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Neff Wins Contest For Speakership.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 13.—The Twenty-eighth session of the Legislature convened at noon to-day. The House of Representatives was called to order and presided over by the election of Speaker by Secretary of State John G. Tod. The presiding officer of the Senate was Lieutenant Governor J. N. Browning, who still has a few days to serve in that capacity.

In the House the interest was centered in the Speakership contest, which resulted in the election of Hon. Pat Neff of Waco by a majority of sixteen votes. The total number of votes cast was 130, of which Neff received 73 and Schluter 57. The Schluter managers admitted to their friends early in the day that Neff had won the fight but they thought that his majority would not exceed nine votes.

A feature preliminary to casting the vote was the oratory in behalf of the respective candidates, delivered by a big array of Representatives. There was one nominating speech and seven seconding speeches made for each candidate, making sixteen speeches in all. Nearly three hours were consumed in these speeches and while some of them were able and entertaining, the efforts finally became tiresome.

The opening of the Legislature was witnessed by many persons of political prominence from different parts of the State. A number of the State officials and heads of institutions were present and saw the legislative wheels put in motion. One familiar face that has been seen at similar events, hardly without an exception, since Texas became a part of the Union, was missing—that of Judge John H. Reagan, who is at home near Palestine. It is announced, however, that he will be present at the inauguration of Governor Lauman.

Fought the Officer.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 12.—At about dark last night the commission house on Commerce avenue was broken into and a 200-pound sack of peanuts taken. A few moments later Officer Gossett received notice that a negro was attempting to make way with the booty. He ran him down on Commerce avenue, between Main and Travis streets. With the nippers on his man he was suddenly assaulted and was hurled to the pavement. The fight waged furiously and the powerful negro had the bluecoat well in hand when another negro came to the rescue. A blow put Simmons in a quiet mood and he was led to the wagon he had engaged to bear away the peanuts.

There again a struggle took place and again Simmons was batted into a desire for quits. The trio started toward the station. On Preston avenue, between Fannin and Main the arrested man again awoke. A blow aimed fairly at the officer was dodged and again the policeman was called upon to use his club. This morning a trial of blood marks the walk and pavement leading to the station.

Woman Uses Shotgun.

Houston, Texas, Jan. 12.—At an early hour to-night John Armistead a negro, attempted to enter the home of a married woman after being warned not to do so. The woman used a single-barreled shotgun and the charge tore half of Armistead's face off, producing instant death.

Solid Train of Rice.

Port Arthur, Tex., Jan. 13.—The greatest single shipment of rice that has ever been made at any point in the rice district, if not from any place in the whole country left the Port Arthur rice mill early this afternoon over the Southern Pacific Railway, bound for New Orleans.

The shipment consisted of a solid train of thirty cars loaded with nothing but rice, the entire shipment being destined for New Orleans and valued at \$35,000. Arrangements have been made with the Southern Pacific Railway to run the train through solid to New Orleans.

Dead at the Throttle.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 14.—Passengers on an incoming Knoxville & Ohio Railroad train rode several miles this afternoon with the hand of a corpse at the throttle of the engine. The train left Buckeye, Tennessee, on time and ran through to Carville, the next station. When engineer A. C. Young ran through the latter town, Fireman Matlock knew something was wrong and stepped to the engineer's side of the engine. He found Young dead and immediately stopped the train. There is a wound on the left side of the engineer's head and the supposition is that a piece fell from the side of a cut through the mountains and killed him instantly. The train ran perhaps eight miles after Young was killed.

A Fatal Bull Fight.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 11.—A thrilling encounter occurred in the Juarez bullring this afternoon between Francisco Matillero, the celebrated Spanish banderillo, whose name is celebrated on two continents, and a ferocious Samalayuca bull. Matillero came out second best in the encounter. He was pinned by the horns of the bull to the parapet and was carried out in a dying condition. The bones of both legs were broken near the hips and his flesh was horribly torn. Five thousand spectators, four-fifths of whom were Americans, witnessed the sickening Sunday afternoon spectacle, and many women were so overcome by the sight that they fainted. The Mexicans cheered wildly.

Yontsey Tells All.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 12.—Henry Yontsey to-day continued his testimony before the grand jury, and there is more excitement over the case than on Saturday. It is stated that he is making a full confession, not only of his part, but also telling all he knows about what others did in the alleged conspiracy three years ago to assassinate Gov. William Goebel.

It is currently reported that new evidence has not only been secured on those already indicted, but also such as to involve others not heretofore mentioned in the celebrated case.

Sanford Elected.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 14.—The special election for Mayor took place to-day and Allen D. Sanford received 1179 votes. He had no opposition.

The vote was light on account of the fact that there was only one candidate. Mayor Sanford will be installed to-morrow night.

Drowned in the Gulf.

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 13.—The dead body of a man said to be Ed Spinks was found on the beach at the foot of Tremont street about 8:30 o'clock last night. The discovery was first made by two or three boys walking along the beach, who mistook the body for a log. Later the attention of Mr. James Chandler was called to the object and he found that it was the body of a man, which he identified as Ed Spinks, a tailor by trade and about 65 years of age.

Mr. Chandler said that he recognized the old man as a tailor whom he had met and with whom he was acquainted. He said he was an Englishman, unmarried, and he believed he had no relatives living in this country.

The old man was seen on the beach about 4:30 or 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and appeared to be wandering about in a somewhat helpless condition. He had been a frequent visitor at the resorts on the beach and the proprietors of these establishments knew him. It is presumed that he slipped and fell into the water and drowned. The tide was coming in very strong about this hour and the body was soon engulfed by the water. The spot where he entered the water was a little east and south of the office of the roller bath houses and some distance from any of the resorts on the midway. So treacherous is the sea in enticing its victims and so quick and cunning in covering its tragedies that the body was almost buried from view when the tide receded about 8 p. m., only three hours after the drowning.

With the face buried in the sand the action of the sea had imbedded the body about twelve inches in the beach and the tide had washed the sand in and around the lifeless form until it was almost hidden from view. Had it not been discovered last night in all probability the body would have found a grave deep beneath the sand, dug by the sea to entomb its dead.

Plague is Spreading.

Mazatlan, Mex., Jan. 12.—The plague does not yield as rapidly as was hoped to the new sanitary precautions and medical treatment. Six persons died yesterday and eight fatal cases are reported to-day. The number of patients in the lazarett is steadily increasing.

Sanitary stations have been established on the high roads outside the city with physicians in charge. The plague has broken out at Ahome, causing many deaths.

Edward Wants Privacy.

The King of England is taking means to guard his home life. He is endeavoring to stop the publication of interviews with chance visitors at Sandringham or Windsor. He has intimated to his friends that he is of the opinion that the privacy of his home life should be as sacred as that of the meanest of his subjects. At a recent dinner the king declared that he disliked all interviews and personalities in the newspapers. The guests are supposed to take the hint and act accordingly.

Lobsters' Eggs.

The eggs of the lobster are attached to her by minute appendages called swimmerets, and are carried by her from the fall of the year until the following summer when they are hatched out.

Killing in Georgia.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 12.—Mrs. Effie L. Carson, wife of a railroad machinist, formerly the wife of Ernest Thompson, a printer, shot and instantly killed Robert A. Rigsby, a student in a business college here. The tragedy took place in the law office of Marmaduke C. Bayne, an attorney, to whom she had gone to for advice. She shot the man twice in the head and once through the heart. She emptied her revolver, the other shots going wild. She at once delivered herself to the sheriff, going across the street with the smoking weapon in her hand.

Mrs. Carson was promptly placed in jail, but was subsequently released on a bond of \$1000.

The coroner's jury found a verdict of voluntary manslaughter.

Mrs. Carson was a teacher of telegraphy in another business college. She charged that Rigsby had circulated stories damaging to her character, and had gone to the lawyer with a paper for Rigsby to sign, exonerating her. The lawyer took the paper to the college and submitted it to Rigsby, who declined to sign, but asked a personal interview. He went to the lawyer's office and immediately asked the lawyer and his stenographer to step into the hall. The door was at once locked. In a few moments the shots rang out and Mrs. Carson appeared, announcing that she had killed the man.

Rigsby was found on the floor dead, with his own revolver near his right hand. What occurred between them is not known, except for an admission by Mrs. Carson that she applied an opprobrious epithet to her. Rigsby was originally from Bowling Green, Ky., or a village nearby, and is said to be a member of a prominent family there. He had conducted a business college in Tampa, Fla., but came to Macon to complete his education, intending to open another college in June. He was about 25 years of age.

