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WANTED TO SEE HER.

It Wasn't Curiosity that Impelled Her, but Admiration.

She was a plain, wistful little woman who entered the office of a Chicago newspaper and said she wanted to see the editor. She apologized very humbly for jostling the elbow of another woman with blue glasses and irregular features who was writing rapidly at a small table at one side of the room.

"I don't want to violate any of the rules of your establishment," she said deprecatingly, "nor to ask any favor that is not in a habit of granting."

"We are in a hurry to do almost any work except to print anything about somebody."

"Oh, I don't want anything published. I want to see about something that appeared last week."

"Do you wish to answer an advertisement?"

"No. It's something of an entirely personal nature, and I don't quite know how to tell it."

"Perhaps you might write it and let me read it," the editor suggested as he glanced at a heap of manuscript. "I could take plenty of time and read it slowly, you know, and then I'd be sure to know exactly what you mean."

"Oh, no. I'll tell it to you. What I want to do is to find out the address of the lady who writes the articles entitled 'How to Be Beautiful.' I've read every one of them, and I have taken over so much interest in them."

The woman at the small table ceased writing and looked pleased.

"Do you want to write to her, or is it your desire to meet her individually?"

"I want to meet her face to face. I haven't anything to say to her. I just want to look at her. And I am afraid that would be a little embarrassing to both of us."

The woman at the small table looked less pleased.

"You mean that she strikes you as somebody that it would be interesting to see, as a matter of curiosity?"

"No, I don't think curiosity is quite the word. I don't want to stare at her as if she were an exhibit in a museum. I want to stand in respectful admiration. You tried some of those things for being beautiful, and because I see for yourself, they produced any very remarkable results. But I've had so much else to do that I could not follow out the directions systematically, so I don't find fault with anybody but myself."

"I'd like, though, to see somebody who has made a life study of the art from an intelligent standpoint, and I don't know of any one so likely to have done so as the lady who wrote the article. She knows all about it. That's plain enough from the articles she writes, and I'd just like to feast my eyes on her for a few minutes. It would be a kind of an encouragement to keep on trying, and maybe I could force myself to go about it in a more methodical way and get some results, the same as she has done."

"Well," said the editor, arising from his chair, "your wish is a very easy one to gratify. But I'll warn you beforehand that the world is full of disappointments. Just step this way and I'll introduce you to—"

But the woman with irregular features had vanished. — Detroit Free Press.

Opposed Love Engagements.

"So you are engaged?" remarked the girl in the buff coat.

"Yes, dear," replied her dearest friend. "Charley has asked me to marry him, and consented."

"How lovely! When is it to be?"

"When are we to be married?"

"Yes. I want to know the date so I can get my dress for my part as a bridesmaid."

"I hope it will be soon."

"It hasn't been fixed yet."

"But it won't be. You see, I am not very rich and Charley is poor. We have decided to wait until he can save enough money to furnish a house."

"That's too bad."

"Don't you approve of long engagements?"

"No, I don't. You see—"

"I didn't at first. But Charley succeeded in converting me. Why do you oppose them? Tell me, so I can tell Charley."

"Well, you know the fashion in engagement rings changes so. Next year the ring he gives you now will be out of fashion, and then what will you do?"

"That's so. I'll see Charley at once." — Chicago Times-Herald.

The Time For Protest.

"Now, look here," said the old man to the daughter who had spent some time at the east. "I guess I can manage to stand it when you call a 50 cent piece a huff dollar, but when you speak of a slab as a slob I want it understood that I will permit no such language." — Cincinnati Enquirer.

A DESTRUCTIVE PEST.

Iron Cables Sometimes Sundered by the White Ant.

According to an interesting statement from our Paris correspondent, the swamps of Tonquin have proved fatal even to telegraphic cables. Professor Bouvier has been describing to the Academy of Science how the insects in that undesirable possession have been embarrassing the engineers. It appears that a wire was laid in Tonquin in the year 1894. As the ground was marshy, it was made up into a cable, as if for submarine purposes. The copper wires were surrounded with an insulating material—probably gutta percha—and this was inserted in an envelope of cotton and jute. By way of making everything secure, it was inclosed within a lead pipe. But hardly had a year gone by when the cable showed signs of being defective and it was found necessary to replace it. The protecting envelope had been pierced again and again by the attacks of termites and its insulation destroyed.

These termites, or white ants, are the pests of many tropical countries. Certainly the wise king had he thought of them, would never have sent the sluggard to the ant for a moral lesson. An excess of energy may be more mischievous than the spirit of "rest and be thankful." Perhaps, however, as Solomon is said to have been an adept in natural history, he would have replied that he was not responsible for the misnomers of the future generations. The destructive termite is, in fact, not a true ant, and has no real connection at all with that model of brisk yet patient industry. Indeed they are generally put so far apart as to be classed in different orders, but in many of their habits the termites resemble the true ants. Some species build conelike mounds, raising them to a height of 5 or 6 feet and constructing in the hard mud an elaborate system of chambers and galleries. Others burrow into wood. These are the terror of the householder. Posts and beams are riddled by them; chairs and tables are converted into a hollow mockery, for the creatures work away at the interior, leaving the outside undisturbed.

