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HAGERLUND BROTHERS

ARE NOW MAKING

Liberal Advances on the Spring Clip

Leaving Choice of Market to You.

HAGERLUND'S.

If you have SHEEP or CATTLE for sale

WE HAVE BUYERS.

HAGERLUND'S.

Our Bargains in General Merchandise are not to be

Surpassed for Price and Quality.

HAGERLUND'S.

IT WILL PAY YOU TO PRICE AT

Hagerlund Bros.

GENERAL MERCHANTS, SONORA, TEXAS.

MY FAIRYLAND.

A quiet woodland nook,
Within whose shade a mountain brook
Wound his path, thither, I, it seemed,
To leave the place. Perhaps it dreamed,
As I do now, 'twas fairyland.

The graceful mountain tree
Waterfall, swift gliding in and out
'Mid rocks that in the water grew,
Leaped joyfully, as if it knew,
As I do now, 'twas fairyland.

Soft moss of richest green
More beautiful than silken shoon
Of oriental fabric wove
For palace halls, luxuriant, strove
To cover all my fairyland.

On vines half hid from sight
Arletus blooms of pink and white
Were trailed o'er moss and dead brown
leaves,
Where fragrant ferns on summer eves
Caught the soft air of fairyland.

A granite rock, huge, gray
With running vine and creamy spray
Of wildwood flower—
And scarlet berries white and green
Near by was in my fairyland.

No sound discordant, shrill,
Was heard, but from the side clad hill
Cooing of doves, from grassy leas
Tinkling of bells, with brook and trees,
Made music sweet in fairyland.

Today, in city heat
And rush and din of crowded street,
My thoughts turn back to days long flown,
I yearn, faint, weary, homesick grown,
For just one hour in fairyland.

—Francis Gibson Richard in Yoman's Journal.

An Engineering Feat.

The subaqueous portion of the great Blackwall tunnel under the Thames, at London, has been achieved under circumstances that called for the best of modern engineering skill. The portion under the river is 1,221 feet, reached on the north and south banks by approaches 2,470 and 2,480 feet long, having grades of 1 in 34.4 and 1 in 36.2 respectively. The portion under the river is circular, 27 feet in diameter, and lined throughout with cast iron plates from 1 5/10 to 2 inches thick, the total weight of this lining in the tunnel and approaches being about 20,000 tons. The excavation was accomplished by means of a shield 19 1/2 feet long, 27 feet 8 inches in external diameter and weighing 250 tons. It was composed of an outer skin of four rings of steel plate five-eighths of an inch thick and an inner skin extending about half the length of the other, the interior space being divided by two transverse vertical airtight diaphragms, through which the material excavated from the face of the shield was passed in shoots. As the earth was dug away to form the tunnel, compressed air being forced into the heading to keep the water back in the earth, the shield was pushed forward by 22 hydraulic rams. Under cover of the rear of this shield the cast iron lining was put in place, and cement grout was afterward forced around the exterior of the lining.—New York Sun.

The African Woman.

Just above the streets of Cairo comes the Dahomey village, and here one finds the African woman in her most horrible state—almost nude, entirely like an ape. Her feet are bare and illustrate completely that odd formation of the negro heel, which in extending so far back seems to have taken all the calf of the ankle. Her legs look like ebony drumsticks; even her lips are black, but to redeem the widespread, sensuous mouth there are two rows of dazzling ivory. Their eyes, too, are soft and appealing—kind, yearning eyes that shine or their fellows and seem asking for help in darkness. These women have a dance peculiar to themselves, the motion being made entirely with hands and arms. They move neither their heads nor trunks, and some of their motions make one think of a negro laborer scattering corn in the field. As for garments, these consist mainly of a brown sack about the loins and a string of beads, to which modern feminine progress has added occasionally a gauze shift as a mark of distinction.—Maudie Andrus in Atlanta Constitution.

A Witty Retort.

A brother of Bishop Clark was one of the wittiest men alive. It runs in the family. He once went to see one of his parishioners, a lady with a prodigious family, which had been recently increased. As he rose to leave the lady stopped him with, "But you haven't seen my last baby." "No," he replied, "and I never expect to." Then he fled.—London Tit-Bits.

We must define flattery and praise. They are distinct. Trajan was encouraged to virtue by the panegyric of Pliny. Tibertus became obstinate in vice from the flattery of the senators.—Louis XVI.

The violet snail, very common in Europe and in some parts of this country, has the curious property of being able to inflate its body with air and thus become a true air raft.

A dish of water placed in a hot oven where pies, cakes or puddings are being baked will prevent them from scorching.

In Sumatra there grows a flower of a scent so vile as to be comparable to nothing but rotten carrion.

Maine has 75,780 mill hands, who make annually goods valued at \$95,689,500.

HEARD IN THE PROOFROOM.

How Poetry, Prose and Advertisements Sound Via the Copyholder.

If one of our modern graduate elocutionists could hear a copyholder reading aloud in the proofroom of a daily newspaper, it would be very apt to drive the elocutionist to drink. For the benefit of those who have never heard this class of reading an imitation thereof in typography may be of passing interest.

In the first place, be it understood, a copyholder is a proofreader's assistant, and it is his (or her) business to read aloud the copy, including punctuation, spelling of names, etc., so that the proofreader may have a correct understanding of just what the copy is without bothering to look and see for himself.

This is about the way it sounds when the copyholder starts in: "The G-r-a-m-m-a Machine—three up—E type—period. In the diagram before you A B—two small caps—is a ring of soft iron—comma—with its ends connected so as to form a continuous circuit—period. This ring can be made to rotate on its axis between the poles n s—two small caps—of an electro-magnet—compounded—period. How the magnetism of the electro-magnet—compounded—is established will be explained by-and-by—compounded—no o on by—colon—for the present I simply assume that n—small cap—and s—small cap—are two magnetic poles—comma—north and south respectively—period—parry—no dash."

Perhaps the next bit of copy is a news item, and we hear: "Accident in Newark—H I. About 6 o'clock this morning as William—abbreviated—Clarke—with an e—was crossing E-v-a-n-s st—comma—near the corner of Clover—comma—he was struck by trolley-car—compounded—No. 42—figures—comma—and thrown to the ground on one side, just in time to fall under the wheels of a passing wagon—period. He was picked up unconscious and conveyed to G-r-o-s-v-e-n-o-r hospital—comma—where his injuries were pronounced dangerous—period—more to come."

Possibly a little poetic gem may be the next thing on the proof, and this is how it sounds:

"Miss P-e-g-g-y-pos-s Bonnet—three up—K type. Poetry—begins flush. The century was six years old—comma—ono om—miss Peggy—two up—just sixteen—spelled, of course—comma—dash—flush—not yet a woman—comma—nor a child—comma—one em—but that sweet age between—comma—flush—which borrows charms from either side—comma—dash—one em—the dimpled smile of four—spelled again—comma—flush—with gentle mien and glance serene—one em—of twenty-one—hyphened—or more—scarce—stanza."

Next an advertisement appears, and as this is more important than poetry or news the copy reader's pace slackens very perceptibly, and we catch: "Two inches—daily—top of column—third page—send five proofs—four blank lines—avoid consumption—38—1 line—pica old style lower next—begins flush—don't wait until the hacking cough—all caps—has weakened the system and strained the Lungs—one up—period—take—break—S-m-i-t-l-p-o-s-s E-m-u-l-s-i-o-n—two lines 27—upper and lower—centered—no—point—goes on in pica old style—flush—the cream—ono up—of Cod liver—cod up—hyphenated—Oil—up—and Hypophosphates—up—comma—to supply the nourishment your system craves—period—no address—that's funny—better show it to the boss and see if it goes."

