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Commenting upon the report that a conspiracy had been hatched to have the American consul at Havana poisoned by an attache of his hotel, General Lee remarked: "If I am taken suddenly ill at table, shoot the waiter and then send for a stomach pump." That sentiment is very like Fitzhugh Lee, and a sentiment of which every American be proud. In that case, or in any other, the consul general's first thought is of the duty to his country—his personal safety and comfort are matters of secondary consideration. Were it not so he would hardly be occupying the position he is either at Havana or in the public estimation.

General Lee was a brave soldier in war. Even his late opponents in the north concede that. But bravery in the presence of visible danger, and with the accompaniment of musketry firing, has an element of self-preservation, the first law of nature, in it. It is a situation where one strikes in return for the blow that is struck, or in the hope of preventing the return blow. General Lee in Havana is braver than that. He is surrounded by unseen dangers, is conscious of its existence and knows that if anything happens to him it is more than likely retaliation will have to be left to some one else.

Yet he goes about, in cheerful mood attending to his duty, without a tremor of fear. He declines a personal bodyguard, partly because it would be a humiliation. Possibly he may even be as willing to trust his life in the hands of the populace as in the hands of a treacherous guard. Undoubtedly he is a fine specimen of American manhood and an object lesson to all Havana of American courage and independence. He is the right man in the right place at the right time. He is a hero none the less because he is not fighting for his honors.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Where Grub Comes High.

Many is the man who, when hungry, has wished he could eat hay like a horse that he might fill himself cheaply, but hay was 25 cents a pound in Skaguay last fall, and even hay eaters were not well off.

Prices have been running up and down in an extraordinary way. Dyea and over the trails and down in the mining camps. At one time there everyone was talking "horses" and dogs couldn't be given away then. As food for horses rose horses fell in price.

When oats reached \$60 a sack and hay was 25 cents a pound and horseshoe nails 25 cents apiece, horses were not in demand. Then it was dogs. And still is dogs, except for a few people who are taking up with the reindeer.

Good dogs now bring \$250 to \$300. It is claimed they are the only animals for the climate. They eat anything they can swallow. They do not hunt a fire to sleep by, but lie down in the snow. They can't be coaxed into a heated room.

Not long ago steers were \$2 to \$5 apiece along the Yukon, and mighty rare. Now the same richly flavored article is to be had for less than it costs to take it there. The market is overstocked.

Flour has been selling at \$1 a pound and canned beans at from 75 cents to \$1. Hams have been put up to \$10, and eggs, two for an ounce of dust, which would make a New England breakfast cost about \$25—two eggs, \$17; a slice of ham, \$3; bread and butter and coffee, \$5.

Whiskey is cheap. It usually is the cheapest thing to be had in mining camps. The quantity, however, exceeds the quality. All sorts of fancy prices have been offered for canned fruits and for lemon and lime juice, which are excellent to prevent scurvy. But these can hardly be quoted as market values. Tomatoes have fetched \$20 a can, oranges, \$10 apiece, lemon syrup, \$15 a pint, roast beef, \$5 a can, roast mutton \$10 a can, strawberries \$8 to \$12 a can, and salmon is 60 cents a can.—New York Press.

For Preventing and Curing Scab.

A little prevention will often save many dollars of expense and much trouble in dealing with this disease.

If one has sheep that are free from scab he should not allow sheep that may have the disease to be put with them. Suspicious sheep should be kept in a yard by themselves until it is quite certain that they are free from the infection.

Persons who are purchasing lambs or sheep from a locality where scab is known to be present should not put them at once into the yards where they are to be fed for the market. They should, if possible, be kept out of these yards until dipped at least once, and it would be better if they could be dipped twice. The experiments to determine how long the mites may live off the sheep prove that they may live at least twenty days. There is no certainty then of eradicating the disease with the best dip, even in two dippings, fourteen days apart if the sheep are put back on the old yards. A single surviving female would be sufficient, if she could find her way back on the sheep, to start the disease afresh.

Where sheep are kept the year around it will be much cheaper to dip soon after shearing when the wool is short, as it will take less material.

Do not get the idea that the disease may be spontaneous under any possible conditions, for it is not. As well think of horses or jack rabbits coming into existence without parents. Every sheep that contracts scab does so by getting the mites or their eggs directly from other animals.—Bulletin Colorado Experiment Station.

The Rev. W. H. Weaver, of the U. B. Church, of Pittsburg, Pa., recognizes the value of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and does not hesitate to tell others about it. "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," he says, "and find it an excellent medicine for colds, coughs, and hoarseness." So does one who gives it a trial. —C. S. C. Co., Chicago, Ill.

Cowboy Soldiers.

There is in Texas and New Mexico an intense hatred of Spaniards, and ranch owners state that they may have to draw upon the cities for men in case there should be a call for volunteers. The cowboys have already in anticipation of a conflict had representatives visit all the ranches in that country to canvass the situation thoroughly and ascertain beyond possible doubt just how many can be depended upon to respond to the first demand. These cattlemen will not join any military organization that is not made up of their own class. They wish to be in the cavalry ranks. All of them are already armed with the regulation winchester and colt's six shooter of the latest approved model and the matter of their arming will not cost the government a penny. They go in the main for the reckless love of the danger into which they will be thrown and which they have learned to regard as the very spice of life through years of hardship.

It is the same throughout the great central section and, in fact, throughout the state in general. With this rush of cattlemen will come also an evodus of the reckless devils that have within the past decade made up in part some of the greatest bands of outlaws that the western country has ever known. Throughout the Indian Territory and Oklahoma are yet hiding many of the old Dalton, Starr, Cook and Cherokee Bill outlaw gangs. These men all have a price upon their heads and are constantly dodging. United States marshals no matter in what region they venture. With the most of them it has long ago become a weary game, and they will accept this release not only as a refuge, but as an opportunity for possible plunder.

