

# Coke County Rustler.

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## STILL ALL THE TALK.

### HOLMES' HORRORS ON THE TONGUES OF ALL.

Attorney Capps Returns to Fort Worth and is Satisfied That Minnie and Nannie Williams Were Murdered—What a Lumber Dealer Says.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Aug. 5.—The interest manifested here in the Holmes affair continues unabated, and each new chapter is read with interest. In legal circles the conflicting opinions of Attorneys Capps and Humphreys occasion some amusement, especially as the interests of the gentlemen are diametrically opposed to each other. While both have seen and talked with Convict Allen a different conclusion therefrom, it seems, is reached by each. Mr. Capps is representing some of the heirs of the Williams girls, who are preparing to sue for the recovery of the property, basing such suit on the presumption that both Minnie and Nannie Williams are dead, and the conveyance of record here from Minnie Williams to A. E. Bond and from the latter to Benton T. Lyman are forgeries and that the real title to the property is now vested in the heirs of the Williams girls. Of course before Capps' clients can recover it will be incumbent upon them to show that the girls are not only dead, but the deeds mentioned are forgeries, and it seems, to judge from Associated Press reports, that the attorneys of the heirs of the Williams girls are more interested just now in establishing their death and the nullity of the deeds than the finding of the girls alive. On the contrary Judge D. W. Humphreys of the law firm of Humphreys and McLain of this city is very solicitous as to the fate of the girls and is leaving no stone unturned to locate them if alive. The latter firm represents the Farmers' and Mechanics' National bank of this city, which institution holds Pratt's paper to the amount of \$10,000, secured by a trust deed covering the property. Of course the value of the banks' security depends largely upon the validity of the deeds to the property here from Minnie Williams to Bond and from the latter to Lyman. Thus the strange spectacle is presented of counsel for relatives of the Williams girls moving heaven and earth to establish the death of the girls, while parties in nowise related are equally as vigorous in their efforts to find the girls and to show that one at least, Minnie, is in the land of the living. The conflict of pecuniary interests between Attorneys Capps and Humphreys, too, no doubt, in a large measure, accounts for the different impressions gathered by each in interviews with the convict Allen, now in the Arkansas penitentiary. Opinion differs widely as to the fate of Minnie Williams. Many contend her to still be in the land of the living, while others place her in the category of Holmes' victims. There are many strange stories told here now of Pratt and Lyman, as well as of "Mascot," who is now generally conceded to be none other than the man Hatch who has figured so extensively in connection with the stories told by Holmes regarding the Pietzel children. Mr. L. B. Menefee of the Fort Worth Lumber company, said: "When the building was projected I visited Lyman, Pratt, et al. daily to see what if any material they desired, and in fact furnished them with much of the lumber used, for which I would now like to have my money. Shortly after the arrival of Mascot here he developed into a kind of general agent for Pratt, in fact, he would place most of the orders for material, etc. After quite a bill had been run up I began to be anxious for some money and pressed Pratt, pretty strongly, in fact I was so persistent that I am now convinced Pratt became suspicious of me and thought from my actions I was onto something. I am now not only convinced that this was the case, but that Pratt concocted a cunning scheme to ascertain what, if anything, I knew, and in doing this he used Mascot, Allen or Caldwell, whatever his name may be. I was visited at my office not long before the departure of the gang from this city by Mascot. He came in and approached me in a decidedly confidential manner and asked me what, if anything, I knew of Pratt. I asked him his object in asking the question. He then told me in a very confidential way that he (Mascot) had been working for Pratt a long time and had got-

ten no money; that he had dunned and importuned Pratt until he was tired; that he had reached the conclusion that Pratt was a scoundrel and swindler and that if some money was not soon forthcoming he proposed to jump him, as he was a poor man and could ill afford to work for nothing. The manner of the fellow completely disarmed me, and I frankly told him that I knew nothing of Pratt's past, but that I had become anxious for some money and had about reached the conclusion that Pratt was not straight. Mascot then left my office, and I am now fully convinced that he informed Pratt of all I had said within a short time thereafter. Pratt conveyed to me some buggies, horses and cement later on, but it seems that he had never settled in full for any of this property, and the result is that litigation is pending over title to the same." Attorney William Capps and Deputy Sheriff Wm. Rea came in last night from Little Rock, Ark., on the cannon ball. They proceeded direct to the sheriff's office in the courthouse, where a lengthy conference was held. Seen by a reporter, Mr. Capps said: "I have but little to add to what has already been published. I am satisfied that the Williams girls are both dead and that they were smothered to death in the vault in Holmes Chicago castle. The story of Holmes' that Minnie killed Nannie is fully exploded. Up to the 30th June, 1893, Holmes and the Williams girls resided on Wrightwood avenue in Chicago and Minnie was reputed to be his wife. On that day Minnie left ostensibly for Milwaukee and has not since been seen. She left Nannie at the Wrightwood avenue place. I am satisfied that she was taken direct to the castle on that day and killed and her body disposed of in the castle. I found while in Chicago the man who hauled Minnie's trunk from the Wrightwood flat the day she is said to have left for Milwaukee and am tracking the trunk and expect to find it. On July 3 Nannie wrote that letter to her aunt in Mississippi and on the 5th she disappeared and has never since been seen. Having disposed of Minnie's body, I am satisfied Holmes then lured Nannie to the castle and murdered her. There was no wrangling at the flat between the parties and hence Holmes' story of the girls' quarrel is not true. In fact, Minnie was murdered six days before Nannie was. I learned much in Chicago that I can't tell at present." Speaking of his Little Rock visit he said: "While there I saw Allen and he admitted to me that he was the A. E. Bond to whom Minnie Williams is alleged to have first deeded the property. I saw Gov. Clark while there. If evidence sufficient to hang Holmes can be obtained he will pardon Allen, but not otherwise, as he says there are cases enough against him in that state to imprison him for life. I am satisfied Allen knows a great deal, but it is a difficult matter to get anything out of him. He is very cunning and guarded in what he says. He told me that Holmes gave him so many aliases that at times he found it a difficult matter to keep track of all of them. There is no doubt in my mind that the footprint on the vault floor in Holmes' castle was made by Minnie and Nannie Williams while being smothered to death. I fully inspected the castle and vault, and all reports published regarding it are true. I will go back to Chicago in a few days. There are some matters at this end of the line I must first look up that I can't mention as yet." Mr. Rea says he had no difficulty in recognizing Allen as Mascot; that he had a private talk with Allen, but can not as yet disclose it. He is more strongly than ever convinced of the death of the Williams girls. Mr. Capps says further that he has ascertained who wrote the deeds for Holmes, but refuses to disclose particulars as yet. He also says that many of the letters purporting to be from Minnie Williams are forgeries.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., Aug. 5.—During the progress of an electric storm last night a party of nine persons from Williamsport, Pa., took refuge under an oak tree three miles from this city. The tree was struck by lightning and the members of the party suffered the full shock of the electric fluid. John Miller, aged 19, was killed outright. His sister, Jennie Miller, and Mrs. John Fay, were severely burned about the face and body and their recovery is doubtful. The other men and women escaped with lesser injuries. The dead and wounded were removed to the Blair county almshouse and medical aid was summoned. The relatives of the party at Williamsport were notified.

## ALL OVER THE STATE.

### Interesting Callings on Various Subjects Taken from the Daily Press.

At Nacogdoches, the rites of baptism were administered recently in a rather unique manner by Rev. G. V. Ridley, pastor, of the Methodist church, the candidate being the venerable Mr. Nathan Wade, a fairly well to do and informed man, who has past his 85th mile post and who settled in that county in 1835. He is noted for his eccentricity and his own interpretation of the New Testament Scriptures. He was taken to the Bonita bayou, where he walked out into the water, when he knelt down facing the east and then it was that the Rev. Mr. Ridley dipped the water from the stream in a conk shell and poured it on the candidate's head.

The governor upon information from the live stock sanitary commission that cattle from that portion of the state permanently infected with splenic or southern fever are about to be driven into Wilbarger county, has issued a proclamation establishing a quarantine line around said county, and ordering that from this time on and until November 1, 1895, no cattle from that portion of the state which is situated east or south of the present quarantine line against splenic or southern fever, adopted May 15, 1895, should be permitted to pass through said county, except by rail.

Henry Bradshaw, a farmer, his wife and little 4-year-old child were found dead at their home one mile south of Petty, Lamar county, at sundown the other evening, by a hired hand when he came in from work. Bradshaw's wife was lying in one room with a wound in her back, the child was in another with its head blown off and Bradshaw was lying in the hall door, where he could command a view of both rooms where his wife and child were. He had been sick a few days. No reason can be assigned for the horrible deed.

The state, through the penitentiary management of Rusk, has secured the contract for furnishing the piping for the Austin dam water company. The contract is a big thing, amounting to over 300 carloads of piping and running away up into many thousands of dollars. This is another big advertisement for Cherokee county iron. It will be remembered that all of the iron in the construction of Texas state capitol came out the iron hills of Cherokee county, yielding the best quality of iron for all purposes of any deposits in the United States.

The boys in the sheriff's office at Dallas, say they are onto a new profession which downs the occupation of the bum juror. It is that of the stolen horse finder. He has been turning up with such regularity and reading the notices after they are posted in the sheriff's record, and then going out and bringing in the described animal that his skill in this work excites comment.

In San Saba county there is considerable inquiry for steers for feeding purposes. One lot of 100 head, 3 and 4 years old, sold at \$25 per head; 4 years and up are held at \$30. There is a big string of feeding steers in the above county, and if not sold will be fed by the owners on corn and sugar cane. Large crops of both have been made.

The other morning the remains of a negro were brought in from the line of the International and Great Northern road, near Harrisburg, to Houston. The coroner decided that death resulted from being run down by a railroad train. The body was actually ground to pieces and the fragments were scattered over a distance of 100 yards.

