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RETURN OF THE KING.

IN THE PALACE of Penelope, in Ithaca, sounds of laughter and loud cheer were heard. The queen was seated on the throne and round about her were the courtiers and nobles, the great dames and the beautiful damsels.

Before the throne stood one of the great princes who had congregated about Penelope, seeking her hand in marriage.

"It is now twenty years, most gracious and beautiful queen," he said, "since our king and your husband, Ulysses, departed from these shores. We have all heard of the great and wondrous deeds he has performed, yet with it all can we call him noble? All these long years he has left you, pearl of the universe, the wisest and best of women! Not one word has he vouchsafed you that he still lives, yet you refuse to listen to the offers that I and the other princes continually lay before you.

"Hear me out, gracious queen," he continued, as Penelope raised her hand to stop his speech. "It is twenty years today since our master sailed away. Why longer delay to give your answer? You have put us off all these years under the pretense of completing the funeral robe for Laertes. But we have heard that while you work at the web in the daytime, the night sees the unwinding of the carefully-wrought figures. Oh, queen, do not rebuke me for thus speaking! I voice but the sentiments of all your followers. We implore you to settle our hopes and fears this day; we beg you to fix your choice upon one of us!"

For a moment the queen sat there as if stupified by the impudence of the prince, then drawing her regal figure to its full height she looked around her; her face overspread with dignity and benign pity.

"You know not what you say," she said, in a low, firm voice; then, turning to her train, she passed from the presence-chamber to her own apartments.

In the meantime a very different scene was being enacted in another and more lowly part of the kingdom. Eumaeus, a swineherd, had found at his door that morning a poor beggar praying for succor. And the man himself in need, gave his little to the stranger. While they two were together Eumaeus suddenly started up at sight of Telemachus, the son of Ulysses, who had just this moment returned from a long and fruitless search for his father.

"How now, Eumaeus?" cried the youth; "tell me how progress things at the palace."

"Alas, master," answered Eumaeus, "all is not well. Since the nobles tried to take your life, before you went in search of our beloved king, that they might more readily lay siege to our queen, the land has seen sorry sights. Day after day, the palace rings with laughter; the king's substance is squandered, and the queen is not free from the impudence of the nobility. They molest her continually and desire her to marry one of them. But she, noble soul, is true to her lord, and will have none of them. You know the web she has been making for Laertes? This



SHOT AN ARROW AT EACH INTRUDER.

very day, I heard some say, she would be rebuked for never finishing it. And they declared last night that this day should see the settling of the mind of Penelope on one of the princes.

"Enough, enough!" cried the enraged prince. "Do they dare to insult my mother in her own house, in her own kingdom?"

And he would have rushed to the palace had not the beggar suddenly interposed.

"Slowly, slowly, rash youth," he said,

laying his hand on the shoulder of Telemachus.

"What will you, poor man?" said Telemachus gently.

"Look!" answered the beggar.

And suddenly the old man stood up and towered in majesty over Telemachus. His eye flashed with strength and vigor of manhood, and his noble carriage bespoke him a hero and a king. Eumaeus fell down to worship, feeling sure that Jove himself had thus revealed himself, and Telemachus was mute with astonishment.

"My son, do not not know me? I am Ulysses, your long-absent father!"

Then father and son fell into each other's arms and wept for joy. When they were calmed once more Ulysses told them all his adventures.

"When the Phaeacians," he concluded, "so kindly sent me here in the wonderful ship that needed no guide, no pilot, I slept. And when the vessel touched the strand I still slept. And so they carried me and laid me on the banks, and when I awoke this morning I knew not my own land, which for twenty years I have not seen. But the wise Minerva appeared to me as a shepherd, told me where I was and led me here disguised. She told me how she had warned you to come home, Telemachus, and thus I find you here. Now listen how we shall avenge ourselves on the base marauders and disturbers of the queen's peace."

A long conversation ensued, and Ulysses finished by saying that he would appear at the banquet that day disguised as the beggar, and he commanded Telemachus to pay no more attention to him than he would to any stranger seeking help. Then Telemachus went to the palace, and when he had seen the queen, he went to his rooms and remained there. So no one knew he had returned.

Then suddenly a loud shout was heard. It was only the princes, greeting what the herald had just proclaimed:

"I, Penelope, Queen of Ithaca, to the lords within my domain:

"This day I will give myself in marriage, with my crown and lands as dowry to him who shall prove himself worthy in the feat of strength that I shall decide on."

That was all. But it filled the nobles with rejoicing, and when the time for the banquet drew near all were gathered in the great hall. Their joy was to receive a check, however. When Penelope entered, radiant in all her jewels and her robes of finest spun materials, a murmur of admiration ran through the assembly. But the next moment it was changed to one of chagrin, as they saw Telemachus walking behind his mother. They had hoped that he was dead, since it was so long since he had been heard of in the kingdom.

When all were seated, Ulysses entered, his tattered robe barely covering his worn figure. As he crossed the threshold, his dog, now grown feeble with age, lifted its head, and giving a yelp of joy tried to drag his old form to his beloved master's feet. And then he fell dead, his worn-out heart having first been rewarded for his long watching and waiting. No one noticed the incident save the beggar, who, seating himself by the hearth, drew his hand before his moistened eyes.

In those days the poor were treated differently from what they seem to be now. Ulysses was received into the banquet-room of the queen, and served with a portion from her table.

When the guests had been served, they grew even merrier than before, and it was not long before Ulysses became the butt for their coarse jokes. One even went so far as to raise a stool and strike Ulysses with it, and Telemachus could scarcely control his anger and indignation at seeing his father so treated within his own hall. But a look from Ulysses quieted him and things went on as before.

Then, at last, they called for the feat of strength. Penelope smiled, and commanded first that all weapons should be removed from the room, since in the excitement they might be put to a wrong use. When this was done, twelve rings were arranged, several feet apart, in a long row down the hall. Then a large bow and a quiver of arrows, which Ulysses had won in one of his heroic deeds, were brought out.

"Whoever can string this bow and shoot an arrow through the twelve rings, may have me for his bride," said Penelope.

Telemachus first took the bow and tried to bend it to fit the arrow to the string. But struggle as he would, he could not so much as move it.

"He is only a stripling," cried a burly noble. "Give it to me!"

And so they tried, one after another. They greased the string with tallow and with oil, but no one could bend the

bow. When all had tried, Ulysses stepped forward and begged permission to try. How they jeered, and buffeted him for his daring even to ask so high a favor. But Penelope cried out:

"Let him try. Though he is so old, he says he was once a soldier. Let him try!"

Then they made way, and Ulysses, taking the bow, bent it as easily as if it had been a willow wand and sent the arrow flying through the twelve rings, where, at the end of its course it struck into the wall, and then remained fast.

And then Minerva took the disguise of Ulysses, and he stood revealed. "Behold me—Ulysses!" he cried in thunderous tones. "Now see how I shall reward you all for daring to affront your queen; for daring to make my house a place of revelry!"

Then, with unerring aim, he shot an arrow at each intruder till all were dead. There was no chance for defense, for all their weapons had been taken away; there was no chance of escape, for all the doors had been secured.

And so perished the men who had abused hospitality and failed to defend weakness. And so did Ulysses return to his kingdom and his queen after the toil, the hardships and privations of war and the accomplishment of heroic deeds.

Reading Finger Prints.

By a combination of the Bertillon method of measurement with the finger-print system any prisoner can be identified with almost absolute certainty and in a very short space of time. Mr. Galton, says the Saturday Review, calculates that the chance of two finger-prints being identical is less than 1 in 64,000,000,000 and when we consider the relatively small numbers of the criminal population and that other personal evidence would be available in any doubtful case mistaken identity ought to be a thing of the past. The method of indexing finger-prints proposed by Mr. Galton is at first sight somewhat complicated, but with a little practice we are told that about five minutes would suffice for the complete verification of any one of 2,632 sets forming a directory. A specimen directory of 300 sets has been given with numerous finger-prints. The method of obtaining the prints is to press the thumb or finger upon a plate of copper which has previously been coated with a very thin film of printer's ink. The inked fingers are then pressed or rolled upon a card which is kept as a record. Although finger-prints have been used as a sign manual from the earliest times, yet it is only recently that they have been studied from a scientific point of view and the evidence accumulated is as yet insufficient to enable us to realize their value to the anthropologist. Now that a good system of classification has been worked out it is to be hoped that observers will multiply rapidly and that the bulk of material at our disposal will soon be considerable.

A Judge's Witty Wife.

