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Eyes Run Down?

When the eyes get tired easily, when you have to hold your reading matter closer than twelve inches or farther than sixteen inches from the eyes you need glasses. I test your eyes carefully, and if you need glasses I give you the proper ones, if you do not need them I tell you so.

SELF, THE JEWELER.

Rise of Bat Masterson and the Probable Cause.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—The appointment of Mr. William Barclay Masterson in that wild frontier town known as New York City shows, among other things, the fondness of President Roosevelt for that class of men who, to use Mr. Roosevelt's own language, are "muddling handy with their guns." It also shows the influence of certain literary gentlemen who have been roped by Mr. Roosevelt to continue the use of the Western idiom—and especially branded with those potent letters "T. R."

Mr. Masterson is better known in Texas and the southwest generally as "Bat." His middle and somewhat aristocratic cognomen having been shortened into that appellation in the days long gone by, when even the fight at the Dobe Walls was a thing of the future. His exploits are too well known to require any extended mention here, but for the benefit of a possible one or two to whom the history of the Southwest is a sealed book, it may be briefly stated that "Bat" Masterson reigned at Dodge City, Kansas, in the time when the Westward pushing Santa Fe railroad, following more or less closely the line of the old Santa Fe trail, took with it into the Sunflower State as tough a population as ever cursed a frontier. Things changed after Masterson was installed. A goodly number of "bad men" and "killers" left town. Many of them left in what the denizens of Dodge City were wont to call wooden overcoats—i. e., coffins. Masterson never hesitated to shoot and shoot to kill when necessary, but it is not on record that he ever picked a quarrel or drew a gun except in self defense or in the interests of law and order.

All this is written, not with a view to defending Mr. Masterson—whose record speaking pretty well for his ability to defend himself—but for the simple purpose of trying to keep the record straight. There has been all sorts of criticisms of President Roosevelt for bringing about the appointment of the ex-marshal of Dodge, and much of it is undoubtedly well founded. It is difficult to see how the public service in the country can be advanced by the presence of the Government's staff of men whose chief recommendation is their ability to shoot quick and straight, and so far as Mr. Masterson is concerned, his more recent record is more against him than anything he ever did when he was so prominent on the frontier.

Masterson has been living in New York for some time past, although at the time he received

news of his appointment he was at Hot Springs with his wife, who was ill. He is known as a quiet, peaceable man, ever indisposed to talk about the things he did in the days when he was a terror of evil-doers at Dodge, and always refraining from either words or deeds which would give warrant for being called "bad."

Two things combined to bring about his appointment as deputy marshal. One was the esteem in which he was personally held by the President, on account of his fearlessness and his effectiveness as a tamer of wild men, and the other was the close relations existing between him and Alfred Henry Lewis, the well-known writer of books and magazine articles. Mr. Masterson has been worth many a dollar to Mr. Lewis, for to that little writer, more than to any person, perhaps, the ex-marshal of Dodge has confided the facts concerning the little affairs that add spice and variety to life in the turbulent Kansas town in the days when its floating population exceeded the number of its regular inhabitants by many hundreds. These facts, mixed with some fiction when necessary, "Al" Lewis has woven into many stories in the only he can weave. The last of these, wherein the "Deep Strategy" of Mr. Masterson was told of, appeared in a powerful publication not long ago, and described just how the quiet "Bat" left the peaceful pursuit of buffalo hunting to become the chief law officer of Dodge. Doubtless there are many more to come, but whether there are or not, Mr. Lewis, since the last campaign, when he wrote much and often in favor of Mr. Roosevelt, has been exceedingly personable at the White House, and it is not to be doubted that whenever the opportunity presented he said a good word or two for his friend, the hero of the Dobe Wall.

Negro Wrecked Store.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 20.—The mounted force had a quick call last night out to Goodman's store, corner of Dowling and Pease, the proprietor of the store stated over the phone that he had a negro cornered in the store whom he would like for the officers to take care of, else he would call the undertaker and a justice of the peace. Officers Fisher and Wood responded to the call and when they arrived Goodman had the door locked and he and his wife were on the inside guarding a negro. They finally got admittance and found a wrecked store. Boxes and barrels were found overturned and goods which had been in the shelves were on the floor and some of the show-cases were shattered.

Goodman was glad when the officers arrived and from the manner in which the negro acted, he, too, was glad they had come.

Goodman made a complaint against the negro, alleging assault. He stated that the negro had gone to the place for some sodawater, and not being suited, began to abuse Goodman and his wife. He was finally put out of the store, but broke back in again and tried to beat Goodman with the sodawater bottles, breaking a showcase. During the melee Mrs. Goodman held the negro at bay until her husband closed the door and telephoned to the police station. When the negro learned that the officers were on the way out to arrest him, says Goodman, he became as mad and went through the store like a cyclone. The condition of the stock bore out the statements of the proprietor.

Creed Taylor Will Come.

Harper, Tex., Feb. 19.—The people here are manifesting considerable interest in the celebration of the Alamo purchase, and the movement to hold a great State Carnival has the universal endorsement of everyone.

Capt. Creed Taylor, the oldest surviving Texas veteran, now 111 years old, and who lives near this place, has signified his intention of attending, and will ride on horseback from his ranch on Devil's river to Kerrville and take the San Antonio & Aransas Pass railroad from that point in San Antonio, where he will go as the guest of the Daughters of the Republic. Captain Taylor was the first American to view the ruins of the Alamo after the fall.

The railroad company last year, through the courtesy of Col. E. J. Martin, who so kindly remembered this old veteran, furnished him with complimentary transportation, and for what he was profoundly grateful. It seems that if the anti-free measure now pending before the Legislature should become a law that he will never attend another San Jacinto celebration, unless he pays a portion of the meager pension allowed him to entitle him to transportation over the railroads.

This, the people here point out, is only one of the many things which "shows the absurdity of the radical, unreasonable and senseless anti-free pass measure" now pending for passage before the Texas Legislature.

"A handful of old veterans left who have sacrificed their life's blood and the best days of their young manhood to develop a great State and to make it possible that the Legislature could convene in its great granite capitol," said a citizen here to-day, "and then in the end of the eventful career of these grand old men, most of whom are in indigent circumstances, some members of the Texas Legislature would be even less grateful to them than the 'soulless corporation,' and say to them that they shall not be transported by the railroads traversing the State which they delivered from bondage unless they pay their full fare. This, too, when the railroads frequently will transport them free of charge. It is that Texans could be found who would advocate such a measure."

The denunciation of the bill among all classes seems to be universal throughout this section.

Man Was Not Found.

Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 19.—Mystery still surrounds the case of the white man who was shot and wounded Friday night by Miss Rowley while trying to effect an entrance into the home of Policeman Pevito. It has been learned that the intruder was a white man and that he was seen to enter a back, which was waiting in the vicinity, and it was also learned that he was driven somewhere out of the city. It is possible that the midnight intruder at the Pevito home was actuated by some other motive than that of robbery and that but for the quick action of Miss Rowley in using the revolver so effectively another story might have to be related. The authorities are using every effort to run down the mystery, but as yet no arrest has been made and the whereabouts of the man in the case is only a matter of conjecture.

Over One Hundred Entombed in Mine.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 20.—By an explosion in the Virginia mines about 18 miles southwest of Birmingham at 4 o'clock this afternoon, between 100 and 135 union miners are entombed and it is believed the entire number suffered an awful death. Scores of vigorous rescuers are at work digging into the mine to relieve their friends and comrades on the inside. The explosion is believed to have been caused by an accumulation of dust. It is also believed that as the entire quota has probably been killed, the details of the cause of disaster will never be known. The news spread like wildfire throughout the whole district.

The camp is almost isolated from the rest of the world, as there is no telephone station at Virginia and the only wire running to the place is a dispatcher's wire of the Birmingham Mineral railway on which Virginia is located. Details of the disaster are slow to come in but each man who arrived in the city from the scene told a more gruesome story of the horrors.

BEST MEN IN DISTRICT.

The class of miners employed was the best in the district and all belonged to the United Mine Workers of America. Since the strike has been on in the Birmingham district many of the most industrious and thrifty miners of Pratt City and other important mining points have removed to the Virginia mines were being worked to their full capacity by the most skilled miners of the community.

