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A VERY LIVELY WEEK.

THAT'S WHAT THE HOUSE EXPECTS TO HAVE.

The Conference Report of the Cuban Resolutions Are to be Voted on To-Day. Postoffice Bill in the Senate—Morgan to Speak.

Washington, April 6.—This promises to be an exceedingly lively week in the house. To-day the house will vote on the adoption of the conference report on the Cuban resolutions, which was debated on Friday and Saturday. It is a foregone conclusion that the report will be adopted by an overwhelming vote, but it is probable that there will be more members recorded against it than the passage of the original resolutions.

Immediately afterward an effort will be made to pass the river and harbor bill under a suspension of the rules. The bill carries something over \$9,000,000 in actual appropriations, but authorizes contracts for almost \$10,000,000 additional. The Democrats would like an opportunity to attack the bill because of the enormous charge it makes upon the treasury in the future and they will make all the resistance they are able to. Under the rules, however, their opposition is not likely to be effectual, and moreover, there are many features of the bill in which individual Democrats are vitally interested.

Following the passage of the river and harbor bill Mr. Pickler, chairman of the invalid pensions committee, probably will call up one of the general bills reported by his committee. There are two election cases to be decided, one of which will unseat Judge Cobb of the fifth Alabama district. By Wednesday it is expected the fortifications bill will be completed and it will probably occupy the attention of the house for the remainder of the week.

More Trouble.

Cape Town, April 6.—Alarm prevails at Mafeking and the farmers in the outlying districts are bringing their families into town.

They declare that the natives in the country around are preparing to rise on account of the discontent aroused among them by the slaughter of their cattle in the effort to stamp out the destructive rinder pest. This cattle disease has been creating great havoc among the herds of the Transvaal and Rhodesia has become paralyzed.

Mafeking is situated on the northern border of Cape Colony, with the Transvaal adjoining it on the east. It is the point from which Jameson's riders set out for Johannesburg. It is also the point from which Sir Hercules Robinson, governor of Cape Colony, last week dispatched a force of 500 British troops to assist in putting down the Matabele uprising. The border of Matabeleland is 200 miles to the northeast and Bulawayo is 100 miles away.

The present outbreak of discontent can hardly be the result of race sympathy with the Matabele and if it has any connection with the Matabele revolt it must be through the inciting agent being the same. Measures have been taken to protect Mafeking. The inhabitants have held a meeting and decided to appeal to Gov. Sir Hercules Robinson to send troops, the police not being sufficient for the protection of Bechuanaland to the north.

Hellenic Games.

Athens, April 6.—To-day is the day set for the opening of the contests in new Hellenic games, and yesterday, as a preliminary ceremony, a statue was unveiled by the Crown Prince Constantine of Greece of M. Averof, the wealthy Greek of Alexandria, who has alone contributed 1,000,000 drachmas toward the expense of the restoration of the Stadion as nearly as possible to its original condition. The games are to be under the direction of the Athenian Olympic games committee, of which the Crown Prince Constantine is the chairman. The United States contributes two teams to the competition, one from Princeton and one from the Boston Athletic association.

Tuberculosis in Michigan.

Detroit, Mich., April 6.—A special from Lansing, Mich. says that Dr. E. A. Ranger of the Michigan agricultural college, who has investigated the tuberculosis in almost every part of the state, has discovered that the disease also exists in the fine herd of thoroughbreds at the college farm, notwithstanding the special care and exercise given these cattle. Experiment will be made upon the infected animals.

Postoffice Bill To-Day.

Washington, April 6.—The senate will continue the consideration of the postoffice bill to-day, and it is hoped that the day will suffice to conclude the debate on this bill.

Senator Morgan will to-morrow make a speech on the Pacific railroad refunding question and will probably consume the greater part of the day in support of his resolution, outlining a bill and in opposition to the bill under consideration by the joint subcommittee of the two houses.

The remainder of the week will be given up largely to the Indian appropriation bill. There will be an effort in the senate to amend the bill by adding the plan agreed upon by the committee on Indian affairs for changing the system of land holdings in the Indian Territory and this will develop a sharp debate.

The naval appropriations bill will be reported during the week and will be in condition to be taken up as soon as the Indian bill is out of the way. It is Senator Peffer's intention to call up his anti-bond resolution if opportunity offers.

A Panic.

Chicago, Ill., April 5.—A fire which bore a very threatening aspect for a time and created a panic broke out this afternoon in a Clark street dime museum. It being Easter Sunday the two small theaters in the building were entertaining audiences of more than usual proportions, at least 1000 persons, who occupied every available space, being present. The audience made a rush for the doors and for a time pandemonium reigned. The stage manager, Charles Bell, took a commanding position and urged the people not to lose their heads, and to his coolness and self-possession is due the fact that the patron finally escaped without injury.

The wildest confusion, however, prevailed among the freaks and stage performers, but all escaped without injury, many of the actors running into the streets in their stage attire.

Houses Destroyed.

Madrid, April 6.—A terrible fire has occurred at Manila, in the Philippine islands, by which 4000 houses were destroyed and 30,000 people left homeless.

Manila is the capital of the Philippine islands and has a population of 100,000, or with the suburbs 150,000. It is one of the great emporiums of the east. The principal public buildings are the cathedral, the palaces of the governor and the archbishop's beautiful town house, ten churches of different religious orders, several monasteries, convents, the arsenal, three colleges for young men and two for young women, a supreme court, prison, civil hospital, university, a marine and a commercial school, a large theater, a custom-house and barracks. It has frequently been visited by severe and destructive earthquakes.

Take a Gatling Gun.

New Orleans, La., April 6.—In response to the application of the sheriff of St. Landry parish and the mayor of Opelousas, Gov. Foster directed Brig. Gen. John Glynn, commanding the state national guard, to comply with the request of the St. Landry authorities. Gen. Glynn issued the necessary orders and sixty men of the Washington artillery left this evening for Opelousas in command of Capt. Underhill. Ten of the men were artillery men in charge of the Gatling gun, which accompanied the expedition. The others went as infantry. A special train will meet the party at Lafayette and the troops will be in Opelousas before morning.

Electricity Can Do It.

New York, April 6.—A cash offer of over \$2,000,000 has been made by a leading banking house representing a foreign country for the privilege of running canal boats on the Erie canal by electric traction.

Several months ago experiments were made at Tonawanda with a system of towing canal boats by a small motor running on a cable. The motor ran successfully and it is said to be ready for operation the entire length of the canal. If this system be put into successful operation the canal would become the great traffic route from the lakes to the seaboard.

Founded to Death.

Haverhill, Mass., April 6.—Arthur Bradley and Richard Ingram, two factory hands, employed in this city, engaged in a prize fight last night, and as the result the latter died at midnight. Bradley, James Meserve, Thomas Gibney, Fred Whitney and two men named McIntosh and McRae have been arrested.

ONE DOLLAR PER ACRE

WHAT THE SETTLERS OF GREER COUNTY MUST PAY.

Might Take Up 100 Acres More at the Same Price—If They Have More Than 320 Acres to Have Twelve Months to Remove Their Improvements.

Washington, April 4.—The committee on public lands of the house yesterday unanimously agreed on a Greer county bill. The idea at the start was to pass a bill embracing all that pertains to the conditions in that territory, including the validations of the acts of the courts, but it was thought best that this feature should be put in a separate bill and the matter of the lands put in another bill. This latter was what was agreed on in the committee yesterday.

As the president called the attorney general and the land commissioner, Judge Lamoreaux, to his aid and these were in consultation with Judge Brown of Greer county, the result was the bill which was agreed on. Brown insisted that the bona-fide settlers on the lands in Greer county ought not to be charged for 100 acres, as they had gone on the land in good faith and had placed improvements on them.

The attorney general and Lamoreaux said that they were unwilling to give lands to settlers, as this would be a bad example in that the government had bought so many lands from the Indians for which it would have to pay.

The upshot of this was that it was agreed that the bona-fide settlers in Greer county should pay \$1 an acre for 100 acres and have six months in which to commence to perfect their claims under the law. These 100 acres are meant the land on which the claimants settled. It was further agreed in the bill that where the settlers had more than this amount under control at the time that the decision was rendered they might take up 100 acres more at the same price. If they had more than 320 acres under the control they should have twelve months in which to remove their improvements and crops on the extra land over the 320 acres.

There is a provision in the bill which provides that if the lands taken up in Oklahoma by settlers are given to them by the government then the Greer county people shall have 100 acres free. There has been a bill passed by the house which remits the payments for land taken up in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma lands were purchased from the Indians and the government undertook the payment for them. The policy was to get the money from the settlers or purchasers to pay the Indians. All the settlers on the lands purchased from the Indians in the west are now demanding that they be treated as well as the Oklahoma folks.

The president will not sign a bill giving the people who settled on the land a present of the amounts that they owe on it. At least that is the opinion of those who know the feeling of the administration in the matter. The bill which was agreed on by the committee on public lands yesterday provides for a land office in Greer county at Mangum.