A distinguished American judge has a habit which is not altogether uncommon—he frequently brings friends home to dinner quite unexpectedly. This habit is certainly hospitable, but it is not popular with wives. One court day the judge invited a number of his legal brethren to dine with him, serenely oblivious of the fact that his wife was totally unprepared for such an incursion. The lady, however, was equal to the occasion. She did not fuss and frown and make things unpleasant all around. On the contrary, she accepted the situation with a good grace and made the best of it. The modest meal was served as promptly as possible and though it was not a sumptuous banquet it was at least agreeable to guests and host. When dinner was over, just before leaving the gentlemen to their wine and cigars, the lady rose and said: "Gentlemen, I wish to say one word. You have dined today with the judge; will you do me the honor of dining tomorrow with me?" A chorus of applause greeted this speech and next day the lady welcomed her husband's friends to a dinner worthy of such an accomplished hostess.—Buffalo Commercial.

Youthful Resentment.

Aunt Maria—Now, Johnny, don't be naughty. Because Lilly wouldn't play horse with you this morning is no reason why you should not play school with her this afternoon. Remember the golden rule—

Johnny (from the west)—What're yer talkin' about? I ain't no goldbug.—Boston Transcript.

A house divided against itself makes lots of fun for the neighbors.

HE MEANS BUSINESS.

WILL CALL AN EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

So says Grover Cleveland, if Congress Adjourns Without Providing for the United States Treasury—Has Already Appropriated \$650,000,000.

Washington, May 16.—The members of congress were somewhat excited yesterday over a report which has gained widespread circulation that the president has intimated that he intends to call a special session, if he finds it impossible to continue the session, which he is opposed to adjourning at the present time. It is said that he has told some one that this congress has appropriated about \$650,000,000, and has not made one provision for raising the revenue to meet the debts taken on. He says that to meet this expense which the congress has extravagantly made for the future of the government there must be legislation, and he intends to have it, if he can. To do this, so the report goes, if congress should adjourn with its record in legislation as it is now written he will at once call a special session.

The origin of this report can not be ascertained. No one knows who first started it, and it would look as if it came from conclusions of the public rather than from anything that the president ever said on the subject. It is a fact that this congress has been most extravagant. It is a fact that the government is running behind. It is a fact that there has been nothing done to relieve the treasury. The natural conclusion would be that this being the case, the president would insist on congress providing some way to pay the money which it so lavishly promises and makes the government bound for through the instrumentality of appropriations.

Hang Only One.

Chicago, Ill., May 16.—Yesterday, for the first time since the execution of the Haymarket anarchists, a double hanging was on schedule in the Cook county jail. The condemned men were Alfred C. Fields, a negro, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Randolph, and Joseph Windrath, a German, convicted of the murder of Carey B. Birch. It was to have been a triple hanging, but Gov. Altgeld Thursday gave a respite to Nic Marzden, convicted of the murder of Fritz Holzhueter. Fields was apparently unconcerned Thursday night and slept soundly. His companion did not sleep until long after midnight. He, however, ceased raving, which he has kept up for three or four days, and apologized to the guards for the trouble he had given them, but protested he was innocent.

Fathers Dore and Flinn prayed with him for a time. As the hour for the execution approached Windrath again became violent, shouting vehemently, "Hang up man now." His insanity or imitation of insanity was of such a character it was decided a separate execution would be necessary if an awful bungle was to be averted.

Just before the time set for the execution word came that a stay had been granted Windrath, Judge Baker allowing a postponement of three weeks.

Fields, the negro, the only remaining one of the trio to be hanged, was executed at 12:27 p. m.

Americans in Moscow.

Moscow, May 16.—Gen. A. D. McCook and Mrs. McCook, Mrs. Alexander, Col. McCook and Capt. Sciven and Miss McCook arrived here this morning to witness the ceremonies attending the coronation of the czar. Gen. McCook will represent the president of the United States at the coronation ceremonies. Admiral Selfridge of the United States navy and his staff, consisting of five officers, Lieut. Commander R. P. Rodgers, United States naval attaché at St. Petersburg, and Mr. Creighton Webb are expected here Monday or Tuesday.

Want to Fight.

New York, May 16.—A special from Havana says:

La Correspondencia Militar in a leading article urges an immediate declaration of war by Spain against the United States. The writer professes his belief that when the first cannon was fired the Southern States would again withdraw and preserve neutrality and Mexico would invade the country to recover its lost territories in the West, and thus insure the quick dismemberment and lasting humiliation of the great republic.

The Senate.

Washington, May 16.—By a vote of 31 to 30 the senate determined yesterday that Henry A. DuPont was not entitled to a seat in the senate from the state of Delaware. This closed a long and animated controversy, which had become one of the most celebrated contests of its kind in the history of the senate. The result was in doubt up to the last moment, and there added interest to the final vote, but it went with those of the Democrats and Populists and was the decisive vote in declaring that Mr. DuPont was not entitled to a seat.

Before taking the vote Mr. Platt spoke for Mr. DuPont and Mr. Vilas against.

Earlier in the day Mr. Bacon (Dem.), of Georgia, spoke against the issue of bonds without authority of congress.

A resolution was agreed to for an inquiry by the finance committee relative to the competition of oriental products with those of this country.

Resolutions were proposed by Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, for an inquiry into treaty rights with Spain and Mr. Gallinger relating to the tariff enactments.

Jan McLaren.

New York, May 16.—It is reported that the trustees of the Broadway Tabernacle are corresponding with Rev. John Watson (Jan McLaren), the distinguished preacher and author, of Liverpool, England, with the intention of inviting him to accept the pastorate recently vacated by Rev. Dr. Stillson.

Dr. Watson is pastor of the Sefton Park Scotch Presbyterian Church, Liverpool. It is one of the finest churches in that city. As a preacher Dr. Watson holds a distinguished place and as the author of "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," and "Days of Auld Lang Syne," he is known throughout the English speaking world.

Wound Up.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 16.—The famous case of the state ex. rel. John Schlerf against the school board of this city has come to an end. The plaintiff has given up the fight and the case has been withdrawn from the supreme court without costs to either party. This was the case involving the right of the school board to enforce the rule requiring that pupils shall be vaccinated before they are admitted to the public schools.

Chief Mahala Captured.

Gwelo, Matabeleland, May 16.—The patrol which pursued the insurgent Matabeles, after the fights on Saturday last near Moven, and about half a mile from Mavins Main Kraal, which was completely destroyed, met the insurgents later and another hot and close fight followed. Between fifty and sixty of the enemy were found dead as the engagement ended. Patrols suffered no loss. Chief Makala was captured.

Johannesburg Exposition.

London, May 16.—A Berlin correspondent says: Dr. Von Boetticher has been informed that the Halberstadt chamber of commerce that the Transvaal government has withdrawn its support from the projected international industrial exhibition at Johannesburg, and has also requested the American supporters to postpone the opening until May, 1897, and to give security for the safety of the exhibits.

Foiled.

Huntington, W. Va., May 16.—A crowd of armed men assembled at a watering tank near Nolan, on the Norfolk and Western road, Thursday at midnight, to rob the north-bound express train. The crew of the train were notified by wire and passed the tank at a high rate of speed. The robbers attempted to stop the train with a red light.

A New Job.

Kansas City, May 16.—Geo. H. Foote, local passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, has been appointed district passenger agent for the road and connecting lines in southwest Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Indian Territory.

United.

New York, May 16.—The Manhattan and New York and Brooklyn conferences of the Congregational Church have united after a separation of more than twenty years, occasioned by difficulties growing out of the Beecher trial. The union was effected at the session of the Manhattan conference in the Tompkins avenue Congregational Church.

The committee has already waited on President Cleveland in regard to international arbitration.

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The San Angelo Standard says that money is not scarce.

A barbecue or picnic on Oak creek on the 28th.

It is now, we presume, the Abilene Daily Reporter.

The Sweetwater Review is to get out a special edition of 5,000 copies this month.

The New Mexico stock board has quarantined against all Texas cattle.

The Populist State convention is called to meet at Galveston, August 5th.

Vice President Stephens' eldest daughter is to be married next month, she is said to be quite a favorite in Washington society.

Some Texas papers are afraid that ex-Governor Hogg will become contaminated by associating with George Gould, but when Hogg speaks he speaks with the same ability as ever and to the same old democratic tune.

About six million of dollars have been withdrawn from the federal treasury in the last week—another bond issue will probably take place in a few months. Money manipulators gather up the paper money, exchange it for gold in the treasury, and then the treasurer buys the gold back at a cost of a millions of dollars to the people, and they call that democracy.