Relief trains with surgeons and workmen are dispatched from both Birmingham and Bessemer as soon as the news of the disaster was learned. They began the work of rescue in earnest before 6 o'clock and at midnight had not gotten half-way through the mass of debris. It is thought that it will be 10 o'clock to-morrow morning before the interior of the slope is reached. The slopes are well arranged and there has never been the least trouble in the mines before. They are owned by the Alabama Steel and Wire company, but are leased and operated by Reid and Company.

Suicide at Marlin.

Marlin, Tex., Feb. 20.—At an early hour last night J. A. Runge of St. Louis shot and instantly killed himself while in his room at the Arlington hotel. When found a few minutes after the deed he was lying across the bed, his coat off, and his brains oozing from his head. The pistol with which he had ended his life lay on the bed by his side. Deceased had been stopping at the hotel for some days, and had recently lost his position as salesman in the soap department of Swift & Co., which had caused him to become despondent. He left no note or word to his family, who live in St. Louis and who were notified by wire.

Died From Burns.

Belton, Tex., Feb. 18.—Miss Ethel Leaser, aged 18 years, who was horribly burned Tuesday morning as a result of her clothing catching fire from a heating stove, died in great agony this morning at her home in East Belton. Her sister, Mrs. McCracken, who was also painfully burned about the face and hands, is suffering intensely, but will recover.

Killed Instantly.

Honston, Tex., Feb. 19.—Celeste Humphreys, a negro, was shot and instantly killed shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday morning out at 305 San Felipe street in a saloon run by a negro. Officers Fisher, Wood and Holden of the police mounted force were notified and repaired to the scene and arrested O. Browning, the negro bartender, and locked him in the police station, charged with the killing.

Justice of the Peace McDonald was called at once, and, going out, he instituted an inquest. Humphreys was found with two pistol wounds, both in the breast near the heart, from the effects of which he died instantly.

Browning was given an examining trial almost immediately and was released on his own statement in the sum of \$1000 bond, which he secured.

He stated that Humphreys went into the saloon and demanded that he be given a drink free of cost. This was denied him and he threw a heavy glass at Browning. This was dodged, but the mirror back of the bar was shattered. Humphreys then grabbed a billiard cue and struck at Browning, who dodged behind the bar, coming up with a 45-caliber revolver. He fired when the negro made another attempt to strike him.

The body was found lying on the billiard cue. There was no one in the saloon at the time save the two principals to the tragedy.

Johnson is Dead.

Bastrop, Tex., Feb. 18.—Will Johnson, the negro charged with committing criminal assault on three women near Smithville, died in the county jail at 2 p. m. today.

He contended until the last that there were two other negroes implicated, but the suspicion here is that he played lone hand. Sheriff Townsend brought a negro out of jail who had been confined there for the past six weeks. Johnson at once identified him as one of the alleged assailants. Two negroes were brought up from Smithville who owed old fines and he also identified one of these as the other. It appears he added lying to his other crimes.

Negroes Froze to Death.

Bryan, Tex., Feb. 20.—Two negroes were frozen to death Saturday night in this country, and their dead bodies found yesterday. Both were in town Saturday afternoon, and while in town and on the way home imbibed too freely in liquor, and getting down and not being able to get up, perished in the cold rain which fell all night. Dan Cooper was found by the roadside about nine miles from town and his wagon and team were standing near him. Beverly Price was found about five miles from town and his horse also near him. Justice W. G. Mitchell held an inquest in both cases and returned a verdict that death was due to exposure and over indulgence in liquor.

Will Pay Ancient Claim.

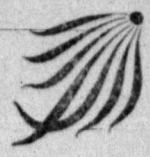
St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 20.—Frederick Locker, of East St. Louis, today advertised in newspapers of several American cities, including New York, for information of Thomas H. Stevens, plumber, to whom Locker became indebted at San Antonio, 18 years ago.

Locker's purpose is inserting the advertisements is to locate Stevens, or if he be dead, his heirs and pay this ancient obligation.

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Alarm clocks 95c SELF.

Mens, hats, ties and shirts new and nobby styles at Noll's.

Mrs. F. L. Fordtran has presented several selected volumes to the Sunshine Library.

J. A. Saxon left to-day for Abilene, where his headquarters are for the present.

A. Schellburne, of Louisville, Ky., arrived in Kerrville Tuesday with a view to locating.

Speaking of musical instruments you should see J. J. McKelvy when figuring on buying a piano or organ.

Dr. J. S. Eddins, of Mountain Home, was in the Metropolis Wednesday meeting friends and attending to business.

H. C. Griffin, the tombstone man of Center Point, was among the visitors to Kerrville Wednesday.

W. C. Peterson is erecting quite an extensive addition to his cottage on Barnett street, and when completed will be one of the neatest cottages in the city.

Mrs. Will Hill and little daughter, of the Divide, who had been visiting at her old home at Manor, arrived in Kerrville the latter part of last week and immediately left for the ranch.

Hollow Bones.

The bones of all flying birds are hollow and filled with air, thus combining the greatest strength with the least weight.

Fine fat frying chickens at Noll's. Mrs. H. M. Garrison, of Leakey, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ellen O'Neal, or this city.

You can buy an organ on terms of \$25.00 cash, and \$5.00 per month from J. J. McKelvy.

Mr. Gaston Dubus has presented a work on volcanoes to the Sunshine Library.

Mrs. Ellen Patton, of Harper, is visiting the family of W. C. Peterson of this city.

Fresh garden seeds of all kinds, also garden tools, rakes and hoes, lowest prices at Noll's.

E. C. Felty, left Wednesday for his home at Roff, I. T., after spending several days in Kerrville with relatives.

Henry Forres, Jr., of San Antonio, spent several days in Kerrville this week a guest of the Tivy house.

Mrs. Alice Dobbs, arrived in Kerrville Tuesday from Groveton, Texas, and will reside in the future at this place.

W. S. Jennings, son and daughter, left Tuesday for the Sam Hill ranch on the Divide, where they will in the future reside.

S. Welch, a prominent stockman and farmer of the Mountain Home vicinity, was in the county site Wednesday trading with our merchants.

Miss Mabel Goodfellow, of New York City is in the city making an investigation as to the disposition of the Tivy Estate. She is a grand niece of Capt. Joe Tivy and Miss Susan B. Tivy.

The pupils of Tivy High School contributed \$6.26 to assist in building a rock wall around the grave of Geo. Washington at Mt. Vernon.

1 lb. size currants only 10c a package next week at Noll's.

Mrs. Geo. Morris, of Morris Ranch, was in the city Wednesday.

Fresh sauer-kraut, yellow yam sweet potatoes and fine honey at Noll's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Braeutigam returned on Friday of last week from a visit to California and Arizona.

See those fine five and six octave organs at J. J. McKelvy's music house.

Wm. Lieb, a prosperous farmer from the head of Cypress creek, was in Kerrville Monday.

We have just opened another lot of fine Dittman Brand shoes, see them at Noll's.

Chas. Schmidt, a prominent Cherry Creek farmer, was seen on our streets Wednesday.

J. J. Hays, a young South Fork ranchman, was in Kerrville Wednesday for supplies for the ranch.

Guy Taylor, a well known Paint Creek ranchman, was in Kerrville Wednesday for supplies for his ranch.

D. H. Hughs, a young Divide ranchman, spent several days in Kerrville this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hughs.

J. W. Babb, a prosperous stockman and farmer of the Center Point community, was seen on our streets Monday.

J. J. McKelvy has moved his music house, to the stand formerly occupied by T. B. Turner, furniture, on Mountain Street.

Chas. Heinen, Bender. Weston and Lee Wallace left Monday for a several days' visit to Laredo and Monterey, Mexico.

Polynesia Speaks English.

New Zealand, Samoa, Hawaii, most of Polynesia and various small states have permanently adopted our mother tongue, and there is every reason to believe that the 10,000,000 of the Philippines will be using it in the course of time. With the construction of the Panama canal Central America also will probably yield to its influences to a large extent.

A Remarkable Tomb.

Doubtless the most remarkable tomb in the world is the Tomb of the Eleven Thousand Virgins. The thousands of bones here interred are those of St. Ursula and the sisters of her order. The tomb dates back to the Sixth century after Christ. The bones are of various shapes and sizes.

Big Tailed Sheep.

