

VERY POINTED LETTER

SOME FACTS LAID BEFORE PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.

Senator Chandler Objects to the Formation of "the Highest of Trusts the World Ever Knew or That Was Ever Concocted" by Man.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Senator William E. Chandler has written the following letter to President Cleveland:

Washington, Nov. 22.—To the president: Sir—I make complaint to you and through you to your interstate commerce commission against the trust and pooling agreement now nearly finished of the eight American railway trunk lines and the one Canadian line of pooling their traffic between New York city and Chicago. The agreement provides that every railway in the combine shall make and maintain the rates provided by a board of managers representing all the roads. This is a conspiracy in restraint of trade and commerce under the act of July 2, 1890.

The agreement also makes certain that all competition shall be abolished as above required by imposing heavy fines upon any offending road, which fines are to be applied for the benefit of the other roads. This is a division of earnings contrary to section 5 of the interstate commerce law.

This trust and pooling agreement can be annihilated as provided by explicit existing laws of the United States; (1) by injunction from the court, (2) by an order of the interstate commerce commission, or (3) by an indictment of the individuals signing the same.

It can also easily be stopped by a vigorous appeal from you to Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, whose power over the nine governors of nine trunk lines is as absolute as it was over the bond syndicate. It can not be possible that you intend to take upon your administration the responsibility of fostering upon your burdened and helpless people this, the hugest of trusts the world ever knew or that was ever concocted, when one earnest word from you to your fresh attorney general, your ambitious chairman of your commission or omnipotent banker will paralyze the iniquity in its inception. Respectfully,

WILLIAM E. CHANDLER.

A Drunken Father's Crime.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Andrew Tinko a Hungarian, while intoxicated, yesterday attempted to murder his 15-year-old daughter because she would not submit to his desires, and then committed suicide. The man, his common law wife and her daughter by a former marriage, lived together in a tenement in Thirty-first street. Saturday night they all went to a party, returning at a late hour yesterday morning. Shortly after they retired to bed the woman was awakened by the screams of her daughter. The man had attempted to assault the girl, and, meeting with resistance, he was crazed with anger. He seized a knife and thrust it into the girl's back several times. The girl sprang from the bed and ran into the kitchen, closely followed by the murderous fiend. There the child was seized by the father, who picked up a hatchet which lay on the floor and began to strike the girl on the shoulders with it. The girl, though horribly cut and bruised, managed to break away from her father and escaped from the house. When the mother, who had been awakened by the girl's cries, tried to grasp the hatchet, the man held it aloft and threatened to kill her. She snatched the hatchet from his hand and followed her daughter into the street. They called a policeman and in a moment the entire house was in a commotion and the excitement there was greatly augmented by hearing the report of four pistol shots which followed in rapid succession the cries of the women. The police found Tinko stretched on the floor, having fired several shots into his neck and head. He died before an ambulance arrived.

Postmaster General's Report.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Postmaster General Wilson has made his first annual report to the president. The receipts of the postoffice department for the year ending June 30, 1895, were \$76,171,090, and the expenditures \$86,790,172. Mr. Wilson estimates the revenues for the year ending June 30, 1897, at \$89,793,120 and the expenditures at \$94,817,900, the difference to be made up by congressional appropriation.

Work of Our Mints.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The director of the mint has submitted his report to the secretary of the treasury. The value of gold deposited at the mints and assay offices during the fiscal year was \$87,482,082, of which \$63,161,097 were original deposits and \$26,321,022 was deposits. The classification of the original deposits of gold was: Domestic bullions \$44,371,949; worn, uncurrent and mutilated gold coins, \$18,258; bullion and coin, \$16,387,049; gold plate, jewelry, etc., \$3,213,089.

The value of silver deposited during the fiscal year was \$15,714,365, of which \$15,234,700 was original deposits and \$479,665 redeposits. The value of the deposits of domestic silver bullion at the mint during the fiscal year was \$8,899,353, and worn and mutilated domestic coins at silver dollar values \$3,899,353, foreign bullion and coin \$1,780,923, old plate, jewelry, etc., \$750,061.

The coinage by the mints during the year was: Gold \$43,933,475, silver dollars \$3,956,011, subsidiary silver coin \$5,113,469, minor coins \$712,594; a total coinage of \$53,715,549.

In addition to the coinage executed by the mints during the year, gold bars were manufactured of the value of \$43,158,370 and silver bars of the value of \$10,341,545.

Railway Mail Service.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The report of James W. White, superintendent of the railway mail service, shows that during the year 497 accidents occurred to mail cars, in which seven clerks were killed and 178 injured while on duty, an increase over last year of 137 accidents and twenty-seven clerks killed and injured.

It is shown that the service is becoming more and more efficient each year. Of the 10,377,875,000 pieces distributed and redistributed but 1,166,682 errors occurred, which is one error for each 8895 pieces handled correctly, as compared with one for each 2834 pieces in 1890, one for each 5564 in 1892, and one for each 7831 pieces in 1894.

The patrons of the department deposited in the mails during the year 10,907,151 pieces which were not addressed to any postoffice or so insufficiently, incorrectly or illegibly addressed as to render their delivery impossible until information as to the intention of the senders was secured, and of these 4,244,846 could not be forwarded to the addresses because the intention of the senders could not be ascertained.

Withdrawals of Gold.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The recent withdrawals of gold have reduced the free coin in the treasury here to a little over \$33,000,000, and, as further withdrawals might inconvenience the treasury, the secretary last night authorized the sale of United States bars to exporters at a premium of 1-10 of 1 per cent. The bankers, however, said they could not afford to pay more than 1-16 of 1 per cent premium, and after some discussion the secretary of the treasury authorized the assistant treasurer here to let exporters have bars at a premium of 1-16 of 1 per cent. Accordingly about \$2,500,000 in bars was engaged by 11 o'clock.

Five Bodies Discovered.

MAZATLAN, Mex., Nov. 25.—The dead bodies of five men, two of whom are recognized as being Americans, have been discovered northwest of here in a wild section of the Sierra Madre mountains. The bodies are supposed to be those of members of a gold prospecting party, who left here several weeks ago. The two Americans were from California, but their names are not known here. The others were Mexicans. It is supposed that the party lost their way in the mountains and all died together from starvation and exposure.

Nicaraguan Enterprise.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Nov. 25.—Work on the railroad from Rama to Lake Nicaragua was begun in August last by Gen. Reyes, who declares that he will now soon complete a contract with a company in the United States to complete the road, which he says will not cost much, although competent civil engineers have twice made preliminary surveys from Rama to Lake Nicaragua and reported the cost more than \$20,000 in gold a mile.

The sultan of Turkey is very indignant at foreign warships passing through the straight of Dardanelles into Turkish waters, but they pass.

To obtain \$45, life was strangled out of Mrs. Maggio Beckmann, at Chicago on the night of the 21st inst., and her husband, Hugo Beckmann, is under arrest charged with the crime.

ALL OVER THE STATE.

Interesting Cullings on Various Subjects Taken from the Daily Press.

Near Barry, Navarro county, on the night of October 22, a diabolical crime was attempted and frustrated. Mr. J. P. Watson, a farmer, has a daughter, Miss Lizzie, 16 years old. She sleeps in a side room adjoining the room of her parents. On the night above mentioned, the young lady and her younger sister retired as usual and about 12 o'clock she was awakened by a noise and smelling the fumes of some strong drug. She says she felt something thrown over her and smelt the fumes of something and awoke, and in her excitement she threw up her hand and felt a man's head coming into her room. She screamed and ran into her father's room. He ran out to see what was wrong. A man ran out of the yard to the road, where a horse was tied and fled, leaving the bottle on which was found the name of the firm from whom he bought chloroform.

There are on Texas railroads 1111 locomotives, passenger coaches 231, second class 149, combination 49, baggage, express and postal cars 209; other cars in passenger service 57; total coaches, etc., in passenger service 686, of which 670 were equipped with train brakes and 666 with automatic couplers. Box cars 11,025, flat cars 7077, stock cars 1467, coal cars 2474, tank cars 29; refrigerator cars 42, other cars in freight service 252; total 22,357 cars in freight service, of which 5834 were supplied with train brakes and 1071 with automatic couplers. Officers' and pay cars 21, derrick cars 26, cabooses 743, other road cars 743; total cars in companies' service 1293, of which 209 had train brakes and 33 had automatic couplers. Total cars of all classes 24,336, of which 6713 were provided with train brakes and 1770 with automatic couplers.