In several sections the preparations have reached such advancement that the permanent organization of the detachments has been made to the point of acceptance by the army regulations and official recognition.

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The Maine Heroes Will Be Avenged.
The man who Blew Up the Maine has been Captured.
McKinley is in the Saddle.
LATEST WAR NEWS.**

**Synopsis of the President's
Message to Congress.**

The opening part of the message is devoted to a terse review of the whole Cuban interjection. It is shown that it directly concerns the people of the United States, the interests in the island and on the high seas. The patience of our people, what they have done and what they have forborne to do, is pointed out.

The president then recites specific acts, showing the origin and spread of anarchy in the island. He refers, in detail, to the devastation of fertile plantations. He points out the starvation of an innocent and inoffensive people as a result of this anarchy, which the Spanish government has never been able to quell, and in which recently, Spanish officers have participated.

Anarchy, is "The whole history of the Cuban war," as the president terms it.

It is against this anarchy that the forces of the United States are to be promptly used if the Spanish government, at the final hour, does not grant the concessions absolutely necessary to remove and destroy it.

The president points out the justification for interference by the United States. In his opinion, plainly and explicitly expressed, this interference should take the form of forcible intervention, so that the anarchy and lawlessness now existing shall have an immediate end.

There are two counts in the indictment drawn by the president, both due to Spain's complete failure to maintain law and order. The first count is the menace to the commerce of the world, and particularly to that part which is supported by the United States and controlled by its flag.

The president gives specific instances of the depreciation of American commerce with the West Indies, since the actual overthrow of civil government in Cuba was accomplished by the creation of a government which has its foundation in anarchy.

But it is in the second count that the president describes to the people of the United States the terrible results of this lawlessness under Spanish rule. Here he deals with the destruction of the Maine.

In plain, forcible language the president declares that the blowing up of the battleship in Havana harbor was the direct result of the failure of the Spanish, the Cuban or any government claiming to administer laws in the island of Cuba to suppress the condition of anarchy existing there.

Then there is set forth this noteworthy fact: The Spanish government has not, since the day the Maine was destroyed, either through its diplomatic representative in Washington, or through the American representative in Madrid, disavowed responsibility for that destruction.

The president points out as evidence of the discourtesy of Spain the failure of the government to establish the innocence of its agents in connection with the loss of so many lives on the ship of a friendly nation within the jurisdiction of its own alleged government.

As for Spain's protest against being held responsible for the loss of the battleship, the president treats that as a simple diplomatic protestation, having no tangible evidence to support it. The sole declaration in the protest of Spain at all worthy of consideration, in the president's opinion, is the assumption that the cause of the explosion was internal, but he insists that the Spanish government has not presented a single act to justify this theory.

The president does not suggest any recognition of the republic of Cuba. He says he does not know that the people of Cuba are in full accord with the so-called republic. That is a matter, he thinks, for them to settle for themselves, without reference to the United States or to interference by the United States.

The president most vigorously sets forth his position as not intending that a declaration of war shall imply a war of conquest. This, he declares, according to our code of morals, would be a crime. There is no desire on the part of the American people to profit by the misfortunes of Spain.

The United States, he declares does not desire to acquire territory. Its intervention is inspired by its desire as a civilized government to check the barbarities that have characterized the anarchistic war now reigning in Cuba.

The civilized code of war has been disregarded, no less so by the Spaniards than by the Cubans. The existing conditions can not but fill this government and the American people with the greatest apprehension.

London, April 10.—Lloyd's weekly newspaper to-day publishes prominently an interview with Col. John Hay, the American ambassador, whose remarks are of the most discreet character. The paper also publishes an interview with Count de Rascon, the Spanish ambassador, who is represented to have said: "Responsibility rests with Mr. McKinley. If he makes war there will be war which will last five or six years or forever, and will ruin both Spain and the United States. We shall fully avail ourselves of letters of marque. The Maine was lost through the ignorance or carelessness of her officers and crew."

Special to the San Angelo Standard April 13 h. Spain will fight. Spain is rapidly mobilizing her troops and massing her fleet at Cardex, Cape Verde and Porto Rico. Spanish cruisers Viscaya and Oquendo have sailed from Porto Rico. It is understood her real destination is Cape Verde Islands.

London's afternoon newspapers unanimously express the opinion that the United States and Spain are heading straight FOR WAR. Intense activities in the Navy and War Departments at Washington. Preparing for inevitable war.

It is rumored that the militia of the different states have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness.

Consul General Lee says that it is not true that the lights were extinguished in Havana by the Maine explosion.

Harbor of Porto Rico has been mined and preparation for coaling continued.

Spain's armistic proposals ignored by the United States and declined by the insurgents in Cuba.

United States army and navy ready for action.

The Spanish in Cuba gave vent to cat calls and insulting insinuations at Lee's departure from Havana. One of the Spanish guns was trained on the Fern as she left Havana harbor. Lee was the first to see it and remark that when the Americans returned to Cuba another flag would be flying from the fort. The Flying Fleet and the Atlantic Squadron will intercept the Spanish flotilla and destroy Spanish coaling stations in event of war. Spain will first be driven from the Seas, a landed force from the United States will then quiet things in Cuba and when the grim visage of war with starvation, bloodshed, inhumanity and distress has disappeared and the productive little island is in a normal condition the people of Cuba will be allowed to perfect the form of government they most desire.

THE LATEST.

To the Standard: April 14th.—Senate spent the day discussing Cuban resolutions put will not vote until tomorrow night. A dozen Senators are yet to speak.