Attorney General Crane is expected to be present at the June term of county court, to assist county attorney Yantis with the quarantine cases against Clark, Coggins and Barbee.—Roby Banner.

Mat Cope of Stockton passed through town last Wednesday enroute to Colorado city in search of a "mad stone." He was bitten by a pole cat a few days ago.—Sterling City News.

This week Mr. Conally showed us as fine a field of hay as has been our pleasure to see in many a day. He has Johnson grass, alfalfa and oats mixed and claims it to be the best combination for feed yet produced on our farms.—Irion County Record.

The cyclone at Sherman on the 15th was probably the most destructive that has ever struck the state.

The number killed and wounded who will die in and around the city will probably be about one hundred and property destroyed to the amount of \$500,000. Many are left homeless and while Sherman has raised thousands of dollars for relief other towns are called on to contribute to the sufferers.

T. F. Cooper of Sterling has bought the Clipper outfit and is here in charge. He has Lively of the Times associated with here at present, and left the Sterling News in charge of his brother.—Colorado Spokesman.

General sympathy throughout the state is being expressed for ex-Governor Roberts, who in his old age, has been duped into forsaking the Democratic party.

On the strength of a free write up given the Santa Fe railroad, or the branch of it that runs by Ballinger, in the last issue of the Banner Leader we make the prediction that that editor don't "tote" an "annual" over that road "no more than a rabbit."

The Haskell Free Press is jubilant over the prospect of one or more new railroads striking its town in the near future. The extension of the Texas Central, the Weatherford Mineral Wells and Northwestern and the Albuquerque are the projected roads, the Free Press has in view, and which it says are all pointing Haskellward. The Reporter hopes that the expectations of the Free Press in the premises may be speedily realized.—Abilene Reporter.

Ridicule of the "Third Party" will doubtless cease now to a great extent since the "Fourth Party" has been organized. Clark, Hardy, Roberts and that crowd is the fourth party.—Spokesman.

As your harvest save a few bundles of your best wheat and oats to exhibit at the Concho Valley Fair next fall—lets take every blue string that is offered on agricultural products at that show.

Last weeks Ballinger Banner Leader says "much dissatisfaction is being manifested on account of the many questionable methods in which the canvass is being conducted. The bartering of votes is largely indulged in and so vigorous is this peculiar method of campaigning that open threats are being made to discountenance the Democratic primaries altogether that are to be held throughout this county to-day."

Senator Tilman, of North Carolina, spoke at Dallas on the 15th.

Cyclones in this and adjoining states have done more damage to life and property in the last two weeks than was probably ever known in the same length of time in same section of country.

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COURTS.

District Court convenes 1st, Monday in April and November.

County Court convenes 3d, Monday May, August, November and February.

Commissioners Court convenes 2nd Monday in February, May, August, November.

Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:
Bronie, 1st " 11 a. m.
Rock Springs, 2d " 11 a. m.
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.
Robert Lee, 3d Sunday, 11 a. m.
Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.
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Methodist Protestant Church; services as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sunday; Sanco, 1st Sunday; Silver, 2nd Sunday; Live Oak, on Oak creek, 1st Sunday; Rock Springs 3rd Sunday. Each appointment begins Saturday night before.

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Where is the Democratic executive committee of Coke county? The Democrats of this county want to show "where they are at" on the silver question, and some body is going to be held responsible for it if they don't have the chance.

Hon. John McCalland commissioner Story are candidates for railroad commissioner.

The mutton market seems to be going to the bottom as fast as it can.

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Notice!

Dr. R. J. Deets, of Bruceville, Texas, will assist me in revival meetings at Sterling City and Edith in July. Everybody, regardless of denominational name, is invited to attend and enjoy these services. The Sterling City meeting will be held in the town, beginning June the 27th. The Edith meeting will be held on Paint Creek six miles west of Robert Lee, beginning July 7th. The later will be a circuit camp-meeting, and we are glad to say that Paint creek will furnish us "much water" for camping purposes. If you expect to attend these meetings, we insist on your presence the first day, as the Doctor will not remain long at either place.

G. M. Gardner.

Married.

On last Sunday, May the 17th, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the residence of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, 14 miles north of Colman City, R. L. Hayley, of this place, and Miss Gertrude Davis were happily united in marriage, Rev. French officiating. Only a few old time friends and relatives were present. On the next morning the young couple, accompanied by the grooms' sister Mrs. Ada Trimble, who accompanied Bob down there, started for Robert Lee, their future home. The RUSTLER can only congratulate Bob, but wishes for them both a life of peace, happiness and prosperity.

LIVE OAK.

I thought I would write a few lines to the Rustler, but hav'nt much news to write.

Mr. Perry Jagers of North Branch Canon, who has been sick died on the 12th of May.

Crops are looking fine.

A good rain fell here last Saturday night—some hail. We have a fine Sunday school at Live Oak but did not have a large attendance on account of measles. I guess I had better close. Hope to see this in print next week.
Some Body.

Stoves at Hazelsteins, San Angelo.

CHEAP GROCERIES!

CHEAP GRAIN

—AND—

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.

SANCO.

This part of the world keeps moving along about as usual; nothing new happened in so long that we should be glad of almost anything for a change, only we don't want measles to come amongst us. The thing that we do want is a first class rain.

Rev. Isaac Reed filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday. There was a good attendance at the Sunday's service.

Rev. J. N. Padgett and two little daughters from Silver attended the services here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Frank Morrison, who has been on a visit to Colman county returned to this neighborhood a few days ago.

Misses Ara and Ora Campbell, of this neighborhood, visited their brother at Silver Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. James Reed, of Edith, attended church here Sunday.

Mr. W. B. Green is moving into the Will Murray house this week.

Mr. J. J. Austin is getting ready to build a new house on his ranch near Sango.

We learn that the little Misses Lepa and Daisy Weathers over near Hayrick, have measles.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. W. R. Presler, who had her foot broken some time ago, was able to go visiting last Sunday.

M. E.

Bill Yardley is going into the saloon business at Hylton.

COUNTY COURT.

On Monday, May the 18th, County court of Coke county convened at the court house with the following officers present:

L. H. Brightman, County Judge.
W. C. Merchants County Atty.
Ed Mobley County Clerk.
L. B. Murray, Sheriff.

Court was in session three days and the following proceedings were had:

The jury impannelled the case of Benj. B. Harris vs J. S. Dickey was continued by agreement.

Criminal Docket

State of Texas vs Jack Monteth for shooting on the streets plead guilty and fined \$1.

No. 12 State of Texas vs. Will Warren—indictment quashed.

State of Texas vs J. J. Austin—on appeal.

No. 19 State of Texas vs John McPeters—continued by agreement.

No. 84 State of Texas vs. Joe Green—dismissed.

State of Texas vs. Jeff Davis—continued by the State.

No. 87 State of Texas vs. Dan Buchanan—indictment quashed.

No. 88 State of Texas vs. J. R. Finch—indictment quashed.

No. 89 State of vs. J. F. Weathers—indictment quashed.

No. 90 State Texas vs. Tom Hennessey—continued by agreement.

Probate Court

The Trimble and Billups estates were finally disposed of.

Brother Bates, preacher in charge of the M. E. Church South held an interesting church service at the school house last Sunday five took Membership in the church.

Mr. W. W. McKinley, of Ballinger, who, has been canvassing the county as agent for an illustrated New Testament, called at this office Wednesday. He had just made a good delivery of his books and informed that all who had subscribed for books had taken them. He is on a trade for a tract of land near Ft. Chadbourne onto which he contemplates moving.

FULLY TEN THOUSAND

VISITED THE CITY OF SHERMAN YESTERDAY.

Special Trains Were Run on all the Roads—At 1 O'clock Not a Bit of Bread Could Be Bought in the City—Visited the Graves—Viewed the Scene.

Sherman, Tex., May 18.—The tornado has created widespread interest, and every railroad entering the city has run several specials, and the number of visitors yesterday can be conservatively placed at ten thousand, not including the continual pouring in of well-filled vehicles from the country. Special correspondents of leading St. Louis dailies arrived yesterday afternoon.

No more bodies have been found in the track of the tornado yesterday, although many thousands have followed it from one end to the other.

About 10 a. m. yesterday a detached arm and hand was found in a ravine near the Washington avenue bridge. It is believed to belong to the badly mutilated body of one of the colored victims, who was killed on Houston street, four blocks away.

There have been but two deaths at the hospitals in the last twenty-four hours, Miss Sophia Pierce and Mattie Lake (colored).

Interments of storm victims were made yesterday at the following cemeteries respectively: Miss Pierce and Mattie Lake, at West Hill; Mrs. M. Tyman, at St. Mary's; Rev. J. D. Shearer and wife, at Mt. Ararat.