A species of sheep common in Syria is so incumbered by the weight of its tail that the shepherds fix a piece of tin board to the under part, where it is covered with thick wool, to prevent it from being torn by the bushes, etc. Some have small wheels affixed to facilitate the dragging of these boards after them. The tail of a common sheep of this sort usually weighs fifteen pounds or upward, while that of a large species after being well fattened will weigh fifty pounds.

Irish of Colonial Days.

Not the the least important of the alien forces that combined to make the colonial history of this country were the thousands of Irish, who were sent to England after the time of Cromwell, compelled then to give up their Irish names, and take such names as Brown, White, Black, Carpenter, Shoemaker, etc., after they settled in Virginia and northward. It is stated—which stems to be borne out by the parliamentary discussions in England after the war of the revolution—that one-third of the American soldiers in the Revolution were of Irish birth or descent.

At the Churches.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH, J. T. King, Pastor. Services every Sabbath, except the 2nd Sabbath in each month, at 11 a. m. and at 7:15 p. m. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., J. J. Starkey, Superintendent. Senior League 3:30 p. m., A. L. Starkey, President. Junior League Sundays 9:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday 7:15 p. m.

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Names of Japanese Ships.

In view of the periodic discussion about the appropriate naming of warships, it is of interest to learn that Japan has named her big battleships after great mountains and the small war vessels from some well known natural features of the country. It may also be noted that at the end of the Japanese ship names the termination "kan" means war vessels and is applied of course, only to the emperor's fleet. "Maru," which means round, is applied to merchant ves-

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Invention of the Phonograph.

Thomas A. Edison related a fact of some historical interest a few days ago. When he was at work on his first phonograph many weeks were consumed in experiment. It is said that when the talking machine was first discovered it was as much a surprise to its inventor as to the world. The "wizard" was working on some telephone receivers and was led to put a piece of tinfoil on a cylinder. It recorded sound and Edison was convinced that the human voice could be recorded and produced. When the time came to make an actual test Edison, with his mind on mechanical details, absent mindedly tested his contrivance with the familiar phrase, "Mary had a little lamb." These words formed the first record taken by the machine.

The Size of Families.

Whether families are large or small depends generally on the point of view from which children are regarded. If every child means another pair of hands to work, the more children there are the more wage-earners there will be to contribute to the family support. But if every addition to the family is regarded as only another mouth to feed, the pressure of expenditure against income will tend to restrict the family's size.

It is primarily a matter of the standard of living. The higher the social and educational requirements of the parents the longer is postponed the age at which the child becomes a contributor instead of an expense to the household treasury. In many American families the child never contributes anything. He goes through life without making any financial return to his parents.

The reason for the diminishing size of American families is found in the attitude of parents to their children. The adoption of this American view by immigrants and their children accounts for the size of the family lessening according to the number of generations it has been in the United States. The census returns show that in New York the families of foreign-born parents are the next largest and the families of people of American descent are the smallest. Correspondingly, the children of American parents become self-supporting at a later age than the children of foreign-born parents.

It may be stated as a general proposition that the size of families is inversely in proportion to the age at which the children become self-sustaining.

Itch—Ringworm.

E. T. Lucas, Wingo, Ky., writes, April 25, 1902: "For 10 to 12 years I had been afflicted with a malady known as the 'itch'. The itching was most unbearable. I had tried for years to find relief, having tried all remedies I could hear of, besides a number of doctors. I wish to state that one single application of Ballard's Snow Liniment cured me completely and permanently. Since then I have used the liniment on two separate occasions for ring worm and it cured completely.

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Pneumonia.

Chills, colds, catarrh, tuberculosis, pneumonia and many other affections of the lungs, throat and breathing passages, belong to the same family of disease. In general the same causes are responsible for them all. The conditions which give one man a nasal cold start the seeds of consumption in another, or develop quick pneumonia in a third.

Popular ignorance of the meaning of the term "injurious exposure" is responsible for much sickness. Initially the fault is due to the lowering of the resisting power of the body, because the same exposure which may invigorate one man may kill another. A walk in the open in the open air even in a rain or snow storm is not exposure in anything like the injurious sense of a slight draught in a heated room; damp clothing or improper diet or excessive stimulants.

It is not exposure to fresh air, to sunshine, cold or rain that is injurious, but exposure to bad hygienic conditions. Pneumonia has been frequently said to be the disease of the robust and strong. This is because weaker individuals would become ill long before the breaking down point which pneumonia signifies. Pneumonia is rather a culmination of nature's punishments for violation of the laws of health than a chance happening resulting from one misdeed.

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THE various Legislatures that are toying with the whiskers of the Standard Oil company ought to have a pretty slick time.

It is now generally believed that what George Washington is quoted as having said is true, so far as quoted, but the whole sentence was, "Father, I cannot tell a lie—because it won't do no good—you ketchted me at it."

THE Russian government gave it out that the insurrectionists and bomb throwing rabble would not cause any serious trouble. If any gang of gazaboos made the SUN man stay in his castle he would think that was about the same as making trouble.

If Russia wants peace she ought to say so and stop the fighting while peace negotiations are being made. It is all very well for the high officials to decide to "risk another battle" before trying to make terms, but it is the men in the trenches who pay the freight. If Russia don't know she's licked after what has happened to her the powers ought to take charge of her affairs and let San Domingo, or some like travesty on the word government, establish a protectorate over the Russian Empire.

SOME conservative people are kicking because the legislature took a day off from the strenuous labor of law making and went to see the bull fight. Don't kick. The legislature did right. When a man isn't very strong it's very trying on him to work over time. The trip probably save the few members who are subject to such malady from a case of brain fag.

Notice of Stock Election.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF KERR. Whereas, on the 15th day of February 1905, a petition was presented to the Commissioners' Court of Kerr County, Texas, by more than twenty legally qualified free-holders of Election Precinct No. 2, of said County, praying for an election to be held within the Precinct to determine whether or not sheep, hogs and goats shall be permitted to run at large in said precinct; and, whereas, upon hearing of said petition, the same was granted and said election ordered to be held at First National Bank, in Center Point, Texas, on Saturday the 1st day of April 1905.

Therefore, in accordance with said order, I hereby order that said election be held at the time and place, as set forth in the order of the Commissioners' Court aforesaid, for the purpose of determining said question and Neal Coldwell, James Croity and Alonzo Rees, are hereby appointed managers of said election.

Witness my official signature, at office in Kerrville this 20th day of February 1905.

JULIUS REAL,
County Judge, Kerr Co. Texas.

Happy Center Point.

This reporter walked into the office of the Avenue Hotel one of these cold days last week, and listened to some of the representative men of the village talk about our possessions and needs. The subject of the change of name from Center Point to Ganahl was freely discussed. One man said, "Let it be done at once. Its the only way on earth for us to get on the railroad maps of America." Another said he did not see what was in the name anyway, while a third remarked that he preferred Ganahl for the reason it takes less time and ink to write it. Still another candidly admitted that an old prejudice would be his only objection, and that he would not allow that to interfere with progress and convenience. We then took a vote which decided favorable for the change to Ganahl. Now, lets rise and make it unanimous and stop once for all this trouble of answering such fool questions as "What is your nearest railroad station and how far away is it?"

After a lingering and painful illness, Mrs. H. T. Hill at her home 4 miles west of here, was buried Tuesday afternoon.

Misses Mabel and Lula Coldwell were trading in the village Monday and Tuesday of the present week.

Dr. L. L. Ardrey, of Bandera was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday. The doctor was on a business trip to San Antonio.

After finishing some carpentering work for Judge Real, Mr. D. G. Horn is at home again.

Wednesday the 22nd., being a National holiday, the bank was not opened for business. Its officers enjoy these much needed rest days.

Miss Cynthia Pafford has purchased a business lot on Comfort street, and will at once begin the erection of a building suitable for her millinery and dressmaking parlors.

Mr. A. J. Moore, the Eureka telephone man, is here this week stringing the wires and placing the phones that will connect the homes of this valley with our town. Now, why could we not have rural free delivery of mail?

Mr. J. M. Wood, a successful and rising young lawyer from Seguin, was in Happy Center Point three days this week on very important business. The glad smile on his face tells A-meri-cus that his mission was pleasant and successful.

Mr. J. N. Hodges went to Bandera county the first of this week to deliver a bunch of cattle, which he has sold at a good round price. A-MER-I-CUS.

