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## TO ADJOURN EARLY

SO SPEAKER REED IS QUOTED AS SAYING.

Will Soon Finish Up all Business Before It, and Ought to Adjourn About the Middle of May—Mills speaks for Two Hours—Concentrating Their Forces.

Washington, March 25.—Speaker Reed is quoted as saying yesterday that the house will be able to finish up all the business before it in a short time, and that congress ought to adjourn by the middle of May. The feeling in the senate for an early adjournment is growing and the impression is now that this congress will wind up its ball of yarn by the 1st of June.

Although the main Cuban resolutions have been recommitted to conference the subject came up incidentally yesterday on Mr. Mills' resolution for the forcible occupation of the island of Cuba in order to aid the Cubans in securing local self-government.

Mr. Mills spoke for two hours in support of the resolution. He was unsparring in his arraignment of Gen. Weyler as an "atrocious scoundrel and villain," and in his recital of Spain's bloody record in the old and new worlds.

Mr. Morgan also spoke briefly in further support of the Cuban resolution. Mr. Mills' resolutions went to the calendar after the speeches. The rest of the day was given to the legislative appropriation bill, which is not yet completed.

The displacement of the Cuban resolution has no apparent effect in diminishing the attendance in the senate galleries yesterday, as it was expected that Mr. Mills' resolution proposing the use of the army and navy in taking possession of Cuba and holding it until the people had established self-government would occasion further debate.

### Their Visit Significant.

Genoa, March 25.—Emperor William and Empress Augusta arrived here yesterday evening on their way to Naples. Great political interest attaches this visit to Italy, of the German emperor, it has been generally expected that when he met King Humbert, the Emperor Francis' Joseph would be the guest of the king of Italy at the same time. It is assumed in all public discussion of the visit that the subject of the discussion between the three emperors will be the relations between the three countries of the dreibund. The result of the recent visit of Count Golchowsky to Germany was all in favor of the maintenance of the dreibund. The work begun there, it is expected will be completed during Emperor William's stay, though it is freely surmised that the German emperor desires some modification in the triple bonds which will leave him freer to place Germany in accord with Russia in the far east. After a royal reception the emperor and empress called for Naples.

### As it Stands.

Washington, March 25.—The conferees of the two houses on the Cuban resolutions held a session yesterday, but without reaching a conclusion and adjourned until to-day. The entire time was spent in canvassing the situation and in trying to arrive at common ground upon which the two houses can stand. The senate conferees explained fully the difficulties they had encountered in the senate and made it clear to the house members of the conference that it would be necessary for the house to yield something to prevent leaving the question in the air between the two houses. The house conferees accepted this explanation and expressed a willingness to make concessions, agreeing, as they did, fully with the senators that it would place both houses in a ridiculous attitude to have the matter fall in conference after both houses by such extensive majorities had agreed, each in its own way, upon an expression friendly to Cuba.

### From Prison to Asylum.

Springfield, Ill., March 25.—Girard Choteau, an alleged horse thief, who is connected with the old and wealthy Chouteau family of St. Louis, has been released from jail here at the request of ex-Gov. Seay of Alabama, a relative, and taken to an Alabama insane asylum. He has been in the Kansas and southern Illinois penitentiary and the Jackson, Ill. insane asylum twice, escaping from the latter.

## Another Mistake.

Havana, March 25.—Another terrible mistake attended with loss of life and resulting in many soldiers being wounded has taken place. In some manner unexplained two columns of Spanish troops opened fire upon each other at mid-day. According to the few details received here the columns of troops commanded by Gen. Godoy and Col. Holguin, at the Santa Rosa plantation, near Esperanza, province of Santa Clara, mutually mistook each other for insurgent forces, owing, it is said, to the thickness of the sugar cane. Each detachment opened fire upon the other, and for ten minutes shots were exchanged, resulting in the killing of seventeen soldiers, among them being Lieut. Col. Funmayo of the Navar battalion. In addition, five officers and several soldiers were wounded. Two of the latter have since died; six other mortally wounded and thirty-two seriously injured.

Lieut. Col. Funmayo died while leading his troops on and shouting, "Long live Spain."

Owing to the fact that the meeting between the columns took place at mid-day the explanation furnished by the Spanish commander is considered unsatisfactory, and a court martial will follow.

### Arkansas Fued.

Little Rock, Ark., March 25.—The Bankston-Seaman feud broke out afresh Saturday at Walnut Lake, details of which have just reached here.

On the night of July 4 last Ike Bankston was found in a wardrobe in Miss Sadie Seaman's bedroom. A shooting affray took place and Bankston fled. A family feud has existed since, both sides going heavily armed. Saturday morning Isaac Seaman and his father, Josh Seaman, and Ike Bankston met at Walnut Lake and a regular battle followed, two dozen shots being fired. Old man Seaman was fatally wounded and his son shot in the leg. Friends of both sides are becoming interested in the affair and further trouble is expected.

Miss Seaman is a respectable young school teacher. Bankston is a young farmer and bears an unsavory reputation.

### Restrictions Removed.

Washington, March 25.—Senator Hill's bill to remove the restrictions against the appointment as officers of the army or navy of persons who held commissions in the regular army or navy before the rebellion, and who subsequently took part in the war on the side of the confederacy, which passed the senate during the height of the excitement over the Venezuelan boundary question, passed the house yesterday after two hours debate, with but one dissenting vote, that of Mr. Boutelle, of Maine. The democrats, except Mr. Cummings, of New York, who spoke, as he said, as one of 800,000 northern democrats who fought in the union army, and Mr. Wilson, of South Carolina, who was drawn into the debate by Mr. Boutelle, refrained entirely from participation.

### Dr. L. S. Jameson.

London, March 25.—The trial of Dr. L. S. Jameson and his fellow prisoners, charged with violating the foreign enlistment act in making a raid into the territory of the South African republic, was resumed at the Bow street police court yesterday morning. Although there was a full attendance, there was less excitement. Seated on the bench were the Duke of Aberdeen, chairman of the British Chartered South African company; Lord and Lady Monkswell, Lord and Lady Deerehurst, Ladies Foley, Annaly, Finlay, Kinnaird-Buller, Ribblesdale and Bruce; Admiral Field and Mrs. A. Paget. After some evidence the case was again adjourned.

### Concentrating Their Forces.

New York, March 25.—A dispatch from Cairo says: Dispatches which have arrived from the front state that the vanguard of the Egyptian army, under Collission Bey, occupied Akashah on Friday, the Derrishes having evacuated the town and fallen back to concentrate on Dongola.

Col. Hunter will leave Sarrah to-day for Akashah, which will probably be reinforced on the same day by three regiments of infantry.

Negotiations are progressing for forming a corps of 4000 men from the Arab tribes, which will be commanded by Sir Edward Zoghah.

### Russia Kicks.

London, March 25.—The Vienna correspondent says that Russia refuses to assent to the Egyptian debt commission paying the expenses of the Dongola expedition.

## A "POLITICAL TRICK."

THAT'S WHAT SENATOR HILL SAID IT WAS.

The Proposed Change of the Date of Assembling the New Mexico Legislature from December to May, Caused Quite a Heated Controversy.

Washington, March 25.—The senate indulged in an acrimonious political debate which developed much personal and party feeling and brought on two sharp exchanges between Mr. Hill and Mr. Elkins and between Mr. Brice and Mr. Elkins.

The controversy arose over Mr. Hill's motion to strike from the pending appropriation bill the proposed change of the date of assembling the New Mexico legislature from December to May.

Mr. Hill bitterly denounced the change as a "political trick" which had been "sneaked into" this appropriation bill in order, as he claimed, to postpone the meeting of the Democratic legislature in the hope that a Republican president would be elected and the political control of the territory changed.

Mr. Elkins protested against the use of the words "sneaked in."

The exchange between the senators was very animated, but Mr. Hill persisted in the use of his adjectives.

Later Mr. Brice sought to question Mr. Elkins when the latter brought up the offensive personal dispatch which had been sent to Mr. Brice from New Mexico. The debate took a wide range. Senators Gorman, Faulkner, Cockrell and other democrats attacking the provision as political, while Senators Elkins, Carter, Cullom and other Republicans defended it.

Mr. Cullom sought to table Mr. Hill's motion, but a motion to this effect failed—yeas 21 to nays 29—upon Mr. Cullom yielded to the Hill motion and the New Mexico provision was struck out.

