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Boer War Lessons.

A special to The New York Herald from Washington says: So important are the lessons taught by the Boer war that Secretary Root has given instructions that the reports of the American officers who have been sharply watching the South African military operations be published in pamphlet form for the benefit of the service. Tactical reports from officers who participated in the campaign against Cuba and the operations in the Philippines will be called to the attention of the officers.

Capt. S. H. Slocum, Eight Cavalry, who is with the British army, and Capt. Karl Richman, with the Boer forces, do not hesitate in their reports to criticize the commanders of the opposing forces. Criticisms passed by Lord Roberts upon Gen. Buller, Methuen and Gatacre are repeated by Capt. Slocum.

Capt. Reichman's reports are generally highly flattering to the Boer's, speaking of their splendid mobility and to general of their defensive tactics, though citing that their failure to take the offensive has frequently lost them a valuable advantage. Officers of the army who have been closely following the war say that while the lessons taught cannot be regarded as especially new, the operations have substantiated these important conclusions: The avoidance of frontal attacks upon an enemy's position, especially in close order formation.

The necessity of having the latest small arms and artillery; the undesirability of risking artillery, as Gen. Buller did at Colenso; the value of effective scouting; the presence of ample cavalry and artillery.

Brigadier General A. W. Greeley, chief signal officer, made this statement regarding conclusions he had drawn as a result of the war:

"The South African war will do more to preserve peace during the next twenty years than the Hague conference or anything of that character. The tremendous efficiency of modern arms of precision, using smokeless powder on ground specially suited for defense, has made so apparent by this war that every military student has learned the almost impossibility of capturing any detail position, especially by frontal attack.

"Although the individual Boer is a man of great bravery resourcefulness and possessing soldierly qualities, generally yet it is to be remarked that the Transvaal army has not captured a single position during the entire war. On the other hand, the British army found it almost impossible to secure any position, but has won its way by outflanking the Boer positions and rendering retreat imperative."

The British empire now has 255,000 soldiers in South Africa, and according to Capt. Reichman, the Transvaal force has not at any time averaged more than 25,000.

As showing the insignificance in numbers of the Boer troops, and the nature of the British to properly scout, Gen. Reichman in one of his reports, stated that he was with a mere handful of Transvaalers occupying a position, when a strong detachment of the British advanced against it. The Boers opened fire and the British, after weakly returning it, awaited further reinforcement, evidently being deceived as to the strength of their enemy.

A report received at the War Department, dated in April shows that the British then had a total of 55,045 horses and 164 machine guns and 455 guns of all calibre. When Buller's troops were advancing to the rescue of Lady Smith the Boers supplied with one pounder Maxims greatly demoralized the British.

When Gen. Buller's force obtained Maxims and opened fire on the Boers the whole Boer line, which had been silent except for a few sniping shots, opened fire, showing, according to department officials, that like the British, they were demoralized by the fire of guns discharging several hundred projectiles a minute. The Boers in anticipation of the war, were supplied with the latest Mausers of German manufacture, and the latest Krupp and Creusot artillery. The latest is mostly made up of siege guns, which, however, are capable of being promptly transported and placed in position at points which it is desired to defend. These guns have a range of six thousands yards, while Gen. White's forces had weapons, with the exception of the gung of the naval brigade, with a range of only 4,000 yards.

The value of this additional range was especially demonstrated, and one of the results of the war is the practical rearmament of the British batteries. Orders have been placed with Vickers Sons and Maxim under which their plant will run for two years, night and day. The operations, according to army officers, emphasized above everything the importance of rapid fire long range field artillery.

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Mr. Haster, the New Orleans cotton expert, states that 800,000 bales of cotton went from America to Japan this last year. Of this number 169,000 went overland from the South to the Pacific ports, 87,000 went from the Gulf ports and 44,000 went from the Atlantic ports. With the Nicaragua Canal opened every Texas bale for the Orient would go through a Texas port. And with our country so situated as to do business in the East, by which is meant the retention of the Philippine Islands. Texas would blossom like a rose. She would be the manufacturing point for coarse cloths for that part of the world, besides being the field for the raw product for weaving in Japan and China. Inasmuch as "we have expanded," and the matter is entirely settled, except so far as the question may be of importance in the present presidential campaign, the outlook for Texas and her Gulf ports is as fine as one could wish.—Dallas News.

Lord Kitchener's first ambition was to cut a figure upon the stage, and to that purpose he was introduced in London to the late George Honey. Honey looked him over critically, and then remarked: "Well, Mr. Kitchener, I could get you an engagement in five minutes as a walking gentleman, but let me tell you, you would be better off as a sapper in the engineers." Then, very seriously, Honey gave him an insight into the seamy side of the actor's life and concluded with the advice: "Go for a soldier, sir. You will make a better one than you would an actor." Recent events might have treaded differently were Kitchener a mock soldier on the stage and not a real one at O. Lurman.—Collier's Weekly.

A Life And Death Fight.

Mr. W. A. Hines of Manchester, La., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after measles induced serious lung trouble, which ended in Consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery which wholly cured me. Hundreds have used it on my advice and all say it never fails to cure Throat, Chest and Lung troubles." Regular size 50c and \$1.00 Trial bottles free at E. S. Briant's Drug Store.

Disavowed by America.