The termite is not very particular as to what it attacks. Though not a bodied creature, its jaws seem to be fairly hard. Not only furniture, but also books, papers, clothing, cord—almost anything about a house except the bricks and the mortar, the slates and the glass—are food for its ravenous maw. The copper in the French cable, of course, was too much for it—although Professor Bouvier stated that leaden bullets sent to the Crimea during the war were perforated by some insects—but the wire became worthless when its insulation was destroyed. The leaden pipe, however, presented no difficulty. Probably it was but roughly laid, being only meant for general purposes of protection.

Chinks would occur here and there, and an army of termites would soon effect a lodgment within the fortification. The rope and the gutta percha they would not find much to their taste, and would be no more affected by the passing current than are the birds which perch on the overhead wires.

The termite no doubt has its assailants, such as spiders and toads, lizards, goat suckers and bats. We imagine that in Tonquin people must look almost affectionately even on the first two of these, but the insects increase and multiply so fast—for the female is a regular egg laying machine—that it will be many a day before these destructive little creatures disappear from tropical countries. Submarine cables have been attacked by the teredo and other boring creatures, but these can be defeated by sundry devices, one being to prepare the rope with a solution in which fine sand is mixed, but the termite would probably be able to deal even with this. Professor Bouvier advises the use of sulphate of copper. If the cable be steeped in this, he believes even the termite will decline it as an article of diet. — London Sentinel.

During the Engagement.

Aunt Susan—What. Sitting up writing at his hour?

Carrie—Yes, auntie. It's only a little note to Harry.

Aunt Susan—Why, Harry left you only five minutes ago.

Carrie—Yes. But there is something I forgot to ask him, and it's very important.

Aunt Susan—Yes?

Carrie—I asked him if he loved me, and he said yes, But I forgot to ask him if he would love me always.

—Boston Transcript.

Famous Ruler.

Schoolmaster—Now, Smithson, we have read of the principal reigning monarchs of the world. Which ruler inspires the most respect and fear?

Smithson (thinks of his knuckles, still sore)—The one on your desk sir. — London Tit-Bits.

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 SONORA, TEXAS, - March 6, 1897.

The Chile Stand.

Let others call upon the Muse and of
 Pegasus sing,
 Or let them prate of cruel fate, or any
 ancient thing;
 But to another sort of task to-night I
 set my hand,
 And I'll chant for you a bar or two
 about the chille stand.
 I know it's not the sort of thing a poet
 to inspire,
 And those who long for polished song
 may justly boil with ire;
 But on this theme my pen doth drip
 with fancies quaint and pretty,
 And so to-night I am to write this gas-
 tronomic ditty.
 In this delightful border town you'll
 find a chille stand,
 And the fire's glow burns high, burns
 low by every northern fanned.
 The thin smoke trails across the street,
 the oil cloth is spread,
 And happy he who pays his fee and at
 this board is fed.
 Oh, what can discount chile—with
 frijoles it may be,
 Tortillas, too—I swear to you they all
 have charms for me;
 And when I'm seated on the bench and
 the fumble brings my plate,
 I know I'll feast like prince or priest or
 king in royal state.
 At evening from the chile stand you
 view the glowing view,
 When clouds of red above your head
 proclaims the hour of rest;
 And far adown the sky, beyond the
 Rio Grande's tide,
 The tints of day all fade away, and lo,
 the light has died.
 Then doth the noble chile man dig up
 his lantern dim,
 And some old dame will fan the flame
 that boils the meat for him;
 And while the scent of something good
 across your face is fanned,
 You're satisfied to sit beside the hom-
 bres chille stand.
 I sing the merit of the stand by night
 as well as day;
 I love the spot and shun it not, when
 e'er I pass that way.
 But there's an hour, I must confess,
 when it is at its best,
 At two, or three, a. m.—ah me then
 'tis a heaven blest.
 When we've been out—Valdez and I—
 to see the sights by night,
 And roamed at will, we two until we
 couldn't find a light;
 And harked to Billie Hogan sing "Me-
 lancholy's row of Fats,"
 Until we couldn't hit the ground—not
 even with our hats—
 Ah then my friend I realize, what 'tis
 to be in line;
 We stop awhile and calmly smile on
 something truly fine;
 'Tis chile, and 'tis carne—not another
 bloom in thing,
 And here I raise in fitting praise my
 willing voice to sing.
 And if you are a friend of mine let this
 my greeting be:
 If it should e'er fall to your share ad-
 versity to see,
 And should you want for proper togs,
 and "skees" and banquets grand,
 Oh may you ever find a way to hit the
 chille stand.—Lon Bill.
 Eagle Pass, Feb. 6, 1897.