### Appropriation Bills.

Washington, March 25.—The appropriations committee attempted to take up the sundry civil appropriation bill yesterday, but the members who wanted the bills placed on the private calendar defeated them by a vote of 142 yeas to 77 nays.

The members of the appropriations committee do not view their defeat as the result of opposition to the appropriation bill. Members from the north and who are interested in pension legislation and those from the south and who are interested in war claims have been chafing for some time over the inability to proceed with the work on the private calendar. Yesterday by a sort of combination the appropriations committee was defeated. The victory, however, was completely barren so far as the southern men were concerned, as after the house went into committee of the whole the Republicans forced a motion to pass over all claims on the calendar.

The southern men retaliated by filibustering against the pension bills, so that the net result yesterday was less than half a dozen bills passed. It developed during the day that a lively fight would be precipitated Monday when the sundry civil bill is called up on account of the fact that the bill carries appropriations for continuing contracts on river and harbor work and public buildings for only eight months of the next fiscal year. That would carry the appropriations up to March 1, 1897.

The appropriations committee suffered another reverse just before the house took a recess last night. It was Mr. Cannon's intention to force the house to sit to-day and proceed with the sundry civil bill, but the members were overwhelmingly in favor of taking a holiday and by a big majority voted to adjourn until Monday.

### None Can Be Saved.

Wellington, N. Z., March 25.—All hope of saving the sixty miners who were entombed at Brunner Thursday by an explosion of fire damp, which killed five men outright, has been abandoned. The bodies of fifteen of the miners have been recovered from the pit, around which there were the usual scenes of distress caused by the presence there of the wives and other relatives of the men entombed. Many of the men engaged in the work of rescue have been overcome and there have been several narrow escapes.

## An Exciting Scene.

Tacoma, Wash., March 8.—An exciting scene, which approached a riot, occurred in the superior court. Charles Baram and William Morrissey, who are wanted in Portland, Ore., for burglary, had been released on habeas corpus proceedings. A squad of police was present to rearrest them, but Judge Parker held that they could be retaken only after the procuring of a new warrant. The men rushed for the stairway. When Prosecutor Davis shouted to the police to seize him he was opposed by Frank Smith. The lawyers grappled and used their fists, but were finally separated.

Chief of Police Smith ordered his men to charge on the alleged burglars, which they did, although this was in conflict with the court's decision. An officer soon arrived with warrants from the municipal court, charging them with being fugitives from justice. The police used their revolvers and soon had their men at bay, though neither was hit. They were caught several blocks from the courthouse.

Gov. Lord, of Oregon, has signed requisition papers and it is expected the men will go to Portland to-day.

### Corbett's Scheme.

Cincinnati, O., March 28.—Percy Latham of New York, son of the inventor of the eidoloscope, which is the kinoscope on a large scale, is in the city and had a conversation with Pugilist James J. Corbett yesterday. The eidoloscope throws the movements of the fighters on a canvass.

Corbett during his talk with Latham said he would soon make a formal proposition in writing. He would fight Fitzsimmons before the London Athletic club or any other place, America preferred, for \$50,000 or \$100,000. If he does not whip Fitzsimmons in ten rounds Fitzsimmons is to take all stake money and gate receipts, but the fight is to be to a finish.

Corbett said he was ready to sign such articles of agreement.

### Wife Her Suit.

London, March 28.—In the libel suit brought by Mrs. Arthur Kitson against Dr. William Playfair a verdict was rendered yesterday in favor of the plaintiff and awarding her \$60,000 damages. The verdict was greeted with loud cheering. The plaintiff fainted. Great interest has been felt in the case, as it involved the right of a physician to reveal any secret revealed in professional confidence to him. The doctor, it appears, made a statement to his wife about Mrs. Kitson and she communicated it to Sir James Kitson, brother of Arthur Kitson, who is a millionaire, withdrew an allowance he was making to Mrs. Kitson after separation from his brother.

### Wants to Settle.

New York, March 28.—A special from Valparaiso, Chile, says:

It is generally rumored that the Chilean government has made a proposition to the Argentine Republic looking to a settlement of the boundary question. It is said that Chile agrees to cede Puna to Argentina, the boundary line of Atacama from the 26th to the 46th parallel to be traced according to standing treaties by an arbitrator and that between the 46th and 60th parallel the line along the 72d meridian. The Argentine congress, it is believed, will probably be willing to accept this proposal, but many here think that the Chilean congress will reject it.

### Kneebes' Case Quashed.

Leipsic, March 28.—The Imperial court has quashed the conviction of Robert F. Kneebes, the American horseman who was recently on trial on the charge of trotting his mare, Bethel, under the name of Nellie Kneebes.

The French government has distributed a bill which proposes to make a law, placing Madagascar within the operation of the French tariff.

### Rigid Quarantine.

Independence, Kan., March 28.—Traveling men and persons who have come up through the Indian Territory within the past few days report that the people are greatly aroused over the spread of smallpox, which is raging in different parts of the territory and that all the towns along the Missouri Pacific from Coffeyville to Fort Smith, Ark., are quarantined. The quarantine is rigidly enforced and it is hoped to stop the spread of the disease. No person is allowed to get on or off the trains and business is at a standstill.

## VERY NEAR SETTLED.

THE CUBAN RESOLUTIONS A THING OF THE PAST.

The Debate Has Been Going on for Many Days, and Has Been Apparent That It Was Weakening as It Progressed—Senator Mills' Resolution.

Washington, March 24.—After about a month of discussion of the Cuban resolutions, they were put to sleep yesterday for a time at least in the conference committee. It has been so long since this subject was introduced in congress that it was with difficulty that any one can remember how the present resolutions got before the senate.

The senate committee on foreign relations had the resolutions which were dealt with yesterday by the senate before the house acted at all. The committee aforesaid would not agree to them and threw them out. The house took them up and passed them. The senate, not to be outdone in trying to court the jingo class of the country, introduced and passed resolutions more moderate than those which the house passed. There was a conference committee and it agreed to report the house resolutions which had at one time been thrown out by the senate committee on foreign affairs. The debate has been going on in this conference report for many days, and it has been apparent all along that the senate was weakening on the matter. The aged gentlemen began to realize that both houses had gone too far. First one objection and then another was put in to the conference report, and yesterday it was sent back to the conference committee, which looks as if it intended to bury it, or if this is not done, to force much more conservative set of resolutions out of the committee.

It is a clear case of weakening and everybody here is smiling at the quick way in which the war spirit has gone down.

Mr. Mills has introduced a resolution which resolves that this government shall ask Spain to give the Cubans local self-government, and if she will not do it, then that this country shall take possession of the island. He has given notice that he will make a speech on this to-day. He seems to have a more warlike feeling than any of his associates in the senate.

### Mr. Jim Again.

New York, March 24.—The latest proposition in the fistie world was announced yesterday in the following cablegram from George Atkinson of Sporting Life, London, to Richard K. Fox:

"Bollingbroke club offers \$12,000 for Mitchell and Corbett. Mitchell accepts; does Corbett? ATKINSON."

Corbett is at present in Cincinnati and he has been communicated with.

Cincinnati, March 24.—Mr. James J. Corbett, when shown the proposition from the Bollingbroke club of London offering \$12,000 for a fight between Mitchell and Corbett, promptly said:

"Mitchell is not my man. I am after Fitzsimmons. The eyes of the world are upon us and we are expected to meet. I would accept this offer if I were after money, because I count it easy money, but my game is Fitzsimmons and it will not do for me to bind myself up with anybody else. Besides, I have already accepted a proposition from this club to fight Fitzsimmons for \$8000; they may amend it by making the sum \$12,000 and send the articles over and I will sign them."

### Popular Senatorial Elections.

Washington, March 24.—The house committee on elections of president and vice president yesterday reported favorably the bill introduced by Mr. Corliss, of Michigan, providing for the election of senators by a direct vote of the people. Some amendments of minor importance were adopted.

### Ready for War.

New York, March 24.—A special from Cape Town, South Africa, says: The transvaal is being fortified, the Burghers are arming to the teeth and other warlike preparations are being made. Eight forts are being built at Pretoria, the capital. Hostility to Great Britain is openly and freely expressed at Pretoria.

Emissaries have been sent to the Orange Free state and to Cape Colony. It is reported to stir up race feeling.

G. M. Witteu, a prominent citizen of Cattlesburg, Ky., is issuing.

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Secretary Hoke Smith and Ex-Speaker Crisp debated the silver question at Augusta, Ga., on the night of March the 31st.