And thus the copyholder hurries along, dissecting his material at a rate only a printer can properly appreciate.—American Bookmaker.

Versatility Required of a Teacher. That the old conditions of village life in New England, in which the meeting house was a real center of public life and had an intimate connection with certain official things, still prevail in some places in Massachusetts is indicated by a recent occurrence. A young gentleman who had been recommended through a teachers' agency for the place of master of a public high school was in correspondence with the school committee of the town, and among the questions asked as to his qualifications was this: "Are you able to sing in the church choir?" The young gentleman can sing; he obtained the position, and every Sunday his voice is heard in the village choir. Moreover, he teaches the high school well. The people of the village say that their high school master always has sung in the choir, and they see no reason why he shouldn't be expected to sing.—Boston Transcript.

The Worst Said.

"A married man is always telling what his baby says."
"Well, an unmarried man is always making Welsh rabbits in a chafing dish."

Further, the disputants could do nothing but glare at each other.—Detroit Tribune.

OFFICE OF
BLACKWELL'S DURHAM TOBACCO COMPANY.
DURHAM, N. C.

To ALL Merchants Who Retail TOBACCO.

Dear Sir:
You are entitled to receive FREE from your wholesale dealer, WHITE STAR SOAP with all the

Blackwell's Genuine Durham Smoking Tobacco you buy. One bar of soap five with each pound, whether 16 oz., 3 oz., 4 oz., or 2 oz., packages.

We have notified every wholesale dealer in the United States that we will supply them with soap to give you FREE. Order a good supply of GENUINE DURHAM at once, and insist on getting your soap. One bar of soap FREE with each pound you buy. Soap is offered for a limited time, so order to-day.

Yours very truly,
BLACKWELL'S DURHAM TOBACCO COMPANY.

If you have any difficulty in procuring your soap, cut out this notice and send it with your order to your wholesale dealer.

CHAS. SCHRIENER,
WOOL COMMISSION MERCHANT,
BANKER AND DEALER IN
GENERAL MERCHANDISE.
Headquarters for Ranch Supplies.
KERRVILLE, TEXAS.

J. R. COPELAND, BLACKSMITH.
MAX STACY, BUGGY PAINTER.
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.

STAR SALOON
FRED GERBER & CO.
Handle the Finest Brands of Whiskies, Wines and Cigars, both Foreign and Domestic. Also proprietors of the
SAN ANGELO BOTTLING WORKS.
OF SAN ANGELO, TEXA.
Manufacturers of and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in all goods in this line. Write for prices and list of goods handled.

SONORA and SAN ANGELO
Mail, Express and Passenger Line,
A. J. SAVELL & SONS., PROPRIETORS.
Single trip \$5. Round trip \$8.
Stage leaves Sonora and San Angelo every day, Sundays excepted, at 7 o'clock a. m. The trip being made in one day.
All business entrusted to our care will receive personal attention.
Comfortable Hacks, Low rates on Express parcels.

C. J. NICHOLS,
Builder and Contractor,
Estimates Furnished on Application.
SONORA, TEXAS.

McCleary & Clark,
Windmill Builder and Repairer,
Dealer in Piping and windmill fittings, Country credit promptly attended
SONORA, TEXAS.

W. H. CUSENBARY. E. S. BRIANT
CUSENBARY & CO.,
CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS,
Drugs, Chemicals, Perfumery, Fancy Toilet Articles, Toilet S cap, sponges, Brushes, Combs, Pipes, Cigars, Window Glass, Faints, Putty, Etc. A choice line of
WATCHES, CLOCKS and JEWELRY.
Prescriptions Carefully Compounded. Always Open.
AT POST-OFFICE, SONORA, TEX.

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.

G. B. DUKE,
General Blacksmith,
Wheelwright and Horse Sheer.

Give me a Trial. All work Guaranteed.
Shop on corner of Concho avenue and Poplar street, Sonora, Texas.

Well Satisfied. Clean and Healthy.
Sonora, Tex., May 13, 1895.—Morris, Little & Son, Brooklyn, N. Y., Gentlemen:—I have dipped about 11,300 head of very scabby sheep in your Little's patent powder dip, and take pleasure in recommending it to all sheepmen who have scab in their flocks. I have used a good many dips, including Cooper's, but none have given such satisfaction as your dip. Yours truly, O. T. Word.
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 sheeps 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, P. A. Manzanares.

S. G. TAYLOR,
Attorney-at-Law,
SONORA, TEXAS.
Will practice in all the State Courts.

W. A. WRIGHT,
Attorney-at-Law,
San Angelo, Tex.
Office over Bakers' Hardware Store

D. D. WALLACE,
Attorney-at-Law.
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
Office at W. S. Cunningshams.

L. N. HALBERT,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
AND NOTARY PUBLIC
Sonora, Texas.
Will practice in the District and other courts of this and adjoining counties.

H. SPRUCE,
Boot and Shoe Maker.
REPAIRING A SPECIALTY,
Sonora, Texas.

W. C. NOLTE,
FINE MERCHANT TAILORING.
Oakes St. San Angelo.

CARRIES A STOCK OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC GOODS IN SEASON.
FIT GUARANTEED. PRICES REASONABLE.
Edwin Trimble and Jess Hill are holding down the chairs in the old stand barber shop. Don't forget the boys when you want a clean shave or a smooth hair cut.

**Consign Your WOOL To
JACKSON & RICHARDSON,**

San Angelo, Texas,

Whose charges are the Lowest—Only 2 1/2-2 per cent.
which covers everything and whose prices are always satisfactory.

**Wool Sacks and Twine to our Customers at Cost.
Reasonable Advances Made.**

J. L. PARRY, Cattle. H. F. PARRY, Office. L. B. BAUGH, Hogs.
J. M. COLKMAN, 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.**

**CONSIGN YOUR SHEEP TO
CLAY, ROBINSON & CO.,**

**LIVE STOCK COMMISSION, AT
KANSAS CITY and CHICAGO.**

CAMPBELL, HUNT & ADAMS,

**LIVE STOCK SALESMEN,
CATTLE, HOGS AND SHEEP,
Kansas City, Mo.**

Sheep Trade a Specialty.—Geo. M. Wood, Salesman.
Also make a Specialty of Texas Cattle.—Geo. W.
Campbell and John M. Martin, Salesmen.

Cattle Salesmen: Geo. Adams, J. A. Frazier, J. J. Hickey.
Sheep Salesman: Wm. R. Smith.
Hog Salesmen: Jno. C. Burke, W. E. Bralnard, W. A. Mills.

**GEO. ADAMS & BURKE COMPANY,
LIVE STOCK COMMISSION,
CHICAGO and OMAHA.**

OUR SALES OF SHEEP in Chicago for 1895 were 385,643. We also
sold about 50,000 outside for export. Correspondence Solicited.

Offices: 111 Exchange Building, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill.
38 Omaha, Neb.
JOHN T. FREDERICK, Manager, Omaha.

ST. LOUIS. CHICAGO. KANSAS CITY.

**EVANS-SNIDER-BUEL-COMPANY,
LIVE STOCK COMMISSION AGENT.**

Capital, \$200,000 | Capital and Credit
Surplus, 200,000 | available to the Trade, } \$2,000,000

Annual Business, \$20,000,000.

Perfectly Equipped to Handle all Business

Entrusted to Our Care.