Mississippi Lynching.

Nashville, Tenn., April 4.—A telegram from Tupelo, Miss., says: "Yesterday morning at 2 o'clock a negro about 18 years old was taken from jail by a mob and lynched in front of the courthouse. The mob went to the sheriff's home, overpowered him with shotguns, marched him to the jail and forced the keys from him. The men wore masks and their identity is unknown. The prisoner attempted to assault a prominent white lady of Plantersville about two weeks ago."

In the special yacht race over a thirty mile course recently, the first prize being \$250 and a cup offered by the minister of fine arts. The Alisa won.

Cuban Relligerency.

Washington, April 4.—The house yesterday revived the agitation of the Cuban relligerency in connection with the conference report on the Cuban resolutions. It was not expected there would be much debate, but Mr. Boutelle by his vigorous opposition prevented action yesterday, and the chances are now that the debate will run all day to-day.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes with 150 volunteers is proceeding to Gwelo and Bulawayo. Mr. Rhodes has expressed the opinion that Rhodesia is capable of coping with the revolt of the Matabeles.

With Bloodhounds.

St. Louis, Mo., April 4.—Bloodhounds will be placed on the trail of the Frisco train robbers. The booty is officially stated to be \$1252. So far \$400 has been recovered. Frank James, a brother of the famous bandit, Jesse James, when asked his opinion of the robbery, finally said:

"When a man engages in the train robbery business he is badly in need of money, and will take desperate chances to secure it. All this talk about some men having no sense of fear, and especially when they are making a raid on a train is all nonsense. I have been in some pinches and there were times when I realized fear, but there was nothing to do but to fight my way out."

"I am opposed to train robbery, and the only way it will ever be stopped is to have armed guards on each train. Two or three would be sufficient, but they should be well armed, and be encased in a steel cage of some kind. The car should have port holes through which the guards could command a view of the outside. One point in particular they should keep in view and that is the space between the engine and the express car. This point should be watched for a number of reasons. First, because robbers could uncouple the express car and the rest of the train and with the engine pull it several miles down the track and with dynamite blow everything up. The second and main reason is that the robbers could be aware of the guards presence in the car and if they could get to the couplings of the car all they would have to do would be to pull the engine away from the train for a short distance, reverse the lever and come back against the train with such a force that the express car would be demolished and the guards killed."

"Until these ideas are carried out the robbers will continue to think that train robbery is a science. The Sleeper Hill Job was done by men who knew their business; but as I am not in that business and never have been, I don't care to discuss it further. This, however, I will say, the times when I was credited with having been in certain train robberies I was miles away from the scene hauling logs."

Disastrous Cloudburst.

Lexington, Ky., April 4.—The recent cloudburst in Clay and Owsley counties was more disastrous than at first reported. Buffalo creek, which is across the south fork of the Kentucky river, suffered more than Sexton creek by the unnatural rainfall. Every house on the bank of this stream was washed away. Miss May Garret was drowned while trying to escape the flood.

George Caspons, wife and three children and two children of Wilburns and two others whose names are not given were also drowned.

John Crane, a logger, rescued his wife and small child when they were drifting down the stream on some uprooted trees.

Thousands of logs are going down the stream. The large booms at Boonville are choked with logs and it is feared the booms and all will be carried away by the water. Part of the town is inundated and a number of persons have had to move their household effects up the side of the mountain. Northfork and Middle creeks are both overflowing their banks and at Jackson, Military Instructor Bull of the Jackson institute has been drowned while riding on a raft.

Texas Rivers and Harbors.

Washington, April 4.—The river and harbor bill was presented to the house yesterday much to the delight of those congressmen who believed that the bosses of the house would not permit it to come in even after it had been shaped up in the committee. There is no doubt but that Reed did not want it to come in because he feared that it would run the appropriations away up, and just at this time he wants to keep the appropriations down all along the line.

Volunteer Gazette.

New York, April 4.—Mr. Ballington Booth has decided to name his paper the Volunteer Gazette. It will make its first appearance on Saturday, April 11. The leading editorial in the first issue will give a detailed account of the volunteer movement over the signatures of Ballington and Mrs. Booth.

Prepared for Defense.

London, April 4.—An official dispatch received from Bulawayo says the forces there are sufficient for defense, will not suffice to quell the rebellion, which is likely to become general when the Matabeles become organized.

RELIEF OF SETTLERS.

COCKRELL INTRODUCED BILLS TO HELP THEM.

All Litigation Already in Progress to be Continued Under Texas Laws—Given a Homestead of 160 Acres and Privilege of Buying 100 More.

Washington, April 1.—After a great deal of consideration on the part of the Texas delegation in connection with the administration, Mr. Cockrell has introduced bills to straighten out the tangle in Greer county.

The first bill relates to judgments that have been rendered in the courts of that county. It validates all judgments and processes in that county and all cases that are in the courts of appeals shall be prosecuted in the courts of Oklahoma under the laws of Texas. The meaning of this is that the Arkansas code obtains in Oklahoma territory and this bill is meant to carry the cases on under the laws of Texas that originated in the court below.

His next bill is intended to define the preference right of settlers in that county. The chief provision of it is that all actual settlers in that county before the 10th of March, 1896, shall have preference right and within eighteen months shall have homestead rights to 160 acres of land. The next section provides that any actual settler shall be entitled to a homestead and 100 more at \$1.25 per acre, and they shall have twelve months from the passage of the act to remove all improvements on the land not purchased or homesteaded by them.

This is intended to give a man a homestead of 160 acres and allow him to buy 100 acres more. There are other provisions in the bill which provide for town sites and cemeteries and things of that kind. This bill has been introduced, but the probability is that when it comes up in the house there will be a great deal of discussion.

Horrible Cruelty.

Havana, April 1.—Never in modern times has there been a more sickening spectacle than that which to-day attended the execution of five Cubans. The men had been condemned to death by the garrote as "murderers, violators and incendiaries." Troops were drawn up in a bow square and in the middle were placed the chair and post.

Ruiz, the public executioner, deputized an assistant to conduct the affair. The condemned men, having received the offices of the church, were brought into the square to meet their fate. One of them had confessed his guilt and confirmed the innocence of all others, who also protested that they were guiltless.

The first man to die took his seat in the chair calmly; the iron collar was fixed about his neck and the cap drawn over his face. Then the executioner undertook to apply the screw, but was so excited that his hand slipped repeatedly, with the result that the victim died by slow strangulation, emitting the while the most distressed cries.

The second execution was accomplished with even more distressing awkwardness and delay, the executioner being almost on the verge of collapse as he performed his horrible function.

The protests of the officers and the priests forced Ruiz to undertake the third execution, but he did little better than his assistant had done.

The fourth victim of bungling garroters was likewise tortured and then Ruiz literally fled from his post, leaving to his assistants to put to death the fifth of the unfortunate Cubans, who escaped none of the agonizing experiences that had attended the execution of his fellows.

The whole affair left upon those who witnessed it and to those to whom it has been described a feeling of the utmost horror.

A Failure.

Baltimore, Md., April 1.—The garment workers of this city who have been on a strike for five weeks, declared the strike off Tuesday night and those who could get their places back returned to work yesterday. Over 6000 persons have been out, the strike having been ordered under the sanction of the American Federation of Labor, of which the strikers were members. The Knights of Labor did not go out and the strike ultimately resolved itself into a war between the rival labor organizations.

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Kleberg, democrat, has been
elected to congress in Crains dis-
trict.

A Mrs. Curtis was elected May-
or of Cimaron Kan.

The Republicans of Utah have
declared for free silver 16 to 1.

Mumps and measles are repor-
ted at Colorado City.

Winfield Scott is one of the
largest cattle operators in the
state. He is now shipping from
Colorado, San Angelo, Ballinger
and other points to the Creek Na-
tion to fatten for market.

Congress will probably adjourn
before much more waste of time

The Houston Post claims 65,000
population for Houston.

The Cubans have recently gained
one very important victory over
the Spaniards.

Owing to his present felicitous
circumstances it would be sad in
the extreme for ex-president Har-
rison to be drafted into an active
presidential campaign.

Texas is too big and its resour-
ces and industries too many and
varied to be kept up with.
We do not suppose it is known
by every one that tobacco culture
is just becoming an important in-
dustry in a part of the coast coun-
try.

FROM BANNER-LEADER.

The R. K. Wyhe steers averag-
ed 1410 pounds and sold at 4.10
on Chigo market Tuesday.

Tuesday and wednesday Win-
field Scott shipped eight trains
ninety-two cars, 2483 head of cat-
tle from Miles to Maze, I. T.

Mr. Henderson who resides in
the edge of Coke county, got Van-
penh and Baker, the hardware mer-
chants of this city to put up an
eight foot Air Moter for him last
week.

A Card of Thanks.