Cold Waves Appetites.

Cold waves artificially produced are to be the stimulants of appetite in the future. The scientists say that according to the prospectus of these gentlemen we shall don a sort of refrigerator-muzzle when the winter goes on, inhale as much frozen ozone as we comfortably can, then fall to and eat until the cows come home. Meanwhile, at this period of the year, there are very many to whom the acquisition of an appetite is no mysterious rite. Will the scientists furnish a means of satisfying those cravings which develop without being "frozen into existence?"

High-Priced Pictures.

Rembrandt's "Old Woman," from the collection of E. F. Mulliken, of New York, was sold in London recently for \$28,105; Velasquez's "The Grape Seller," and Turner's "Dustanborough Castle," from the same collection, brought \$12,775 and \$4,287, respectively. An anonymous portrait of Edward VI. brought \$8,353; Van Dyck's "Edmund Waller," \$4,176, and his "Earl of Arundel," \$2,520.

Monogamous Foxes.

The blue foxes of the Pribyloff Islands are monogamous. An attempt has been made to teach them polygamy by killing only the males and sparing the females, but it has failed.

Saved His Mother.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 14.—Thomas Whitman, a thirteen-year-old boy shot and instantly killed his aunt, Miss Mary Phipps. Miss Phipps was not long since paroled from the asylum where she had been for fifteen years, and was living with her sister, Mrs. Whitman.

Miss Phipps' malady returned this morning and she rushed to the bedside of her invalid sister and attempted to choke her to death. Thomas Whitman endeavored to release the hold of his infuriated aunt, but was unable to do so and picking up a pistol that rested under the head of his mother, fired twice at Miss Phipps and killed her instantly.

Bold Burglar Takes Diamond.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 14.—A burglar early this morning entered the home of Sam Davidson, a wealthy stockman, in this city, and robbed him of diamonds valued at \$1,000, besides a hundred dollars in cash.

The intruder placed a revolver in Mr. Davidson's face and commanded him to hand over his own and Mrs. Davidson's valuable stones. The order of the robber was promptly obeyed.

It is believed the man who committed this crime belongs to the same gang which robbed and killed James M. Wilson Friday night. The officers have failed to get a clue in either case.

Awful Triple Tragedy.

Savoy, Tex., Jan. 13.—On the Gibson farm, three miles from here, this morning, a dispute arose between Wood Gibson and a renter named Stewart as to a division of the crops. This terminated in the killing of Gibson by Stewart.

The aged mother of Gibson ran to the place to see what the shooting was about, whereupon she was shot and killed.

Bob Guffey, Gibson's kinsman, also responded and Stewart chased him for a long distance, but was unable to hit him. He then returned to the place where the other two had been killed and blew out his own brains.

French-Italian Duellists.

M. Merignac, and Kirchoffer, well known French swordsmen, accompanied by MM. Breitmayer and Lusciez, their seconds, left Paris for Naples recently, where they are to take part in duels with Signori Verga and Passina, Italians. The duels will be for the purpose of testing the superiority of the two national styles of swordsmanship, over which there has been an embittered controversy.

Sold Her Son for \$5.

Mrs. Fannie Urhouse, of Passaic, N. J., yesterday sold her 3-weeks-old son for \$5, because of her extreme poverty and inability to care for the child. Mrs. Urhouse's husband was killed in the recent strike in Pennsylvania. She was able to take care of herself by working for \$2 a week until the child came. Mrs. Ubban, of Wallington, was the purchaser.

Found Antlers in a Tree.

Out of Rock Springs, Wyo., a few miles on the road to Brown's Park, a big cottonwood tree stood until a few weeks ago with an antler of an elk embedded in the trunk. The wood had grown around the antlers, and the tale of how the antler came there is lost.

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F. H. Mueller of Riverside farm, was in Kerrville last Saturday.

A. J. Norwood, of the Turtle creek community, was a visitor in the city last Saturday.

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T. A. Dowdy, the merchant prince of Ingram, was among the visitors in Kerrville last Saturday.

Mrs. D. C. Pattison, of Mountain Home, was a guest at the St. Charles last Saturday.

Capt. Howard Lacey, of the head of "Terrapin river", was a visitor in Kerrville last Saturday.

You can't tell our desiccated coconut from the fresh grated. Ask to see it. J. L. PAMPELL.

A. C. Dauchy, manager of Chas. Schreiner Co's. big store at Junction, was a guest at the St. Charles Monday.

Mrs. M. C. Bigham, Miss Donna Strickland of San Antonio, were among the guests at the St. Charles Monday.

Buy cream of chocolate at Pampell's. Needs no cream, needs no sugar, for drinking or cooking.

Miss Maria Daniell's, who conducted the Woman's Club cooking school in this city last week, left Sunday afternoon for San Antonio.

Mrs. Geo. Morris, Marie Gowan and Eugie Myers, and Prof. J. C. Baxter, of Morris Ranch, were among the guests at the St. Charles Sunday.

J. E. Wells of Maroa, Ill., is visiting his brother, E. G. Wells. The latter came to this county in very poor health in 1877, and the brothers had not met since that time, until J. E. Wells arrived in this city Tuesday.

Dan Russell, of Medina, was a visitor at the Sun office Monday.

Capt. Bill Wharton, of the Divide, was in the city Tuesday.

Rudy Allerkamp spent last Sunday with relatives at Comfort.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rees, on the 12th inst. an eleven pound boy.

Fred Allerkamp, of the Cypress Creek country, was in Kerrville Tuesday.

Sunday school and singing at the Union church every Sunday at 2:00 p. m. Everybody invited. J. W. JONES, Sup.

J. C. Witt, the Center Point blacksmith, was in Kerrville Saturday.

F. L. Conn, of the Japonica community was in Kerrville Monday.

W. H. Rawson, the pioneer druggist carries a complete stock of everything in the drug line and solicits your patronage.

L. Sattonstall, life and accident insurance agent, recently from Bandera county, is in the city. Mr. Sattonstall was formerly a Kerr county ranchman.

Mrs. W. W. Allen will give a concert, assisted by home talent, next month at Pampell's hall for benefit of cemetery.

Dr. Thos. F. Mea, of Galveston, was in Kerrville Tuesday. Dr. Mea was here prospecting with a view to locating a ranch in this section.

Capt. W. A. Peril, of the Divide, was in Kerrville Monday. Capt. Peril left in the afternoon for Higgins, Oklahoma, where he went to attend the bedside of his mother, who is quite ill at his home near that place.

F. M. Turner left Wednesday for Elgin on a business trip.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pace, on the 11th inst., a daughter.

Frank Jeffries is working at his trade in San Antonio.

W. M. Russell returned last week from Leaky, where he had been for some time building a new store for Gus Weston.

Jack Gething, the general manager of Chas. Schreiner's Co's big store at Rock Springs, spent several days in Kerrville this week.

Dr. E. Galbraith returned last Saturday from a visit to his ranch in Uvalde county. Dr. Galbraith says the range in that country is fine and the outlook for stock of all kinds is excellent.

R. M. Shackelford and son, R. M. Shackelford, Jr., of Montgomery, Ala., were in Kerrville Tuesday. Mr. Shackelford came to Kerrville prospecting and will probably locate in Kerr county.

All ladies of the Cemetery Society will please meet at the Union church Wednesday afternoon at 4:30, Jan. 21 to attend to very important business.

MRS. W. W. ALLEN.

Capt. F. M. Moore was in the city last Saturday from his farm above town. Capt. Moore is one of Kerr county's pioneer citizens, and in talking of the present promising outlook for an abundant grain harvest this year, he said:

"An unusually large acreage of grain was planted this year on account of last year's short feed crop, and the wheat pastures of Kerr county have been of incalculable benefit to stock this winter. Indications are now good that this will be the biggest grain crop in the history of Kerr county."

Center Point Fair Directors.

Center Point, Tex., Jan. 9.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Guadalupe Valley Live Stock and Agricultural Association held here this evening for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, resulted as follows: F. M. Moore, J. E. Grinstead, James Sellers, Alonzo Rees, James Croft, Kerr county; George Fee, Bandera county; Orlando Thallman, Bandera county; Dan Holekamp, George Zoeller, Kendall county.

Masonic School of Instruction.