DIRECTORS:

M. P. Buel, Pres. C. A. Snider, Vice-Pres.
Andy J. Snider, Treas. A. T. Atwater, Sec'y.
T. Jeff Daniel. G. M. Walden.
H. M. Pollard, Gen'l Counsel.

OFFICES: ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ills.
CHICAGO, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ills.
KANSAS CITY, K. C. Stock Yards, Kansas City, Mo.

**We offer Unequaled Service and Absolute Safety.
SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO TEXAS SHEEP CONSIGNMENTS.**

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, May 9, 1896.

The free silver majority in
Michigan sold out to Wall street
according to its own story.

A political platform that would
this year catch the voters of all
manner of previous political affilia-
tions would be one possessing
three planks. First, sound money
and a financial system that will
restore confidence not only in
America but among the monied
men of the world. Second—A
tariff that will produce sufficient
revenue for the needs of the gov-
ernment and afford incidental pro-
tection to American industries.
Thirdly—Protection to American
workingman from the pauper and
illiterate immigration from abroad.
—San Antonio Express.

A summer normal school will be
held at Sherwood, beginning June
25. Teachers from Tom Green,
Coke, Sterling, Crockett, Runnels,
Sutton, and other counties have
signified their intention to attend.
Prof. Glenn of San Angelo, will
conduct the school.

Stock News.

Sheep Market Review.

National Stock Yards, Ill.

To the trade. The present week
has witnessed the largest receipts
of the season. However, this con-
dition has been more than off-set
by an exceptionally good demand,
and all arrivals have been eagerly
sought and taken by the slaught-
ers at strong figures. The week
records an advance of 15 to 25c on
best grades; and such stock as sold
at the close of last week at \$3.15
would readily sell at \$3.40 to-day.
This, however, applies particularly
to choice grades of Texans which
have been in liberal supply. The
supplies of native sheep on this
market have been light, but this
condition will no doubt change as
the month advances; and until ar-
rivals of this class of stock increase
in numbers, the road will be clear
for Texans.

We quote below some of the
principal sales of Texas stock on
this market during the present
week:

2087, 82lbs., \$3.10; 198, 80lbs.,
\$2; 1014, 93lbs., \$3.30; 2236, 78lbs.,
\$3.10; 295 Mexican sheep and
yearlings, 76lbs., \$3.75; 853, 101
lbs., \$3.45; 250, 92lbs., \$3.45; 751,
90lbs., \$3.42 1/2; 1117, 81lbs.,
\$3.25; 1008, 90lbs., \$3.40; 1732,
74lbs., \$3.10.

Very respectfully,
EVANS-SNIDER-BUEL Co.
Saturday, May 2nd, 1896.

It is reported that Dan Cau-
thorn's muttons netted him \$2 35
a head.

James Caruthers sold to O. T.
Word of Sonora 357 head of mut-
tons wool off at \$2 a head.

There are a thousand head of
yearling steers yet for sale in the
Sonora country. They are good
ones too.

A. W. Mills of Sutton county
sold 750 head of shorn sheep to
H. McKenzie of San Angelo, this
week at p.t.

Coleman Whitfield shipped 1735
head of muttons to St. Louis last
week. They averaged 74 pounds and
sold at \$3.10 a hundred.

Chicago May 6th, 16,000 sheep
on the market, salable at 2.50 to
\$3.85; very few going below \$3.00.
At St. Louis same day Texas sheep
3 to \$3.50. At Kansas City sheep
strong at 250 to \$3.50.

Coleman Whitfield sold 1900
sheep to D. P. Cusenbary at San
Angelo this week. Price not ob-
tainable. This sale puts Mr.
Whitfield out of the sheep busi-
ness.

Sol Mayer returned from a trip
through Crockett county, Friday,
where he bought for McKenzie &
Mayer the following muttons: J.
L. Wade, 650 at \$1.90; James
Mitchell, 1350 at \$1.75; Fayette
Schwalbe, 410 at \$1.75; Mrs. Met-
calfe, 450 at \$1.75.

There is not much probability
of mutton buyers being down in
the Sonora country again this sea-
son and those who have fat mut-
tons for sale had better drift them
towards San Angelo for sale or
shipment.

The San Angelo Standard gives
the receipts of wool in three local
warehouses at 7,561 bags, or more
than 1,512,200 pounds of wool.
San Angelo is evidently getting
her share of the the wool this
season.

**A \$30,000 Trade in Mutton
Futures.**

On Friday, April 24, Joe Thiele
of San Angelo, entered into a con-
tract to deliver to Allan Richard-
son, at San Angelo, between April
15 and June 1st, 1897, 15,000 head
of shorn muttons, to weigh not
less than 80 nor more than 100
pounds each in the Chicago mar-
ket, for the sum of \$2 per head;
the deliveries are to be five in
number and of 3000 head each.
Richardson agrees to furnish
Thiele with three-fourths of the
money necessary to purchase the
sheep at 6 per cent interest per
annum, to be charged to Thiele as
the latter may use the same.

The Ben Cusenbary muttons,
which averaged 78 pounds, sold in
St. Louis on Tuesday, the 28th, at
\$3.10.

Frank DeLashmatt sold all his
vearlings to Burton Wade at \$11.
—San Angelo Standard.

From San Angelo Enterprise.

Jackson & Richardson sold to
Campbell & Richardson 803 of the
Runge sheep at \$1.50 with wool on.

O. T. Word sold to Campbell &
Richardson 1489 muttons at \$2.00.

Jackson & Richardson sold for
J. C. Smith of Big Springs to Bird
& Mertz. 600 yearling steers and
400 2's at p.t.—San Angelo Enter-
prise.

From the Del Rio Record:

Anderson, Furnish & Co., pur-
chased two thousand good cows
from Blocker of Maverick at about
\$14.

Palmer & Hill of San Antonio,
bought O. J. Woodbull's clip of
wool, about 200 sacks, and ship-
ped it to the City of Mexico.
Private figures. This wool has
been stored for six months in the
hope that better prices would be
offered.

This reporter stumbled upon a
pretty good joke this week on a
well-known wool buyer. He was
purchasing one of the largest clips
in this section, worth about \$15-
000, and objected to a bag of skirt-
ings contained in the clip. The
seller, thereupon, make him a
present of the bag. Before ship-
ment the wool was sold to a third
party who refused the skirtings
even as a gift, but the cause of all
the trouble had become mixed
with the other bags and could not
not be located, and the first pur-
chaser had to pay the second \$16
before the sale could be consum-
mated.—Del Rio Record.

Old Alcalde Roberts has an-
nounced himself as a candidate
for governor of Texas. Wants to
restore Texas to a pay-as-you-go
basis. The announcement has
created a sensation.

Kansas City, Mo., April 29.

Ed. Devil's River News.

In a letter published in your
issue of April 23rd, giving prices
of best Texas sheep in St. Louis
as selling at \$3.20 to \$3.25, we
would like to say we don't doubt
the facts as stated, but think it
may be misleading to sheepmen,
and believe sheep ought to look
into the merits of the Kansas City
market, and trade with a part of
their stock, unquestionably
there would be considerable in-
savings of freight and shrinkage,
besides our prices compare very
favorably with theirs.

At the present time best Texans
are worth here from \$3.25 to 3.40,
and for a week past the main
feature of the market has been its
activity and strength, with a ten-
dency to better prices. As the
fed western sheep have been pretty
well marketed, the competition
between fed sheep and Texas will
be less; it would therefore appear
with an even supply of Texas
sheep as the season advances the
better the market is likely to get,
though, do not draw the conclu-
sion we are expecting extravagant
prices, for both, beef and port are
too low. Yours truly,
Campbell, Hunt & Adams.

