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MISS DINKER'S THEFT.



NO one knew how it was first discovered that Miss Dinker was a kleptomaniac, but it was a fact, and people made the best of it. Old Miss Dinker was tolerably well off, or her habit of appropriating other people's property would have got her into trouble. But Cumminseed was used to Miss Dinker. When she visited the village store and put a piece of tape up her sleeve the watchful shopman added its price to her bill. When she took a neighbor's forks the neighbor sent a polite message to Miss Jane Dinker to have them restored, and Miss Jane, who was old Miss Dinker's niece, would find them up chimney or down cellar and restore them.

Old Miss Dinker knew that she was deserving of blame in thus indulging her desire for stolen fruit, but, as she often remarked when reasoned with, she "couldn't help it."

She was a generous old lady, too, and kindly, and if she taught Jane that man was a deceiver and that spinsterhood was blessed, she meant well.

Capt. Richard Murphy told another story when his ship lay in port and he himself rested at a little hotel in Cumminseed. And Jane, won over by his merry voice and jolly ways, forgot her aunt's precepts and one day ran away with him, leaving a penitent little note for her aunt and begging her forgiveness.

The old lady was naturally indignant, but when, three days later, the captain brought Jane back under his arm, established her in a beautiful little house which he had purchased, and sent for the old lady to make up, Miss Dinker relented, took tea with her niece, and deigned to approve of her choice, and so the village scandal was silenced for awhile and people called on Mrs. Capt. Murphy.

They lived together for five years in great contentment, and a little boy was born to them, and all went on prosperously; but at the end of that time the sword that always hangs by a hair over the head of a seafaring man's wife fell at last. The captain's vessel was a wreck and the captain and crew perished in mid-ocean, and Jane, after hoping against hope, and refusing to be-



"SAINT GRACE'S CHURCH," SHE SAID.

lieve when no one else doubted, and listening night and day for a step that came not and could never come, accepted the truth at last and put on her widow's cap and took the awful truth in place of suspense, and tried to live and bear it for her boy's sake. Then there came from some far-off place a man who proved himself the captain's brother, and who claimed the property, alleging that Jane Dinker had never been married to him at all. Jane was furious, but she could only vow that a clergyman of the Episcopal church had married her. She could not remember the name of the church nor of its pastor, nor had she what the brother called "er lines." The marriage certificate, as she declared, the captain always kept among his private papers and had taken to sea with him.

She advertised in a New York paper for the clergyman who had performed the service, but no answer came, and finally the law and popular opinion declared that the widow had never been a wife, and she was left poverty-stricken and helpless, and not a friend in the world but old Miss Dinker. She came out nobly, though Jane had been away with the captain to New York and was not to be accounted for for three days; and though she could not prove her marriage, old Miss Dinker insisted upon it that "she couldn't help being decent, with her bringing up."

Alas! all the rest of Cumminseed held a contrary opinion. They remembered "having thought it wasn't right." They shuddered at the thought of having associated with such a creature, and wondered how she had dared impose

upon them so. They sent her to Coventry and tabooed her. I think some of the dear creatures would have tarred and feathered her if they could. Jane Dinker had the comfortable Yankee pride of respectability in its Yankee sense strong within her soul, and this scorn quite crushed her. She hid herself from human eyes as much as possible and went thankfully home with old Miss Dinker, whose income had grown smaller in these years and who really showed great generosity in taking her disgraced niece to her bosom.

But Jane, thankful as she felt, could not be glad to go. The old home seemed gloomier than ever and the change was terrible. Then, after having plenty and to spare, to be a poor dependant was very, very hard; to have nothing for her little boy's amusement and to know that she would never be able to dress him as she hoped; all this was hard to bear, though nothing like the shame and disgrace of her position, and, to add to her unhappiness, Miss Dinker's peculiarity had developed itself immensely. And now that she had countenanced poor Jane and opened her house to her she also had lost her friends and people grew hard upon her.

"You'll tell your aunt, Miss Jane, that I shall proceed to law if I lose another spoon," said one angry matron, to whom Jane had been forced to speak, and she, poor soul, flushed hotly and answered:

"You'll be kind enough to call me Mrs. Murphy after this."

And the visitor retorted: "You've about as much right to that name, I believe, as your aunt has to my spoons."

Poor Jane! It was very hard upon her.

So, when her boy grew older there were children near by who, if he ventured into their company, were dragged away as though he had the plague. And when Jane would have placed him at one good school, Aunt Dinker having allowed the money, the lady who presided thereover gently hinted that it would not do.

And little Richard, clinging to her hand, asked as they went home:

"What is it, mamma?"

Then poor Jane wished that she were dead.

Old Miss Dinker called in high dudgeon upon the old schoolmistress and remonstrated in vain. The fact that she stole a spelling-book during her brief stay did not further her object. When a little boy was sent for it at dusk Jane wished herself dead again. If only she could have had pride in anything or anyone she thought, but life was all shame to her.

"Oh, aunt, if you only wouldn't!" she sobbed, and Aunt Dinker shook her head.