W. W. Peavy, a member of the Masonic Committee on Work, will be in Kerrville, Friday, January 16 to hold a Masonic School of Instruction, for one week. All neighboring lodges are cordially invited to attend.

H. REMSHEL, W. M.

Kerrville Lodge 697, A. F. & A. M.

A. Bohnert, Deaf.

Mr. A. Bohnert, a respected citizen of Kendall county, died at his home near Comfort last Sunday. Mr. Bohnert was a pioneer citizen of Southwest Texas, and at one time was a citizen of Kerr county.

Stockholders Meeting.

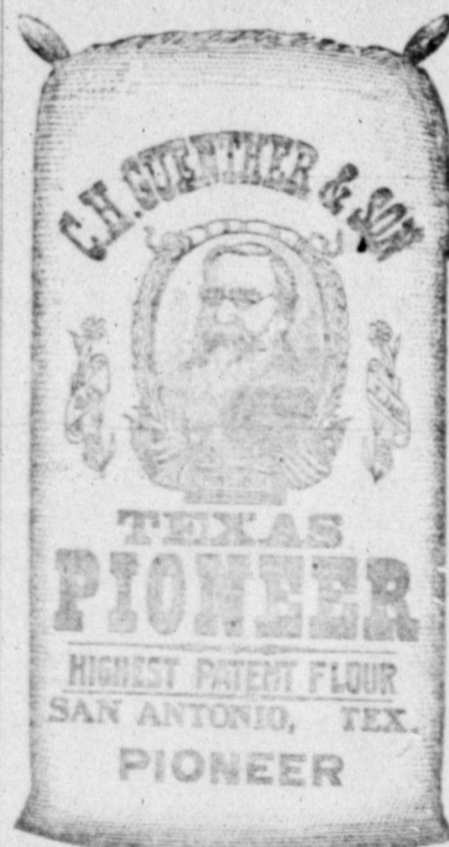
The Stockholders meeting of the Kerrville Park Association, which was to have been held Tuesday night, was postponed on account of rain. A meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the court house, Saturday, January 24, at 2 p. m. All members are requested to be present.

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Public Notice.

From this date until further notice I shall not be at my office on Thursday and Friday as I shall spend these two days of each week visiting the various schools of the county. On the remaining four days of the week I will be at my office at the courthouse.

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Land, which is being sold at really low figures—the constantly increasing demand is steadily boosting values—is still abundant; and farms and ranches of all sizes, very happily located, are being purchased daily.

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FOUND ONE HONEST MAN.

River Captain Astonished at Evidence of a Conscience.

When the steamer Queen City arrived in port this morning the chief clerk, A. B. Brown, handed Capt. James A. Henderson a letter from a New Martinsville (W. Va.) resident, enclosing \$1. The sender, who did not give his name, said that it rightly belonged to the boat, he having ridden on the vessel and not paid his fare. The passenger evidently had become conscience-stricken. Capt. Henderson said that he had been identified with the river interests for years, has heard thousands of hard luck stories told by persons who would beg for transportation, saying that as soon as they got home they would send the money, but no money was ever paid in the many instances he knows of. Capt. Henderson said that the letter received to-day is the first one of the kind he ever knew to be received by any steamer and as the incident is so rare, the letter and the dollar bill will be framed and hung in the office of the steamer.—Pittsburg (Penn.) Chronicle-Telegraph.

CASH REGISTER A SURPRISE.

Unavailing Regret of the Old Saloon Proprietor.

The Gerken brothers are big rich—Fred and John. I think John, who used to wash dishes in a restaurant, is now a member of the Four Hundred. Fred began humbly enough in College place, but never drank liquor and saved his money. Finally he turned tables on his employer, an honest old Irishman, by buying him out and hiring him to tend bar. That very day he put in a cash register. "What's that?" said the former proprietor to the new boss. "It looks like a peano." "Oh, it's a machine to keep tab on sales," replied Gerken. "You play on it whenever you take in cash." The old man looked hard at him. "And to think, ye spalpeen, of never played that game on you!"—New York Press.

GOES TO DEFINE BOUNDARIES.

English Officer to Fix Frontier Between Chile and Argentina.

Sir Thomas Holdich leaves England within the next few days on his mission to lay down the new frontier between Chile and the Argentine Republic. It is not a light task, but Sir Thomas already knows something of the Andes, and he has probably had more experience in mapping out boundaries than any man living. Much of his work has been on the frontiers of India, which he knows as intimately as we know our London streets. He has written a book called the "Indian Borderland," and if ever he gives up his reminiscences they should be full of agreeable accounts of travel. He was serving in India nearly forty years ago as a young officer of the Royal Engineers. The Abyssinian campaign took him to another continent, but the Afghan war took him back to the regions which he has done so much to make plain on maps. Sir Thomas is within sight of it, but a grand tour of mountainous South America has no terrors for him. He and his staff of engineers expect to be away several months.—London Chronicle.

Remarkable Spring Near Budapest.

A good supply of naturally heated water has been obtained from a deep boring at Budapest. The hole is 3,183 feet deep and from it issues a constant supply of water of the temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit. It is estimated that the spring yields at least 300,000 gallons in twenty-four hours. There is an ample supply for a public bath in the city park and jets are provided at the corner of one of the main thoroughfares leading to it. "I have never passed those jets of hot water," says a traveler, "without seeing a large number of persons helping themselves by means of cans and pails. Occasionally one sees a water cart being filled from a large tube. This spring is undoubtedly a great boon to the people of Budapest."

Beans the Soldiers' Mainstay.

"Beans are the soldiers' mainstay," says Thomas P. Dillon, a retired United States cavalry officer. "The American soldier at a pinch can equal the performance of an Arab on a handful of dried dates—he can ride and fight all day on a mere handful of beans, properly prepared. There is nothing to equal the army baked beans." And they are as good for civilians as for soldiers. They will supply the place of meat, and are much cheaper. They do not receive nearly the favor in the South to which their merit entitles them. The Prophet Dame gave strong personal testimony of their excellent food qualities, and what he said of them has lost no part of his force since his day.

A Village to Move.

The village of Benton, Neb., has decided to move. This does not mean the inhabitants alone. The buildings, houses and stores, besides all the personal effects, will float down the Platte river for three miles. Benton was built on its present site many years ago, with the expectation that when a railroad came that way it would pass through the town. Finally when a railroad did come it was found impracticable to go nearer than three miles, and as a compensation the officials of the Union Pacific offered inducements to the people of Benton to move. This was accepted.

Ear Lobes Relics of Barbarism.

The Japanese have no ear lobes. This discovery has apparently been made for the first time by Dr. Von Der Heyden, director of the public hospital in Yokohama. Even if he was not the first to discover it, he is certainly the first to draw public attention to it. The absence of the ear lobes, he says, is in some respects the most marked distinction between the Japanese and Europeans, and he maintains that the probable reason why the latter have lobes is because their ancestors for many generations wore heavy ear-rings.

A College Pamphlet.

Gouverneur Morris' first literary work of any consequence was a little book written in his college days. It was called "A Bunch of Grapes," and was a collection of nonsense verse with many local bits. Another Yale undergraduate made the picture for it, and it ran through two editions. Then author and artist took the proceeds and went quail shooting in Virginia.

The Rattlesnake Poison.

A rattlesnake that is five or six feet in length will yield a tablespoonful of venom two or three times a month. It takes its poison sacs at least a week to fill again after they have been emptied.

KNEW HIM NO LONGER.

Thomas A. Edison Denies Acquaintance With Dead Man.

Thomas A. Edison has always been a man of dry humor and he showed it when he was examined as a witness before Commissioner Shields, sitting as a master in an action brought by the New York Phonograph company against the National Phonograph company. The lawyer for the plaintiff tried to entrap Edison many times, but always without success. Once when there was no other way of evading a question the inventor took refuge in his deafness, and turning to his counsel observed, with a twinkle in his eye: "Curious business this law; isn't it?" He was asked, "Do you know Jesse H. Lippincott?" "I did when he was alive," answered Edison calmly. His questioner took some minutes to pull himself together before he resumed the examination, while a ghost of a smile flickered over the countenance of the sage of Menlo Park.

USEFUL AND NOVEL CLOCKS.

No Longer Any Excuse for Forgetting Appointments.

In Geneva a very novel and useful clock has just been constructed. Its principal feature is a phonograph, which will reproduce to-morrow and at precisely the same hour any words that may be spoken into it to-day.

