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Alas, I am a graybeard,  
My years are fifty-three;  
I'm old and gray, but Bessie ne'er  
Will sit upon my knee.

Yet once this dimpled maiden,  
With birdlike sounds of glee  
And sweet proprietary airs,  
Would perch upon my knee.

And oft we've romped together  
When summer winds blew free,  
But evening stars and sleepy eyes  
Brought Bessie to my knee.

But now I cannot coax her.  
What can the difference be?  
Her years are long, she romps no more,  
Nor sits upon my knee.  
—James B. Kenyon in Century.

Tricking the Crows.

Crows are so fond of eggs that you can play some amusing tricks on them. One summer I placed a stuffed porcupine in a field, spread a little straw over it and stuck some hens' eggs on to the quills. A crow soon spotted the eggs on a tree top and flew down to get one. It lit on the ground near by, and then it flitted up and settled down on the straw, but it hopped off very suddenly, looked sideways at the eggs and scratched around as if its feet didn't feel exactly natural. The crow tried again, got its feet pricked and flew back to the tree, where it sat silently till two more crows got fooled in the same way, when it began to oo and chuckle as if it was laughing at them. Then the two joined him, and the three sat on the tree till two more got their soles pricked, when the five went squalling away to the woods.

The next morning I noticed a big flock of crows flying back and forth from the woods to the porcupine. Finally they all disappeared, and I found that the black scamps had outwitted me, for they had piled up a lot of twigs on the quills, and on them the cunning crows had got a foothold, stuck their bills into the eggs and carried them off.

One spring I fed the crows on chopped frogs till the corn got well up and by so doing kept them out of the cornfield. I scattered the frogs in a field next to the corn lot, and the crows soon got so that they watched for me to come with the fodder. When I had fed them a few times, a lot of kingbirds got in the habit of following me to the feeding ground. They lit in the trees, and when the crows settled down to eat the kingbirds whaled them back to the woods, where they kept shady till the kingbirds went home.—Exchange.

IT WAS A GOLDFISH.

The Other Girl Captured Him In Her Skillfully Set Net.

"Men are just like fish," observed the tall girl in gray, "and I don't wonder that Mr. Darwin thinks they are descended from them."

"I think Mr. Darwin spoke only of apes, dear," mildly suggests the girl with the eyeglasses.

"Did he? Well, it's all the same anyhow. I'm so busy with the man of today that I don't care to go back any farther. I'm sure the poet was quite sensible when he said that the proper study of womankind is man."

"I—think he said 'mankind,' dear," hinted the girl with the eyeglasses.

The girl in gray turned fiercely upon her:

"See here, Emily Marshmallow, you may know all about apes, yes, and the height of the north pole, and—and lots of other unnecessary things, but you know as well as I do that they won't do you a bit of good with a man unless he is examining you for a teacher's certificate, and precious little then, with the pair of eyes you have in your head," she ended up triumphantly.

"What was it about the fish anyhow?" asked the girl with the eyeglasses, suddenly interested in the subject.

"The fish? Oh, I remember. Well, you see, if you try to catch them with a hook and line they are too suspicious to bite unless you lure them with a very bright colored fly, but if you go after them with a net and just slip it neatly over their heads they are easily enough landed."

"Oh!" blankly replied the girl with the eyeglasses.

"M'hm. And that horrid Clara—" "Oh, it's all about Clara, is it?"

"It is. She is busy today deciding whether to call him Wilfred or Mr. Sweetie after they are married."

"But I thought he was quite as attentive to you as to her?"

"He was, but I used a hook and line, Clara a net. He is gasping a little yet, but he is safely landed. You see, Clara and I had a discussion not long ago about the best way to manage a man who kept calling and calling and saying nothing in particular. To decide it we wrote to the editor of The Young Ladies' Champion. The reply was to refuse occasionally to see the young man."

"And did you follow?"

"I did. Wilfred called the very day the paper came. Clara happened to be with me up in my room at the time, and I sent down word that he would please excuse me, as I was engaged. Then what do you suppose that deceitful Clara did?"

"Went down herself?"

"N-no. She suddenly remembered that she had forgotten to post an important letter and ran down the back stairs and over home. Of course he went right over there, as the sly thing knew he would, so she just ran into the back parlor, where he'd be sure to hear, and sobbed, 'Oh, mamma, he—has just been over to see Eva again and—and she wouldn't even see him, while I—'"

"Her mother, being a widow, understood at once and said: 'I really don't know what you are talking about, my poor child. Mr. Sweetie is in the parlor.'"

"But how on earth did you find out just how it happened?"

"I suspected something, dear, so I followed close on Clara's heels, but before I could get into the room the door had closed upon her, and that horrid mother of hers took me up stairs to ask my advice about the making over of an old gown."—Chicago Times-Herald.

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Brown & Manzanares, wholesale grocers, East Las Vegas, N.M., Sept. 14, 1895.—Morris, Little & Son, Brooklyn, N.Y.—This is to certify that I had 15,000 head of sheep twice dipped with your "Little's Powder Sheep Dip." The flocks were very bad with scab before dipping, having been neglected for a long time, but as near as I can see now your medicine has cured them, and now clean and healthy. Very truly, F. A. Manzanares.