Sympathetic visitors to the cemeteries have fairly covered the graves of the victims with garlands and flowers.

The most authentic report of the damage done by the branch of Friday's tornado, which went east of the city, was obtained yesterday, although it has been known since Friday night that great damage was done in the vicinity of Choctaw, east of the city.

Mrs. Butler is the only person injured in the locality.

At the Davault place, near Carpenter's Bluff ferry, all of the Davault family, seven in number, are seriously hurt.

At Joel, a small trading station just across the river in the Choctaw nation, fifteen people are seriously hurt and many more have received slight injuries.

Twenty houses in all were blown down in the course of the storm east of the city, but no very reliable estimate of the damage can be given.

Baby's Frightful Death.

Taylor, Tex., May 18.—A distressing accident is reported from the Basakias settlement, eight miles south of Taylor. While playing about the kitchen, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Wade, in the community, a little 18-months-old child of Mrs. Cox, who is living with the family, fell through a window into a barrel partly filled with slops. The absence of the child was not noticed until too late. Falling into the slop barrel head downward and being unable to cry or raise an alarm, the child was strangled to death, and only gasped twice after being extricated, while efforts were being made to resuscitate it.

Dick Dowling Camp.

Houston, Tex., May 18.—Dick Dowling camp, U. C. V., held a meeting yesterday and among other things ordered credentials to be issued to such members as may desire to attend the state reunion at Dallas, June 24, 25, and the general reunion at Richmond, Va., on June 30. A considerable number will attend each meeting.

Trap Boat Murders.

Paris, Tex., May 18.—The case of Silas Lee and Hickman Freeman, charged with the murder of E. T. Canady, Jeff Maddox and little Paul Applegate, is on trial in the federal court. It will be remembered that these parties were arrested, charged with the horrible murder on a trap boat last winter on Red river. The trial is attracting widespread attention.

Replanting Cotton.

Bonham, Tex., May 18.—The farmers south of here are busy replanting cotton which was destroyed by the recent hailstorm. It is reported that a large acreage was destroyed, but the neighbors all volunteered and the destroyed crops are all about replanted. Other crops are looking fine.

Allowed Bail.

Honey Grove, Tex., May 18.—Ned Pettigrow, colored, who shot and killed his stepson, George Benson, had his examining trial before Squire Gardner Friday. He was bound over to the county court. His bond was fixed at \$1000, which was readily given.

Struck by Lightning.

Denton, Tex., May 18.—During an electric disturbance here Saturday evening a large bolt struck in the southern portion of the county, knocking Mrs. Keller senseless, besides throwing several others to their knees.

Leg Broken.

Gatesville, Tex., May 18.—W. M. Cross was kicked by a horse yesterday and his leg was broken just below the knee.

Work of a Cyclone.

Sherman, Tex., May 16.—Just a few minutes before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon a cyclone not exceeding two blocks in width, but carrying widespread destruction, and death in its wake, swept through the western half of the city, traveling almost directly north.

The approach of the terrific whirlwind was announced by a deep rumbling noise, not unlike reverberating thunder. A fierce and driving rain accompanied it.

The reporter, standing on the north side of court plaza, had his attention called to the peculiar appearance of the clouds. They were parted at the lower side, converging into a perfect funnel shape, while a boiling and seething mass of vaporous clouds were rapidly revolving in the rift. The air was suddenly filled with trees and twigs and the downpour of rain brought with it a deluge of mud. Then the truth dawned upon all that a cyclone was prevailing. From the point where it seems to have first descended to where it suddenly arose from the ground just north of the city it left terrific marks of its passage, not a house in its pathway escaping, not a tree or shrub is left standing or that is not twisted and torn out of shape. Fences are gone. The iron bridge on Houston street is completely wrecked and blown away, notwithstanding its hundreds of thousands of pounds of steel and material. The number of persons wounded will reach not less than one hundred and it will be several days before the exact number of fatalities can be given, as many persons, and especially children, are missing, and many of the injured are in such critical shape that a score may die very soon.

The total number of injured will reach 150, and the total number of killed outright at this hour, so far as heard from Sherman and other points in the county, is about sixty, and it is estimated that at least that many more who are missing are dead.

Conservative estimates place the total number of killed in Grayson county at between 120 and 150.

The path of the storm, which passed west of town, passed through a section of country which has no telephone or telegraph connection with the city.

All telephone communication west and northwest of the city is turned down.

Denton, Tex., May 16.—A dispatch from Justin Sheriff Hawkins says that at that place W. J. Evans, a machinist from Fort Worth, was killed and seventeen wounded, of whom a man named Wilson, wife and family and Ed Reynolds were the most severely injured.

Howe, Tex., May 16.—One of the worst cyclones ever known in this county struck this section at 4:30 yesterday evening, accompanied by heavy rain.

J. J. Johnson, living about eight miles southwest of here, is the farthest point heard from. His house was blown away and his wife killed and himself badly hurt.

Board of Regents.

Galveston, Tex., May 16.—The board of regents' meeting adjourned yesterday to meet in August next. Dr. Cline was re-elected to the chair of pharmacy and Regents Henderson and Bryan were re-elected to attend the commencement exercises of the A. & M. College. Diplomas were granted to-night to thirty-four graduates of the school of pharmacy.

Broke an Arm.

Industry, Tex., May 16.—Mr. Julius Sterberger's team got unmanageable one mile from town Wednesday, running away throwing Mr. Sterberger under the wheel and mashing one of his arms above the elbow. Dr. B. E. Knolle was called at once and reports Mr. Sterberger doing as well as could be expected under existing circumstances, this morning.

Newspaper Change.

Waxahachie, Tex., May 16.—J. O. Jones has purchased the interest of A. S. Williams, and is now sole proprietor of the Daily Light. The paper's politics will not be changed. Mr. Jones is a sound money democrat and believes Grover Cleveland is the grandest man of his time.

Not Guilty.

Woodward, Ok., May 16.—The trial of Temple Houston, ex-state senator of Texas, and John E. Love, ex-president of the Oklahoma Live Stock association, for the killing of Edward Edward Jennings in Woodward, on October 8 last, closed yesterday, the jury rendering a verdict of not guilty.

Painters Strike Off.

Galveston, Tex., May 16.—The strike of the journeymen painters has been settled, and all the men expect to be back at work by Monday. The bosses stood pat and the painters agreed to the proposition of eight hours work at 35 cents per hour.

Dented Bail.

Rosebud, Tex., May 16.—In the examining trial of King Wilson, colored, for the killing of Frank Campbell, colored, April 18, Justice Howard committed him to jail without bond.

A TERRIBLE CYCLONE

PASSED OVER KANSAS AND PART OF KENTUCKY.

Carrying Everything Before It, Tearing Down Houses, Blowing Down Trees, and in Fact Doing Damage to Everything in Its Path.

Levensville, Ky., May 18.—A special from Benton, Ky., says: "A terrible cyclone passed over the northwestern corner of this county yesterday morning about 1 o'clock, doing damage to everything in its path."

At Elva it tore down the house of Anderson Jones and killed the entire family, consisting of Jones, aged 80; his wife, aged 55; his oldest child, a son, 17 years old, and two girls, one 10 and the other 12. Jones was a poor man and had only lived in the community about six months.

Five coffins were sent to Elva yesterday and the entire Jones family were buried in the same grave. The scene was visited by hundreds from all the country around.

The tornado came out of Graves county via Simpsonia, where two stores were demolished, two churches and one schoolhouse were torn down, besides barns, stables, fences and everything else in its path. There was considerable damage in other parts of the county. The damage done at Simpsonia was severe, but no lives were lost.

President Krueger Talks.

Pretoria, May 18.—President Krueger is under constant pressure to exercise his influence to hasten the decision of the executive council on the punishment to be meted out to the reform prisoners whose sentences have been commuted. His own sentiment on the subject is also being constantly sought.

The president yesterday consented to be interviewed by a representative of the Associated Press, and in reply to questions put to him on these subjects, he said that no one was more desirous than him of seeing a decision in regard to the sentences of the reformers expedited.

A majority of the prisoners had petitioned him on Friday, he said, to substitute additional money fines for the terms of banishment and imprisonment upon them. The original fine was for \$1,000, without one year's imprisonment and banishment for three years. President Krueger was most favorably inclined, he said, to this proposal to substitute fines for banishment and imprisonment. The decision in the question, the president continued, was owing to the difficulty of discriminating between those who signed the petition and those refusing to do so. He wanted all of the prisoners to be out of jail, he said, and he had full confidence that the executive council would endorse his conclusion on Monday.