Duty on Wool.

Washington, May 5.—Senator
Chandler to-day circulated the
following petition on the republic-
an side of the chamber:

To the Senate Committee on
finance: The undersigned repre-
sent that in case any bill relating
to internal revenue or the tariff is
considered by the senate at the
present session the committee on
finance will move and support the
addition of a clause providing for
an adequate duty on wool.

In sending the petition to Sena-
tor Morrill, chairman of the com-
mittee, Senator Chandler wrote
also, saying that the paper had
not been presented to any member
of the finance committee, to whom
it is addressed, or the republican
senators who have voted against
taking up the Dingley bill. He
also stated that the names of some
senators had not been secured be-
cause the senators were not mem-
bers of the party. "But," he
added, "I think I am able to say
that all republican senators and
populists as well are in favor of
putting on a duty on wool when-
ever an amendment is made to the
present tariff law.

The petition was signed by 31
senators. The petition was gotten
up because of a proposition to call
up a bill for the repeal of the pro-
vision in the Alcohol law in the
rate of tax on alcohol used on arts
and medicine.

The South Dakota Stockman
quotes M. D. Driskill of Spearfish
who recently spent several months
in Texas after cattle, as saying he
found prices too high to warrant
purchases at present, but is confi-
dent that within a month they will
fall at least \$1 per head. That
means a good deal of northern
buyers, who take cattle in lots of
from 5000 to 20,000 head. Mr.
Driskill says Texas cattlemen have
lost not less than \$5 per head on
all stock carried over from last
summer; that they are all heavy
borrowers of money and that they
will be compelled to sell before
June 1st, in order to meet their
obligations. He will probably re-
turn to Texas within a few weeks
and make such purchases as he
deems best.

Boston, Mass., May 1.—The
Boston Commercial Bulletin will
say tomorrow of the wool market:
The market has been very dull
throughout the week. The drop
on the continent and the decline
of five per cent in the London
auctions have checked purchases.
Our market is nearly back again
at the lowest point, fine medium
to clothing being offered at 30c
clear. The growers are generally
holding out at last prices and as
they are looking forward to a new
tariff at the special sessions next
spring there are likely to be more
wool hoarded in the country than
usual. The sales of the week are
1,138,000 pounds domestic and
427,000 pounds foreign, against
1,180,000 domestic and 635,000
pounds foreign last week and
1,710,000 domestic and 1,235,000
pounds foreign for the same week
last year.

Bill Taylor of this county was
last week convicted in the federal
court at El Paso of smuggling
horses and sentenced to serve a
term of eleven months at Fort
Leavenworth.—Alpine Avalanche.

Has Explored African Jungles.

New York, May 2.—Dr. A.
Donaldson Smith, who recently
returned from an exploring tour
in darkest Africa, tells some in-
teresting stories of his remarkable
trip. The doctor, with two com-
panions, trudged 4000 miles on
foot through the jungles and mead-
ow land of that part of unexplored
Africa that lies between the
Shebell river and Lake Rudolf.
On his return to London he made
an address before the Royal geo-
graphical society and likewise be-
fore the Royal institution. To-
gether with a young friend of his,
Frank Gillett, he sailed from
London June 1, 1894, and on July
10th set out from Berber. After
much difficulty they arrived at
Luku. Dr. Smith says that the
country about Luku is just the
place for Europeans to settle.
Much of the land is under cultiva-
tion and is very fertile. The
doctor has brought with him many
natural history specimens from
unexplored Africa. These he in-
tends to present to scientific in-
stitutions in America. Among
other things the doctor found in
Africa was a race of pygmies called
the Dume.

Dr. A. Donaldson Smith visited
Sonora three years ago. He owns
a large body of land in the Guest-
Koenig neighborhood in Sutton
county.

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 af-
fords. My rooms are well furnis-
hed, 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 Tra-
week is as good as any hotel in
Sonora. Your patronage solicited.
87 Mrs. M. A. TRAWEEK.

All are Pleased.

Junco, Tex., Val Verde county, June
29, 1895.—Morris, Little & Son, Brook-
lyn, 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. Washing good success, I
am, yours truly, B. F. McDonald.

\$5.00 Reward.

Lost about April 8th from Frank
Larges ranch, one sorrel white
face pony, 15 hands high, white
spots on each side, branded **IL**
on hip. Will pay \$5 reward for
his return to

S. J. PALMER,
Sonora, Texas.

For Sale.

At 11 a.m., on Saturday June 6,
1896, I will sell to the highest
bidder, for cash, the lot 16 x 100
feet and stone and frame building
thereon, known as the Sutton
County Bank property; also an
iron safe, reserving the right to
reject any or all bids.

R. W. CALLAHAN,
Assignee.

Perfectly Cured.

Las Vegas, N.M., Sept. 17, 1895.—
Morris, Little & Son, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Gentlemen:—I have used the Little's
Sheep 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 won-
ders on these. I will recommend the
dip to all sheepmen. Yours truly,
Chas. Hfield. 84-12.

Give your wife a rest. She has
enough worry without sewing on buttons
and mending poorly made pants-
aloons.

Buy a pair of the BUCKSKIN
BREECHES and see the difference
They may wear out after a long time,
but won't rip. If they do you get an-
other pair. See?

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

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 at-
tacks of disease.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, constipa-
tion, jaundice, sick headache, bilious-
ness. 25c.

Subscriptions taken at this office
for any national news paper or
magazine published in the United
States at regular rates.

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

**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.

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.

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GEO. S. ALLISON, Pro.,

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AND THE FINEST WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS.

EVERYTHING FIRST-CLASS. GIVE US A CALL.

C. F. ADAMS & CO.

General Agents for the sale of

Or Trading in

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

McMahan & Fernandez

**Carriage Builders and Blacksmiths,
WHEELWRIGHTS AND HORSE SHOERS.**

Guarantee First-class Work Promptly Executed.

The Corner Blacksmith Shop, Sonora, Texas.

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.

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.

**GIVE THE
O.K. BARBER SHOP**

a trial if you want first-class work
done. Hot and cold baths.

C. W. Ardoin, Proprietor.

**Sonora & Junction City
Mail, Express and Passenger Line,**
Leaves Sonora Tuesdays and Fri-
days at 1 o'clock p.m.

Single trip, \$5.00 round trip, \$9.00
G. H. ALLEN, Proprietor.

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.

\$1,000 Will Buy

The C. C. Lemen property in West Sonora. Good 3 roomed house, stable, etc. Fine well of water, fitted up with a 12 foot Aermoter windmill, 8000 gallon galvanized iron tank. Lot 800 x 200 feet well fenced and one acre of it in cultivation. Peach trees, etc.

Apply to
C. C. LEMEN,
Sonora, Texas.

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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.

Acting District Attorney W. W. Gatewood is in receipt of a letter from T. B. Baylor, of Fort Stockton informing him that a prominent stockman by the name of Young, and some Mexicans had fraudulently driven off some twenty-six head of cattle and branded them. The cattle have been recovered and the parties have been arrested.—Eagle Pass Guide.

Go to SAM RUNKLES' Moss Rose saloon, under Hotel San Angelo, for fine Imported Brandies, Imported Claretts, California Orange wine, fine liquors and cigars.

The muttons of the Sonora country are said to be 10 pounds heavier this year than last, same age considered.