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In round numbers 1,500,000 baseballs are manufactured every year. It is naturally an exclusively American industry. The greater part of the number of balls turned out are of the cheaper grades that sell for from 5 cents up to 25 cents each. The cheap balls are made by machinery except the stitching of the seams, which is done by hand.

The better grades of the balls are made altogether by hand. The best balls, those used by the players of the League, contain a small core of rubber which forms the center. Yarn is wound tightly round the rubber core until the ball is of the proper size, when the cover is fitted on.

Most of the baseball bats that are used are made of ash. Landed bats and bats with partly flattened surfaces are forbidden by the rules of the game.—New York Sun.

The Drunkard's Cloak.

In the time of the Commonwealth the magistrates of Newcastle-upon-Tyne punished drunkards by making them carry a tub called the drunkard's cloak. This tub was worn bottom upward, there being a hole at the bottom for the head and two smaller holes in the sides for the hands to pass through, and thus ridiculously attired the delinquent was made to walk through the streets of the town for as long a time as the magistrates thought proper to order, according to the grossness of the offense.—London Standard.

No Need for Prayers.

Tommy—Do you say your prayers every night?

Jimmy—Yes.

"And does your maw say hers?"

"Yes."

"And does your paw?"

"Naw. Paw don't need to. It's almost daylight when he gets to bed."—Cincinnati Tribune.

The contemporary mind may in rare cases be taken by storm, but posterity never. The tribunal of the present is accessible to influence; that of the future is incorrupt.—Gladstone.

White native Americans of American parents are actually in the minority in this country, foreigners, their children and the colored element outnumbering the native.

In northern Europe Nordenskjold found fresh fallen snow impregnated with a dust of carbon and iron such as could only have come from meteors.

Albemarle sound was named after George Monk, duke of Albemarle, one of the members of the original charter company.

He Was in the Wrong Place.

A certain widow who lost her husband several years ago was told that she could communicate with him by consulting a spiritualist. The medium was accordingly visited, and after the spiritualist announced that the husband was at the other end of the line the weeping widow eagerly approached.

"Howdy, Henry," she said between her sobs.

"Howdy, Jane," he replied, and then there was a brief silence while the widow cried.

"Henry, are you happy?" she asked.

The spirit did not reply immediately, but it finally said: "Yes. Don't see much difference between this and earth."

"Where are you, Henry, dear?"

Another pause and then, "I am in hell."—Philadelphia Press.

When First Sprang.

"Are all the animals in?" asked Noah, taking another look at the barometer.

"All but the leopards," replied Ham, "and I think we have a pair of them spotted."

Noah shook his head gloomily and muttered something about "that boy coming to a bad end."—Cincinnati Tribune.

To Fill the Seats.

"What plan," said one actor to another, "shall I adopt to fill the house at my benefit?"

"Invite your creditors," was the surly reply.—London Quiver.

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SONORA, TEXAS, - March 21, 1896

The Sonora Fireman's Ball at the court house Friday night was a grand success, financially and socially. The assemblage was large and representative. The ladies wore, if possible, fairer than usual and the boys more gallant than ever. The fire luddies seemed proud of their colors, yellow and black, and the committee is to be complimented on the success of the evening. The music, which was excellent, was furnished by Prof. M. S. Benabides string band from San Angelo. A splendid supper was served at the Decker Hotel from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m., and the strains of the Home, Sweet Home waltz were not heard until after three o'clock, when the dance broke and the participants wended their way home thinking of the pleasures of the night and hoping that it would not be long till the fireman gave another ball. The music was paid for and donated to the fire department by a few of the Sonora men so that there was no expense and all tickets sold were clean profit to the hose purchasing fund. The proceeds will amount to between \$65 and \$70.

A. P. Bush was re-elected president of the Texas Cattle Raisers association over C. C. Slaughter by a vote of 166 to 129. The executive committee is as follows: A. P. Bush, Colorado City; R. J. Kelberg, Alice; A. G. Boyce, Channing; J. C. Loving, Fort Worth; (all of the above are ex-officers); J. B. Wilson, Dallas; Charles Goodnight, Goodnight; Ed. T. Comer, San Angelo; Cyrus Lucas, Beeville; D. B. Gardner and S. B. Burnett, Fort Worth; Dr. J. B. Taylor, San Antonio; Murdo McKenzie, Trinidad, Colorado; W. E. Haisell, Vinita, I. T.; W. T. Waggoner, DeCator; A. B. Robertson, Colorado City. San Antonio was selected as the next meeting place of the convention upon the urgent plea of Dr. J. B. Taylor.

Sid Earns, a young hunter and trapper was here this week. He has been trapping beaver up and down the Los Moras and has been very successful. He sold over \$400 worth of pelts at Del Rio, the catch of one season. Sid has a ranch on the Rio and intends to go into the hog business. His head is level.—Brackett News.