Miss Bell Owens, aged 17, who recently came from Arkansas to Denison with her brother, John Owens, was fatally burned and will probably die. She attempted to stimulate the fire with coal oil, holding the can in her hand, when suddenly the flames burst forth, causing the can to explode and enveloping her in a sheet of flames.

General Manager Quinlan, of the Houston and Texas Central, has tendered the regatta management flat cars free of charge on which to ship the yachts Viola and Stranger from Galveston to Austin to participate in the regatta there in November.

The present penitentiary plants, which barely accommodate 2000 convicts, cost something like \$2,282,000 and there are about 2400 convicts on the outside in the employ of contractors, on share farms and on railroads.

At San Antonio, recently, in the extradition trial of Carmen Ybanez, wanted in Mexico for participation in the Garza raid, the United States commissioner held that Ybanez offense was a political one and not extraditable.

At Belton, recently, John Askew, while bathing in the natatorium came very near being drowned. He jumped and struck his head against the wall and sunk to the bottom, but was rescued by parties in the pool.

J. J. Dougherty, traveling optician, was shot accidentally in the right thigh by the discharge of a pistol in the hands of R. H. Berry at Bowie, Montague county, recently. The limb is badly shattered.

W. H. Palmer, a painter, while in the act of dipping his brush in the paint, on a scaffold at Houston, recently, was stricken with apoplexy, and fell to the ground, and died almost instantly.

A visitor at Seabrook, in Harris county, writes a friend at Houston that snakes are plentiful and advises him to bring plenty of the recognized antidote along when he visits that place.

A. C. Pierce, a farmer living twelve miles west of Palestine, committed suicide the other day by shooting himself. A note was left giving despondency as the cause.

At Eagle Pass, the other evening, Faustino Gonzales, a boy of 16, was accidentally killed by the discharge from a rifle in the hands of Leon Cochran, another boy.

John Harris, colored, met his wife out walking with another man at Houston recently and proceeded to carve her with a razor. She may recover.

A canal eight miles long, six feet wide and three feet deep to irrigate 3000 acres will soon be commenced in Bexar county.

Some unknown person threw stones at a Texas and Pacific passenger train recently near Forney, Kaufman county.

Elbert Briffe was given four years for bigamy at Sherman recently. Both wives were present at the trial.

Work on the jetties at Aransas Pass has been commenced by the contractors, and will be pushed till finished.

The voters of the city of Palestine have said by 215 majority that all kinds of stock can run loose.

It is reported that there are a number of cases of black smallpox at Havana, in Hidalgo county.

A car of peaches from Jacksonville, Cherokee county was received at Houston a few days ago.

Two negro boys aged 9 and 11 years were drowned in a pond near Sulphur Springs recently.

James Gaston grew 800 quarts of strawberries this season, on a quarter of an acre near Victoria.

Dallas has a family so Choice that they refuse to go by any other name.

Several lawyers at Houston have been arrested for not paying their occupation tax.

The body of an unknown man was found floating in the Rio Grande at Laredo recently.

The "first bale" received at Houston brought \$100 on the floor of the exchange.

The Dallas gun club are keeping their powder dry for their coming shoot.

The business men of Caldwell have organized an improvement association.

All the convicts at the Hunt county poor farm escaped one night recently.

Rockport, like a sweet girl graduate, is entertaining her many visitors.

The board of equalization raised the assessments of Bexar county \$17,770.

Jeff Poe stabbed Harrison Townley at Leggett, Polk county, other day.

Broom corn does splendidly in Nueces county near Corpus Christi.

T. J. Cheeley took too much morphine at Ennis recently and died.

There will be a flower show at Sherman October 16 and 17.

A \$10,000 Christian church is to be erected at Greenville.

Oats are worth from 15 to 17 cents a bushel at Greenville.

Harris county now boasts of a best weighing 14 pounds.

New hay brings from \$5 to \$8 per ton at Greenville.

Lavaca county has shipped the first bale to Houston.

## REINFORCING THE BLOOD.

### An Interesting Operation to Restore Exhausted Vitality.

An interesting surgical operation, one which is new to Springfield, was performed about two weeks ago by Dr. W. A. Smith, one of the new members of the Fraternity in Springfield, Mass., says the Republican. The operation was the infusion into an exhausted system of a saline solution to increase the supply of blood. For years there have been occasional operations of transfusion of blood from the veins of one person to those of another to meet the same purpose, but the operation is so dangerous that it is rarely attempted, except in cases of the most urgent necessity. The danger comes in the likelihood of bubbles of air getting into the blood which is transfused, and these bubbles usually mean death. When they have run their course through the veins and reach the heart, the heart needs to be kept full, and the slight resistance of the air is insufficient to keep the valves working. It was for this reason that the old method went out. But out of it grew the method of infusing a solution of salt and water into the veins. The blood is saline and the solution is transformed into blood rapidly and produces an effect which is not only stimulating but permanent. It was first attempted in Germany a year or two ago, and has often been done in Europe, but perhaps never before in this city. The patient in this case has been suffering for a long time with a tumor in the abdomen, which has sapped her vitality till her system could not stand the cutting which was necessary. It was found advisable to take this method of strengthening the system, and the operation was performed at the Buscal Hospital on Mattoon street. The patient was put under the influence of anaesthetics and the injection was made between the breast and the muscles of the chest. About a pint of the solution was injected, a fountain syringe being used. The breast absorbs the fluid quickly into the veins, and in this case within twelve hours all the solution had been taken up by the system. It has been quite successful, and the patient is so much stronger that it is hoped that the removal of the tumor can be attempted before a great while.

## SPARROWS THRASH A CAT.

### Grimalkin Lost His Living Breakfast and Got a Sore Head Besides.

A young sparrow fell out of its mother's nest in Madison Square Park, New York, the other morning, and fluttered about on the grass below, flying about in little jumps, while the maternal parent anxiously hopped about coaching the young athlete. George Francis Train and his bevy of youngsters sat on a bench nearby, under a big maple tree, watching the lesson, and a dozen more or less interested feathered tribesmen flocked nearby, approving spectators. Suddenly there was a flash of something gray and white, and a big cat bounded into the circle. Its claw just missing the fledgling, which fluttered to one side. The mother bird attacked the cat's face, and the fighting tribesmen followed her example as a little boy caught the helpless little flyer in his straw hat. The cat, thoroughly enraged at the loss of its breakfast and the vigorous pecks of the fighting sparrow's sharp beaks, struck viciously at its assailants. They kept just out of reach, however, circling about, and every now and then making sallies at the cat's ears and eyes. Pussy finally fled, the pupil resumed his lesson and the feathered tribesmen adjusted their uniforms.—Exchange.

## Played to Catch Up.

My first charge was at Princeton, Wis. After a few months had passed one of the "wheel horses" came to me one day and said, "Brother Perry, our singing is not good, and it is your fault; you ought to tell the choir when you read the hymn whether it is long meter or short meter or common meter." I said, "I do not see what difference that would make." "Well," he replied, "the choir sing too fast." I said I did not think so. "Why," said he, "don't you see the organist plays all right, but the singers sing so fast the organist has to play a while after they get through every verse to catch up?"—W. J. Perry.

## "Heads I Win, Tails You Lose."

Sandwich, Mass., offered a bounty of 25 cents for a muskrat's head, and the town of Bourne 25 cents for a muskrat's tail. The boy hunters sold the head at Sandwich, paid 5 cents car fare and sold the tail at Bourne. Each town changed its offer at the same time, and the boys cheerfully sold the muskrat's tail at Sandwich and the head at Bourne. Now the tailers will meet and agree to pay for the muskrat's head or tail.

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The new irrigation scheme is being quietly worked and will finally result in Brownwood and Brown county having water to put on the crops.—Brownwood Banner.

The Immigration Society of Jones county, we see from the Western, has appointed a committee to solicit aid from the people in their effort to induce immigration to Jones county. This is the proper and most effectual way to get new home seekers to settle any where in Texas whenever such immigration is desired.—Abilene Reporter.

The corn crop of 95 will be the greatest ever known. It is estimated that the yield will be worth \$1,111,104,000. A corresponding large hog crop would solve the vexed problem as to the best disposition to be made of this enormous yield of corn.

Texas Farmer: If the people of Texas would quit sending money east and to Europe for fire and life insurance premiums and for interest they would soon have money to loan each other. Where anything is manufactured in Texas equally as good and cheap as elsewhere the people ought to buy it and keep that money circulating at home. Texas goods for Texas people should be the cry. Keep the money at home and there will be no hard times.

They say there is a man out west who hangs out a sign like this: "A. M. Coolidge fision and sine painter. Also dehornes cattle and sharpens razers, clocks and watch maker and ladies hair dresser. Livery stable in connection.—Ozoma Courier.

The wife of Corbett, the pugilist, is suing the big bruiser for a divorce in the New York courts. The trial is now on and evidence has been introduced that indicates that the appellation, "Gentleman Jim," is a misnomer.

The Midland Gazette announces upon what it believes reliable authority, that the Midland county surrounded with that deadly cattle disease known as Texas fever and adds that it has been introduced by men whose highest ambition is to make the almighty dollar caring nothing as to the results.

If the boys are given a chance to do something for them selves and are to have the profits, the farm will come to be to them an intensely interesting place; if they are treated worse than the hired man—that is, worked just as hard and paid nothing but their board who can blame them for taking any road which leads from the farm and its hard associations.—Western Plowman.

**Rich Colorado Gold Strike.**  
 Victor, Colo., July 20.—W. S. Stratton, the millionaire, has struck what is probably the richest lode ever found in any mine in the country, if not in the world. In the Independence to-day the miners in following a lead ran across a vein that will run \$140,000 to a ton. It was at a point where both veins come together and the width warrants the statement that there is not less than several millions of the ore in sight.