—Hope, Texas, March 14, 1896.—
We take this method of express-
ing our sincere gratitude to those
dear people in Runnels county
who administered at the bedside
of our dear departed relative,
Mrs. Martha Carson who breath-
ed out her sweet life in your coun-
ty on February 9 1896; and we de-
sire to especially thank Dr. Key
and Mrs H. A. Richardson, whose
names will ever live in our mem-
ory.

The split in the democratic par-
ty of Texas is wide open. The
silver men will run on a 16 to 1
platform and if that faction alone
is stronger than the populist par-
ty, her candidates will be electet,
if not the pops will ride into pow-
er in Texas at next falls election.

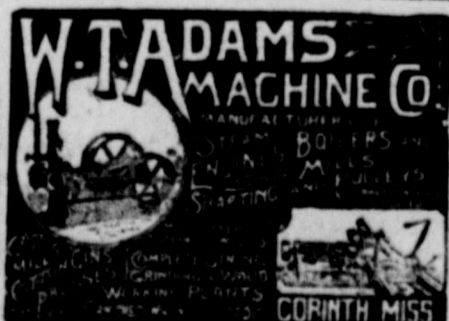
GREAT CUBAN VICTORY.

A cipher dispatch from Carlos
Garcia, son Gen. Garcia, a Cuban
leader, has been received by M.
Stern, of New York, says the
World, reporting the safe landing
of the Bermuda with arms and am-
munition fifty miles west of Havana.
The Bermuda is said to be faster
than any vessle the Spaniards
have.

The message says that Maceo
and Garcia with 9000 men swept
down up on Pinar del Rio early
on the morning of March 23; and
it was a complete surprise. The
Spanish troops numbered about
6000 and were thrown into a pa-
nic by the onslaught. The use of
the heavy artillery which Garcia
had brought added to their terror
the message says: Consternation
reigned and Spanish troops were
thrown in wild disorder. Officers
could not form their men. Captur-
ed two pieces of artillery, 1700
Mauser rifles, 1,200,000 cart rid-
ges, 2800 swords and stores burn-
ed 600 houses sparing the weak.
Spanish lost 850 killed and wound-
ed. Cuban lost 150 killed and

After this victory, which is one
of the most important that the Cu-
bans have won, inasmuch as it
will be almost imposible for the
spaniards to find a shelter for
their troops in the interior dur-
ing the rainy season. General
Gracia took 500 men on horse-
back and started eastward making
some of the hardest possible mar-
ches.

Gen. Garcia has gone to the eas-
tern end of the island because
that is his old home and the peo-
ple living there are his loyal fri-
ends. Jose Gomez General Gome-
z's brother is with him. Gracia
will do nothing for a month but
organise an army of picked men.
He expects to have an organized
army of volunteers which will num-
ber 35,000 men and a regular for-
ces of 10,000 men.



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With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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Iron Bitters. It's a natural remedy. No bad effects. Strengthens while it cures quickly.
Neuralgia and Malaria
Diseases if you give it a fair trial.
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partner Tuesday stating that an attempt had been made to burn them out, that a negro had been arrested for firing the building and had squealed on parties who were running a blind tiger. Ferris being a local option town and the wheel had been opposing the unlawful selling of whiskey.

In this week's issue Mr. Mace Davis announces as candidate for the office of county judge of Coke county. Mr. Davis has been an official of this county for more than three years and his qualifications are well known and if you think him the man for the place he asks your support and note regardless of party.

Joe Dudley, a negro boy, indicted by the last grand jury of Coryell county, on two charges, sent the county judge word that if he would dismiss one of the cases against him he would commit suicide on the other.—Ex.

Silas Conner was in town Thursday and had just come from the head of Crows Nest and reported Mr. J. H. B. Norfleet was kicked by a horse and had his leg broken on last Saturday.

District Court.

The regular April term of District court convened on Monday last. Judge Timmins was absent and the lawyers present elected Hon. Milton Mays special judge for the term. Lawyers present and participating were as follows: D. D. Wallace and Milton Mays, of San Angelo; C. H. Jenkins, of Brownwood; Robert Truly and Charles Dickenson, of Ballinger; A. J. Pritchard, of Big Springs and G. W. Perryman, D. T. Averitt, J. R. Patteson, L. H. Brightman and W. C. Merchant, of Robert Lee. The Grand jury was impaneled and the criminal docket taken up and disposed of as follows:

No 57. State of Texas vs. George Tipton—dismissed.

No 67. State of Texas vs. J. G. McCulloch—continued and bail bond forfeited.

No 71. State of Texas vs. Geo. McCulloch and John Moore—continued as to John Moore.

No 73. State of Texas vs George Tipton—continued.

No 74. State of Texas vs George Tipton—continued.

No 76. State of Texas vs J. G. McCulloch—continued and bail bond forfeited.

No 77. State of Texas vs Henry Richards—continued and bail bond forfeited.

No 78. State of Texas vs Jim Warren—continued.

Judgements in cases 97, 98 and 99. State of Texas vs George Tipton were set aside by the court.

No 100. State of Texas on Relation of W C Merchant vs W C Hayley: "Be it remembered that the court having heard and considered the petition and prayer of plainiff filed in this case, is of the opinion that the defendant, W C Hayley, should be temporarily suspended from the office of County Treasurer of Coke county during the pending of this suit. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court the defendant, W C Hayley, be and he is hereby temporarily suspended as County Treasurer of Coke county Texas, and J. A. Gardner be and he is hereby appointed County Treasurer of Coke county to dis-

charge the duties of said office during said suspension, and will execute a bond in the sum of five hundred dollars in the manner and on the conditions presented by law, and the said W. C. Hayley is hereby directed and commanded upon the execution of said bond, to deliver, turn over and pay to said J. A. Gardner all of the money, vouchers, books, papers and all documents of whatever kind belonging or pertaining to said office of County Treasurer."

CHEAP GROCERIES!

CHEAP GRAIN

FREE WAGON YARD!

By doing business on a strict cash basis this year I will be able to sell groceries and grain at a very small profit. I have greatly improved my wagon yard and now have good water and good roomy stalls in the same, which my patrons are invited to use free of charge.

Respectfully,
John Barron.

To The Patrons.

Robert Lee, Texas, Apr. 10th
To day ends the term of Robert Lee school. We regret much to close just at this time, on account of some few, who are anxious, as they should be, to keep their children in school as long as possible. But circumstances will not justify us to continue longer.

In regard to my work here I have but little to say, but I believe there has been some good done and I believe further, that my pupils realize this better than others, and all I ask is that I be given credit for what I have done and no more. As I have not attained perfection, doubtless I have made mistakes, but, in the words of the poet "I have done my duty, tried to do it ever."

In my methods I have recognized my pupils as intelligent human beings with God given faculties to be developed and not as "Dumb, driven cattle."

If this method has not been a success, question your own influence for the number of years in

which they have been your charge. Has it been such as to inspire confidence and integrity of purpose?

In conclusion I wish to say to the people of R. L., that I have been well treated. My duties for the most part have been pleasant and I trust I leave not an enemy behind when I depart. For I can truthfully say I bear none an ill will, but wish all a bright future crowded with success and prosperity.

Now I know you think I am going to tell you that you need a new school house, but I am not. If it is to my interest and to the interest of the school for me to serve you again I shall gladly do so.

Professionally farewell.
Frank E. Thomas.

FROM S. A. STANDARD.

Lee and Ed Good of Runnels county, were in town Tuesday.—Hon. L. H. Brightman, county judge and W. C. Merchant county attorney of Coke county were in the city Monday on business.—Billy Childress ships 2500 steers to the Lation tomorrow.—Angelo is still the stock center of the west, 1,700 stock cars have so far been ordered this season and it is estimated that it will take almost as many more to handle the shipments that will be made before the shipping season closes.

FROM SWEETWATER REVIEW.

Mr. Boozer and wife, of Coke county, were in town visiting last week.—Mrs. S. A. Perry, of Coke county is here visiting her son F. B. Perry.—L. J. Goode shipped 51 cars of cattle this week to the territory. Mr W. L. Mc-Aulley shipped 52 to same point. W. L. Catlin has 150 cars ordered for next week.

Hon. C. H. Jenkins of Brownwood spoke at the court house on Saturday night last, subject, the government ownership of railroads.

On Monday night he discussed the financial question to a large audience at the same place. His speeches were interspersed with tasteful anecdotes and were forcible and convincing; and were well received as a majority of his hearers were of the populist persuasion

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all Business Intrusted
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Mrs. S. M. BULAH, Proprietress.
BOARD BY DAY, \$1. MEAL 25c
Every attention paid to guests to
make them comfortable. Clean beds,
plenty to eat and well cooked. When
in the city come and see me.

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Physician and Surgeon,
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.
Office at Hamiltons' Drugstore.

Dr. J. O. TOLIVER

Physician and Surgeon,
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.
Office—At My Store.

Kleberg, democrat, has been
elected to congress in Crains district.