It has been suggested by the daily press and many citizens that Gov. Culberson appoint a committee of gentlemen from different sections of the state who may meet at an early day and determine a plan of action by which the people of the state may make some suitable presentation to the battleship Texas in recognition of the compliment paid the state, and the following have been appointed by him who will meet at such place and time for the purpose named as they may agree upon among themselves: W. D. Cleveland, Houston; Frank Hamilton, Austin; R. A. Ferris, Dallas; Tom Randolph, Sherman; Edward Rotan, Waco; George Sealy, Galveston; T. C. Frost, San Antonio.

The county commissioners of Bexar county have authorized the issuance of \$409,950 2-20-year funding bonds to redeem the issue of San Antonio and Mexican Gulf railroad bonds, four issues of courthouse bonds and two issues of jail bonds. The new issue is to bear interest at 5 per cent and must be sold at par with accrued interest and a premium of \$2300. Edward Froboes, county treasurer, was appointed financial agent of the county to sell the bonds. An issue of \$82,000 10-40-year courthouse bonds bearing interest at 5 per cent was also authorized. No provision for the sale of these latter bonds was made.

The following, prepared by Mr. Askew, expert of the railroad commission, gives the number of general officers and other railroad employees in Texas June 30, 1895: General officers 282, other officers 109, general office clerks 1,004, station agents 875, other station men 1,936, engineers 1,204, conductors 807, other trainmen 1,658, machinists 876, carpenters 1,330, other shopmen 3,293, section foremen 1,386, other trackmen 7,205, switchmen, flagmen and watchmen 945, telegraph operators and dispatchers 652, all other employes and laborers 2,959. Total 27,896.

At Terrell, a few days since, Mrs. Dick Todd died very suddenly. She was in perfect health during the day and retired at a late hour, feeling perfectly well, but arose from bed about midnight and ran out on the gallery, where she sank in death.

The case of L. E. Williams of Dallas, who was convicted of the murder of his wife, Lou Williams, and his punishment assessed at death, has been reversed and remanded by the court of criminal appeals, sitting at Tyler, for the reason that after argument, and after the judge had read his charge to the jury, the court allowed the case to be reopened.

The Business Men's club of San Antonio want a cotton factory built in that city. Put up gentlemen; nothing like it.

The governor received a telegram from the sheriff of Kerr county recently, asking that a detachment of rangers be sent to Kerrville as a precautionary measure during the trial of Taylor, who murdered Charles Langholz of San Antonio. The telegram was referred to Adjutant General Mabry, who at once wired Capt. Brooks to send three of his ranger company to Kerrville with instructions to remain there subject to the orders of the sheriff until the trial of Taylor was concluded.

In addition to the church robberies in Dallas that have been reported every few days, comes the theft of an upholstered chair, a fine Bible and a hand-painted pulpit cover from the First Methodist church. In all, half a dozen clocks and nearly as many Bibles have been stolen from churches in that city, and, strange to say, while the detective force has found clues to about 80 per cent of all other robberies, no trace has been secured to this work of desecration.

County Treasurer Hendly, gives as the total bonded indebtedness of Hunt county \$14,250 less \$1135.55 due the county on land notes. Of this indebtedness \$11,000 bears 8 per cent interest, \$2000 bears 7 per cent and \$1200 6 per cent. The total permanent school fund is \$39,357.83. The county funds are balanced in favor of the county, so that it is running on a cash basis.

At Cleburne, recently, Robert Watson died from the effects of an overdose of morphine. On returning to his home at evening he called his wife and three children around him, telling them that he had taken a dose of morphine, and after bidding each good-bye he told them his life was insured for \$2000, which would be of much more use than he.

At Houston the other night two confidence men ingratiated themselves into the confidence of an unsuspecting countryman and "teched" him for \$175. Under a pretext they got him to let them have the money for a short time while he held a check they had for \$600. They disappeared and have not been seen since. The victim is over 40 years of age.

In the commissioners' court of Karnes county recently H. H. McLane of San Antonio presented his claim of \$29,000 for damages sustained by him on account of the county cutting a road through his property. The commissioners refused to give him \$29,000, but agreed to allow him \$266, which he refused and will begin suit for \$20,000.

A great sensation has been caused at Port Lavaca by the arrest of H. M. White, representing the Diebold Safe company. He was indicted on the strength of allegations to the effect that he made proposals of a bribing nature to a member of the commissioners' court, of Callahan county. White immediately gave bond.

At Longview the other morning about 7 o'clock as William Green, colored, was preparing to go to work at the Texas and Pacific roundhouse, his 44-caliber revolver slipped out of his breast pocket and was discharged. The bullet struck him in the stomach and ranging upward caused almost instant death.

Sometime ago the people of Palo Pinto county held an election, ordered by the county commissioners carried on prohibition, and the pros carried the election by a majority of 60 votes; and, now in answer to a petition from the anti, the commissioners' court, all Democrats but one refuse to count the vote.

Mr. Dennison, secretary of the Galveston freight bureau, recently had a conference with the railroad commission on a proposition to equalize the differential against Galveston in the insurance on through shipments. A reduction of local cotton rate to Galveston is suggested as an equalizing measure.

The Dance Grocery company of Cleburne has filed a chattel trust deed on their stock to secure preferred creditors. The amount of the indebtedness named in the trust deed is \$1369.61. G. G. Towles is trustee.

The financial report of the state penitentiaries for the month of October has been received by the governor and is as follows: Receipts for the month, \$76,586.90; disbursements, \$41,129.05; balance on hand, \$56,299.16, which is an increase of \$16,137.04 over the balance for the previous month.

A. A. Post, grocer, at Fort Worth has made out assignment.

Navasota has a new military company.

ENGINE INSPECTION.

Those in Charge of a Machine Should Not Rest with Casual Examinations.

Engine owners and attendants are too apt to assume that because an engine is doing its work well, it is in satisfactory order throughout, and consequently it would only be tempting Providence to disturb the working parts. Many accidents would have been prevented by timely examination but for this unwise confidence. It is by no means uncommon for a large engine to work for two or even three years without any examination of the crankshaft journals, the reason usually given for such neglect being the fear of the bearings heating after being opened up. In the course of a couple of years a defect may develop and may actually cause fracture of the shaft and serious damage without any warning being given. On the other hand, if examinations are made more frequently, the defect will almost certainly be discovered in its earlier stage, and stoppage of the works can be avoided by having a new shaft prepared while the defective one is still at work.

When all the working parts of an engine are opened up periodically, the risk of trouble from heating or like causes on resuming work is much less than when such examinations are only made at very long intervals. The principal bearings, crankshaft, crankpins, crossheads, should be examined about twice a year, and the interior of cylinders, pistons, valves and air pumps should be seen about every three months. The chief problems which have presented themselves to the insurance engineers for solution have been, first, to ascertain as exactly as possible the cause of each breakdown; and, second, to point out how such accidents can be avoided in the future. In their treatment of these questions the engineers have rendered their most valuable services to both makers and users of engines, and it is to be regretted that the results of their labors in this direction are not still more widely known.

MIRRORS IN ELEVATORS.

The Typewriter Girl Says They Are Evidences of Masculine Vanity.

"Talk about the vanity of women," sniffed the typewriter girl contemptuously, as she went down in the elevator of a big office building on Broad street, New York. "Why, it ain't a circumstance to the vanity of men. Just you watch them going up and down in these elevators. What do you suppose these mirrors are for?"

"For the typewriter girls," suggested the elevator man, meekly.

"That's all you know about it. Just you watch the young men twist their mustaches up at the corners and set their hats on with a little extra touch, a trifle to the left side. I'm onto their tricks. They just smirk and prink in the elevator as if they were going on a tintype. And you take these gray-headed men, that you would think were figuring up stock quotations—why, they can't step in here without facing around to the looking-glass and fixing the set of their coat collars. It makes me tired!"

The elevator man yelled, "Going down?" at the fifth floor, and the middle-aged man who got in turned to the mirror, pulled out a pocket-comb and surreptitiously straightened his mustache.

"There!" said the typewriter girl, conclusively; and as the elevator stopped at the street floor she gave a backward peep to see if her hat was on straight.

"There!" called the elevator man, provokingly, after her.

"Don't Look at Me."