Fair Dates Set.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of The West Texas Fair, held Wednesday afternoon a considerable amount of business was transacted. The date for holding the 1905 fair was set for September 7, 8 and 9. The management is beginning early to arrange for an entertainment that will far eclipse the brilliant successes of the past two years. Secretary Real is laying the ground plan of an extensive advertising campaign which will cover the territory more effectually than has heretofore been done. The catalogue will be amended and increased and will be published earlier this year than usual. The management earnestly requests the heartiest co-operation of all the people in keeping up the progressive movement the fair has heretofore made.

M. E. HART, Furniture Repair Shop.

Do all kinds of Artistic work. Oils, Stains and Varnish.

Upholstering a Specialty.
Mosel Building,
Main St., - Kerrville, Tex.

Notice! Notice!

The sun is shining once more, so come around and have some photos made. Bring your kodak films to be developed, and fill your kodaks with a new film.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

MRS. O'NEAL,

Photographer, Opp. St. Charles.

THE CASH BARGAIN STORE

Is still in town and ready to serve all our customers as best we can. Honesty and fairness in both price and quality is our motto; cash is our pass word and bargains is our recognition sign. So call and inspect our stock. Come early and avoid the rush for cheap groceries, shoes, dry goods and notions. Opposite Sehriner's Mill.

C. H. SAYERS, Prop.

W. A. WALKER,

Registered Pharmacist

Center Point, - Texas.

We appreciate your patronage. Prescriptions a specialty.

AUG. PANKRATZ,

New Saloon,

Opposite Depot.

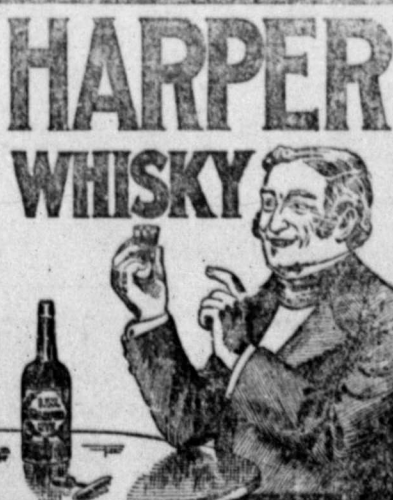
Comfort, - - - Texas.

Ice Cold Beer, Cigars, Tobacco and Candies.

Barbecued Meats

At All Hours.

Take a Glass of Beer while the Train stops.



Pronounced by World's best experts—The World's Best Whiskey.
Grand Prize Highest Award St. Louis World's Fair. For sale by
C. T. WESTON.

Card Party.

A very pleasant card party was given at the home of Judge J. R. Burnett Tuesday night. A card club was organized, with Miss Kate Goodman as president, and S. H. Huntington, secretary. Meetings of the club will be held weekly.

Registered Cattle For Sale.

Short Horns, - Polled Durham, - Red Polls.

Three Hundred Head in Herd. Located below fever line. Healthy, Hardy Stock of best Scotch Strains. Reasonable Prices and Easy Terms to Responsible Buyers. Will take some good land at market price in part pay for round lots. Address

Landa Cattle Company,

Breeders of Registered Cattle Only. New Braunfels, Texas.

FOR SALE.

Barred Plymouth Rock Cockerels and a Few Fine Pullets.

Eggs for Hatching After February 15th, from \$2.00 on 15.

Single Comb Brown Leghorns.
Single Comb White Leghorns.
Barred Plymouth Rocks.

There Are None Better.

Lee Mason, - - - Kerrville, Tex.

ELLWOOD ALL STEEL WOVEN FIELD FENCE, POULTRY, RABBIT AND LAWN FENCE.

Absolute efficiency at least expense. A practical fence that will positively turn cattle, horse, hogs and pigs. A fence that is strong, practically everlasting, proven thoroughly efficient under every possible condition. EVERY ROD OF ELLWOOD FENCE IS GUARANTEED.

If you want your fencing problems satisfactorily solved, call and see the ELLWOOD FENCE and let us show you for how little money you can get absolute satisfaction.

Sold and Put up by J. G. Rees, Kerrville, Tex.

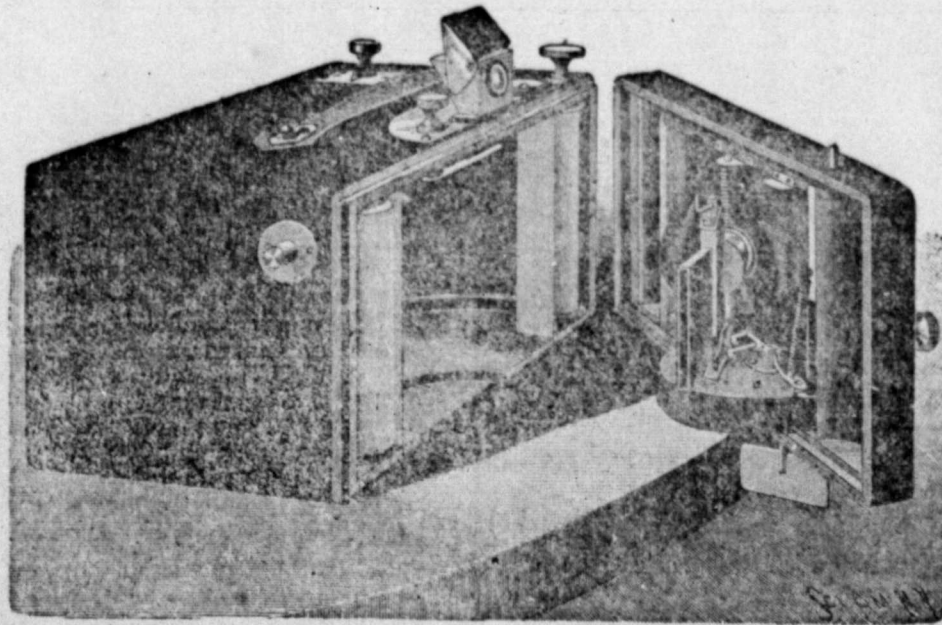
The Kerrville Book Store

Is Headquarters for all kinds of School Supplies. The best line of Ink Tablets and Pencil Tablets in the City.

Kerrville Book Store,

John G. Graves, Proprietor.

The AL-VISTA Camera.



The Revolving Lens

In the AL-VISTA CAMERA swings from side to side, taking in a scope of nearly 180 degrees and makes panoramic picture which is true in perspective and without distortion.

Makes Pictures Any Size

You want them, either from film or glass plates. It is adapted to out door, interior and portrait photography; really FIVE CAMERAS IN ONE AND FOR THE PRICE OF ONE. Sold in ten different styles. Can Be Loaded in Daylight.

Sold on easy payments, send for catalogue, prices and discounts.

Multiscope Film Company,

41-43-45 State St., Chicago, Ill.

Everything for Amateur Photographers.

HOME NEWS.

Interesting Items From Town and County.

Mrs. M. Dakin, of Harper, was at the Gerdes Tuesday.

D. R. A. Robson, of Denton, was at the Gerdes Tuesday.

New lot nice fresh candies at the Famous.

Chas Real went to San Antonio Thursday on business.

Miss Cora Benskin, of Rock Springs, was a guest at the Gerdes Hotel Sunday.

A. S. Rutherford and A. M. Finch, of Austin, were guests at the St. Charles Wednesday.

A. J. Hamer, of Junction, was a guest at the St. Charles Hotel Sunday.

Clarence Elledge, of Mountain Home, was at the Gerdes Wednesday.

Enoch Hatch, of Mountain Home, was a guest at the Gerdes Wednesday.

G. H. and John Duderstad, of Harper, were guests at the Gerdes Wednesday.

You have been intending to have the childrens photos made for so long. Mrs. O'Neal promises you satisfaction.

Dr. Edward Galbraith,



Dentist

Office Next to Rawson's Drug Store Kerrville, Texas.

Jno. Heinen, of Bandera, and grandmother, Mrs. Schladoer, of Los Angeles, Cal., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heinen, of this city Thursday.

Rt. Rev. J. S. Johnson, of San Antonio, will preach and hold a communion at St. Peters Episcopal church at 11:00 o'clock a. m. on Sunday, March 5.

Mrs. I. L. Kauffman and little daughter, arrived in this city Monday from Pittsburg, Pa., to join Mr. Kauffman who has been here for some time. They are now domiciled at the Morrison residence on South Jefferson street.