A Mrs. Curtis was elected Mayor
of Cimaron Kan.

The Republicans of Utah have
declared for free silver 16 to 1.

Mumps and measles are reported
at Colorado City.

Winfield Scott is one of the
largest cattle operators in the
state. He is now shipping from
Colorado. San Angelo, Ballinger
and other points to the Creek Na-

to await the Grand Jury.
Stephenville, Tex., April 6.—Officers
William Lightfoot and J. M. Wise of
Thurber had a preliminary trial here
Saturday charged with killing a negro
at the mines several days ago. At the
time of the killing Officer Lyt Williams
stated that in the melee that occurred
upon their raiding a crap game his
pistol was accidentally discharged and
killed the negro. Williams was placed
under bond to await the action of the
grand jury.

Later outside parties interested themselves
in the matter and swore out
warrants against Officers Lightfoot and
Wise before the justice here. After
hearing all the evidence the justice held
that under that charge and the law he
could not discharge the accused, but
held them under a small bond to await
the grand jury.

Corpse Identified.

Goodrich, Tex., April 6.—The body
found in Long Cane creek has been
identified as that of a Swede named
Johnson. Mr. John Bishop, an old
acquaintance, came down from Livingston
this morning and the body was
taken and fully identified by him.
Frank Lopez, a young Frenchman
arrested, charged with the murder, was
taken to Livingston jail last night.
Considerable property belonging to Mr.
Johnson was found in his possession,
and he was seen with him on the creek.
Lopez denies being guilty and claims to
have bought the property of Johnson,
and that he was fishing on Coly creek,
ten miles from the scene of the murder,
on the night it was committed.

The true amount of gold in the treasury
at the present writing is \$28,227,
550.

Baptist Pastors to Meet.

Waco, Tex., April 4.—A call made by
the Baptist pastors of Waco for a meet-
ing here Tuesday and Wednesday of
state pastors and laymen for a great
missionary conference.

Believing profoundly in a Heavenly
Father, who for Christ sake will hear
the prayers of his people and who will
more readily give the holy spirit to
them that ask Him than the best of us
would give bread to our hungry children,
we very tenderly ask that this
meeting and its objects be remembered
in every public service of the churches
until the first Sunday in April.

Commencing with that Sunday we
ask for prayer day and night until the
Waco meeting is ended.

And we ask every Baptist in the state
who loves our Lord Jesus Christ and
His holy cause of missions to take this
matter on his heart and carry to the
throne of God's grace in earnest, im-
portunate prayer.

We want a meeting signalized by fer-
vor of brotherly love and the power of
the Holy Ghost, a meeting so pervaded
by the spirit that it will leave a revival
behind it in all the churches here and
carry a revival back to the church and
home of every visitor and will put the
mission cause for which our dear Lord
died, on such broad, deep and endur-
ing foundation of divine principles
and so awaken attention, stimulate
interest, create enthusiasm, excite
liberality, induce co-operation, cement
the hearts of brethren, the results
may eclipse the most sanguine expecta-
tion.

Even so—come Lord Jesus. And now,
if less than a thousand of you come
it will grieve and disappoint the
churches which lovingly tender their
hospitality and the pastors who sub-
scribe themselves, your humbly and
affectionately, your brethren.

B. H. CARROLL,
Pastor First Baptist Church.
G. W. TRUETT,
Pastor East Waco Baptist Church.
J. H. ROBERTS,
Pastor Second Baptist Church.
F. J. GLEISS,
Pastor First German Baptist Church

Floral Society.

Waco, Tex., April 4.—The Waco
Floral society will meet in regular ses-
sion to-day in the parlors of the Pa-
cific hotel to decide upon the exact
date for their first semi-annual exhibit.
It will probably take place the latter
part of May. The president, Mrs. S.
W. Cohen, feels greatly encouraged
with the prospect of a fine show. Hand-
some premiums have been donated by
business men of the city, and by mer-
chants and florists from other cities
and other states.

Professional florists and amateur
flower growers from other cities and
towns of the state will take part in the
spring exhibition. There will be other
attractive features besides the floral
display, the affair opening with a grand
concert suit, and closing with a floral
ball.

Drowned.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 4.—Mr. A.
Blue, a well-known citizen of this coun-
ty, residing near Crowley, was drowned
last evening in Deer creek. He was 68
years of age at the time of his death
and had been suffering from epilepsy
for some time past. He was the
father-in-law of Deputy Sheriff William
Rea, of this city. He left his home
for the creek about a mile distant, yester-
day evening to fish. He did not re-
turn by dark and search was instituted
for him with the result of the dis-
covery of his dead body in what is
known as the "Deep Pool" about 10
p. m. It is supposed that he suffered
a stroke of epilepsy while fishing, fell
into the water and was drowned. He
leaves an invalid wife and eight chil-
dren. He owned a splendid farm near
Crowley, on which he resided.

Card Playing Cases.

Taylor, Tex., April 4.—During the
last session of the Williamson county
grand jury a number of bills of indict-
ment were returned against citizens
of Taylor, among them a dozen or more
of the leading men of the city, charging
them "with playing cards in a public
house." These cases will come up for
trial at the next term of the county
court, and as the parties interested
propose to fight the cases upon the
grounds that the cards were played at
their private residences. The decision
of the court of criminal appeals at Dal-
las last week in the case of J. Z. Mil-
ler vs. the state, from Navarro county,
which was reversed and dismissed,
proves interesting reading matter to
the dozen or more parties interested.

Fined \$10.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 4.—Miss N.
Downes, the young lady charged with
coddling a young gentleman of this
city yesterday, pleaded guilty to dis-
turbance of the peace in the city court yester-
day morning and was given a fine
of \$10 and costs.

Shot and Killed.

Brownsville, Tex., April 4.—Vicente
Sandoval, aged 21, was shot and killed
last night at the Anacitas ranch,
about thirty miles from Brownsville by
a man over a dispute about a horse. The
party escaped into Mexico.

IN THE ODD CORNER.

SOME QUEER AND CURIOUS PHASES OF LIFE.

Anatomy of the Yawn—Waltzing Mice
—A Dog Shopkeeper—A Self-Propelling
Bicycle—A Romantic Courtship—
Product of a Western Genius.



It ain't jest wise to
be too pryin'
'bout the things
we daily see,
An' cur'ous people
often find it's
best to let them
be;
The man that
comes to know
too much, he
ain't the happy
one.

An' faith is worth the havin', sir, when
all is said an' done.

The man who's at the 'theater an'
trustin' to his eyes

Gets lots o' fun an' pleasure that an
opry-glass denies.

For to his eyes there's beauty in thd
tinsel an' the paint.

But when he tries the opry-glass, why,
then, you bet, there ain't.

It's jest the same with other things;
the water in the brook

Is clear an' most invitin' if with only
eyes you look,

But when you get a microscope you're
like to stop an' think,

An', like as not, the sights you see will
drive you to strong drink.

An' so it is in other ways, an' I re-
peat again,

The man who knows the wherefore
ain't the happiest of men;

It ain't jest pryin', nosin' 'round that
real contentment brings,

An' I'm derned glad, myself, to say on
faith I take some things.

—Chicago Evening Post.

Anatomy of the Yawn.

The anatomy of the yawn is a branch
of science that has been neglected. A
yawn is either natural or artificial.
Among the natural are the things
called "gaps," which are not true
yawns at all, and must be carefully dis-
tinguished from them. The artificial
article has a number of purposes. Some-
times it is assumed as a hint to the
visitor who stays too long, or the man
who talks politics in the presence of
women, or talks shop, or tells an old
story, or makes himself a general nul-
lance. Women have a habit of yawning
in the face of the male individual
who talks enthusiastically to them
about other women. This is one of
the most artificial of yawns. It has
not even the pretense of reality about
it. The most essential difference be-
tween the real yawn and the assumed
one is that the former is contagious
and the latter is not. One has only to
indulge in this physical act unwittingly
in a street car to see it pass up one
side and down the other. The major-
ity of those who follow the first exam-
ple do it without knowing where the
initiative came from, or that they are
following it. On the other hand, an
artificial yawn begins and ends with
the person who perpetrates it. It has
none of the subtle initiative of the real
article. Next to being able to under-
stand a yawn, the most important so-
cial accomplishment is to be able to
stifle one. This can be done only after
long practice. Where this art has not
been attained to, the best thing to do
is not to apologize. Such an explana-
tion is an insult to the intelligence of
the person spoken to. A real, soul-felt
yawn must be lived down; it cannot
be explained away. Say not'ing and
your neighbor may obviate all trouble
by imitating you. In that case one
transgression offsets the other.—New
York Evening Sun.

A Dog Shopkeeper.

August Albert, a baker, doing busi-
ness in New Orleans, owns an intelli-
gent dog, Fifine, that keeps her mas-
ter's shop for him. Albert, has a little
bake-room behind the shop, and he
always gives his personal attention to
the oven, Fifine proves invaluable in
waiting upon customers. The dog cur-
ries strapped about her neck a little
bank whose slot is arranged to receive
nothing more or less than a nickel.