Washington, June 9.—The state department has disavowed responsibility for the action of Consular Agent Viasco at La Paz, Mexico, and Captain Fields of the Ranger, in interfering with the local Mexican magistrate at La Paz in the effort to hasten the trial of one of the two Grigsby brothers on a charge of malicious persecution. The Grigsbys, an American business firm at La Paz, were prosecuted by a discharged employe, a native for malicious persecution and the case is pending before the Mexican courts. The American officials referred to addressed a written response to the magistrate to be furnished with the records in the case. As the Mexican government has already shown a commendable disposition to accede to all proper representations from Minister Clayton respecting this case, which was running smoothly in the diplomatic channels, the action of the naval captain and the consular agent was regarded as unwarranted and they have been admonished against a repetition of the offense. The Mexican government is entirely satisfied with the prompt action of the state department in the matter.

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A good yarn is to hand from the wilds of Australia. Two impecunious Scotsmen travelling north in search of gold, came upon a station. They only had sixpence between them, so they ordered one "nip o' whisky."

They were hesitating who should have the first drink, when an "aud" acquaintance joined them.

Pretending they had just drank, one of them handed the newcomer the whisky, requesting him to join them in a drink.

He drank, and after a few minutes of painful and silent suspense, said:

"Now, boys, you'll have one with me."

"Wasna that weel managed, mon?" said one to his pal afterwards.

"Ay, it was," said the other solemnly, "but it was a creaky risk."

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A man, who was somewhat of a gourmand, ordered a dinner for himself and his party, which, from the menu, should have been very palatable.

Course succeeded course, and towards the end of the meal the host could contain himself no longer. He called up the waiter, and expostulated:

"I ordered a good dinner, and we have waited patiently for some satisfactory dish. The soup was a failure, the fish a disappointment, the entree uneatable, and I am sorry to tell you that during the whole of dinner there has been nothing worth looking at."

The waiter looked troubled for an instant, and then brightening up, said:

"If you will wait one moment, sir, I will bring you the bill."

NIGHT IN THE WOODS.

EFFECT OF THE AWFUL SOLITUDE WHEN FIRST EXPERIENCED.

The awe inspiring stillness makes sleep an impossibility for many and brings visions of terror to haunt the tired senses. The awe inspiring stillness of the first night in camp! You lie on your back vainly courting sleep. Vainly, I say, because of the very intense stillness which should woo it, but does not, as you are unused to it. Your guide lies motionless, only his heavy breathing denoting that he is alive. It is second nature to him to sleep in the heart of the wilderness, and his tired body no more than touches the sweet scented pine boughs when he slumbers.

It will be so with you when you have sought the self to the preternatural quietude. You are unable of passing vehicles over paved streets and which affects you not, but tonight your eyelids are opened wide, and instead of the blissful forgetfulness which you anticipated, your every sense is on the alert to catch and divine the meaning of the strange noises which fill the woods of northern Maine. In front of your rude camp, which is left open, the smoldering fire smokes and crackles, each snap of charred embers sounding to your ears like the report of artillery. It is a strange sensation, this first night in the woods. Away up on the mountain side a fox barks. The weird howl echoes and re-echoes down the mountain side until it seems to reach the lake and float over its glasslike surface until it is swallowed up in the dark water.

A night owl makes bold to disturb you already troubled mind by perching on a big pine not a hundred feet away and sending forth a screech that curdles your blood until you realize what it really is. Directly back of you is the lake shore. Suddenly comes a soft tread over dried brush. Surely some one is stealing up to your camp. You rise to a sitting position and await the marauder's next move. Then once more you hear the snap, snap, snap of his feet as he cautiously draws near. Louder and louder, you cannot be mistaken this time; this is no trick of the imagination.

Now he must be directly beside you, with nothing but a wall of boughs between. You can stand it no longer, and with a half suppressed yell of excitement, you seize your gun, spring to your feet, dash aside the light canvas that falls over the front of the camp just enough to keep out the smoke and run out prepared to shoot on sight. There is a mad scramble, a crackling of twigs, a mad splash, and the head of a very badly frightened muskrat can just be seen on the lake's surface as it frantically pushes its way into the gloom.

You creep softly back to your boughs rather ashamed at yourself and glance furtively at the guide, who sleeps peacefully through it all. At last nature asserts herself and gradually you feel the drowsiness of approaching slumber steal over you. You slightly raise your head to take one last look at the flickering log that splutters away outside.

Hist! What's that? Two fiery eyes set in the framework of impenetrable gloom beyond the fire seem staring directly at you. Like coals, they burn and the words of your guide, "Oh, yes, that's plenty of bar ro'n yere," come back to you with awful import. Then you hear the tread of his cushion padded feet moving here and there, but those awful eyes never once turn from you. They burn you with their hypnotic, baleful glare, and with a calmness you would not have believed you possessed, you softly reach for your rifle.

A muskrat may be a joke, but a hungry bear prowling within 20 feet of you is an unsafe guest. You know you are as white as a sheet, and your hands tremble as you bring the piece to your shoulder and aim directly between those awful greenish yellow eyes. Suppose you miss; but, no, you will not. Your finger presses the trigger.

The roar of your rifle sounds like a clap of thunder, and its reverberations roll and chase each other over the tops of the pines and spruces and startle a thousand sleeping creatures who render night hideous with their frightened cries as they scurry or fly away from your vicinity. It's a rude way to awaken a man, and no wonder your guide jumps up yelling like a Comanche Indian and nearly knocks out the back of the camp as he runs against it.