Mrs. Lucy Ann Striegler.
 The last of the first settlers of
 Menard county, crossed the river
 Feb. 11th, 1897.
 Mrs. Striegler, whose maiden
 name was Robinson, was born in
 Newburyport, Mass., March 26,
 1844.
 She came to Texas in 1859 and
 to Fort McKavett, this county in
 1860, where she has resided ever
 since with the exception of two
 years passed in Fredericksburg
 from the fall of 1870 to 1872.
 Deceased was a highly educated,
 intelligent and refined woman,
 esteemed by all and mourned by
 all who knew her. An exemplary
 wife, mother and Christian.—
 Menard Enterprise.

Coleman, Tex., Feb. 27.—In
 December, 1896, Walter Holmes a
 citizen of this county, living near
 Santa Anna died. For some time
 sensational charges have been
 made as to the cause of his death
 and to-day the grand jury returned
 bills of indictment against Mrs.
 Carrie Holmes his widow, and J.
 F. Hamlin for his murder.
 Hamlin resides at Santa Anna and
 has been organizer of the Wood-
 men of the World. He was the
 Populist nominee for county clerk
 at the last election. Hamlin is a
 widower and both he and Mrs.
 Holmes have families. Holmes' stomach
 was sent to a Fort Worth
 chemist for an analysis and upon
 his report the bill was found. The
 feeling here and at Santa Anna
 is intense, both parties have been
 arrested and are now in jail.

Gen. W. W. Guthrie, of Atchison,
 Kan., owner of a large ranch
 in Chase County, has just made
 public the result of an experiment
 in stock breeding covering a
 period of eight years. He claims
 to have developed an entirely new
 breed of cattle, which has been the
 dream of stock raisers for years,
 and which for the present he
 has named Polled Herefords. He
 has succeeded in developing an
 animal with all the main markings
 of a Hereford, but which is with-
 out horns. He began his experi-
 ments in the belief that a strain
 of cattle could be developed from
 the Hereford that would meet
 more satisfactorily the require-
 ments for beef and milk, and he
 has been successful.

He never abandoned the idea
 that horns could be bred out of
 the Hereford strain, and now,
 after years of experimenting, he
 has a herd of twenty-seven heifers
 and two bulls that are polled
 Herefords. The new breed is
 somewhat larger than the Here-
 ford and with sparser hips, but
 retains the natural markings. Gen.
 Guthrie believes that the new
 breed is superior to the Hereford
 as to beef quality, and is convinced
 that they will meet his expecta-
 tions as to milking qualities.

London, Feb. 22.—Blondin, the
 rope walker, is dead. Blondin
 was born in 1824. He was un-
 doubtedly the greatest rope walk-
 er of the world. His real name
 was Jean Francois de Gavelot.
 He commenced rope walking when
 only 4 years old and continued
 his wonderful exhibitions up to a
 few months ago. Blondin crossed
 Niagara Falls on June 30, 1859,
 in the presence of nearly 50,000
 people. It was the first time this
 feat had been attempted.

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 smoke and genial company, make
 Zenker & Maier's your head
 quarters when in San Angelo.

ANNUAL REPORT
Clerk, of Sutton County, Texas,
Showing condition of County Finances
at close of year ending Feb. 9, 1897.

The following amounts have been received and paid out of each fund,
 leaving balances on hand or overpaid at close of year,
 ending Feb. 9th, 1897.

JURY FUND—First Class.	
Dr.	Cr.
To amount received,	\$820.20
By amount paid out,	\$817.36
To balance,	114.20
ROAD and BRIDGE FUND—Second Class.	
Dr.	Cr.
To amount received,	\$163.28
By amount paid out,	\$120.31
To balance,	42.97
GENERAL FUND—Third Class.	
Dr.	Cr.
To amount received,	\$3,296.61
By amount paid out,	\$3,342.60
To balance,	641.68

COURT HOUSE and JAIL FUND—Fourth Class.

Dr.	Cr.
To amount received,	\$5,716.24
By amount paid out,	\$5,698.77
To balance,	1,284.07

DISTRICT SCHOOL FUND—Fifth Class.

Dr.	Cr.
To amount received,	\$588.20
By amount paid out, not complete, to made only in annual report.	

The following balances appear to the debit or credit of the several
 officers of Sutton county at close of the year ending Feb. 9, 1897.

Tax Collector.	Dr.	Cr.
County ad valorem Fund	\$2,592.66	
Court House and Jail Fund	2,861.31	
County Poll Tax Fund	71.75	
District School Fund	517.65	
J. P. McConnell, occupation tax,	244.14	
do Sheriff, fines and judgements,	25.00	
W. A. Stewart, J. P., prec. No. 1, fines & judgements		0.50
County Treasurer, Court House and Jail Fund,	1,284.07	
do Jury Fund,	114.24	
do General Fund,	11.85	
do Road and Bridge Fund,	6.92	

Outstanding indebtedness of the Jury Fund at close
 of the year ending Feb. 9th, 1897.