The house by a large majority passed resolutions refusing to recognize the independence of Cuba but empowering the President to intervene and stop the war.

The President announces that he will veto resolutions if they recognize Cuban Independence.

A Madrid newspaper regards war as a sure thing. Last news from Washington created great excitement in Spain. The Havana commercial houses have cabled to Europe to arrange for German French and Italian steamers to carry the mail and bring provisions to Havana.

April 15th. To the Sonora War Department:—It is believed in Washington this morning that a compromise between Senate and House will be arrived at by which armed intervention will be made, looking to ultimate independence.

Dallas News Extra, 15th, 9:30 a. m.—To Tom McClosky, San Angelo.—The man who blew up the U. S. Battle Ship Maine has been captured and confessed. Things are red hot.—[signed] J. R. Riggs, Dallas.

Washington, April 12, 1898.—(Special Telegram to San Angelo Standard)—Unless the Senate Foreign Relations Committee changes its decision it will, with a strong preamble, reciting the Maine disaster as cause for deep resentment on the part of this government, report to the Senate tomorrow the following resolutions for adoption:

FIRST—That the people of the island of Cuba are, and of right ought to be, free and independent.

SECOND—That the war Spain is waging against Cuba is so destructive of the commercial prosperity and interests of the United States, and is so cruel, barbarous and inhuman in its character as to make it the duty of the United States to demand, and hereby does demand, that she at once withdraw her land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters.

THIRD—That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to use, if necessary, the entire land and naval forces of the United States to carry these resolutions into effect.

The House Committee on Foreign Relations will report resolutions of similar import.

Special to San Angelo Standard, April 13.—Flying Fleet left Hampton Roads Wednesday at 2 o'clock p. m. under emergency orders. Cable communication between Key West and Havana has been cut off. General Lee arrived in Washington Tuesday and was driven immediately to State department. He received ovations all along the route.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is under many obligations to D.H. Burroughs, the accommodating book keeper for Mayer Bros. & Co., for assistance rendered this week.

The Sonora-San Angelo telephone line is showing up to advantage these war days and the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS returns thanks for the people of Sonora to the proprietors and managers as well as to the San Angelo Standard, Dr. S. L. S. Smith of the Pioneer Drug Store, and Tom McClosky of the Arc Light Corner for their kindness in forwarding the dispatches.

The placing of a large order for canned meats with a Chicago concern by the War Department will make a better demand for cattle of this class. The inquiry during the past six months was never better, and with a prospect of further improvement the situation is decidedly encouraging for those who hold stock of this class. Good holders are now selling higher than they have for years and the fact that this does not increase the supply shows that not many of such cattle are available or that farmers are holding them to increase their diminished herds. Since the war cloud first appeared on the horizon no doubt packers have been laying up supplies against possible contingency.

The effect of war upon certain kinds of meat products would be beneficial. There would be an advance for such commodities as are used by the army and navy, and especially salted meats and canned goods, for any sudden and unduly demand would have a tendency to elevate prices. A war with Spain which would most likely be almost of a naval character, the number of men required for the service would be comparatively small. The government would want only enough men to man the vessels and do coast defense duty. Therefore the number withdrawn from the producing field would be hardly missed. It is said that Chicago packers have some heavy orders pending a declaration of war.—Drovers Journal.

No Cause for Alarm.

There is no cause for uneasiness as to the attitude of Mexico as the following shows:

El Paso, Tex., April 11.—Orders received at Fort Bliss this afternoon call for the transfer of the entire garrison to Chickamauga tomorrow. There are stationed here troop A, fifth cavalry, and companies H and D, eighteenth infantry, with headquarters and band of the infantry, in all about 180 men.

The boys are all stirred up and eager to scrap. There has been some alarm here over reports that Spaniards in Mexico intend raiding El Paso. Collector Bouchie the Mexican collector assures the News correspondent that no Spanish raiders will get over the Rio Grande, as the Mexican troops are on the alert.

Gageston, 14. To the Standard: A Washington noon dispatch says the war and means committee are considering a bill to raise 150 million dollars for war purposes. It is understood that the Senate will not adjourn until some resolutions are passed. Senator Hoar, who has always been considered most conservative will make a stirring war speech.

The Flying Squadron will return to Hampton Roads in twenty four hours.

A German official protest in favor of Spain, is being prepared here against the message of President McKinley. Germany's protest will be presented to the European Powers today. It is not thought that war can be averted, both public and official opinion has changed.

The fast Atlantic steamers St. Paul and St. Louis have been impressed by the government. They were built with a view to being turned into fast cruisers in event of war.

Austin, Tex., April 8.—General W. P. Hardeman, Superintendent of the Confederate Home, died this morning at 4 o'clock at the age of 82, of acute Bright's disease. His funeral will take place from St. David's church at 10 o'clock tomorrow and will be in charge of the Knights Templars. The flag on the capitol is floating at half mast today out of respect for his memory.

How to Raise Money.

Washington, D. C., April 8.—The members of the ways and means committee of the House are busily engaged with the treasury officials in the work preliminary to the drafting of a war measure to be introduced in Congress immediately upon the opening of hostilities with Spain. An increase in the internal revenue tax on beer from \$1 to \$2 a barrel and a large increase in the tax on manufactured tobacco, including cigars and cigarettes, have been practically agreed upon. Bank checks, bills of exchange, mortgages and other papers of this class, patent medicines and nostrums in all probability also will be added to the list.