Suits Cleaned and Pressed.

I do all kinds of repairing and altering work promptly done. Ladies skirts cleaned.

S. Friedman,

The Tailor, Kerrville, Texas.

From the Ladies' Home Journal for March—By Cynthia West—over Alden

We opened a Sunshine library and reading-room at Kerrville, Texas, on Christmas morning. There were only a few books and magazines there that day, but if you want to do a kind act by sending a good book there do so and notify me and I'll enter you as a Sunshine member. Kerrville, because of its location and wonderful invigorating atmosphere has become a home for the sick and ailing. The Sunshine library is now well established and is the only place of general assembly for "good cheer" in the town.

Ten of the prominent citizens have formed themselves into the International Sunshine Library Executive Board of Kerrville. The postmaster is one of them. So simply address your books and papers to the President of the Kerrville Sunshine Library and they will go all right.

Pure ribbon cane syrup at the Famous.

A. B. Langford, of Bandera, was registered at the Gerdes Monday.

J. H. Norwood, of San Antonio, was in Kerrville Tuesday.

Let us take your order for a new spring suit at the Famous.

Beautiful lot of ladies shirt waists now on display at G. D. Anderson.

H. C. Griffin, of Center Point, was among the guests at the Gerdes Wednesday.

Handsome lot of pictures and picture frames at cut prices.

FAWCETT, BARNES & Co.

Howard Lacey was in the city Monday from his ranch on the head of Turtle Creek.

Mrs. O'Neal gives you finely finished photos, at very reasonable prices.

J. W. Babb was in Kerrville Thursday. Mr. Babb was enroute to Hixson's ranch on the Divide to bring in about 70 head of young mules he has had on pasture there.

Mr. Babb, who is one of the most progressive farmers in Kerr county says he do not think the winter oats were injured at all by the recent freezes.

I Can Save You

Money on Pianos, Organs and Piano Players.

Why pay \$250.00 for a Player when I sell them for \$125.00? I will save you \$50.00 on a Piano and \$15.00 on an Organ. Latest styles direct from factories, for cash, or on installments. "I Deliver the Goods." Ten Year warranty.

Old instruments taken in exchange. Tuning and repairing a specialty.

I Invite You to Call,

See the beautiful instruments and hear the wonder Piano Player.

J. J. McKelvy,

Next Door to the "Famous" Mountain Street Kerrville, Tex.

Mr. Berger, of Schulenberg, arrived in Kerrville Tuesday. Mr. Berger and family will take charge of the Tivy House March 1st. He is an experienced hotel man, and has had charge of several of the Crescent News railroad eating houses and will, no doubt, keep the Tivy House up to its former standing as a first-class hotel.

Chester Nimitz, of this city, who graduated at the Annapolis Naval Academy and who had been spending a few days in Kerrville with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nimitz, left Saturday of last week for San Francisco. Mr. Nimitz has been assigned to duty in the Asiatic squadron on the battleship, Ohio. The Ohio is a new ship and is being fitted out at the San Francisco port.

IT'S HARD TO GET IN,

But you can make it. Our store is simply jammed full of furniture bargains. We have consolidated the furniture business of Kerrville. This is neither a trade monopoly nor a skin game. Just think a minute and you will see that the more furniture we sell, the more we have to buy, the more we buy, the cheaper we buy, and the cheaper we buy, the cheaper we can sell. Come to our store and we will convince you of the truth of this statement.

Fawcett, Barnes & Co.

Charles Schreiner Co.,

Kerrville, Texas,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

GENERAL MERCHANDISE And Leaders in Low Prices.

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

Pasteur's Vaccine for Blackleg.

Fishing tackle at the Famous.

T. F. Green, of Hereford ranch, was in Kerrville Thursday.

Rev. B. I. Dickey and wife went to Waring Thursday.

When Spring Comes,

Nature causes the flowers to bloom and the grass to grow and human nature causes new hats and spring dresses to grow and prosper. We have made preparation for these things and our new spring stock is arriving every day. When you need spring goods, don't forget that we are on the ground with best there is on the market. THE FAMOUS.

This weather is fine for photography, have you seen any of Mrs. O'Neal's high grade work?

S. M. Heard, of San Marcos, was among the guests at the St. Charles Monday.

W. A. Sneed, a traveling man of Kansas City, was among the visitors in Kerrville this week.

Chinaware.

We have a very handsome stock of new goods in this line and are offering very enticing values in all kinds of chinaware. You are cordially invited to call and see the good. It's no trouble to show them.

The Famous.

House cleaning time, and new matting go together. We have the matting and house cleaning time is here.

FAWCETT, BARNES & Co.

Mrs. Thos. C. Griffin, of Atascosa, is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. E. F. Jones, who has been quite ill for some time.

D. H. Hughs spent several days in the city this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hughs. He says cattle on his ranch on the Divide are looking well, and so far he has suffered no loss.

Spring Dress Gingham.

Owing to the fact that bad weather prevented the ladies from taking advantage of our recent offer on spring dress gingham. We will give another opportunity. All our handsome line of dress gingham are offered for next week at 10 cents per yard. These goods are regular 12 1/2c. and 15c. values. G. D. ANDERSON.

Just Arrived

A nice selection of Spring and Summer samples. Call at my place of business on Mountain street, and look at them.

S. FRIEDMAN, The Tailor, Kerrville, Texas.

Confederate Bonds in London.

Once more there is agitation in Great Britain over the payment of Confederate bonds, and the price has slightly risen. It is claimed that there are \$200,000,000 of these in London and that hope is still entertained that there will be some sort of settlement. This, as we on this side of the water know, is absurd, but the ludicrous part of the situation comes from the request of a London newspaper that the United States repeal that portion of the Fourteenth amendment which prohibits the payment of this debt, as it believes that the Southern states are anxious to make settlement.

If there were such a disposition the United States would never permit it, but we are certain that there is nowhere the slightest desire to do anything in the line of payment. The Southern States are not particularly jolly as commonwealths many of them have large debts, and a number have repudiated a considerable portion of their bonds which do not come under the constitutional provision. If there is to be any settlement at all, it is certain that these bonds will be first considered. Some of these are the result of carpetbag governments, but many of them antedate the war. There is no prospect that they will ever be paid, and if they were the original investors would get nothing out of this "act of honor."

As to the Confederate bonds, they are as dead as Hector, as dead as the Confederacy itself. Those who purchased them knew exactly the risk they were taking and have not even a moral claim for payment. It is ridiculous to suppose such a plan would ever be adopted in the face of almost uniform action of civilized states under similar conditions. We are sorry that any man lost money through the rebellion, sorry that the rebellion took place, or, rather, that it was ever necessary to more firmly cement the Union; but it is madness to expect that those who in full knowledge bought the bonds should be repaid. It would be as well to expect the brokers to pay every man who lost money on speculation.

Fruit Trees by Wayside.

One of the ways for beautifying the country in the grand duchy of Baden without any ultimate expense to the taxpayer is the planting of fruit trees along the government highways. These are cherry, apple, pear and in some places walnut trees. The trees are planted thirty-two feet apart along each side of the road, and when the fruit is ready for market it is sold at public auction on the trees, the purchaser being obliged to harvest it at his own expense. The amount realized from the sale of the fruit is applied toward maintenance of the system—the propagation of young trees, their planting and cultivation, etc.

A Dimpled Chin.

Not one girl in 10,000 has a dimple in her chin. Indeed, the kind of dimple seems to be more frequent in men than in women. It has another peculiarity—namely, that it is permanent, whereas other dimples of the face come and go with changes of expression.

All Kinds of Fancy Chewing And Smoking Tobacco

And

The Best Line of 5c Cigars in Texas, at J. L. PAMPELL'S.

The Finest and Latest Photographic Work in Texas done at

Powell's Studio, 511 1/2 East Houston St., San Antonio, Tex.

Awarded Three State Prizes, Also the Highest Prize at San Antonio International Fair 1904. You take no chances. Powell's photos are guaranteed to please. This is the only studio in the State making all of the highest grade finishes known to the Photographic Art. Old pictures enlarged to any size in the most artistic manner.

L. T. Powell.

Are You Looking For a Snap?

Well! Oh my! You have found it. Here I am. Anybody that will bring me ten (10) orders each order for a pair of ladies or gents boots or shoes, I will give them one pair made to their order free. Come One. Come All.