Texas sheepmen are endeavoring to rush their sheep to market before the season of grass Westerns commences. They have 2 months ahead of them yet, which is quite long enough to exhaust the supply. The only trouble is that they will flood the market spasmodically and keep prices down to a low point. Texas sheep never came in as good condition as they are in this year. Owners have taken pains to get them fat—at least fat enough to be desirable killers, a fact which did not apply in former years. Sheepmen have found out that it pays to feed sheep as well as cattle, and no doubt this will be the rule hereafter.—Chicago Drovers Journal.

Subscriptions for Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly \$3 a year taken at this office.

Announcements.

The following rates will be charged for announcing candidates for office:

District - - \$15.00
County - - 10.00
Precinct - - 2.50

Strictly Cash in Advance.
These rates include the printing of candidates name on the general election tickets.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is authorized to announce the following candidates for the office specified:

Tax Assessor:

A. J. Swearingen as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton county at the ensuing November election.
M. B. Atkinson as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

W. M. Kelso the accommodating manager of the Junction City mail line, was in Sonora Friday. Mr. Kelso who, by the way, is a cousin to Judge Winchester Kelso, says his line is now prepared to attend to the wants of the patrons of the line in the matter of express parcels, etc. They also make good time and are prepared to carry passengers.

J. N. Hamby, one of the most successful pearl fishermen on the Concho, brought a magnificent pink pearl to town last week that in size and lustre was away ahead of anything yet found in our rivers. It was purchased by Mr. W. E. Heald for about \$75 and will be sent to Tiffany, of New York.—San Angelo Standard.

Sold by GEO. ALLEN

is a good guarantee. It will apply to any Musical goods from pianos downward. Organs from \$35 up. Pianos from \$100 up. You will find wise economy in every dollar. Write for catalogues. Piano and Organ tuning and repairing.

GEO. ALLEN,
Music Dealer, San Angelo.

—ESTABLISHED 1883.—

J. B. TAYLOR & CO.

The Oldest Grocery House,

IN SAN ANGELO.

Carries the most complete line of Staple Groceries and Table Delicacies West of Fort Worth.

Solicits the trade of both Merchants and Ranchmen.

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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.

Aermotors, Hagerstein's San Angelo.

R. K. James was in Sonora Monday.

Tinware, Hagerstein's, San Angelo.

M. B. Atkinson left on a business trip to Kerrville this week.

Glassware, Hagerstein's, San Angelo.

Dr. J. B. Taylor the cattleman was in Sonora Wednesday.

Cutlery, at Hagerstein's, San Angelo.

Dock Simmons the sheepman was in town Thursday.

Hacks, at Hagerstein's, San Angelo.

C. C. Lemen left for Missouri, Monday where he will join the Lemen Bros. show.

Buggies at Hagerstein's, San Angelo.

Mrs. W. H. Cusenbary and Miss Lucelle Adams went to San Angelo Monday on a shopping expedition.

Wagons at Hagerstein's, San Angelo.

Mrs. Johnson and Jas. Buchanan left for the farmers home at Knickerbocher last week.

Wire, C & G Hagerstein, San Angelo.

Mrs. J. W. Keene and family left for San Angelo last week on business.

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

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Caruthers on Monday May 4th, a boys.

Fort Worth Beer is handled by Morris & Allison 35

Fred Berger the sheepman was in Sonora Thursday, from the Mollenbauer & Hedden ranch.

Pipe and Cylinders at Chris & Geo. Hagerstein's, San Angelo.

A. W. Mills the Sutton county sheepman was in Sonora Thursday.

Well Supplies, B. L. Wilson, San Angelo.

James Caruthers the sheepman returned from a business trip to San Angelo Thursday.

W. H. Cusenbary & Co., are agents for Little's Sheep Dip.

Jo Parker one of Sutton county's conservative sheepmen was in Sonora Thursday.

Anheuser's and Lemp's are the best beers. Drink one or both but take no other. 93.

Mrs. Max Mayer returned from a visit to her parents at Ozona Monday.

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

Lit Godfrey of San Saba, brother-in-law to Geo. W. Dunagan, is in Sonora for his health.

There is no better beer and few as good as Lemp's Pale Lager beer. It has the required age.

Geo. Morris, Jr., came over from McKavett Thursday to take in the calico ball.

Geo. Bond, San Angelo, Texas, agent for Lemp's and Anheuser beer. They are the best beers on the Texas market. 93cf.

R. J. Benson expects to leave shortly for Goldthwaith, where he will open a Singer sewing machine agency.

Well supplies, Hagerstein, San Angelo.

Horton Allen has the contract to build the S. J. Palmer residence.

Oils, C. & G. Hagerstein, Sa Angelo.

Ben Novel the Franks Deiet country cattleman was in Sonora this week.

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

Sam Merck the Franks Defeat cattleman was in Sonora Saturday last trading.

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

C. C. Lamb of Eldorado was in Sonora last Saturday. He reports everything flourishing in the Divide City.

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

O. C. Roberts the sheepman from the Swearingen ranch, eight miles north of Sonora was in town Thursday.

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

The firemens meeting which was to have been held this evening has been postponed until Tuesday night the 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lowry and Miss Clark, were in Sonora this week from the Green & Lowry ranch in Edwards county, shopping.

Sheriff J. P. McConnell and John Erskine left for Stephenville Monday to attend the Fitzpatrick trial.

W. H. Cusenbary the druggist and treasurer of Sutton county, was in San Angelo this week on business.

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

The school trustees are to be elected on Saturday June 6th. This will be the time to take action on matters relating to school management.

Eclipse Mills, B. L. Wilson, San Angelo.

Joseph Thurman, father to the Thurman boys of Edwards county was in Sonora this week for ranch supplies. Mr. Thurman is 77 years of age.

Eclipse Repairs, B. L. Wilson, San Angelo.

W. B. Friedrich of San Antonio, representing the Mutual Reserve Fund insurance company of New York, was in Sonora this week soliciting insurance.

J. P. Sweeney the shoemaker, who worked in Sonora two years ago returned this week and will word for W. H. Dodson who will open a shoe shop in Sonora next week.

M. Wilkes of Alabama, arrived in Sonora this week to look after his sheep interests. Mr. Wilkes' sheep are being run by P. H. James and are in fine fix.

C. W. Ardoin bought the O. K. barker shop this week from Mr. Dodson and proposes putting in a complete new outfit and giving Sonora a first-class barber shop.

All beers are the same price in Sonora therefore buy the best. Call for Lemp's beer and if it is pale and sparkling you will know you are getting the best goods for the money. 93

After spending a busy week at Sonora, Dr. Cash returned to his home in Mason. He will revisit us about the 15th, and remain till May 30th. All persons in need of dental work will please call on him during his next visit. Gas used for painless extracting.

M. B. Atkinson announces this week as a candidate for tax assessor of Sutton county. Mr. Atkinson is well-known to the public and his announcement is a request for your support. If elected Mr. Atkinson will fill the office to the best of his ability and for the best interest of the county.

We Want Your Trade !

OUR STOCK OF

General Merchandise

Is Complete in Every Department.

THE BEST ASSORTMENT OF

DRESS GOODS SHOES AND CLOTHING

EVER BROUGHT TO SONORA.

Give us a Trial and we Will

Try and Please You.

Prompt attention given to Mail Orders.

Very Respectfully,

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 STAYERS."

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

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

A. H. Jordan representing the F. F. Collins Mfg. company of San Antonio, the well-known dealers in wind-mills, machinery and well supplies, was in Sonora this week in the interests of his firm.

The audience at Pedro Ruelas' Mexican show Thursday night, held their breath when Tomas, one of the performers fell from one of the highest trapezes. He was carried from the ring but was able to be about the next day.