The rough estimate of the receipts to be derived from these sources is that the increase on these articles alone will approximate if not exceed \$1,000,000,000 a year. Beer, it is thought, will produce an increase of \$35,000,000 manufactured tobacco, an increase of \$33,000,000 or more, and commercial paper and patent medicines, \$32,000,000. Another source of revenue which it is said is almost certain to be availed of is the transactions in railroad and other securities. It is believed that the returns from this source will be large. In all the figurings so far, the remaining industries and the professions which were taxed for strictly war revenues during the rebellion have been left out of the account. An increase of from 2 to 3 cents on letter postage and a tax on gas and electric lights has also been suggested to the department, but these terms have not yet been considered. The increase of one cent on an ounce on letter postage probably would augment the receipts by \$30,000,000 a year.

A bill providing for a temporary loan of \$100,000,000 and a permanent loan of \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000 at 3 per cent, payable in coin, has been prepared by the ways and means committee and will be immediately introduced in case of war. The whole question of the finances of the government is being carefully considered by the treasury officials, so that a definite plan of operation may be at the disposal of Congress in case of need.

First Gun Fired.

Special telegram to the San Angelo Standard, April 14, 3:25 p. m.—Fort Monroe, Va., April 13.—The first gun of the war, it may be said, was fired off the Cruiser Columbia of the Flying Squadron at Hampton Roads, Va. today. It was an unexpected signal to every sailor ashore to immediately return to his ship. It was the first gun and relieved a tension that the continuous excitement of the past few weeks had had among all the navy. Officers only, were allowed to go ashore after the signal gun was fired, to bid farewell to wives, sweethearts and relatives. It is the dearest wish of every Tar aboard the fleet that if there is any fighting to be done that their ship may be in the thickest of the fight.

Speaking of America's duty toward Cuba, the Philadelphia Press says: In the general, praiseworthy sympathy with the Cuban republic in its long, brave and heroic struggle for liberty, it must not be forgotten that the United States does not claim, has not claimed and has no right to claim, the right to decide the form of government for Cuba or what precise form the people of the island shall have. Our unbroken and consistent policy in dealing with Spanish-American countries has been to insist equally that they should be free without from European pressure and free within to choose their own government to suit themselves. Moral aid and support the United States has a right to give, and always has extended to other republics in the Americas or in Europe; but for us to decide off hand, by recognition or otherwise, or by the grant of arms, that the republic was the government of Cuba, would be to anticipate the action of the Cubans themselves. Our duty is ended when the Spanish garrison is expelled, the hungry are fed and the cultivation of the fields has begun. It will be for the Cubans to decide the destiny of Cuba. If the government at Cuba and supported by Gen. Gomez, is desired by a majority of Cubans, acting freely and without the presence of a Spanish garrison, that republic will be established. If a majority of the Cubans have different views

government, this is for them to decide, and not for us to anticipate or determine by doing more than our clear duty in Cuba. The annexation of the island we do not desire. Its territorial administration by us we do not wish. We are determined that the Spaniard shall leave, his hideous oppression cease, the hungry be fed and order and industry restored. The rest it is the duty of Cubans to decide, free from all foreign interference.

The San Antonio Express says: The question that is agitating the minds of all business men in all departments of trade at present is what will be the effect of actual war in their particular line. As far as the cattle business is concerned, it is and for the past week or two has been experiencing the expected evil effects caused by higher money rates or what is still worse a practical withdrawal of investment funds for new business, whereas the higher prices for beef and stimulating effects that are sure to follow soon after the beginning of hostilities will be wanting as long as the present condition of uncertainty prevails. It is probable that the worst effects on the cattle business to be anticipated are now being experienced, on the ground that any uncertainty is preferable to any uncertainty. After the first shock that would result from a declaration of hostilities, the power and resources of our country are so vast that it would not be long before its business affairs would adjust themselves to the new conditions and settle down into their usual regular groove. The Amarilla Champion ventures the following on the subject:

There seems to be a great diversity of opinion as to the effect of a war with Spain on the cattle interests. Some think that it would give the vast amount of borrowed money in this country a big scare, and that a large portion would be called in. Others hold that it has been the case in all wars that all food supplies advance, and that as beef is one of the foods in most demands for war purposes that all cattle would go very high. This is no doubt the correct idea, and while money is liable to take a scare, moneyed men will know that there will be no better security in the land than the beef supply.

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Austin, Texas, April 8.—The jury in the Burt insanity case was discharged this evening, having failed to agree after being out since last Tuesday night, and Judge Brooks ordered another trial to begin on April 10. The jury stood two for insanity and ten to the contrary.

Two years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Pleasant Brook, N. Y., bought a small supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At that time the goods were unknown in this section; to-day Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a household word." It is the same in hundreds of communities. Wherever the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy becomes known the people will have nothing else. For sale by Cusenbary & Lewenthal, Sonora, Texas.

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MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.

SONORA, TEXAS. - April 16, 1898.

W. P. O'Brien, the hide buyer was in Sonora several days this week.

Will Whitehead the stockman returned Thursday from delivering cattle at San Angelo.

Johnnie Johnson the stockman from Wild Cat hollow was in Sonora Thursday for supplies.

Figure up how much it costs you to hold wool, and you will send all your wool to March Bros. who rustle new buyers, sell at the right time for the highest market price. 82-21.

An Old Idea.

Every day strengthens the belief of eminent physicians that impure blood is the cause of most of our diseases. Twenty-five years ago this theory was used as a basis for the formula of Brown's Iron Bitters. The remarkable cures effected by this famous remedy are sufficient to prove the theory correct. Brown's Iron Bitters are sold by all dealers.

A. R. Hurley the stockman was in Sonora this week.

Dress ducks, plain, figured and pebbled at Mayer Bros. & Co.

H. Z. Windrow the windmill man for Mayer Bros & Co., returned from a trip to San Angelo last Friday.

March Bros. of San Angelo have enlarged their business and offer better inducements for your business than any house in the West.