The customer may help himself to a
loaf from the counter, but woe betide
one who tries to depart without de-
positing the requisite nickel in Fifine's
bank. If more than one loaf is taken,
an equal number of deposits must be
made in the bank, or Fifine will know
the reason why. She knows very well
how to use her teeth in case of neces-
sity, though she is usually as mild as a
lamb, and quite a favorite with her cus-
tomers, but if her master should be
needed, she has only to pull the beil-
rope which communicates with the bak-
er's room, and he is on the spot.

A Self-Propelling Bicycle.

A man rode down Park row Wednes-
day on a self-propelling bicycle. He
wore a blue-gray uniform, like a let-
ter carrier's, sat back on the wheel and
spun along faster than the cable cars.
When seen first by the Park row crowd
he was coming down Center street, and

the people lined upon the curb and
commented on him. The small boys
chased him and yelled at him. A news-
paper man signalled him to stop and
tell what kind of a machine he was
astride and what was pushing it, but
he sped on. He left the small boys be-
hind, and the crowd gaped after him
in open-mouthed astonishment. The
machine was not quite so high as an
ordinary safety bicycle. The saddle
was lower and broader and was over
the rear wheel, which was very much
smaller than the front wheel, perhaps
about as large as the rear wheels on
the old-style bicycles. In front of the
front wheel was a small black box.
It was not more than a foot square,
but it evidently contained the motive
power. The gear of the machine was
protected. The rider sat with his feet
on rests, just inside the line of the
box in front.—New York Sun.

A Romantic Courtship.

Once upon a time, to wit, last October,
there was a man, and his name was
Eugene Green, of Syracuse. It fell out
that on a certain day Eugene decided
to go fishing, and procured an empty
spool from his sister, on which to wind
his line. But either fate or the merry
little god of love prompted him to look
at the spool, when behold! he saw
thereon these words written: "Whoever
finds this will confer a favor by writing
to Miss Lena Drake, Willimantic, Ct."
To this request Eugene paid prompt
heed. Miss Drake answered his mis-
sive; in due time photographs were ex-
changed and pledges of affection were
given and received. All this could end
in only one way. Mr. Green went to
Willimantic the other day. He saw the
girl, was conquered by her charms,
married her on the spot, and they have
been happy ever since. After that, who
shall say that there is nothing romantic
in Willimantic?—New York Tribune.

Waltzing Mice.

You have all heard of "singing mice,"
but did you ever hear of "waltzing
mice?" It seems that there is a family
of such little creatures in Japan, not
one family, of course, but a regular
species, with that unique characteris-
tic.

These mice are about the same size
as the common kind, but they are
speckled with white and black around
the head and neck. They have a habit
of whirling round and round for hours
at a time, with only short stops, per-
haps to get breath. And they whirl in
couples, too, just as human beings do,
but much more rapidly. Indeed they go
so fast that they appear to be little
rings of black and white.

It is said that the "waltzing manna"
seizes them nearly always while they
are running and even when they are
attempting to escape from an enemy
they will suddenly stop running and go
to whirling.

There is some reason for this, of
course, as there is for everything in na-
ture, but we have not heard what that
reason may be. It certainly is a very
inconvenient trait at times, for it gives
the pursuing enemy a good chance to
gobble them up.—Philadelphia Times.

A Tragedy in Mousedom.

For two long weeks there had been
a great deal of excitement in Brown's
fashionable residence. But the excite-
ment was limited to the kitchen and
pantry. And at the end of that time
the "400" of "mousedom" assembled in
the kitchen to attend the marriage of
Miss Pearlite Gray to Mr. Brown Coat.
All the guests were gorgeously dressed
and a sumptuous feast was spread.
But, I am sorry to say, the feast con-
sisted of stolen delicacies from Brown's
and neighboring pantries. But notwith-
standing this everything was soon in
readiness and the Rev. Mr. Blackeyes
began the ceremony. All went well un-
til he said:

"Mr. Brown Coat, will you take Miss
Pearlite Gray—"

But he never finished the sentence,
for at that moment Brown's large pas-
sycat pounced upon the bride and
instantly devoured her, saying as she
did so:

"I will take Pearlite Gray, indeed I
will."

All the rest of the company scampered
off in haste and pussy alone was left
to enjoy the splendid bridal feast, which
you may be sure she did.

A Fair Cotton Miller.

Miss Helen A. Whittier of Lowell,
Mass., is president of the company that
operates the Whittier cotton mills, lo-
cated on the Chattahoochee river, six
miles from Atlanta, Ga. On January 6
she pressed an electric button and put
the spindles in operation, opening an-
other industry for Georgia, and giving
employment to between 300 and 400
persons. The building of the mills was
begun last spring. They have 10,000
spindles and one of the best equipped
plants in the country.

Ingenious Cab Call.

The silent cab call is an invention
which is coming into general use in
London. Two lamps, one red and the
other green, are suspended from the
door of a club or other public building.
The porter within has merely to press a
knob in the entry hall, and either the
red or the green lamp may be illumi-
nated, the one to call a four-wheeler
and the other a hansom.

Terribly Cutting.

Sarcasm is always disagreeable. It
is the sting of a bee without its honey,
and is bad enough when the sarcastic
person is alive, so that the victim may
at least have the satisfaction of making
a retort. When a sarcastic man makes
a will, in which he indulges in sar-
casm, he is taking an unfair advantage.
There was a man of this mean temper
who recently died in Wisconsin. He
had quarreled with his wife, and in
his will he cut off his children who had
sided with her, leaving each of them
only \$1. With that munificent sum he
advised them to purchase "Paradise
Lost," which they could read while
watching others enjoy the fortune
that should have been theirs. Such a
will should not stand. The defrauded
children will have it set aside by the
courts, and will then purchase hand-
some copies of "Paradise Regained,"
as souvenirs of their sarcastic papa.

A Mixed Conscience.

The United States treasury received
a letter, a few days ago, inclosing two
\$1 bills. The letter contained nothing
besides the notes, but the legend "Two
the Chonshinsous Fund," the inference
being that the sender wished to make
this contribution to the conscience
fund. A person who had to struggle
with his "chonshinsous," as this one
did, could not have kept these two \$1s
very long. The touched and repent-
ant person who turned this money into
the treasury has a very bad spell of his
self-accusing conscience.

Love for a man is a poor thing to
talk about.

I never used so quick a cure as Piso's Cure
for Consumption.—J. B. Palmer, Box 1171,
Seattle, Wash., Nov. 23, 1895.

No one has so far ever accused the
devil of being lazy.

FITS—All Fits stopped free by Dr. Kline's Great
Nerve Restorer. No Fits after the first day's use.
Marvellous cures. Treatise and 2 trial bottles free.
Fit cases, send to Dr. Kline, 333 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

After all there are some things to
admire about a mean man.

If Troubled With Sore Eyes
Jackson's Indian Eye Salve will positively
cure them. 25c at all drug stores.

Did you ever hear of the devil de-
claring a baby?

If the Baby Is Cutting Teeth.
Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs.
WISLAW'S SOOTHING SYRUP for Children Teething.

How we love a woman who remem-
bers compliments that have been paid
her husband years ago!

Mothers

Anxiously watch declining health of
their daughters. So many are cut off
by consumption in early years that
there is real cause for anxiety. In
the early stages, when not beyond
the reach of medicine, Hood's Sarsa-
parilla will restore the quality and
quantity of the blood and thus give
good health. Read the following letter:

"It is but just to write about my
daughter Cora, aged 19. She was com-
pletely run down, declining, had that tired
feeling, and friends said she would not
live over three months. She had a bad

Cough

and nothing seemed to do her any good.
I happened to read about Hood's Sarsa-
parilla and had her give it a trial. From
the very first dose she began to get better.
After taking a few bottles she was com-
pletely cured and her health has been the
best ever since." Mrs. ADDIE PECK,
12 Railroad Place, Amsterdam, N. Y.

"I will say that my mother has not
stated my case in as strong words as I
would have done. Hood's Sarsaparilla
has truly cured me and I am now well."
CORA PECK, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Be sure to get Hood's, because

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. \$1.
Prepared only by C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

are purely vegetable, re-
liable and beneficial. 25c.

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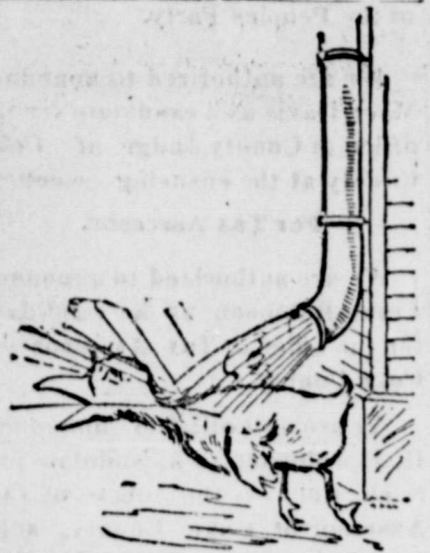
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A New Zealand man recently came to Fargo, N. D., got a divorce from his wife in the antipodes, married another and started for home, and all inside of ninety-two days.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure, be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co., Testimonials free. Sold by druggists; price, 75c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills, 25c.