The usefulness of such a timepiece is manifest. Suppose, for example, you have an important appointment for to-morrow at 5 o'clock in the evening and do not wish to forget it, all that is necessary for you to do is to take the phonograph attached to the clock and say into it, "I have an appointment to-day with — at 5 o'clock." If you utter these words at 3 o'clock to-day they will be reproduced at 3 o'clock to-morrow, and thus you will have ample time to keep your appointment.

As an aid to memory a knot in one's handkerchief has hitherto proved of much service, but it is certainly not as useful as this phonograph clock.

WOULD HAVE TO STAND IT.

Washington Official Had Not Much Regard for the People.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon was opposing the plaza feature of the new union station bill. Uncle Joe is against the contemplated scheme for beautifying Washington on general principles, and he never misses an opportunity to protest. "I wore my old slouch hat one day," he said, "and went over to the congressional library, where they have the models of this great scheme for beautifying Washington. The man in charge sized me up right the first time as a countryman from Illinois.

"What's it all about?" I asked. "He told me in detail. How much will it cost?" I asked again. "The cost is estimated at a thousand million dollars." "Great Scott!" I said. "Will the people stand it?" "Sure," he replied. "They've got to stand it."—Washington Correspondence New York World.

Good Shooting Story.

A story which will go straight to the hearts of shooting men is told of a clerical gentleman who was invited to join a shooting party. In the course of the day the host felt himself provoked in the back, and, turning around, found the amiable cleric poking at him with the muzzle of his gun, and his look of interrogation was met with the remark, "Can you tell me how to let down these heastly things?" alluding to the hammers of the gun, which was at full cock and loaded.

Chain Pumps a Chinese Invention.

The chain pump was invented in China long before the Christian era. This simple machine, which seems never to have been improved upon, is in such common use that every agricultural laborer is in possession of one. Where irrigation is conducted on a large scale the chain pump is made proportionately larger and moved by a very simple tread wheel, and still larger ones are operated by yoking a buffalo or other animal to a suitable driving machine.

Not Adapted to Poesy.

Last July Congressman Williams of Mississippi, "the poet of the Yazoo," was a guest at Congressman Sibley's summer home on the banks of Lake Champlain. The other day he said to Sibley: "Joe, I'm writing a poem about that place of yours. It's about a young couple sitting on the fence of that fine park and making love in the gloaming." "Oh, that won't do," protested the Pennsylvanian. "Why not? Don't the young men and women of Northern New York make love?" "Of course they do, John, but it's a barbed wire fence."

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GENERAL WOOD has applied for service in the Philippines. It would seem that in view of the present scarcity of coal wood should be in fair demand on this side of the pond.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT will send the first trans-Atlantic message by Marconi's wireless telegraph; and it is rumored that he will celebrate the occasion by appointing a "nigger" post master in London.

It is stated that the profusion of bouquets thrown by the friends of the contestants in the speakership contest at Austin was so great that it made the "members tired." Probably this will have a tendency to shorten the session.

THE wild gusher at Sour Lake choked itself after spouting 60 hours. A large number of new gushers were brought in at Austin Tuesday that will probably spout 60 days without choking themselves.

HON. TRAY HENDERSON'S trimming proclivities broke out fresh in the Senate, on the first day of the convention of that august body, but his efforts to "save his country" met with the "marble heart" from his colleagues. Senator Henderson is evidently a good man who means well, but has an unfortunate penchant for hobby riding.

THE Sonora Sun will soon set, but will rise again to shine with renewed and increased brightness upon the fair plains and prosperous people of Eldorado and Schleicher county. Editor Woodruff will move his plant from Sonora to Eldorado the latter part of this month and promises that on good Saint Valentine's day he will issue the first edition of the Eldorado Sun. Success to the venture.

THE Texas State Capitol cost \$3,000,000, but as long as it stands on grounds that resemble a "widow woman's" calf pasture it will continue to look like 30 cents in Chinese money. We know of no way the present legislature can better commend itself to the people than of making an appropriation for the purpose of laying out and improving the Capitol grounds in a manner commensurate with the magnificent building of which every Texan is proud.

TEXAS had a short cotton crop in 1902, but she managed to muster about 2,400,000 bales in spite of drouth, boll weevil and other disadvantages. Georgia and Mississippi, the next largest cotton states had a combined production of about 2,804,271. In addition to the cotton growing industry, Texas has thousands upon thousands of cattle, sheep and goats. She is one of the largest wheat producers in the sisterhood of states. Her oil fields are the wonder of the oil producing world. Her rice yield, within five years will easily double that of any other state, and her undeveloped resources are greater than those of any country on earth. "What's the matter with Texas?"

The Mountain Sun Band.

Kerrville now has a thoroughly organized brass band, of 16 pieces. The band adopted by-laws and constitution for the association January 1st, and named the organization the "Mountain Sun Band." The SUN thanks the boys for the honor conferred, and proffers its support to this much needed enterprise. The band is getting along nicely under the instruction of Prof. McCordle, and will, in a short time, be well prepared to furnish music for entertainments of all kinds. It is hoped that some arrangement may be made by which the band can give semi-weekly open air concerts throughout the spring and summer. We have, no doubt, just as good talent in the Mountain Sun Band as can be found in the state, and the only thing necessary now for Kerrville to have a first-class band is for the people to give it their encouragement and support.

Killed By Bursting Wheel.

Walter Robinson, the 20-year-old step-son of Mr. T. Stanley, who resides six miles below Kerrville, in the Guadalupe valley, was struck in the head by a flying piece of a broken cogwheel Monday evening about six o'clock and died from the injury the following day at 9 a. m. The young man was operating a well drilling machine at the home of Robt. Hodges, a neighbor, when in some unaccountable manner one of the cogwheels of the machine burst with the above result. The deceased was a most estimable young man and had many warm friends, who with his parents and two sisters mourn his untimely death.

The body was interred at Center Point Cemetery Wednesday.

Corporation Elections.

Center Point, Tex., Jan. 14.—At the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' Co-operative Association, held on the 10th inst., the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: W. D. C. Burney, S. G. Wray, John Rees, Sr., Jas. Crotty, J. L. Goss, A. F. Karger, H. M. Burney, C. H. Thallman, D. G. Horn. A directors' meeting was called resulting in the election of the following officers: W. D. C. Burney, president; S. G. Wray, vice president; Jas. Crotty, secretary; H. Noll, general manager.

Stockholders of the First National Bank met on the 13th inst. and elected directors for 1903 as follows: H. M. Burney, W. D. C. Burney, Alonzo Rees, W. H. Witt, Jas. McElroy, J. W. Nelson, G. P. McCorkle. The directors' meeting later resulted in the election of the following officers: H. M. Burney, president; A. Rees, vice president; G. P. McCorkle, cashier.

A Pleasant Social.

A very enjoyable church social was given by Dr. and Miss Galbraith, at the Rectory, Thursday night. Music, games and social conversation, were the order of the evening. Appropriate refreshments were served and time was spent happily by those present.

The Kerrville Mountain Sun's Christmas edition was a sixteen-page daisy, printed on heavy book paper and embellished with high class half tones.—Houston Post.

Farm for Sale.

160 acres deeded land, 25 acres in cultivation, also 157 acres leased land. Fairly good house. Apply to B. J. Coleman or this office.

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General Merchandise.

We have a very large warehouse and buy all our goods in car lots for cash. Our warehouse being situated by the R. R. track, enables us to handle our goods for less than our competitors.

Public Notice.

I am agent for the Ramsay Nurseries at Austin. I am selling trees to be delivered in February. I shall visit as many people as possible in the next four weeks and respectfully request all parties wishing to put out trees next month, to drop me a card and I will call on them and take orders. Yours Truly, J. M. WEBB.

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Office at Kerrville Book Store.

A Romantic Story.

With its usual enterprise, The Galveston News has succeeded in purchasing the right from the publishers of the new romantic story, "Gabriel Tolliver" and it is now appearing in the Galveston Sunday News and the Galveston semi-weekly News. This new novel by Joel Chandler Harris, the South's most famous author, is meeting with an unprecedented run through booksellers at \$1.50. It won't cost you half that sum in the Sunday News at 5 cents a copy; besides which you get the best Sunday newspaper in the South.