F. M. Wvatt, the cattleman from the Lost Lake country was in Sonora this week. Frank was feeling good over the rain, as it kept him from moving his cattle.

It is not the gross price you get for your wool, but the net price to you after paying commission, interest, storage, and wagon freights, that counts and March Bros. of San Angelo have and will save you at least one cent per pound. 82-21.

Carter Johnson is having his ice house fitted up. The refrigerator has a capacity for 15,000 pounds of ice. Mr. Johnson intends buying a full supply constantly on hand, and at a reasonable price, you may figure on keeping cool this summer.

Ladies, be sure to come and see our new Spring and Summer dress goods, embroideries, trimmings, etc. Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

John Swinburne was in Sonora Wednesday for cement to cement a 27000 gallon reservoir he has built for John and Wm. McKee of Crockett county. This reservoir cost 1 cent a gallon completed.

Billy Whitcock the pastry cook of San Angelo accompanied his sister Mrs. Innes, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Mrs. Hamelin and son of the Bismark farm on a cactus gathering expedition through the Sonora country last week. They also visited the Felton cave and enjoyed the outing very much.

French Madras, silk effects, Yukon stripes and all the latest patterns at Mayer Bros. & Co.

Col. M. Z. Smissen on Monday purchased from John Perry, Sr., his fine ranch in Crockett county, containing 100,000 acres, 10,000 of which is deeded land for \$20,000, and from 5000 to 6000 stock cattle at \$16, everything counted. The ranch lies on Live Oak creek and is about forty miles of fence. The ranch lies south west of Ozona and is generally considered one of the best cattle ranches in this whole western country. Col. Smissen enters into possession at once.—San Angelo Standard.

Geo. Morris of the Maud S. saloon has for sale the celebrated Edgewood, (seven-year-old) whiskey, and the Island Queen, two of the best whiskies on the market. 81-16.

ECONOMY in taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, because "100 doses one dollar" is peculiar to and true only of the One True **BLOOD PURIFIER**.

She (cuttingly)—"There is no doubt about it—marriage does improve a man's politeness." He (surprised)—"How so?" She (blandly)—"Well, you frequently get up and offer me a chair now. Before we were married you never gave me more than half one."

Chas. Zenker has bought the Star Saloon, next door to his old place, and invites his friends from the Sonora country to call and see him. 72-17.

Seekers after gold know they may be disappointed, but seekers after health take Hood's Sarsaparilla with the utmost confidence that it will do them wonderful good.

Hood's pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. They are easy, yet efficient.

Skaguay, Alaska, April 3, via Seattle, April 8.—About noon today on the Chilcoot trail, between the Cales and Stone house, at least thirty-five men met death and a large number of others were injured more or less seriously in a snow slide. The dead as far as known are: Gus Seabarth, Frank Sprague and Steve Stevenson, all of Seattle; Tom Collins, Portland, Ore.; C. P. Harrison and W. L. Riley of Seattle; one woman, name unknown; Ed Atwood, New York; C. Breck, Sanford, Fla.; Mrs. Ryan, Baltimore; John Morgan, Emporia.—Grim Sacramento.

Constipation

Causes fully half the sickness in the world. It retains the digested food too long in the bowels and produces biliousness, torpid liver, indigestion, bad taste, coated tongue, sick headache, insomnia, etc. Hood's Pills cure constipation and all its results, easily and thoroughly. 25c. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills

Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Born on Wednesday, April 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Drennan, a girl.

Mrs. W. F. Decker returned from a trip to San Angelo Wednesday.

Organde St. Germain in all the latest patterns at Mayer Bros. & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Gillespie were in from the ranch Wednesday shopping.

F. E. Hugel, who is building a house for Tom Walker, was in Sonora Wednesday.

L. R. Benson bought the W. H. Lightfoot grocery and confectionery business this week and intends running it first-class style.

Landreth's fresh garden seeds, seed potatoes and onion sets at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Jim Brotherton the goat man from down the draw was in town this week.

The prices on clothing at Hagerlund Bros. & Co's. will please you.

Sam Merck the well driller got plenty of water for Joe Wyatt at a depth of 286 feet.

Jim Rose of Comfort was here this week on a visit to his brother Newt. Rose. They had not seen each other for 17 years.

Our spring hats will be like our dress goods just received; far superior to anything here before. Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Charles, Claude and Ira Bowles and Louis Weir, of Uvalde, are in Sonora on a visit and expect to stay some time.

Hagerlund Bros. & Co's. new stock of millinery and fancy dress goods are the choicest and best assortment ever shown the ladies of the Sonora country. Call and examine them.

G. W. Smith of the Morris ranch in Gillespie county and Louis Lacy arrived in Sonora Thursday with several thoroughbred horses from the Morris ranch. They are for sale or trade.

San Angelo is the best wool market in the state and March Bros. will net you the most money by getting the highest market price, and save you commission, storage, insurance, etc. 82-21.

Best colored dress percales from 8 1/2c up at Mayer Bros. & Co.

Good Ranch For Sale.

Best ranch in Sutton county for sale. Good grass and plenty of water. Will graze 2000 cattle and 2000 sheep all the year round. Come and see it. Don't write. 91-17. J. W. REILLY.

Austin, Texas, April 9.—Judge J. B. Reator of the United States court of the Northern district of Texas died here this evening after an illness of more than a years duration.

When March Bros. succeeded last fall by telegrams and letters inducing Mr. Eisman of Boston in coming to San Angelo, 10 5 8 was the highest price offered by anyone for wool. Consign your wool to March Bros., San Angelo, whose acquaintance and resources are almost unlimited. 82-21.