General Weyler has resigned his commission at Havana. He probably found it not to be the soft snap that he expected, as the Cubans did not pay much attention to his proclamation.

Hon. Barney Gibbs is billed for a speech at Corsicana to-day. He is to make 100 speeches during the campaign.

In speaking of the part the United States propose taking in the Cuban affair, the Duke of Veragua the descendant of Columbus, who visited the Worlds Fair at Chicago, says: "Spain will never allow interference in her domestic affairs."

The Ft. Worth Gazette is making loud claims that she has the largest circulation of any daily in the state.

The action of the women, at Ladonia in cowhiding a physician who had been prescribing whiskey in that prohibition town, is generally condemned by the state press while the infamous, puerile doctor, who defied the law is not generally condemned. It is not men vs. women particularly, but men for whiskey.

United States court convenes at El Paso next Monday.

From Ballinger Banner-Leader.  
F. C. Miller & Co. Fail.

The unwelcome news that was heard to the breeze yesterday morning that F. C. Miller & Co had made an assignment caused a ripple of excitement among all classes, as the firm was considered as being among the staunchest of our business men, and from inquiry it was learned that the cause of the failure was losses on cotton to the extent of about twelve thousand dollars. However, there is an admirable feature about the affair and that is the farmers throughout the country are made preferred creditors. Their stock and fixtures is estimated at about ten thousand dollars, which is now in the hands of W. R. Spencer, the assignee, and is being sold out.

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H L Winkler	125.00
J W Raby	75.00
R A Hall	80.00
H. E. Dickinson	30.00
J. H. Holland	175.00
A. F. Adams	30.00
J T Holland	190.00
M Cobb	55.00
J W Patteson	46.00
C W Duke	66.00
J C Osgood	155.00
B S Taylor	250.00
Ben Polk	396.47
First National Bank	3,380.00
J H Miller	3,000.00
	\$8,598.47

Cyrus Odem and family, of the Oak Creek country, spent a day or two in the city the first of the week.

Thursday Winfield Scott bought of R. K. Wylie seventy head of yearling Durham and Hereford bulls at \$50 per head.

Monday W. L. McAuley shipped one car, 26 head of horses to White Eagle, L. T.

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Colorado City is in a fair way of procuring an oil mill.

P. H. Hazzard, of Colorado, is the Republican nominee for congress of the 13th district.

Can anything be more inconsistent than to elect a lot of rascals to public office and then complain about their misdeeds? And yet this is done every year and everywhere.—Texas Farm and Ranch.

Governor Boise, heretofore a stalwart democrat and widely spoken of as the democratic candidate for president this year has declined to allow his name to go before the convention and it is expected that his name may be submitted to the peoples party convention in St. Louis to lead the host of reform as a presidential candidate.—Dublin Progress.

Smith & Arnett sold to Winfield Scott, while at the convention, 3500 head of 2-year old steers at \$15. They are now being gathered for delivery.—Sterling City News.

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The road is wide,  
and you can't step it,  
I love you,  
and you can't help it.

It looks like rain this evening. The sun is shining elephant. Snoopendykes street hasn't been sprinkled this week—But O! how I love you! and you are my April fool.

You will think and think, but you will never know who wrote this.

Mamma's Best Child.

From Brother Fair.

Comanche, Texas, Mar. 27th.

MR. ED.—As it has been some time since I communicated to your paper, I will write a few items from this part of the county. Political talk is plentiful. The third party is in the ascendancy in this county. They are organizing with a club at nearly every school house, and each club designates its preference of men for office from the president down to lowest county officer. There are three Populist newspapers in this county and one Democratic paper. All the county offices are filled by populists, except the sheriff, who is an old time democrat.

Spring is in its loveliest aspect, peach, plum and pear trees in full bloom and grass green; Oats and wheat are growing nicely. Corn is coming up and farmers are preparing their land for cotton, a large crop of which will be planted. Farmers are cheerful and business men are in good spirits. Our town is looking lovely with gardens and yard shrubbery flourishing.

The quarterly conference of Comanche circuit was held last Saturday and Sunday; Brother Shelton P. E. was with us and preached and presided to the satisfaction of

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### THE SPRING ROUND UPS

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### —THE LAST ANNOUNCEMENT!

Parties desiring 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."

The time for electing school trustees is coming on and that matter in this district is worthy of some conscientious thought on the part of the voters. In view of the fact that we are anxious to build a school house and as the whole district will have to be united on the school question it is important that there be no factions when it comes to the election of trustees. Let those who may be put forward for the place, in case any faction arrays its self against him, withdraw and refuse to serve if elected and thereby secure the election of some one who is satisfactory to all. Then we can make a start for the

erection of a school house and will succeed, otherwise we will not succeed.

Ft. Chadbourne Dots.

Ft. Chadbourne, Tex. Mar. 30.

MR. ED.—This portion of the county is still very dry and our farmers are about to run out of anything to do. Prof. Lee Allen school closed Friday night with an exhibition and from the very smallest to the largest of the scholars acquitted themselves creditably, and while A had only met one night to practice it is almost a miracle that he could have them under such excellent training. Besides his own school, there were several of the surrounding neighborhoods that kindly gave their assistance. Among them was Miss Emma Merchant that gave a very interesting recitation also, another from Miss Scarborough, Mr. Campbell also favored us with a song that seemed to delight the audience. We also had recitations from Misses Stephens and Roe, of Hayrick, Jack Roe also amused the crowd with a recitation. Mr. Goss, of Sanco also help to made the exhibition a success. There were others that aided in making the affair a complete success and the only thing that mared the pleasure in the least was the high wind that night made it difficult to hear. Miss Lula Douglas read an essay on the advantages of a literary education that was interesting in the extreme. Miss Maggie Ross also read an interesting essay. I refrain from making special mention of any of the scholars for it would make this article too lengthy but to say the least everyone proved equal to the occasion, and we think reflects credit on the teacher. We think Mr. Glen Boozier deserves special mention and the thanks of the entire crowd for his splendid rendition of those old plantation melodies on the Bango between acts. Mr. Jno. Collins is on the sick list this week. Mr. Frank Robinson rode forty five miles last Friday to tell the people that he believed marriage was a failure and he never expected to marry, I am afraid that will go a-

gainst F. politically, but of course this was in an argument, and from the way he has been talking to the girls in this section lately some of them must have given him the G. B. or he would not change his opinion so suddenly. We are sorry to learn that Miss Mary Read of Maverick happened to a very painful accident last week by stepping on a nail. She has not been able to walk since. Mrs. Read went after her yesterday. Bro. Graham a primitive baptist preacher delivered and excellent sermon at New Hope last Sunday. Bro. Graham has bought Mr. Samuel out and has promised to preach for us once a month. We welcome such men to our community and hope he will be successful.

Hay Seed.

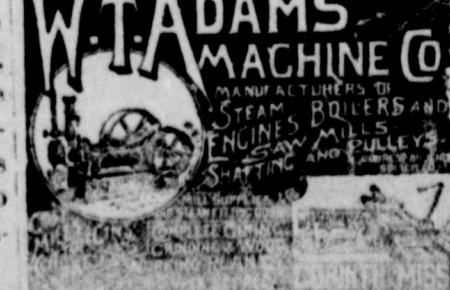
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## HORRIBLE BUTCHERY

TWO MURDERED, TWO NEARLY DEAD, TWO INJURED.

The Injured Girls May Die—No Reason, as Yet, Known for the Horrible Deed—The Murderer so Far Has Not Been Captured—By His Own Hand.

Akron, O., March 30.—At a late hour Saturday night a masked man entered the farm house of Alvin M. Stone, near Talmage, a few miles from this city, and in the brief space of half an hour committed a horrible butchery. When he took his departure Stone and his wife, both aged people, were dead and horribly mutilated and R. A. Stilson, the hired man, and Emma Stone, the eldest of three daughters, were unconscious from blows dealt by the murderer.

The murderer entered the house by means of a ladder which he raised to an upstairs window. He first passed through the room in which Hattie and Flora were sleeping without awakening them. Going quietly down stairs to the room in which Mr. and Mrs. Stone slept, he attacked them with a blunt weapon of some sort, hitting both upon the head.

They were probably rendered unconscious and possibly killed by the blows, but the fiend, not satisfied with that, proceeded to mutilate their bodies with a knife. He cut off one of Stone's ears, slashed him across the face and stabbed him in the back. Then he laid Mrs. Stone's cheek open with a knife.