The News has recently reduced the price of its daily and Sunday edition to 75 cents a month, delivered or by mail; \$2.10 for three months; by mail only; \$4.00 for six months, by mail only, and \$7.50 for one year, by mail only. Other serial stories will follow "Gabriel Tolliver," equally as fascinating and attractive.

A certain lady who likes to use big words whether she knows the meaning or not, was told that the word "ferment" meant "to work". One day she had some callers and she said to them as she came in from out of doors, "I am very tired to-day; I have been fermenting in the yard all day." And the callers fell off their chairs.—Western Publisher.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c, at Rock Drug Store.

New Game of Billiards.

A new game of billiards is becoming very popular in Paris. It was introduced by the American champion, Jacob Schaefer, and is played with three balls—one blue, one white and one red. Each player plays the white, but must make the carom alternately off the red or off the blue. They say it is a more fascinating game than the ordinary billiards, but the "flucker" finds scoring very slow.

Discovered Iron. Died a Pauper.

George R. Stutz, who first discovered iron in Northern Minnesota, died at Duluth recently in extreme poverty, although his discovery resulted in making millionaires out of a score of other men.

Long of Puritan Descent.

Ex-Secretary John D. Long has been made a member of the Mayflower Descendants. He is descended from Mary Chilton, who first set foot on Plymouth Rock.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

A Marvelous Invention.

Wonders never cease. A machine has been invented that will cut, paste and hang wall paper. The field of invention and discoveries seem to be unlimited. Notable among great discoveries is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It has done a world of good for weak lungs and saved many a life. Thousands have used it and conquered Grip, Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Consumption. Their general verdict is: "It's the best and most reliable medicine for throat and lung troubles. Every 50c and \$1.00 bottle is guaranteed by Rock Drug Store. Trial bottles free.

He Got It.

"Oi axed the chafe for a job on the force, an' he told me to chase meself."

"What did you reply?"

"Oi told him Oi refused to chase anybody unless Oi was on the pay roll an' had me shtar."

"And did you get it?"

"Thot Oi did. A shwift wan-just as I jumped out iv the dure."

HOME NEWS.

Interesting Items From Town and County.

Don't forget the "Star Brand" shoes. Sold by Dietert Bros.

Robt. Real of Live Oak ranch, was in Kerrville Thursday.

For any kind of feed call on Dietert Bros.

G. N. Partee, of Ripley, Tenn., is visiting his brother, H. Partee, of this city.

E. D. Pepper and wife of Comfort, were among the guests at the St. Charles Wednesday.

Dr. Edward Galbraith,



Dentist

Office Over Rock Drug Store Kerrville, Texas.

W. Anderson of Rock Springs, was registered at the Gerdes last Saturday.

C. B. Sowell of Center Point, was a guest at the Gerdes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hixson were among the guests at the St. Charles Tuesday.

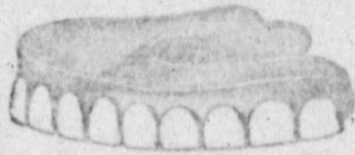
Bill Walker, of Mason county, was among the visitors in Kerrville yesterday.

R. Maier, of Fredericksburg, was a guest at the Gerdes, Monday.

Oklahoma flour "Princess" or "Golden Gate" it is guaranteed to please you or your money refunded. Sold by Dietert Bros.

For First-Class Dentistry,

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Kerrville, - - Texas.

Alto Stevens, Jr. and M. L. Barrett, of Bandera, were guests at Hotel Gerdes on Saturday of last week.

B. H. Millard and wife of Orinda, Canada, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Renschel, this city, the first of the week. They left Thursday for Los Angeles, Cal.

J. D. Bond, and family of Carbon, Eastland county, arrived in Kerrville Thursday and have rooms at the Steagall House. They came to Kerrville for Mrs. Bond's health.

Col. John Paterson, proprietor of the Kerrville ice factory, who has been visiting at his brother's ranch, returned to the city the first of the week. Col. Paterson went to San Antonio Wednesday to purchase machinery and supplies for some improvements to be added to his plant. Work will begin soon on a cold storage department, and other additions, which will greatly facilitate the handling of the ice trade of this and neighboring places.

The Hon. J. R. Curl, who has been in Kerrville for the past three months, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Northcraft, for the benefit of his health, left for Austin last Monday, greatly improved. Mr. Curl was recently appointed Secretary of State by Governor elect Lanham. During his stay in our town Mr. Curl made many friends. If all of the executive officers of the state are filled with such men as he, there will be no cause for complaint.

Fresh cranberries, minced meat, currants, seeded raisins, and citrons at Dietert Bros.

Rev. Ely, of Waco, preached at the Baptist church, this city, Sunday night.

Charles Price left Thursday for Bisbee, Ariz., on a prospecting tour.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: Services each Sabbath, morning at 11 o'clock, Sunday School at 9:45, J. C. Graves, Superintendent. Public cordially invited to worship with us.

Notice to Taxpayers.

All state and county taxes for 1902, are due and payable on or before January 31, 1903. After that date an additional ten per cent will be collected.

J. T. MOORE,

Tax Collector, Kerr Co.

Church Tea Postponed.

The church tea, which was to have been held at the residence of Mrs. O. Rosenthal on Friday, January 16, from 3 to 6 p. m., was postponed until Wednesday, January 21 on account of the inclement weather. All are cordially invited.

Was Not for Sale.

Gen. De Wet in his recently published book tells this story of an attempted transaction on the battlefield at Nicholson's Neck during the heavy firing. A man who had been a merchant before the war came up to a burgher who was lying behind a stone, on a piece of ground where bowlders were scarce. "Sell me that stone for half a crown," whined the man. "Loop!" the Boer cried, "I want it myself." "I will give you 15 shillings," insisted the other man. But there was no sale.

English Hier Gesprochen.

Here is the advertisement of a hotel at Ostend: "Hotel 'In den Koopman' Place Vanderzweep, to one's left, the Station (railway). Ostend, Flanders from Peter Vandekerckhove-Hostaphel. Telephone 521. Breakfast from 8 o'clock the morning, ordinary at noon to 1 o'clock. Patisserie. Two plates of meat and legume. Dessert. Beefsteak to the potato, one shilling; at whole hour ten shillings. Milk, coffee, tea, chocolate, beer of the country and outlandish. One would like to know the precise difference between Belgian beer and outlandish beer."

Explains Why Rats Gnaw.

Some years ago a German scientist began to study rats and mice, with the object of ascertaining why they are so fond of gnawing wood and indeed almost anything on which their teeth can be employed, and news now comes that his patient researches have at last been crowned with success. He says that these animals, and especially rats, have teeth which grow longer every year and keep growing longer during their entire life, and that the object of the animals in gnawing is to keep them at a proper length, as otherwise it would be impossible for them to grasp or chew any food.

The United States Senate.

The mutability of the United States senate is well illustrated by a musty roll call recently discovered. It was used Jan. 31, 1877, almost twenty-six years ago. The roll shows seventy-five names. Of these but five are now members of the senate—Allison, Cockrell, Jones of Nevada, Mitchell and Teller. Allison and Cockrell are the only ones who have served continuously since that date. On the roll call are the names of Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Coskline, Fredricks, Hammon, Ingalls, Logan, McDonald, Morrill, Oglesby, Saulsbury, Sharon, Sherman, Thurman and Windom.

Mason Bought the Possum.

Senator Mason was in Central market, Washington, the other morning and there saw "Uncle Jerry," the old negro who is on duty in the lobby of the white house. Jerry was gazing pensively at a brown bunch of fat in a farmer's wagon. "You look all broke up, Jerry. What's the matter?" said the senator. "I pointed to the furry animal, 'What's that?' 'Possum, sah, and it's a fine one.' 'Well, why don't you buy it?' 'Can't afford it, sah.' 'Well, neither can I,' said the rotund statesman, thinking of Christmas bills yet to be met, 'but I guess you'll have to get it.' Jerry took the possum with him."

Charles Schreiner Co., Kerrville, Texas,

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Agents for Eclipse and Aermotor Windmills, Collins' Pump Jacks, Yellow Kid Disc Plows, Deering Harvesters and Springfield and Studebaker Wagons and Vehicles.

Pasteur's Vaccine for Blackleg.

THE HORNS OF A DILEMMA.

Gastronomic Problem That Puzzled Israel Zangwill.