"Habits are hard to break," she said, "but I'll try. Only you oughtn't to be so hard on me when I've stuck to you so." And then she revealed a plan which she had concocted for giving the boy an education. "I'll put him to the best school in New York," she said. "I'll keep the story that they tell—He as it is—to myself and I'll pay his bill regular. 'Tain't likely I'm a-going to see him grow up without education. We'll make him a clergyman or a doctor. We'll snap our fingers in the faces of these critters. I'll take him up myself to-morrow and he shall come down every Saturday night."

"I shall miss him so," said Jane, "but it's for his good, and I thank you, aunt."

So Jane spent the night in tears and in the morning Aunt Dinker went to the city, taking with her little Richard.

Jane suffered a great deal that day, and when at night she saw Aunt Dinker return alone she could not find voice to speak to her. But the old lady was in good spirits. She sat down before the fire with her shawl on and told Jane how pleased Richard was with the journey and how Miss Speers had admired him. And Jane brought her her tea and she took it sitting by the fire, but still kept on her shawl, and, moreover, the shawl looked curiously thick and bunched.

Once before had Jane seen the same thing and it had resulted in the appearance of somebody's work-box. Her heart misgave her.

"Auntie," she said in trembling tones, "are you cold?"

"Not particularly," said Miss Dinker. "Then sha'n't I take your shawl?"

"When I ask you to do so."

Jane was silent. Old Miss Dinker fidgeted. Finally Jane burst into reproaches.

"Oh, auntie! Couldn't you help disavowing my poor boy, to steal in New York, where they'll have no mercy on you, and at the school, where I hoped he could hold his head as high as any one? Oh, aunt, aunt!"

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself, Jane. I've been a good aunt to you, and as for the school, I never touched a

thing. I put my hands in my muff and sat just so, and made a point of it. And it's nothing much to make a fuss over. I took it almost without thinking, it came so handy."

"What is it?" asked Jane desperately.

"Well, I'll tell you," said Aunt Dinker; "and if they want it they can have it—a shabby old thing. As I was going from the schoolhouse to the depot there came up a rain. I had on my best bonnet, so I looked about me and there was a church open and in I popped. Well, as I stood there out came a gentleman that I knowed was the clergyman, and, says he: 'Walk in, ma'am, and wait for the rain to be over. There's a fire in the vestry.' And he left me before the grate in the nicest little room. And I waited until the streets were dry. The sexton came and talked to me and told how they'd been a wedding there and they'd just gone. And somehow, when I got into the street this was under my shawl."

"She's committed sacrilege at last," cried Jane. "Oh, dear!"

"'Tain't neither," cried Aunt Dinker. "It's only a shabby old book!"

And as she spoke she unfolded her shawl and tossed upon the table a dingy leathern tome, on the cover of which was marked in black letters:

"Marriage Register of Saint Grace's Church. 1860-1873."

Jane seized upon it with a low cry.

"Saint Grace's church!" she said. "Aunt, aunt, that was the name. That was where I was married." And her trembling fingers turned over the pages and her eyes sought out the date and suddenly glittered with joy. "It is here!" she cried, "here! here! here!" and cast herself upon the floor and sobbed as she had never sobbed before.

To-day no one is more respected in all Cumminseed than Mrs. Jane Murphy, although she has never quite forgiven her neighbors' cruelty. And Aunt Dinker, growing quite old and unable to go abroad, indulges her singular propensity by stealing napkins from the linen press. There is good in all things, Jane Murphy often says. She never will deny that since such great good came to her of old Aunt Dinker's kleptomaniat.

SWALLOWED THE STOVEPIPE.

Remarkable Feat Performed by a Foolhardy Paris Apprentice.

The series of bravado bets which have been so frequent in Paris for some months past reached a climax when a shop assistant named Alexander laid a wager of 500 francs that he would swallow a yard of galvanized iron stove-piping, says Le Figaro. The bet was accepted and the referee appointed. Alexander and one of the witnesses went to buy the piping, which was about one-sixteenth of an inch in thickness and five inches in diameter. Alexander took it to a white-smith, and requested him to file it down into a powder in the presence of the witness, who subsequently carried it to a cafe in the Rue de la Chapelle, where the operation of swallowing the filings was carried out. Quite 100 persons attended as spectators. Alexander divided the filings into five portions, placed them in five glasses of beer, and tossed them off at intervals of ten minutes. He played cards during the process of drinking and when the last glass of beer and its metallic addition had been consumed, the bet was declared won, and the 500 francs handed over to him. He stated afterward that he felt no inconvenience from the feat.

Boiled Water and Impurities.

It is generally believed that the most impure water can be rendered pure by boiling and that in this we have an absolute safeguard against the dangers of water containing disease germs. Now, while it is true that boiling will kill the germs of diseases, yet the fact has been brought to our notice by so high an authority as Dr. Charles M. Cresson, that, while boiling kills the germs of a particular disease, it yet, in reality, renders the water more impure than it was before, because, by the very death of these germs, dead organic matter is allowed to remain in the water, which it pollutes by putrefaction. Hence, while boiling is a most excellent precaution against the occurrence of typhoid fever or similar diseases, when we have occasion to think the germs of these diseases exist in the water we drink, yet we must remember that this boiling does not purify the water; it simply removes the specific power to produce a specific disease.—Philadelphia American.