E. A. McCarthy returned from Sonora Tuesday, where he assisted in organizing the Sonora fire department with 22 members. Ed says that Sonora has a first class system of water works and two active and efficient hose companies.—San Angelo Standard.

W. Haines, formerly of this place but now residing in Sonora, arrived in the city Sunday and is putting the tin roof on the Carmichael, Perner & Co., new drug store.—Ozona Courier.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Concho Valley Baptist Association will be held at San Angelo, beginning on the Friday night before the fifth Sunday in March.

The Devil's River News acknowledges receipt of an invitation to attend the Golden Jubilee on May 8, 9, 10th, at Fredericksburg.

W. B. Sullivan of the general mercantile firm of W. L. Gray & Co., of Eldorado, was in Sonora Friday.

#### Will Soon Leave.

G. W. Smith the photographer who has finished some excellent photos for the people of the Sonora country, will leave shortly for his home at Fredericksburg. If you want any work in his line done you should call on him at once. Samples of work done here may be seen at the gallery.

#### All are Healed.

Juno, Tex., Val Verde county, June 29, 1895.—Morris, Little & Son, Brooklyn, N.Y.—Dear Sirs:—Your favor at hand. In reply will say that your chemical dipping powder is all you claim it to be. I dipped my sheep one time only, and there were several cases of scab, and on examination a few days ago found every case entirely cured. I am well pleased and expect to use your dip and nothing else. I have not heard any complaint yet from others that used it. I think everyone is well pleased with it. Wishing good success, I am, yours truly, B. F. McDonald.

### Stock News.

Among the cattlemen at the Sonora cattlemen's meeting at the court house Friday, we noticed the following stockmen: Geo. H. McDonald, Al Haley, Sol and Max Mayer, R. F. Halbert, R. J. Owens, J. C. Barksdale, Tobe O'Neal, Jess Mayfield, G. W. Morris, Geo. S. Allison, Sam Palmer, C. C. Yaws, Louis Lahne, A. W. Pullen, Geo. Black, A. J. Swearingen, Jap and Jim Brannan, S. C. Martin, and John Robbins. It is the intention of the cattlemen to run a wagon to be bossed by different supporters of the wagon. Those who work with the wagon and are not contributors to the fund will be charged board. The first work will begin on April 12th. Jess Mayfield, J. C. Barksdale, W. A. O'Neal, Al Haley and R. J. Owens were appointed a committee to designate the work.

Have you improved the water storage on your ranch?

W. H. Cosenbary & Co., are agents for Little's Sleep Dip.

Lee Good of Runnels county bought the cattle interests of R. H. Harris of San Angelo last week.

The man or men who buy the yearling steers of the Sonora country this spring will have the finest young cattle in West Texas.

C. C. & R. Neeley, bought from Glasscock & Davis the old Bates ranch in Schleicher county, for \$2,000.

If you want yearling steers do not overlook the Sonora country. The finest yearlings in the State are to be found here. Make a note of it.

Burton Wade the North Concho cattleman was in Sonora Monday and gave John T. Cooper the contract to deliver 1000 head of yearling steers.

The herds of the Sonora country are well graded and for the past twenty months the range has been unusually fine, cattle have been in splendid condition and yearling steers this spring will be beauties.

If you get a fair offer for your muttons with wool on you had better take it. After shearing you will have a great many more muttons to compete with and there is no indication of a shortage in muttons.

C. C. West bought C. C. & R. Neeley's half interest in the Neely & West ranch near Eldorado, for \$400. Mr. West has put in a large dipping vat and shearing pens and will be able to accommodate the sheepmen who want to shear and dip on the way to market.

Cesarito Torres sold last week 208 head of stock cattle to Wm. Shannon of Sonora at \$9.00 all around. There were very few steer cattle among them, as these had been previously sold off.—Del Rio Record.

Smisson & Perse sold this week to F. K. Wilson, 200 2-year old steers at \$13.50, and a bunch of bulls and stags to K. M. Mays at \$14.—John Rae, the fine stock breeder of Buck Horn, Schleicher county, bought from John Lovelady to registered Devon bulls named "Rome Shield" and "John Gardner," for \$127.50. Mr. Rae sold the following Devon bull calves at \$25 each: Two to J. M. Shannon, Crockett county, one to Alfred Geddis and one to J. D. Wagner, Kickerbocker, and one to S. E. Couch, Ozona.—San Angelo Standard.

Boston, March 13.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow of the wool market:—The whole trade is steeped in stagnation to the lips. The curious phenomenon of advancing foreign wools and declining domestic in the same market at the same time is due to the fact that Americans have no foreign outlet. Foreign scouring and South American wools are being re-exported. Though the lack of demand from American mills is cutting down sales there will be undoubtedly a short supply the coming season. The drought in Australia just ending has killed 9,500,000 sheep. The coming Australian clip will therefore be 180,000 bales short.

Special official statistics furnished the Bulletin by the United States department of agriculture show a further decline this year of 4,000,000 sheep in the United States, a consequent shortage in the American clip of 1896 of at least 20,000,000 pounds.