When he finds you pale and trembling and hears you declare that you have shot a bear, he mutters incredulously and, lighting a lantern, goes out to investigate. You hear a loud French-Canuck laugh as he returns carrying by the tail a headless chipmunk, which he tosses at your feet. "You wan good shot, m'sieur. You heet him square 'tween de eyes. No shoot better meself, but ah tink you narve, what you call, onstring, you better take wan good dreerk 'n go to sleep."

So are sounds magnified in the silence of a first night in the Maine woods.—Portland (Me.) Express.

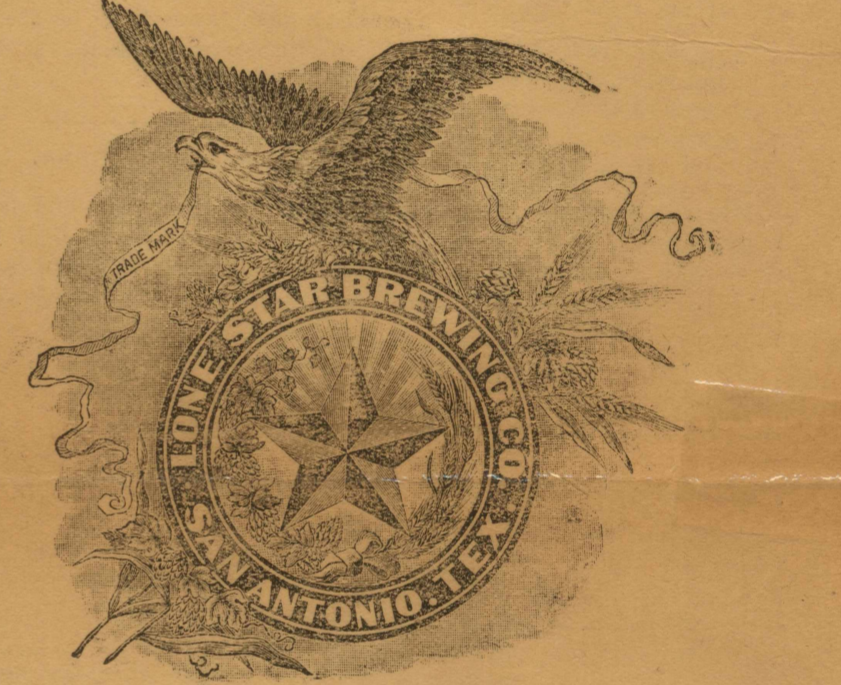
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SONORA, TEXAS. June 10, 1900.

Ralph Watson, left on a visit to friends in Bell county, last week.

P. G. Hill returned from a business trip to San Angelo, Monday.

Capt. John McNicol left for Brownwood, Tuesday to attend court.

M. B. Atkinson & Son sold to R. C. Logan 2000 sheep at \$2. for stock sheep and \$2 50 for mutton.

Wash goods—that will stand washing—at Hagerlund Bros & Co.

Mrs. J. L. Vining of Kerrville is in Sonora on a visit to her friend Mrs. Geo Black.

J. J. Ford, of the firm of Hagerlund Bros. & Co., left for Brownwood, Monday to attend court.

J. P. McConnell the stockman left for Brownwood Tuesday, to attend court.

C. Holmberg, optician of Mason arrived in Sonora last Friday and will remain several days. His office is at the Decker Hotel.

Charlie Nichols and Steve Murphy had a fine time at John Rae's ranch on Buck Horn draw, Saturday and Sunday.

Lost on Sunday, a canary bird, from Mrs. Stewart; reasonable reward will be paid for return of same.

J. H. Mosely, optician of Rusk Texas, arrived in Sonora Tuesday and has his office at the Commercial Hotel.

Our stock of Ladies Shirt Waists is a gold mine for bargain seekers—50 cents to \$1 25—for goods that are worth twice the amount.

Hagerlund Bros & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Mayer and baby were in Sonora Friday on their way to McKayett, where Mrs Mayer will visit her mother for a short while.

Jas. A. Hagerlund of the firm of Hagerlund Bros. & Co., left on Monday for Austin, to bring home his daughter Alice who has been attending St. Mary's Academy.

R. H. Martin was in from the ranch Wednesday for supplies. Bob says Whitehead Bros. are going to round up their head-quarter pasture on June 25 and they want every body who has horses there to see about them.

The business people and property owners of Sonora have subscribed to the Fire Protection water supply contract with T. D. Newell, proprietor of the Sonora Water Works and the hydrant wrenches have been again placed in convenient places and at the house house. Some who should subscribe have not yet done so but it is expected they will show their interest in the progress of Sonora by putting up.

There are poor seasons for selling wool direct, and the present season is one of them. A combination of circumstances, mainly artificial have temporarily carried current prices of wool two or three cents below its real value. Naturally wool growers are disinclined to pocket such a margin of loss as this, and therefore don't care to sell. Fortunately, most of them are able to hold, and there can be no safer or better repository for their clips than a well regulated and responsible wool commission house where wool is properly handled and where buyers congregate and the first thrill of improved values is felt. There are plenty of these good houses in the country and this is a commission year a year for safe consignment, because it is morally certain that the causes that now depress the wool market will be removed before the summer is over. At present prices wool is splendid property to hold, and the grower may as well hold it as the speculative cash buyer, who holds for the money there is in it. If we had 500,000 pounds of wool, as some of our range friends have, it would not go to the cash buyer at present prices, but to one of the best commission houses in the country. The cash buyer is not always in the market. He is as fitful as mercury and withal something of a financial barometer. When the presidential nominations are made and the African war is over look for good wool prices.—American Sheep Breeder.