Rushing to Alaska.

Already the spring rush to the Yukon gold fields has set in and the steamers leaving San Francisco and Tacoma within the last week or two have carried large numbers of miners to Alaska. The steamer Topeka, which left Tacoma last week, had seventy-five prospectors aboard.—Exchange.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

CENSURING AMBASSADOR THOS. F. BAYARD.

The Vote Stood 180 to 171 in Favor of the First Resolution, and 191 to 89 in Favor of the Second—Improvement of Caddo Lake Will Be Pushed.

Washington, March 21.—The house yesterday after three days adopted a resolution censuring Thomas F. Bayard, ex-secretary of state and now ambassador to the court of St. James, for utterances delivered in an address to the Boston, England, grammar school, and in an address before the Edinburgh, Scotland, philosophical institution last fall. The vote stood 180 to 71 in favor of the first resolution, and 191 to 59 in favor of the second. Five Republicans broke away from party lines and voted against the resolution of censure and six Democrats voted for it. All the Republicans and nine Democrats voted for the second resolution.

The resolutions adopted, after reciting the objectionable portions of Mr. Bayard's speech, were as follows:

Resolved, that it is the sense of the house of representatives that Thos. F. Bayard, ambassador of the United States to Great Britain, in publicly committed an offense against diplomatic propriety and an abuse of the privileges of his exalted position, which should make him the representative of the using the language referred to has whole country and not of any political party. Such utterances were wholly inconsistent with the prudent, delicate and scrupulous reserve, which he himself, while secretary of state, enjoined upon all diplomatic agents of the United States. In one speech he affronts the great body of his countrymen who believe in the policy of protection. In the other speech he offends all his countrymen who believe that Americans are capable of self-government. Therefore, as the immediate representative of the American people and in their name we condemn and censure the said utterances of Thos. F. Bayard.

Resolved, further, that in the opinion of the house of representatives public speeches by our diplomatic or consular officers abroad which display partisanship or which condemn any political party or party policy or organization of citizens in the United States are in dereliction of the duty of such officers, impair their usefulness as public servants and diminish the confidence which they should always command at home and abroad.

Lake Caddo.

Washington, March 21.—Mr. Culbertson went to the war department yesterday in regard to the prosecution of the work on Caddo lake, between Jefferson and Shreveport. There is \$10,000 left from the appropriation to improve that waterway, and Culbertson wanted to know from the chief engineer why that was not being expended. He represented that while the engineer in charge of that division of river and harbor work had reported against the feasibility of erecting locks and dams at Albany shoals because the commerce on the lake would not justify the expense, which would amount to about \$375,000, yet the government by the removal of the raft in Red river had disturbed navigation back where it was before the disturbance of it by the removal of said raft.

The chief engineer said that he would take up the whole matter at once and see what could be done. He said, moreover, that this view of the case had never been presented to him before.

Culbertson also told him that a railroad was building a bridge across the lake at Mooringsport and that it interfered with navigation. The chief engineer said that he would telegraph at once to the engineer in charge and have the work stopped or carried on so that navigation would not be interfered with.

Much Damage Done.

Huntington, W. Va., March 21.—A hurricane passed over Hart's creek valley, fifty miles south of here, Thursday night. Buildings were blown down and immense damage is reported. It was the heaviest wind ever known in that section.

Soon after New Year's day St. Peter's at Rome had to be reconsecrated, as a man had the bad taste to cut his throat before the high altar during noon mass. The services were stopped at once. The last suicide was in 1867, but it was not thought necessary to bless the building in that case, as the pope was in it at the time.

Did Not Suit.

New York, March 21.—The young lady members of Ballington Booth's new army have been greatly excited over the announcement that the uniforms for "God's American Volunteers" would be of seal brown color.

When the samples of cloth were first brought to the room in the Bible house, devoted to the trade department of the army, they were sharply examined by the women. Then there was whispering, which grew louder and louder and until finally it broke out into open revolt. The fair soldiers admitted that they had one worldly weakness, and that was touched when they were asked to don a color so unbecoming.

They were joined by the men, who said brown trousers would be more quickly ruined by knocking around in the streets than those of blue. After much deliberation Commander Booth rescinded the order for the brown cloth, and his aides are now looking for suitable cloth of a cadet-blue color.

Mexican News.

City of Mexico, March 21.—General of Division Felipe Berriozabal, one of the most distinguished officers of the army, yesterday took the oath of office as minister of war in place of Gen. Pedro Hinajosa, well-known to American army officers on the frontier. Gen. Hinajosa will be made president of the supreme court of military justice. He is an aged man and the war department required renovation, and will, it was reported yesterday, be subjected to rigorous investigation in order to weed out incompetent employes and expose corrupt practices, long suspected among minor officials. Gen. Berriozabal fought in the war of the American invasion. He is an upright and gallant officer and commands the confidence of the country. He has a son in the Mexican consulate at Chicago.

The Associated Press news of insurgent successes was bulletined all over the city, causing great rejoicing among Cubans and the masses of people in sympathy with them.