When Israel Zangwill last visited America he was very hospitably entertained in Buffalo. At one dinner given in his honor things went along beautifully, with few evidences of Zangwillian eccentricities until coffee and cream were served. Then, as the hostess gave the signal, all the guests began to eat except Mr. Zangwill. Rather embarrassed, the hostess inquired politely if anything was wrong. "No," said Mr. Zangwill, thoughtfully, "only I was thinking if I eat my ice cream first, my coffee will get cold, but if I drink my coffee first my ice cream will get warm."

When Dr. Parker Died.

The London Times has been severely criticized because of an article on the death of Rev. Dr. Parker, in which it spoke with some sarcasm of the prosperity of the City Temple, over which the minister presided, and its success as a money-making institution, with other flippant comments. It is interesting to note, while on this subject, that when the doctor was known to be dying there was posted on the steps of his house this notice: "Dr. Parker ascending." Similarly, when Rev. Dr. Spurgeon died, there was posted on his house this notice: "At half past 11 to-night Charles H. Spurgeon entered heaven."

King Oscar as a Poet.

King Oscar contributes an article to the Christmas publication of the Swedish Authors' Union, in which he discusses his own writings in fiction and poetry. He states that he loved verse from childhood, and that as a member of the royal navy he was inspired to attempt to produce it. His specialty adds that, while the sailing ships of fifty years ago embodied more poetry than do the modern steamers, the life of the seaman has the great attraction for him and the sea always gives him poetic inspiration. He says he used to be very proud of his lyrical productions, but now finds they cannot be considered first class.

For Sale.

On account of continued bad health I offer at a bargain my farm of 320 acres, 275 head of high grade Merino and Ramboulett sheep; crop of grain of 100 acres, farming implements and 100 cords of dry Spanish oak wood. I have good improvements and anyone wishing a home I will make it to their interest to call and see me or address me at Ingram, Texas. A. M. HENDERSON.

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FOR VISITORS IN CAIRO.

A Place of Entertainment That No One Should Miss.

Visitors to Cairo will be interested in the following circular, which has just reached us:

"Attention! Attention! We inform that to-morrow that is to say Saturday the 15th inst will be open precisely to Elzbekieh Street opposite Royal Hotel a men eating house named the Restaurant of London which respended of purity joined in a good contenty and purity of products. We invite the wine tasters that we don't mistake that they will be assure of our speeches truthfulness convinced by the estimation of every our who shall visit our establishment. For much assure the Public we offer 100 sovereigns to every one who shall settle that our products are adulterate and that our kitchens' materials are dirty. To auspices like this we proceed courageously to the open calling to the production of good wine tasters. People who are in search of safety as a refuge from civilization will be glad to find a 'men eating house' within easy reach of home.—London Daily Chronicle.

SECOND-HAND TOMSTONE.

Man Could Not See Necessity for Changing Lettering.

During the recent cross-examination of President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers' former Attorney-General Wayne MacVeigh told a story in illustration of ignorance.

"A man came to a maker of tombstones," said Mr. MacVeigh, "and asked for some sort of stone for his mother. The dealer showed him one design after another, and finally the man said: 'I will take this one.' 'Very well,' replied the dealer. 'Only this is one that had been returned to me. It has the name of Jane Shaw on it. Give me your mother's name, so that I can change it.' 'No,' said the man, 'you needn't bother to change the name, for mother couldn't read,' and she won't know the difference."

Social Life in Constantinople.

There seems no improvement in Turkish social life this year. During the last week two incidents have occurred showing what sort of existence people lead. A certain high official had issued invitations for a dinner. As the guests began to assemble police came to the door and informed the host there must be no dinner. No reason was given, and the guests were sent away. Another night four high officials were playing cards when the police came in and arrested them. They were set at liberty a few hours later, but were warned not to do it again. Spies are everywhere, and if anyone meets a friend they are always considered to be plotting against the sultan.

Turning the Tables.

Richmond, Ireland, recently suffered severely at the hands of burglars, who were not captured by the police. A prominent minister of the town met a policeman in the street and could not avoid an allusion to the local topic. "What a number of burglars, there are about!" he said. "Why don't you policemen arrest them?" The policeman regarded the minister solemnly. "Sir," he replied, "there are thousands of people going to hell every day. Why don't you ministers stop them?"

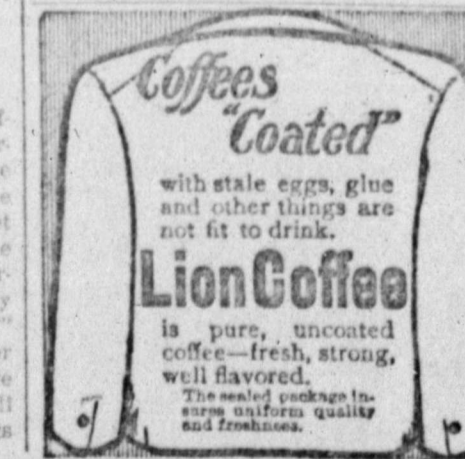
A Quiet Place.

A nervous looking man went into a store the other day and sat down for half an hour or so, when a clerk asked if there was anything she could do for him. He said no, he didn't want anything. She went away, and he sat half an hour longer, when the proprietor went to him and asked if he wanted to be shown anything. "No," said the nervous man, "I just want to sit around. My physician has recommended perfect quiet for me and says above all things I should avoid being in crowds. Noticing that you did not advertise in the newspaper, I thought that this would be as quiet a place as I could find, so I just dropped in for a few hours of isolation." The merchant picked up a lot of paper ambrie to brain him, but the man went out. He said all he wanted was a quiet life.—Western Publisher.

A joke is told on a certain young man near Meridian who is very bashful. He went to see his best girl one night recently and it began to rain, and it rained and rained. She told him it would be a pity for him to go home in the rain and asked him to stay all night. He hated to refuse, so he said all right, and she told him she would go and prepare his bed. It required some little time, and when she came back, imagine her surprise at finding him dripping with rain. She asked him where he had been, and he told her he went home to get his night shirt.—Meridian Tribune.

A few days ago a rather bashful young woman went into a store carrying three chickens. She inquired the price of chickens and at the same time put them on the counter. The clerk didn't know that the chickens' feet were tied, and asked if they would lay there. She bit her handkerchief and said: "No sir; they are roosters." Western Publisher.

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24TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Marshall Hicks, Senator. Comprises the counties of Bexar, Bandera, Kendall, Kerr and Gillespie.

5TH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

H. M. Nowlin, Representative. Comprises the counties of Kerr, Kendall, Bandera, Edwards and Kimble.

38TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

I. L. Martin, Judge; Levie Old Attorney. Comprises the counties of Zavalla, Uvalde, Edwards, Medina, Bandera, Kendall and Kerr.

Court convenes as follows: Kerr county, the 4th Monday after the 1st Monday in March and September.

Kendall county, the 2nd Monday after the 1st Monday in March and September.

Bandera county, the 1st Monday in March and September.

Medina county, the 7th Monday after the 1st Monday in March and September.

Uvalde county, the 15th Monday after the 1st Monday in March and September.

Edwards county, the 14th Monday after the 1st Monday in March and September.

Zavalla county, the 13th Monday after the 1st Monday in March and September.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Julius Real, County Judge.	C. C. Lockett, County Attorney.
J. T. Moore, Sheriff and Tax. Col.	J. M. Hamilton, Co. and Dist. Clerk.
Otto Dietert, County Assessor.	Jeff Vining, County Treasurer.
A. L. Starkey, County Surveyor.	

COMMISSIONERS.

F. A. Karger, Precinct 1.	Jas. Crotty, Precinct 2.
Herman Schulze, Precinct 3.	T. J. Moore, Precinct 4.

CITY OFFICERS.

J. E. Grinstead, Mayor.	A. H. Moore, City Attorney.
J. F. Thomas, Marshal.	L. A. Schreiner, Treasurer.
A. R. Jones, Secretary.	W. E. Williams, Alderman.
Jno. H. Ward, Alderman.	B. B. Lawrence, Alderman.
Max Grona, Alderman.	Chas. Mosel, Alderman.

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A Big Pair of Boots.

A Massachusetts firm has shipped to an Arkansas man what is said to be the biggest pair of shoes ever made. They are 17s of extra width, and nearly a whole "side" of leather was used in the soles. The New York Sun, after recording these facts, adds that it does so not merely in the interest of statistical science, but out of kindness to Hon. David Bennett Hill, who may be seeking adequate means of kicking himself to express fully his remorse for that coal plank.