### A Skeleton in the Closet.

How often do we hear of this in domestic life at this day. But what is more appalling than the living body, made repulsive with skin and scalp diseases, salt-rheum, letter, eczema and scrofulous sores and swellings. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the positive cure for all of these diseases. If taken in time, it also cures Lung scrofula, commonly known as Pulmonary Consumption. By druggists.

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Dr. R. V. Pierce: Dear Sir—When about three years old I was taken with mumps, also had fever, finally I had that dreaded disease Scrofula. The most eminent physicians in this section treated me to no avail. I had running scrofulous sores on left side of neck and face. I was small and weakly when eight or nine years old, and in fact was nearly a skeleton. Six bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery wrought marvelous changes. Although the sores were healed in eight months, I did not quit taking it until I was sure it had been entirely routed from my system. The only signs left of the dreadful disease are the scars which ever remind me of how near death's door I was until rescued by the "Discovery." I am now eighteen years old and weigh 148 pounds; and have not been sick in five years.

Yours respectfully,  
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For constipation and headache, use Dr. Pierce's Pellets.

W. A. Wright, the San Angelo lawyer passed through Sonora last week on a fishing and hunting trip to Devil's River. Saturday at 5 o'clock a man came down from San Angelo wanting to find Mr. Wright, stating that Mr. Wright's child was dying. As it was not known whether Mr. Wright had gone to Dolan or Pecan Springs Ed Taliaferro took the messenger and started at six o'clock to find Mr. Wright. At Elbow Lake where the roads fork Ed decided that Pecan Springs was the place and shortly after met a traveler who had seen Mr. Wright camped at Beaver Lake. They got to where Mr. Wright was camped below Pecan Springs at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon and arrived in Sonora Monday morning at 3 o'clock. Mr. Wright left on Monday's stage for San Angelo and on the way received a letter stating that the child was somewhat better.

#### Perfectly Cured.

Las Vegas, N.M., Sept. 17, 1895.—Morris, Little & Son, Brooklyn, N.Y. Gentlemen:—I have used the Little's Sleep Dip on about 25,000 sheep and can certify that it has perfectly cured them. A great number of these sheep were very badly affected by the disease and your dip has certainly done wonders on these. I will recommend the dip to all sheepmen. Yours truly, Chas. Hefeld. 84-12.

Don't be humbugged! Like other articles of genuine merit the BUCKSKIN BREECHES have many imitations. Some are branded "Buxkin," others "Buckskin" (without the word breeches) and so on. Be sure Buckskin Breeches is branded on the Buttons and the Trade Mark (Buck and Dog) on the ticket.

Hagerlund Bros. have Buckskin Jeans in all sizes. 27.

#### A Millionaire's Watchdogs.

James Dobson, the millionaire carpet manufacturer, is a lover of fine dogs and has probably a dozen prowling about his mansion overlooking the great plant operated by the Dobsons at the falls of Schuylkill. Among them are a fine blood-hound and a handsome St. Bernard. The latter has taken possession of the greenhouse and surroundings, while the bloodhound prowls as master around the house.

Each watches his respective district during the daytime, and when one dog trespasses upon the territory of the other a bitter struggle, sometimes accompanied by bloodshed, is sure to occur. But as soon as darkness sets in the two dogs hobnob together in the most friendly manner, traveling over the premises at will. The cause of the daytime enmity and the after dark friendship cannot be accounted for by the owner.—Philadelphia Record.

#### Time's Whirligig.

Mrs. Newera—Henry!  
Her Husband—Yes, my dear.  
Mrs. Newera—Here's another bill of \$1.50 for neckties. That's the third in six months. And last week I settled a bill of \$1.75 for your straw hat. Do you think I'm made of money?—Chicago Tribune.

#### First Text of First Sermon in Chicago.

The service was in the carpenter shop of Fort Dearborn, the preacher, the Rev. Jeremiah Porter; the text, "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." John xv, 8; the date, May 19, 1833.

### FACTS ABOUT BANK NOTES.

They Have Been Used For Many Curious Purposes.

Curious and not uninteresting is the fate which occasionally befalls bank notes, as the following instances will show.

Some time ago a wealthy gentleman in the north of England caused quite a sensation at a fancy dress ball by appearing in a costume covered entirely with bank notes, which were stitched on. The gentleman secured the first prize for the best dress of the ball, but it may perhaps be questioned whether he arrived home without finding himself minus a few of his valuable adornments. It is said that the Duke of Wellington once, during a battle in the peninsula, made use of a bank note in a unique way. In the heat of the engagement he found it necessary to send a dispatch to a distant point of the field, and not having any paper convenient wrote his message on the back of a "five."

A few years ago a bank note was made use of by an unlucky gambler in a sad and tragic manner. The unfortunate man, who had ruined himself beyond redemption on the turf, blew his brains out, and his last bank note served for the wadding of the pistol.