After satisfying his fiendish designs down stairs, he proceeded to Stilson's room upstairs. He heard the intruder apparently, for he was awake when he was dealt a stunning blow on the head. Next he attacked Emma Stone, who slept in a room by herself. When he entered her room she screamed. That awakened the two other girls, who slept across the hall. Hattie Stone arose to go to her sister's assistance, but as she entered the latter's room she was felled to the floor by a blow on the head, but fortunately was not rendered unconscious. Regaining her feet, she ran to her room and locked the door.

Throwing a bed quilt about her she leaped from a window and ran through the rain and mud to the nearest neighbor's, a quarter of a mile away.

After he had struck Hattie down the murderer returned to Emma's room and struck her on the head, leaving her unconscious.

Then he tried the door to the room in which Hattie had left her younger sister, Flora, when she jumped from the window. Finding the door locked, he battered it down. Finding only Flora in the room he asked where the other girl was. When told that she had gone for help he hastily left the house and made his escape.

Hattie, with blood streaming from her head, managed to reach the neighbor's house, and told her story, then fainted.

After she had been put to bed the neighbor, calling for help, went to the Stone house. There the evidences of the butchery were discovered. The only person in the house who was able to speak was Flora Stone, aged 16, and she was so badly frightened that she could tell nothing about the murder except that the man who committed it wore a mask over his face.

The crime is a mystery. There is no possible motive for the murders, so far as can be learned. Certainly the murderer was not bent on robbery, for in a bureau drawer in Mr. Stone's room were two gold watches and some money and nothing was taken.

The sheriff of Summit county was called to the scene of the murder early in the morning, and with a posse has been searching all day for clues to the murder. Nothing has been discovered. One man has been found who says he saw a buggy pass his house late Saturday night going in the direction of the Stone house.

Ira Stilson, the hired man, and Emma and Hattie Stone have not yet recovered consciousness and it is feared that Stilson at least will die, while the chances for the recovery of the two girls are very small.

All Massacred. Bulwago, Eatabele, March 30.—Capt. Gifford, leading a rescue force, left here on Thursday and succeeded in rescuing thirty-eight whites who had gone into Langer at Ineza. This was not effected until after repelling an attack by a force of well armed Matabeles and inflicting upon them a heavy loss. The loss suffered by Gifford's force in the engagement was one killed and six wounded.

Capt. Spreckley, who repulsed a strong force of Matabeles on Thursday, inflicting a heavy loss upon them and returned to Bulwago, bringing with him a large number of prisoners. He brings the disastrous news that all the whites in the illibuster district have been massacred by the natives, including Messrs. Bentley, Edkins, Baragath and Carpenter. The corpses of all those killed were horribly mutilated and their faces were burned almost beyond recognition.

## France Excited.

Paris, March 30.—The political world of France is again in a highly perturbed condition and there are indications going to show that the government seeks to retrace some of the steps by which it has been placed in the position of important acquiescence in the dispatch of an Egyptian expedition up the Nile and the defraying of the expenses of it out of the Egyptian debt surplus. The government will be interposed in the chamber of deputies today and the ministers will be under the necessity of making some kind of a statement in reply. An important debate is expected to result and there is a feeling in some quarters that far-reaching changes of policy may be announced.

## Code of Honor.

Berlin, March 30.—Three duels have been fought in Berlin within a few days past. One of these presented many features that made the case a very painful one. A barrister named Dr. Zenker challenged Lieut. Von Kettelohd of the imperial yacht Hohenzollern, whom he accused of adultery with his (Zenker's) wife. At the exchange of the first shots Dr. Zenker was shot through the lungs and killed.

Another case was that of an officer of the guards, who severely wounded a civilian. This prevalence of the dueling habit causes serious comment in Germany. Although dueling is illegal, the code of honor is recognized as binding, even, it is said, by the emperor himself, who compels military men to fight.

## By His Own Hand.

Detroit, Mich., March 30.—William E. Striebing, a commission merchant, whose place of business is at 29 Euclid avenue, Cleveland, committed suicide Saturday night. He was found dead in a room in the Randolph hotel Sunday afternoon. Mr. Striebing, who was a well-dressed, good-looking man, left a note addressed to his wife at 1045 Superior street, Cleveland, in which he bade his family good-bye, after stating that he had spent all his money in speculation. It was evident that deceased poisoned himself by swallowing some powder, the remains of which were found by his bedside. Three pawn tickets and 15 cents was all of value that was found in his pockets.

## A Horrible Deed.

Memphis, Tenn., March 30.—A special from Bentonville, Ark., says: A terrible triple tragedy occurred three miles south of here yesterday. Pulaski Duckworth, a prominent and highly respected farmer, killed his wife by striking her in the head with an axe, the unfortunate woman dying instantly. Duckworth then attacked his 4-year-old child with the axe and inflicted injuries that will prove fatal. The man then threw himself out of the bed, drew his pocket knife and slashed his throat from ear to ear, dying almost instantly. A 7-year-old daughter escaped slaughter by being at Sabbath school. Duckworth was undoubtedly insane.

## Had Presence of Mind.

Hinton, W. Va., March 30.—Jim and Frank Tillman and Lucy Law were instantly killed by a rock crashing through the house where they were stopping at Echo, a station forty miles west of here, yesterday morning. Two other members of the family were seriously injured. The house was situated at the foot of the mountain on the banks of the New river. An enormous ledge of rock broke loose on the mountain side passing over coals ovens and tearing up the track of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway and breaking through the house with the above results.

## Stopped a Lynching Bee.

Columbia, S. C., March 30.—Aaron Duffy, a convict on the chain gang in Newberry county, Saturday killed a white guard named Hargrove by striking him on the head with a pick. He escaped, but was captured and brought to Newberry jail yesterday. Friends of the dead man collected in the town and threatened to lynch the negro, but Gov. Evans wired instructions to the sheriff, who called upon the militia and prevented violence to the prisoner.

## More Fighting Material.

Madrid, March 30.—Gen. Ascaraga, minister of war, and Admiral Beranger, minister of marine, have agreed to ask for the necessary credit for the purpose of additional ironclads and for the buying of three torpedo boats. A large quantity of war material will also be secured if the plans of the ministers carry. It is designed to make the proposed flotilla available largely for the purpose of the defense of the coasts.

## Killed While in Bed.

Cleveland, O., March 30.—During a wind storm late Saturday night the wall of a building recently destroyed by fire fell on the house of H. A. Vaughan, at 45 Cedar avenue. Tons of brick crushed through the roof, carrying down a portion of the upper floor. Mrs. F. O. Bradford of Olmstead Falls, O., sister of Mrs. Vaughan, was killed in her bed, and Miss Emma Dietrichs, a domestic, was badly injured.

## THEIR FUED SETTLED

TWO YOUNG MEN HAVE IT OUT ON THE ROAD.

Bad Blood Had Existed Between the Boys for Some Time—The Wound Mortal—Graves Mark Their Pathway—Young Moore's Body Found.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., March 30.—A difficulty occurred about seven miles east of here yesterday, at 11 o'clock between two prominent young men of the Forest Academy settlement, in which young Grainger, a lad of 20 years, was shot by Bob Jennings, 17 years old. The ball entered near the naval and at this time the wound is said to be mortal. Bad blood had existed between the boys for some weeks and in an interview Jennings, who is in jail, said:

"Grainger has been making many threats against me and that he intended to whip me on sight. We met for the first time after the declarations at Forest Academy Sunday school to-day. There being no church we started home, Grainger in a buggy and I on horseback, I in the lead. The buggy, with its occupants, overtook me and the understanding was renewed. Grainger got out of the buggy and I off my horse, and Grainger made toward me with his hand in his right pocket. I became alarmed, retreated a little, drew my pistol and fired twice. Which shot took effect I do not know, but after the second shot only a few more steps toward me was made when he stopped and called for his friend in the buggy that he was shot and to take him home."

Young Jennings came at once to surrender, but in the meantime telegraphic advice was received at the sheriff's office from Como and Sheriff Sherman was on his way to the scene when he met young Jennings in the road.

## Waco Excited.

Waco, Tex., March 30.—Two little girls, the oldest 14, were walking along a quiet street yesterday morning and were met by a colored man, who made insulting remarks and gestures.