Tom Taylor's little boy started to jump out of the hack as they were nearing Junction to attend the wedding of Henry Taylor, Wednesday. The child's foot caught and in falling his arm was broken.

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

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

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, paints, oils and varnishes, and will give you lower prices than any body, and all new stock.

83 COPELAND & STACY.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Atkinson, Misses Annie Dunagan, Minnie Schupbach, Manda Duke and Messrs. Jesse Hill and Earl Duke, returned from their fishing and hunting trip to Stoneway Falls, Wednesday. They report a most successful trip. Caught 150 lbs. of fish the first evening at the falls and were equally successful every day. Whenever they wanted squirrels they shot them, and Carl Atkinson killed a fine deer that was a little inquisitive. They brought back a quantity of dried fish. They think there is no better place for fishing than at Stoneway Falls, Devil's River.

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.

WONDERFUL are the cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and yet they are simple and natural. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes PURE BLOOD.

Henry Taylor and Miss Vash Baker were married at the Baptist church at Junction City on Wednesday, May 6th, Rev. Mangram officiating. After the ceremony a dance and reception were tendered the happy couple by their friends in the hall. Every thing passed off pleasantly.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Martin gave a very enjoyable dance and supper at their ranch 25 miles below Sonora, Monday night, at which the following ladies were present: Mesdames R. H. Martin, Mat Karnes, Tom Gilbert, T. J. Powell, and Johnson, Misses Alice and Phenie Robertson, Ollie and Josie Byrd, Agnes Hill, Mary Powell, Maggie Ogle. The boys were so thick you could not stir them around with a stick.

Hardware, Hagerstein's, San Angelo.

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CLOSE TO A FORTUNE.

The Man Who Might Have Traded a Pair
of Mules For Chicago's Site.

Major Abe Austin is a type of the
old school westerner who retains all
the elements peculiar to that school.
He has spent more than 30 years be-
yond the Mississippi, and during
that period he has met everything
peculiar to a pioneer's life. A report-
er for the New York Mercury met
him recently at one of the Broadway
hotels. The tall, bronzed major leaned
back in his chair, blew a cloud of
smoke from a fragrant cigar and
quered:

"Did you ever hear that Chicago
at one time its existence very
long swapped
for a pair of mules? It's worth tell-
ing, I think, if you never heard
about it. The story sounds like fic-
tion, but it's a fact, I assure you. If
it came about in this way: My father
pulled up at Chicago along in the
forties, toting along with him
everything he possessed on earth,
and it wasn't much of a load, I can
assure you—just an old carpetbag
and a chunk of a boy. That boy was
myself. Well, as I say, he landed
there in Chicago, but at that time a
few scattered log cabins was all
there was to it. It was only a pioneer
settlement, and a shaly one at that.
I was a small, bandy legged lad, just
big enough to stand guard over our
scant worldly possessions when we
had pitched our tent, while my father
skrimished around for an outfit.
He was making gun preparations to
begin life over again, this time in
the overland freight business.

"He had bought a wagon from a
Connecticut Yankee, who had barely
landed on the shore of Lake Mich-
igan, a swampy wilderness, when the
'tall Yankee timber' got the ague, and
it might soon had the western
fever shaken out of him. Our outfit
was completed when my father
traded a small tract of Ohio land for
a blocky little team of mules. Well,
preparations were at once made to
leave with the next overland wagon
train.

"I think it was on the very morn-
ing that we were breaking camp
preparatory to leaving on our first
trip over 'de long trail to the con-
tinental divide that a tall, bronzed
woodsman came into camp. I well
remember that his long, frowsy hair,
grizzled beard and formidable dis-
play of revolvers gave me a de-
cidedly uncomfortable feeling. I
fully expected to be perforated or
flayed alive by this rough looking
specimen of the woods. He seated
himself on a stump and greeted us
with:

"I reckon, stranger, ye must be
going ter take a trip overland?"

"Yes," replied my father, and he
went on harnessing the mules.

"Waal, pa'dner, I own this patch
of timber land hereabouts and had
calculated ter stay hyar, but now
I've got er notion ter go furdur west
an try my luck at minin. Now,
how would yer like ter 'swamp'
that pair o' mules for this quarter
section o' timber?"

"My father considered the propo-
sition for a few minutes and then
declined to make the 'swap.' It was
the mistake of his life, for that quar-
ter section of timber lies in what is
now the hub of the city of Chicago.
The land for which my father re-
fused to swap a pair of flea bitten
mules is now worth untold mil-
lions."

Exit Tomkins.

Tomkins is one of those gentlemen
of kind disposition who are ever on
the outlook for a chance to improve
their neighbors' minds. Seeing a
man, apparently a country fellow,
sitting on the fence, regarding the
telegraph wires carefully, Tomkins
approached.

"Watching the wires, eh?"

"Yes, sir."

"Waiting to see a message go by,
eh?"

The man smiled, and "Yes, sir,"
he replied. Then Tomkins spoke
kindly to him and explained the
mystery of the electric current, and
that the messages were invisible,
and finished up, "Now you know
something about it." Then, as he
was going away, he said, by the
way, "What do you work at?"

"Me and my mate over yonder
are telegraph workers, and we're
just putting up a new wire."—Pear-
son's Weekly.

Front relation.

"You know there are some people
of high intelligence who seem never
to learn how to spell," said Mr.
Glimmerton, "and then there are
some that are just as far off in pro-
nunciation. I think I might enter
this last class myself and not be last
in it, but I never could hope to get
ahead of the man that I heard of
the other day pronouncing Ceres, Sears."

—New York Sun.

Convinced.

A hunter, while roaming in the
woods of Cromwell, Conn., recently,
came upon an excavation in a bank.
Turning over an iron vessel which
was imbedded in the sand, he found
a note in an envelope, the contents of
which were, "We are satisfied that
Captain Kidd's treasure is not bur-
ied here."

Nervous

People find just the help they so much
need, in Hood's Sarsaparilla. It fur-
nishes the desired strength by puri-
fying, vitalizing and enriching the
blood, and thus builds up the nerves,
tones the stomach and regulates the
whole system. Read this:

"I want to praise Hood's Sarsaparilla.
My health run down, and I had the grip.
After that, my heart and nervous system
were badly affected, so that I could not do
my own work. Our physician gave me
some help, but did not cure. I decided
to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. Soon I could
do all my own housework. I have taken

Cured

Hood's Pills with Hood's Sarsaparilla,
and they have done me much good. I
will not be without them. I have taken 13
bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and through
the blessing of God, it has cured me.
I worked as hard as ever the past sum-
mer, and I am thankful to say I am
well. Hood's Pills when taken with
Hood's Sarsaparilla help very much."
Mrs. M. M. MESSENGER, Freehold, Penn.
This and many other cures prove that

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists, \$1.
Prepared only by C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.
Hood's Pills act easily, promptly and
effectively. 25 cents.

Cats.

Cats are susceptible to little at-
tentions, such as spreading a rug or
laying a cushion for them, and ex-
ceedingly tenacious of their rights
of possession. Besides their baskets,
each of mine has a cushion, which is
kept in one place, on which she is
trained to lie to prevent her cover-
ing the furniture with hairs. Only
two have been completely broken of
the habit, and Lalla has so exclusive
a sense of property in hers, which is
in the corner of a sofa, that if she
sees a human being resting his head
or elbow on it she posts herself on
the floor before him, looking him
out of countenance until he moves.
Once a visitor threw her cushion in-
to a chair and sat on it. As he dis-
regarded her mute protest she walked
away, but would not lie on it for
weeks afterward. This jealousy of
anything like a privilege or prerogative
shows itself in them all.—Temple
Bar.