S. Lapowski left for New York and other eastern markets, Sunday, to buy goods for his three large Dry Goods establishments located at Abilene, San Angelo and Gainsville.—Abilene Reporter.

For the past two weeks Miss Fair, daughter of Rev. G. F. Fair, of Robert Lee has been a most faithful attendant at the home of Mrs. W. M. Shelton. She had just returned from the Waco Epworth League meeting when she learned that she could be a help to Mrs. Shelton in her duties. She will remain until Rev. Shelton recovers.—Brownwood Banner.

Quite a number of the divide people were in attendance to the protracted meeting which is being conducted by Rev. Fairley of Coke county.—Concho Valley News.

The enterprising citizens of Abilene have a scheme on foot to impound water to irrigate 40,000 acres of land. If she does this she will create more wealth than is now found in five such counties as Taylor. She will triple her population and quadruple the income of every soul in that city. She will have farm and fruit lands that her remarkable fertile soil ought to net a million dollars a year, when it is all in cultivation. Abilene cannot pay to much for getting this scheme on foot, even if she bonds her entire city and country to be watered up to the limit of the law. But a word of advice, Abilene: Don't wait to long for other people to do this for you. Put your shoulder to the wheel and do it. If you have a sufficiently large water shed and a proper site for a reservoir, you can do it, and here is to your success in the enterprise. Go at it, Abilene."

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Hayrick, Texas, Aug. 3rd, 1895.

ED. RUSTLER:—After a weeks absence, I came home from Sanco last night after preaching. Our meeting there was a success. The Christians are generally revived and some back-sliders restored. Four girls and two boys have professed conversions: Four have united with the M. E. Church south and two with the M. P. Church.

The Christians are united in their efforts to save sinners and all denominations work and rejoice together. The meeting will continue till to-morrow night. I expect to return this afternoon.

Ellis Fair let the ponies run away with the buggy last Sunday morning, breaking the buggy tongue out and crippling one of the ponies very badly—no one was in the buggy.

Mrs. Fair's health is better than when I last wrote.

We have the following ministers assisting in the meeting at Sanco: W. H. Grooms, L. F. Collins, A. P. McCarty, W. W. Hampton and L. S. Bird, all of whom did good preaching: Miss Edna Fair has not yet returned from Brownwood she is helping Mrs. Shelton wait on her husband, Rev. W. M. Shelton P. E. who has had a long spell of slow fever, but he is convalescing now.

I am truly sorry that Rev. Killian, of Ga., could not leave home (on account of a sick child) to hold a meeting in Robert Lee—hope his child will recover and he will yet come and hold a meeting for us.

Success for your paper is our desire.

Truly,  
GEO. F. FAIR.

Washington, D. C. Aug. 3rd, '95  
Mr. Mace Davis,

Robert Lee Texas.  
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SAN ANGELO - TEXAS.

### Edith Happenings.

Edith, Texas, Aug. 2nd, 1895.

ED. RUSTLER:—If you don't care for the waste of printers ink and the expense of your devil I will give you a few dots from this part of the country. After several days absence from home, on our return, we find that Rev. Gardner, the Methodist minister, has been conducting a meeting on Pecan, near by us, which closed last night with good results. Mrs. H. E. Johnston and children, our estimable friend and one of our old neighbors, has been visiting friends in this part of the country. Also Mr. Lee Good and family are visiting his father, I. J. Good. A. C. Gardner, we understand, has gone to San Angelo to receive cattle shipped from the east.

Mr. Arnett, we learn, is putting new additions to his dwelling: Also A. C. Gardner is expecting to build in the near future. Now Mr. Editor, our part of the country is dressed in living green and people that are trying to live according to Gods' eternal edict that says that "They shall eat bread all the days of their lives by the sweat of faces," are rewarded for their labors.

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### ANGEL OF DEATH.

On July the 15th, Many hearts were made sad in our little town by the death of one of our friends and neighbors in the person of G. E. Trimble. Mr. Trimble while trying to swim the river was hurled into eternity. There were many friends around him when he was drowned, who would have been glad to have rescued him, but the strong arm of Gehovah forbade any one enter the maddened river. Mr. Trimble was born on Oct' 14th 1867, in Noxubee county, Miss where he lived until in 1882, when he moved to Texas and had lived here until the time of his death.

In 1890, Mr. Trimble was united in matrimony to Miss Jennie Baker and lived happy with her until her death in the year 1893.

In the fall of 1894 he was joined in wedlock to Miss Ada Hayley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hayley, with whom he lived in all the joys of married life until his death. Deceased was a member of the church, having joined the Baptist church in Mississippi while quite young. May we indulge the sweet thought that our friend has crossed the river of life and is permitted to partake of the tree of life and bathe his soul in seas of Heavenly rest. Let us weep not, dear friends, realizing he is in the hands of an allwise and merciful God.

W. C. H.

One O. W. Williamson who was wanted in Coke county for some outlawry was arrested here by our Sheriff and turned over to the Sheriff of Coke county.—Colorado Times.

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L. H. McDorman is having the thresher fixed up for business.

W. C. Locks father-in-law, of Delta county, who has been visiting him for some time, returned home this week.

The RUSLER extends thanks to J. W. Hall for a nice water melon.

Geo. Williamson, of Kickapoo was in to see us Friday. George says crops and grass are fine and everybody prosperous, even to the cotton worm: says they are building the arbor for the big Campmeeting, and invited the Jr. out to see the girls and eat peaches, but told the Sr. to stay at home and attend to his business.

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## A LEGAL EXECUTION.

### LEE THOMAS HANGED FOR MURDER AT CORSICANA.

He Ascended the Scaffold With a Firm Step, Made a Twenty-Minutes Speech, and Was Merry to the Last—History of the Crime.

CORSICANA, Tex., Aug. 3.—Lee Thomas, alias Henry T. Whitehead, was executed here yesterday for the murder of J. M. Farley in November, 1893, about two miles south of Kerens, in Navarro county. The execution took place in the death chamber in the county jail, in the presence of about thirty people. The prisoner passed a peaceful night and arose yesterday morning at about 6 o'clock and partook of a hearty breakfast. Later he read a few minutes and then ate a watermelon some one sent him. At 9 o'clock Rev. Hotchkiss and other Christian workers visited him and the communion services of the Methodist church were administered. Thomas professed religion some time since and entered into the service with great interest. At the regular dinner hour the condemned man partook of a hearty meal and conversed pleasantly with those around him. At 1:30 o'clock Sheriff Weaver, assisted by Deputies DeWitt, Willis and Allen, led him to the death chamber in the third story of the jail. Thomas was attired in a handsome black cutaway suit, standing collar, white necktie and patent leather shoes. He was about 24 years of age and possessed a strikingly handsome face. Never once did he lose his nerve. It fact it seemed as though he was attending the execution of some one else. When he reached the death chamber religious services were held, after which Thomas made a speech of twenty minutes length, in which he stated that he killed Farley because he had to and he felt innocent of murder. He then admonished those who were present to profit by his example. Concluding he forgave his enemies and blessed his friends. He then ascended the scaffold with a firm tread. Here the sheriff read the death warrant and Thomas asked for a few moments in which to pray. He prayed aloud for nine minutes and rose and bade farewell to his friends and the officers who had him in charge. He then calmly stepped upon the trap and while the deputies pinioned his limbs he made pleasant remarks to them. Just before the black cap was adjusted he turned with a smile to the sheriff and said: "There is a larger crowd present than we had anticipated, isn't there, Mr. Weaver?" A few moments later all was ready and at 2:14 the trap was sprung and the soul of the man was launched into eternity. At 3:08 he was pronounced dead and his body was cut down and delivered to the undertaker. The following is the history of the crime: On Monday morning, November 6, 1893, J. M. Farley, 23 years old, drove up to the log-house of Lee Thomas, a few miles south of Kerens, and applied for work at picking cotton. At the time he had a horse and buggy and \$35 or \$40 in money. Work was given him and he was seen by a number of the neighbors working with Thomas. On Friday night, the 10th of November, at about 12 o'clock, Thomas went to the home of his father-in-law, where his wife was staying, and arousing her said that he had bought Farley's horse and buggy and wanted to go to Corsicana to a circus to be there the next day. He returned to his house, which was a few hundred yards away, and brought his wife's clothing to her and together they started to Corsicana at about 1 a. m., but stopped at a neighbor's, a few miles down the road, and sat upon the gallery until nearly dawn, when they proceeded to the show. From that night until December 9 nothing was seen of Farley, but his absence caused no surprise, for Thomas had told it around that Farley had gone away and that he, Thomas, had put him in the road to Kerens. On December 9 a party hunting boys were attracted by the presence of a large number of vultures to a small ravine about 175 yards from Lee Thomas' house. Search revealed the body of a man, afterward identified to be that of J. M. Farley. Suspicion was at once directed to Thomas and he was arrested and lynched narrowly averted. At the first he denied any knowledge of the act, but afterward admitted that he killed Farley in a difficulty over a game of cards in which he had won all of Farley's money. He said he had attempted to hide the body under the house, but finding this impracticable buried it in the ravine. He was found guilty of murder and the death penalty assessed in July, 1894. His case was appealed, but the higher court affirmed the judgment below. Many appeals have been made by different parties to have his sentence commuted, but to no avail. He was sentenced to be hanged on July 13, but the governor granted him a respite until yesterday, when the order of the court was carried out as set forth above.

## Occupation Tax.

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 3.—Comptroller Finley is daily in receipt of letters of inquiry relative to the law passed by the Twenty-fourth legislature imposing an occupation tax on general and local agents of life, fire, marine and accident insurance companies. He has furnished the press with the full text of the statute, which reads as follows:

Chapter 55. (H. B. No. 412.) An act to impose an occupation tax upon general and local agents of life, fire, marine and accident insurance companies doing business in this state.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Texas, that there is hereby imposed upon and shall be collected from each and every person or firm acting as general agent of life, fire, marine and accident insurance companies who may transact any business as such in this state, an annual occupation tax of \$50. By "general agent" as used in this act is meant any person or firm representative of any insurance company in this state, or who exercises a general supervision over the business of such insurance company in this state, or over the local agencies thereof in this state or any subdivision thereof.