In Kansas.

Kansas City, Mo., May 18.—Reports received here indicate that the cyclone which passed over Marshall and Nebraska counties, Kansas, late last evening swept over an unusually large territory, dealing death and destruction through two counties.

A dispatch from Bora, Nebraska county, reports that Seneca, the county seat, was struck by a cyclone at 7 o'clock last evening. One-third of the residence portion of the town was destroyed and five persons were killed and fifteen badly injured.

The county's magnificent new courthouse, the town's big schoolhouse and the Catholic church are among the buildings wrecked. Five hundred of the citizens of Seneca are reported to be homeless to-night. The property loss is estimated at \$100,000. The five dead are: Two children of M. E. Werue, two children of Mr. Connell and a son of Peter Ashmeader.

The cyclone swept over the towns of Sabetha, Nebraska county, and Frankfort, Marshall county, and the reports indicate that many other smaller settlements are suffered, but up to this hour it has been impossible to get detailed accounts of the damage.

\$150,000 Fire.

Chicago, Ill., May 18.—Nearly half the business portion of Blue Island, a suburban town, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. Altogether twenty-four buildings were consumed, entailing a loss of about \$150,000. A shifting wind was blowing almost a hurricane at the time and the fire spread rapidly.

Three hundred people, who were attending a dance in Sanger hall, had a narrow escape from death. The building caught fire while the dance was in progress and a stampede ensued. Many persons were bruised, though none were seriously injured. The last of the escaping crowd rushed through a cloud of smoke and heard the sound of burning timbers behind them.

In spite of the efforts of the firemen, all the buildings in Grove street, between Washington avenue and Henry street, the Washington side of Western avenue between Grove and Vermont streets and every building on the opposite side of Western avenue were utterly destroyed.

Jail Brake.

Newport, Ky., May 18.—Seven prisoners escaped jail here at 8 o'clock last night. They were companions of Scott Jackson, convicted of the murder of Pearl Bryan, with the death penalty attached, and his companion, Alonzo Walling, who is to be tried in ten days for the same murder. Some prisoner sawed off the hinges of the back door of the pen and let the seven out. Jackson and Walling could have gone with them, but preferred the jail as safer than the open country, where they knew they would be lynched as soon as caught on account of the intense feeling against them.

News of the jail delivery spread like the sound of an explosion. In less than half an hour 5000 people surrounded the jail. A strong cordon of police aided the deputy sheriffs to hold them back. As soon as the crowd became convinced that the convicted murderer, Jackson, and his companion, Walling, were still in jail it dispersed. Walling and Jackson broke down and shook with fear.

Jackson said: "They wanted me to go, but I would not. I feared the first man met outside would send a bullet through me and I thought the jail the safest place."

Walling said: "I did not know the plan until the prisoners were escaping, and I decided no place was as safe as the jail."

Shooting Right and Left.

Hazleton, Pa., May 18.—Six persons were shot and a number of others seriously injured during the riot at Macedoo, a town four miles from here, yesterday afternoon. The injured are: Joseph Ward, shot in the knee; Thomas Karns, shot in the arm; James Muldowney, finger blown off; Burke Brennan, shot in shoulder; James Grennan, shot in arm; Mary Burke, shot in back; Antonio, nose broken; Mrs. Rose Viecho, scalp wound.

A game of base ball was in progress when a gang of drunken Italians charged upon the players and spectators with revolvers, clubs and stones. Saturday night an Italian had been arrested for assault and battery. A number of young men took him from the constable and unmercifully beat him. The Italians, hearing of this, threatened revenge. They fulfilled their threat yesterday. The first inning had just been finished, when there was a pistol shot. It was followed in a few minutes by a promiscuous discharge of firearms.

One Million Dollars Involved.

Cincinnati, O., May 18.—In the United States circuit court Judge Sage overruled demurrers filed by defendants in the case of Mary Louise Denver Lindley against Louise C. Denver and others. This is the suit wherein the plaintiff, a daughter of the late Gov. Denver, seeks to set aside conveyances of real estate made by her whereby she disposed of her interest or nearly all of it in the estate of her father. The charges are that she was induced to sign papers by false and fraudulent representations and that she signed some papers of knowing what they were. The defendants will have to answer the severe charges made in the petition. The case is one of widespread interest, as Gov. Denver, the father of the plaintiff, was of national reputation and the suit involves property to the amount of at least \$1,000,000.

Nineteen Years.

Omaha, Neb., May 18.—Henry Bolin, ex-city treasurer of Omaha, was Saturday forenoon sentenced by Judge Baker in the criminal court to serve nineteen years at hard labor in the penitentiary, and in addition to pay a fine of \$211,000. Bolin was for nearly four years city treasurer. His pecuniations commenced a few months after his election. His shortage was discovered last July. He was convicted on his second trial last week, the jury having disagreed on the first trial. Bolin is 55 years old, and nineteen years practically amounts to life sentence in his case.

Two Sons Killed.

Columbus, O., May 18.—Jacob Hess, near Fremont, shot and killed his sons, Alvin and Reuben, and wounded Louis Billow. They tried to blow up his house with dynamite. Billow is at large. Hess, father objected to him as a suttor. Lately he has been prohibited from making calls, and this so enraged him he has been nearly wild. People who know the young man think he has brooded over the love affair to much he has become insane. The sheriff and posse started at once to capture him, but have been unable to locate him. A report has since been received which says one of the sons has died and that the other will probably recover.

Caught 'Em.

Springfield, Ill., May 18.—The two men who robbed the State bank of Buffalo, this county, last Thursday have been captured and have made a full confession. They are Carl Kloppenburg, the cashier of the bank, and Joseph Kloppenburg, a drug clerk of this city, sons of August Kloppenburg, a wealthy citizen of Springfield. Carl Kloppenburg yesterday confessed to Sheriff Baxter the entire story. The stolen money was recovered.

A Phosphorescent Tea.

A phosphorescent 5 o'clock tea was recently given in Paris. The house was darkened and the only light used came from the ceiling, floor, chairs, teacups, pictures, flowers, etc. The ladies wore phosphorescent dresses, and their faces and shoulders radiated light. M. Henry, of the Academy of Science, has invented a phosphorescent starch which the women used, and which imparted a moonlight radiance to the face, which was extremely becoming. It is discouraging to know that the brilliance of the entertainment was all on the outside, and that, as far as the conversation was concerned, it was just the same as at other 5 o'clock teas which still retain the characteristics that made Dr. Holmes describe them as "gobble, gabble and git." Science can make the chairs radiate on such occasions, but not the conversation.

A Successful Doctor.

We take pleasure in calling your attention to the advertisement of Dr. Marsh with regard to his cure for the opium and morphine habit to be found in another column of this paper. The doctor has been engaged for twenty-five years in this specialty, and is well and favorably known for the cures he has made of these habits. We take pleasure in commending him to any and all who need his services, having been personally acquainted with him for the past twenty-five years.

Forbidden the Use of Tobacco.

The orthodox bishop of Kursh, in Russia, has issued an order forbidding his priests to use tobacco, which he says is a "disgustingly bad habit, unbefitting those who serve the altar, and a great temptation to the laity."

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 bottle free. 75c. Fit cases. Send to Dr. Kline, 231 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

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Boils

It is often difficult to convince people their blood is impure, until dreadful carbuncles, abscesses, boils, scrofula or salt rheum, are painful proof of the fact. It is wisdom now, or whenever there is any indication of

Impure

blood, to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, and prevent such eruptions and suffering. "I had a dreadful carbuncle abscess, red, fiery, fierce and sore. The doctor attended me over seven weeks. When the abscess broke, the pains were terrible, and I thought I should not live through it. I heard and read so much about Hood's Sarsaparilla, that I decided to take it, and my husband, who was suffering with boils, took it also. It soon purified our

Blood

built me up and restored my health so that, although the doctor said I would not be able to work hard, I have since done the work for 20 people. Hood's Sarsaparilla cured my husband of the boils, and we regard it a wonderful medicine." Mrs. ANNA PETERSON, Latimer, Kansas.

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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 25 cents each, twelve for \$2. Ask your druggist to get Veno's Curative Syrup and Veno's Electric Fluid for you.

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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. 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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CONSUMPTION

YOUNG AT FIFTY.

HOW A METHODIST MINISTER CARRIES HIS YEARS.

From the Times, Oswego, N. Y.

Probably no man is better known or more highly respected in Oswego, N. Y., than the Rev. William Young, of the Methodist church. Mr. Young holds a responsible position with the Oswego City Savings Bank, where he has been an employe for the past twenty years.