Discrepancy.

"Isn't this a lovely new edition of
Byron's works?"

"New edition! Why, I thought
Byron was dead."—Louisville Cour-
ier-Journal.

The Ass Who Predicted.

An Ass who heard a Goose observe
that the Water in the Pond was get-
ting very low, at once offered his
Services to Predict Rain. This hav-
ing been noticed about the Hens
asked for continued Dry Weather,
the Oxen demanded a snowstorm,
the Mule, the Wolf, the Dog and
the Peacock each demanded that he
be Favored with Weather made to
order. As a result the Ass could
Please no one, and as his Failure
was charged to his Obstinacy, the
Whole Crowd fell upon him and
Wounded him almost to Death. He
was Complaining of this to the Peasant
When the latter Replied: He
who seeks to Please all will end in
Pleasing nobody at all.—Detroit
Free Press.

Ararat a Difficult Mount to Climb.

Of those who have attempted the
ascent of Ararat, and their number
is not large, so many have failed to
reach the summit that upon a moun-
tain which makes how if any de-
mands upon the resources of the
climbers' craft their discomfiture
must be attributed to other reasons,
to the peculiar nature of the ground
traversed no less than to the mordi-
cinate duration of the effort, to the
wearisome recurrence of the same
kind of obstacles and to the rarity
of the air.—Scribner's.

The Codex Upsal.

The Codex Upsal differs from every
other known manuscript in the
fact that it was written with silver
ink on violet parchment, the initials
being of gold. The secret of the
manufacture of this silver ink is not
definitely known, though it is sus-
pected that some solution of the
metal was employed in the writing
and then subsequently treated with
chemicals to give the metallic luster
and effect.

Tennyson's Reply to Mr. Austin.

Somebody, I see, has unearthed
the silly attack upon Tennyson
which Mr. Austin made a considera-
ble number of years ago, but nobody
has quoted the rigorous couplet in
which Tennyson—who by no means
liked to be attacked, even by the
most insignificant of persons—re-
paid his assailant. Here it is:
Tennyson is no giant; all men know it,
For so says Alfred Austin, dwarf and poet.
—London Speaker.

Rats as Scavengers.

Birmingham is overrun with rats
that are fed from the sewers. The
authorities have taken no steps to
exterminate them because Mr
Chamberlain, when mayor, declared
that rats were good scavengers and
by eating up garbage prevented the
spread of disease.

A Credible Witness.

"Prosecutor, will you tell me who
was present when the defendant
slapped you in the face?"
"Myself, parben, your honor."—
Charivari.

FONDLING A TARANTULA.

It Is Best to Be Sure That the Tarantula
Knows You.

"The tarantulas pino in confine-
ment," remarked an amateur spider
collector, "refuse to spin or eat and
seldom live long. A centiped or
scorpion, on the other hand, com-
mits suicide when it sees no chance
of getting free."

"Commits suicide?" I asked.

"Why, how?"

"By inoculating its body with its
own poison. I have seen it do it time
and time again. The centiped car-
ries poison in two little teeth, be-
sides the sac in each of his many
feet. He bites his body savanely
when he wants to kill himself, just
as a man would plunge a dagger in
his heart."

"And how does the scorpion kill
himself?"

"His poison lies in the end of his
tail. He turns his tail up over his
back and jabs it in sharply; in a few
seconds he is dead."

"Which do you think the most in-
teresting, tarantulas or centiped?"

"I inquired of this practical student
of natural history.

"Tarantulas," he replied. "They
have bettr dispositions and are
much more intelligent than their
consins, the centipeds."

"Do you think they learn to know
people?"

"Do I? Well, I'll show you. Look
here, Browney."

The little slide down to Browney's
hatch was pulled back, and the fuzzy,
round bodied king of spiders crawl-
ed out on to the promenade ground
of hard board in front of his dwell-
ing.

"Here's a piece of pear for you,
Browney," said the master.

"Does he like pears?"

"Only the juice. He sucks the
juice of raw beef occasionally, too,
but he vastly prefers a good, fat
grasshopper if he can get him."

Browney examined the piece of
pear critically with his feeler and
pressed it as if to extract the juice,
but he did not seem hungry. The
master then took up the star shaped
creature in his fingers and felt sep-
arately every one of the fatal little
legs.

"You see, he is not hostile to me.
Now let my brother attempt to play
with him."

A curly headed young man of 20
or thereabout drew near and called
to the tarantula coaxingly.

Browney instantly bunched him-
self up and retreated in a pet, show-
ing plainly his dislike.

"When he was free and very busy
one day, I watched him unwind
yards and yards of spun thread and
float down on a veritable ladder of
it to a cranny half way down the
rocky surface of a steep bluff. There
he captured a juicy beetle. He drags
his prey after him by folding it in
his threads and hitching it to those
pegs on his back. His eyes are in the
top of his head."

"But tarantulas are deadly poi-
son?"

"Yes, but they use their poison as a
defense. They have enemies to
guard against just as other creatures.
Their poison is carried in a little
sac in the last section of each foot
and in the little sharp claw at the
extremity, that is also hollow. They
also have two teeth that are venom-
ous."

"I have observed that they tend
their young until they are 4 weeks
old. After that they deliberately run
away from them and leave them to
look after themselves. This plan
teaches them self reliance."—St.
Louis Star.

Nothing but Habit.

"Everything in the world depends
upon habit, my boy," said the old
gentleman in his oracular way.

"We're all creatures of habit."

"I know it," responded the boy.

"Habit makes us what we are,"
continued the old man. "For in-
stance, I got up early in the morning
and walked to my work for so many
years that I still do it, although I
am now able to sleep late and ride."

"Same principle with me," returned
the boy.

"With you!" exclaimed the old
gentleman. "Why you lazy, good for
nothing!"

"Habit, merely habit," interrupted
the boy. "It bears out all that
you say. I've slept late and ridden
in your carriage so long that I can't
give it up, and, with your knowl-
edge of the hold that a habit gets
upon a fellow, you ought not to
kick."—Chicago Post.

Not One of His Faults.

"Ha, ha!" laughed the murderer
as he raised his gleaming dagger
aloft. "Ha, ha!"

It did not escape him that his vic-
tim shuddered.

"Ha, ha!" he proceeded. "You
will observe that I am merry. Most
people take life too seriously."—De-
troit Tribune.

It Was Paste.

"I can overlook his past," sighed
the grieved and mortified young
woman after a careful inspection
of the ring she had just received,
"but I own I am bitterly disappoint-
ed with his present."—Chicago Trib-
une

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HOKSR DIALECT.

James Whitcomb Riley, the Poet, Under-
stands It Thoroughly.

Hoksr dialect has become a fea-
ture in polite literature. James Whit-
comb Riley has constructed a ladder
out of it, cladding as he built, till,
at last, he has written his name up-
on the skies. Before his advent in
let's no attempt had been made to
systematically study it and reduce
its printed use to a science. A lowly
dialect had been evolved out of the
necessities of humorous squibbists,
but it was spurious and illegitimate.
This bastard dialect is still used by
the average newspaper man and by
ambitious ones who think that
dialect is correct and that there is
no right or wrong about it.

To one familiar with legitimate dia-
lect this Volpuk variety is very try-
ing. It falls as harshly upon his
taste as the unintentional bad gram-
mar of a literary pretender does up-
on that of a scholar. It shocks and
disgusts.