The rod of correction is oftentimes a slipper.



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That is the common Spring complaint. You feel "logy," dull. Your appetite is poor. Nothing tastes good. You don't sleep well. Work drags. You cross every bridge before you come to it. There's lots of people have felt like you until they toned up the system by taking the great spring remedy

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In the past twelve weeks \$900.00 worth of the Veno Remedies have gone into the homes of our citizens. To the poor they are a God-send from the fact that they do away with big doctor fees. With a supply of the Veno Remedies in the house there is no need for a doctor. The instructions accompanying each of their remedies are plain and concise, and no mistake can possibly be made if they are followed by your own doctor. Don't permit inexperienced druggists or their youthful assistant to put up compounds haphazard to be given to your family. The Veno Remedies are most carefully compounded after the formula of Sir Morrill MacKenzie, formerly Consulting Physician in Chief to the Queen.

They are the greatest achievement of the nineteenth century. A blessing to mankind. VENO'S CURATIVE SYRUP is the best and only scientific cure. It permanently cures malaria (chills and fever), and thoroughly cures catarrh, constipation and liver trouble. It strengthens the nerves, clears the brain, invigorates the stomach and purifies the blood, leaving no ill effects. This medicine has for its body the famous Llandrindod water, the great germ destroyer and blood purifier, and when used with VENO'S ELECTRIC FLUID will cure the worst and most desperate cases of rheumatism, paralysis, sciatica, neuralgia and all aches and pains. No home should be without these medicines. They are sold at 50 cents each, twelve for \$5. Ask your druggist to get Veno's Curative Syrup and Veno's Electric Fluid for you. CUBAN CHILL CURE positively stops chills in one night. 25c. At drug stores.

TOWER'S FISH BRAND SLICKER

The Best Waterproof Coat in the World!

The FISH BRAND SLICKER is warranted waterproof, and will keep you dry in the hardest storms. The new FORMER SLICKER is a perfect riding coat, and covers the entire outfit. Beware of imitations. Don't buy a coat if the fish brand is not on it. Illustrated Catalogue free. A. J. TOWER, Boston, Mass.

SENATOR H. A. DUPONT.

THE MAN WHO REPRESENTS DELAWARE IN THE SENATE.

Came of Good French Stock—The Duponts Came to the United States from France a Century Ago—Fled from Jacobin Persecutions.

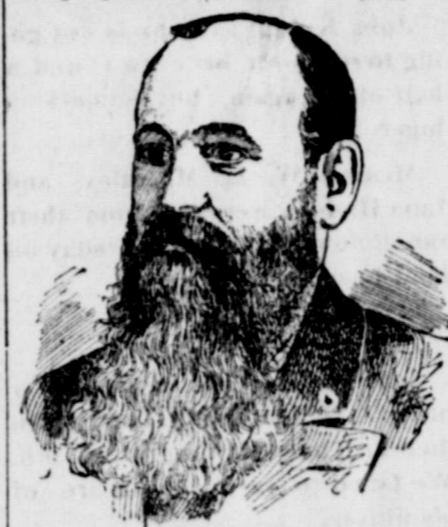
COLONEL HENRY A. Dupont, of Delaware, had a majority report in his favor from the senate committee on privileges and elections. The democratic minority reported unfavorably. Notwithstanding the strong family history of republicanism behind him, it was asserted that Colonel Dupont had been a democrat and voted for Cleveland, but this strange matter had no effect whatever on the report of the committee. Mr. Dupont comes of splendid stock. He was born in 1819 and inherits his politics from his father. This father was Henry Dupont, who was born near Wilmington in 1812. The Duponts are derived from aristocratic blood. The elder was a son of Eleuthere Ineene du Pont de Nemours, of France, who sought refuge in the United States from Jacobin persecution in 1800, and founded the famous Dupont powder works on the Brandywine river in Delaware. Henry Dupont had a military education. After some earlier active service he was made aide-de-camp on the staff of General Cooper and was adjutant general of the state until 1861. He was a personal friend of Henry Clay, and after Lincoln's election was a staunch republican, bequeathing to his son his principles. Henry Dupont died in 1889 in Wilmington. Henry A. Dupont was elected United States senator at the close of the last Delaware legislature, but the democrats claimed that the president of the state

whom nearly 80,000 are whites. The government consists of a president and a council appointed by the voters. The country is divided into nineteen

PRESIDENT STEYN.

The New Chief Magistrate of the Orange Free State.

Judge Steyn, who has recently been elected president of the Orange Free State, was chief justice of that country before his elevation to the office of the presidency. The position had been filled by the late F. W. Reitz. Judge Steyn's election is considered a Boer victory, as his candidacy was endorsed and promoted by President Kruger, of the Transvaal. Dr. Jameson and his raid into the South African republic had the sympathy of the "outlanders, or non-British, of the Orange Free State." Steyn stood for the conservative or Boer interests, and his election shows the tide is flowing against British domination in that part of Africa. He is an able jurist, a good statesman and a strong man. The country over which he will rule is an independent Dutch republic in South Africa. On the south of it is Cape Colony, on the west Griqualand, the Transvaal on the north and Natal on the east. Its area is 48,325 square miles. The total population numbers 207,503, of



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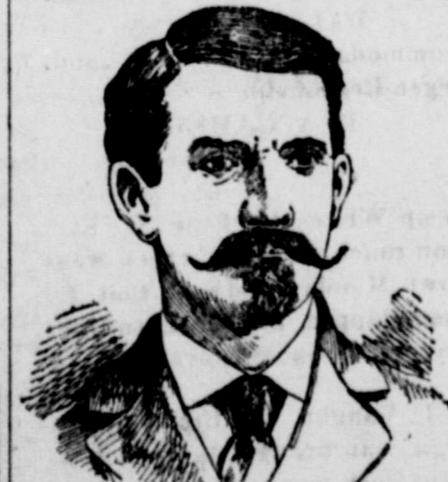
PRESIDENTS OF CENTRAL AMERICAN REPUBLICS.



It is believed by many that the present revolutionary movement in certain of the republics of Central America will involve the entire country between Mexico and South America. It is also believed that the result will be the consolidation of all these states into one government. President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, is a liberal, and the rich conservatives, notwithstanding their recent expression of confidence in him, are known to be against him. An unsettled feeling pervades all Central America and, judging by such information as can be gathered at this time, general revolution seems imminent. The present rulers of the five states which make up what is called Central

senate, who was then governor, had no right to vote. The republicans held the reverse, and now the United States senate committee, voting on party lines, declares in favor of Mr. Dupont. The republicans in the senate, by aid of pop-

America are more or less well disposed to one another. They have all interesting personalities. The youngest is Rafael Iglesias, who was born thirty-two years ago in Costa Rica. He took his seat on May 8, 1894, as president of the republic. General Barrios, the president of Guatemala, went into power in 1892. President Policarpo Bonilla, of the Honduras state, was elected two years ago. President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, took his seat in 1893, and General Gutierrez, the president of Salvador, was intrusted with power two years ago. The situation is interesting indeed, it threatens to become quite serious.—From Chicago Times-Herald.



SENATOR DUPONT, ulists, seated as senator the great powder man's grandson.

The Awakened Soul. The first feeling of the awakened soul is one of fear. The eyes are opened to see the greatness of their sins. They have been so much accustomed to look upon their sins as such insignificant things.—Rev. W. H. Stubblebine.

A man who was killed by a train in Washington a few days ago was found to have a letter in his pocket from his brother, saying that he (the brother) had dreamed that he saw him hauled in a wagon covered with blood. The dream was literally fulfilled at the time of the accident.

Nature knows what it is about: it is the little girls, and not the boys, who want to hold the baby.

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This is what happens when the kidneys are rescued from inactivity by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. If they continue inactive they are threatened with Bright's disease, diabetes or some other malady which works their destruction. Malarial, bilious and rheumatic ailments and dyspepsia are also conquered by the Bitters, which is thorough and effective.

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Mrs. M. E. Barnes, Spanish Fork, Tex., says: "I have taken one bottle of Brown's Iron Bitters for Neuralgia, Headache and Weakness, and it gave me great relief. I highly recommend it."

Old people think that no misfortune is great for their young.

Every dollar spent in Parker's Ginger Tonic is well invested. It subdues pain and brings better digestion, better strength and better health.

Many parents give their babies medicine that they would not take.

Good reasons why you should use Hinder-corns.

It takes out the corns, and then you have peace and comfort, surely a good exchange. See at druggists.