No Arms for Them.

St. Paul, Minn., March 21.—A formal application from a prominent organization in this state to the emperor of Germany for arms and ammunition for use in this state and the answer from the German minister of war to such request is the most unusual affair that has just been learned. Deutsche Kriegsverin an organization of Germans who had served in the war of the rebellion in this country and afterward tendered their services to the fatherland during the Franco-Prussian war, made the requisition for the arms six weeks ago, especially desiring to secure some of the same guns they had used in their service as soldiers, for use in firing salutes over the graves of the dead comrades. The answer was received yesterday in the shape of a letter from the German minister of war, explaining that owing to the lack of arms suitable for the purpose, none could at this time be sent.

A New Phase.

Washington, March 21.—Mr. Morgan presented a new phase of the Cuban question to the senate shortly before the adjournment last night by offering a joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists in Cuba and recognizing the insurgents as belligerents. The pending resolutions are concurrent, while these, being joint, if adopted, would require the president's signature.

The resolutions before the senate received an unexpected reverse yesterday. Mr. Sherman sought to interrupt the usual course of adjourning over Saturday unless unanimous consent was given to take the final vote on the Cuban question at a stated time next week. The unanimous consent was not given, however, and the senate voted—42 to 22—to adjourn over to-day.

The vote was regarded as an evidence of growing opposition to the Cuban resolution.

A revolution is reported in Peru.

Washington, March 21.—The order soon to be issued converting into the civil service a large majority of the offices of the government now in the excepted class is still under deliberation by the president and the cabinet. The form in which the general extension will be made has not been definitely decided. The president has not determined whether to make the order a general one, specifically naming the offices to be classified and omit the name of the office to remain excepted and to which the order will not apply. It is authoritatively announced that the extension as now contemplated will involve about two-thirds of the offices at present outside the civil service.

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at Brownwood on the 3rd and 4th
of April.

A Charter has been adopted by
the Dallas Semi-Centennial Com-
mittee and the committee will now
make an effort to secure the nec-
essary State and Federal legisla-
tion to carry on the work.

Nedum Harrison, an old land
mark of this county, died in Loui-
siana last week. He went to that
state a short time since with some
horses and was taken sick which
resulted fatally. He has many
friends here who regret to learn
of his death.—Sweetwater Re-
view.

A man who was too poor to
subscribe for his county paper,
sent \$1 north for information on
"How to keep from growing old."
He received by return mail the
brief, but good advice: "Kill your
foot self!"—Ex.

It does not now appear that
"streddles on the financial ques-
tion will be tolerated by either the
gold or silver faction of any polit-
ical party in the coming campaign.

The gold men want gold plat-
forms and the silver men want
unmistakable "silver" platforms.
It is to be hoped that there will
be a gold standard platform and a
free silver platform with a gold
man to head and a silver man to
head the other that the people
may have a chance to decide the
all important question at the ballot
box.

Hon. John G. Carlisle is a can-
didate for the Presidency.

Primary Election Law.

Following is the primary elec-
tion law enacted by the last legis-
lature:

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the
legislature of the state of Texas.
Any primary election called and
held by authority of any political
party for the purpose of nominat-
ing candidates of such political
party for any political office who
is not qualified to vote in the elec-
tion precinct where he offers to
vote at the next state, county or
municipal election, or who shall
vote more than once at the same
or different precincts or poles on
the same or different days in the
same primary election, shall be
deemed guilty of a misdemeanor
and upon conviction thereof shall
be punished by a fine of not ex-
ceeding \$500 or by imprisonment
in the county jail not exceeding
30 days, or both fine and imprison-
ment.

Sec. 2. Every person who shall
knowingly procure any illegal
vote to be cast at any such pri-
mary election shall be deemed
guilty of a misdemeanor and
upon conviction thereof shall be
punished as provided in the pre-
ceding section.

Sec. 3. Provides a like penalty
for any manager, clerk or judge of
such primary election who shall
make false returns of said elec-
tion.

Sec. 4. Prohibits any officer or
clerk from divulging how many
persons voted in such primary
election.

Sections 5 and 6 provides pen-
alties for bribing or attempting to
bribe any officer or voter in such
election.

Will Simmons was convicted in
district court at Ballinger last
week and given fifty years in the
penitentiary for the murder of
Jack Layman in Menard county in
1894.

S. W. T. Lanham is a candidate
for congress to succeed Judge Rell.

School Report.

The attendance since private
school began has been exception-
ally good. As a consequence
better progress has been made
Several classes are now renewing
their books preparatory to taking
up more advanced ones. Below
is a list of those whose grades are
90 or more.