The German emperor has one very singular peculiarity. He cannot bear to have anyone look at him when he is saying his prayers in church, and in order that the curiosity of his subjects shall not disturb his religious devotions he has issued the following unparalleled order:

"As soon as I enter church everyone is on the qui vive to look at me, a thing which annoys me extremely. I therefore desire that all shall abstain from this curiosity when I go on Sunday to hear divine service. Those who desire to have a good view of me can do so when I take my walk in the Thier garden or drive in my carriage."

She Has a Good Argument.

Mrs. Ballington Booth seems to have a pretty argument on her side of the reformed woman question, when she would take the balloon sleeves of modern style garments with which to make dresses for scant clad children of want. —Albany Journal.



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A "Bloomer Ball" is the latest from New York.

Eugene V. Debs became a free man at midnight of the 21st.

Many cases of Messels are reported at San Angelo.

Hon. G. H. Noonan, congressman from this district, is to introduce a bill in congress asking for an import duty on wool of 10 cents a pound.

Dan A. Stewart has been at El Paso for some time trying to rig up some plan by which he can get Corbett and Fitzsimmons together. The high and dry atmosphere and mountain scenery there will doubtless prove to be a good stimulant to his imagination, but the public does not yet know whether he will get them in the same ring.

Fronte Notes.

Bronte, Tex., Nov. 25, 1895.
ED. RUSTLER:—As it is snowing here this morning, it is uncomfortable to have to tell much news.

Bronte is on a boom (of course) every body on the move, housing crops and preparing for Christmas festivals. Some talk of a Christmas tree. I hope they will succeed. No sickness here to make glad the M. Ds. heart.

Come to Bronte some Sunday and see the "store clothes" these people wear, which shows that these people are on a boom.

I have heard it said that everything that happens to us is for our eternal good: I can't see the point now, but may in the future.

We had quite a lively time here Sunday evening. Henry Rodgers told him a girl and married her.

She was a Miss Virgie Burnett two more souls made happy: we wish them a long and happy life.

We heard she was to marry Mr White, of Erath county, next Sunday. I imagine his disappointment when this sad news reaches him. Two stores are in full blast here. T. E. Williams and S. E. Woulf are the places to buy cheap goods.

We have a prophet in Bronte he says we will have a fine crop year in 1896: that Cleveland has changed things wonderfully. I should not wonder for the boys have already commenced stealing and where it will stop is hard to tell. If the old folks dont put a stop to it the whole business will be married by Christmas.

There is a kid in the Bronte school who says if he cant get a first grade certificate that he is going to Buzzard Bay. Some men were up from Ballinger a few days since trying to make arrangements for a telephone line from Ballinger via Bronte to Robert Lee. I hope they will succeed.

Small Tater.

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Cement \$2.50 bbl. | Lime \$1.50 bbl. | Good shingles \$1.75 per 1000.
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DETREMINED TO CLOSE OUT AT JUST EXACTLY WHAT THEY COST. THIS IS A GENUINE SELLING OUT SALE, AND TO

THE BENEFIT OF THIS, AS WE ARE

SHOW YOU THAT WE ARE IN EARNEST, EXAMINE THE FOLLOWING PRICES.

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All the calicoes, Red, Blue, Indigo, Grays, at 4 cents a yard.

All the parcels at 7 cents a yard.

- " Brown Domestic at 4 1-2 cents per yard.
- " Cotton Checks at 3 1-2 cents per yard.
- " Bleached Domestic at Cost
- " Cotton Flannel at Cost.
- " Bed Ticking at Cost
- " 10-4 Sheeting at Cost.
- " Satine in the house at Cost.
- " Oatting in the house at cost.
- " Flannels in the house at cost.
- " Cotton Batting in the house at cost
- " Comforts and Blankets at cost.
- " Dress Goods in the house at cost.

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The Stock is large and well assorted, and our prices for same will makethem move. Our stock of Men's Underwear, Shirts and Hose is a pleasure to see—our prices on same are "out of sight." The only way to ascertain the real values we are offering is to examine our stock and see your self the very low prices at which we offer these goods.

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250 Suits "	" 6 50; " 3 50
240 Suits "	" 8 50; " 5 50
300 Suits, "	" 10 00; " 6 50
385 Suits, "	" 11 00; " 7 00
135 Suits, "	" 12 50; " 8 50
200 Suits, "	" 15 00; " 9 50
335 Suits, "	" 18 00; " 10 50
165 Suits, "	" 20 00; " 11 50
60 Children's Suits,	" 1 25; " 65
72 Boys' Cl & Pants Only	" 3 50; " 1 75
50 Children's suits	" 2 00; " 1 25
OVERCOATS.	
Fifty Men's Ulsters	value \$5.00 Sale Price, \$2.00
Sixty-five Men's Ulsters	value 6 50 " 3 50
Forty Men's Ulsters,	value 8 50 " 4 50

Shoes

Space Don't Permit us to Give Prices on Shoes. Our Stock is Well Assorted and our prices for Same or less than we can Bas them to-day. We bought our shoes before the advance. Come and see the Stock, and Learn How cheap we will sell them.

Clokes Capes, and
Jackets at Cost.

GROCERIES.

First Patent Flour, our price	\$1 90 per 100 pounds
Half-Patent Flour, our Price	1 72 per 100 pounds
Good Ranch Flour our price	1 35 per 100 pounds
Choice Rio Coffee, green our price	18 cents per pound
Roasted Coffee any brand	" 20 cents a pound
Strict Granulated Sugar,	" 5 cents a pound
Y. C. Sugar,	" 4 1-2 cents a pound
3 lb. Standard Tomatoes	" 85 cents a dozen
2 lb. " "	" 75 cents a dozen
2 lb. " Derby Corn	" 75 cents a dozen
2 lb. " String Beans	" 75 cents a dozen
2 lb. " Morrowfat Peas	85 cents a dozen
Smoking and Chewing Tobacco	at cost.
Teas, Spices and Baking Powder	at cost.
New Crop Rice, 5 cent a pound	
New Crop Dried Fruit's at cost	
200-lb Sacks Salt, per Sack,	\$1.00

Respectfully,

S. Lapowski & Bro.,

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

IN FAR MADAGASCAR.

THE PRIZE WHICH HAS FALLEN TO THE FRENCH.

The Capital Built on Three Hills—Eighty Thousand Population—France's Dream of Empire Is Being Realized at Last.

(Special Correspondence.)

It was reported from Tamatave Oct. 8 that Antananarivo, the Hova capital of Madagascar, was captured by the French Sept. 27. Ranavalao III., the Queen of the Hovas, with her husband, Rainilaiarivony, Prime Minister, has

taken refuge in Ambositra, in the district of Betsileo.

Antananarivo, the capital, is a city of 80,000 inhabitants, and is situated at about the center of the Island of Madagascar, about 190 miles west of the city of Tamatave. It is in a mountainous region, about 7,000 feet above the level of the sea. It is built upon three hills.

General Duchesne, who commands the victorious French army, is 58 years old. He fought at Solferino, receiving a dangerous wound and winning the Cross of the Legion of Honor. He was made lieutenant in 1861, and captain in 1864. In 1870 his regiment (the Second Infantry) displayed heroic conduct at Spickeren, Captain Duchesne being one



QUEEN RANAVALONA.

of the few officers who escaped alive; but he was afterwards made a prisoner at Metz. After the war he was sent to Algeria, where he won the rank of Adjutant Major and Lieutenant Colonel. In 1883 Colonel Duchesne distinguished himself in the war with Tonquin, and received his promotion to a colonelcy; but he returned soon afterward to France, on account of failing health. He received the rank of Brigadier General in 1888, and that of General of Division in 1893. General Duchesne was in command of the military division of Belfort when he was placed at the head of the Madagascar expedition.

Since the middle of the seventeenth century France has been colonizing the southeastern portion of Madagascar, and the settlement of Fort Dauphin was greatly assisted by Cardinal de Richelieu, who was wont to call the great African island an "Oriental France." The colony was successful, and protected by the native tribes adjoining it, for the seventy-five French adventurers had the sagacity and foresight of marrying the beautiful girls of the country. But they lost their wisdom when a French vessel bound to the neighboring island of Bourbon was wrecked on the coast near Fort Dauphin. That ship was conveying as passengers about twenty-six girls destined for the Bourbon colonists. The settlers at



GENERAL DUCHESNE.