An amusing story is told of a farm laborer who one day presented at a bank a rag of gray paper, crumpled and pulpy, the type hardly legible, which he said was a bank note. His explanation was that a pet goat in his kitchen had got hold of it and eaten it—a goat of expensive habits. The note had been in the animal's stomach some time before it was missed and was only suspected to be there because one of his girls had seen Nanny "mumbling over" a bit of gray paper. The owner went through a serious domestic difference of opinion and mental struggle before he decided whether to sacrifice the pet on the chance of recovering the money. The struggle between sentiment and "siller" ended unfavorably for the goat, and after all the "promise to pay" extracted from so strange a hiding place was so becheved and mangled that the poor man was kept in suspense for some time as to whether he might not lose both his money and his pet. But his story was ultimately believed, and he went away comforted.

There was an old, eccentric lady of means, moving in high society, who always slept on a certain pillow, which she would allow no one to touch but herself and always carefully kept locked up during the daytime. No one thought there was any particular value attached to the pillow, but put her conduct down to eccentricity. After her death accident disclosed the fact that the pillow contained bank notes amounting in value to several thousand dollars. No doubt the old lady found it very soothing to sleep on so much wealth. Readers who suffer from insomnia may feel inclined to take the hint.—New York Journal.

#### Napoleon's Boot in One Campaign.

The season was as busy on the military as it had been on the political side. Day and night the soldiers in the conquered Venetian lands wrought with ceaseless labor until the whole territory was in perfect order as a base of military operations. Not a single strategic point there or elsewhere was overlooked. Even the little island of St. Peter in the Mediterranean was taken from Piedmont and garrisoned with 200 men. It was generally understood that war might break out at any moment. Every contribution under treaty obligations was exacted to the utmost farthing.

As a single illustration of the French dealing, jewels and gems estimated by the pope as worth 19,000,000 francs were accepted by the French experts at a valuation of five. Within the previous 12 months Bonaparte had sent to Paris 7,000,000 francs, of which he destined 2,000,000 for the outfit of a fleet. It was but a moiety of what he had raised. During this summer, on the contrary, he kept everything. Even the 3,000,000 francs promised to Barras were not paid. It is therefore likely that he had in hand upward of 30,000,000 francs in cash and commissary stores to the extent of several millions more.—Professor W. M. Sloane's "Life of Napoleon" in Century.

#### Nitrate of Silver.

Mrs. Chngwater—Josiah, I don't understand the talk about the market value of silver. Isn't silver always the same price?

Mr. Chngwater—Oh, no. It varies more or less every day. In fact, it's cheaper at one time of the day than it is at another.

"Isn't that something new?"  
"No. It has always been the case. Didn't you ever hear of the night rate of silver?"—Chicago Tribune.

#### The Bookkeeper Not Behind.

Mr. Asker—They tell me that the bookkeeper of your firm is behind in his accounts. Is that so?  
Mr. Tasker—Far from it. He came out ahead. It's the company that's behind.—Pearson's Weekly.

Patronize  
Our  
Advertisers.

### For Sale.

Horton Allen has one of the best cow ranches in Sutton county. Shallow well and plenty of water, which he will sell cheap or trade. \$5-12.

#### Bulls For Sale.

100 or more full bloods and high grade. Apply at Taylor's ranch, Sutton county.  
F. HIGINBOTHAM, Manager.  
Sonora, Texas. 86

#### For Sale.

An A. D. Cooke 6 horse power engine and 8 horse power boiler, almost new and guaranteed to be in perfect working order.  
GREEN & LOWRY,  
84. Rock Springs, Texas.

#### \$750.00 WILL BUY

The A. A. DeBerry 7 room residence in Sonora which cost in the neighborhood of \$1,200. This house is well finished, situated on a corner lot 100 x 200 feet with stable, carriage and out-houses. For terms and other information apply at this office. 83

#### Dissolution Notice.

The firm of Foote & Taylor have this day dissolved co-partnership by mutual consent, S. D. Foote retiring from the firm and will immediately locate in Ozona, Texas. S. G. Taylor will collect all accounts due the old firm and receipt for same.

S. D. FOOTE,  
S. G. TAYLOR.

Feb. 29th. 1896

#### Notice to Sheep Owners.

I will have a good company of 25 or 28 picked shearers for the spring shearing, and will shear ordinary sheep at 3 1-2 cents a head, and close woolled wrinkled Merinos at 4 cents. Everything furnished. I solicit your patronage and guarantee satisfaction.  
MIGUEL HERNANDEZ,  
76. Sonora, Texas.

### Bulls For Sale.

Fifteen head of one-half, three-quarter, and seven-eighths bred Yearling

### DEVON BULLS,

Sired by IVANHOE,  
Which I will sell cheap for cash.

JOHN RAE,  
OZONA, Texas.

Ranch on Buckhorn, 23 miles, northwest of Sonora.

### O.K. BARBER SHOP

Edwin Trimble, Manager.

EVERYTHING FIRST-CLASS.

Edwin Trimble and Jess Hill our artists want you to call on them at the old stand next to the bank, when you want a shave, haircut, bath, etc. They are anxious to please and will give satisfaction.

The cheapest place.—The Pioneer Drug Store, San Angelo. 38 tf

All property owners in Sonora should contribute to the purchase of the fire hose, etc.