Lee Hamilton 97, Sam Hamil-
ton 97, James Tunnell 93, Florence
Winters 97, Dalton Johnston 92,
Ada Frye 95, Pearl Hamilton 95,
Ellen Mobley 97, Edith Montgom-
ery 95, Lottie Hayley 94, Eva
Vestal 93, Frank Tunnell 99, Char-
ley Percy 90, Howard Montieith 99,
Roy Hamilton 90, Mollie Tunnell
92, Ida McDonald 90, Eva Ben-
nick 90, Della McDonald 90, Ne-
lia Montgomery 95, Lula Hayley
15, Effie Murray 90, Lula Webb
93, Mandie McCutchen 90, May
Stewart 97, Ina Barfield 95, Fin-
ice Waters 94, Ollie Finch 95, Lo-
ra Barfield 98, Mamie Murray 92,
Ida Johnston 92, Cora Johnston
92, Pearl Burroughs 92, Earnest
Higgins 95, Sam Montgomery 93,
Jim McDonald 90, Minnie Mc-
Donald 91, Ola Hazleton 90, Os-
well Brightman 90, Tom McCut-
chen 95.

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delayed. Frank E. Thomas,
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Sanco Dots.

Sanco, Texas, March 24th, 1896.

ED. RUSTLER:—It has been some time since I wrote you. Our city moves along much as usual. Brother Bates preached here Sunday and Sunday night to good audiences.

Messrs Frank and Lee Beeman and Willie Garrett and Nettie Renshaw and Mrs. Fore came over from Sterling to visit Mr. Greens family, and this morning they went back taking with them Miss Sarah Hendricks, who has for some time, been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. B. Green.

On Friday night, the talk of this month, about half past one o'clock the house hold of Esq. Byrne was aroused by very loud knocking on the door. On going to the door Mr. Byrne learned that a couple who wished to be married were waiting outside.

Miss Sallie Compton and C. C. Walker come into the house and after half an hour, which was spent by the bridal party in warming themselves by the fire and in passing jokes; Esq. Byrne "tied the knot" and sent the "happy pair" on their way rejoicing. Messrs. Sam Brown, Willie Compton, Sam and Charlie Walker formed an unimportant division of the bridal party.

E. M.

Ft. Chadbourne News.

Ft. Chadbourne, Tex. Mar. 16.

ED. RUSELER:—I thought of trying to give some of the happenings from our part of the country.

Our farmers all seem up with their work; most of them are through planting corn, but I fear that unless we have rain soon they will fail to get a stand.

Did you ever see such weather? It looks as if the weather clerk has gone off on a high lonesome.

Our school is progressing finely under the efficient management of Prof. Lee Allen. Mr. Allen is a fine young teacher and seems to be giving satisfaction.

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In A Fix.

Darn our skin, we are out of sorts and out of fix generally. It is getting dry and things look gloomy.

The wind blows sand in our eyes. Every bodys face looks dirty and they have a cross, ill look. News is scarce and no one will tell us what he knows. We know all expect us to get out a bright, newsy paper full of life and cheer this week, and we know the editor will be 'cussed' and abused if we dont, but what have we to draw from? Who is there to help and encourage us. What has happened in the last week in the way of news? What is there to animate us and encourage us to cheerfulness? Then how can we get out a creditable paper and hide out half the time to dodge bills! The vast sums that we have expected to collect on subscriptions have fallen short; The broad half page advertisements that we expected to reap have not materialized, and the vast crop of political candidates that we have looked and longed for are failing to come through. Every body goes fishing and hunting but us. We are out of copy are we would stop this right here but it must fill just so much space.

We have "boomed" every subscriber in the town and county, have boomed every business in town and every enterprise that we have heard spoken of until we are out of ammunition and have acquired the nick name of "Boomerang" We are just simply undone—buffaloed. If we could only follow the worthy example of some of our contemporaries and vent our spleen dealing out gall, bitterness and politics together to some neighboring paper we might feel better—but times are looming up—we feel better, here is a subscriber with a load of wood.

At last report the "nigger" Cuny was holding the republican convention at Austin down in good shape; he rode rough-shod into the temporary chairmanship and says he will send two or three Allison men to the St. Loui's convention.

county that needs any pointers on parliamentary usages, let them come over and catch on. I heard a man say the other day that he had a very peculiar neighbor; I asked him in what respect was his neighbor so peculiar. Why said he, he stays at home and attends to his business; May the good Lord send us more of such men. Brother Broyles preached a series of interesting sermons at New Hope last week.

Brother Jay also delivered an able discourse Sunday night.

Ye scribe had the pleasure of visiting Bug Seattle last week and found the store well stocked with general merchandisp. Mr. Billingslea is here to stay and we hope the people will patronize him. Mr. R. Whiteslie was in our neighborhood a few days ago wanting to trade some sheep for horses, but our opinion is that there is a lamb in this neck of the woods that Rufe wants.

The health of the country is so good that Dr. Lane can find time to go turkey hunting.

Wishing the Rustler much success I will close for this time.

Respectfully,
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Respectfully,
John Barron.

THE SPRING ROUND UPS
AT ROBERT LEE.

—THE LAST ANNOUNCEMENT!

Parties desireing photos are informed through this medium that I will positively be at Robert Lee through March only, and you will only have a few more days to get a nice picture here.

Respectfully, T. Irby.
"Pho to ist."