Madagascar discarded their native wives and married their countrywomen. On the night of the wedding ceremony, which was performed for all at the same time, the abandoned Malagasy girls sent their relatives and their slaves, who killed the greater part of the French colonists. Those who escaped were lost at sea, and thus ended the first attempt of French colonization in Madagascar.

But soon after other French adventurers arrived from France. Fort Dauphin was rebuilt, and since then the French have never lost their foothold on the Malagasy soil. They were practically recognized by the European powers as being the only ones entitled to exercise on the African island the same rights as England exercised in India,

or Holland at Sumatra and Java. During the wars of the revolution and the empire France managed to keep her aggrandized possessions in Madagascar, despite the efforts of England to oust her. The government of Charles X., Louis Philippe, Napoleon III., and the third republic continued the traditional policy of Richelieu, and supported the French establishments on the island. They had but few quarrels with the Kings and Queens of the Hova dynasty, which had succeeded in imposing its rule over the Sakalvas, the Batsibos, and the other autochthonous tribes, which recognized the supremacy of the Hovas, who had arrived from Malaysia, and settled in the Imerina district upon the healthful tableland in the interior of the island. However, between 1880 and 1883, the Hovas became jealous of French influence, and they began to persecute French colonists and travelers. These persecutions caused France to declare war against the Queen at Antananarivo, and to bombard Tamatave, her principal seaport on the eastern coast, as well as to occupy Diego Suarez, on the northern extremity of the island. Later on, Admiral Mot landed troops to capture the Farafate fortifications, in the rear of Tamatave, but was repulsed, being less fortunate than Colonel Giovannella, who is reported by a cable dispatch to have just destroyed the same fortress. A treaty was signed in 1885, giving France the protectorate of Madagascar. This treaty was recognized in 1890 by England and Germany. But the Hova government did not comply with its obligations and Frenchmen were persecuted, and some of them were even murdered. France sent in 1894 a special plenipotentiary, M. Le Myre de Vilers, but he did not succeed in his peaceful mission. The French Chambers voted in November last a credit of 65,000,000 francs, and an expeditionary corps of 15,000 men landed in April and May at Majunga.

The Queen of Madagascar, who has been stubbornly resisting the French invasion, is Ranavalao III., the Queen of the Hovas. She is described as a woman of medium height and slender build, with a complexion somewhat darker than that of the ordinary Hova; rather prominent bones in the lower part of the face, and jet-black hair and soft expressive eyes. She dresses in the European fashion. Her husband and the Prime Minister of the kingdom is Rainilaiarivony, who has been at the head of the native government of the Hovas for thirty years. Both he and the Queen are Christians, and are members of the Congregational Church at Antananarivo.

A TROJAN IN ALBANY.

Thought the Printing Press Made Papers a "Durable Sight Smaller."

From the Albany State: He was from Troy. You might have guessed that had he not announced it with that charming naivete of manner which distinguishes the Trojan away from home. He had wandered into the State pressroom and was watching with open-mouthed astonishment the working of the great Hoe press as it was running off the last edition of the State with a rapidity and smoothness that attracts crowds of people daily in front of the big windows of the pressroom. The Trojan was interested, deeply interested. You could easily see that. Troy, for once, was forgotten. Troja est, Troja fuit. Here was something worth seeing, and he had come to Albany to see it. He watched the long sheet of white paper unfold itself, pass into the press, and tried to follow it until it disappeared from his view and instantly reappeared, dropping as softly and as thickly as snowflakes, a neatly folded, handsomely printed newspaper. He walked back and forth on the iron platform in front of the window, looking at one end of the press and then at the other. There was something wonderful, something beyond his comprehension in the operation. "By gum, that beats me!" he exclaimed. "That ere machine prints a durable sight bigger paper at one end than it does at t'other."

Strangely Thrown Together.

From the Chicago Times-Herald: Dr. E. Fernia, who has an office in the Chamber of Commerce building, yesterday became acquainted with Dr. Darling, of 4329 Lake avenue, under peculiar circumstances. Dr. Fernia takes a bicycle spin every afternoon, the weather permitting. Yesterday he was riding along Rush street when his wheel struck a stone, throwing him into an open carriage that was passing. In the carriage was Dr. Darling. Dr. Fernia apologized for the prank of his wheel, and handed Dr. Darling his card. Dr. Darling laughingly accepted the apology and gave Dr. Fernia his card. As the physicians parted they shook hands and promised to call on each other socially.

What He Could Do.

"And you really claim that you can summon ghosts into your presence?"

"Certainly."
"Prove it."
"I will."
He summons a ghost.
"But—I don't see anything."
"Nor I. But I summoned one just the same. I didn't say I could make him come."

A Human Leopard.

BLACK SPOTS ON HANDS, FACE AND BODY.

The Inexplicable Affliction of a Chillicothe Man. Physicians Unable to Determine the Cause.

(From the Constitution, Chillicothe, Mo.)

A reporter on the Evening Constitution was making the usual routine for news one morning, and had just left the city hall when he came across W. C. Wright, a highly respected pioneer citizen of North Missouri, who has lived in Chillicothe a number of years. The reporter asked Mr. Wright if he could not relieve the monotony of the morning by furnishing a live news item, and to the astonishment of the newsgather, the fine looking gentleman replied: "Well, yes; I can give you a sensation, if you desire it."

The reporter grabbed his note book and asked Mr. Wright to proceed.

"It is a miracle," he began.

The reporter became excitedly interested. "Yes," continued Mr. Wright, "I have noticed a number of interviews in the Constitution with people who have experienced remarkable results from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Some of your readers may think those statements are exaggerated, but when you have heard my story you will conclude that those cures are common."

"And what was the matter with you?" asked the reporter, doubting that the robust form standing in front of him had ever seen a sick day.

"I don't know," said Mr. Wright, "and never found anybody who did. It was in 1887, when I was just 48 years of age, that black spots began to break out on my hands, then my face and then over my body, until I became a wailing human leopard. I had lost some near relatives and my nerves were shattered. I was the most uneasy, restless, irritable, sensitive person you have ever seen. I was not only miserable myself, but made everybody around me miserable. I was nearly crazy; thought I had leprosy and was losing my mind. I could not sleep to save my life. I had no appetite and no energy."

"The original cause of my ailment was over-work and over-heat, having over exerted myself by lifting in hot weather, and this was augmented by a case of malaria and the loss of my wife. The strained tendons were cured, but I had become so nervous and my blood so thin and appetite so scant that I despaired of my life. So was when the black spots came."

"After realizing my condition I started out to cure myself, if it should take all the property I had. I consulted the local physicians and they were unable to phase the black spots or to cure my insomnia. I went to Kansas City and consulted the noted specialists with the same result. I then kept a druggist busy ordering every patent medicine that my friends recommended. It was the same thing, and my misery grew apace, and I felt like taking 'Rough on Spots' and I noticed an article, copied in the Constitution from another paper, telling of the cure of a man from nervous prostration by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I concluded to try it, and you see the result," and Mr. Wright showed his clear-skinned hands and arms and his fine complexion.

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"I began to improve the first week. That was a year ago. Now I have a craving appetite, can sleep nine hours without missing my breakfast, and I have not been troubled with nervousness for nine months. That's my miracle. Is it not worth telling to the world?"

The reporter acknowledged it was miraculous, and the interview ended. A few stains of a brownish tint can still be recognized on Mr. Wright's body, but otherwise he is a perfect specimen of healthy looking manhood.

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On the Splice.

A doctor of South Dakota has succeeded in splicing the tail of one snake on to another of a different species, producing a very healthy specimen of the composite snake. Great possibilities are opened before that man. He can now supply the shows with snakes with heads on each end, and varied combinations of snakes unique and varied. There may be convivial readers who see nothing but snakes in this; but the splicing is really remarkable on account of its happening in South Dakota, which is more famous for divorcing.

Just as you are pleased at finding faults you are displeased at finding perfections.

The revolver championship of the South London Rifle club has been won for the eighth year by Mr. Walter Winans, an American. His aggregate score for the season was 324 points out of a possible 326, for five scores at twenty yards and three at fifty yards. At the twenty yards two of his scores were highest possible ones, and at the fifty yards one was a score of forty out of a possible forty-two, the highest score made at the club this year. The total beats his last year's record by two points.

What a Shame.