William Benta of McCulloch county, Tex., age about 35 years, departed this life in Sonora, Texas April 10, at 12 p.m., of inflammation of the stomach and bowels. He had suffered a long time from chronic derangement of these organs. He was principally reared in Llano county, Texas. He was brought in town from a ranch

about 12 miles below here where he had been at work. He was very sick when they arrived here, Dr. Colson was called but it was too late and he passed quietly away. I am informed that he was a christian man. But Oh! how sad to die a stranger in a strange land, but still, loving hands did all they could do in the brief time he stayed, and then he was given a nice christian burial, and many tears were shed at the grave as we read God's word, spoke, sang and prayed. His parents live in McCulloch county at Voca. May the loving Savior comfort and help the bereaved ones and bring them to a home of rest. "Thy work on earth is ended, Thy race on earth is run, May you hear the welcome plaudit, Well done good and faithful son. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." May we all hear this welcome and join the everlasting redemption song around the throne above.

J. W. Gibbens, P. C. Ozona and Sonora circuit.

Sonora, Texas.

TO WOOL GROWERS.

You want the top market price for your Wool.

You may need Liberal Advances.

But above all you want to know when you place your business that you will get top prices and liberal advances.

You will obtain the best results by doing your business with

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WINDMILLS, HARDWARE, ETC., ETC.

We keep everything in Hardware, Glassware, Chinaware, Aermotor Windmills, Well Supplies of all kinds, Piping, Casing, Cypress and Galvanized Tanks, Horse Power and Pump Jacks, Steam and Power Drilling Machines, Hacks, Buggies, Bain, O. d. Hickory and the celebrated Deers Steel Wagon, Coal, Buggy and back tops, etc. We will save you money during 1898.

C. & G. HAGELSTEIN COMPANY, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

I am prepared to furnish 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 foot Steel Star Mills, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 1/2 and 25 foot of the celebrated Eclipse mills, and all kinds of well supplies at close figures. My office is at Hagelsteins.

CHAS. CHAMBERLAIN.

A new postoffice was established at Onslow, Edwards county, C. S. Green Postmaster.

M. O'Meara and family left for San Angelo Sunday on a visit. Mrs. O'Meara will visit San Antonio before her return.

New ribbons, new colors, stripes and plaids at Mayer Bros. & Co.

Chris Wyatt sold his interest in the Wyatt & Anderson ranch about 6 miles west of Sonora to H. Sharp the sheepman for \$850.

\$5.00 REWARD.

Lost from Whitehead's ranch, about three weeks ago, one brown work horse, 5 years old, branded (rafter J) on left shoulder, and one bay horse, 5 years old, 14 hands high, branded (half circle N) on left shoulder and (B) on left jaw, white in face and left ear out off. The above reward will be paid for their return to G. H. Allen, Sonora, Texas. 91-17.

Another case of "didn't know it was loaded," or "the fool with a pistol," was brought to light in Sonora Saturday morning by Miguel Hernandez coming to town for Sheriff McConnell. It seems that Saturday morning two Mexican boys, from Uvalde who were out here for the shearing season, were playing with a pistol in a tent near Miguel Hernandez place on the McKavett road. The pistol was in the hand of Guadalupe Rodriguez, a boy about 14 years of age, who pointed it at his companion and accidentally pulled the trigger. The bullet entered the left eye coming out the back of the head of Ysabel Santos, a boy of about 15 years of age. Guadalupe Rodriguez was placed in jail by Sheriff McConnell. He was given an examining trial Tuesday before Justice Stewart and discharged. The body of Ysabel Santos was taken to Uvalde for burial.

STATEMENT Showing the Condition of BANK OF SONORA, Sonora, Texas.

At the close of business, April 2, 1898.

ASSETS.
Loans and discounts \$22,115.05
Real estate 1,290.00
Overdrafts 178.44
Furniture and fixtures 1,589.64
Cash in safe and with banks 15,771.27
Total \$40,853.80

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock \$22,000.00
Profits, net 681.79
Deposits 18,173.51
Total \$40,853.80

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF SUTTON, I. B. M. Halbert, Cashier of the Bank of Sonora, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of knowledge and belief.

B. M. HALBERT, Cashier.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this, the 4th day of April, 1898.
S. G. TAYLOR, Notary Public, Sutton County, Texas.
Correct-Attest:
JOHN W. HAGERLUND, R. F. HALBERT, J. J. FORD, Directors.

NOTICE.
Parties wanting rockwork of any kind done, please write to me at Sonora, Texas. Rock tank work a specialty, all work guaranteed. 94-17 John Swinburne.

After it rains we will have room in our pastures for about 1500 cattle or 8000 head of sheep.

GREEN BROS.
Rock Springs, Edwards County.
Subscribe for the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS. \$2 a year.

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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.

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A Better Wheel can not be Obtained.

SOLD AT \$40 and \$50.

See me before buying.

A full line of Sundries kept. Repairing promptly done.
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as second-class matter.
MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.
SONORA, TEXAS. April 16, 1898.

A Texas Relic.
The sticker was shown an interesting relic of the Republic of Texas the other day. It is a \$5 bill issued by authority of the congress of Texas in 1837. The wording is as follows:
"The government of Texas promises to pay to the bearer, at the treasury department, in one year from date, the sum of five dollars and the interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, by virtue of an act of congress dated 9th June, 1837."
It is dated at Houston, Texas, March 17, 1837, and bears the signatures of Mirabeau B. Lamar, president of the republic, and R. G. Dunlap, treasurer. The cancellation marks on its face show that the promise of payment was redeemed. The bill is the property of Mr. Theodore Woiters, mayor of Schulenburg, to whom it was presented by Mr. W. F. Archer of Columbus.—Schulenburg Sicker.