Wanted by a competent man a position as teacher on a ranch or small school community. Apply at this office. 82 tf

If the business portion of Sonora should burn down, the resident portion would not be worth 50 cents on the dollar. Subscribe to the fire department.

Pure blood is a safe guard of health. Keep your blood pure, rich and full of vitality by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, and you will not need to fear the attacks of disease.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, constipation, jaundice, sick headache, biliousness. 25c.

Local politics do not promise to be very exciting in Sutton county this year. It is expected that all the old officers who want to, will hold over as there does not seem to be any prospective candidates in opposition to them.

# WANTED: YOUR TRADE.

I am prepared to do a General Mercantile business.

My stock is full and complete in every department.

My prices can not be beaten and if you want advances on your spring wool clip I can accommodate you.

Give me a trial order and see how white I will treat you.

Geo. H. McDonald,

General Merchant. Sonora, Texas.

# NEVER AGAIN

will you be able to buy HARDWARE as you can now in San Angelo.

The Allen and Carlisle stocks have been combined at the Allen stand and you can get anything you need in Hardware at

AWAY BELOW COST.

The goods are rapidly going and it will pay you to investigate.

J. P. McCONNELL,

PROPRIETOR OF THE

# MAUD'S SALOON

Carries the finest line of Wines, Liquors and Cigars in the West.

Every thing first-class. Just the place to treat your friends.

Niagara Whiskey is the Medicine.

# RANCH SALOON

GEO. S. ALLISON, Pro.,

KEEPS ON HAND OLD PHILADELPHIA CLUB WHISKEY

AND THE FINEST WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS.

EVERYTHING FIRST-CLASS. GIVE US A CALL.

# THE DECKER HOTEL,

MRS. LAURA DECKER, Proprietress.

Offers the Resident and Traveling Public

THE BEST ACCOMMODATIONS

In West Texas at Reasonable Rates.

Commercial Men put up at the DECKER

Hotel which is sufficient guarantee that

OUR TABLE IS THE BEST.

Livery Stable and Feed Yard in Connection.

# C. F. ADAMS & CO.

General Agents for the sale of

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Live Stock And Ranch Property,  
SONORA, SUTTON CO. TEX.

R. C. McMahan,  
WHEELWRIGHTS, HORSE SHOERS,  
And General Blacksmiths.

Guarantee First Class Work Promptly Executed.  
Call and See Us at Wyatt's old Shop.

Geo. S. Allison, proprietor of the Ranch Saloon, is agent in Sonora for Old Philadelphia Club whiskey, made by Roskam, Gerstley & Co. This whiskey is very fine. Houghton & Robinson of Austin, state agents. 72.

Subscriptions for Frank Leslie's Poptar Monthly \$5 a year taken at this office.

Subscriptions taken at this office for Brann's Iconoclast. Published monthly at Waco, Texas, at \$1 year.



# WOOL CROWERS.

Needing advances on the Spring Clip of 1896, will consult their interest by placing their business with us. We propose making a specialty of Devils River Wools.

Any business intrusted to us will have our best care and attention.

Advances Liberal. Correspondence solicited.

**Chas. W. Hobbs,**  
San Angelo, Texas,

## THE SAN ANGELO NATIONAL BANK,

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Capital Paid in - \$100,000  
Surplus Fund - \$25,000.

Offers to Depositors all the Accommodations which their Balances, Business and Responsibility Justify.  
M. L. MERTZ, President. C. W. HOBBS, Vice-President.  
A. A. DeBerry, Cashier.

J. R. COPELAND, MAX STACY,

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## COPELAND & STACY,

Manufacturers Of

Light Carriages, Buggies,  
Business Wagons and Tops

OF ALL DISCRPTIONS.

Carriage Repairing, Painting, Trimming and  
Horse Shoeing a Specialty.

Dealers In

Wall Paper, Paints, Linseed Oil, Window Glass.  
San Angelo, Texas.

CONSIGN YOUR SHEEP TO

## CLAY, ROBINSON & CO.,

LIVE STOCK COMMISSION, AT

KANSAS CITY and CHICAGO.

J. L. PARRY, Cattle. H. F. PARRY, Office. L. B. BAUGH, Hogs.  
J. M. COLEMAN, Cattle. JOHN SMITH, Sheep.

## Parry Bros. & Baugh,

Live Stock Commission Merchants.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS, ILLINOIS.

The Shipments of Sheep Specially Solicited.

References:—Stock Yard Bank, Third National Bank.

Correspondence Solicited.

### For Killing Worms.

Albert, Tex., July 12, 1895.—Morris, Little & Son, Brooklyn, N.Y.—Dear sirs:—Now in regard to the sheep dip I got from you I have used altogether in killing worms with same, and consider it the best and cheapest I ever used and cannot say too much in praise of it. Yours truly, C. A. Luckenbach

A. R. Cauthorn the sheepman, was in for ranch supplies Tuesday.

Albert and Sam Cox Jr., were in Sonora Monday, trading.

John McKee the Franks defeat country cattleman was in Sonora Monday for supplies.