A London pauper picked up an apple in the workhouse orchard last summer and ate it. He was arrested for larceny, and has just been discharged from jail, after two months' confinement.

African Expedition.

Johannsburg, South Africa, proposes to have a big international exposition in 1896, and President Cleveland has received a letter from its manager inviting Americans to participate.

THE VALUE OF INITIALS.

Much Used in Our Language—Puzzle the Frenchman.

The lines beginning: "'Twas whispered in heaven, 'twas muttered in hell, And echo caught faintly the sound as it fell,"

attributed to Lord Byron, but really by Catherine Fanshawe, have the letter "h" for their mot d'enigme, says the Spectator. Hawthorne gave one of his best-known works the name of "The Scarlet Letter," and one of Charles Lamb's ineffectual dramas is called "Mr. H." Its not very entertaining plot turning on the concealment of the hero's real name, which in the end is found to be Hogsflesh. Readers of Dickens will remember "Mr. F.'s aunt," while the riots at Convent Garden theater, familiarly known as the "O. P." riots, live chiefly in the pages of "Reflected Addresses."

When members of the same profession speak of individuals by professionally abbreviated titles, it is generally a sign that the speakers are "talking shop." Army men, for instance, strew their conversation and documents with so many vowels and consonants that they seem to be making use of a special cipher, unintelligible to outsiders. There is nothing derogatory to a member of parliament or a queen's counsel in being spoken of as "M. P." or "Q. C.": it is a familiar abbreviation in which all the members of parliament and all the queen's counselors share, and written documents are naturally so addressed, but some of the abbreviations used in conversation have a decidedly colloquial ring about them. As a nation we seem to have a faculty for casting off superfluous words and phrases and for making use of contractions, and our titles of honor present a perennial source of difficulty to the foreigner. It must puzzle a Frenchman unacquainted with our social distinctions to discover the meaning of "Bart." or "Kl." or "Esq." or to unravel the intricacies of "K. C. S. I." or "M. F. H.," though on the part of a Briton such ignorance would mean ignorance of the usages of society. On the other hand, initials may be used in a derogatory sense. If we hear in private conversation a man referred to as "old J." we may be sure it is hardly intended as a compliment; while the bourgeoisie who calls her husband "Mr. J." at once conveys to her hearers a sense of easy and vulgar familiarity. In our complex civilization symbols have come to be looked upon as integral portions of the system of decorations and awards.

He Was Reminded.

Some men who are extremely tenacious of their opinions will acknowledge themselves in the wrong frankly enough when they are convinced of the fact. In illustration of this, a justice of the United States Supreme court lately told a story.

There was once, he said, a young Irishman, an officer in the Lancers, who had served with Wellington in the Peninsula war. After his return he was asked at a dinner party by his neighbor, a burly young English officer, if he would have some of the anchovies.

"Indeed, I will," said the Lancer. "I have seen them growing in Spain."

"Growing?" exclaimed the Englishman, in incredulous surprise.

"Yes, growing," rejoined the Irishman sharply. "I've seen whole bushes of them, and picked them, too."

"You are crazy, man," said the Englishman. "Anchovies don't grow on bushes; they swim in the sea."

The Irishman insisted that they grew on bushes. The controversy waxed hot, and the lie was exchanged. In those days a duel was the inevitable result of such a scene. Next morning the principals were placed face to face on the field, with pistols in their hands. The Irishman's second whispered to him: "Shoot low, my boy, and see him cut up capers."

At that word the Irishman called out, "Hold! I am wrong! It was capers, not anchovies, that I saw growing in Spain!"

Regardless of Expense.

This is a story about a man over in Alexandria, who has a great deal of money, to which he is deeply attached. He is, in fact, so attached to it that he hates to be separated from a dollar of it. He has a silk hat, too, a well-preserved silk hat of great age and undoubted respectability. He is fond of his hat, and he'd like to wear it every day, but silk hats, you know, are expensive, so he has been wearing his for these many years just on Sunday. On week days he wears a shocking bad hat, which does not concern this story. The last time the storks visited the Alexandria man's house they were generous. They brought twins, a boy and a girl. The father was sitting in the parlor when somebody entered to bring the news. "Well, you're a father now," said the somebody.

"Boy or girl?" asked the Alexandria man.

"Both; twins."
"Great Scott!" cried the father, springing to his feet. "Give me my silk hat. I might as well wear it every day now. What's the use of trying to be economical, anyway?"



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Michigananders, According to the Darky Are Not the True Blood.

"I was on the losing side during the late war," said Roger Blackenship to a party of vets who were fighting their battles over again in the corridors of the Southern. "I belonged to a Mississippi regiment, and the last mother's son of us expected to return home with at least a dozen yankee scalps dangling at his belt. Our orators had led us to believe that all we had to do was to show ourselves and the yankees would break for tall timber. Our colonel was a planter and a small fry politician who had never seen a real live yankee, and he fully expected to plant our regimental colors on the dome of the national capitol before we had been out a month. We were eager for the fray.

"Just before Grant invested Donelson we encountered a scouting party of Michigananders. They numbered only about forty, and the colonel took the company to which I belonged and attempted to head them off. They made a hasty scamper for a brush field that was surrounded by a rail fence, and we broke ranks and lit out after them in go-as-you-please order. Every man of us wanted a yankee and realized that there were not enough to go round. Just as we mounted the fence we received a volley that laid a score of men out. Before we could recover from our surprise those Michigananders were over the fence and at work on us with their sabers and six-shooters. We concluded that we had made a mistake—that we didn't want any yankees after all.

"The colonel was the first man back to camp. Half his left ear had been shot away and he had an ugly saber gash in his shoulder. I helped the surgeon fix him up, and after we had made him comfortable he turned to the major, who is also an editor, and said solemnly: 'Ye've been a-tellin' us in yer darned old paper that the yankees wouldn't fight. Dodrat yer measley hide, what do yer call fightin'?' The major replied that those men were westerners, only half yankees. 'Only half yankees!' snorted the colonel. 'Damme if I ain't goin' home! If them's only half yankees, I'll just be dad burned if I'm goin't tackle any whole ones.'—Ex.

Dereliction of the New Woman.

"Laura," said the husband of the emancipated woman sternly.

"What is it, dear?" asked the latter in a conciliatory manner, for she saw that trouble was coming.

"Laura, in the last three weeks I have given you three letters to mail, addressed to dear papa. What have you done with them?"

"Mailed them, of course," replied the wretched woman, in a determination to bluff it out if possible.

"Laura," the husband went on, "that is not true. I received a letter from papa to-day in which he says he has not heard from me in a month, and anxiously asking if anything is the matter. Now you have got those letters somewhere about your clothes if you haven't lost them. I know just as well as I know that I am standing here that you never mailed those letters. Now go through your pockets and see if you haven't got them."

The emancipated woman commenced to look through her pockets and soon turned out the missing letters, which she laid on the table, with the remark, "Well, I could have sworn that I put those letters in the letter-box at the corner."

The man sneered. "You can't trust a woman to do anything," he retorted. "Hereafter I'll mail my own letters and I won't occupy your very valuable time with such errands. Before you go I want \$10 for household expenses."

The emancipated woman meekly laid the money down on the table and went away with the remark that she would leave the office early in the afternoon and come after her husband to take him to the matinee.—Harper's Bazar.

A Woman Rides a Brake Beam.

On the arrival of a Burlington freight train at Huntly, Mont., recently, the trainmen discovered a young and handsome woman and a boy riding upon one of the brake beams in approved tramp fashion. The woman gave her name as Mrs. Peterson, and said her husband, a barber, had deserted her and a baby several months ago at Billings. Besides herself and baby, she had a mother and a little brother to support. A few days ago she spent her last money to purchase tickets for her mother and baby to Sheridan, Wy., where they have friends, and one night she took the little brother climbed on the brake beam of an outgoing freight, and had been riding nearly all night when discovered. The trainmen gave them a place in the caboose the remainder of their journey.

Sighted.

It is well, perhaps, to become used to disappointment in early life.

"Have you named your baby brother yet, Adams?"

"Yeth thir. They've called him Georgy, after Uncle George, and I don't like it a bit. I wanted him named Adamth after me."—Harper's Young People.

Do Not Belong to an Anti-Treat Society.