Miss Wilson Knew Her Business.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Michael Herbert, wife of the British ambassador at Washington (then Miss Wilson), was greatly impressed by the ease and cleverness with which English women in high society discussed politics in the drawing room. It was something quite out of the educational curriculum through which the Wilson girls had passed in Paris, whether their mother took them when they were girls. About this time "current question" clubs were finding favor in this country. Many clever women earned a livelihood coaching society women on the questions of the day in politics and international affairs. No one of these "coaches"—dependent of a race of German professors—Miss Wilson went for instruction in English home and colonial political topics. "I was mystified," said the "coach," "when Miss Wilson, refusing to join my class, insisted upon private instruction upon a specified subject. Scarcely had we finished the course in English politics—she was uncommonly bright—when her engagement to Michael Herbert was announced. It was foresight characteristic of the Wilson family. No emergency ever finds them napping. It is the secret of their phenomenal success in matrimony and society.

Went Insane Staring at Nothing.

Having written many books on mental aberration which have received the highest praise in the medical world, Dr. Lucius C. Adamson is now in Bellevue insane pavilion himself a raving maniac. He was placed in charge of the Bellevue insane pavilion on July 15, 1895. While in Bellevue Dr. Adamson began to make a special study of the various forms of religious mania, especially the worship of devils and animals supposed to have incorporated in them some special form of evil deity. About two weeks ago he began to exhibit the first symptoms of acute insanity. He started the boarders in his boarding house one evening by announcing that when in Paris he had joined the devil worshippers and that they were now holding him with dire threats. He is a maniac in a ward outside of which he once walked compassionately and sought to dispel the hallucinations of others.

A Reed Possibility.

A few months before Thomas Brackett Reed was attacked by the illness which precipitated his death he concluded that he had made enough money for his family out of his law practice in New York and had about made up his mind to quit active work. It is believed, in view of this fact, that had he lived he might have gone into politics again, but not in New York, for he never liked life in a large city.

Printers Receive Cummings Library

The widow of the late Congressman Amos J. Cummings, of New York, who served his time as a typesetter, has given his library to the Printers Home at Colorado Springs. Mr. Cummings had frequently stated his intention was to make this disposition of his books, but his will made no mention of it. His widow, however, has carried his wishes into execution.

To Restore a Great Theater.

A commission has been formed at Naples with the intention of restoring the theater of San Carlo, which is threatened with ruin. It was erected in 1737, and has twice been rebuilt, in 1777 and 1817. This theater, after La Scala at Milan, has long enjoyed the reputation of being the largest theater in the world, and its decorations are so prodigious that it has been called a large Golden Dovecote.

How Oom Paul Lost His Thumb.

The left thumb of Paul Kruger, of the Transvaal, was lost through his rifle exploding when he fired at a rhinoceros. He says: "Next day our people, guided by the track of my horse, went to the spot and there found the rhinoceros still alive, and following the trail of blood, discovered the remains of the rifle and my thumb. My hand was in a horrible state. The great veins were torn asunder. The flesh was hanging in strips. I bled like a slaughtered calf." Kruger made his way to the wagons, where his wife and sister-in-law were sitting by the fire. The sister-in-law pointed to his hand. "Look what fat game Brother Paul has been shooting," she said, and that was all. They went home. Kruger took out his knife and cut across the ball of the thumb, removing as much as was necessary. "Then they killed a goat, took out the stomach and cut it open. I put my hand into it while it was still warm," and thus was the wound healed.

Alcohol By New Process.

The producers of alcohol in France are somewhat disturbed because of the new invention by which alcohol is manufactured by synthesis by means of acetylene. Although the process is as yet too costly to endanger their industry, the members of the Society of Agriculture of the Nord, in a recent meeting, memorialized the government asking that a duty of 41 cents a pound be placed upon carburets.

Distrust "Practically."

Lord Salisbury, the lord chancellor of England, recently in the house of lords while listening to an appeal fell foul of counsel for using the extremely useful word "practical." "Practical" interrupted Lord Salisbury briskly, "I always distrust the word 'practical.' When anybody says a thing is practically so and so I know it is not so and so."

Fine Pair of Feet.

It is authentically stated that one week a pair of shoes were shipped from Boston to Rockland, Me., which are of size 17, PE, or, if put it otherwise, are fifteen inches long and rather broader in proportion. They were specially made for a colored man who works in a saw-mill at Tirrell, Ark. He went into Memphis to get a pair of shoes and when the shoe dealer saw the size of his feet they decided that it was worth while to have shoes made especially for him. As special lasts had to be made and the shoes could not go into lasting machines, it took three weeks to turn them out. They are said to be the largest pair of shoes for actual wear ever made in Massachusetts.

Entertaining Royalty.

Apropos of the great expense of entertaining royal guests the following story is told: When in 1867 Rothschild entertained Napoleon III. at his chateau de Ferrieres the latter, on taking leave of his host, thanked him for his charming hospitality. Rothschild answered: "Sire, j'en conserverai toujours le memoire." He meant "la memoire," but his genders in French were very shaky, and so, instead of saying, as he intended, "I shall always keep the memory of the event," he said, "I shall always remember the bill."

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A Moroccan Incident.

Morocco is not yet completely civilized, in spite of the fact that the Sultan has a motor and plays a good game of billiards. During the recent disturbances some villagers who had been grossly ill-treated sent a deputation to the bashaw at Tangier, who promptly imprisoned them, and set out with his aide-de-camp and eighty men to punish the malcontents. But the villagers were desperate and defended themselves, captured the bashaw and rolled him in the mud, while the wretched aide-de-camp had his eyes burned out with his own spurs and was left naked on the ground in the rain the whole night. The son of the shereefa was permitted to take him to Tangier next day, on condition that the deputation should be released from prison, and no further trouble ensued.

Europe's Mongrel Monarchs.

According to a French resident of Boston who has taken great care in tracing the descent of the royal houses of Europe, the crowned heads are mongrel monarchs and possess few claims to race relationship with the people whom they govern. For instance, King Alfonso of Spain is four-fifths Austrian, King Victor Emanuel is more Austrian than Italian, Emperor Francis Joseph and his presumptive heir are for a large part Bavarian and Italian, the King of Sweden and Norway is of Bernaise and French descent, the King of Greece is a Dane, the King of Serbia is half Russian, the Prince of Bulgaria has Bulgarian blood in him, the Emperor of Russia is very much Danish or German, the King of the Belgians has no Belgian blood in him, the King of England is Saxe-Coburg-Hanover, Norman and French.

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He Introduced Vested Choirs.

Dr. Cutler, composer and musical conductor, who died in Swampscott, Mass., a few days ago, is credited with introducing vested choirs in this country in 1850. That was the year Albert Edward, then Prince of Wales, was here as Earl of Renfrew. He announced his intention to attend church at Trinity in New York, and Dr. Henry S. Cutler, being choirmaster then, conceived the idea of having a vested choir in Trinity similar to those in English churches. The idea was at once taken up by choirmasters and the result was that vested choirs became common throughout this land.

Women on French Railways.

In France there are 15,319 women employed as gatekeepers at the railroad crossings. They get very small pay, but the railroads provide each one with a house and a small garden patch rent free. These women work every day in the year. They may not leave their posts for a day off, even on Sundays and holidays, and their working days are from fifteen to eighteen hours long. Five thousand two hundred and seventy-five of these women earn not more than \$2.90 a month; 7,700 receive from that sum up to \$4.80; 1,680 get from \$4.82 to \$7.72, and 601 from \$7.91 to \$10.61. Only sixty women get higher wages than this, and none gets more than \$31.84 a month.

Passing of Canadian Forests.

Senator Alger recently sounded a note of warning about the rapid disforestation of the province of Ontario. The enormous growth of the pulp industry is one of the causes of this. Two pulp mills at Sault Ste. Marie turn out 250 tons of finished product a day, which is itself an enormous drain on the forests in that neighborhood. It is interesting to know that the amount of lumber and timber used each year by the railways of this country is greater than the entire annual manufactured output of the state of Michigan. Senator Alger says that unless Ontario speedily passes laws making it necessary to replant land as soon as the first growth is cut off, the day will soon come when the Canadian forests will be like Michigan's, practically worthless.

A Curious Old Document.