DATE OF WARRANT.	TO WHOM ISSUED.	FOR WHAT DUE.	AMOUNT.
Month	Day	Year.	
Sept	9	1892	G L Moore July service \$0.50
do	9	1892	J C Goodwin 0.50
do	23	1894	R T Callahan 0.50
do	26	1894	Dock Simmons 0.50
do	26	1895	C McTaggart 0.50
March	16	1896	J B Hill 0.50
April	23	do	H Knauzenberger 6.00
do	23	do	Asa Robertson 2.00
do	23	do	Horton Allen 1.65
do	22	do	O H Wood 4.00
do	22	do	A R Cauthorn 3.65
do	22	do	J C Barksdale 4.00
do	22	do	P Hill 3.65
do	22	do	A W Pride 4.00
do	22	do	A W Mills 2.00
do	22	do	W A Miers 2.00
do	22	do	G T Sharp 1.65
do	22	do	J C Barksdale 6.00
do	22	do	N Guest 2.00
Feb	20	do	H B Balch 0.50
do	20	do	J F Hall 10.00
Sept	26	do	Sam Merck 10.00
do	26	do	A V Lanar 10.00
do	26	do	Asa Robertson 10.00
do	26	do	J B Russell 10.00
Ang	22	do	Carl Atkinson 0.50
Sept	26	do	W J Fields 10.00
do	26	do	Horton Allen 10.00
do	26	do	G Huber 10.00
do	26	do	N T Guest 12.00
do	26	do	F M Wyatt 12.00
do	26	do	G W Dunagan 10.00
do	26	do	O T Word 10.00
do	26	do	Mat Karnes 2.00
do	26	do	August Hedden 12.00
do	26	do	R H Wyatt 2.00
do	26	do	S L Alexander 2.00
Oct	19	do	P Harst 2.00
do	19	do	Cary Cheney 2.00
do	19	do	R C Dawson 2.00
do	19	do	H Sp uce 3.00
Sept	26	do	W A O'Neal 1.00
do	26	do	M B Atkinson 12.00
do	26	do	W G Forbes 2.00
do	26	do	C H Crauthers 10.00
do	26	do	J Q Sharp 10.00
do	26	do	J A Ogden 10.00
do	26	do	R English 10.00
do	26	do	D B Cusenbary 12.00
do	26	do	S W Johnson 12.00
do	26	do	Fred Koenig 12.00
do	26	do	J T Cooper 10.00
do	26	do	Dock Simmons 2.00
Jan	17	1897	L N Brooks 2.00
do	19	do	Sam McKee 2.00
do	19	do	C G Lovelace 2.00
do	19	do	T B Birtroug 2.00
do	19	do	J A Parker 2.00
do	19	do	John Keiton 2.00
do	19	do	G S Allison 2.00
do	19	do	A W Hiers 2.00
do	19	do	John McCleary 2.00
March	16	do	R H Martin 0.50
do	16	do	J F Kelley 0.50
Aug	22	do	Asa Robertson 0.50
do	22	do	Pat James 0.50
do	22	do	W A Hiers 0.50
Feb	8	1897	J A Hagerlund 12.00

Outstanding indebtedness of the Road and Bridge Fund of Sutton
 county at the close of the year ending Feb. 9th, 1897.

Nov	12	1896	J W Brotherton	Work on public road	30.00
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Outstanding indebtedness of the General Fund of Sutton county at
 close of the year ending Feb. 9th, 1897.

Aug	11	1896	J P McConnell	Board of prisoners	\$18.55
do	11	do	G H Stokes	Ex-officio salary	113.85
do	12	do	S H McCondon	Commissioners salary	75.00
do	12	do	W F Luckie	do	6.00
do	12	do	W A Holland	do	6.00
do	12	do	S H Stokes	Keeping finance ledger	25.00
Sept	26	do	W A Stewart	Foot ball for grand jury	9.00
Nov	11	do	G H McDonald	Commissioners salary	3.00
do	11	do	do	do	9.00
do	11	do	W F Luckie	do	9.00
do	11	do	S H Stokes	Ex-officio salary	75.00
do	11	do	do	Exam. & approv. col. rep.	5.00
do	11	do	do	Keeping finance ledger	25.00
do	12	do	J M Bell	Ex-officio salary	120.00
do	12	do	T D Newell	Clerk of election	4.00
do	12	do	R W Callahan	Judge of election	4.00
do	12	do	J P McConnell	Board of prisoners	118.50
do	12	do	E C Saunders	Presiding officer election	4.00
do	12	do	O Clark	Judge of el. ctv.	4.00
do	12	do	G H McDonald	Ex-officio salary	14.25
Sept	26	do	W J Estes	Hiding balliff and jury	15.00
Nov	12	do	C W Arden	Clerk of election	4.00
do	12	do	T D Newell	Water furnish county	37.00
Aug	27	do	J P McConnell	Waiting on court	6.00
do	27	do	do	do	75.00
do	27	do	do	do	12.00
Nov	30	do	J M Bell	Ex-officio salary	180.00
do	12	do	Geo D Barnard	Stationary	18.88
do	12	do	W F Drake	Clerk of election	4.00
do	12	do	Wm Guest	Presiding officer of election	4.00
do	12	do	D B Cusenbary	Judge of election	4.00
do	12	do	M L Wood	Clerk of election	4.00
do	12	do	Thos. B. D.	Presiding officer of election	4.00
do	12	do	Horton Allen	Judge of election	4.00
do	12	do	S W Wall	do	4.00
do	12	do	M McNicol	Clerk of election	4.00
do	12	do	J D Causey	do	4.00
do	12	do	H Knauzenberger	Presiding officer of election	4.00
do	12	do	Fred Berzen	Clerk of election	4.00
do	12	do	Wm Crawford	Judge of election	4.00
do	12	do	S W Stephenson	Clerk log election	2.00
do	12	do	G W Dunagan	do	2.00
do	12	do	Sam Merck	Commissioners salary	3.00