The Situation in China.

Tien Tsir, June 10—The special train that went to examine the line and reconnoiter, returned last night. The railway was found clear two miles beyond Yang Tsuh. The engineers with the guards walked a mile and a half further. They found the ties and two bridges burned and the railway torn up. They saw a few hundred persons, apparently villagers, gathered ahead of them. The first repair train with Admiral Seymour and his staff, sixty-five British, Capt. McCaule's 100 Americans, forty Italians and twenty-five Austrians left this morning at 9:30. A Hotchkiss and other guns were mounted on a car in front of the engine. The rest of the guns were mounted in the center of the train. A second train left at 11 o'clock with sixty British, Japanese, Russian and French troops. Repairing material and rails were taken along. There are thirty-one foreign war vessels at Taku. A message from Peking to the Admiral asserts that the situation is hourly growing more dangerous for foreigners. All those at Peking have taken refuge in Legation street. The Civilian males are under arms to fight with the regulars if necessary. The approaches to Legation street are surrounded by howling mobs of undisciplined soldiery, with cannon and bayonets. The international guard were holding off the mob which screamed insults and threats.

This was the situation yesterday (Saturday) when the couriers fought through with the dispatches. The Empress Dowager was amusing herself at the palace with theatricals.

It is reported that Government arms are being dealt out to the Boxers. The troops of Tung Fuh Seang are said to be assisting to kill native Christians after severe tortures.

Famine in India.

London, June 11.—The famine in India grows worse. The Standard's Simla correspondent in a mail letter says: It would be rash to assume that from the almost stationary relief figures that the corners will soon be turned. So devastating has been the cholera outbreak, so enormous the mortality and so blinding the terror inspired by this black death, that the famine relief camps in Bombay presidency which contained thousands of workers, melted away in a couple of days.

Starving though they be, the people prefer to fly to their own homes than to remain in the famine relief camps where the cholera is striking down a hundred workers daily. Terrible stories come from Dohad. There the famine is at its worst, and now the cholera has arrived to complete the work. An eye witness said: "As we walked through these quiet streets we saw deserted homes and dead bodies. One of the bravest acts witnessed was a little girl about 7, attempting to care for two little brothers, after the mother had given up all hope and lain down to die. She was feeding a fire which burned beneath a broken pot, in which simmered the almost rotten feet and bones of some dead animal. The scene can not be painted too black. No account we have ever read of any famine would picture the state of affairs at Dohad."

NOTICE.

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An Absorbing Topic.

Washington, D. C., June 11.—The Chinese crisis continues to be an absorbing topic at the foreign embassies and legations in Washington, but the prevailing sentiment is that it will be confined to mob outbreaks and will not eventuate in a territorial dismemberment involving the various powers. It is pointed out that up to this time the foreign powers have stated most positively that their sole purpose was to restore order and protect their citizens and property and while there has been some suspicion of an ulterior motive on the part of some, this has not taken form.

On the contrary, all the official declarations have disavowed any thing more than a restoration of order. The Spanish minister at Peking is dean of the diplomatic corps there, but as Spain has practically no interests in China, Sir Claude MacDonald, who is second in point of service to the Spanish minister, will act as dean during this upheaval. The other diplomatic corps are all interested in protecting their citizens and property, and co-operating with him. That serious international entanglements are not expected soon is indicated to some extent by the departure from this city of the foreign representatives. The Russian ambassador, Count Cassini, has already gone; Ambassador Cambon of France will leave on the 20th for Europe, and Lord Pauncefote is making arrangements to go to Newport for the summer on July 1.

At the same time it is felt that China is in such a ferment that an international crisis beyond the mob uprisings confined to China may be precipitated at any moment.

The Chinese minister, M. Wu Ting Fang, is naturally disturbed at the seriousness of the reports, but in the complete absence of official information he believes that the reports are magnified and that the underlying cause of the attacks on foreigners have not been given. A knowledge of this point, he feels, will permit a much better judgement of the situation.

In some quarters it has been through the Chinese government would give some indication through its ministers abroad of its views of the landing of troops and its ability unaided to cope with the situation, but not a word as to this has been received here.

Secretary Long stated today he had sent no direct answer to Admiral Kempff nor was answer necessary in view of the subsequent cable to Admiral Remy at Manila. It will take the Solace a full week to make the trip, according to the estimate of the naval officers, for it is about 2000 miles from Manila to Taku.

It is recalled at the Navy Department that Admiral Kempff is not entirely dependent upon these marines from Manila for reinforcements, for he was authorized last week to call on the United States gunboats at Shanghai, the Yorktown and Castine for more men if he needed them, and it is suggested that the Oregon may also supply another force in addition to the twenty marines she has sent already to Admiral Kempff.

It is evident that the Navy Department approved all Admiral Kempff has done up to this point at least, as is shown by the disinclination to hamper him by instructions.

The invitation generously extended to all by Capt. M. O'Meara of the Bank Saloon to partake of a barbecue in the Bank Saloon Hall last Friday night was enthusiastically accepted by all those in town that night. Tom Camp superintended the barbecuing of the beef, mutton and birds and the serving of same to the multitude. Capt O'Meara's able assistants; Geo. Wilcox Jr. and J. W. Keene were in their usual good humor and every attention was shown those who attended. The affair was a success.