There are only half a dozen per-
sons in the world, besides Riley, who
can correctly write western dialect.
Perhaps Richard Lev Dawson ranks
next to him. Eugene Field, brilliant
and fascinating as he is, is not al-
ways perfect in his dialect. His very
best dialect work, in the writer's
judgment, is "Jim's Kids." The
conceit is original and noble, the
development of it naturally drama-
tic and the climax tragically pa-
thetic. Its dialect is flawless. His
boy dialect is a little faulty, as seen
in "Jes' Befo' Christmas." Still
the poem is a magnificent piece of
verbal art.

If it is true that not more than
one editor in 20 knows what true
poetry is, it is truer that not one in
100 knows what legitimate dialect
poetry is. Our magazines are reject-
ing better poetry than they publish
half the time. It is no little bit of
a task to learn Hoksr dialect. It is
an impossible one to most eastern-
ers and nearly so to any one who
has not been much in the social sub-
stratum of the west.

Only those whose pursuits or hab-
its have thrown them much into the
society of the humbler classes are
capable of reproducing their method
of speech. Even then, unless they
are close observers and are pecu-
liarly fond of the matter, they never
succeed in dialect writing. If you want
to write dialect tolerably, study Ri-
ley. He is the supreme authority in
this literary branch. Study his use
of words, his phraseological meth-
od, his spelling. Learn first to avoid
the commoner errors of the bastard-
ists, such as writing ter for to, nater
for naicher, just for jes', thet for
that, etc. Spell correctly, not as the
rustic himself would. Don't write it
ruder, but tough. Write it so that the
reader must pronounce it as the il-
literate westerner speaks it. Study
Riley, too, if you would correctly
write child dialect. This, of course,
varies according to the age of the
child supposed to be represented.

There is a place in literature for
dialect. Some of the ultra literary
question its right in the legitimate
domain of letters, regarding it as
intellectually cheapening and as be-
ing concessionary to ignorance. The
fact is there are emotional shades
and spiritual sensations, intrinsic to
the essence of dialect, which are
found nowhere else, and they pos-
sess all the highborn value of feel-
ings grammatically evolved. What
light in scholarly parism, what at-
ticle possibility in verbal jewelry (un-
der grammatical control), could re-
produce the peculiar flavor left in
your consciousness after reading
Riley's "When the Frost Is on the
Punkin and the Fodder In the
Shock?"—New Bohemian.

Glass Wool and Its Uses.

Glass wool is one of the best fil-
tering materials. It is quite equal in
many respects to filters made of as-
bestos—a packing for conduit
pipes for hot acidified vapors or li-
quids, as well as nonconductors of
heat, glass wool, worked into thread
weaves or felt, serves excellently for
packing rings, washers and so forth
around high pressure boilers in en-
gine factories. In fact, it is used for
almost any purpose where packing
is required which will resist the
chemical action of acid liquids or
vapors, as well as heat. It is made
either in straight or curled wool and
can be felted or woven. Its chemical
constituents can be varied to meet
almost any requirement in chemical
science.—Philadelphia Record.

He Was Posted.

"Strange," remarked Mrs. Brown.
"I have rung at Mrs. Smith's door
three times this week, and I didn't
succeed in arousing any one. I sup-
pose the family is out of town."

"Possibly," replied Mrs. Jones,
"but Mrs. Smith was telling me just
now that she could tell your ring
among a thousand."—Spare Mo-
ments.

Struggle With the Floral.

The Countess, Ab, mees, you climb
zo Mutterhorn? Zat was a foot to be
proud of.

She—Parde, me, count, but you
mean feet.

The Countess—O-h! You climb
mees an of—Fick Me Up.

A PAIR OF TIN TROUSERS.

That Is What a Seller Had Who Was
Caught Smuggling Rum.

"You would be surprised at the
amount of smuggling that is done
by the crews of sailing vessels," said
one of the customs inspectors over
on the Brooklyn docks. "Many rich
cargoes come in here from India,
South America and the West Indies,
and the temptation to smuggle is too
strong for the average sailor to re-
sist. There is something fascinating
about smuggling, which is the only
way I can account for the fact that
many an otherwise honest man
doesn't scruple to defraud the govern-
ment whenever he gets the
chance. Among sailors this feeling
is almost universal. Indeed they
seem to think that their calling
gives them the privilege of bringing
in a few things on every trip, and
they are apt to make it very uncom-
fortable for the officer who attempts
to enforce the law. The articles they
smuggle consist mostly of liquors,
cigars, fine silks and such delicacies
as preserved ginger, curacao, etc.

"But let me tell you how I discov-
ered one of the most ingenious
schemes for smuggling that were
ever devised. I was in the habit of
visiting a little old fashioned saloon,
and one day the proprietor asked
me if I would sample some of his
rum. It was fine old Demerara. I
began to wonder where he got it, for
he didn't keep it in stock all the
time. Then I noticed that he got in
a fresh supply every time a certain
ship arrived.

"I thought I saw a good chance
for a seizure and kept a close watch
on the saloon the next time the ves-
sel came in. I hung around the place
all night, but not a sign of smug-
gling could I see. There was no
doubt, though, that it had taken
place, for the next day the saloon
keeper was treating all hands to
rum. The only suspicious thing I
saw was that one of the sailors made
frequent trips from the ship to the
saloon. I was morally certain that
he was doing the smuggling, but
how he did it was a mystery, for I
never saw him carrying anything.

"One day when he was returning
to the ship I drew him into conver-
sation. He had been sampling some
of his own rum and began skylark-
ing. At last he made a kick at me,
and I playfully hit him on the leg
with my walking cane. There was a
sharp metallic sound as the blow
fell. The man's face whitened, and
he sobered up in a moment. It was
all plain enough to me then, and I
knew that the wide trousers the man
wore meant more than a mere pec-
uliarity of dress.

"There was no legal evidence
against the man, as no rum was
found in the ship, but I made him
show me the contrivance. It was
practically a pair of hollow tin
trousers, of the most ingenious de-
sign, by which he could carry gal-
lons of liquor with little fear of de-
tection. He never attempted to work
the scheme again, and some time
afterward he told me that he had
sold the contrivance for a good sum
to a smuggler who plied his calling
on the Canadian border line."—New
York World.

On a Pillion.

The double saddle which enabled
the lady to accompany her lord on
horseback was in common use in
New England during colonial times
and even later. It was especially
associated with the church-going
usage of those days. The custom
was brought here from England. It
is said that even within "living
memory" the pillion has been in
common use in parts of Devonshire
about Dartmoor.

There is a story told of a country
parson of that region which goes to
show that the same church-going
associations were connected with
the use of the pillion in the old
country as in the new.

The good parson found occasion to
explain the parable of the marriage
supper. He knew how readily his
parishioners would respond to an
invitation to such a feast, and he
knew in what manner they would
come. He was forgetful of the dis-
tance in time and in space between
that supper and his service, and so
he censured severely the man in the
parable who offered as an excuse for
his not coming to the supper that
he had married a wife, and there-
fore could not come.

"A frivolous excuse this, my
friends, a frivolous excuse indeed.
Why, he might have brought her
behind him on a pillion!"—Youth's
Companion.

Eat Pines Like Bonbons.

Our North American Indians eat
the seeds of many plants, pushing
them, then grinding them and mak-
ing them into gruel. Their fondness
for the seeds of some pines is well
known, these "pinions" being to
them what sugar plums are to us.

Competent Witnesses.

"Say, kid, was dey a fight over
yere? Kid sez dey wuz."

"Wuz one, but it's over now."

"Djon see it?"

"See it? I'm de kid wot got holt
ed!"—Chicago Record.

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