Outstanding indebtedness of the Court House and Jail Fund of Sutton
 county at the close of the year ending Feb. 9, 1897.

Aug	11	1896	R W Callahan	Making out tax rolls	50.00
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Outstanding indebtedness of the District School Fund of Sutton county
 at the close of year ending Feb. 9, 1897.

Nov	30	1897	J M Bell	County superintendent	27.50
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The State of Texas, } I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true
 County of Sutton. } and correct report for the year ending Feb.
 9th, 1897, as required by article 935a, General Laws of Texas, approved
 May 11th, 1893.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Sonora, Texas, on this
 2nd day of March, A. D., 1897.

S. H. STOKES,
 County Clerk, Sutton County, Texas.

DR. MOSELEY, Surgeon and Specialist

Treats all diseases of the Eye,
 Ear, Nose, Throat, Skin and all
 chronic diseases. Dr. Moseley is a
 graduate of America's best col-
 lege, he has had an extensive ex-
 perience as a surgeon and physi-
 cian prior to entering the field of
 specialties.
 Why he is a specialist is because
 to understand the successful treat-
 ment of a few diseases is far better
 than an imperfect knowledge of
 many. Concentration of study ac-
 complishes much. The practice
 of medicine is magnanimous and a
 knowledge of it as taught to day is
 considered too much for one man to
 comprehend perfectly as a whole,
 hence the division of the practice
 into specialties. Dr. Moseley has a
 treatment for granular lids com-
 paratively painless yet effective,
 time required usually is from one
 to six months, but he cures the
 same in 15 to 20 days, the treat-
 ment in hundreds of cases has
 proven eminently successful, his
 surgery of the eye merits the con-
 fidence of the most skeptical. Ref-
 erences are offered as proof of the
 above assertion.

NASAL CATARRH
 can positively be cured, notwith-
 standing the disgusting timidity
 with which some physicians ex-
 press their inability to treat this
 insidious and health sapping dis-
 ease. Nasal Catarrh is the most
 insidious in this climate of all dis-
 eases, beginning in the nose and
 extending to the throat, middle
 ear, superior maxillary, base of
 skull, frontal sinuses, and eventu-
 ally to the lungs, or the health
 becoming impaired so that the un-
 fortunate readily succumb to the
 influence of other diseases.

SKIN DISEASES.
 Among the most certain to end
 in death is cancer. Not any case
 getting well if left alone, it gradu-
 ally grows worse by destroying all
 tissues in its road of destruction
 until the system becomes impress-
 ed by the poisonous influence of
 this loathsome disease. A miser-
 able death is to gradually die with
 cancer and recognize the fact of
 the fateful ending. Dr. Moseley
 cures cancer without the knife if
 patient suffering applies for treat-
 ment before the case becomes in-
 curable and the vital forces have
 not been destroyed beyond re-
 covery. He has many cures to
 show to those who wish to see,
 and are offered as an evidence of
 his skill.

ECZEMA
 Often considered incurable to
 terrize and make the remainder
 of life miserable by many physi-
 cians. Dr. Moseley cures this
 disease, matters not of how long
 standing, and can give references
 to prove this fact. The doctors
 collegiate record and experience
 is to all, sufficient evidence of his
 ability and skill. He has located
 with us and remains long enough
 to fulfill all contracts he assumes.
 All who are suffering from chronic
 diseases come and see the doctor,
 he will look carefully over your
 case and give you an honest ex-
 pression and correct diagnosis of
 your case. He is no traveling quack
 to cure your money and leave you
 not cured and some times worse
 than when treatment was begun.
 A few days time is not sufficient
 to give satisfaction in the treat-
 ment of chronic diseases.
 Consultation and examination is
 free to those who have an inten-
 tion of engaging treatment.

Doctors Who Advertise.
 Dr. Moseley by some is criti-
 cised because he advertises. It is
 not common for physicians to ad-
 vertise who are already well-
 known for such it is not necessary.
 But for one who is not known in a
 community it enables the people
 to readily become acquainted with
 the physicians ability, advantages
 and past experience. If the doc-
 tor had no ability it would be poor
 judgment for him to make known
 that he proposes to do things he
 could not do, under such circum-
 stances he would be a quack, other
 wise to advertise the truth and his
 professional ability is as legiti-
 mate as any other profession.