Henry C. Arch, Next to Dr. Palmer's Office. Kerrville, Texas.

Oldest American Fortress.

The oldest fortress in the United States in Fort Marion, on the Matanzas, in Florida. It has seen many bloody frays in the opening up of what is now the paradise of the South. The land around this ancient place has been watered by the blood of men who have fallen in conflict, but today it is a peaceful, picturesque spot full of charm and serenity.

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BY...
J. E. GRINSTEAD,
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\$1.00 PER YEAR.

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GENERAL DIRECTORY.

4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
James L. Slayden, Congressman. Comprises the counties of Bexar, Comal, Kendall, Bandera, Kerr, Gillespie, Blanco, Burnet, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, San Saba, Lampasas, Mills, Brown and Coleman.

24TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT
Marshall Hicks, Senator. Comprises the counties of Bexar, Bandera, Kendall, Kerr and Gillespie.

9TH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
W. W. Burnett, Representative. Comprises the counties of Kerr, Kendall, Bandera, Edwards and Kimble.

35TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.
R. H. Barney, Judge; C. C. Harris, 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 11th 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 Reel, County Judge.
W. F. Smith, 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.
John Rees, Precinct 2.
Herman Schulze, Precinct 3.
Dave Watson, Precinct 4.

CITY OFFICERS.
Jao. H. Ward, Mayor.
A. H. Moore, City Attorney.
W. G. Peterson, Marshal.
John C. Graves, Treasurer.
A. R. Jones, Secretary.
W. E. Williams, Alderman.
R. H. P. Wright, Alderman.
B. B. Lowrance, Alderman.
Max Grona, Alderman.
Chas. Mosel, Alderman.
Council meets First and Third Tuesdays in month, at the court house.

SCHOOL BOARD.
H. Kemschel, Pres.; H. V. Scholl, Sec.; W. H. Rawson, Treas.; W. E. Williams, J. E. Grinstead, B. C. Richards, W. G. Garrett. Regular meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights in each month.

SECRET SOCIETIES.
Kerrville Lodge A. & A. M., No. 697, meets Saturday night on or before the full moon. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.
K. H. P. Wright, W. M.; J. E. Grinstead, S. W.
A. F. Jones, J. W.; J. L. Vining, S. D.
A. W. Henke, J. D.; G. D. Anderson, Sec.
H. Kemschel, Treas.; Green Lackey, Tyler.
P. A. Crenshaw, Stowards.
W. L. Robinson, Stowards.

Kerrville Lodge Knights of Pythias, No. 166, meets at Castle Hall on the first and third Thursdays of each month, corner Main and Tchouptalaa streets. Visiting Knights are cordially invited to attend.

Oscar Rosenthal, C. C.
A. B. Williamson, K. of R. and S.
Cypress Camp, W. O. W., No. 58, meets every first and third Wednesday night, at Woodmen Hall, corner Main and Mountain streets. Visiting sovereigns cordially invited to attend.
Chas. Reel, C. C.
H. G. Koester, Clerk.

Fritz Reuter Lodge Sons of Hermann, No. 23, meets on last Saturday night in each month, at their hall over Favorite saloon. Visiting members are cordially invited to attend.

MAX GRONA, President.
T. F. W. DEIBERT, Secretary.

U. S. MAIL.

Arrives and Departs as follows: San Antonio mail arrives at postoffice daily at 12:35 p. m. Leaves postoffice daily at 1:30 p. m.
Mail for Junction Rock Springs, Mountain Home, Ingram, Japonica, Lula and Sedovia departs daily, at 1:00 p. m. Arrives daily, at from 1:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.
Mail from Harper and J. Noxville arrives daily except Sundays, at from 11:30 a. m. to 12:00 p. m. Departs daily, except Sundays, 1:00 p. m.
Mail from Morris Ranch arrives daily, except Sundays, at from 11:30 a. m. to 12:00 p. m. Departs except Sundays, at 1:00 p. m.
CHAS. REEL, P. M.

Population of New States.

Thirty-two states have been admitted into the Union since the organization of our government, and only six of them had a population larger than the population of either New Mexico or Arizona. Kentucky, 73,677; Tennessee, 60,000; Ohio, 42,366; Louisiana, 76,506; Indiana, 24,520; Mississippi, 75,444; Illinois, 53,211; Alabama, 127,901; Maine, 298,375; Missouri, 66,586; Arkansas, 52,240; Michigan, 160,000; Florida, 72,000; Iowa, 153,000; Wisconsin, 300,000; California, 92,507; Minnesota, 172,053; Texas, 150,000. Mark you, the great state of Texas, with more than 260,000 square miles of land, came into the Union with less population than now reside in either New Mexico or Arizona. Oregon came into the Union with 52,000; Kansas, 107,200; West Virginia, 440,000; Nebraska, 122,993; Nevada, 42,491; Colorado, 22,993; North Dakota, 135,000; South Dakota, 328,808; Montana, 132,159; Washington, 340,390; Wyoming, 65,703, and Utah, 276,746. It will thus be seen that they have heretofore been admitted into the Union, twenty-six states with less population than either of the territories now seeking statehood possesses. A critical examination of our history will clearly show that our policy has always been to consult the wishes and interests of the population seeking statehood, and to make small states when desired, easily and economically governed, above all keeping in view the convenience of the people desiring statehood.

Poisons in Food.

Perhaps you don't realize that many pain poisons originate in your food, but some day you may feel a twinge of dyspepsia that will convince you. Dr. King's New Life Pills are guaranteed to cure all sickness due to poisons of undigested food—or money back 25c at Rock Drug Store. Try them.

The Passing Italics.

The great days of italics were in the '30s of last century, when the London Figaro began its criticisms of politics, the drama, and society. Then every other word was italicized, and the effect today is as though every other word were a shriek. Until the '80s women retained the habit of underlining all but the prepositions and conjunctions in their letters, and there are still many women journalists who cannot get along without the stimulus of italics. But in reality a writer needs italics about as often as he needs a Turkish bath.

Radium Springs.

It has been discovered recently that the slime or residuum from the thermal springs at the city of Baden-Baden, Germany, contains very powerful radium. For hundreds of years, in fact since the time of the Roman occupancy, persons have claimed that this slime possessed healing qualities, but the matter was regarded by scientists as a superstition. The hot baths at Baden-Baden are very beneficial in the treatment of rheumatism, and are visited annually by thousands suffering from that disease.

To Enlist Women Soldiers.

A number of representative German papers are discussing with all seriousness the suggestion of Dr. Ida Hilsiker, of Zurich, that women be called upon to serve the state one year, a proposition patterned on the compulsory military service of men. The majority do not go so far as Dr. Hilsiker in demanding compulsory service, pointing out that the cost is prohibitive, but suggest that a year of voluntary service might have many advantages, especially educational and disciplinary. The state, it is argued, could utilize women in army hospitals, asylums, public nurseries, and could train them in the necessary household arts.



**When Least Expected
You meet with an Accident**

They may happen at home, on the street, in the country, or while traveling. At all times and under all conditions we are subject to injury. It is then that

GRANDMA'S LINIMENT
Should be First Applied

It is healing to the injured parts, and being antiseptic, prevents serious complications. Being deeply penetrating, it cures such deep-seated pains as Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Lumbago, etc.



BE SURE WHEN PURCHASING THAT THE PACKAGE BEARS A FAC-SIMILE PICTURE OF GRANDMA PARK
At all Druggists, 25 Cents
PARK LABORATORY COMPANY, NEW YORK

Grave Trouble Foreseen.

It needs but little foresight, to tell, that when your stomach and liver are badly affected, grave trouble is ahead, unless you take the proper medicine for your disease, as Mrs. John A. Young, of Clay, N. Y., did. She says: "I had neuralgia of the stomach and liver, my heart was weakened, and I could not eat. I was very bad for a long time, but in Electric Bitters, I found just what I needed, for they quickly relieved and cured me." Best medicine for weak women. Sold under guarantee by Rock Drug Store, at 50c a bottle.

Fraud Exposed.

A few counterfeiters have lately been making and trying to sell imitations of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, and other medicines, thereby defrauding the public. This is to warn you to beware of such people, who seek to profit, through stealing the reputation of which have been successfully curing disease, for over 35 years. A sure protection, to you, is our name on the wrapper. Look for it, on all Dr. King's, or Bucklen's remedies, as all others are mere imitations. H. E. BUCKLEN & CO., Chicago, Ill., and Windsor, Canada.