The trouble with cute children is they soon outgrow it.



Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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Battle Ax PLUG

The only brand of strictly high grade tobacco ever sold for a low price. Not the large size of the piece alone that has made "Battle Ax" the most popular brand on the market for 5 cents, QUALITY; SIZE; PRICE.

LOCAL CHIPS.

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

Browns Iron Bitters for sale by J. T. Hamilton.

Dr. Dickenson, dentist, of Ballinger, spent the first of the week here.

I. C. Brown, of Silver, was in town last week.

Will Perry came home Thursday with a full grown case of the measles.

The junior went to Angelo this week, hence the dilapidated look of the paper.

Pat Morris was in town Monday and Tuesday representing J. A. Caldwell the San-Angelo grocery man.

Mr. Will Richards, this county now owns the Brownfield racer Legs.

Mr. T. B. Andrews, who has been quite sick for about two months was able to come to town Wednesday.

Brother Bates returned from the Epworth League Conference, at Coleman Wednesday, and a fine meeting and an enjoyable time had.

Farmer S. C. Wilkins bought one of those fine sulkeys of Burroughs and Co.

Frank Smith, of Jones county was here the first of the week buying scrip.

Press Walling was in town Monday talking crops cattle and court.

A big crowd in town and business brisk the first of the week.

The Grand jury adjourned late yesterday evening and brought in ten bills of indictment—four for felonies and six for misdemeanors.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hayley are visiting John Parker and family, of Olga.

Mr. Charlie Wilson and family, of San Angelo, visited B. F. Montgomery and family Friday night.

The Divide school, Miss Portia Christian teacher, closed Thursday.

Dr. Riggs came over Thursday and started to Sweetwater today where he will spend sometime.

W. J. Cumble of Bronte, was in town Tuesday and subscribed for the Rustler.

Marion Corroll, deputy sheriff of Nolan county, brought V. C. Brownfield down to court Tuesday.

Those offices are still hunting for you gentlemen.

Mr. J. J. Robbins and Miss Bettie Hogue, of Hylton were married last week.

Horace Lowe attended court this week from O. K. Ty.

Jim Henderson was here this week and told us that he had located on a good place in Seurry Co.

Mr. Mencille was in town Monday and subscribed for the Rustler.

M. K. Shepherd of Olga subscribed for the Rustler Monday.

Harris Bros. took back the steers recently sold to Ed and Lee Good but not the cows.

Mr. Walton, the gun man and family arrived Tuesday and located in the Roe residence.

M. C. Ragdale will build a two story rock business house in San-Angelo.

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

Hon. C. H. Jenkins, of Brownwood, while in town the first of the week, in answer to a question by ye editor said: "I think it possible that the silver men of all parties may be united in the coming campaign and if united there could be no doubt of success."

Thad Ditmore, a brother-in-law of Jim Stewart, had all his household effects burned up last week, on the North Coneho.

Mrs. G. W. Webb has been right sick this week, but is improving.

The subscription school closed yesterday, Prof. Thomas has conducted the school to the satisfaction of the general public, and tho his school is out we are glad to learn that he expects to spend a part of the summer here.

John Knight says he is not going to run for a little two and a half office again, but something bigger.

Messrs W. L. McAuley and Lum Hudson were in from their ranch down the river Thursday on land business.

Died.

Johnnie Linsly 15 years old son of Mr J. N. Linsly of Ft. Chadbourn died on Thursday night the 9th. We failed to learn the nature of his illness.

As we go to press there is a fine prospect of rain.

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.

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Apply at this office.

Dan Buchanan bought a \$75 race horse of W. C. Barron and a \$20 milk cow of Mrs W. E. Buchanan this week.

Prof. J. A. Stewart traded Mace Davis a pair of young mules and 1000 feet of lumber for the house north of the masonic hall building and moved the same on to his section of school land two miles north east of town.

Several calves have died in and around town recently, presumably of black-leg.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.
RATES FOR ANNOUCNMENTS
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
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For County Judge.

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.

We are authorized to announce Mace Davis as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke County at the ensuing election.

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.

Bud Woods and Rufe Whiteside went after Glen Booser Monday to bring him before the grand jury, and Glen complains that they necked him to a jack all night for safe keeping. Glen says it was tough on the mule.

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 Adams was in from his ranch in the northern part of the county Wednesday, and paid ye editor a pleasant call. The Judge was at Colorado last week and told us that the proposed cotton seed oil mill there is a sure go, which will make Colorado a cattle feeding center and be of much advantage to the surrounding country.

Dr. Lane was here Monday and Tuesday and informed us that he would leave this week for Earl I. T. to visit his daughter Mrs. Bertie Philips; The Doctor may locate there.

Mr. A. J. Walker has sold his home at Silver to his son and will move to Aberdeen in the near future. He paid for the Rustler to be sent to him there.

There was a man in town this week who predominated the street abusing the Rustler who is nearly two years behind on his subscription and owes the office a bill in addition to that. Did you ever notice that such cattle is the ones in almost every place who make war on their home paper and home institutions in general.

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SAN ANGELO

TEXAS,

Uncle Jim Byrd was in town Thursday and reported extra good luck with lambs, has 480 lambs and has only lost twelve up to date.

Acting district Judge, Milton Mays appointed S. S. Craddock, R. E. Smith and G. W. Webb as jury commissioners to select a jury for next district court.

The Commissioners court met last Saturday evening and dismissed the suit against W. C. Hayley and his bondsmen on his alleged shortage with the county.

The report of the grand jury will be given next week.

Sheriff Murray who has been sick for several days is reported to be improving.

Mrs Presler, of Sanco, was thrown from a horse Saturday and her foot and ankle were broken she is reported to be doing well.

Rev. G. C. Berryman filled his appointment here last Sunday and will preach again on next first Sunday.

District Atty: D. D. Wallace informed the editor that neither himself nor Judge Timmins are candidates for re-election.

W. W. Ervia a former editor of the Rustler now editor of the Ferris Wheel, Ferris Texas, was shaking hands with friends in town the first of the week. While here he sold the building occupied by the Rustler to Mr. G. W. Webb for \$125 dollars.

Parties of Nolan county informed us that there had been several sections of grass burned on the road in and around the A. K. pasture 11 miles this side of Sweetwater.

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Temp Whiteside of the T. K. Wilson ranch on Grape creek was in town Monday and said that T. K. had shipped his steers to the Territory, about 800 head.

T. L. Vaughn the Bronte mill and gin man brought the big 4 a load of fresh meal this week. Mr. Vaughn says he ground about 120 bushels of corn one day recently. He also informed ye editor that Mr. W. C. Walton formerly of Brown county had located at Bronte.

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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 pic-
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Curfew Must Ring.
The curfew ordinance, recently passed by the Omaha city council, forbidding children to be out after 9 o'clock, has been found to work so well that at the last meeting of the council another curfew ordinance was seriously discussed. This one was to apply to married men who would have to show cause why they were abroad after the curfew bell. The prospect of a married man having to get a pass from his wife to go down town at night is calculated to fill the feminine soul with unalloyed joy. The opponents of this measure see in it the fine hand of the new woman. For ages woman was without a latch key. She had to come home with the chickens. Here is deep satisfying revenge. The western woman is thoroughly wide awake, and when she has to write her husband a permit to go to the lodge, or to sit up with a sick friend, it will contain as many provisos and conditions as a passport to a Russian penal settlement, and in all probability she will require it to be countersigned by another woman. The passage of the curfew ordinance for married men will be watched with great interest by the men all over the country, who tremble for their liberty should it become a law.

A Valuable Gift.
When Ex-Senator Sawyer's daughters were little girls their father promised to make them a handsome present when they were able to cook him a satisfactory dinner. Ten years later they reminded him of the promise and served him a dinner with which he had not the least fault to find. That same day the senator gave each one of the young women a check for \$25,000. This little incident should encourage every girl to learn to cook! It is likely that few fathers can pay such a good price for a dinner and throw in such a good tip as Senator Sawyer's, but any girl who is a good cook can set her own price in the matrimonial market. Every girl should be an artist in the kitchen line. Not an impressionist cooking school kind of an artist, with impossible pies and heavy biscuits, but the kind of cook a man's mother was.

They Are Happy.
The announcement comes from the east that homely women will be all the rage the coming season, crowding the beauties to the wall. Occasionally a Topeka girl finds something to console her.—Atchison Globe.

There is no higher praise for a friend than to say that he is faithful. The best preacher on earth can spoil a sermon by preaching too long.

Roughing it in Texas.

CAMP LIFE IN THE "LONE STAR" STATE.

The Sufferings of a Confederate Veteran—Relief Comes After Years of Misery—The Story in His Own Words.