Boston has a new cultured-dog story. Pete, as his mistress calls him, greatly enjoys the society of his kind, and has very pronounced ideas regarding the selection of his playmates. One day recently he made the acquaintance of a canine of the ordinary 'yaller' variety and extended to him the courtesies of his home, gravely conducting him through the kitchen and dining room to his particular corner in the sitting room, snarling in remonstrance at his mistress' efforts to eject the intruder. Late in the afternoon Pete was heard in the kitchen scratching on the sink, as is his wont when he wants a drink; but when a basin of water was placed upon the floor for him, Pete walked behind the stove and brought forth the other dog. Pete was not thirsty, but stood by wagging his tail in satisfaction while the stranger drank copiously.

Swords and Beards.

At one time in England all 'gentlemen' wore swords as well as beards, and their habit of drawing these weapons to settle the most trivial disputes is said to have had much to do with the cuts and styles in beards. During this sword-wearing period all 'bluffers' wore their beards out and hacked in most outlandish shapes, trying to convey the impression that they were bad men who had been in many terrific sword combats.

False Witnesses.

There are knaves now and then met with who represent certain local bitters and poisonous stimuli as identical with or possessing properties akin to those of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. These scamps only succeed in foisting their trashy compounds upon people unacquainted with the genuine article, which is as much their opposite as day is to night. Ask and take no substitute for the grand remedy for malaria, dyspepsia, constipation, rheumatism and kidney trouble.

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The truly great man is apt to forgive as his power is able to revenge.

Not Fascinated.

The young king of Spain saw his first bull fight the other day. His mother, who has a horror of the brutal sport, postponed the event as long as possible; but even she was unable to override the ancient court precedent that prescribes attendance on bull fights as part of the education of a Christian monarch. The little chap viewed the sport without betraying any enthusiasm, and departed without rewarding the successful matador, in accordance with custom. And some Spaniards, therefore, fear that he may bring discredit on his order and race by taking a stand against the national sport when he grows to man's estate.

Could Do Without It.

Tammas had a friend stopping with him during the holidays and took him up to the hill of B. to have a look round. Arriving at the seat, they sat down, when his friend remarked, "Here we have come to view the beauties of nature and I have come away without a glass (telescope)," to which Tammas made answer, "Dinna fash yersef' about a glass, 'cause I can just as weel take a sook out o' the bottle."

Turtles Not Fish.

The New York customs officers have ruled that the sea turtle is not a fish, not even a shell fish, and an enterprising turtle catcher has been made to shell out duty on them.

Certainly.

Mayor Davis of Kansas City, Mo., forgot to pay his taxes last year, and was indignant the other day to find that his residence had been sold.

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A New Scheme.

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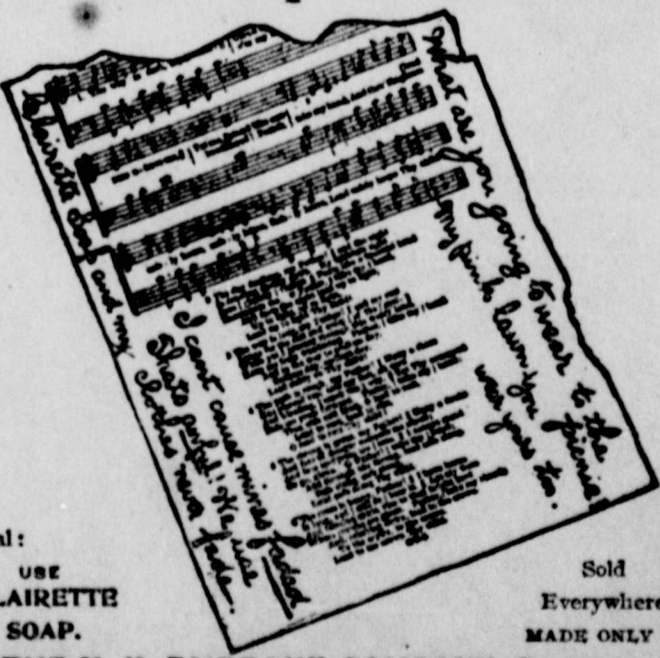
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Plates of same grade same price. Full size pitchers and bowls of same grade for only 75 cents.

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J. W. Tunnell moved to his new place a mile north of town this week.

We are glad to be able to publish three communications this week.

The farmers seem to be doubtless as to whether the cotton market will go up again.

Arkansaw Smith has a cut sale every day.

Can get more Groceries for less money than any place in San Angelo at Arkansaw Smith.

BUY HOME GROWN TREES from the COLEMAN NURSERY. Call at the RUSTLER office and get prices and catalogue and send in your order for this is the year to buy trees. Respect.

O. D. Battle. Buy where the stocks are the largest. F. C. Miller & Co. are the leading Grocers of Ballinger.

Cash talks at Arkansaw Smiths San Angelo.

J. S. Miles, Proprietor of the Brick Front Livery Stable in San-Angelo is agent for the best buggy that ever rolled, The Hynes.

L. W. Field and family have returned from Brown county to his farm north of town, where he says he expects to remain in the future.

Several of the young people of Lee attended a dance at Mr Bud Gardners Monday night. They report it to be a grand success.

It is now less than a month till Christmas. Time to go to preparing for the Christmas tree.

If we live here the balance of our days, we never expect to see a finer season for wheat sowing.

If you wish to do or say anything in regard to the establishment of a gin and mill here it is time to get at it, as one is going to be arranged for at once.

M. H. Davis has sold to I. M. Bennick the patent right to the State of Missouri on his invention. Consideration \$2000.

J. Barnett reports that Jim Allison, of Mt. Margaret, planted four acres in cotton this year and has already gathered four bales from it and there is yet more to be picked.

G. S. McClusky killed a surplus of wild Turkeys Wednesday and brought one to us as a thanksgiving treat. He also has thanks for a load of wood on his subscription.

Prof. Thomas informs us that he made a mistake in his school report published last week; the mistake is "8th grade" at the head of the averages.

The Teachers Institute is in full blast, having met yesterday. We hope to publish a good report of the same in our next issue.

Don Green went to San Angelo Wednesday on business and returned Friday.

When you see an X on the margin of your paper you may know that you are behind on your subscription and come forward and pay up at once.

F. C. Miller, of Ballinger, wants your trade: will pay the highest price for your cotton, wool and other produce and will sell you goods cheaper for cash than you can buy them elsewhere.

Rev. E. T. Bates succeeds Bro Fair in the mission work here. He is said by those who have heard him preach to be a good preacher. May success crown his effort while here.

I have now in stock a full line of the best Whiskeys, Wines and Drinks of all kinds and I most respectfully invite my friends to come to see me.

F. B. PERRY.

On Saturday night last we were visited by a sleet and on Sunday night by a two inch snow, which nearly all melted Monday.

O. D. Battle, Prp. of Coleman Nurseries was in town selling trees this week, doing a good business taking orders for trees shrubs, etc. Any one who he does not see will please call at the RUSTLER office and get his prices and send him in an order and it will be delivered at Robert Lee.

Respect, O. D. Battle

Considerable wheat is being sown in the country, but not so much as we would see put in.

The reason F. C. Miller can sell groceries cheaper than others is that, he pays cash for goods and buys in car lots. Ballinger, Tex.

Decker Dots.

Decker, Texas, Nov., 25th, 1895
 Ed. RUSTLER:—I know you think this part of the country is froze up. "Well we came very near being cold" did you say? I guess not just cold, that all.

Every thing white the morning of the 25th.

A. P. Smith and family are visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs W. J. Cook. He has just returned from the coast. They will settle in this part of county. Bad says any one can live on the coast that wants to but he prefers the west.

Bruce De Garmo was shaking hands with friends in Decker last Sunday.

Willie Cook, of Silver Creer, visited Decker last week.

Mr. Robert Parker, of Shelby county, is visiting relatives in Decker this week.

Jim Harding and family are visiting his wives' parents on Valley Creek.

Horace Cook is back from the plains; he says it is certainly a tough place.

Judge Hanna, of Olga passed through Decker Friday from an extended trip north.

Miss Susie McLamore visited Sweetwater last week.

Mrs. Doggett of Hylton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. McGaughy.

Success to the Rustler.

DICK.

Wool in the big markets is 10 cents a pound.

—That, the Ballinger livery stableman and W. L. Norton, collector for D. M. Osborn & Co. were in town Wednesday. Mr. Norton says collections have been better in Coke than any other section that he works.

Ballinger is the best cotton market in the west—F. C. Miller makes it so.