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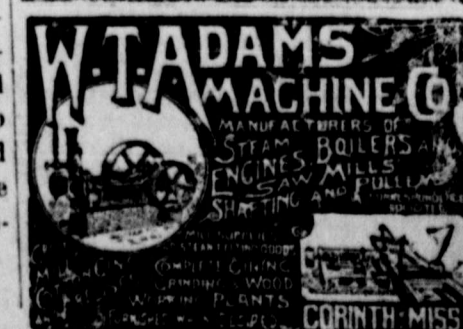
All druggists sell Scott's Emulsion. Two sizes—50 cents and \$1.00.

What Does It Mean?

Robert Lee, Texas, March 16, 1896.—Editor Banner Leader, Ballinger Tex.—Coke county is in the swim. The county judge who committed suicide a few day since was buried at Robert Lee, and L. H. Brightman appointed to fill the unexpired term. Two county treasures and a new judge; who can beat that.—Banner Leader.

Toby.

Go it Toby old boy, whoever you are; give your home town a black eye every chance you get sue is used to it. Such reports as the above, from our home people, go along way toward establishing one kind of reputation for the town and county. It goes much further than from one outside of the county.



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GUSTAVE FLAUBERT.

He Was a Fatalist and Could Not Enjoy Life.

This nausea at his immediate surroundings was always a characteristic of Flaubert. Du Camp tells us that at Croisset he dreamed of travel in the east, and in the east he longed passionately for home, says the Fortnightly Review. The discontent he felt with everything around him was part of the desire for spaciousness, for freedom that was the concomitant of his malady. Before he was 20 this nausea at life had already appeared. "It is strange," he writes to Du Camp in 1846, "that I should have been born with so little faith in happiness. When I was quite young I had a complete presentiment of life. It was like an odor of unpleasant cooking escaping by a vent hole. One does not need to have eaten of it to know that it will make one vomit." In a letter written when he was less than 18 to Ernest Chevalier we get the same curious mixture of irony and disgust—the distemper of Rousseau mingled with the laughter of Rabelais, that we find in his later life. "I dissect unceasingly; that amuses me, and when at last I have discovered corruption in what was thought pure, when I have found gangrene in some lovely thing, I lift up my head and laugh."

To Mme. X—he wrote in 1846: "I have never seen an infant without thinking that one day he would be an old man, nor a cradle without dreaming of a tomb. The contemplation of a woman gets me musing of her skeleton. It is on this account that joyful sights make me sad and sad ones scarcely affect me. . . . When I had a family I often wished I had it in order to be more free, to go and live in China or among savages. Now that I no longer have a family I regret it and I cling to the walls where its shadow still lingers." Even on his travels he carried the same tendency to melancholy reverie and saw the world abroad, as he has seen it at home, under the same aspects of irony and stupidity. "The psychological, human side is everywhere when one travels. One falls in with some splendid things, with existence dove-colored, brilliant to the eye, as diverse as rags and embroideries, rich with uncleanness, with rents and laces. And at the bottom there is always the old immovable and indestructible rascality. That is the base." It was this ironic disgust at life that made him collect all the instances he could find of human imbecility for his dossier de la betise humaine, the material out of which "Pouvard et Pecuchet" was afterward constructed.

GODFREY'S TANKARD.

Historical Relic Sold at Auction in London Recently.

A curious historical relic was sold by auction recently in London, says the Boston Herald. It is the large tankard of solid silver presented by King Charles II. to Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey for his valuable services during the plague and the fire of London, for which he received the honor of knighthood in 1666. The tankard, which is of plain silver, has a hinged cover and weighs nearly thirty-six ounces. Its front is engraved with the royal arms and the crest of the recipient, together with inscriptions in Latin and engravings of scenes connected with the fire, which are still in excellent preservation. The engraving of the pesthouse men carrying corpses to the dismal plague pit, and that of the crowded blocks of houses surmounted by flames, are very quaint and curious. Sir Edmund, who was born in 1621, at Sellings, in Kent, was a timber merchant possessing wharves at Dowgate City and at Charing Cross. He prospered, became justice of the peace for Westminster and member of parliament for Winchelsea. In history, as no reader of Macaulay and Green will need to be told, his name is most famous in connection with his mysterious murder, which was popularly attributed to the zeal with which he had devoted himself to unraveling the Popish plot. His body was found in a ditch near Primrose hill, face downward, and penetrated by his own sword, under circumstances which precluded the idea of suicide or robbery. The excitement caused by this mysterious event is indicated by the fact that when the funeral procession left the city with great pomp and pageant for the burial ground of St. Martin-in-the-Field, it was preceded by seventy clergy and followed by upward of 1,000 persons of distinction.

Cromwell's Nose.

Oliver Cromwell was, unfortunately, endowed with a very big and painfully red nose. This circumstance gave rise to many nicknames. He was called "the Almighty Nose," "The Nose of Old England," "The Copper-Nosed Saint," together with other names more descriptive than polite.

A Changed Man.

Maude—You wouldn't know my beau now, if you met him.
Nell—Way, has he changed so much as that?
Maude—That isn't it exactly. I've changed him.

Open All Winter.

The Missouri river has not been closed to navigation this winter, and it is not considered at all likely now that it will be. The river has only been closed once in the past four winters. Fifteen or twenty years ago the river was invariably closed by ice in December, and the records of between twenty and forty years ago show that it was never open during one winter.