Wm. Anson of Coleman who bought 1000 and more horses in West Texas, for the British Army for use in Africa sold the horses at New Orleans, to the British agent for \$103 per head. Out of the thousand horses only six pitched when ridden at New Orleans.

G.A. King of the firm of King Bros. the well known horse buyer of St. Louis, was in Sonora several days this week wanting to buy colts.

The Charles Schreiner Co., of Kerrville, has bought out the Big Five Mercantile firm of Warren McDowell & Co., of Rock Springs and will continue the business.

W. T. Cawley sold to Chris Hagerlsten 50 head of cows and calves at \$25.

Bird & Merz sold 500 O H D cows to DeBerry & O'Daniel at \$22. calves not counted and 500 to John A. Loomis on same terms.

W. S. Kelly bought from Burman & Woodward, of Coleman, 8 high grade Hereford bulls for \$400. And Mr. Kelly sold Messrs D & W 20 feeder bulls at \$22.50.

Jim Hamilton bought of Wm. Schneemann 1700 good wethers, for which he paid under \$3. Mr. Hamilton has shipped this week \$700 head of sheep to St. Joseph and Kansas City markets.

Richardson & Albaugh sold to Jim Hamilton 7000 head of mutton at \$3.00. The sheep are principally wethers and are in good condition. The trade was consummated Tuesday evening and the sheep were delivered immediately to Mr. Hamilton for shipment.

Eli Schwalbe, of Crockett county, sold to E. Couch 75 head of stock cattle, at \$16, and 12 horses at \$8, and 12 mares and colts, at \$23, for mares and colts. Mr. Schwalbe will move to New Mexico, to engage in the sheep business.

Abe Miller, of Billinger, bought from Philip Wilson, a bunch of yearlings, and from Humphreys, of Taylor county, 200 1's and 2's at \$15 and \$20.—San Angelo Standard.

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A decline in the price of live stock in the cow market was no surprise to the general trade, as values for some time had been abnormally high, and buyers had made up their minds that the scale would have to be lowered as soon as an opportunity was presented.

Soft, grass animals at this season show considerable shrinkage, and it is chiefly on this account that buyers insist on getting them lower. For three months cows and heifers have sold high as compared with steers, and even with this week's reduction they are on a fair level with other grades of live stock. Country shippers should look out for further declines, and exercise some care in their purchases.—Chicago Drovers Journal.

Hereford bulls for sale or trade Apply to Geo. B. Black, Sonora, Texas.

Empress Dowager A Plotter.

The educated Chinaman understands the present situation thoroughly," said Y. P. Cheng, a prominent Chicago Chinaman. "He apprehends the fact that the Boxers represent the element that favors the empress dowager. That element consists of the lawless class the poor and the ignorant, who are the easiest led by the officials who are supporting the empress. I believe that the empress would like to have the young emperor murdered, but that she is afraid."

"It is easy to see that Russia is the power lack of the empress dowager. The support of the Russian government is being given her, and other nations will be left in the cold if they are not careful. The emperor was a young and progressive man. He wanted many reforms and put them into effect. This pleased the better class of people, but he made a mistake in not having all the high officials friendly with him before he started making reforms. That is the primary cause of his downfall. The viceroys did not favor all his new schemes, and circumvented him with the aid of the empress dowager. The better class of Chinamen are not in favor of the Boxers or their movement. They are too progressive and are trying too much to better themselves. One reason why the imperial army is afraid of the Boxers is probably because the generals who command it have orders not to interfere. That is the plan mapped out by the empress dowager and Russia."

The News is indebted to Walter McDonald for an invitation to attend the twenty-fourth annual commencement of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, to be held June 10, 11 and 12, 1900.

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NETNA FIRE INSURANCE CO'S.

Sonora, - Texas.

LOST—From the Walker & Havy ranch in Edwards county, about April 25th, one bay horse, 15 hands high, branded half-circle J3, lazy, on left hip. A liberal reward will be paid for information leading to his recovery by T. R. WALKER, Rock Springs, Tex.

For Sale or Trade.

The property in West Sonora known as the Birthing place, is for sale or trade for cattle, Apply to Mike O'Meara. Sonora, Texas, Jan. 6.

For Sale.

Registered and graded Hereford bulls, from two years up to Las Morris ranch, Menard county, price reasonable. Apply to HENRY J. RUNGE, Galveston, Tex.

For Sale.

Hereford bulls for sale or trade Apply to Geo. B. Black, Sonora, Texas.

Empress Dowager A Plotter.

The educated Chinaman understands the present situation thoroughly," said Y. P. Cheng, a prominent Chicago Chinaman. "He apprehends the fact that the Boxers represent the element that favors the empress dowager. That element consists of the lawless class the poor and the ignorant, who are the easiest led by the officials who are supporting the empress. I believe that the empress would like to have the young emperor murdered, but that she is afraid."

"It is easy to see that Russia is the power lack of the empress dowager. The support of the Russian government is being given her, and other nations will be left in the cold if they are not careful. The emperor was a young and progressive man. He wanted many reforms and put them into effect. This pleased the better class of people, but he made a mistake in not having all the high officials friendly with him before he started making reforms. That is the primary cause of his downfall. The viceroys did not favor all his new schemes, and circumvented him with the aid of the empress dowager. The better class of Chinamen are not in favor of the Boxers or their movement. They are too progressive and are trying too much to better themselves. One reason why the imperial army is afraid of the Boxers is probably because the generals who command it have orders not to interfere. That is the plan mapped out by the empress dowager and Russia."