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ASACORDILL, Ballinger, Tex.

If your Watch, Clock or Jewelry needs repairing, send or bring it to me. My work is first class and is guaranteed in every respect. Give me a trial order.

W. R. Presley, who was on his way to San Angelo with cotton Wednesday, stopped at this office long enough to tell us that Saeco was on a boom; that S. S. Craddock was building a new smoke house and Wm. Scarborough was adding to his store.

For good groceries, cheap for cash, call on F. C. Miller & Co., of Ballinger.

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

H. H. Hayley has bought the place, 106 acres of land, now occupied by H. E. Johnston, about a mile North West of town, and speaks of moving to it. Consider ation \$400.

F. C. Miller of Ballinger wants to buy your cotton, wool, pecans and produce and will pay more for it than any one in West Texas.

A great deal of cotton passed through town this week enroute to San Angelo and we were informed that a great deal also went to Ballinger.

I have now in stock a full line of the best Whiskeys, Wines and Drinks of all kinds and I most respectfully invite my friend to come to see me.

F. B. PERRY.

H. M. Bennick left for Galveston and other places east last week. He will buy goods for the Big Four while gone.

F. C. Miller, of Ballinger is not in politics, but is still doing the leading grocery business of the town. He pays highest market price for produce in hard cash, and will save you money by buying your groceries from him.

Thursday was Thanksgiving day. Did our town and county give thanks for the unspeakable blessings which have so bountifully upon us.

As hall Dancer is located in the Rankles building and invites the Coke county boys to have him do their shingling and shoving when in San Angelo.

Leola Reed, aged 7 years, daughter of Rev. Jno. Reed, of Edith picked 147 pounds of cotton one day last week, and his son Isaac aged 12 picked 177 pounds the same day. The two children were alone in the field.

If you know of two children of their ages who have beaten the above record we would like to hear from them.

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Ballinger, Texas

The Coke county people are invited, when in Ballinger to stop at the Pearce Hotel, only \$1.00 per day to them. All trains met by porter. Free feed yard to patrons.

H. D. PEARCE, Proprietor.

News From Brother Fair.

Commanchie, Tex. Nov. 21, '95. Ed Rustler:—I send you a few notes. Mrs. Fair and I boarded the Santa Fe train at Brownwood Nov. 10th at 7 p m and reached Temple at 10 o'clock p m.

It having rained, the streets of Temple were almost impassible. Oh! How sticky this black mud is. "It sticketh closer than a brother." By the 16th the mud had dried up and the streets were smooth and nice. Our home is Mrs. V. O. Smith, almost a half mile from the church where our conference is held, a very nice walk.

Temple is a beautiful little city of about ten thousand inhabitants. It is called the "Prairie Queen."

It is estimated that there are about four hundred ministers and delegates attending the conference. Chickens and eggs are very high just now. Some of the young people of Temple say they wont get to eat anymore chicken till another crop is raised—Oh! How sad the thought. Temple is taking good care of her guests.

This seems to be a moral town I have not seen a drunken man here, nor heard as much profane swearing during my stay here (and I go through the town six times a day) as I have heard in Robert Lee in a half hour.

Cotton crops here are not good here as in Coke county, but corn

is better and cheaper.

The conference adjourned on Tuesday about 1 o'clock p m and by 3 o'clock most of the preachers were on the way to their to their work and the laymen on their way home. There were many changes made. Rev. Eugene T. Bates goes to Robert Lee circuit, Rev. J. M. Broyles to Decker mission, Rev. Spence goes to Midland and Rev. Airhart to Blanket circuit.

I fear some of the Coke county girls will feel sad when they read this, but it will be offset by some of the boys feeling glad.

My work is Commanchie circuit, my Post Office is Commanchie. Success to the Rustler and love to all our friends who read your paper.

GEO. F. FAIR.

The City Hotel

Is the place to stop. Everything is home like; nice, clean and comfortable. Good grub, pleasant rooms, and beds that you can sleep in. Only Hotel in Sweetwater. Fare \$1.00 per day.

A. J. ROY, Proprietor.

Wagon Yard Changed Hands.

We desire to notify the public that we now own and operate the Wagon Yard formerly owned by W. E. Eskridge on Hutching Ave. and will take the utmost pains to see that all customers are given every accommodation. Good camp houses and other conveniences; also feed kept for sale. The Coke county people are cordially invited to give us a trial, and you are our customers.

CURRIE EROS.

Ballinger, Texas.

CENTRAL HOTEL.

Mr. Q. Lee, 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.

Notice for the X on the margin of your paper and if behind, please come in and settle up before Jan' 1st, and save us trouble. If you havn't the money, bring us produce.

To The Farmers of Coke Co.

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VENO INTERVIEWED.

How He Performs Extraordinary Cures of Paralysis, Rheumatism, Catarrhs, Malaria and Many Other Diseases.

SCENES AND TESTIMONIALS.

Extract from Dallas News, Nov. 10.



The annexed cut is a fair representation of Dr. Veno, a man who is famous on two continents and has caused a great deal of stir in Texas, particularly in Fort Worth and Dallas, where he has performed some of the most remarkable cures ever heard of in this section of the country. He is a man of medium height with a keen, piercing black hair and a clean-shaven face, and dresses like the ancient Briton from Harlequin, which he has taken to be a president of the Veno Drug Co., a legally chartered company who manufacture Veno's Electric Fluid and Veno's Curative Syrup, two famous medicines that make paralytic and rheumatic cripples walk, and cure the weak, nervous dyspeptic and malarial in a most remarkable manner. Veno showed the writer a large collection of sworn testimonials of very remarkable cures performed during the last ten days Dr. Veno has delivered a number of powerful lectures in this city. The cures performed in the city by Veno's medicines have caused much talk among the medical men. Charles Connelly, janitor of Odd Fellows' Hall, had been crippled for a long time and hobbled about on a cane, and for five weeks had been in constant pain day and night. Veno's Electric Fluid stopped the pain instantly and it has not returned. Master George Harris, of Weatherford, brother to W. W. Harris, cigar dealer, St. George Hotel, Dallas, had been confined to bed with inflammatory rheumatism, malaria and general debility. Doctors could not cure him, and for four long years he had suffered. He was treated by Veno's medicines and is now well, walking about without pain, sleep well and gaining strength. These cures the writer has inquired into and found them just as represented above. Many other cures have been made that we considered incredible by local physicians. Veno's Curative Syrup and Veno's Electric Fluid are sold by nearly every retail druggist in Texas, whose addresses can secure them. Dr. Veno said: "We have so much confidence in these two remedies that we guarantee to refund the money if they fail to cure. **VENO'S CURATIVE SYRUP**, is a positive cure for Asthma and Hoarse voice. **VENO'S CURATIVE SYRUP** will cure the worst and most desperate cases of Rheumatism, Paralysis, Sciatica, Neuralgia and all aches and pains. These medicines are sold by druggists at 50c each, or 12 for \$5.00.

Japan Without Animals.

Japan is a land without the domestic animals. It is the lack which strikes the stranger so forcibly in looking upon Japanese landscapes. There are no cows; the Japs neither drink milk nor eat meat. There are but few horses, and these are imported mainly for the use of foreigners. The freight cars in the city streets are pulled and pushed by coolies, and the pleasure carriages are drawn by men. There are but few dogs, and these are neither used as watch dogs, beasts of burden nor in hunting, except by foreigners. Foreigners will soon break up this monotony. They will place the American hog there to squeal for food and to become food, and others will take cats there to sing on sheds "Of in the still night." They will have animals.

Wicked Extravagance.

The speaker of the house of commons, besides his salary and fees, which amount to about \$50,000 a year, gets \$5000 equipment money and 2900 ounces of plate on his election, a fine residence, two hogheads of claret a year, and \$500 worth of stationery.

In a Bad Fix.

An 88-year-old man of Waseca, Wis., married the other day, and in settling up with his children he owned up to having \$30,000 worth of property. He had always sworn to an assessment of \$200, and the grand jury has indicted him for perjury.

NATURE'S WAY:

There is no reason why the period preceding childbirth should be full of discomfort. There is no reason why childbirth itself should bring a feeling of dread to the mother. Nature does nothing wrong. It is the abuse of nature by wrong living, lack of exercise, ill-fitting clothes, that brings about the tortures of childbirth.