San Angelo Standard:
Jack Perse had a horse to fall on him down in Val Verde county, but he got out of it very slightly hurt. Jack always was lucky.
The Standard has been informed that Will Lee, son of Mrs. Lee, the wellknown hotel proprietor at Ft. McKavett, enlisted as an able seaman, March 21st, on the U. S. Monitor "Terror."

J. R. Holman arrived from Ward county this week after his family. He will move to Grand Falls, Ward county, situated on the Pecos river. It is the center of a large farming (by irrigation) community. Jim will engage in the hotel business there.
The Standard is in receipt of the following and congratulates Jim on his great good fortune. Mr. Duff will be remembered as one of Tom Green's successful sheepmen who left for Scotland a few months ago. It has not been determined whether Mr. and Mrs. Duff will remain in the old country or come to Texas:
Mr. and Mrs. Maggach request the pleasure of Mr. Guthrie's company at the marriage of their daughter, Maggie, to Mr. James Duff, at Hatton Manor, on Thursday, 14th April, at 2:30 p. m.
Hatton Manor, Austerless, 24th March, 1898.

Notice to Trespassers.
Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch south of Sonora, herding sheep, cutting timber or working stook of any kind, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
J. C. Barksdale,
Sonora, Tex.
76 1/2

A man recently died in Paris who had kept a list of all the cigars he ever smoked—628,713 in all.
Boots and Shoes
And when you want the best that can be produced for the least money, call on the "Old Reliable" and you will get just what you want at
J. A. BURNS,
34 San Angelo, Texas.

"The human race is divided into two classes," said Oliver Wendell Holmes—"Those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit and inquire, 'why wasn't it done the other way?'"

Whitney's Lightning Danderine is the only medicine on the market sold on a positive guarantee to remove dandruff and cure all diseases of the scalp. If you buy a bottle of Danderine and use it as directed and if it don't do as advertised, take the bottle back to the one you bought it of, and get your money back; but we do not claim that one bottle will cure every case. For sale by Deere & Trimble.

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

Good Blood
is essential to health. Every neck and corner of the system is reached by the blood, and on its quality the condition of every organ depends. Good blood means strong nerves, good digestion, robust health. Impure blood means scrofula, dyspepsia, rheumatism, catarrh or other diseases. The surest way to have good blood is to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine purifies, vitalizes, and enriches the blood, and sends the elements of health and strength to every nerve, organ and tissue. It creates a good appetite, gives refreshing sleep and cures that tired feeling. Remember,

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.
Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. S. C.
How England Regards American Beef.

An editorial in the last issue of the Mark Lane Express discusses the competition between American and home beef supply. Government reports show that the value of the imported beef cattle were about \$57,000,000 in 1897 as compared with \$52,000,000 in 1896, an increase of about 10 per cent. The Express says:
"We also find that there is a vast increase in both chilled and frozen fresh meat. Moreover the latter has come to hand in excellent condition, and it has been estimated at a higher rate of value than previously; all of which tells very much against the interests of British graziers. The facts are not only pre-eminently worthy of serious attention, but appear rife with evidence that foreign competition is likely to affect their future well being almost as much as it has already affected the interests of British dairy farmers, and that consequently the means to be resorted to become a question of urgency."

The fact that the American meat has improved so greatly in quality sets aside the hope that the British feeder may hold the market because of any claim to superior quality in his product. The Express goes on to say: "The American and Canadian cattle are acknowledged to have more pedigree blood in them than has a considerable portion of the cattle fattened here." Two plans are suggested by that paper for retaining the profits which the British feeder has formerly enjoyed. One is to elevate the standard of British beef by infusing pedigree blood into the beasts to be fattened, a most significant confession of the high standard of American meat. This it proposes to effect through an agreement between the dairy-men and graziers by which the former will use pedigree bulls and sell to the latter the produce when only a few days old. The difficulties in this, however, are so great that the Express hardly attempts to recommend it, and suggests as a better method of relief that the graziers turn their attention from beef to mutton. But even in that field American competition may grow to be formidable.

The lesson to the American breeder is that his industry has made a splendid advance simply because his product has been made by his enterprise in using the best breeding animals, as good as the very best that goes on the market. That the ranges of the West and abundant grain harvests enable him to produce cheaply availed him little in markets abroad until he produced a quality that the most discriminating taste would approve.

Americans are the most inventive people on earth. To them have been issued nearly 600,000 patents, or more than one-third of all the patents issued in the world. No discovery of modern years has been of greater benefit to mankind than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, or has done more to relieve pain and suffering. J. W. Vaughn, of Oakton, Ky., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my family for several years, and find it to be the best medicine I ever used for cramps in the stomach and bowels." For sale by Cusenbary & Leventhal, Sonora, Texas.

Mr. Holman has gone to San Angelo for his family, will probably be back about the fifteenth of April, and will take charge of the Central hotel immediately on his return. As he has three grown young ladies in his family, their presence will add materially to the social feature of our little village.—Grand Falls New Era.

Money-back
tea coffee soda baking powder flavoring extracts and spices
Schilling's Best.
For sale by
Mayer Bros. & Co., Sonora, Tex.