The children raised the alarm and citizens came from all quarters. The negro fled and pursuit was made. A volley of shots were fired and a colored man, who does not appear to have been near the scene when the little girls were insulted, was shot in the arm. Excitement was very high and Deputy United States Marshal W. L. Burke, who was passing, took the wounded man in his buggy and brought him to the courthouse pending investigation. Search is in progress for the negro who insulted the girls, and excitement is intense.

## A Nery Minister.

LaGrange, Tex., March 30.—A sensation was created here yesterday by the announcement that Rev. John E. Green, pastor of the Methodist church, would hold a meeting in the courthouse yard this afternoon. He kept his word and at 4 o'clock began his services. He scored the saloon men and declared he would have the Sunday law enforced if he had to invoke the aid of Gov. Culberson. The action of the minister in coming on the square and his denunciation of saloon men and agitating the Sunday law created a great deal of favorable and unfavorable criticism. The Sunday law never was enforced in Fayette county.

## Ben Barlow's Killing.

Beaumont, Tex., March 30.—Saturday night Ben Barlow was shot and killed and Lizzie Smith was seriously wounded by the same shot. Barlow and Lizzie Smith were standing at a swing and the attacking party came from the house with a shotgun. Before they knew what he was going to do he fired. The man who did the shooting has not been captured, though a posse is in pursuit. The negroes talk of lynching. All parties are colored.

## For Sending Obscene Matter.

Austin, Tex., March 30.—United States Deputy Marshal Walter of San Antonio arrived in the city yesterday morning bringing with him A. T. Edwards of Lee county, who is charged with sending obscene matter through the mails in the shape of a letter defaming the character of a young lady. He was brought before United States Commissioner Little Saturday and in default of \$500 bond was remanded to jail.

## Causing Serious Havoc.

Kellys, Tex., March 30.—Myriads of buffalo gnats have appeared in this county and are causing sad havoc among the stock. Several horses have already been killed by the pests and cattle can not go on the range for them. Even in farming the farmers have to place mosquito bars over their heads and in some cases carry a smoke along with them.

## Arrested the Officer.

Denison, Tex., March 30.—Yesterday Police Officer Bud East and Harry Johnson were arrested on the charge of carrying goods from the burning Star store Saturday night. They were released on bond.

## BECAUSE OF A RABBIT'S FOOT.

How the Hoodoo of Thirteen Was Overcome by St. Louis' Committee.

The success of St. Louis in securing the favor of the national republican committee the other day and winning the big June convention had the effect of eliminating the number 13 superstition from the minds of the Missourians pretty thoroughly. When the St. Louis delegation was appointed to come to Washington ex-Congressman Nathan Frank threw up his hands in holy horror and called attention to the fact that there were thirteen members of it. Instantly another name was added and the party journeyed eastward. Mr. Frank, however, was still dubious about the effect the original number would have on the result of the fight for the convention and this impression was made still more doleful when the train made exactly thirteen stops between St. Louis and this city.

Mr. Kennard and other members of the delegation tried to soothe Mr. Frank on their way from the depot and believed they had succeeded. When the Arlington was reached, however, Mr. Frank gave a cry of utter dismay. He had been assigned to room No. 13. "We know as well go back," he cried: "I know now that the committee will dilly-dally and not come to a ballot until Friday and that will be the 13th of the month. The infernal hoodoo is on us, I tell you, and there's no use trying to overcome it." The prospects, however, seemed to brighten and every member of the delegation promised Mr. Frank, with solemn protestations, that he would stop on his twelfth drink. Mr. Frank felt better as Tuesday wore on and made a rattling good speech but his hopes went to pieces when the first ballot was announced—St. Louis 13!

He was absolutely disconsolate until the next vote was taken and then he beamed. After the last ballot, when St. Louis was victorious, Mr. Frank called a colored man to him and handed him a rabbit's foot and a \$10 bill. The colored brother smiled and remarked:

"Much 'bleege, Misser Frank. I knowed dat fut 'ud pull you alls out, 'kase a cross-eyed man wid a club fut kilt de rabbit whut dis fut cum fum in de middle ob de night in de Ebenezer grabeyard."

Mr. Frank went back to St. Louis with the other hind foot of the self-same rabbit and it would be wise perhaps for some shrewd candidate to hunt him up along about June 16.

## Changed His Mind.

"I am looking for Mr. Adsum, the bookkeeper," said the caller, a portly dignified gentleman of majestic appearance.

"He is not in," replied the young man on the three legged stool.

"He's—"

"I see he's not in," interrupted the visitor. "This is about the hour he has been in the habit of usually coming in, isn't it?"

"Yes, sir; but—"

"Thanks, I'll wait."

He sat down, picked up a newspaper, slowly unfolded it, and proceeded with leisurely dignity to read.

The young man on the three-legged stool wrote away in silence.

Thus passed half an hour.

The caller grew restless.

"By the way," he said, "how—er—long will it be before Mr. Adsum comes in?"

"I don't know," said the young man on the stool. "He went out about three weeks ago to hunt another job."—Chicago Tribune.

## The Only Girl.

Ex-Congressman Rockwell of Pittsfield has a good-sized family of children, and those who know say that if they "line up" according to ages, a straight-edge from the oldest, who is quite tall, to the youngest, who is quite short, will touch every head. All but the youngest are boys. The little girl had gone to bed the other night and her father sat by her bedside, as fathers sometimes do, holding her hand and smoothing back her hair. He was telling her that she was the only girl in the family—must, therefore, be the lady of the family—must be womanly, must not imitate her brothers in their boyish ways or in their slang—in short, must be a little lady, and then bade her good night, and was leaving her to fall into Morpheus' arms, when up the little woman jumped, and in a moment was on the floor, with the exclamation, "By Jove! forgot to say my prayers!"—Springfield Republican.

## Result of a Serenade.

A young man and young woman of Southold, L. I., were married one evening last week, whereupon their neighbors decided to serenade them with a brass band. As the newly married couple refused to notice the music or the music-makers, the latter forced the front door of the house. Now the bridegroom has sworn out warrants against the musicians on a charge of burglary.

## Women in Journalism.

There are 600 woman journalists, editors and authors in England and Wales, according to the last census report.

## A Tobacco Man.

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## "Poor" Fellow.

John Jacob Astor of New York has sworn that his personal property is worth but \$250,000. He has been assessed at \$3,000,000. New York society is wondering whether he is really as poor as he says.

# That

Extreme tired feeling afflicts nearly everybody at this season. The hustlers cease to push, the tireless grow weary, the energetic become enervated. You know just what we mean. Some men and women endeavor temporarily to overcome that

# Tired

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# Feel-

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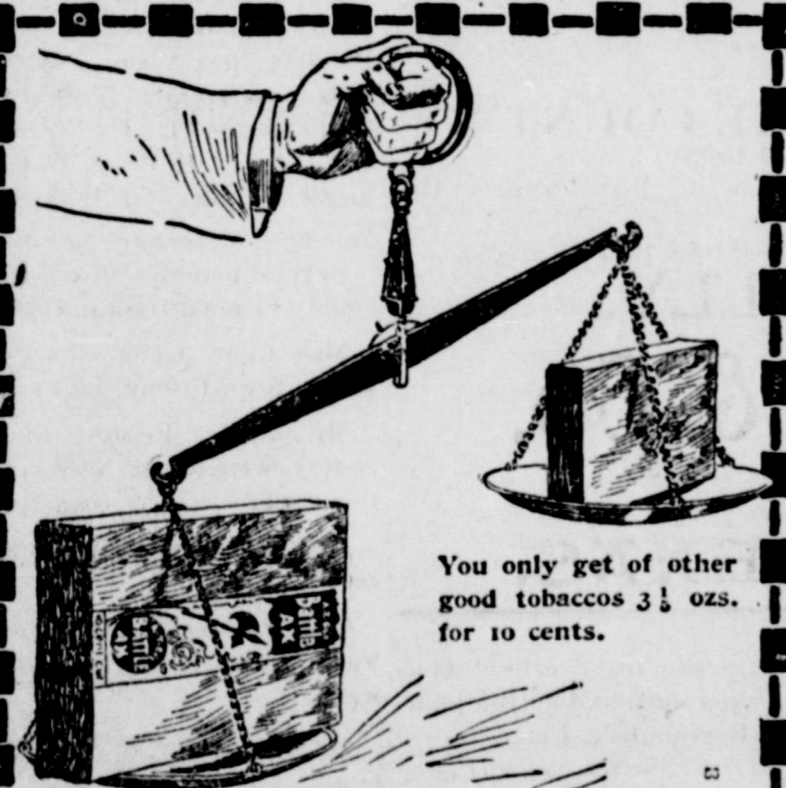
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There are a great many drawbacks to being a queen, aside from the difficulty of getting a steady job in any reliable government. There are so many things they can't do, and, of course, they are the nice things one would like to do. For instance, Queen Victoria can't read a newspaper in the plain, plebeian way it comes from the press. All she gets is an expurgated edition, which is cut into little slips. A court official reads the paper and cuts out what he thinks will interest the queen, and pins these clippings on silk ribbon, as if anybody would care for a silk newspaper. In this way the poor queen never gets to read the advertisements of bargains and marked-down sales, and, like as not, even the divorce cases, or even to see what the opposition papers say about her. It is safe to say that nobody, queen or commoner, wants anybody else to pick out for her what is interesting in the daily paper. It is like having some one else skim all the cream off the milk.