A rare tract by Sir William Scargur, Norroy king-at-arms, printed in 1602, describes the Earl of Cumberland's induction into the office of "Peculiar Champion to Queen Elizabeth." This took place at the annual "feast of arms" held on the queen's birthday. Sir Henry Lea, who was the originator of the celebration, removed his armor and presented the Earl of Cumberland to her majesty, praying her to accept him as her knight. On her signifying her acceptance the old champion armed the new, and put a cap and coat of velvet upon himself, while one of her majesty's servants sang a song of which one stanza runs:

My helmet now shall make a hive
for bees,

And lovers' songs shall be my
holy psalms;

A man at arms must now sit on his
knees

And feed on prayers which are
old age's alms.

My saint is sure of mine unspotted
heart.

"Tom" Reed's Weight.

"How much do you weigh?" a friend once asked the late Thomas B. Reed. "I weigh 200 pounds," said Mr. Reed. "Oh, you weigh more than that," was the surprised reply. "You must weigh nearly 300 pounds." "No," said the speaker, with an air of finality, "No gentleman weighs more than 200 pounds."

The Anti-Breakfast Society.

A society has been formed in Manchester, England, the members of which eschew the morning meal. The non-breakfasters contend that breakfast retards activity of both mind and body, and is a fertile cause of indigestion, dyspepsia and like ailments.

Found An Old Aroa's House.

Captain Francis Tuttle of the revenue cutter Bear, during his recent trip to the Arctic seas, found a house built by human beings probably thousands of years ago. It was partially imbedded in a cliff fronting on the ocean fifteen miles southeast of Point Barrow. The cliff rose sheer seventy feet from the ocean. Forty feet above tide-water and thirty feet from the top of the cliff one end of the house was exposed. The ribs of an enormous-whale were used for a framework, and over these skins had evidently been stretched.

He Knew Where They Were.

One of Senator Lodge's small stock of stories relates to a member of the Massachusetts legislature who was much impressed with the dignity of his position. One night his wife woke him and whispered: "John, there are burglars in the house." "You must be mistaken, my dear," said her husband. "There may be a few in the senate, but in the house—oh, no; the idea is simply preposterous."

Cattle Roping as a Sport (?)
San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 9,
EDITOR MOUNTAIN SUN:

While realizing my presumption in so doing, I nevertheless wish to broach a topic which I have never yet seen touched upon, but which, it seems to me, is worthy of at least passing note.

I refer to the exhibition of brutality which invariably characterizes a roping contest and which is at times absolutely nauseating.

I do not think myself unduly tender-hearted, and I have witnessed many ropings, from the "pumpkin show" affair to the largest events of the kind, and I have yet to see one that I would recommend as a display of even average humanity.

The very nature of the sport, or profession, whichever, precludes this and while the manoeuvres indulged in may be necessary in the actual routine of ranch life they are certainly unwarranted as a pastime, and "butchering to make a Roman holiday" does not appeal very strongly to me.

The spectacle of a poor brute making a natural dash for freedom, and further impelled thereto by pursuit, only to be jerked heels over head with the utmost violence to fall with a sickening thud and frequently with neck or legs doubled under, is, to my mind, a somewhat brutal sight and, furthermore, when instinct causes the dazed unfortunate to struggle to regain its feet, to see it beaten over the nose or eye, as a gentle hint to remain quiet while being tied, is hardly a spectacle that I would care to have my ladies or children witness, or that of a crippled beast hobbling away to the shambles, or the failure of one to rise after being untied, necessitating the dragging of it from the scene of festivities.

Of course I am aware that roping contests are not held primarily for the enjoyment of women and children, and I thank God that they are not, but even men have been known to possess an inherent repugnance to brutality, especially of a gratuitous nature.

Cruelty in displays of roping is, unfortunately, not rare, as any one well versed in the matter will be compelled to admit, although they may gently depreciate the same and assure you that such are only incidental occurrences.

In the account of the Center Point Fair, in the San Antonio "Express" of September 29th, last year, appeared the simple statement: "The management was quite fortunate in the outcome of the roping contest, only one steer being killed and three slightly crippled!" How is that for an object lesson? I understand that at Kerrville the previous year a calf had its leg broken and was therefore turned over to the kindly ministrations of the local butcher, while in the contest at the San Antonio Fair in 1901 the winner, I believe, broke his steer's neck.

There are only two or three of the little instances that have come under my notice, but they constitute a very hard proposition to gainsay.

I will probably be politely invited to refrain from witnessing this class of sport (?) if it does not meet with my approval, but I wish to state right here that I have long since adopted this procedure.

Bull and prize fights are legislated against, but personally I cannot perceive such an insurmountable gulf between their brutality and that which I am discussing. In a bull fight the hapless victim, while doomed to certain death, has still an opportunity, sometimes

improved, of wreaking preliminary vengeance upon his tormentors. As regards a prize fight, I think the honors are decidedly in favor thereof, such a contest being practically an equal one; while the much decried game of foot ball rises, by comparison, to the innocence of "ping pong."

I presume that my views will be treated by devotees of the rope as the vapors of a "crank", especially in view of the numerous roping contests now being held throughout the State, but, unless I am mistaken, these events in themselves will strongly corroborate my contention.

Yours respectfully,
C. H. DROFF.

Mayor Hicks Surprised.

Mayor Hicks was presented by the City Fire Department with a handsome silver loving cup Monday morning on the occasion of his farewell to the administration. The presentation took place in front of the city hall, the firemen having been drawn up on Military Plaza. The Mayor was sent for and the gracious present of the firemen was a complete surprise and deeply touched him. The presentation was made by C. A. Willard, of Company No. 5, and the fifty-two regular men in the department participated.—San Antonio Express.

Married at Sherwood.

Hon. C. B. Hudspeth, representative of the One Hundred and Second district, was at high noon yesterday, 5th instant, united in marriage to Miss Mary Clibourne. Mr. Hudspeth has been until recently editor and proprietor of the Kicker of Ozona, and is widely and most favorably known throughout the western country. Miss Clibourne is the daughter of Mr. A. W. Clibourne of that place.

A Family That Can't Laugh.

An Indianapolis doctor is authority for a story of a family named Tinsley, whose members, as well as their ancestors, have never been able to laugh since a clergyman cursed a Tinsley for ill-mannered merriment at the hanging of a thief in Oliver Cromwell's days.

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Will See His Grandson.

Eugene Zimmerman, the Cincinnati millionaire whose daughter is duchess of Manchester, expects to visit his child and grandson in England next spring. The baby has just been christened, Queen Alexandra acting as god-mother. Grandpa Zimmerman will take with him to England a cask of American port, which will be kept intact until the heir to the dukedom of Manchester shall reach his majority. Then it will be used in celebrating the event.

HE GOT HIS PAPERS.

Prospective Citizen Was Satisfied With Our Constitution.

The subject of immigration and naturalization was being discussed at Republican State headquarters in the Fifth Avenue hotel, when Charles A. Ball of Wellsville told this yarn:

"There was an Irishman named Linahan who came to Wellsville, and, after a short residence, made application to be naturalized. One of the questions which is asked of applicants for citizenship is, 'Have you read the Constitution of the United States?' When this question was asked of Linahan, he replied:

"No, your honor, I have not, but my friend Dennis McCarthy read it to me, and it's mighty well pleased I wuz with it."

"He got his papers."—New York Times.

France's Only Living ex-President.

M. Casimir Perier, who celebrated his 55th birthday anniversary Nov. 8, is the only living ex-president of the French republic. He was 23 years old when the Franco-Prussian war broke out, and took part in that conflict and in the siege of Paris, being decorated with the Legion of Honor at its close. He entered the chamber of deputies in 1874 and became president in 1894, in succession to M. Carnot, who had been assassinated. He reigned scarcely six months, suddenly resigning in 1895.

What Esau Did.

Once a month it was the custom of a clergyman in a neighboring town to catechise the Sunday school. Among the questions asked was, Who was Esau? Several responded, but none of the answers were satisfactory, and as the pastor was about to tell them, one little fellow said: "I think I can tell you what he did." "Well," said the pastor, "tell me what Esau did." "Esau was the fellow who sold his copyright for a mess of potash."

A Dubious Epitaph.

Some inquiries as to the meaning of the term "half and half," as applied to a drink, recalls an anecdote of Thackeray. On hearing of the death of a bibulous friend, the satirist merely observed: "He was a man; take him for half and half. I shall not look upon his like again."