Buy your lumber, shingles, doors,
 windows, fencing and building
 hardware from the well-known and
 reliable firm of Wm. Cameron &
 Co., of San Angelo. This firm is
 ably represented by Wm. Kelly,
 who is one of the company and
 always treats his customers prop-
 erly. They are doing business
 at the old stand at new time
 prices.

Eradication of Scab.

It is claimed that the scab in
 sheep has

THE NEW YEAR IS HERE AND SO ARE WE, BETTER PREPARED THAN EVER TO SERVE YOU.

Our Steady Growing Trade has made it necessary to buy all of our Groceries, etc. in Car Load Lots. Our large and commodious warehouse enables us to do so, and gives us the opportunity of meeting prices.

Come and inspect our stock, get our prices and we think we can induce you to trade with us.

Our Prices Defy Competition.
Liberal Cash Advances Made on WOOL OR CATTLE.

Thanking you for past favors and soliciting a continuance of the same We remain, Very Respectfully,

Mayer Bros & Co.

GENERAL MERCHANTS

SONORA, - TEXAS.

Bob Flutch of McKee was in Sonora this week prospecting.

John McKee the cattleman was in Sonora for supplies this week.

Al Haley the cattleman was in Sonora Wednesday for supplies.

Lost, one "Darling" forget-me-not pin, finder will please return to this office.

Green Justice the Edwards county cattleman was in Sonora Saturday for supplies.

R. A. Williams and John McKee the well-known Crockett county stockmen were in Sonora Tuesday.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS had the pleasure Monday of a visit from Misses Susan Wilson and Mamie Godfrey.

W. C. Myer of the mutton firm of Myer & McMullan was in Sonora Monday for shearing supplies.

In this issue will be seen the ad of Noah Rose, do not forget to call on him about some of his goods.

Miss Mamie Godfrey of San Sab arrived in Sonora last week and is the guest of her sister Mrs. G. W. Dunagan.

H. J. Huffman finished drilling a well for A. J. Winkler three-fourths of a mile east of his present well. Abundance of water was secured at a depth of 230 feet.

C. E. Selva member of the wholesale liquor and cigar house of Levy & Co. of Galveston was in Sonora this week. Mr. Selva's many friends are pleased to learn of his well earned success.

N. G. King one of Val Verde county's commissioners was in Sonora this week and informed us that his county has opened a road to the Sutton county line near O. H. Woods' ranch and have placed mile stones along the road.

TO THE LADIES:—For fashionable dress making, call on Miss Mamie Godfrey, at the residence of Mrs. G. W. Dunagan. She will guarantee a perfect fit, prices reasonable. 37 St.

Dr. H. G. Colson of Sonora went over to Ozona Tuesday to attend Wiley Franklin who had been stabbed with a knife by a young man named Jack Kelly. The doctor reports the wounded

Stock News.

Lum Adams sold to Tom Birtong, 635 muttons at \$2.10 per head.

A. J. Winkler sold 35 head of cows to I. W. Ellis at \$11.50 a head.

Chris Wyatt sold his ranch eight miles south of Sonora to D. J. Wyatt for \$1400.

Green Bros the Edwards county cattlemen bought Dan Parker's ranch last week for \$1300.

Bean Bros. sold to McKirzie & Mayer 756 dry ewes and wethers at \$2.30.

McKirzie & Mayer bought from G. P. Hill 700 head of mixed sheep at \$1.75.

Chris Wyatt bought the Caruthers interest of the Caruthers & Anderson ranch 6 miles west of Sonora for \$600.

D. B. Cusenbary bought 1000 muttons from John McKee of Crockett county at \$2.17 1/2 after shearing.

Myer & McMullan bought from W. J. Turner of Ballinger 1600 dry ewes and wethers at \$2 a head. These sheep were delivered at Sonora Sunday.

Frank Justice sold his ranch in Edwards county to A. V. Brown for \$1250. Mr. Justice will probably move his cattle to Kenney county.

John Monroe of Val Verde county has made the top sale of the sheep season. He sold to Myer & McMullan 500 muttons 5 and 6 years old at \$2.50 a head after shearing.

Claude Anson of San Angelo bought from E. E. Bolt of Kimble county his stock cattle at \$7.50 and \$10 for one and two year old heifers and \$14.75 for cows.

Russell & Bevans bought from John J. Penny 335 steers, coming twos, at \$14.50 to be delivered the first of April. These are all said to be choice cattle.—Menard Enterprise.

From San Angelo, Standard, Jim Currie, of Glasscock county sold to M. Z. Smisen 400 coming three-year-old steers at \$21.

H. G. Dearing purchased 1200 cows from Lewis & Rentrow, of North Concho, at between \$10 and

They will be shipped to the city.

Zeb Owen, of Crockett county, sold 600 stock cattle at \$12 per head and his ranch of 22 sections, fenced, for \$2000, to McKenzie Bros., of Big Lake.