Most girls are willing to keep house, if the "right one" owns the house

### An Idle Scavenger.

The bowels act the part of a scavenger, inasmuch as they remove much of the debris, the waste effete matter of the system. When they grow idle, neglectful of duty, it is of the utmost importance that they should be impelled to activity. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters effects this desirable object without griping them like a drastic purgative. The Bitters is also efficacious for malaria, bilious, dyspeptic and kidney trouble.

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### WONDERFUL GARDEN, THIS.

At Least the Story About It Is Wonderful Enough.

Most people, says the Portland Oregonian, have heard of the hanging gardens of Babylon, the modern roof gardens and the gardens or floating islands in which vegetables used to be grown for the citizens of ancient Mexico, but probably few have heard of a garden on board a ship, with farmyard attachment. The splendid ship Mowhan, now in port, and the largest vessel which has ever been here, had such an arrangement on board during her trip to Oregon. On leaving Belfast for Portland she took on board as ballast 2,000 tons of Irish soil, which, when leveled off, made quite a stretch of ground, and as the soil of Ireland is proverbially fertile the ship's company proceeded to put it to good use by planting a stock of garden truck in it—cabbages, leeks, turnips, radishes, lettuce, peas, beans, etc. The seeds came up all right and the plants flourished finely, and when the ship was in the tropics, grew with great rapidity. As they progressed toward the Horn and the weather grew colder things came to perfection rapidly. The crew amused themselves by weeding and cultivating the plants and the captain and officers took regular walks in the garden daily and all had green vegetables to their heart's content.

As they came around the Horn the garden was replanted and by the time they reached the equator everything was in bloom and all hands feasted on fresh vegetables daily. The only drawbacks to the garden were the weeds, which grew so rapidly that they could hardly be kept down, and the drove of pigs, which were kept in the farmyard attachment, and which on several occasions when the ship was bucking into a nor'easter and rolling heavily broke out of the bounds and made serious inroads in the garden. It is a serious matter to call on hands on board ship, and is only done in emergency, but when the pigs got into the garden there was more pounding on the forecastle scuttles and handspikes and blowing of boatswain's whistles than if the ship had been laid aback by a typhoon or all the masts had been carried away, and every sleeper was aroused to help get the pigs out of the garden.

The last pig was killed and served up with green vegetables just before the Mowhan entered the Columbia. On the arrival of the Mowhan here the Irish soil was discharged on the elevator company's dock and piled up neatly, so that any exiled patriot who desires a bit of the "ould sod" can be accommodated. The pile will doubtless be covered with shamrocks in the spring and will furnish boutonnières for a whole St. Patrick's day procession. Doubtless many a sack of it will be carried off to fill flower pots, etc. Although it comes from the "black north" it is still the real "ould sod."

### THE PARIS CABBY.

For Ways That Are Dark He Has Very Few Equals.

Should an accident befall the vehicle of a Paris cabman during your occupancy, he will abandon himself to a paroxysm of grief, compute the loss, and tell in moving accents of his wife and children, whose bread will be taken from their mouths by the mishap. But if your fingers thereupon make instinctively for your pocket, restrain them; he is insured. He pays a small monthly premium to a cab insurance company; and in the case of a smash-up, only the company suffers. A playful intimation that you are aware of this circumstance will do wonders to console him. There was, in days gone by, a cabman who made such a good thing out of accidents that he ended by adopting them as a specialty. He confined his labors to those quarters of the town chiefly affected by the English and his system was to pick up a benevolent English tourist (by preference a lady) and break a shaft. He knew a method of turning a corner which no shaft could resist. Then he would beat his beast, and shake his fist at heaven; call upon the universe to witness that he was a poor man, who would be ruined by the sum it must cost to get his cab repaired, bring in his wife and children, though the unprincipled creature was a bachelor—and what could a benevolent-looking English tourist do but help him out?

### Custom Mates Law.

According to an old custom in the Dutch village of Katlyk the two church bells are rung without intermission, day and night, from the 21st to the 25th of December every year. No reason is given for the custom, but so far all efforts to stop the maddening noise have proved futile. It has always been done for centuries, and that settles it.

### Said by a Preacher.

God put no child into this world to grow; and to be a worm; God wants everyone to strive to get up in the world. It is only as men are possessed with this desire that the world improves. Let all men be satisfied with everything just as it is and that would stop progress.—Rev. W. H. Fishburn.

### A Foreign Visitor.

Mr. L. J. Jerratt, who represents a large Parisian shoe manufacturing company, has been making a tour through this country to acquaint himself thoroughly with American methods of shoe making. He has visited all the large shoe manufacturing centers in the east, and believes that his trip has been very profitable. He states that American shoe making methods are very far in advance of those employed in France, and he will buy a full line of American shoe machines before returning to his country. The last city that he visited was St. Louis, to which place he was attracted by the far-reaching reputation of the Desnoyers Shoe Co., whose shoes he had heard of before coming to this country. He spent quite a time in their factory, and believes that their methods of making shoes are superior to any that he has seen in the country, and he has arranged to copy them on his return to France. In an interview with a reporter he stated, that after spending several days with the above mentioned firm, he was not at all surprised that they should find such a ready market for their goods all over this and foreign countries.

To act sassy, and look vicious, is a great help in a fight.

### Poets Break Out...

in the Springtime. And a great many who are not poets, pay tribute to the season in the same way. The difference is that the poet breaks out in about the same spot annually, while more prosaic people break out in various parts of the body. It's natural. Spring is the breaking-out season. It is the time when impurities of the blood work to the surface. It is the time, therefore, to take the purest and most powerful blood purifier,

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## LOCAL CHIPS.

Remember that John Barrons' free wagon yard is open to all.

Browns Iron Bitters for sale by J. T. Hamilton. District court Monday.

Some of our city folks attended the school exhibition at New Hope last Friday night.

Jim Stewart went to San Angelo Tuesday after goods for the Big 4.

The Jr. of the Rustler gang, Dr. Latham and Simon Williams went fishing Monday and caught—cold.

Judge Perryman received on Monday a copy of the Revised Statutes of Texas 1895, this being the first revision of the law by the state since 1879.

Mr. R. P. Perry and Simon, the fisherman made a good catch of fish Tuesday.

R. E. Tankersley passed through town Monday on his way from San Angelo to Big Springs.

Sheriff Murray has been quite sick this week.

J. N. Linley, one of Ft. Chadbourne good farmers was in town Tuesday.

Jeff Davis returned from a trip to San Angelo Tuesday.

H. P. Faucher, of Ft. Chadbourne, was in town Wednesday and made application for a section of fine school land on Antelope.

A Mr. Mabry and family, of Burnett county, have moved into the residence formerly occupied by Dr. Toliver.

A very high wind blew up Tuesday night and a norther raged all day Wednesday.

W. J. Glass, of Olga, was trading in town Wednesday.

Don't forget that C. H. Jenkins is to speak at the court house to night.

Tomorrow is Easter Sunday.

There was a little ice Wednesday night.

Some say that the freeze Wednesday night finished up the fruit crop.

A man from Ballinger, whose name we failed to learn, stayed in town Wednesday night and thinks of locating here.

F. C. Miller & Co. one of Ballinger's oldest grocery companies made an assignment on the 16th.

Brother Bates started Tuesday to Colman to attend the district Epworth League Conference, which is to be held the 3, 4 and 5 of April.

Come through boys, the race is "free for all."

Notice.