The News is indebted to Walter McDonald for an invitation to attend the twenty-fourth annual commencement of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, to be held June 10, 11 and 12, 1900.

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Notice to Trespassers.
Notice is hereby given that parties cutting and hauling cedar or wood out of my pasture, or driving or grazing any kind of stock through my pasture will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
R. T. BAKER. 90.

Lost or Stolen
From Locklin & Moss ranch about Oct, one sorrel horse white spot in face, hind foot white, brand (cross V), also one sorrel horse white spot in face, flax mane and tail, branded W H on left hip and other brands on left shoulder. Reasonable reward will be paid for information leading to their recovery.
W. L. LOCKLIN, at the Locklin & Moss ranch.

Carrizo Springs Mineral Water for sale at the Bank Saloon.

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Announcements.

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

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
 S. E. Taylor as a candidate for election to the office of District Attorney of this the 51st Judicial District, subject to the action of the Democratic Party.
 C. E. DuBoise as a candidate for election to the office of District Attorney

For Treasurer.

John R. Word as a candidate for election to the office of Treasurer of Sutton county at the ensuing election.
 Basil M. Hallgren as a candidate for election to the office of Treasurer of Sutton county, at the ensuing election.
 M. Y. Sharp as a candidate for election to the office of Treasurer of Sutton county at the ensuing election.
 D. H. Burroughs as a candidate for election to the office of Treasurer of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

For County Judge.

J. F. Cannaday as a candidate for election to the office of County Judge of Sutton County at the ensuing election.
 J. O. Reintree as a candidate for election to the office of County Judge of Sutton county, at the ensuing election.

Sheriff and Tax Collector:

Sam Merck as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton county at the ensuing election.
 E. S. Briant as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

District and County Clerk:

T. C. Cahill as a candidate for election to the office of District and County Clerk of Sutton county.
 J. B. Hill as a candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of Sutton county.

For Tax Assessor.

E. C. Saunders as a candidate for election to the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

For County Attorney.

Randolph Hoterisor as a candidate to the office of County Attorney of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

For Surveyor.

John McNicol as a candidate for election to the office of County Surveyor of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

Justice of the Peace.

D. B. Woodruff as a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. 1, Sutton county, Texas, at the ensuing election.

Commissioner.

D. B. Woodruff as a candidate for election to the office of Commissioner for Precinct No. 1, Sutton county, at the ensuing election.

When you fail at all other places bring your country produce, to C. M. Deere. If any one can handle it he can.

R. H. McGonagill of El Paso is in Sonora on a visit to his mother, sister and brothers.

Joe Wyatt the prosperous young stockman from seven miles down the Devil's River road, is on a little business. Joe has one of the finest rigs in this part of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCoy and Miss Helan Rags of Burnet county arrived in Sonora Wednesday on a visit to friends and relatives. Mr. McCoy is a very pleasant gentleman and could pass off as a brother instead of a father to Dock McCoy.

E. S. BRIANT,
 PROPRIETOR OF THE
SONORA DRUG STORE,
 SOLICITS YOUR TRADE
NEW STOCK OF DRUGS AND DRUGGISTS SUNDRIES.
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J. H. MOSELEY,
 Scientific Optician,
 Will be in the City for ONE WEEK, possibly longer.
 Call on him at the Commercial Hotel and have him make a scientific examination of your eyes.
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SONORA, TEXAS.

D. Lacey was in from the Green Bros. ranch in Edwards county Wednesday for supplies.

Malcomb McNicol the windmill man was in Sonora Thursday for supplies. He has been at work for Joe Wyatt.

R. H. McGonagill, late of El Paso has accepted a position with A. J. Swearingen at the Ranch Saloon.

HONEST GOODS, HONEST PRICES and Perfect Fit. is what you get in our Clothing department. Hagerlund Bros & Co.

Henry Wiltjen the sheepman was in from the Gentry ranch Wednesday for several kinds of supplies.

John Rie who ranches on Back Horn draw in Schleicher county, has about 60 head of graded horses for sale.

W. W. Williamson commissioner of Precinct No. 4, was in Sonora several days this week attending to court.

Tom Birtrong and W. A. Miers the stockmen and farmers were in Sonora Tuesday for supplies and will leave for home this morning with their McCormick Binder.

When you go to San Angelo call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you O. K. 72-1f

Dr. T. J. Didson wife and children left on Tuesday on a visit to the doctor's parents in Paint Rock, they will be a way a couple of weeks.

C. & G. Hagerstein Co., of San Angelo, are putting out Gasoline numping engines at a rapid rate. They can order you one and deliver it at your ranch in short order. Send them your order at once before you are out of water.

Mens, boys and childrens straw hats at Hagerlund Bros. & Co

Thompson Bros of Runnels and Schleicher county sold 8 Durham bulls, at \$45 each and 7 Hereford bulls at \$27.50 each to Zeb Owens of Schleicher county; also 2 bulls to Don Payne at \$42.50 and one at \$35.

Cloribus News.

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but now her health is excellent." Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy, for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils, and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, help digestion, builds up the strength. Only 50cts. sold by E. S. Briant Druggist, Guaranteed.