Sec. 2. That there is hereby imposed upon and shall be collected from each and every person or firm acting as local agent or agents of life, fire, marine and accident insurance companies who may transact any business as such in this state an annual occupation tax of \$7. By "local agent" as used in this act is meant any person or firm who solicits, contracts for or receives premiums for insurance in this state for any insurance company or companies, including railway agents and employees who may solicit and receive premiums for accident insurance in this state; provided, that local agents shall pay county occupation taxes in each and every county in which they do business.

Sec. 3. That there is hereby imposed upon and shall be collected from each and every person or firm acting as local agent or agents of industrial life insurance companies who may transact any business as such in this state an annual occupation tax of \$2. By "industrial life insurance," as used in this section, is meant insurance adapted to the wants and necessities of the wage earner in that the policies are small and the premiums collected weekly at the homes of the insured. The maximum policy or insurance written on any one person being \$1000.

Sec. 4. Whereas there is now no occupation tax upon general and local agents for life, fire, marine, industrial and accidental insurance companies in this state, therefore an emergency is created and an imperative public necessity exists that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and it is so enacted. Approved April 20, 1895.

## Allen's Story False.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 3.—The Little Rock ead of the Holmes murder sensation has about petered out. In the next forty-eight hours the police will in all probability have proven Convict John Caldwell, alias Allen, could have had no connection with Holmes and his crimes, as he was in the Tennessee penitentiary at the time he claims to have been operating in Fort Worth for Holmes. Caldwell was born in Tipton county, Tennessee, not far from Memphis, and was a farm hand up to the time he took to horse stealing. He followed this occupation for only a brief period when he was arrested here and sentenced to twenty-one years in the penitentiary. A few months ago he was pardoned, but went immediately to Arkansas and engaged in his former pursuit. There he again came to grief and was sent to the Arkansas state prison, where he now is. The Memphis police are confident Caldwell's story is only a ruse to get out of prison. He is ignorant and has not much "mother wit," not at all the kind of man a shrewd fellow like Holmes would be likely to select as a confederate in crime, even if Caldwell had been at liberty at the time.

An Oklahoma man sues his wife for divorce because "she has become a believer in Christian science and refuses longer to sew on buttons or mend clothes."

George Mitchell, convicted of murder and robbery was hanged at Live Oak, Fla., a few days since.

At Redding, Cal., recently, Frank Miller, a pioneer merchant, was killed in his store by his insane wife who attacked him with an axe.

There is a mysterious woman in Indianapolis whom nobody has ever seen except at a funeral. She is never absent at these events and never fails to stand over the corpse and say "Oh! how beautiful!" each time with the same inflection.

The Rosinskys, Americans, living in New York city and engaged in the tailoring business, applied to Judge Pryor the other day and petitioned to have their name changed to Rose, alleging that their name is a handicap to them in their business. The judge, however, refused.

## HOLMES HAS A SAY.

### REGARDING THE WILLIAMS GIRLS, HE REPEATS HIS FORMER UTTERANCES—IS PROBABLY WORTH \$200,000—IS A BELIEVER IN THE TEACHINGS OF TOM PAINE AND BOB INGERSOLL.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 2.—A special from Philadelphia says: H. H. Holmes, the alleged wholesale murderer, was asked yesterday in an interview: "Can you explain how so many bones came to be concealed in the basement and other parts of your Chicago house?"

"I will answer that question in this way," he replied. "Every person who has known me is aware that I am a doctor by profession. It is also known perfectly well in Chicago that there was a restaurant in my building during the World's fair. At that time there were bones from fowls and other cooked animals thrown outside the building. Lots of these bones, no doubt, found their way to the cellar. During the time I lived in the building I brought several cadavers there, both for scientific and pecuniary purposes. This may account for the bones the Chicago police say they have found." "Will you explain your relations with Minnie Williams?" "The girl was a great friend of mine. She was unfortunate in more ways than one. I can not but believe she is still alive. God only knows where, as she is a fugitive from justice on account of the awful tragedy which resulted in the killing of her sister. I care to say nothing more about it at this time." "Is it true that Minnie Williams killed her sister Nannie? Yes, it came about over jealous quarrels during the heat of passion, in which poor Minnie threw a stool at Nannie. It struck her on the head, and she died shortly afterward." "It is reported that some of your family were the victims of insanity. Is this true?" "It is. My uncle died insane at Burlington, Vt. The insanity streak in our family comes from my mother's side. I want to say, however, that I am still compos mentis. Although, in view of the absurd reports that have gone out about me, it might be a question as to whether me or my accusers are the crazier." "Will you deny or affirm that you are a rich man?" "My money is principally tied up in real estate. Part of this is incumbered and part is clear. If I was out of here I would be able to turn up \$200,000 without much difficulty." "Do you believe in any religious denomination?" "No; I am a believer in the teachings of Tom Paine and Ingersoll." Inspector Fitzpatrick, of this city, who has had charge of the Holmes investigation, which has resulted in so many startling disclosures in connection with the operations of insurance swindlers, is not enthusiastic over the prospect of convicting Holmes of any of the innumerable crimes that have been attributed to him. He acknowledged his complete defeat in the effort so far to secure direct evidence of murder against Holmes. Dozens of promising clues were investigated, witness after witness has been examined, which was confidently expected to bring out the truth, without result, and at last the detectives are forced to admit that their efforts have been unavailing. "When we started on this case," said Inspector Fitzpatrick, "we knew it would be almost impossible to get any one who could positively connect Holmes with any case of murder, yet we thought it our duty to investigate, and we have done the best we could. We believe several crimes have been committed and believe Holmes and his confederates guilty of several murders, but so far we are unable to prove our belief correct. We have no evidence that would even cause an indictment against any of the men under suspicion if it was presented to the grand jury." Pat Quinlan was given a two hours' session in the "sweat-box" yesterday, but the result was as unsatisfactory as the previous examinations of the ex-janitor. Quinlan gives no evidence of weakening, and stubbornly sticks to his statement that he knows absolutely nothing of any killing. The police received word yesterday of the mysterious hauling away from the Holmes house at night of several large boxes. The boxes were taken from the "castle" during Holmes' residence there, and several detectives were detailed on the new lead in the case. The officers at Englewood continued the attempt to trace the missing Williams girls yesterday. Little is known of Nannie. Minnie was tracked to June, 1894. Letters found show that she was in the confidence of Holmes and was supposed by people living at a distance to be a man and a partner of Holmes. A letter from F. E. Randall of Aurora referred to a deal in which Holmes and Minnie Williams were interested. The effects of the Quinlans was searched, but nothing was found. Attorney Capps, before he left the city had yesterday, stated to Inspector Fitzpatrick that he would probably leave the city at once for Fort Worth, Tex. On the way he

will stop at Little Rock, Ark., and have a talk with the convict, Allen. He will telegraph the result to the local department. In connection with Capps' visit to Allen, Inspector Fitzpatrick stated that the attorney had no instructions to try and get Allen released from the penitentiary, but that he was told to simply try and get what information he could from this man without making any definite promise of reward. The future actions of the department in regard to the convict will be greatly influenced by the attorney's report. Four witnesses were examined by Inspector Fitzpatrick yesterday evening. The most important of them was a man named Ericson, who is at the present time employed as a drug clerk on the West Side. He told the officials that he was at one time employed in the "castle" drug store. He knew Holmes well and said he always considered him very peculiar. "Why?" asked Inspector Fitzpatrick. "Well," replied Ericson, "he always wanted so much chloroform during the time I was there. It was only a few months. I sometimes sold this drug to him nine or ten times a week and each time it was in larger quantities. I asked him what he used it for on several occasions, but he gave me unsatisfactory answers. At last I refused to let him have any more until he told me, as I pretended that I was afraid he was not using it for any proper purpose. He then told me that he was making some experiments, and the following day he showed me a bottle containing a yellow fluid. He had another bottle with a white liquid in it, and when he mixed the two a heavy vapor arose to which he set fire. He also told me that the gas was poisonous. Some time after when he got more chloroform I asked him if his experiments were nearly completed and then he said he was not making any more experiments. I could never make him out."

## More Cattle Regulations.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Secretary Morton has received through the state department a document from the United States embassy in Berlin, announcing the establishment by the bundesrath of an obligatory quarantine of ruminating animals and swine imported by sea. The action was taken in order to prevent the introduction of Texas fever, pulmonary complaint, mange, sheep-pox, swine pest, swine plague, foot and mouth diseases, etc. In cases of special danger the entry of cattle will be forbidden altogether. The quarantine regulations will go into effect October 1 next. Dr. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry, says these regulations have no particular significance for American shippers, as the importation of cattle into Germany from this country is prohibited altogether on the pretense of contagious diseases among our cattle. He attributes the regulations, which are regarded as very elastic, as a desire to secure the importation of cattle by sea from other countries than the United States unless the German government intends to relieve this country after October 1 from the prohibitive decree now in force.

## British Squadron at Rio.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—A dispatch from Buenos Ayres says: A correspondent in Rio de Janeiro telegraphs that Minister Thompson has sent to his government all the facts relative to the English occupation of Trinidad. The entire British squadron in the south Atlantic, the correspondent reports, is in the harbor of Rio de Janeiro. Dispatches between Brazil's foreign office and the British minister, it is reported, prove the prior claim of Brazil to Trinidad island, and at the time these dispatches were interchanged the cruiser *Penedo* visited the island. The cruiser left Trinidad April 24 last. The entire scheme, the correspondent says, is one concocted by a British cable company who in the event of Brazil buying lines will place a direct cable from the island to Argentina, thus depriving Brazil of her share upon all messages to Europe. The Brazilian cabinet has met to consider the terms of peace for Rio Grande do Sul. Two ministers oppose the terms. President Moraes, it is reported, will issue an appeal to the nation giving the facts of the rebellion and asking for a popular verdict.