Agonizing Burns.

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Big Minds, Small Bodies.

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Points as to Advice.

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A Heavyweight Girl.

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Poser for the Professor.

A professor in an agricultural college had a hobby. He preached on all occasions that the food of animals should be cooked, just like that of human beings. One day while out driving in the country, he passed a farm the owner of which was standing in the pen near the road feeding a drove of swine generous quantities of corn in the ear. This caused the learner to stop and forthwith hail the violator of his theory: "My friend, don't you know it is wrong to give those hogs feed that has not been cooked? Don't you know that if you would cook that grain before using it in just one half the time it takes them as it is now eaten?" "Wall, stranger, suppose they would; I'd like to know what in the time is to a hog!"

Brother Dickey's Saying.

Fer all de singin' er de saints in dis worl', mighty few er dem wants ter swap real estate wid heaven.
Kent day comes roun' so frequently ter de po' man, it's no wonder he cast a wishful eye ter dem free mansions in de sky.
It may be true dat de Gospel fetched a sword into de worl' but—w'en I thinks 'bout de wickedness roun' us, de pity is it didn't fitch one er dese guns what th'ows a 11-inch shell.
Dar's 'nuff joy in dis worl' ter set de stars a-dancin'; an' I reckon dey would dance—ef dey didn't have a idee dat sich high capers would shock de angels.
Atter a powerful long experience, Solomon, lookin' over his whole life, said de whole business wuz wanity ond vexation er sperret. But I reckon dat wuz kaze dey warn't no divorce courts in his day an' time.—Cuero Star.

Awkward.

An old lady was toiling up the steps of an Edinburgh church on Sunday night when a kindly elderly gentleman came after her and, saying, "Allow me, madam," took her arm and helped her up. When she had gotten to the top she paused for a little to recover her breath and then asked, "Do you know who's to preach to-night?" "Yes," said the gentleman, "it's Dr. ——" the speaker being none other than Dr. — himself. "My goodness gracious!" exclaimed the old lady, "help me down agin, please. I'd rather listen to man sharpening a saw."—Ex.

They tell a good story of a slow train on a Western road as follows:

A lady waited four hours at a way station; the train came along and she got aboard. The hours dragged by and at each toot of the whistle she asked if it was Topeka. Finally the conductor became irritated:

"Don't worry, madam: I'll let you know when we reach Topeka."

"But I've been on the road now all day."

"Well, madam, I've been on the road three years and I'm not worrying."

"Poor man," she retorted, "you must have started at the next station beyond mine."

Bait for the Devil.

This fish story is substantiated by Representative Hardwick of Georgia:

A Baptist preacher had made himself exceedingly unpopular with the young people of his denomination by an effort to put the ban on every amusement, no matter how innocent. He even went so far as to say that the man or woman who said there was a Santa Claus was a deliberate and wicked liar.

"The youngsters had no earthly use for the minister. One Sunday afternoon he took a stroll in the outskirts of the little country town and discovered several boys fishing.

"What are you doing?" he asked.
"Fishin'," came the answer.
"Fishing on Sunday?"
"Yep."
"And what are you fishing for?"
"For the devil."
"What kind of bait are you using?"
"Baptist preachers."—Ex.

Jim and Bet.

In the Northwestern part of Kentucky there lives an Irish magistrate, a man of liberal education and a full quota of Irish wit. A short time ago Jim and Bet, a colored pair, called upon the squire to be united "for better or for worse." The squire, having been notified of their coming, prepared actually used the following ceremony:

"Jim will you take Bet,
Without any regret,
To love and cherish
Until one of you perish,
And is laid under the sod,
So help you God?"
All of which being answered in the affirmative by Jim, the squire turned to Bet and said:
"Bet will you take Jim,
And cling to him,
Both out and in,
Through thick and thin,
Holding him to your heart,
Till death do you part?"
Bet acquiesced in a modest bow of the head and then the happy pair were dismissed as follows:
"Thro' life's alternate joy and strife,
I now pronounce you man and wife,
Go up the hill till you get to the level,
And salute your bride you old black devil."—Ex.

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Radium Sprines.

It has been discovered recently that the slime or residuum from the thermal springs at the city of Baden-Baden, Germany, contains very powerful radium. For hundreds of years, in fact since the time of the Roman occupancy, persons have claimed that his slime possessed healing qualities, but the matter was regarded by scientists as a superstition. The hot baths at Baden-Baden are very beneficial in the treatment of rheumatism, and are visited annually by thousands suffering from that disease.

To Enlist Women Soldiers.

A number of representative German papers are discussing with all seriousness the suggestion of Dr. Ida Hilsiker, of Zurich, that women be called upon to serve the state one year, a proposition patterned on the compulsory military service of men. The majority do not go so far as Dr. Hilsiker in demanding compulsory service, pointing out that the cost is prohibitive, but suggest that a year of voluntary service might have many advantages, especially educational and disciplinary. The state, it is argued, could utilize women in army hospitals, asylums, public nurseries, and could train them in the necessary household arts.



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"You seem to have a great liking for large words?"
"Well sub," answered Mr. Erastus Pinkey, "I once knowed a man whose life were saved by a big word. He done tele me dat I prevaricated, and by de time I foun' out what dat word meant, it were too late for me to let on how mad I was."—Ex.

Poser for the Professor.
A professor in an agricultural college had a hobby. He preached on all occasions that the fool of animals should be cooked, just like that of human beings. One day while out driving in the country, he passed a farm the owner of which was standing in the pen near the road feeding a drove of swine generous quantities of corn in the ear. This caused the learn-theorist to stop and forthwith hail the violator of his theory: "My friend, don't you know it is wrong to give those hogs feed that has not been cooked? Don't you know that if you would cook that grain before using it in just one half the time it takes them as it is now eaten?" "Wall, stranger, suppose they would; I'd like to know what in the — time is to a hog!"

Brother Dickey's Saying.
Fer all de singin' er de saints in dis worl', mighty few er dem wants ter swap real estate wid heaven.
Rent day comes roun' so frequently ter de po' man, it's no wonder he cast a wishful eye ter dem free mansions in de sky.
It may be true dat de Gospel fetched a sword into de worl' but — w'en I thinks 'bout de wickedness roun' us, de pity is it didn't fitch one er dese guns what th'ows a 11-inch shell.
Dar's 'nuff joy in dis worl' ter set de stars a-dancin'; an' I reckon dey would dance — ef dey didn't have a idee dat sich high capers would shock de angels.
After a powerful long experience, Solomon, lookin' over his whole life, said de whole business wuz wanity ond wexation er sperret. But I reckon dat wuz kaze dey warn't no divorce courts in his day an' time.—Cuero Star.

Awkward.
An old lady was toiling up the steps of an Edinburgh church on Sunday night when a kindly elderly gentleman came after her and, saying, "Allow me, madam," took her arm and helped her up. When she had gotten to the top she paused for a little to recover her breath and then asked, "Do you know who's to preach to-night?" "Yes," said the gentleman, "it's Dr. ——" the speaker being none other than Dr. — himself. "My goodness gracious!" exclaimed the old lady, "help me down agin, please. I'd rather listen to man sharpening a saw."—Ex.

They tell a good story of a slow train on a Western road as follows:
A lady waited four hours at a way station, the train came along and she got aboard. The hours dragged by and at each toot of the whistle she asked if it was Topeka. Finally the conductor became irritated:
"Don't worry, madam: I'll let you know when we reach Topeka."
"But I've been on the road now all day."
"Well, madam, I've been on the road three years and I'm not worrying."
"Poor man," she retorted, "you must have started at the next station beyond mine."

Bait for the Devil.
This fish story is substantiated by Representative Hardwick of Georgia:
A Baptist preacher had made himself exceedingly unpopular with the young people of his denomination by an effort to put the ban on every amusement, no matter how innocent. He even went so far as to say that the man or woman who said there was a Santa Claus was a deliberate and wicked liar.
"The youngsters had no earthly use for the minister. One Sunday afternoon he took a stroll in the outskirts of the little country town and discovered several boys fishing.
"What are you doing?" he asked.
"Fishin'," came the answer.
"Fishing on Sunday?"
"Yep."
"And what are you fishing for?"
"For the devil."
"What kind of bait are you using?"
"Baptist preachers."—Ex.

