large cigars as a rule, but since  
his visit to Jekyll island he has  
added to his possession a style of  
cigar that is at once a novelty and  
a wonder. It bears his initials and  
is eight inches long.

**Edward Draws the Lords.**  
Because King Edward now  
opens parliament in person the  
peers of the realm are taking a  
keener interest in legislation. The  
attendance in the upper house this  
session, both of peers and of  
peeresses, whenever there is pros-  
pect of a debate or even of "con-  
versation," is noticeably larger  
than usual.

**Wendell Phillips' Quik Reportee.**  
A Washington man tells a sto-  
ry about Wendell Phillips. He  
says that in 1856 Phillips made  
one of his strongest abolition ad-  
dresses in Boston. There were  
several Southern men in the audi-  
ence. Just after a period of par-  
ticularly bitter invective against  
the slave holders of the South  
one of these Southerners arose  
and shouted: "If you said that in  
the South we would cut off your  
ears." "Then," responded Phil-  
lips, quick as a flash, "I could on-  
ly say: Them that have ears, let  
them hear."

**Machine-Grown Carnations.**  
"Do you know why carnations  
have fallen about 40 per cent in  
price in the last year or so?" asks  
a florist quoted by the Philadel-  
phia Record. "It isn't because  
they are less popular—they are  
more popular than they ever were  
—but it is all on account of a lit-  
tle wire machine, recently invent-  
ed, that costs about 3 1-2 cents.  
This machine may be described  
as an automatic tree box of steel  
wire. It is a couple of feet high,  
and stands upon three legs. As  
soon as a carnation begins to  
grow it is slopped within the ma-  
chine and thereafter it remains  
upright, for there is a series of  
rings that take hold of it and  
guide it in its growth. Before the  
invention of this device the ma-  
jority of carnations spoiled be-  
cause when they became tall they  
fell over and the flowers rotted  
in the dust. Now none of them  
spoil, and hence their present  
cheapness."

**Opening Mail at Breakfast.**  
"Never open your morning mail  
at the breakfast table," said a  
Philadelphia physician. "That is  
an evil habit, and one that is  
sometimes responsible for disease.  
Letters, you must know, are tre-  
mendous germ-carriers. The  
licking of the flap of the envelope  
and of the stamp often entails the  
presence of thousands of germs.  
These, when letters are laid up-  
on the table, may get into the  
food, for they are nearly all food  
bacteria; you may swallow them,  
and thus lay yourself open to  
many kinds of trouble. Open  
your mail, therefore, anywhere  
but in the dining room."

**High Rents on Broadway.**  
The wonder is, how can a man  
do business in Broadway and ex-  
pect to make a profit, consider-  
ing the extraordinary rents that  
are exacted, says the New York  
Press. The profits in cigars must  
be stupendous, for tobacconists  
pay more rent than liquor dealers.  
A cigar company has leased a lot  
thirty-one feet front on Broad-  
way for \$40,000 a year for twenty-  
one years. Not a stone's throw  
from the city hall is a corner shop  
hardly big enough to take a long  
breath in, for which the annual  
rental is \$11,000. For the base-  
ment beneath it, used as a restau-  
rant, \$7,000 is paid.

**Museum Collection of Old Bonnets.**  
A collection of curious old  
bonnets, covering a period of  
eighty years, has just been re-  
ceived at the museum in Philadel-  
phia Memorial hall. Some of  
these wonderful creations of mill-  
iners in the last century are  
marvels of invention and con-  
struction. One of the old band-  
boxes in the collection is about  
twice the size of an ordinary  
washtub, and is covered with  
quaint, gaudily-patterned wall  
paper. From the present view-  
point many of the old-time fash-  
ions for headgear appear most  
ludicrous.

**Comparisons Really Are "Odious."**  
"Comparisons are odious," said  
John Fortescue, an ancient En-  
glish worthy, writing in the fif-  
teenth century. In "Much Ado  
About Nothing" Shakespeare  
caused one of the ridiculous char-  
acters to say: "Comparisons are  
odorous." In recent years the  
question has been raised whether  
the quotation "Comparisons are  
odious," was correctly used, be-  
cause Shakespeare's character em-  
ployed the word "odorous." It  
appears that the former usage is  
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