## Six Million Feet Burned.

MENOMINEE, Mich., Aug. 2.—At first it was thought two men were killed at the big lumber fire Wednesday night, but this proves an error. Many were injured by falling timber. As nearly all the territory about is covered with lumber and inflammable material the fire caught simultaneously at several points and baffled the efforts of firemen to confine it. All hose companies for miles around were quickly summoned to the scene, but their efforts could not restrain the flames and they almost wore themselves out licking up every stick of lumber in the district. The amount destroyed will reach fully 6,000,000 feet of lumber.

## A Slave From Boyhood.

(From the Red Wing, Minn., Republican.)

"I am now twenty-four years old," said Edward Swanson, of White Rock, Goodhue county, Minn., to a Republican representative, "and as you can see I am not very large of stature. When I was eleven years old I became afflicted with a sickness which baffled the skill and knowledge of the physician. I was not taken suddenly ill, but on the contrary I can hardly state the exact time when it began. The first symptoms were pains in my back and restless nights. The disease did not trouble me much at first, but it seemed to have settled in my body to stay and my bitter experience during the last thirteen years proved that to be the case. I was of course a child and never dreamed of the sufferings in store for me. I complained to my parents and they concluded that in time I would outgrow my trouble, but when they heard me groaning during my sleep they became thoroughly alarmed. Medical advice was sought, but to no avail, I grew rapidly worse and was soon unable to move about and finally became confined continually to my bed. The best doctors that could be had were consulted, but did nothing for me. I tried various kinds of extensively advertised patent medicines with but the same result.

"For twelve long years I was thus a sufferer in constant agony without respite, abscesses formed on my body in rapid succession and the world indeed looked very dark to me. About this time when all hope was gone and nothing seemed left but to resign myself to my most bitter fate my attention was called to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Like a drowning man grasping at a straw, in sheer desperation I concluded to make one more attempt—not to regain my health (I dare not to hope so much) but if possible to ease my pain.

"I bought a box of the pills and they seemed to do me good. I felt encouraged and continued their use. After taking six boxes I was up and able to walk around the house. I have not felt so well for thirteen years as during the past year. Only one year have I taken Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I am able now to do chores and attend to light duties.

"Do I hesitate to let you publish what I have said? No. Why should I? It is the truth and I am only too glad to let other sufferers know my experience. It may help those whose cup of misery is as full to-day as mine was in the past."

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## A Queer Postal Dictionary.

Recently a postal dictionary, about the size of Webster's Unabridged, has been published, in the French language, by the International Postal union. It contains the names of all the postoffices in the world, 203,200. Everything from Aa, an office in Norway, to Zywiec, in Austria, is given; even our own little Uz, in Texas, is there. In names of offices and places this book furnishes several amusing incidents. For instance, Tombstone is given as in "Territoire du Arizona"; Las Vegas, "Territoire du Nouveau-Mexique"; West Virginia is "Virginie Occidentale"; South Dakota is "Dakota du Sud," and North Dakota is "Dakota du Nord," and the District of Columbia is "District de Colombie, Etats-Unis d'Amérique." Here can be found offices of Hell-fersarten, Yuba-Dam, plain, everyday Hell, in Norway; Kissame, in Montana; Who, in Texas; Hells-Half Acre, in Dakota; Breckinridge, in several places, but Triiby is not in it.

## A Gruesome Story.

A gruesome story is told about the church of St. Raphael, Paris, where the marriage between Helen de France and the duke of Aosta was celebrated not long ago. The church was built with moneys of a converted Jew named Raphael. Just after the building was completed, Raphael had a dream that he would die within a week after the consecration of the place of worship. As a matter of course he endeavored to delay the consecration by fair and unfair means until a priest, with the help of a licensed victualer from the neighborhood, who procured a bottle of pure wine and consecrated the edifice. Then he told Raphael, who took to his bed and died three days afterward.

## A Burial Custom.

A curious burial custom exists in Assam. All corpses are lowered from the roofs with ropes, it being contrary to the laws of the country to carry a dead body through a door.

## Are Protesting.

The Chicago barbers are protesting vigorously against petticoat intrusion into their line of business. The women barbers are getting all the trade.

## A Good Invention.

A German has invented a chemical torch which ignites when wet. It is to be used on life buoys. When one is thrown to a man overboard at night he can see the light and thus find the buoy.

## Female Drummer.

A woman drummer for a St. Louis vinegar factory is touring the northwest on a bicycle, and in stunning Parisian bloomers. She sends postal cards ahead of her to the grocers, and catches them every one.

**Touching Tenderness.**  
 "Like mistress, like maid," is a saying probably often true than "like master, like man." The story is told that Mlle. Augustine Brohan, a celebrated French comedienne, who was extremely humane to all animals, no matter how humble, one day at table found a fly caught on her plate. She took it up tenderly with her thumb and finger and called her maid. "Marie," she said, "take this fly—be careful, don't hurt him—and put him outdoors." The girl took the fly and went away; but presently Mlle. Brohan saw her standing near, with a troubled expression on her face. "Well, Marie," she said, "did you do as I told you?" "No, made-moiseille; I have the fly still. I couldn't venture to put him outdoors; it was raining and he might have taken cold." It would have served that fly right to put him back in the nice warm soup.

**Laughing at the Law.**  
 At Emporia, Kan., much indignation has been excited by Mayor Cagney's order to the police to enforce strictly the bicycle ordinance, which provides that the bell must be rung at every street or alley crossing. Nearly 100 persons have been summoned to appear before the police justice. Among them are several young women conspicuous in society. The leading business men, doctors, and lawyers also, have been summoned. Only one or two have appeared, and no fines have been paid. It is said that the matter will be carried to the supreme court. The other night the law was violated openly, and was burlesqued by the use of cow bells, tin pans, horns and torches.

**Iowa Convict Labor.**  
 The Iowa authorities are in a quandary about what to do with their convicts. The state lets convict labor to chair factories at 50 cents per day per man. The contractors have been driven almost out of the market by the boycotts against convict labor, and have asked for lower price, threatening to withdraw from their contracts, as they have the right to do, if the reduction is refused. They want the labor at 40 cents per day. The state has for some time had trouble securing a market for convict labor, and the lower price now demanded has about decided the executive council to entirely reorganize the system and find some other way to employ the men.

**He is Able to Do So.**  
 John D. Rockefeller has the amiable eccentricity of giving bicycles to such of his friends as he thinks would enjoy or profit by them. Last year he gave away twenty-two wheels to various people, and this year he has already found sixteen friends who, he thinks, would be better for the exercise.

**A Lone Robber.**  
 The lone highwayman has put in an appearance in Wichita, Kan., where he held up a trolley car, robbed the conductor and a solitary passenger, and made his escape. Though lone he was not lonely, for fifty people watched the operation, though afraid to interfere.

**Laugh and Grow Fat!**  
 You shall do both, even if you are a slabbid, pallid, woe-begone dyspeptic. If you reinforce digestion, insure the conversion of food into rich and nourishing blood, and recover appetite and sleep by the systematic use of the great renovator of health, strength and flesh, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which also remedies malarial, kidney and rheumatic trouble, nervousness, constipation and biliousness.

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 Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, **Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup** for Children Teething.

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**STATE OF INDIANA**  
**PREPARING FOR A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.**

One Hundred Years of Almost Unprecedented Progress to Be Commemorated by a Great Exposition in 1900—The Work Already Begun.



(Indianapolis Correspondence.)  
 HE year 1890 witnessed the separation of what is now the state of Indiana from the north-west territory and the organization of the territory of Indiana, and it has been decreed that the centennial anniversary of this first step towards statehood shall be fittingly celebrated by the giving over of a week or more to displays showing the march of progress during the hundred years of separate and distinct existence.

The first step to this end was taken by the recent session of the general assembly in the adoption of a concurrent resolution providing for the appointment of a commission to consist of four members from the state at large and two from each congressional district, which should examine and report to the legislature at its next meeting some suitable plan or plans for the celebration of the event. It was the sentiment of the legislature that adopted the resolution that the celebration should be arranged upon the broadest possible basis and made to include protracted exercises in connection with displays of everything indicating the progress that

Haute. Ninth—Eli Marvin, Frankfort; C. C. Shirley, Kokomo. Tenth—M. M. Hathaway, Winamac; J. C. Hadley, Logansport. Eleventh—H. B. Smith, Hartford City; E. B. Goldthwaite, Marion. Twelfth—Charles McCullough, Fort Wayne; S. A. Woods, Angola. Thirteenth—James A. Arthur, Gosport; Geo. W. Matthews, South Bend.

The commissioners were all consulted before their appointment was announced and all agreed to serve. While the work of the commission is confined to devising and reporting some suitable plan for commemorating the hundredth anniversary, it is generally conceded that what they agree upon will be adopted by the legislature, and for that reason the matter of considerable interest to the state and the country at large.

In this respect the governor has discharged his duty very happily, for he has passed over the playmate characters and has selected men of broad and liberal views, and it may be said that their recommendation, whatever it may be, will be of a plan commensurate with the wealth, the dignity and the progress of the state. Several of the commissioners are very pronounced in their views, and will favor an exposition at state expense which will bring together the relics of the state, handed down through the three generations—inventions by Indianians, domestic scenes representative of pioneer life, books and papers from the archives of the state and, in fact, everything that will demonstrate in miniature the trials and tribulations, as well as the victories and successes that have marked the hundred years.

While each of the commissioners represents broad and liberal policies, and thus insures a creditable plan for the display, there are at the head of it four men whose influence will be potent to such an end.