In the spring of 1894 Mr. Young looked as if his time on earth was limited but, instead of falling as was predicted, he soon gained a more healthy look and appeared stronger. As the months went by this improvement continued, until now he is as rugged and apparently as healthy as a young man of thirty, although his gray locks denote a more advanced age. A Times reporter, determined to find out what had made this great change, called upon Mr. Young at the bank and put the question direct and received the following reply:

"In truth I am a changed man, and I owe my present good health to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. In the spring of 1894 I was all run down and had commenced to think that my time had come. I had to be prescribed for by physicians, and although I received temporary relief, the same old trouble came back again and I was worse than before. I had no strength or appetite, and physically I was in a miserable condition. After my work I would go home, but the general lassitude which hung over me left me without any ambition, and when I would go to the table to eat, my appetite failed me and I would have to leave without taking hardly any nourishment. My kidneys were also badly affected, and I was in utter despair. One day, here at the bank, I happened to pick up one of the local papers, and my eye fell on the advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The advertisement gave a description of a man who, afflicted as I then was, had been cured by using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I was not a believer in that kind of doctoring, but concluded as a last resort to try a box of the pills, making up my mind that if they did not help me I certainly would not be injured any. Going to a drug store I purchased a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and commenced taking them according to directions. Very soon after I began to feel better and I saw I had made no mistake in trying the pills, and before the first box was emptied I felt so much improved that I immediately purchased another. I had taken seven boxes of the pills, and at the end of last summer I felt I was entirely cured and discontinued their use, but always keep a box handy if occasion requires. I am now entirely cured. The lassitude has left me, my kidneys are all right and my appetite—well, you should see me at the table. I am a new man again, and instead of feeling like a man of fifty, which is my age, I feel like a youngster of twenty, and I give Pink Pills the full credit for this great change. I have recommended these pills to several of my neighbors and acquaintances, who have been relieved of their complaints."

(Signed) WILLIAM YOUNG.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of May, 1895.
BERNARD GALLAGHER,
Notary Public.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are for sale by all druggists, or be had by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., for 50 cents per box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

An Ever Available Reason.

Disease in cattle, sheep and swine is a pretext that is always at hand for national stock inspectors to use when it suits their interests or fancies. When a nation wants to protect its home producers by keeping out foreign grown animals, all it has to do is to go on an exploring expedition after some disease. They are sure to find it sooner or later, and if they do not find it they can scare up something enough like it to answer the purpose. As there is no part of the world where the domestic stock does not suffer from disease, therefore it becomes an easy matter to exclude wherever exclusion is desired.

If the United States wanted to shut out all foreign importations of animals it could easily do so. It would not make any difference if the disease would not reproduce itself in this country, the excuse ought to be sufficient in the eyes of our foreign friends. Take, for instance, the exclusion from a certain foreign country of our beavers under plea that Texas fever exists in the United States. Though it has been explained to them that that fever could not possibly live in that country, and that the disease is carried only by the ticks and not by contact of animals, yet the prohibition stands.

We do not suggest that the United States resort to such underhand treatment of the subjects of foreign nations. In all probability the animals brought in are not more subject to disease than our own. On the other hand, our animals that are exported to foreign countries are not more diseased than their own. We realize that the above reason is used in closing the ports against American stock for the reason that exclusion without reason would expose them to adverse legislation by the American congress.—Farmers' Review.

Hens too Well Fed.

It is fourteen years since I began to keep poultry. I have handled a good many of the standard breeds, among them being the Light and Dark Brahmas, Buff, Partridge, Black and White Cochins, Langshans, Silver Wyandotte, White and Black Minorcas, White and Barred Plymouth Rocks, Leghorns and Hamburgs. I now keep the Barred Plymouth Rocks for market fowls and Single Comb Brown Leghorns for eggs. Our house for water is built three feet into the ground, with floor covered with one foot of leaves for scratching purposes. The roof and sides are doubled and it never freezes. We have no ventilator. I have tried all ways of feeding and am now feeding wheat and buckwheat as soon as they get off the roost in the morning. By 9 a. m. I give them boiled potatoes made thick with 1-7 ground buckwheat, 1-7 corn, 3-7 oats, all ground and 2-7 bran. At 4 p. m. I feed oats in the leaves. We ship eggs to New York, but sell the fowls alive at home. We get eggs in the winter when we do not get the fowls too fat. About the only losses I have, come from the depredations by hawks. Leghorns are the best layers and mature early. Our greatest obstacle has been in feeding too often and getting the birds too fat. During the last winter especially we fed some meat to them and thought they would do better if they got it twice a day. The result was too much fat.

C. A. Waldron, M. D.
Lenawee County, Mich.

Observations on Hog Raising.

J. M. Welsh, before the Missouri swine breeders, said:

We are all aware of the influence of a thoroughly bred sire upon the herd; and yet it is a mistake to expect satisfactory results in breeding unless the sows of the herd are bred to a point where form, color, and potency become fixtures.

The absence of uniformity in form and color in a herd may be set down as an indication of indiscriminate and faulty breeding.

There is a tendency on the part of breeders in some localities toward a hog lacking in range and substance sufficient to produce the desired weight at a given age. This is due, perhaps, to the erroneous idea that a hog with much size must be a rough animal. Also to the fact that the market demand is not for heavy-weights.

Hogs of rapid growth are usually of good size at maturity, and if properly bred they are readily prepared for market at any age. The swine breeders of Missouri have, as a rule, maintained better growth and size than is found in some states where extreme demand prevails for particular finish in externals, regardless, to some extent, of real quality.—Ex.

The Coroner's Verdict.

The verdict of the old-time York county, Me., coroner's jury on the death of one Mary Hale, which has been unearthed by the Biddetford Times, lucidly declares: "We of the jury about Mary Hale have agreed that, according to the evidence given to us, that she was accessory to her own death with overmuch eating and drinking, we not having any witnesses that she was forced thereunto."

To find an opal is a deadly omen. It means that you have picked up some one else's misfortune. Better let the stone lie, no matter what its value may be.

Generosity of Royalty.

Queen Victoria sent the ameer of Afghanistan, by his son, presents valued at \$250,000, and he has given her a lesson in oriental munificence by sending her a lot of things, worth double the money.

Church-Going Cyclists.

It is suggested to churches in and about Boston that they provide a dressing room where bicyclists can spruce themselves up a little before going into church after a spin on the dusty roads.

The Significance of a Gray Overcoat.

Upon the tongue, yellowness of the skin and eyeballs, nausea and uneasiness beneath the right ribs and shoulder blade, is that the victim of these discomforts is bilious. The "proper paper" under such circumstances is to take Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which also cures chills and fever, constipation, dyspepsia, rheumatic and kidney complaints and nervousness.

It is surprising how thin some women and some stories are.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is the best of all cough cures.—George W. Lotz, Fabucher, La., August 26, 1895.

No body really knows how he stands on the finance question.

Hall's Catach Cure is a constitutional cure. Price, 75c.

Your idol is probably a great bore to other people.

Nothing so suddenly and completely disables the muscles as

LUMBAGO, LAME BACK, OR STIFF NECK,

and nothing so promptly and surely cures them as **ST. JACOBS OIL.**

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If you have any difficulty in procuring your soap, cut out this notice and send it with your order to your wholesale dealer.

10 times out of 10

The New York Journal recently offered ten bicycles to the ten winners in a guessing contest, leaving the choice of machine to each.

ALL OF THEM CHOSE

Columbia Bicycles

STANDARD OF THE WORLD

Nine immediately, and one after he had looked at others. And the Journal bought Ten Columbias. Paid \$100 each for them.

On even terms a Columbia will be chosen

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HARTFORD, CONN.

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She was a good woman. He loved her. She was his wife. The pie was good; his wife made it; he ate it. But the pie disagreed with him, and he disagreed with his wife. Now he takes a pill after pie and is happy. So is his wife. The pill he takes is Ayer's.

Moral: Avoid dyspepsia by using

Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

Conservatory of Music holds its next summer session at Ennis, Ellis county, Texas, from June 15 to August 12. A rare opportunity for teachers and low rates. Send for circular. G. H. ROWE, 192 N. Harvard Street, Dallas, Tex. Mention this paper.

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LOCAL CHIPS.