As to Cattle Interests.
The advice of the News to the cattle interests of Texas at the time the market began its vigorous upward tendency is coming home to roost. The news then called attention to the temptation to ship cows and heifers to meet the active and rising demand for Texas stockers, feeders and beef cattle. The buyer went on with his tempting offers. The State was dragnetted, so to speak, and the agricultural as well as range sections were depleted of the animals. Commenting on the present situation, the inevitable result of a short-sighted and unbusiness-like policy, pursued with apparent blindness as to results, the Kansas City Star says:

"The demand for cattle to restock Texas ranches is so great that animals are being shipped to that state from many other sections of the south. In the past few months about 65,000 cattle have been sent from Georgia to Texas. The latter state produces a great surplus of cattle, and most other southern states possess hardly enough to supply meats to their own people, but so great has been the advance in prices of cattle to restock ranges that the greatest surplus producing state is actually drawing cattle from the states where the raising of live stock is a comparatively unimportant industry. There are more cattle in Texas than in all the other southern states together, and more in Kansas than in the entire range of southern coast states from South Carolina to Louisiana, yet so great is the demand for feeding and stock cattle in the west that it has been found profitable to ship animals from some southeastern states, even as far north and west as Kansas. This is the reversal of the ordinary current of trade; and it can hardly fail to stimulate the interest of southern farmers in the live stock industry. The Atlanta Constitution says that some Georgia farmers, with capital and enterprise are alive to the situation, and that several large cattle farms have recently been established by the purchase of small farms lying together, and their consolidation into one. It seems not unlikely that the cattle business may develop into considerable proportions in the cotton states east of the Mississippi, if the present confidence in the maintenance of cattle value continues."

So Texas cattlemen must resort to southeastern states in order to restock their ranches. After paying for these cows the price which they must of course command under such a stimulated demand—the seller knowing the Texan is compelled to recoup his range or quit the business—and paying freight an average, say, of about 900 miles, the Texas cattleman will doubtless find that it takes nearly two heifers which he sold for beef to buy one cow for breeding purposes. This is a losing business for the Texan, though it helps the man in Georgia and neighboring states. Besides the Texas cow is a larger animal and acclimated. This counts for much, particularly as to weight. The stimulation of the cattle industry in the southeastern states goes for something, however, in beneficial results for Texas. This will be the case assuredly if the beef market continues firm and upward as the trade believes it will. There will be a source of supply of stockers or breeders always available for those prosperous Texas cattle raisers who desire to expand their business. Even were this state not so short of cows just now, the probability is that there would be a tendency to seek to increase the herds above the normal size, in view of the market's future promise. As conditions in Texas are now, brought about by the depleting policy, it will be some time and require considerable outlay of cash to get the stock of breeding cattle back to where it was a year ago, or even six months ago. The loss to the state meantime will be the difference between what cows and heifers were sold off her ranges for per head and what it will cost to replace them. This experience will be rather dearly bought, the best that can be said for it—Dallas N. Ws.

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METHODIST—Rev. J. W. Gibbens, Service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on the first and second Sunday in each month.
BAPTIST—Rev. D. W. Matthews, Service at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. on the third and fourth Sunday in each month.

EPISCOPAL—Every Sunday, at Episcopal church, at 10 a. m. Mrs. John W. Hagerlund, Superintendent.
EPWORTH LEAGUE—At the M. E. church, every Sunday, 3 p. m.
B. Y. P. U.—At the Methodist church every Sunday, at 4 p. m.

SOCIETIES:
A. F. and A. M., Dee Ora Lodge No. 715, meets at 8 p. m. on the first Saturday after the full moon in each month.
H. O. Colson, W. M.; J. O. Rountree, Secretary.
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SONORA MUSICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY—Meets every Saturday night at the residence of members. Mrs. John W. Hagerlund, President; Mrs. G. Huber, secretary; Alexander Goldberg, Treasurer.

POSTOFFICE:
DAILY MAIL (except Sunday) to and from San Angelo.
Mail for San Angelo closes at 7 a. m. Mail from San Angelo usually arrives about 7 p. m.
JUNCTION MAIL arrives at noon on Tuesdays and Fridays, and closes on same days at 1 p. m. for junction.

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MONEY ORDER OFFICE open only from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.
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L. P. Chambers, a practical watchmaker, can be found at Hagerlund Bros. & Co. He comes well recommended and has the most complete set of tools ever brought here. 80-1/2

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A well built, five roomed house on corner of 100x200 feet with water right. Property pleasantly situated in West Sonora. For further particulars and terms, apply at the News office.

REWARD.
The above amount will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any party found cutting or hauling wood off of any land belonging to undersigned. Our lands extend from Halbert and Henderson pastures on the East to Dr. Taylor pasture on the West and from Eldorado on the North to J. L. Davis' ranch on the South. Thompson Bros.
87-8 1/2 W. B. Stilliman, Agt.

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Anyone sending a sketch and description will quickly ascertain our opinion from whether an invention is probably patentable. Communications strictly confidential. Handbook on Patents sent free. Our office is located at
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A handsomely illustrated weekly. Largest circulation of any scientific journal. Terms, \$3 a year, four months, \$1. Sold by all newsdealers.
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grow paying crops because they're fresh and always the best. For sale everywhere. Refuse substitutes. Stick to Jerry's Seeds and prosper. 1898 Seed Annual free. Write for it.
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Notice To Trespassers.
Hunting, wood-cutting and grazing flocks of sheep and herds of cattle, or any other mode of trespassing is hereby forbidden on my lands 20 miles south-east of Sonora.
82. TOBE O'NEAL.

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS.
Notice is hereby given to all trespassers on my ranch near Sonora for cutting timber, wood hauling, working cattle, etc., will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
Irve Ellis,
88-1/2 Sonora Texas.

Notice to Trespassers.
We hereby give notice to wood haulers and persons who are leaving our fences down by going over same with wagons, that any persons caught hauling wood from our pastures will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
81-1/2 F. Mayer & Sons.

GIVE THE O.K. BARBER SHOP A TRIAL IF YOU WANT FIRST CLASS WORK. HOT AND COLD BATHS.
C. M. DEERE, Proprietor.

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