Judge Martindale was a member of



GOV. MATTHEWS.

has been made in the first century of Indiana's separate existence. Pursuant to the resolution Governor Matthews has announced the following commissioners, the members of the body being equally divided between the two great political parties:

For the State at large—Eli Lilly and E. B. Martindale, Indianapolis; Hugh Dougherty, Bluffton, and DeFoe Skinner, Valparaiso. First Congressional District—Phillip Fry, Evansville; James Burket, Cannelton. Second—T. B. Burkirk, Paoli; John Weathers, Leaven-

the Indiana world's fair commission, and largely to his influence was due the increased appropriations made to that body and the creditable display made at Chicago. He has long been regarded as one of the most progressive men of this city and possesses a public spirit that is well worthy of emulation.

Eli Lilly was president of the Commercial Club for several years, in fact was its inspiration, and vied with Martindale in those measures that bring a city and people to the front. DeFoe Skinner was a member of the commission that built the three new insane hospitals, and the broad-gauge methods that therein obtained were in great measure due to his influence as a member of the board. Hugh Dougherty is a banker of Bluffton and is noted for his enterprise and business ability, and for the energy with which he enters upon every work in which he is engaged.

Indiana was admitted into the Union sixteen years after having been organized into a territory. The progress of the state from an agricultural and manufacturing standpoint has not been paralleled in the history of the Union. She ranks second in the production of wheat, fourth in corn, horse and agricultural implements, sixth in coal and agricultural implements, seventh in cattle and miles of railway. The money hoardings of the people foot up a large sum. Probably in no other state is the wealth so equally divided. Of late years the discoveries of natural gas in many sections of the state has given an unprecedented impetus to manufactures. Before many years have elapsed it is believed that Indiana will stand first in manufactures. Dupaw and Notre Dame universities place the state near the top of the list for educational facilities. The first settlement was made at Vincennes in 1739, by French. That nationality still continues to supply the state with some of its best blood.



E. B. MARTINDALE.

worth. Third—Charles L. Jewett, New Albany; H. C. Hobbs, Salem. Fourth—John H. Russe, Lawrenceburg; Will Cumback, Greensburg. Fifth—John W. Cravens, Bloomington; J. L. Irwin, Columbus. Sixth—A. W. Brady, Muncie; James N. Huston, Connorsville. Seventh—U. S. Jackson, Greenfield; Charles T. Doxy, Anderson. Eighth—T. J. Mason, Sullivan; Frank McKee, Terre

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**A Bad Elephant.**  
 The boss elephant went mad recently at a religious festival in the great temple at Alvaritranagari, near the southern point of Hindustan. Elephants came from the towns around, and the large elephant of Nungineri ran amuck. His mahout had a little child in front of him at the time, and tried to pass it back quietly; but the elephant was too quick for him; he snatched the child in his trunk, and, carrying it to his mouth, began munching it. The child was extricated and died soon after. The elephant then turned on the mahout, threw him to the ground, and trampled him to death; but seeming to realize what he had done, picked the body up, carried it to his dead master's house, and laid it down at the door. Then he rushed through the streets, from which the people had fled, battered in the doors of the temple, with his head, and, finding there the little elephant of Tinnevely, killed it with his tusks. From the temple he rushed into the river close by, where he threw mud and sand all over himself. By this time the native policemen had loaded their guns, and from a safe distance fired at him till he was dead.

He who gives too much attention to small things rarely amounts to much.

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## LOCAL CHIPS.

Tol Cawley was doing the town Thursday.

Justice court at Bronte yesterday.

County Court convenes Monday week, the 19th.

Wm. Childress was in town Thursday.

Worms killed a good young mule for Sheriff Murray this week.

Ed Good is talking of moving to town.

J. W. Barnett refused \$100. in cash for a small slice of real estate in Lee this week.

The New Home Sewing Machine for sale by S. R. Neblett of Sweetwater.

## PICTURES.

You can get the best at Ragsdale Gallery, San Angelo Texas. Picture frame—any size—for sale.

For the best hair cut and easiest shave, go to Charlie Carr when in Sweetwater.

For a nice quiet room, with all home comforts, go to the Oaks when in San Angelo.

Our efficient constable has our thanks for a nice water melon this week.

Montgomery Trimble has moved from San Angelo to Lee.

I have the neatest, newest and finest line of Millinery ever brought to this market.

MISS LELIA BANDY,  
Sweetwater, Texas.

Mrs. J. T. Hamilton and children paid their ranch a visit this week.

Don Green and family are on a visit in Brown county.

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H. D. PEARCE, Proprietor.

Some sickness in town.

A good many people in town last week.

Mr. Rufe Perry paid E. C. Good of Tennyson a visit this week.

Call on F. B. Perry at the Round Front Saloon for the best, nicest and coldest drinks in town. Keg beer only 5 cents a glass.

Given away—a briar pipe, see special offer in advt. of Duke's Mixture.

Messrs. F. B. Perry and John Barron started on a trip to Mason county Tuesday.

John Parker and family are moving to Nolan county this week.

Several Lee people attended church at Sanco last Sunday.

Mr. H. H. Hayley and sons, Albin and Larkin, are building a large tank for Wm. Childress.

Judge A. P. McCarty's father, Henry McCarty, of Tom Green county died on the—inst., age 89 years.

W. W. McElroy has bought and will soon take charge of the Sweetwater and Robert Lee mail line.

A lecture at the court house Monday night, by I. A. Dodge, on "The Battles of Life-Intellectually," is reported to have been a grand failure—but then it was free and we can stand it.

For a good meal of home raised vegetables, with home raised fruit on the side all done up brown as it is at home, and for the best of attention, call at the Davis hotel when in Robert Lee.

Georgia Davis, little daughter of M. H. Davis has been very sick this week, but is now improving some.

Miss Edna Fair returned home Thursday from Waco, where she has been attending the Epworth League.

Miss Annie Stychner, of Coryell county, who has been visiting her friends and relatives here for several months has returned home.

D. S. Arnold, of Sweetwater handles Michell wagons, stoves and hardware of all kinds by car load lots in connection with the leading grocery business of the town.

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Mr. Q. Loe, at the old Nickel Store in San Angelo is now fully prepared to meet the demands of the eating and sleeping public. Meals or beds 25 cents. Good rates by the week or month. Call there, try him once and you will go again.

Messrs R. B. Higgins, J. J. Vestal and Bennick, Stewart & Co. had Job work done at this office last week.

Mr. J. H. Burroughs has been erecting a residence for Mr. Arnett, on the Scott ranch, this week.

W. C. Hayley and family and Montgomery Trimble, family and sister spent one night and a day or two up the river fishing the first of the week and made a good catch.

For rare bargains in sulkey plows, walking and Buckeye mowers and rakes, see S. W. Crutcher Sweetwater, Texas.

There are numerous reports of worms—both boll and army worm in cotton. They are not yet numerous enough to do serious damage, but it is feared that they will come thicker.

It is said that a Robert Lee young man, on his way from Sanco with his girl last Sunday was so excited that he tore a gate off the hinges instead of unfastening it.

S. W. Crutcher of Sweetwater is agent for Buckeye mowers and rakes.

If you want to hear a good crop of anything and everything, from Johnson grass up to pumpkins described, call on Jim Stewart. He says he has the finest, largest tallest and best little crop of a variety of "truck" ever grown together in one patch. From what he says, we suppose his Johnson grass is about as high as a barbed wire is long.

Jim recently took his wife and children out to watch his crop grow.

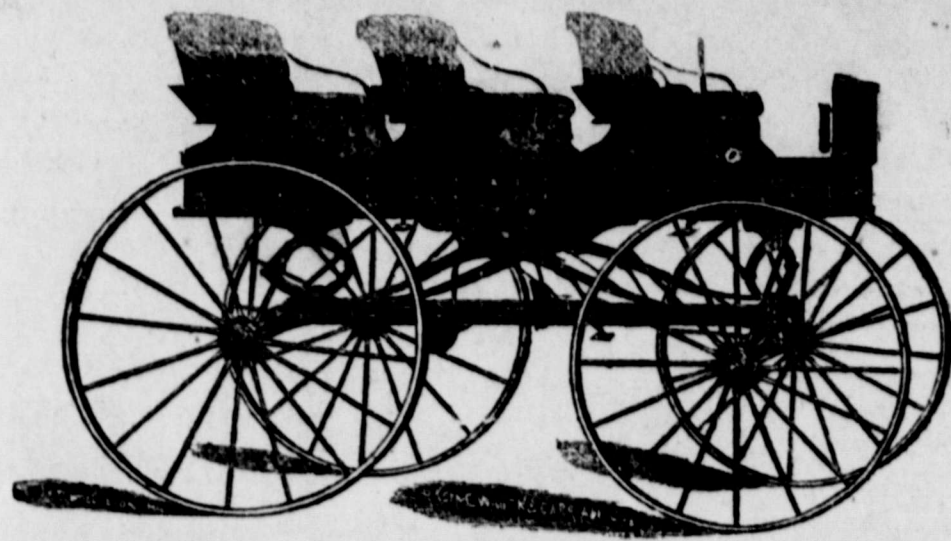
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Mr. J. J. Austin, of Sanco, was with us Thursday.



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The Commissioner of the General Land Office has advised me of the value fixed on the School Lands by that department under the new law.

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County Clerk of Coke Co.

The Coke county people are invited to call and see my fine, new line of Millinery, when in Sweetwater.

Respectfully,  
MISS LELIA BANDY.

## A Letter From Brother Fair.

ED. RUSTLER—Please announce that the 3rd Quarterly meeting, of Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South, will be held at Decker, Nolan county, embracing the 2nd, Sunday in August.

The church register and records of church conferences are to be examined at this conference—secretaries will please bring these books. All the members are requested to fast and pray on Friday before the meeting for the success of the Gospel.