W. A. Cone the sheepman was in Sonora Tuesday from a visit to San Antonio.
 Sam Stokes commissioner of precinct No. 2, was in Sonora attending to court.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cusenbary and children were in Sonora Monday shopping.
 If you want to buy stock, ranch or town property, see Caruthers & Allison's list for sale at a bargain.
 Commissioner court was in session several days this week as a board of equalization.
 Joe Williamson the stockman from Brezy Bluff neighborhood, was in town a few days this week.

Cis Martin the stockman was in from Owensville, Monday on land business.
 Burke Thompson was in from the Turney ranch Monday and took out a load of piping.
 Walter White the windmill man arrived in town Monday from the Whitehead ranch where he has been putting up several mills for Whitehead Bros.
 Newlen Lamar who had sheep in this country several years ago, but now living in Goldthwaite, was in Sonora for a few days this week on a visit to some of his old friends.

John McCleary moved his family to the T half circle ranch Monday.
 C. M. Deere bought out the G. Lovelace grocery business this week.
 Buy actual necessities, something that you actually need. Do not squander your money or buy useless things this year. - You may need your money.
 John Monroe one of our old time friends was in Sonora Thursday on a little business. Mr. Monroe says he is doing very well over the Pecos, with his sheep. He helped the cause with \$2.

MERIT WINS.

This week closes our first years work in Sonora.
 Twelve months ago the E. F. VANDER STUCKEN Co. opened their doors and asked the Stockman's Paradise for their trade.
 A great many responded at once and from the first our trade has been good.
 Our efforts have always been to have it
BETTER STILL
 and we are proud to be able to say to our customers and friends that a look at our books shows us that the last month of the twelve has been better than the first **BY MORE THAN FIFTY PER CENT**
 This showing is certainly encouraging and proves what we have always maintained, that: "untiring effort to please" and "YOUR MONEY'S WORTH EVERY TIME" will eventually win.

We will continue to do business on this plan and we expect to double the volume of our business within the coming year. To do this, of course we must have your co-operation.

We are every day offering inducements for your trade and your influence. Call and see for yourself.

E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

D. A. Gauthorn the stockman arrived last Friday from a trip to Hot Springs.
 Dr. Robt. Dickinson the dentist of Ballinger, was in Sonora Thursday on a visit.
 The Right Rev. Bishop J. S. Johnston will hold services in Sonora on Tuesday night June 19th all are cordially invited.
 New stock of Embroideries, Laces and All Overs at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.,

Savell Bros. have moved the express office to W. J. Owens baker shop.
 Remarkable good values in towels, from 8-13 cents to \$1.50 per pair at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.
 N. C. Rogers of Eldorado, was in Sonora Thursday on his way to Joe Parkers ranch, where he will run his sheep.
 Mothers who would keep their children in good health should watch for the symptoms of worms and remove them with White's Cream Vermifuge. Price, 25 cents at J. Lewenthal druggist.

E. R. Jackson the banker and stockman arrived in Sonora last Friday from a business trip to San Angelo.
 If you suffer from dyspepsia or catarrh of the stomach try a jug of Carrizo Springs Mineral Water. For sale at the Bank Saloon.
 Don Cooper the young stockman moved his cattle from the Gillespie ranch to Habers ranch this week.
 Our new stock was late in getting here, but PRICES will soon move it. Hagerlund Bros. & Co

A very enjoyable dance was given last Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Gentry at their ranch 18 miles south of Sonora. Our special correspondent informs us that the supper was fine and every thing first class. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Gentry, Miss Ida Gentry and Tom Gentry Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor of Odessa, Tex. Mr. and Mrs. Mat Keton, Mrs. John Pötter, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Birtrong, Mrs. Ira Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Beckett, Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Johnson and daughters Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Sesum, Misses Alice Blackburn, Edna Birtrong, Nellie Moss, Blanche Stephenson, Dive Ogle and sisters, Nat, John and Bart Guest and sisters, Fred Koenig, Clarence Fambrough, Jim Allford, Hop Wood, El Johnson, Oscar Dunagan. The music was by Keton, Beckett, Sesum and Fambrough.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between H. C. Hunt and F. M. Sparks, conducting a general livery and feed business in Sonora Texas, under the firm name of Hunt & Sparks, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. H. C. Hunt will continue the business paying all indebtedness and collecting all accounts.
 H. C. HUNT,
 F. M. SPARKS.
 Sonora, Tex., June 1, 1900.

Geo. Hagerstein of the firm of C. & G. Hagerstein Co. San Angelo, and Eugene Bavington, representing the Fairbanks-Morse gasoline engine of St Louis were in Sonora Thursday on business. They have sold within the past week gasoline engines to the following parties: 2 1/2 horse power stationary pumper to Jas. Hersey of San Angelo, 2 1/2 h. p. stationary pumper to Tom Taylor Schleicher county, 4 h. p. stationary pumper to J. H. Jackson, Schleicher county, 4 h. p. portable pumper to McCrohan & Son, Christoval, 6 h. p. portable pumper to Thompson Bros., Eldorado, 2 1/2 h. p. stationary to John Rae, Schleicher county; 2 1/2 h. p. stationary to J. W. Odum, Ozona; 4 h. p. stationary to J. B. Reiley, Ozona; C. T. Turney, Sonora, 2 1/2 h. p. stationary; J. C. Barksdale, Sonora, 2 1/2 h. p. stationary.