P. T. Barnum's widow, who went abroad and married a Greek named Callias, is said to be returning home, much disgusted with her foreign spouse.

Be sure you are right and then do not hesitate.

Mean men are very disagreeable, but we can learn much from them.

The Unkindest Cut of All.

As Shakespeare says, is to poke fun or sneer at people who are nervous, under the half-belief that their complaint is imaginary or an affection. It is neither, but a serious reality. Indigestion, imperfect digestion and assimilation of the food is a very common cause of nervousness, especially that distressing form of it which manifests itself in want of sleep. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters speedily remedies nervousness, as it also does malarial, kidney, bilious and rheumatic ailments. The weak gain vigor speedily through its use.

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LOCAL CHIPS.

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J. B. Cotton, one of Ediths substantial farmers was in town Thursday.

C. C. F. Blanchard shipped five cars of extra good fed cattle from Ballinger.

Charlie McPeters and John Christian, Ft. Chadbourne boys, were in town Thursday.

Justice J. D. O'Daniel has bought land in Valley View and will move onto the same.

We received a communication from Live Oak this week that we could not use as no ones full name was signed to it.

G. S. McClusky called one day this week and reported sheep to be fat and all o. k.

J. A. Montieth was in the first of the week and reported Ft. Chadbourne oats as looking fine some corn up, and he is going to plant cotton next week.

There was a very profitable meeting of the Epworth League at Saeco on Saturday night last. They, no doubt, will accomplish much good.

There was preaching Sunday night. There was some interest and good accomplished.

Charlie Jenkins, the silver tongued Populist speaker, of Brownwood will speak here April 4th. All are invited to come out hear him.

Ashall Dancer has moved from San Angelo to Ballinger and is in the barber business—go and see him when there.

We suppose there was an entertainment given by the Hayrick school last night.

Little Carl Montgomery was quite sick the first of the week, but is well again.

Messrs. I. M. Bennick, W. B. Harrison, Bill Yardley and others spent Tuesday night on the river above town and pulled in a nice string of fish.

Work at fencing the grave yard was commenced this week.

J. W. Boying and family, of Maverick, visited Ed Goode and family Wednesday and Thursday.

Judge and Mrs. H. L. Adams spent Friday night and Saturday in town visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cathey. The Judge paid substantial respects to the Rustler.

Several Robert Lee boys went to Sweetwater this week with the Harris Bros. herd of cattle.

Joe Hanson, of Water Valley died of catarrh of the head Sunday the 15th.

Remember gentleman, announcement fees are strictly cash in advance and don't ask us to announce you otherwise.

How can an editor get up a creditable paper when he has to hide out half the time to dodge bills? Can't do it.

Judge Averitt, after having resigned his office and sold his place has concluded to remain in Robert Lee and has moved into the residence formally occupied by Mr. Vestal.

Miss Portia Christian, after having been detained at home for two weeks on account of sickness in the family, resumed her school on the Divide Monday.

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Judge McCarty has not yet announced for office, but the gentleman was in town Thursday and it is almost safe to say that he will run for the office of District Judge.

Mr. H. E. Johnston announces this week for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor. Mr. Johnston has served the people well and faithfully in that capacity in the past and if given an opportunity will do the same in the future. When you go to cast your vote remember what manner of a man Mr. Johnston is and the good official record that he has made.

Don't wait to get a year or two behind on your subscription, keep paid up in advance.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Murray started last week to Burnett county on the receipt of the news of the serious illness of Mrs. McSpadden, Mrs. Murray's mother. Mr. Murray returned Tuesday and reported that Mrs. McSpadden was dead when they got there. The RUSTLER extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

The meeting at the Christian church closed Monday night. There were 31 conversions, reclamations, etc., as a result, which demonstrates the fact that much good was accomplished. Rev. Granville Jones who conducted the meeting is holding one at Santa Anna this week.—Ballinger Ledger.

Ed Goode spent a part of this week in Angelo.

Mose Westbrook started his wagon this week and will work the 7H range thoroughly, gathering the cattle he sold to Harris Bros. last fall. Mr. Frank Harris is here to receive the cattle, with his outfit of cowboys, and will ship them straight through to the Osage Nation so he informed us. The 7H work will continue about 10 days.—Ozona Courier.

Dr. J. F. Riggs invites the Coke county people to go to see him when in need of Dental work. He gives you the advantage of twenty two years experience. Office at his residence, corner Oaks and College Streets, San Angelo, Texas.

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The Republican nominating convention is to be held at Ft. Worth September 8.

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For Tax Assessor.

We are authorized to announce Frank Robinson as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County.

We are authorized to announce H. E. Johnston as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector.

We are authorized to announce Mr. I. J. Good as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Coke county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

District And County Clerk.

We are authorized to announce Ed. M. Mobley as a candidate for re-election to the offices of County and District Clerk of Coke County, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

Frank Harris of Coke county and M. S. Westbrook spent Monday night in the city. Mr. Harris is one of the largest cattle owners in west Texas and engages quite extensively in buying and shipping. He and his brother Ralph own a large pasture in Coke county and the town of Robert Lee is situated about the center of the pasture. He has many old friends in Ozona and was shaking hands and renewing old acquaintances most of the time while here.—Ozona Courier.