Rain needed.
 Warm dry weather.
 Miss Barbara Davis visited Mrs. Thurmond this week.
 Prayer meeting at the school house Wednesday night.
 Wagons at Hazelsteins, San Angelo.
 Uncle Johnnie Conner was down from Silver yesterday.
 Bro. Bates preaches at Sanco Sunday.
 J. E. Stewart went to Angelo Tuesday.
 H. L. Adams was in the city this week attending county court.
 Messrs I. J. Good and J. W. Boyington went to Angelo Thursday.
 Tinware at Hazelsteins, San Angelo.
 Ed Good delivered 1100 yearlings to Will Collins last week.
 Ed Good informs us that A. P. Smith, of Sterling county, died in San Angelo this week.
 Glassware at Hazelsteins, San Angelo.
 W. R. Presler and family of Sanco; were visiting J. C. Turner and family of this place a part of this week.
 Hacks at Hazelsteins, San Angelo.
 A. J. Baker, of Democrat, Comanche county, attended court here the first of the week.
 W. C. Barron and family made a trip to San Angelo the first of the week.
 Aermotors at Hazelsteins, Angelo.
 Grand-Pa Hayley will embark in the soda, ice cream, milk-shake business next week.
 When you come to Lee and want a good cold drink, call on J. H. Turner, in the old Bank building.
 Wire, at Hazelsteins, San Angelo.
 Prof. Thomas, of Robert Lee, was in the city Thursday, the guest of Dr. J. F. Riggs.
 Mowers at Hazelstein San Angelo.
 Henry Williams, who ranches 4 or 5 miles down the Colorado has a sheep with two mouths.
 Ten cents per one hundred lbs. extra freight will be charged on bales of cotton measuring more than 28x58 inches.
 Eclipse Repairs at B. I. Wilson Angelo
 Mrs. Mark Allen, and daughter Miss Hills, of Ft. Chadbourne, took dinner at the Webb hotel Tuesday.
 The little folks had an enjoyable party at Mr and Mrs Dan Buchanan's last Tuesday night.
 Miss Mattie Gibson, who has spent several months at Midland is again with Mrs. Bennick, her sister.
 Well Supplies, Hazelsteins, Angelo.
 Ladies call and see the new hats at the Millinery Store lovely Trim & Shanters.
 The Trimble estate was settled up in county court this week.
 E. McNeill made a flying trip to San Angelo Tuesday and returned Thursday.

IMPERIAL HARPS

are the best in the market that can be sold for 25 or 35 cents, they are true and full in tone, each blowing and durable.
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 Merchants and Dealers supplied. Send for trade prices.
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 FOR YOUR
 DRY GOODS, GROCERIES
 AND
 GENERAL MERCHANDISE**

Ben Scott subscribed for the Rustler yesterday.
 Misses Lula Douglas and Portia Christian of the Ft. Chadbourne country were visiting in the city last Saturday and Sunday.
 We are glad to learn that Montgomery Trimble's baby which has been very low with measles, is improving.
 Measles and whooping cough have about played out in town.
 On account of an oversight, or of a little piece of neglect of ours this issue is a few hours late.
 Measles and whooping cough is playing out in town.
 Manon Shaw, of the Valley View settlement was in town one day this week and stopped in to see us, and ordered the Rustler sent to him. He says he has fine crops.

W. T. Caraway came in from San Angelo Thursday evening with a load of lumber with which he says, to build a boat, probably a dry land boat.
 Bladders at Hazelstein, San Angelo.
THE RACE.
 Jinks Johnson and D. Dabial will run a horse-race at the tracks here next Monday week, June 1st for four saddle horses. Jinks runs the Silas Conner 3-year old filly and Mr. Dabial runs a 5-year old Sterling City horse. Distance 450 yards.
 Implements at Hazelsteins, Angelo.
 John Weathers and K. Green engaged in a little "physical contest" out on the road north of town Monday evening. K. did not say which one walked off with the belt.
 Hardware at Hazelsteins, San Angelo.

THE OLD WAY

Is good enough for some store keepers, but it does not suit us at all. We believe in new methods, new goods, new bargains, new everything. It used to be the fashion to
**ADVETISE GOODS
 BELOW COST.**
 We never do that because it is so absurd and untrue, but we do sell mighty close to cost as the following random specimens Dry Good bargains will prove to show.
 Any calico in the house 4c per yard.
 36 inch bleached domestic 4c per yard.
 Good quality cotton check 4 1-2c per yard.
 Lustrel—A beautiful new spring dress goods 7c per yard.
 Crepon—All shades 6 1-2c per yard.
 Figured challi 3 1-2c per yard.
 White lawn 4 cents per yard.
 Ladies black hose 5c per pair.
 Children's double ribbed hose 5c per pair.
 6 papers of pins for 5c.
 2 papers needles for 5c.
 12 doz (china) buttons for 5c.
 Good (grass and apron styles) gingham 5c per yard.
 Checked nainsook 5c per yard.

L. Schwartz & Co.
 M. ALEXANDER, Managing Partner,
SAN ANGELO TEXAS,
Millinery And Dress Making.

I have a select line of Millinery Goods now opened up in the lower part of the Odd Fellows building. I am now ready to wait on any and all who may want anything in that line, also careful attention paid to Dress Making
MRS. M. B. INGRAM,
 ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

Jim Osburne, Whiskey dealer, of Austin, and Mr. Trail, the Ballinger livery stable man, were in town Wednesday night.
 John McPeters was here from Brown county attending court this week. John informed us that he was going to marry when he gets home. He also said that his father, Taylor McPeters, who used to live at Ft. Chadbourne, will probably move back to this county in the near future.

Mr. Hutchinson, father of John Hutchinson came in from Coke county Thursday and tells us that people there are rejoicing over the fine rain Saturday night.—Ballinger Banner Leader.
 Henry Williams, Rufe Whiteside, Mrs. Weathers and others have some fine mutton for sale.
 Rufe Whiteside will trade sheep for horses.

For a nice, quiet room with home comforts, go to the OAKS. Use of bath rooms free of charge.
 Ask Larkin Hayley and Emmet Reed how they come out last Sunday night.

Mr. Cornelius Baker, of the Tennyson country was attending court here this week. Mr. Baker says they are needing rain in his section of the country.

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

Buggies at Hazelsteins, San Angelo.
 Mr. O. W. Williamson, a sheepman of Knickerbocker, took an over dose of morphine yesterday evening and at the time of going to press (ten o'clock) was not expected to recover. He was stopping at the Landon hotel and was discovered by a porter in his room in a state of unconsciousness.—San Angelo Enterprise.
 Mr. Williamson (Boon) has lived in this county.
 LATER:—Boon Williamson recovered from the effects of the above little episode.

There is money in the Treave to pay Jury scrip from Registered No. 179 to 235. Anyone holding such or any Road and Bridge scrip can get the money on them by presenting them to the undersigned J. A. Gardner,
 Treasurer Coke Co.

Captain W. J. McDonald has entered the race for railroad road commissioner. He is a 16 to 1 silver democrat.

Lee Good has our thanks for \$2 on subscription to the RUSTLER. Lee knows a good thing when he sees it, hence his success as a cowman.

Sheriff Murrays' brother, of Menardville, is here on visit.

A. J. Baker is now a subscriber to the Rustler, we mean the A. J. Baker who lives at Democrat, Comanche county, Texas.

J. T. Hamilton on Thursday evening started for the Ft. Chadbourne and Olga country on business and for recreation.

Jim Burroughs went to work on the foundation rock for the Methodist church this week.

Capt. Hutchinson, of Bronte, was here Tuesday, and reported everything right side up with care in his neighborhood.

Mr. Bilbo and Bud Ulmer, of the northern part of the county passed through town bound for San Angelo with wool Wednesday.

T. K. Wilson passed through town Wednesday on his way to the Whiteside ranch.

J. C. Wahi, Sheriff of McCulloch county, and John Hewitt, deputy sheriff, of Tom Green county, were in town on business Wednesday.

Try a glass of good cold milk shake at J. H. Turners, in the old bank building

Rev. G. M. Gardner and Dr. J. R. Deets will begin a camp-meeting on Paint creek, 6 miles west of Robert Lee on July 7th.

Cal McCutchen is talked of as a candidate for tax-assessor.

Rev. A. M. Jay preaches here tomorrow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

RATES FOR ANNOUCNMENS 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 Officers.....5.00
 Precinct Officers.....2.50

For County Judge.
 We are authorized to announce W. C. Mercant 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 Mae Davis as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke County at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce J. D. O'Daniel Sr. 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 R. R. Smith as a candidate for the office of Judge of Coke County.

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.

We are authorized to announce L. B. Murray as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Coke county, subject to the action of the Peoples 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.

For County Treasurer.
 We are authorized to announce J. A. Gardner Sr. a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Coke County.