Hiram Garrett, of Martin county bought 800 stock sheep from Stayton Bros. and 700 muttons from Ike Wimberly all in Tom Green county at \$2.25 for the muttons.

Knapp, Williams & Dapple sold 3000 head of mixed sheep yesterday to D. K. McMullen at \$1.95 per head. This cleans up the flocks of this well-known and successful ranch company, which will shortly be dissolved and the lands divided up.—San Angelo Standard.

Shropshire sheep have rapidly increased in all the Australian colonies, and, combining as they do the most desirable points (from a wool and mutton point of view) to a greater extent than any other breed, with the minimum of objectionable features, they have obtained an eminent and permanent position in the estimation of sheep breeders all over the world. In fact they meet all the requirements of the present day as a successful general purpose sheep and are therefore very profitable.

Shropshire has been largely bred for crossing purposes, with splendid results. The Shropshire Merino cross produces a fine sheep and is preferred by many who have tried it to any other cross. The half-bred is a deep, square set sheep, well covered with a fine percentage of cream scoured wool and commands a comparatively high price, whilst the sheep are hardy and fatten to nice handy weights at a very early age.—Stock and Farm Journal.

John Raskin once said: "Of all ungentlemanly habits gambling is the vilest. It unites every condition of folly and vice. It destroys integrity, ruins principle and murders purity and honor. You concentrate your interest on a matter of chance instead of knowledge. You back opinions which you have no means of framing. You are the dupe of the most degraded tricksters and tipsters that the world produces."

Just because the pants are working pants is no reason why they shouldn't fit and look well. The BUCKSKIN BREECHES have the most wear, the best fit, and best looks of any Jeans Pants made where pants are worn.

Hagerlund Bros. have Buckskin Jeans in all sizes. 27

Athletics at Kerrville.

Kerrville, Texas, Feb. 26.—The go now. On Wednesday a large crowd witnessed a match between John Dodd of Del Rio and Warren Coleman of Kerrville. Coleman threw Dodd down first, then Dodd threw Coleman heavily twice.

Later on in the evening Dodd met an old man named Williamson and demanded a dollar which he claimed the latter owed him, and failing to get it he cursed him and drew his knife on him.

The city marshal came up and attempted to arrest Dodd, who resisted and drew his knife on the marshal who pulled his pistol and summoned help, whereupon some half dozen men went to help Dodd and several assisted the marshal, who, after a tussle landed him in jail.

Dodd, however, did not like being in the jail and went to work to escape, by breaking through the mortar and pushing a few rocks out of the wall making a hole through which he made his escape from jail. He remained in the city. When the officers went with his bond which had been secured to release him from jail, they discovered that he had made his escape though they soon found him.

Some of those who helped Dodd in resisting arrest will be tried tomorrow for interfering with the officers.

Austin, Tex., March 2.—The jury in the Matt Ford murder case is still out, and was not discharged to-day, as was predicted in these dispatches yesterday. In fact it is stated to-day that Judge Morris will not discharge the jury before April 1, unless a verdict is brought in. This case has already cost the state \$5000 and the jury so it is authoritatively stated, has been eleven for conviction and one for acquittal ever since it retired.

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.

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

Let's Blood Bots. Havans, Feb 29, via Key West, Fla., Feb. 24—General Lee today in discussing his course in connection with the arrest of Americans said:

"I am under orders from Washington and I must obey instructions from headquarters. The department authorizes me to act in a certain way, and I but carry out my orders. I came here unprejudiced and determined to form my own opinions by what came directly under my observation.

"From the moment I landed my American blood began to boil, and if I stay here much longer and am forced to witness the indignities heaped upon my countrymen without restraint it will literally boil away. They trample on our flag, hiss us on the streets. Americans are murdered, robbed and imprisoned; indignities are heaped upon our women, and every atrocity conceivable for a Spaniard to put on Americans is thrust upon us."

Drug Store for Sale. One half interest in the prosperous drug business of Cusenbary & Co., of Sonora for sale. Apply to E. S. BRIANT, 301f. Sonora, Texas.

E. W. Loftin of San Angelo and D. J. Owens of Schleicher county were in Sonora Monday.

Geo. Bedford of the sheep firm of Bedford Bros. was in Sonora Friday.

E. y Baggatt, of Bell county was in Sonora Thursday visiting friends. Mr. Baggatt is one of the wealthiest and best known men in that part of the country and intends returning to Sonora in a few weeks with the view of investing.

Del Rio, Texas, Feb. 23—Night before last a shipment of several cars of sheep from Alpine, belonging to E. C. Eason of San Antonio were stopped over night here for the purpose of feeding, watering and resting in the railroad stock pens, and yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, when they went to load them up again, they discovered that they were short and upon making a count they found that 200 head were missing, and upon examination they found that the gate of the pen had been opened and a bunch driven or run off.