The meeting is to be a camp-meeting, on the self sustaining plan. Every body is invited to attend. Move in on Friday—The meeting to begin on Friday night. GEO. F. FAIR, Pastor.

Come to Coke county and farm and raise stock, prosper and be happy.

Big Injun Sulkey plows, Cassida sulkey plows and John Deer walking plows at cost by S. W. Crutcher at Sweetwater, Texas.

## Notice From Brother Fair.

ED. RUSTLER—The committee for the Union campmeeting on Oak creek, have decided to have the meeting held at the well, near Cobbs store, in Rock Springs neighborhood. The meeting will embrace the 3rd and 4th Sundays in August—beginning on Friday night.

We expect, not only Coke county, but people from several counties.

Let us pray the Lord to give us a glorious revival.

GEO. F. FAIR.

## Notice To Teachers.

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Examiners will meet in Robert Lee on Friday and Saturday the 16th, and 17th of August 1895, for the purpose of examining applicants for teachers certificates.

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**SOCIETY.**

I. O. O. F.—Robert Lee Texas No. 357,  
meets each Thursday night. George  
Williamson N. G. F. B. Perry, V. G.  
H. H. Hayley, Secretary, J. D. Dav-  
is Treasury.

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Hayrick Lodge No. 696 meets Satur-  
day night on or before the full moon  
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liamson S. W. W. R. Presler, J. W.  
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bothem, J. D.

**Coke County Church Directory.**

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church  
South; services as follows:  
Robert Lee, 1st Sunday, 11 a. m.  
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.  
Brouse, 2d " 11 a. m.  
Rock Springs, " 4 p. m.  
Mt Carmel, 3d " 11 a. m.  
Cow Creek, " 4 p. m.  
Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.  
Tucker S. C., " 4 p. m.  
Decker, 5th " 11 a. m.  
GEO. F. FAIR, Pastor.

Methodist Protestant Church; ser-  
vices as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sun-  
day; Sanco, 1st Sunday; Silver, 2nd  
Sunday; Live Oak, on Oak creek, 1st  
Sunday; Rock Springs 3rd Sunday.  
Each appointment begins Saturday  
night before.

W. W. HAMPTON, Pastor.

Baptist Church; 2nd Sunday No  
Pastor.

Christian Church 2nd Sunday No  
Pastor.

Vol Davis, of Fisher county, re-  
cently sold 100 cows and calves  
at \$30.

From San Angelo Standard.

Knox Barfield, of Coke county  
was in the city Monday.

Winfield Scott, the big steer  
operator, is here and some large  
sized deals are sure to follow his  
visit.

The other day Frank Harris, of  
Coke county, noticing one of his  
fathers steers having every indi-  
cation of Texas or Mexican fever  
roped, threw down and proceeded  
to examine it. He found the steers  
ears full of little red ticks. He  
poured into the animals ears a  
weak solution of Canons sheep  
dip, which with the assistance of  
a small stick used as a probe,  
brought the ticks out of the ani-  
mals ears, thereby saving \$20  
worth of property. The steer was  
then turned loose, got up and  
went on his way rejoicing.

H. S. Ellis, who during the past  
six months has brought the Oza-  
na Courier up to a high standard  
of excellence, both editorially and  
typographically, has surrendered  
the quill shears and paste pot to  
Claude Hudpeth, the original own-  
er, and will seek greener pastures  
Mr. Ellis is one of the most origi-  
nal and versatile writers in the  
state and some of his paragraphs  
in the "Doctor Sorter" columns  
would lay "Snap Shots" in the  
Dallas News in the shade.

John Lyell writes us from Tem-  
ple that he is making his home  
there. Crops are good and plenty  
of rain, corn is selling at 25cts a  
bushel, oats from 15 to 20 cts per  
bushel. Business is good for the  
season of the year and Temple has  
forty new buildings going up and  
the banks report more deposits  
for the summer months than usual.

There is considerable specula-  
tion among stockmen as to wheth-  
er the present land law, with its 3  
cent amendment, will hold or not  
and whether two or three cents  
per acre should be remitted with  
applications. The Land Commis-  
sioner will not except less than 3  
cents, and if the original 2 ct. act  
is declared constitutional, the on-  
ly hope of the ranchmen getting  
a rebate lies in the legislature—  
and that is a very slim one.

W. E. Knight, of Bartlett, Wil-  
liamson county, Texas, arrived  
yesterday. He wants 400 three  
or four year old steers for feeding  
purposes. He says down in his  
section there scarcely a hoof for  
sale and butchers are about to  
close up their shops. He knew  
of a butcher that paid \$30 for a fat  
cow last week. Mr. Knight is  
much struck with this country and  
will lease a pasture and go into  
the cattle business in this section.

Lum Hadson, of Coke county  
shipped in a train load of east Tex-  
as cattle last week.

R. H. Harris sold to Wm. Child-  
res, 1200 steers, 2's 3' and 4's for  
\$14.50 per head. This winds up  
Ralph's interest in the firm of Har-  
ris Brothers & Childres.

Jno. Lovelady bought of Me-  
Kinzie, last week 196 head of cat-  
tle, consisting of steers from 4's  
up, fat cows, and fat calves at \$20  
\$12, and \$5.50.

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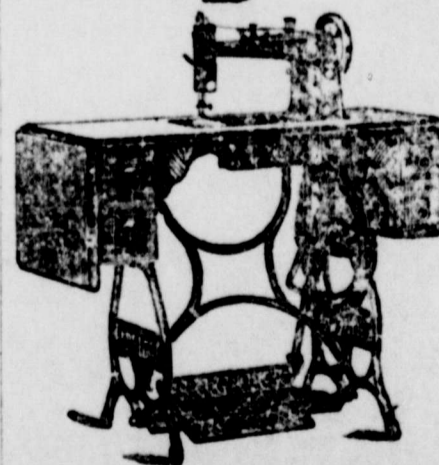
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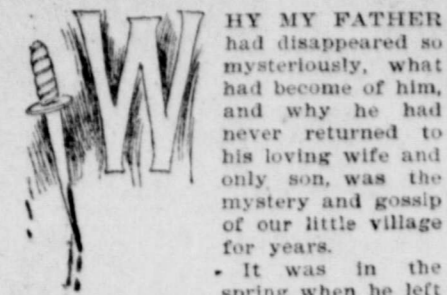
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**THE MILL MYSTERY.**



BY MY FATHER had disappeared so mysteriously, what had become of him, and why he had never returned to his loving wife and only son, wife and mystery and gossip of our little village for years.

It was in the spring when he left past our home, swollen by rains and melting snow. I was four years old that spring, and I might have forgotten how he looked had not mother kept his face fresh in my memory by frequently showing me his picture.

Once, as we were looking through the album, I remember that I stopped her at the picture of a low-browed, handsome man, with a dark, drooping mustache, and steady, almost deadly, eyes. "Who is that, mother?" I asked.

I fancied she shivered a bit as she replied:

"That is my cousin Elbert. Like your father, he disappeared rather mysteriously—or, more correctly, he went away some time before your father's disappearance, and he has never returned. What has become of him I do not know."

"I do not like him," I declared. "He has a bad face, mother. I hope he will not come back at all."

Until the day of my vision—until she heard the story from my lips—my mother firmly believed father would some day return and explain why he had deserted us thus. But what I saw in the old mill crushed the last hope from her breast.

For years the mill had not been in use; it was abandoned even before the strange departure of my father. A spring freshet had swept away the dam, and no attempt was ever made to rebuild it. The mill was fast falling into decay.

Something about the old mill fascinated me, and I used to play there a great deal, for all that mother did not like it, and often told me to keep away.



THEN IT ROSE AND FELL.

I remember the great square opening in the upper floor, and how I used to look down at the swirling water far below. I sometimes wondered if I were to fall how long I would live after striking the surface of the water.

Sometimes I would fall asleep in some nook or cranny of the old mill. I was an odd boy, and I did not fear the place, although it was deserted and lonely, and more than one of the village folks had hinted that it was haunted.

One day, in the springtime, when the swollen river rushed past the old mill and lulled me with its murmuring roar, I lay on the sawdust and fell to thinking about my father. I remembered how he had left us exactly seven years ago that very day, and boy though I was, began to feel that mother's hope of his final return was a vain and foolish one.

I know not how long I lay thinking uddly did.

I awoke with a start, a great feeling of horror upon me, although I am sure I had not been dreaming. Sitting up, I was startled beyond measure to behold two men facing each other but a short distance from me. One of them was speaking excitedly, while the other listened, a scornful smile on his face. I could see the features of both men distinctly. A great cry rose from them, and something held it back.

They stared.

It would be no doubt—one of the mill's own father—the father of my years before. The water and I had not seemed to change.

He looked just the same in the photograph.

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cousin. I recognized the low-browed, dark-mustached man with the deadly eyes, and now those eyes seemed more deadly than they looked in the picture I so much disliked. He was speaking fiercely, swiftly:

"So you married her almost as soon as I went away and left you together, Horace!" he cried, shaking a clenched fist in my father's face. "You knew I loved her—you knew—"

"I knew she did not love you, Elbert," returned my father, still smiling scornfully. "She feared you, and she was glad when you went away."

"What did I ever do to make her fear me? I loved her madly!"

"It was your love she feared."

"But you—you were false to me! You knew of my love, and still you married her as soon as possible after I left!"

"I fail to see in what way I was false. We were never particular friends. Had you remained, I should have won her if I could."

"You should not have possessed her!" shouted the darkly-handsome man, his features working with passion. "By the eternal skies! I would have killed you first!"

My father laughed aloud, and that laugh seemed to turn the other into a fiend, for he snarled:

"I'll kill you now!"

Then they grappled, and before my staring eyes a terrible battle took place. I watched them straining, swaying, staggering, panting, fighting on and on. I would have flown to my father's aid, but something held me chained and silent. I could see it all, but I was powerless to interfere.