To The Public.

Mr. A. R. Miller will again visit this country the 1st Sunday in April. He will lecture at Wild Cat school house the first Sunday in April. All are invited to come out and hear him. He will stay in this county some two or three weeks and a special invitation is given to all to come out and hear him.

T. B. ANDEWS.

Ed Goode's outfit went to work in the China pasture yesterday to gather about 1800 stock cattle to ship to the Nation.

J. T. Hamilton, we suppose, started to Sweetwater yesterday with his mother and little brother where they take the train for Thunder to visit Luther Hamilton and family; they then go from there to their home at Haldton, I. T.

Sheriff Murray was doing the Hayrick, Ft. Chadbourne and Olga neighborhoods yesterday and the day before.

Mr. Wm. Childress was attending to business in town yesterday.

The silver men are all willing for party disolutions to take place in order to obtain free silver, but they all want the other mans' party to "disolate."

J. W. Reed went to San Angelo Thursday and returned Friday.

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TEXAS.

Notice.

I or J. W. Reed, are now ready to receive all money subscribed to build the church in Robert Lee Eugene T. Bates.

It is estimated that the wool clips which will be brought to San Angelo this spring, will foot up about two and a half million pounds. . . . Lee Goode, of Coke county, bought last week from J. S. Miles, a handsome span of fine drivers for \$150.—San Angelo Enterprise.

In this issue Ed M. Mobley announces for re-election to the office of County and District Clerk. There is no one better qualified for the office than Mr. Mobley as his past record goes to show, and thanking the people for their favor of the past, he most respectfully solicits their future consideration as a candidate.

The RUSTLER makes guess that there will soon be a new law firm in town known as Averitt & Patten or Patten & Averitt.

"Grandpa" Sparks was in town Thursday.

Commissioners Court met Thursday.

M. H. O'Daniel and son Mit, of Broute, were in town Thursday.

J. D. Collier, the enterprising Edith merchant was in town Thursday and gave this office some job work. Mr. Collier believes in patronizing home institutions and we do too—price his stock of general merchandise.

Capt. Barnett, of Hayrick, called at the Rustler office Tuesday. The Capt. has just returned from a five weeks visit to counties east of here. He says, during the five weeks there were not three successive days in which it did not rain.

Get one of those excellent Canton Clipper corn and cotton planters of Burroughs & Co.

Elder Baxter Golightly, Christian, in answer to a letter written him, says he will be very glad to conduct a meeting at this place this summer. Brother Golightly preached here once, is a good speaker and we are glad that he contemplates visiting here in the summer.

Will Campbell, of Saeco, came to town Wednesday and had Dr. Latham to extract a tooth. Will told us not to tell any body about it.

George Hanaford, of Hayrick, was in town Wednesday looking for sheep-shearers for Messrs Will and Joe Robbins. They will begin shearing Monday. They have 1000 very fine muttons with a twelve months clip on.

THE NEW
HARDWARE STORE

has just added a complete and well selected stock of

**Queensware
AND
Glassware**

to the already immense stock of general Hardware.
Call and examine.

**Ideal Steel Wind Mills,
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Gives satisfaction in every instance.

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Best and cheapest in the market.

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Stoves, Rope, Oils, Pipe, etc., at Lowest Prices.

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Polk Livery Stable

I have bought the POLK LIVERY STABLE and every

Buggy, Hack and Harness

is new and first class, with the very best TEAMS. In connection with the Stable I run the only Wagon Yard. Coke county patronage is most respectfully solicited.

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SWEETWATER TEXAS.

J. T. Hamilton

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Cheap Sales evry Day!

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The variety Being too Numerous to Mention Prices.
We use no Leaders, No Baits, No Street Drummers,
And do a Strictly Honest Business. Come see our Stock.
San Angelo, Texas.

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Alvin Campbell, San Angelo, Texas.
All Kinds of Feed. The Best Water. The Best Stalls. A Good
Brick Camp House. The Best Attention
to Customers. The best Accommodations
For The Least Money. We
Appreciate Your
Trade.
East of Nimitz Hotel.

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MATHUSHEK, HALLET & DAVIS, McCOMBON, and other leading
High-Grade Pianos.

CHICAGO VOTAGE ORGANS, GENUINE SINGER SEWING MACHINES,
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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.

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 Chang-
ed Hands.**

We desire to notify the public that we now own and operate the Wagon Yard formally owned by W. E. Eskridge on Huteling 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 BROS.

Ballinger, Texas.

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FARE \$1. PER DAY.

Patronage of the PUBLIC Solicited.

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Proprietor**

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.

LOOK OUT!

GOING! GONE.

Mr. Irby, the photographer, wishes to remind the good people of the county and town that his time in Robert Lee is drawing to a close and if you want a good picture taken, come at once.

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DRY-GOODS, CLOTHING,
GROCERIES AND MER-
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When in COLORADO give us a trial.

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Knife Blades of all kind made to order.

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I have in stock a full line of

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All Kinds Of Tin Work Done To Order.

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