Sheriff Jones and Deputy Almond immediately set out and followed the trail about four miles from town, where they found 175 of the missing sheep. They were grazing about by themselves, no person being near them. So far, no clew to the remaining thirty-four sheep or to the thief has been obtained, although the sheriff has scoured the country all around.

A woman in Las Vacas in Mexico, just across the river from Del Rio, Senora Reveles by name gave birth last Monday to a male child born without eyes, and up to the present writing the child is still alive and appears to be in a perfectly healthy condition.

Go to SAM PUNKLES' Moss Rose saloon, under Hotel San Angelo, for fine Imported Brandy, Imported Claret, California Orange wine, fine liquors and cigars. 17-1f

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Merck on Feb. 18th a girl. Lum Adams and Geo. Trainer, from the North Llano, were in Sonora this week for supplies.

L. O. Martin the popular drummer from Dallas was in Sonora Thursday.

Tom Wilson the Val Verde county stockman was in Sonora Tuesday buying supplies.

Miss Alice Carraway left for her home in Coke county last week after a few months visit to her sister Mrs. I. N. Brooks.

G. P. Hill the sheepman was in Sonora Tuesday for supplies. Mr. Hill has turned over his lower ranch to his sons.

W. T. Dobbins of the well-known sheep firm of Dobbins Bros. of Edwards county was in Sonora this week trading.

Died at his brothers home in Mason county on Feb. 17th, John Martin, aged 34 years. Deceased was well-known in Sonora having been freighted here for the past few years.

Col. W. P. O'Brien from Waring Tex., was in Sonora this week buying hides. He will be here every sixty days and will buy all kinds of hides.

In reply to the question is it wise for a man to deny himself and get along with a few hours' sleep a day, to do more work. Tesla the great electrician, is said to have replied: "That is a great mistake I am convinced. A man has just so many hours to be awake, and the fewer of these he uses up each day, the more days they will last; that is, the longer he will live. I believe that a man might live two hundred years if he would sleep most of the time. That is why negroes often live to advanced old age, because they sleep so much. It is said that Gladstone sleeps seventeen hours every day that is why his faculties are still unimpaired in spite of his great age. The proper way to economize life is to sleep every moment that is not necessary or desirable that you should be awake."

JACKSON & RICHARDSON,

Wool and Live Stock Commission Merchants,

San Angelo, Texas,

List your Cattle, Sheep and Horses with them and they will be Sure to bring you a buyer. Or if you want to buy write them. They cheerfully answer all Correspondence.

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M. L. MERTZ, President. C. W. HOBBS, Vice-President
A. A. DeBerry, Cashier.

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NOAH ROSE,
Sonora, Texas.

Malcom McNichol the windmill man was in Sonora Friday.

J. J. Allsup, representing the Little sheep dip was in Sonora this week.

Mistreatment of Charles Scott in Cuba.

Washington, March 1.—President Cleveland sent to-day to the senate correspondence relating to American citizens arrested in Cuba. The most important are the telegrams in the case of Chas. Scott which are as follow, being the messages sent by Consul-General Lee to the state department. No replies from the state department are given in this case. On February 20 Mr. Lee telegraphed as follows to the state department: "Chas. Scott, a citizen of the United States arrested at R. gla. No charge given. Been without communication in jail Havana 264 hours. Can not stand another Ruiz murder, and have demanded his release. How many warships Key West or within reach, and will they be ordered here at once if necessary to sustain demand? Lee."

On the 23rd he said in a cable message: "Situation simple. Experience at Guantanamo Bay has shown demand before too late that another American who had been incommunicado 264 hours be released from said incommunicado, and he did so in courteous terms. If you support it and Scott is released the trouble will terminate. If you do not I must depart. All others arrested with Scott have been put in prison incommunicado. Why should the only American in the lot not be? Lee."

Later on the same day Mr. Lee wired: "Demand complied with. Scott released from incommunicado to-day on demand, after fourteen days solitary confinement in cell with both feet in water in cell. Not allowed anything to sleep on or chair. Discharges of the body removed once in five days. Was charged with having Cuban postage stamps in the house. Scott says he went always twelve hours without water, only on two days. He was employe of American Gas company."

Frank Owen was in from his sheep dip Friday.

Sam Rainey and family from Barksdale were in Sonora Wednesday on their way to San Angelo.

Rev. J. I. Johnson Episcopal bishop of San Antonio will visit Sonora on Tuesday March 16th and hold services at the church at 7:30 p m.

Ben McDonald the well-known Val Verde county stockman was in Sonora Thursday.

Bring your Deer skins, Furs and poultry to us, we will buy them and pay highest market prices. Mayer Bros. & Co.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS would be more than pleased for any of its friends to inform it of any happening of local import. If you have friends visiting you or departing let us know. A local paper is frequently accused of being partial because the coming or going of one person is mentioned and another is not. This is unjust, for the reason that any local paper of standing cares nothing of personalities in its publications. Its desire is to give the news and cares not whether it is friend or foe who is mentioned. So if you know of any local item be assured we will take it as a favor if you will hand it to us.

WOODFORD (1881) WHISKEY

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