### A Sure Cure.

Sonora, Sutton county, Texas, July 19, 1895.—Morris, Little & Son, Brooklyn N.Y.—This is to certify that I have successfully used the Little's Powder Dip, and recommend the same to all wool growers as a sure cure for scab. Yours truly, N. T. Guest.

R. W. Callahan returned from a business trip east Thursday.

W. G. Forbes the cattleman was in Sonora Friday for supplies.

James Thomason the carpenter, returns from Edorado this week.

Dud Toms of McKavett, was in Sonora Friday with the cattlemen.

### DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS,

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

Advertising Medium of the Stockman's Paradise.

SUBSCRIPTION \$2 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

Entered at the Postoffice at Sonora as second-class matter.

MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.

SONORA, TEXAS. March 21, 1896.

Dr. H. Guernsey Jones,

PHYSICIAN, OBSTETRICIAN & SURGEON.

SONORA - TEXAS.

Country calls promptly answered. Office at Residence.

N.W. Cor. Public Square.

DR. H. G. COLSON,

Physician, Surgeon and Obstetrician.

Office at Cusenbary & Briant's drug store. Residence on Poplar Street. All calls promptly answered.

Sonora, Texas.

A briar pipe and a pound best tobacco for 50c. See adv of Duke's Mixture.

C. T. Turney the cattleman was in Sonora Saturday.

Ask for Brown & Co's tobacco and take no other.

Cousin Henry was in town this week.

When calling for Beer be sure and call for Fort Worth. 35

D. B. Cusenbary the sheepman was in town Tuesday trading.

Fort Worth Beer is handled by Morris & Allison 35

Max Mayer's new residence under the management of Oscar Clark is progressing favorably.

Do you drink beer? If you do call for "Premium Pale" it's the best. 56

R. T. Baker the North Llano cattleman was in town Wednesday.

If you want something real good to chew get Paul Brown's natural leaf at Hagerlund Bros.

Geo. H. McDonald the merchant returned from a business trip to San Angelo Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Ozden and children left on a weeks visit to her mother at Christoval Monday.

Mrs. Eita King intends leaving for Arkansas next week on a visit to relatives.

Miss Zora Martin and Mr. Oscar Rountree intend leaving for Kerrville Saturday.

Sol Mayer returned from the cattlemen's convention at Fort Worth Wednesday.

D. C. Kirkland of the North Llano, Kimble county, was in Sonora this week trading.

Sidney Bremner the mutton man was in Sonora Monday for supplies.

Born in Sonora on Monday Mar. 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. Tobe O'Neal a boy.

Try Brown's Indian Maid chewing tobacco, it will more than please you. Hagerlund Bros have it. 46.

Dock Grimsley one of the old time cow men of the Conchos, was in Sonora Wednesday on cattle business.

Fred Berger was in Sonora Tuesday. Mr. Berger returned from a pleasant visit to San Antonio, Saturday.

For a pleasant smile, a good smoke and genial company, make Zenker & Maier's your head quarters while in San Angelo.

R. W. Barton the cattleman returned from a visit to his family in San Antonio, Saturday. He was in Sonora Tuesday.

Hagerlund Bros. are prepared to make liberal cash advances on your spring wools. See them before making arrangements elsewhere. 78

EI Smith of San Angelo, who has been spending a few days at Mayer's Middle Valley ranch, came in town Wednesday with Sol Mayer.

Mrs. Frank Large left for Edorado Monday. Mrs. Large had spent four months pleasantly in Sonora and made many friends as usual.

E. C. Selmer a practical gunsmith and locksmith is prepared to do all kinds of work in his line. Guns, locks, sewing machines, bicycles, etc., repaired. Knife blades made to order. All work guaranteed. Shop at Duke's old stand. 86 tf.

### THE TRAWEEK HOTEL.

In self defense I have reduced the price for board and lodging at my hotel to \$12 per month. I set as good table as the market affords. My rooms are well furnished, comfortable and quiet. I have been in the hotel business longer than any one in Sonora and if given the opportunity will prove to your satisfaction that the Trawee is as good as any hotel in Sonora. Your patronage solicited. 67 Mrs. M. A. TRAWEEK.

### A Narrow Escape.

Caj Hoffman while working on Wm. Guest's windmill, at the ranch 20 miles below Sonora, Wednesday morning, was thrown to the ground by the plank on which he was standing slipping under him. He fell about 14 feet striking on his head. The fall was partly broken by his striking Wm. Guest's leg. It was thought he was seriously injured, and James Shaffer his brother-in-law who was present came to town for a physician. When Dr. H.G. Colson arrived the injured man had regained consciousness and although badly bruised will be all right in a short while.

Ben Smith was in town this week from Sam Merck's ranch at Franks Defeat. Ben reported the sad news that on Sunday, March 21st, his father, C. C. Smith of Edwards county, who was visiting his daughter Mrs. Sam Merck, got into his back and started to drive home, when his team ran away, turning over the back and breaking Mr. Smith's right leg between the knee and ankle. When Ben left the ranch, he was resting and doing as well as could be expected. C. C. Smith is the well-known pioneer well driller and cattleman and his many friends will be sorry to learn of his misfortune.

Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Jones gave an entertainment at their residence Wednesday night in honor of Miss Vander Stucken. The evening was passed pleasantly with cards, music and refreshments. The following ladies and gentlemen being present: Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Maier, Mrs. Eita King, Misses Sophie Vander Stucken, Florence Felton, Abby Miller, and Messrs. T. D. Newell, Geo. Hamilton, and Henry Felix Vander Stucken.

Hood M. Murchison the cattleman and merchant of Eldorado, Texas, was married at Uvalde county, on March 11th, to Miss Sallie Bates. The happy couple were in Sonora on Monday on their way to their home at Eldorado, Schleicher county. Mr. and Mrs. Murchison much happiness.

Harry Higinbotham of Taylor's ranch, returned to San Angelo on Monday, where he will make an extended visit to his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Winn of Edwards county, were in Sonora Wednesday buying supplies. Mr. Winn has been in San Angelo, but hereafter will make his headquarters.

Geo. Allen the music dealer of San Angelo, returned from that city to Sonora Wednesday on his city to Sonora. Seventy wheel in 6 1/2 hours. Good traveling, don't you think?

The old Mexican herder Peter who was working for D. B. Cusenbary, was shot on the 14th by Frank Caruthers some months ago died at Cusenbary's ranch Wednesday evening.

John C. Perry, Bob Peacock, Will Gurley, Ned Friend, Felix Harrell, Geo. Sowell, and Jim Baker, Crockett county cowmen were in Sonora Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Yaws of McKavett came over to Sonora Friday to attend the commencement exercises of the Sonora public school.

Geo. Landrum of San Angelo, was in Sonora Friday. He expects to buy some horses from Green & Lowry of Edwards county.

A. W. Mills the sheepman who ranches east of Taylor's pasture, 10 miles from Sonora, was in town Tuesday trading.

While visiting Ozona stop at the Ozona Hotel, best accommodation in town. Drummers sample room in connection.

# New Goods! New Goods!!

Our Immense stock of

## SPRING GOODS

Consisting of the Latest Novelties in

Dress Goods, Laces, Embroideries,  
Ladies Trimmed and Untrimmed  
Hats, Clothing, Boots, Shoes

of the latest styles will begin to arrive

## NEXT WEEK.

We expect the prettiest line ever shown in Sonora.

We have the Largest and Best selected stock of Fancy and Staple Groceries in Sonora at prices that Defy Competition.

—WE HAVE IN TRANSIT:—

One car load of Sulphur,  
One car load of Barb Wire,

AND IT WILL SAVE YOU MONEY TO BUY FROM US.

We will Guarantee the Prices on Wool Sacks and Twine.

We are making Liberal Cash Advances on Wool, also on any class of cattle.

# Mayer Bros. & Co.

GENERAL MERCHANTS

SONORA, - TEXAS.

## Proof of Pudding is TRYING IT.

If you want your wool sold.

If you want highest market price.

If you want to stop interest.

If you want to save commission.

If you want to save money.

If you want your wool sold on its merit.

If you want advances in cash.

If you want advances in supplies.

## TRY

# March Bros.

## "THE STAPERS."

The Largest Shippers and the Cheapest all round house in Dry Goods, Groceries, Sulphur, Grain, Etc., in the Concho Country. 600 to 608 Beauregard

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

### Notice to Tax Payers.

Notice is hereby given to all parties who have not made arrangements to pay their taxes by March 1st, must do so at once, as after that date I will be compelled to levy on property for payment of same, as I have to settle on April 1st. Pay your taxes now and save costs.

Yours respectfully  
J. P. McCONNELL,  
Tax Collector of Sutton county, Texas. 31.

More trade is coming to Sonora every day. Prices and printers ink do the work.

HOOD'S Sarsaparilla has over and over again proved by its cures, when all other preparations failed, that it is the One True BLOOD Purifier.

R. J. Owens the cattleman was over from Copperas Friday.

Louis Labne of McKivett was in Sonora Friday.

John Allison the Llano cattleman was in town Tuesday.

Born on March 17th, 1896, to Mr. and Mrs. Asa Robertson a boy.

Go to SAM BUNKLES' Moss Rose saloon, under Hotel San Angelo, for the imported Brandies, imported Claret, California Orange wine, fine liquors and cigars. 17-tf

If you want any kind of repairs on your hack and buggy bring it to San Angelo and try us.

83 COPELAND & STACY.

We now have 24 buggies in our shops we are repainting and ask you to call and inspect our work when in San Angelo.

83 COPELAND & STACY.

Remember if you can't get what you want done at home bring it to us, we make and repair everything from a knitting needle to a threshing machine.

83 COPELAND & STACY.

We are the headquarters on wall paper and window glass, painting, oils and varnishes, and will give you lower prices than any body, and all new stock.

83 COPELAND & STACY.

The prices and accommodations offered by Sonora's merchants are being more and more appreciated by the stockmen of Edwards county. The trade from that county is increasing every day.

## WOODFORD (1881)

WHISKEY.

is the finest article that has ever sailed over the San Angelo bars. No headache guaranteed. For sale only at the Corner Saloon San Angelo.