I will stand the Brooks Jack at my ranch near Hayrick this season \$7.50, insurance, \$5.00 by the season. I will also stand the McKenzie Horse \$7.00 for insurance and \$5.00 for season; Best horse and Jack in the county. Come and see for yourself.

R. R. SMITH.

Judge Perryman has been on the sick list this week.

Jim Burroughs reported himself as not feeling well this week and proved it by his looks.

As we go to press (Friday eve.) Mr. Murray is reported to still be quite sick, though some better.

Tom Hennessey was having work done in town yesterday.

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Chas. Roe is expected home in about three weeks.

R. R. Smith, Chairman of the Democratic executive committee of this county, will soon publish a call for primaries to be held according to the instructions of the state executive committee.

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

L. Schwartz & Co. are making preparations to have the most elaborate Easter opening ever seen in San Angelo. The store will be handsomely decorated with flowers.—S. A. Enterprise.

Prof. J. W. Sawyer, of Tennyson was in town Saturday. One of his school boys had put a chinuch bug down his collar for which he gave him a good, old fashioned lashing, and the trustees had discharged him. The Prof. employed a lawyer and will see if he can make his contract stick.

Uncle Jimmie Byrd called at the Rustler office last Saturday and reported fine success in lambing so far; he ordered the Rustler sent to Grove May, Wrightsboro Texas, for one year. May he raise 150 per cent of his lambs.

Marvin Perry informed one of the RUSTLER gang yesterday that he would probably be a candidate for re-election to the office of Animal Inspector, and that he had inspected about 4000 head of cattle this week.

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.

### Residence For Sale.

One of the best residences in Robert Lee for sale for only \$300. \$100 in cash, the balance on easy terms.

Good, roomy house, well finished and painted; 2 lots fenced; both cistern and well, good lots, stables and other improvements. Buy before the bargain is called in. Apply at this office.

Mr. D. A. Cameron has assumed control of the Central wagon yard of Ballinger. We have reasons to believe Mr. Cameron to be a gentleman who will run the yard in good shape, and we hope that the bad reputation given the yard by the former management will be forgotten—don't hold Mr. Cameron responsible for his predecessors' rascality, but give him a trial when Ballinger.

The West Texas Press Association meets at Mineral Wells April the 11th.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### RATES FOR ANNOUNCMENTS FOR OFFICE.

The RUSTLER will charge the following prices for announcing candidates for office. **Announcement Fees Always In Advance.**

All District Officers.....\$7.50  
County Officer.....5.00  
Precinct Officers.....2.50

### For County Judges.

We are authorized to announce W. C. Merchant as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

### 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.

### Pettit Jurors.

J. H. Henderson, R. B. Higgins, Will Robbins, J. L. Robinson, J. L. Barron, H. P. Faucher, L. F. Scarborough, Will Gunnels, J. W. McDorman, A. J. Pettitt, C. W. McCutchen, Sam Sawyer, J. L. Martin, S. G. Louis, J. R. McDonald, P. T. Keesee, W. H. Rodgers, Charley Hale, E. Meinelle, Joe Lingley, Ed Rawlings, J. A. Gardner Jr. W. W. Murray, W. T. Winters, R. C. Phillips, Chas. Acree, Rufe Whiteside, Thos. Gentry, W. R. Prester, Will Cumbie, T. F. McCutchen, Jeff Davis, J. H. Price, W. P. Walling, J. L. Hyde, and Billie Green.

From Sweetwater review. Several persons from Coke county in town trading this week.

Miss Ruby Cook, of Decker, was in town Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fristoe, of Coke county, were in the city trading this week.

J. Q. Hanna returned from the east Thursday.

G. C. Lasswell, of Coke county was in town trading during the week.

Mr. Tankersley, of the H. & T. C. Ry., was in town this week.

The Vat Taylor murder case, so we are informed will come up for trial on the 2nd Monday in April.

Mr. Goode, of Colorado City, was in the city this week. He shipped 2000 head of cattle from this point to the territory Thursday.

The above probably should have been Ed Good, of Robert Lee.

The Hon. John H. Cochran is a candidate for the County Judges office of Nolan county.

### Notice.

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

# ONLY ONE CAN LEAD.

We have taken the lead by giving the farmers more for their

## Cotton

than any one else. We now intend to keep the lead as we have always done, by giving the best goods for the lowest prices. We have far by the largest stock of Spring and Summer Goods that has ever been seen this far West.

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Samples of Dry Goods sent on application, and you do not have to buy unless the prices and quality suit you.

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**TEXAS,**

E. K. James, drummer of San Antonio, was doing business in town Thursday.

Geo. Tipton, who has a case in court and his father are here.

Colon Lowe and wife, of Coleman county, are here. Colon is a witness in the Geo. Tipton case.

Jim Hamilton traded L. W. Field a good colt for one of his fine Berkshire pigs.

Mr. I. Good was in town a couple of nights this week.

J. W. Boyinton was in town Thursday night.

Deputy Sheriff, Frank Robinson, took Ed Good to Paint Rock this week to go before the Grand Jury.

Dr. Toliver was called to see Montgomery Trimble's baby yesterday.

The city election will held in San Angelo on next Tuesday, the 11th.

### Grand Jurors.

C. W. Odem, T. C. Baldwin, W. R. McDonald, S. S. Craddock, J. N. Linley, W. C. Barron, M. H. Havins, H. Q. Lyle, Don Allison, W. H. Craig, J. S. Gardner, M. B. Sheppard, J. E. Robbins, G. W. Tubb, T. E. Williams.

The Times learns from Jesse Cobb, who came in Monday, from Snyder that Ben Childers, the sheep man, who figured so conspicuously in the courts here last summer, was tried in the district court, at Roby, last week for the theft of a yearling, and given two years in the penitentiary.—Colorado Times.

Mr. Childers is known in this county.

Geo. Allen, the San Angelo music dealer, was at the Lee Hotel Thursday night. Mr. Allen was on his wheel and came over by the way of Mt. Margarette and Bronte; He had much to say in praise of the Bronte country.

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

### THE CENTRAL WAGON YARD

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**Wagon Yard Changed Hands.**

We desire to notify the public that we now own and operate the Wagon Yard formally 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.

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Ballinger, Texas.

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**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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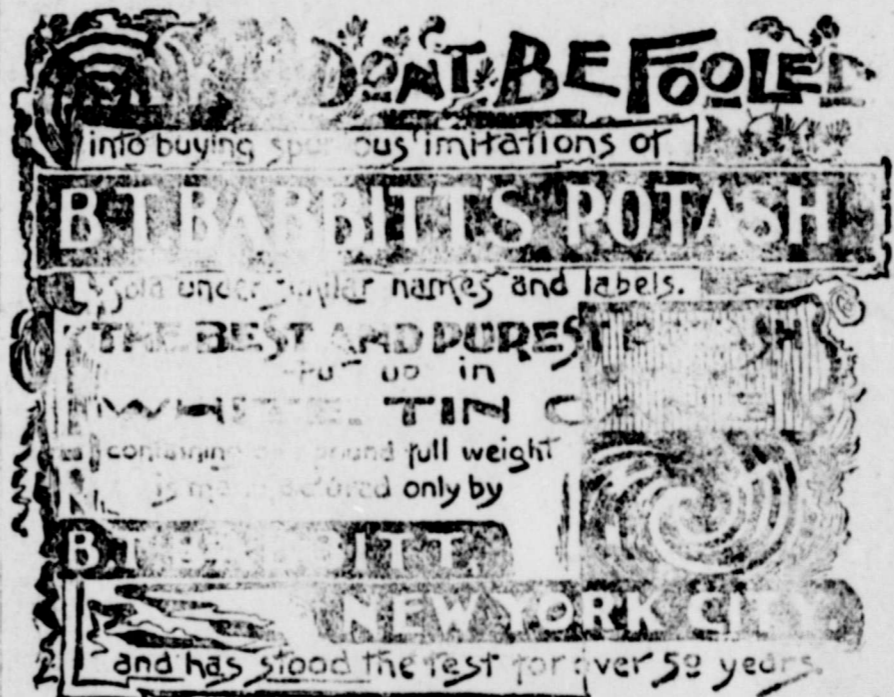
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# EASTER



## THE EASTER CHIMES.

A Tale from the Russian of Kovelenko.