At length I caught a glimpse of something bright—something that glittered in a deadly way. It was a knife, and it was grasped by the hand of my father's antagonist.

For one brief moment the blade was bright and glittering. Then it rose and fell and when it rose again it was dripping darkly.

A great groan broke from the lips of my father, and he sunk limply in the arms of his slayer, who lowered him to the sawdust-covered floor. I saw my father's lips move, and I heard him faintly murmur:

"You have killed me, Elbert!"

haunts," some shook their heads sadly and said nothing.

Many times my mother made me tell the story of what I had seen, and I know that from that day she gave me all hope that father would ever return to us.

What did I see? That question I cannot answer. It is possible I dreamed it all; but if so, I believe I dreamed how my father died seven years before that day.

When I became older and dared visit the old mill again, I searched at low water in the pool beneath the mill, and from the sand I brought up a knife with the letters "E. D." carved on the handle.

The initials were those of my mother's handsome, dark-faced cousin, Elbert Darcy.

**A QUIET WEDDING.**

**Guests Dance on the Sidewalk to the Music of a Machine Piano.**

A quadrille in the middle of the street by young society people and in broad daylight was one of several novel and amusing features attending a south side wedding reception recently. Miss Clara Arnes Middleton and Collins F. Huntington were married at noon yesterday in St. John's Church, Vincennes avenue and Thirty-seventh street. After the ceremony forty or fifty intimate friends were invited to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Middleton, at 140 Thirty-sixth street, to a reception. The bride is well known in south side society and musical circles and has often appeared as soprano in operas presented by the Carleton Club, of which the groom is a member. No sooner had the bride and groom left the reception rooms to prepare for their wedding journey than a street piano carted on a low express wagon, and driven by a woman with a gayly colored shawl over her shoulders, drove past the house. Hailing the driver, who was accompanied by a man who might be her husband, the Carleton Club boys engaged their services for an hour. Selections such as "Daisy Bell" and "The Sidewalks of New York" were given. Then the best man decided that the circus was a trifle slow, and, boosting a pretty young woman in a pink dress and a pair of ten-acre sleeves upon the seat, ordered the chief operator of the outfit to run alongside of the machine and turn the crank, while he drove up and down the street. After making the circle three or four times the queer combination drove to the front of the house again; the "head guy" of the organ was again subsidized, and then a quadrille was organized in the middle of the street. Here, to the inspiring strains of "Sweet Marie," ground out by the traveling professor, four pretty girls in their prettiest gowns and four young society men, adorned in all the raiment necessary to make a church wedding a success, tripped an old-time quadrille. The fun was kept up until the pretty gowns of the girls and the immaculate linen of the young men began to wear a wearied look. The music was continued until the bridal couple drove away in a carriage neatly draped in white ribbons and adorned with a coat of arms hanging to the rear axle in the form of a much-worn and generous-sized shoe.

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**THINGS WE DIG FOR.**

In 1884 the value of the precious stones mined in this country somewhat exceeded \$30,000.

Pennsylvania produced in 1891 45,236,322 long tons of anthracite coal, valued at \$73,948,735.

The only country which exceeded the United States in coal output during the year 1891 was England.

The United States produced, in 1889, over one-fourth of the entire amount of iron mined on the globe.

Emeralds have been discovered in Arizona and, it is said, in North Carolina. They are, however, very small.

**BETTER THOUGHTS.**

Real modesty is never found on exhibition.

No woman respects her husband very much unless she can feel a little proud of him.

A million dollars in gold cannot buy a meal for a hungry heart.

Most seekers after pleasure usually pay for a gallon and get only a pint.

When you see a man taking advice good naturedly you may put it down that he has somebody picked out to whom he is going to give it.

The man with a purple nose, as big as your fist, will tell you that an extravagant wife keeps his nose to the grindstone.

Three things ruin a man—to know little and talk much, to have little and spend much, and to be worth little and presume much.

**VENETIAN MOSAICS.**

**An Old and Beautiful Art Revived by Modern Demands.**

The revival at Venice of the mosaic art, chiefly for internal and external artistic decoration of private and public buildings, goes on uninterruptedly and working in mosaic is now (our consul says) carried on in that city on a large scale and with great success, says the London Daily News. A mosaic is a work framed by the use of "tesserae" or small cubes of enamel, marble or other material and of a gold-and-silver leaf between two films of the purest glass of various colors, which are skillfully mixed on cement so as to produce the effect of a picture. The composition of human figures in different attitudes, animals, draperies or other objects requiring a careful delineation are intrusted to the best workmen and the execution of the background to less trained workmen. The splendid mosaics which are made at Venice continue to be in great demand in the artistic markets of the world for the skillful manner in which the tesserae are arranged, for their extreme beauty and delicacy of color, the rich harmony of effect and from their being nearly indestructible. The manner in which mosaics are now made for decorative purposes is quite different from the elaborate system used by the ancients, which consisted in fixing the tesserae one by one on the cement previously applied on the wall. The modern method of the Venetian school consists in executing the mosaic in the workshop by having the tesserae fixed with common paste on the section of the cartoon assigned to each workman. When all the parts of the mosaic are complete they are put together on the floor or on a special wooden frame. The mosaic, which is then a perfect representation of the original cartoon, is again divided into sections on the reverse side, marked with a progressive number and carefully packed to be sent off to the place for which it is intended. The surface of the wall where the mosaic is to be fixed is then covered with cement, into which the sections of the mosaic are uniformly pressed according to their numbers and the key-plan supplied to the fixers. When the cement has hardened the paper on which the tesserae have been pasted is gently taken off and the faithful copy of the original cartoon is again exhibited on the right side.

**A TRAGEDY IN MID-AIR.**

**The Hawk Catches the Weasel, but Gets the Worst of It.**

The weasel is a dainty and luxurious liver, in his way, says the Houston Post. He steals the freshest eggs, selects the tenderest chickens of the brood, and will sometimes kill several for a single meal, sucking the warm blood and eating only a small portion of the flesh. He is not only sly and cunning, but remarkably courageous. He will often attack an enemy much larger and stronger than himself, and he does not lose his wits even in imminent peril. This heroic quality is sometimes strikingly evinced. Two farmers in Titus County, Texas, were eating their midday meal, when they noticed a large hawk circling in the sky overhead. He was gradually narrowing his circles while approaching the ground, and it was apparent that he would soon drop upon his victim. The men looked about cautiously, without movement or noise, and presently discovered a weasel stretched out upon the warm side of a log, not far away, probably sunning himself after a long morning's sleep, for the weasel does his sleeping in the daytime and his work at night. But the weasel quietly blinked at the sun, either unconscious of the danger or indifferent to it. The farmers had just made this discovery when the hawk came gliding down, swift as an arrow, seized the weasel in his powerful talons and rose again almost perpendicularly. All seemed at an end for that weasel. Soon, however, the movements of the great bird became strange and unnatural. His wings worked rapidly and convulsively, as if making a great effort to sustain flight, then he began to sink, slowly till finally he fell straight like a plummet to the ground—dead! From under the outstretched wings crept the weasel, apparently unharmed. What had happened? The weasel had quickly stretched his long supple neck under the hawk's wing, stuck his teeth into a vital part and sucked out the life blood. The muscles of the hawk relaxed as the blood was rapidly drained. There was a last desperate effort at flight; the wings flapped uselessly in the air, and the heaviness of death brought him swiftly to the ground, very near the spot where the weasel had been basking in the sun.

**Excusable.**

New Minister—I saw you going into a saloon yesterday, Mr. DeGood.

Mr. DeGood—Yes; my wife was off to a church society meeting, and I dropped in there for something to eat.

**Same Effect.**

Jack—What's the matter with you? Love?

George—No; only the grip.

**VENETIAN MOSAICS.**

In the midst of the volcanoes of Mexico is the "Lake of Ink," which covers about an acre of ground. The body of the water, or ink, or whatever it is, is so covered with ashes from the adjacent volcanoes as to appear as a part of the surrounding ground, which is all of the gray tint. Where this liquid comes from, what its chemical properties may be, where or what the supply are matters of conjecture.

**Of the Right Stamp.**

A prominent official of Philadelphia has a son who is a wonder in the matter of sticktoitiveness. The young man some years ago took up the fad of stamp collecting. As a result, he has papered his room with stamps of nearly every nation. There is not a spot on the wall or ceiling that is not covered with a stamp, and all are placed in perfect order, so as to present the appearance of a remarkably unique pattern of paper. A close estimate places the number of these stamps at 82,000. The center of the ceiling is covered by Columbian stamps, and the other parts of the ceiling are blocked out artistically. Some day, when the youth is mad because he cannot sell his collection, he will stamp his feet.

**Chivalry vs. Respect.**

The days of chivalry were not really days of profound respect for women. Young women were kept locked up in a convent until they were married, and locked up in their husband's castles the rest of their lives, with severe duennas to watch every movement.

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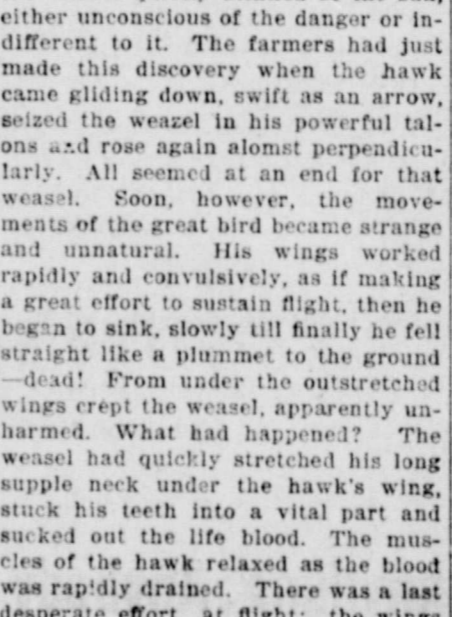
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