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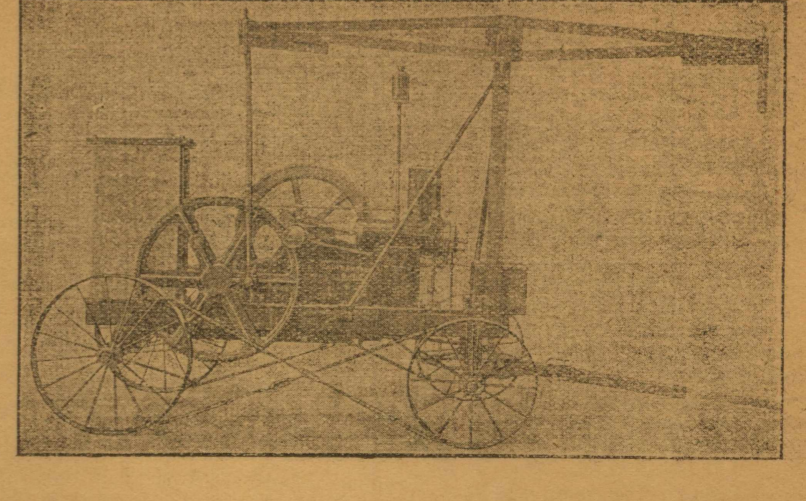
Get-out of debt before Noon—
 Union League shirts—the name is a guarantee—Hagerlund Bros & Co.
 The case of the State vs Wm. Taylor for train robbery was continued by the defence at Brownwood on June 13.
 STAR SHOES—
 All Kinds, Styles and Sizes at Hagerlund Bros. & Co's.

Mrs. M. O'Meara returned from her visit to San Antonio and San Angelo, Thursday. Cliff remained in San Angelo, with his sister Mrs. Livingston and will probably accompany her on a trip through the Eastern states.
 Died in Sonora on Wednesday June 13, 1900, Marcus Warland, the 10 weeks old son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Brady of San Angelo. The interment took place from the Commercial Hotel to the Sonora Cemetery Wednesday evening the service of the Episcopal church being read by Mr C. J. Nichols by request. The News extends its sympathy to Mr. and Mrs Brady in their affliction.

B. F. Parrish Crockett county cattle and sheepman was in Sonora Monday.
 W. Sultemeier the Val Verde county sheepman was in Sonora Monday for supplies.
 Nice, bright, new patterns in Lawns, Dimities, Batiste, Organizes, White Goods and Gingham at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.
 A. B. Scott and daughter of the North Llano were in Sonora Monday.
 J. G. and L. Stockton and Tom Gooch of Llano, who have been prospecting in the A pine country were in Sonora this week.
 When in Eldorado put up at Am Savell's feed and wagon yard. Corn, oats and hay for sale. 72
 Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Palmer left for Juno Sunday where Mrs. Palmer will spend the summer with her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dunagan.
 Many women fail to digest their food, and so become pale, sallow, thin and weak; while the brightness, freshness and beauty of the skin and complexion departs. Remember this by taking Herbine after each meal, to digest what you have eaten. Price, 50 cents, at J. Lewenthal's.

A Wealth of Beauty.
 Is often hidden by unsightly Pimples, Eczema, Tetter, Erysipelas, Salt Rheum, etc. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will glorify the face by curing all Skin Eruptions, also Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Bails, Felons, Ulcers, and worst forms of Piles. Only 25 cts a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by E. S. Briant, druggist.
 Monday morning Haney Barksdale one of the popular sons of J. C. Barksdale the cattleman, was working cattle at the east well, 10 miles from Sonora when he met with a serious accident. He roped a yearling by the hind foot and his horse running past the yearling caused the rope to double and drag. The drag caught a stump and the horse becoming unmanageable the saddle turned and the horse started down the line of fence with Haney fastened in the rope. Haney caught the wire fence for some distance until Babe Barksdale could rope the runaway horse. Haney's arms and leg were fearfully cut with the wire. A runner came to town for the doctor and Mr. Barksdale who was in town and they left at once for the ranch. Mr. Barksdale and Dr. Taylor drove the ten miles in 35 minutes. Dr. Taylor dressed the wounds and what serious it is hoped they will not prove fatal.

The Woodmen of the world, Devil's River Camp "made a night of it" last Saturday night. The Camp gave a supper at the Decker Hotel to the members and their families and to visiting Woodmen. The evening was most enjoyable and was well attended 70 ladies and gentlemen partaking of the supper, and about 30 ladies were given a side degree by acting con-ut commander R. C. Dawson. The wife and daughters of the Woodmen have been wondering what the attraction features of Woodcraft were and are now satisfied that the Woodmen has a good time at their meetings. Two or three new members were given the side degree for the benefit of the ladies and both will remember it for long time. The supper at the Decker Hotel was pronounced by those who know to have been the best and finest spread ever given at that well known hotel. The News regrets that it was unable to accept the kind invitation to partake of the supper.
 If the stomach performs its functions actively and regularly, the food of which it is the receptacle, is transformed into blood of a nourishing quality, which furnishes vigor and warmth to the whole body. Herbine gives tone to the stomach and promotes digestion and assimilation. Price 50 cents, J. Lewenthal druggist.



Do not go to the big expense, work and worry of a steam engine pumper when you can send in to C & G Hagerstein Co. of San Angelo, for a Fairbanks Morse, direct or walking beam pumping gasoline engine, either stationary or portable. Thirty-two in use in this section. Cost one-third less than steam and only about one half hour time of one man each day, to run day and night. They have them. Send in orders in time.