IT WAS the night before the Easter morning. The little village by the murmuring creek was half hidden in the mystical, vapory, starry gloom of a Russian night in springtime. The neighboring wood flung blackest shadows on the fields beside it. All was silent. The village slumbered. Hours passed, and long before the night was gone its still charm was broken. Lights began to glimmer in the windows of cottages whose wretchedness was disguised in the bewitching springtime gloom of night. A gate creaked. The tread of a foot was heard here and there. Moving figures, darkly outlined, emerged from the shades of the wood. A dog barked, and then another and another.

Then a horseman clattered along the village street. A passing cart groaned and creaked under its early morning burden. The darkly outlined figures increased in number. The villagers began to gather in their church to bid welcome to the spring holiday.

It was a quaint little church. It stood upon a hillock in the middle of the village. All at once its windows glowed dimly among the shadows. Then their brightness increased. The church was all alight.

High into the darkness overhead reached the old belfry tower. Its top was lost in the azure gloom.

Then the rickety belfry stairs began to creak. Old Micheich, the bellringer, was clambering aloft. Soon his lantern hung in the bell window, shining like a new star in the sky.

It was hard for the old man to climb those steep and crooked stairs. His old eyes no longer served him, and he, like they, was worn out.

As he climbed, he pondered. It was



THE BELLRINGER WAS CLAMBERING ALOFT.

Time indeed, he thought, that he should rest. But God would not send him death. He had seen his children buried. He had stood by the open graves of his grandchildren. He had followed the old to their last resting place. He had

followed the young there, too. But still he lived and lived. It was hard.

Many a time had he welcomed the Easter morning—so many times that he could not recall them all. He had even forgotten how often in later years he had hoped for death in this same old belfry, as now he hoped for it. And yet this early morning God had brought him there once more.

It was not yet time for him to ring the merry peals and the old man tottered to the belfry window and leaned out over the railing. Below him in the darkness he could dimly see the neglected graves. The white wooden crosses at their heads seemed to be guarding them with their widestretched arms. Here and there a few birch trees bent naked branches forlornly over the mounds and the aromatic odors of their young buds arose on the silent air to



HE SEIZED THE BELL ROPES.

Micheich's nostrils. They bore to him a tale of tranquil, eternal sleep. Where would he be a year from that moment? Would he be there again? Would he have once more climbed into that tower under the clamorous copper bells to awaken the slumbering night with their sharp, resounding strokes? Or would he lie out there in a dark corner of the cemetery with a white cross guarding his everlasting sleep?

God alone knew. He was ready to die—but in the meantime God had brought him into the belfry once more to welcome the Easter morning.

"To the glory of God!" His old lips repeated the oft spoken formula, and his old eyes gazed into the deep sky above, burning with its millions upon millions of stars.

"Micheich! Oh, Micheich!" The voice came from below. It was the old sexton, who had come from the church into the graveyard beneath the tower and who was gazing upward, with his hands shading his blinking, tear moistened eyes in vain effort to make out the form of the bellringer in the darkness overhead.

"What do you want?" answered old Micheich, bending over the railing. "I am here. Can't you see me?"

"I do not see," cried the sexton. "Is it not time to ring? What do you think?" Both gazed upon the stars. Thousands of God's lanterns were blinking at them from the firmament. The night was waning. Micheich thought.

"No, not yet," he said. "Wait awhile, I know when."

But it was time to salute the Easter morning. Old Micheich gazed at the stars once more, and then arose. He removed his hat, crossed himself and gathered up the bell ropes. A moment more and the night air shivered under the first resounding stroke. Then came the second, the third, the fourth. The lightly sleeping Easter air quivered with the joyous music of the shouting, singing bells.

Then the bells ceased. The solemn service began in the church below.

In bygone years Micheich had always gone down to the service and stood in a corner near the door, praying and listening to the music. But it was hard for him to do this now. He felt tired. So he sat down on the bench beneath the copper bells and listened to their waning resonance.

He thought. About what? Micheich himself could hardly answer the question. His glimmering lantern scarcely lit up the belfry. He could not make out the droning bells. They were lost in darkness. From the church below his old ears caught the singing now and then. The old man's gray head sank upon his chest. Disconnected scenes from the past swarmed in his mind like bees in the hive.

"Ah!" he said as the music of the Easter hymn drifted up the tower stairs, "they are singing the troparion."

In his imagination he sang that hymn, again a youth, in the old church below. The little old priest, Father Naum, many years dead and buried, once more was intoning the end of a prayer, while children's voices united in the responses. Hundreds of peasants bowed and arose like corn before the wind. Now they crossed themselves devoutly.

The old familiar faces were of those long since dead. There was the stern visage of his father. There stood his elder brother at the old man's side, sighing deeply and crossing himself again and again. There he himself stood, young, healthful, strong, joyful, full of expectation of a life's happiness.

Where was that happiness now?

The old man's thoughts flickered up



HAD FALLEN HELPLESSLY.

like a dying flame. Recollection illumined all the nooks and corners of his life. And all he saw was endless, ceaseless, merciless labor—labor far beyond his strength. He saw sorrow, too—much sorrow—and suffering unutterable.

Ah, where indeed was that happiness of which he had dreamed?

The burdens of life had wrinkled his young face, had bent his powerful back before the time had come. They had made the joyous boy sigh as his elder brother had sighed.

There on the left, among the women of the village, with her head humbly bent, he saw his sweetheart. She was a good woman. May the peace of God be with her soul!

Oh, the pain that she had suffered! Want and work and woman's woes had withered her glowing womanhood. Her eyes had grown dim with years and weeping. The shocks and blights of life had painted a dull fright upon her comely face.

Ah, where was her happiness? God had given them one son, their joy, their very soul, and he was ground to his death by men's injustice.

The picture broadened and grew vivid in the old man's mind. He saw standing in his pew the rich enemy of the family, bowing his head to the very ground, glossing over in his prayers the wrongs of the widows and orphans whose lives he had blighted in his selfish greed. Micheich felt his heart grow hot within him now, as it had done then, while the dark faces of the holy images on the altar frowned sternly upon man's sorrows and man's injustice.

But all this was long, long passed. All this was far away in the old times. And now all the wide world for him was this dark tower, where the old man sighed gently among the swinging bell ropes.

"Let God judge you! God will judge you!" whispered the old man, thinking of his enemy. Silent tears ran down his cheeks.

"Micheich! Ah, Micheich! What is the matter with you? Are you asleep?"

The voice came from the churchyard without.

"Good God!" cried the old man, remembering the further duty that awaited him. "Did I really fall asleep?"

He seized the bell ropes and pulled them with skillful hand.

Far below the people swarmed from the church, as ants swarm from the ant hill. Golden standards reared themselves in the air of the unborn Easter morning. Forming as a cross, the procession began to move around the church, amid joyful cries of "Christ has risen from the dead!"

The words went to the old bellringer's heart, and glancing out he was exalted in spirit. It seemed to him that the waxen candles that the people bore blazed with suddenly increased brilliance in the gray darkness, that the throng moved more and more swiftly that the standards waved the more joyously, and that the awakening wind lifted up the joyful chorus from below and turned it to the bell's brazen peals with a sweetness superhuman.

Never did Micheich ring the bells with such joy and spirit.

It seemed as if his old heart had been welded into the dead copper of those bells, which laughed and sang and wept at the entrancing melody that rose to the stars above. And the stars seemed to fairly blaze with joy of it as the music poured upward into heaven and fell backward to caress the earth.

What a hymn of joy it was those bells pealed forth. The great bass deafened the sky with the grand brazen cry of "Christ has risen." And the tenors struck to their hearts, shouted sonorously, "Christ has risen!" while the clanging sopranos, as though fearing their lesser voices should be lost to the grand chorus, hurriedly, like gleeful children trying to outstrip each other, screamed a thousand times, "Christ has risen!"

And that sad old heart forgot its cares, its sorrows, and its insults.

The gray bellringer heard only the brazen music, now singing, now weeping, now floating to the starry sky, now sinking to the wretched earth; and it seemed to him that he was surrounded by his children and his grandchildren and that these were their happy voices—the voices of old and young together pouring out in one grand chorus a hymn of joy and rapture.

So the old bellringer pulled the ropes with strong, nervous arms while tears poured down his cheeks and his heart ran fairly over with a happiness he had never known before. And below the people listened, and they said to each other that Micheich had never rung so wonderfully before.

Then suddenly the great bass bell hesitated—and was silent. For a moment the others sang an unfinished, uncertain harmony. Then they, too, ceased, and there was silence save for the low, sad, trembling droning of their stilled but still resonant throats.

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