Jim and Bet.
In the Northwestern part of Kentucky there lives an Irish magistrate, a man of liberal education and a full quota of Irish wit. A short time ago Jim and Bet, a colored pair, called upon the squire to be united "for better or for worse." The squire, having been notified of their coming, prepared actually used the following ceremony:
"Jim will you take Bet, Without any regret, To love and cherish Until one of you perish, And is laid under the sod, So help you God?"
All of which being answered in the affirmative by Jim, the squire turned to Bet and said:
"Bet will you take Jim, And cling to him, Both out and in, Through thick and thin, Holding him to your heart, Till death do you part?"
Bet acquiesced in a modest bow of the head and then the happy pair were dismissed as follows:
"Thro' life's alternate joy and strife, I now pronounce you man and wife, Go up the hill till you get to the level, And salute your bride you old black devil."—Ex.

Citation by Publication.
THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Kerr County, Greeting:

You are hereby Commanded to Summon the unknown heirs of Michael Hines by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 38th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Kerr County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Kerrville on the 1st Monday in April, 1905, the same being the 3rd day of April, 1905, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 23rd day of February, 1905, in a suit, numbered on the Docket of said Court No. 651, wherein Anton Kutz is Plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Michael Hines are Defendants, and said petition alleging that plaintiff is the owner of and entitled to possession of Survey No. 675, situated in Kerr County, Texas, on the waters of Eln Creek, a tributary of the Guadalupe river, about 12 miles South, 35 deg. East from Kerrville, originally granted to Michael Hines, and containing one hundred and sixty acres of land. That defendants claim same interest, right or title in and to said land and premises, which claim constitutes and is a cloud upon the title of plaintiff. Prays for citation for judgment quieting title of plaintiff and removing the cloud cast upon same by reason of the claims of defendants, for costs of suit and for such other and further relief that plaintiff may be entitled to both in law and equity.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. M. Hamilton, Clerk of the District Court of Kerr County.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Kerrville this the 23rd day of February, 1905.

[Seal] J. M. HAMILTON, Clerk, Dist. Court, Kerr County.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to hand on the 23rd day of February, 1905, at 2:00 o'clock, p. m., and publication hereof ordered printed in the MOUNTAIN SUN, a weekly newspaper published in Kerr County, Texas, for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof.

J. T. MOORE, Sheriff, Kerr County, Texas. '4t-36

An Absent Minded Statesman.

Representative Byrd, of Mississippi, has established what one of his colleagues has termed the "long-distance record for absent-mindedness." The other day when the house adjourned and members were flocking to their committee rooms or for the capitol exits, Mr. Byrd hurried out with his overcoat buttoned up about his chin, but with no hat on. He was evidently making tracks for the nearest car line. A doorkeeper spied the rushing bareheaded statesman and gasped with astonishment. Then he sent a page flying in pursuit. Mr. Byrd was overtaken before he left the building. "Mr. Byrd, you've forgotten your hat," panted the page. "Mercy sakes, so I have," said the Mississippian, placing his hand to his head quickly. "Run back to the cloak room, son, and tote it to me."

Officers and Negroes Fight.

Muskogee, I. T., Feb. 19—Tonight the police attempted to arrest some coal thieves and a fight was started in which three negroes were shot and William Rupard, a policeman, was shot, but not killed. An officer tried to arrest a negro who took refuge in a store crowded with negroes. The negroes commenced shooting and three of them were shot down. A negro woman commenced the shooting. In the fight the woman escaped. Ten negroes are in jail.

Wm. Rupard, the policeman, was shot in the hand. Another shot struck him in the side, hitting his belt full of cartridges. This saved his life, notwithstanding three of the cartridges in the belt were exploded by the shot. The negroes started to run but were soon suppressed by the officers.

Chinese Preacher Deported.

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 21—Capt. Geo. L. Siebrecht, United States Marshal, and deputies Edward Lyons and H. B. Stewart of San Francisco left Tuesday morning with Long Quay and Wah Sang, two Chinamen, who will be deported when they reach the Pacific coast metropolis. At El Paso the officers will receive eight Chinese who are held at that place for deportation. Sang is the Chinaman who held an ordination to preach the gospel in this country among the Chinese. He styled himself at one time a Methodist preacher and at another time a Christian church preacher. Sang has been seriously ill since his incarceration in this city. Both the Chinamen say they are happy over the prospect of returning to their native land.

John Reeves Hanged for Murder of Wife.

Clarksville, Tex., Feb. 17.—Ino. Reeves was hanged this afternoon for the murder of his wife. Sheriff Dinwiddie sprung the trap at 2:09 and the body cut down fourteen minutes later. The neck was broken. The execution was public and was witnessed by several thousand people.

After being cut down the body was taken by relatives to Avery for burial. Reeves joined the Catholic church and was baptized by Father Kelly yesterday afternoon. He made no public confessions and during the ride from the jail to scaffold, said nothing except to the priest.

STORY OF THE CRIME.

John H. Reeves was convicted in the district court at Clarksville on June 22, 1904, of the murder of his wife, Minnie, during the night of March 30, preceding. The case was affirmed and rehearing denied and Judge Denton passed sentence on him Dec. 28. A petition for commutation signed only by relatives of the murderer, was presented to Governor Lanham, but was denied.

Reeves and his wife lived on a farm near Avery, Red River county. Mrs. Reeves was the daughter of Jesse McCuiston, a prosperous farmer and was a widow with one little girl, when she met Reeves, about eight years ago. He went to Avery from Fannin county, worked for McCuiston as a farm hand, and married his daughter. The father gave the daughter a farm and for seven years Reeves and his wife lived and prospered and were apparently happy. There was no apparent motive for the crime.

Cutting at Comfort.

Boerne, Tex., Feb. 20—Sheriff George Zoeller at about 1 o'clock to-day received a telephone message from Max Bergmann, saying that Albert Nichols, adopted son of John Nichols of Comfort, and generally known as Albert Nichols, and Walter Meyer, ex-deputy sheriff at that place, had an altercation about noon today in Comfort. Walter Meyer was badly cut across his back by a knife, the gash being reported as nearly twelve inches long. The wound confines him to his bed. Mr. Bergmann was directed to bring Albert Nichols down to Boerne on the train this afternoon to await an examining trial here.

Unusual Accident.

Shreveport, La., Feb. 19—With his life hanging by a slender thread, E. T. Chastine, living two miles south of the city, is at the Shreveport Sanitarium suffering from a severe and unusual accident. While harnessing a mule the animal struck the bars of his stall with his feet, forcing a 6 inch splinter through Chastine's left eye, destroying the sight and ranging downward along the lower edge of the brain and out behind the left ear. After an interval of unconsciousness Chastine was removed to the hospital, where his condition is pronounced critical.

Floresville Well Yields Oil.

Floresville, Tex., Feb. 21—There is something going on here quietly in the matter of organizing an oil company. For several days past oil has been coming out at the top of the City Picket oil well and running off to waste. Not much oil, of course, but enough to convince anybody that there is oil in quantity in the well. The well has not been disturbed for some time and the increase of oil in the well is not easily accounted for. It is said the company to be organized will get new and improved machinery and bore a new well in the vicinity of the other well.

Geo. D. Howland Frozen to Death.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 22—Death from exposure was written in the burial certificate issued Tuesday in the case of George D. Howland, a well-known and highly respected former resident of San Antonio.

Mr. Howland perished in the cold within 300 yards of his own home, three miles from Tilden, in McMullen county, during the recent severe weather. He was 68 years old, but vigorous and in good health.

His body reached this city Tuesday morning, being sent here for burial, and that is how the story of his death became known. He was in San Antonio several weeks ago, coming here for supplies, of which he purchased a considerable quantity. He started back home last week with his wagon well loaded. The wagon was only partly covered. The extreme weather came upon him before he had covered the sixty miles he had started out to travel. Finally he abandoned his team and started out on foot for home, which was about three miles distant.

Two places were found where he had stopped to claim anything that offered the least shelter. Once he laid down under a bush to rest and evade the biting wind. A little further along his body was found near a stump. He either crouched behind the stump as a shelter from the wind or had tried to pull himself up by it and fell back exhausted. He was then within 300 yards of his home. His body was found Sunday by a searching party.

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