From the Gazette, Ft. Worth, Texas. A Gazette correspondent called on Mr. J. M. Anderson at Kopperl, Texas, and in a very interesting interview learned much of that gentleman's history. It seems that until recently Mr. Anderson has been rather sickly and puny all his life. He came to Texas forty-three years ago and is now fifty-three years of age. He has lived in various parts of the State seeking relief from his ailments and finding none that was permanent. He served the cause of the Confederacy during the war, and having been himself a soldier he was attracted by the recommendation given Pink Pills by a veteran of the Mexican War.

Mr. Anderson was suffering agonies from a long and chronic siege of rheumatism which seemed to traverse his system from head to foot and back again; beginning at the right temple it would cross to the left and then twinge down the left arm and side through the leg to the foot, and then meander back again through the cringing flesh. He spent much money and time in a vain effort to obtain relief, but none came—the misery remained constantly with him for years—until the latter part of last winter the record of what the Pink Pills had done for the Mexican veteran reached his eyes. He resolved to try them and immediately sent for one box of the pills.

"After the third day," said Mr. Anderson, "I had no more pain at all, but continued until I had taken the whole box, by which time I felt better than I ever had in my life, and went about my usual work even in the rain and dirty weather, without ever a particle of pain for over two months. At that time I had a slight return of my old trouble, having been out camping and roughing it, and exposed in the wet and mud, but it soon left me, but by the time cotton picking was over this season I was better in every respect than I ever was before in my life. I never took but the one box of Pink Pills and I am satisfied that if I had taken three boxes the difficulty would have been so thoroughly eradicated that I would not have had even this slight touch.

"However, my general health is now good in every respect; have a good appetite and am strong and vigorous—stronger than I have ever been before. All my ailments have disappeared and I believe it to be the work of Pink Pills. Mr. Anderson is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. He boasts that he can pick 200 pounds of cotton a day with ease; and this fall, with his thirteen-year-old son, has picked over 10,000 pounds.

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TOUCH OF NATURE.



I F I HAD KEPT IT a surprise, it would not have been so bad; but, you see, the child never had a party before in her life, and is not likely to have another soon, so I thought she might as well have the pleasure of anticipation.

"She has been as happy as a bird getting ready for it, helping to bake cakes and writing and delivering invitations; and she has planned it all over again, how many would be here, how the tables would be arranged, and what games they should play.

"Why, I have almost felt young again, myself, listening to the child talk, and this morning when she started off to school, she actually threw her arms around my neck and kissed me as if I had been her own mother, and now—"

"It almost makes me sick. I don't know whether I've trimmed a hat or a bonnet straight to-day. I knew something was wrong the minute I saw her face at noon. She tried to speak as usual, but she couldn't, and when I asked what the matter was, she dropped into a chair and began to cry as if her heart would break.

"It was the longest time before I could find out anything about it. 'Oh! how could she?' 'My one party—and my birthday, too,' she would say between sobs. Not an angry word, just heart-broken; but that's her way. No better girl ever lived than Audrey Ames, and I ought to know.

"Finally, I learned that Maud Bacon had told her on the way to school that all the girls had received printed invitations to a party at Gleason's to-night. Audrey couldn't believe it until she got to school and found that no one seemed to notice her at all. Gladys Gleason was the centre of attraction to-day, telling in quite audible confidence, group after group of girls, the number of cakes ordered, the gallons of ice cream making and the grand preparations in progress; but not a word did she say to poor Audrey about it.

"Gladys has forgotten the rainy nights that it used to be convenient to stay with 'Cousin Audrey' before her father was elected and they moved to town; and the many favors that Audrey has done her, never minding her slights and her overbearing ways. I would not have believed her capable of such an insult.

"Add children are much like their elders. Not half a dozen will be at Audrey's party, to-night, nor will half a dozen mothers tell their girls to accept the first invitation, because—well, because Gladys is a Gleason, and Audrey is a poor orphan girl living with Old Maid Boggs, the milliner.

"It's a shame; it's a burning shame, so it is!" And the sympathetic old maid's face was buried in her hands while tears trickled through her fingers on to the work below.

"I do wonder if Gleason upholds any such doings," said Miss Boggs' listener, glad of a chance to talk at last.

"More than likely he knows nothing about it. They say he humors those children to death since their mother died. He always was a good-hearted man—used to be able to see common folks, too, but his eye-sight seems to be falling since election. Maybe that's what ails Gladys. She can't see well on Audrey's level."

Lucy Sykes chuckled over her own wit, and Miss Boggs dried her eyes to continue the discussion of Gleason, Gladys and the rival parties. But when she came to Audrey, bravely trying to bear her bitter disappointment, tears made way for sobs, and Lucy Sykes cried softly in sympathy.

In a private room not many blocks away sat George Gleason, surrounded by books, papers, letters and packages in dire confusion. He was giving personal effects a general overhauling before assuming his new duties in the responsible position for which the people of his county had chosen him.

Some documents would be needed, others were valuable, and these he had sorted and arranged to his satisfaction; but there was so much other matter, trash, he called it, that must be disposed of, and his eye was finding no easy task. Absorbed in business though

he was, Mr. Gleason had a heart, and mementoes of the past, unsearched for many years, stared him the face and buried for the time more practical objects.

From an old envelope he took a box, and from the box a ring, twirling it in his fingers while mental vision reproduced a winsome face, not a girlish sweetheart, but of his sister Anna, faithful and true. How many times she had helped him out of scrapes and shielded him from his father's wrath! How she had begged him to give up his wild companions—and he refused—until that night.

And then he could see through the darkness a little figure running across the fields to the old cooper shop, a favorite rendezvous of the toughs that infested the neighborhood. And another figure, his stern father, in close pursuit. But Anna had reached him first, had saved him from his father—perhaps from worse, for that very night's "lark" ended in a fray that put two of the gang behind prison-bars.

And here, in George Gleason's hand, sixteen years later, lay the ring that he had bought for Anna on his first trip to the city with his father. But she never wore it, having taken advantage of their absence to marry a man whom both opposed. And it was a terrible mistake, followed by a life of poverty and wretchedness. Ignored by home friends, even by the brother who should have been as much to her as she once was to him, poor Annie lived and died. Her children were scattered and—

"Gladys! Gladys!" called Mr. Gleason, roused by a step in the hall.

Gladys had been very willing to leave her father in peace since obtaining his consent to her giving the party planned entirely to herself and the housekeeper; yet she answered his call promptly.

"When your cousin comes to-night, Gladys—"

"Audrey, papa?" interrupted Gladys. "Yes; when Audrey comes to-night, bring her to me. I want to give her this ring."

Gladys' surprise rivaled her confusion. A prettier ring than she had ever owned to be given to Audrey!

"But, papa, she—she isn't coming." "Isn't coming?" said Gleason sternly. "And why not?"

"Because—I—didn't ask her," stammered Gladys. "I thought we never—you never, papa—"

"I see," said Gleason. "It has all been wrong. This is very wrong. Set it right, Gladys, or give up your party. She is my only sister's child."

It seemed a tardy awakening, but Gladys understood. She was a girl of resources, but even her brain failed to hit, at once, upon a plan to "set it right" at this late hour. She could not give up her party, for in three hours her guests would come, nor could she ask Audrey to leave her own party, though it must be a miserable failure.

Sitting on the porch steps she thought and thought—then her eyes sparkled and running to her father she cried:

"Papa, may I do what I please? May I have a cab? Will you give me the ring? I'll fix it all right."

Without a word Mr. Gleason handed her some money and the ring, glad to have a disagreeable matter off his hands.

In Miss Boggs' best front room four girls were gathered, Audrey, with red eyes and swollen face; Kate Lane and Lou Cassell, two others whom Gladys had deemed beneath her notice, and Maud Bacon, too faithful to desert a friend in trouble. It was not a merry party, for Audrey could not talk and Maud did little better. Kate and Lou alternated abuse of Gladys and sympathy for Audrey until their hostess could endure it no longer. Hurriedly she left the room. Maud soon followed and found her lying face downward on the cot, sobbing convulsively. She knelt beside her friend, longing to speak some word of comfort, but she could only lay her head by Audrey's in silent sympathy.

An unwonted noise in the street suddenly aroused her, and the rattle of wheels ceased at Miss Boggs' door. Then there was a sharp rap, followed by cries of "Audrey! Audrey!" The noise filled the front room and the dining-room, and soon another arm slipped around Audrey and Gladys' voice said: "Don't cry, Audrey. We are all here—cakes, ice cream and everything and everybody. We'll have the nicest time, now and always, too. Just see what papa sent you!"

And, sure enough, there they all were, Gladys and her guests, with everything that had been prepared for them. The Gleason party had been brought to Miss Boggs', and so Audrey had two parties all in one.

No one seemed to remember that there had been any change in the original programme. They did have just "the nicest time," and, as Miss Boggs said to Lucy Sykes the next day: "It was the completest surprise I ever saw."

English Factory Workers.
The home secretary is being pressed by the Belfast skirt and collar manufacturers to exempt them from the operation of the clause in the new factory act which prohibits women and girls from taking home work to do after they have finished their day's work in the factory. London newspapers are opposing the movement.

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