Perfectly healthy women go through the ordeal with comparative ease. Nature intended it that way. Women approaching motherhood have really but one thing to do—get strength generally and locally.

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DEBS IS FREE AGAIN.

HE IS GIVEN AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

Some Men Kissed Him, Others Were Content to Hug Him, and Two Men Seat Him on Their Shoulders Carrying Him from the Depot.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 23.—Eugene V. Debs became a free man at 12 o'clock Thursday night. His term of six months' imprisonment in Woodstock jail came to an end while he snoozed blissfully in his cell.

In no degree changed in his convictions, in no wise repentant of his attitude in times past, and with the same opinion that the federal courts have yet to learn how to administer justice, Mr. Debs finishes his sentence in about the same condition, both mentally and physically, as when the sheriff took him in charge 183 days ago. He is the same earnest and magnetic champion of organized labor as in days gone by, his genial disposition not having suffered in the least by his enforced confinement. He explained all this Thursday night while sitting in the sheriff's office at Woodstock by saying: "I have been sustained by the consciousness that I was paying the penalty for doing what I conceived to be my duty."

Had Mr. Debs so chosen he could have walked out of the jail at midnight, but he was satisfied with the comfort of his quarters and preferred to remain a prisoner until yesterday morning. A party of 300 admirers and friends went out to Woodstock yesterday afternoon to greet the labor leader upon his release. A party composed of representatives of all the labor bodies and the several local unions were among those to greet him.

Mr. Debs received them at the jail and then marched around the public square with the party to the music of a band and drum corps. Coffee and sandwiches were served to the visitors in the restaurants of the town just before boarding the train again. A delegation of the trades assemblies of Cincinnati came in over the Big Four and another from the American railway union from Cleveland arrived yesterday morning to take part in the general jubilee.

Mr. Debs has already laid plans that will keep him very much before the public. He said Thursday night that he had arranged to visit all the principal cities in the country primarily in the interest of the American Railway union, but combining his efforts to bring organized labor into a defensive alliance.

Mr. Debs spoke in Central Music hall last night to an audience that taxed the seating and standing capacity of the hall. Most of the leading labor organizations were represented and the reception accorded to the leader of the American Railway union was enthusiastic in the extreme. Several thousand men were at the station of the Northwestern road when the train bearing Debs and his friends arrived at 7:30 o'clock.

The reception given Debs as he stepped from the train bordered on the frantic. Hundreds of men pushed and struggled to get a grasp of his hand, many hugged him and some went to the length of kissing him. Finally he was tossed upon the shoulders of four men, and, followed by a dense throng that never for an instant stopped its shouts and cheers, he was escorted to the hall, about one mile distant. The warmth of the reception at the depot was repeated when he entered the hall.

The speech delivered by Mr. Debs, which was received with great applause by his audience, was in substance as follows:

He commenced by saying that in the light of recent judicial proceedings he stood stripped of constitutional rights as a free man and shorn of the most sacred prerogative of American citizenship, and what was true of himself was true of other citizens who had the temerity to protest against corporate rule or question the absolute sway of the money power. It was not the law or the administration of law of which he complained. It was the flagrant violation of the constitution. It was the total abrogation of law and the usurpation of judicial and despotic power, by virtue of which he and his colleagues were committed to jail, against which he entered his protest, and against which the haggard truth of the indictment. He had been denied a trial and he was charged now with conspiracy, and if guilty should go to the penitentiary. He wanted to be tried by a jury of his peers, and all he asked was a fair trial and no favor.

He then spoke at great length of "personal liberty" and in defense of the American Railway union, saying it would have triumphed but for the interference of the federal authorities, which he characterized as "an exhibition of the debauching power of money."

Last night's demonstration, he said, meant that the lovers of liberty were setting in operation forces to rescue their constitutional liberty from the grasp of monopoly and its mercenary

hirelings, but the people were aroused in view of impending perils and more agitation, organization and uniformity were to be the future battery of men who would not part with their birthright and who, like Patrick Henry, had the courage to exclaim: "Give me liberty or give me death."

Were he a criminal guilty of crime, meriting a prison cell, had he ever lifted his hand against the life or liberty of his fellowmen, had he ever sought to filch their good name, he would not be on the platform. He would have fled from the haunts of civilization and live in a cave where the voice of kindred was never heard. But he was standing before his hearers without a self-accusation of crime or criminal interests festering in his conscience, in the sunlight, once more contributing as best he could to make this "liberation day" a memorial day, realizing that, as Lowell sang: "He's true to God, who's true to man; wherever wrong is done To the humblest and weakest 'neath all the beholding sun, That wrong is also done to us, and they are a'vay most base, Whose love of right is for themselves and not for all their race."

Will Hold Still.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The fact transpired yesterday that the Democratic steering committee of the senate held a meeting in the city of three hours' duration on Wednesday last. The members who were present are very reticent as to what occurred, but it is known that a thorough canvass was made of the Democratic situation with a view of deciding on a line of policy in the next session. The question of the organization of the senate was discussed at length. The committee did not reach a final conclusion on this matter, but when it adjourned there was a general understanding that unless future events should make a change desirable the Democrats will recommend to the Democrats in the senate to make no move whatever until the Republicans and Populists shall develop their plans.

Did He Murder Her?

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 22.—A special from Ashland, Ky., says: The dead body of Mrs. James DeWitt was found in the woods six miles beyond Grayson Wednesday night with a shawl tied tightly around her throat and face, and marks of choking and beating plainly visible. She disappeared last Thursday evening after visiting her husband at his boarding-house. The couple have been living apart for some time. Her husband assisted in the search for her and was with the party that found her body. DeWitt has been arrested charged with the murder. He protests his innocence and claims his wife committed suicide. Excitement is intense and if held for a time he may be lynched.

Want to Be Annexed.

HONOLULU, Nov. 16.—Minister Cooper is authority for the statement that Francis M. Hatch, the Hawaiian minister, does not go to Washington to ask for a protectorate. This statement is made to refute a well defined rumor.

Mr. Hatch will use his best endeavors to bring the annexation question before the next congress and officials state that nothing else will satisfy the government. It is almost an assured fact that several rebels will be freed on Thanksgiving, but it is understood the real leaders will remain in jail until they disclose the hiding place of a large number of rifles and ammunition said to be hidden near Honolulu.

Congressional Funerals.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 23.—A special from Washington says: Senator Puffer has collected statistics on the cost of congressional funerals, and early in the coming session he may advocate a complete change in the methods of conducting them. He wants the cost of the funerals much reduced. He wants less champagne and more tears. Senators and representatives appointed to represent the two houses of congress at the funerals of deceased members, Senator Puffer says, have come to regard these excursions as picnics for the especial entertainment of themselves at public expense. Absolutely no limit is put upon commissary arrangements.

A Distinguished Prisoner.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 23.—A blonde young man with his trousers turned up at the bottom is in jail here, despite the fact that he says he is the grandson of Lord Marshman, the son of the earl of Douglas, and several other things like that. He declares he is the Hon. R. E. Leighton, of London, but Manager Johnson of the Fifth avenue hotel says he would not pay his bill, so the police put him in jail, title vacant and all. The distinguished prisoner is said to have several other little board bills unpaid, but despite his troubles he says he will prove beyond a doubt that he is a sure enough earl's son.

Two Negroes Hanged.

WASHINGTON, Ga., Nov. 23.—Amanda Cody and Florence English, both negroes, were hanged here yesterday on the same scaffold. The drop fell at 12:05 and both necks were broken. They were executed for the murder of the English woman's husband May 13.

Starting a Paper.

The 51 states and territories are subdivided into 2849 counties. Texas leads with 246, and Delaware is at the small end with only 3. New England has but 53 counties; while New York, with a smaller territory, has 60, Arkansas 73, Virginia 101, and Georgia 137. Maine has 16, and South Carolina 35. North Carolina with about the same area as New York, has 96. There are 191 counties divided among 27 states, in which no newspapers are published, viz.: Texas 49, Virginia 26, North Carolina 20, Kentucky 18, South Dakota 11, Georgia, Tennessee and Utah 10 each, 6 in North Dakota, in Idaho, Indian Territory, Michigan, New Mexico and Oklahoma 3 each, in Alabama, Florida and Nevada 2 each, and Arizona, Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming 1 each. Any man can jump into any one of these unoccupied counties and start a newspaper, and he can keep it going if he has enough health, brains and money to back it.

Bob Denio.

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