We are authorized to announce H. M. Bennick as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Coke County, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

Notice.
 Saturday before the first Sunday in each month is meeting time of the Peoples Party club of Pre. No. 1. at which time the doctrines of the party will be discussed by selected speakers.
 J. W. Tunnell,
 Chairman.

County Treasurer J. A. Gardner has distributed amongst the school teachers several thousand dollars recently, and paid over twelve hundred dollars on the Tom Green county debt.

Mr. J. L. Durham, of Sanco, was stung about the head and neck by several bees while robbing a hive on last Thursday morning and became very sick for a while, so that he appeared to become lifeless, but soon recovered.

J. R. Patterson and D. T. Averitt received this week a complete set of court of criminal appeals reports.

Ye editor expects his brother Henry Mercant, of Giddings Texas, to visit him next month.

Rock for the for the foundation of the church was hauled this week.

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Shaving, Shampooing, Hair Cutting etc., done in the best of style. When needing work done in his line call on him

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

Apply at this office.

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

H. D. PEARCE, Proprietor.

Wagon Yard Changed Hands.

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

CURRIE BROS.
Ballinger, Texas.

POLITICAL CONVENTIONS.

For the following political conventions, the Santa Fe will make round trip rates of one fare from all of its Texas and Indian Territory points.

National Prohibition Convention, Pittsburg Pa. May 27th, '96.
National Republican Convention, St. Louis, Mo. June 16th, 1896.
National Peoples Convention, St. Louis, Mo. July 22nd, 1896.

For particulars as to limits and time cards call upon any Santa Fe agent or write to

W. S. Keenan,
General Passenger agent,
Galveston, Texas.

The Irrigation Scheme.

Through the kindness of Mr. F. D. Pearce we received the following which is a copy of a letter sent to the Ft. Worth Gazette for publication:

Ballinger, Texas, May 19th '96
To The Gazette.—A large crowd gathered at the court house this evening in compliance with a call issued by Mayor J. W. Powell to discuss plans which have been under consideration for some time to irrigate 50,000 acres of land in Runnels county, from the waters of the Colorado River. A survey of the river and adjacent lands has been made with that view, and the scheme proven entirely practicable. It is proposed by building a dam across the river 25 miles above Ballinger, to make a reservoir; which will feed a stream 100 feet wide and four feet deep, running continuously, for three months. Ditches 50 feet wide and four feet deep will be run down for 25 miles on each side of the river, reaching an immense amount of as rich soil as there is in the state; and giving it an abundance of water.

The agent of the English capitalists has been here and gone over the grounds proposed to be irrigated and expressed entire satisfaction with it, and is now in England making arrangements, and writes that the money needed has been promised. Nothing was asked of the people here in the way of donations, but they will endeavor to give the lands for the reservoir and right of way for the ditches, 1280 acres of which has already been secured.

The meeting this evening was called to order by Mayor J. W. Powell and J. J. Erwin was elected secretary of the meeting, and read encouraging letters from interested parties: one from a company offering to invest \$1,000,000. If the report of their agent was favorable, and another letter from another company offering to invest all that was necessary to make it a complete success.

The following resolutions offered by Hon. John I. Guion was unanimously carried:—"Be it resolved by the people of Runnels County, that we endorse the action of Messrs. C. S. Miller, J. W. Powell and J. J. Erwin in their action to secure an efficient system of irrigation for Runnels county. That is the sense of this meeting of the people of Runnels county that Mr. Hollingsworth and his associates be donated the land on which to construct the dam reservoir, and that the people of Runnels county be solicited to contribute to the purchase of said land." San Angelo was asked to contribute by moral aid to the enterprise. Mr. Murphy of the San Angelo Standard was present and assured us of the Standard's hearty support, but could not answer for his town. Meeting adjourned.

A South Dakota editor says he has two subscribers who frequently get full, and every time they are in that condition, they come in and pay a year in advance on subscription. One of them is already credited to 1944, and the fraternity throughout the state are crazy to find out what brand of whiskey he drinks. They want to offer it as a premium.—Ex.

GOOD NEWSPAPERS

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The democratic primary election held in Runnels county on last Saturday give returns for county judge C. H. Willingham for county and district clerk, W. L. Towner; for sheriff and tax collector, R. P. Kirk; for treasurer, W. F. Sharp.

NOTICE.

I have sold my groceries to Dr. J. O. Toliver and have put my books and accounts in the hands of J. T. Hamilton for collection, and all who are indebted to me will please come in at once and pay him or make satisfactory arrangements otherwise.

Respectfully,
B. F. Montgomery.

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THE BEST AND PUREST POTASH
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INTERESTING READING FOR DAMES AND DAMSELS.

A Texas Diana Who Kills and Skins Her Own Game—Some Dainty Designs—A Symphony in Green—When a Woman is Old.

IN TEXAS THE wildcats, the black bears, the wolves and the Mexican lions are learning to beware of petticoated beings. Miss Zola Saint Louis is the woman who has inspired the animals with this unusual respect. Since

the opening of the hunting season last fall she has killed twenty-five deer, five black bears, seven wildcats, three wolves and one Mexican lion. Besides being a hunter of big game, Miss Saint Louis is a taxidermist. She has studied the gentle art of skinning and stuffing her trophies until her home is a sort of museum of Texan natural history. Four years spent at Hardin college, in Mexico, Mo., made her as skillful a taxidermist as there is in the state. In spite of her unusual accomplishments she is not a masculine young woman, but a somewhat slenderly built, brown-eyed, graceful girl.

Some Dainty Designs.

While every thought is given to the decking of the body for street wear it will be well to turn a few stray thoughts in the direction of some of the exquisitely chic and dainty night robes being sent over for our inspection. The softest of soft India silks and the finest of fine batistes are used for the smartest of these, and whole pieces of ribbon and the loveliest of delicate laces are lavished on them. The batiste gowns are especially lovely and lauder in the best possible way. Very, very pretty ones are made of this stuff in a soft creamy tint, with the narrowest of Valenciennes lace set in at the seams. Some sort of an odd, full collar flares out over the big bishop sleeves, which usually reach to the elbow and are finished by a frill of lace. The big sleeves are drawn in at the wrist by ribbons run through the open work lace, and fastened in a bow on the top of the arm. In the same way the collar is drawn in at the throat and fastened in a full bow in front.

When the tan-tinted batistes are used the lace matches in color, while the ribbons may be of any shade desired. Robes de chambre of silk are dainty enough for a princess to wear. They are made in the Mother Hubbard shape, with deep oval yokes, all lace insertions, set together with narrow satin ribbons, ending with a bow at each row and edged all about with a deep frill of lace. Sometimes there is a collar in sailor shape, or one set together in deep points, made of white mousseline de soie, set together with tucked frills.



A SUMMER GOWN.

Jabots of lace reach from throat to hem, with here and there full knots of ribbon.

A wonderfully lovely robe of empire silk in pale rose pink and white stripes an inch wide is made up with pelisséd frills of white mousseline de soie and a tucked yoke of the same. Yellow, in the pale, soft shades, is a favorite color for brunettes, but is worn beautifully



By pale-skinned blondes as well. Full choirs of satin ribbon in baby width are tucked in among the frills with pretty effect.—Chicago Chronicle.

A Symphony in Green.
The social season is again in full swing after the lenten lull. Easter gowns and bonnets have been worn and are now familiar. We are used to the flower-garden appearance of our thoroughfares. It no longer surprises us to see a woman dressed in vivid purple or grass green or bright yellow. Sombre colors appear dead in our eyes. Our curiosity regarding color is sated and we now turn our attention to form. We find that skirts will generally be flounced, sleeves are large, bodices will be divided—if not by jacket fronts, by a trimming which gives that effect. Neck trimmings are aggressive and higher than ever, although it is to be hoped that this mode will change before the hot weather is fairly upon us. A Fifth avenue belle, who is already preparing her summer outfit, has a gown which is a perfect symphony in green. The gored skirt is of pale green batiste—the sheerest linen batiste—on which is a delicate line of white. About



the bottom a row of batiste rosettes, resembling full roses, encircles the gown. A tiny cord of dark green velvet outlines each seam of the skirt and that material also enters into the designing of the bodice. Straps of it appear on each side, the front and down the sleeve puffs.

The sleeves are curious, for each strap of velvet was edged one side with a lace ruche, an upstanding ruche which increased the apparent size of the sleeves. Finishing each strap of velvet on the bodice was a tiny jabot of wider lace and down the front at regular intervals were three rosettes, similar to those on the skirt, but of velvet.

The young lady proposes to wear this gown when she walks under the spreading branches of the trees and beside the rippling brook. Then a woodland fairy will she be.—The Latest in Chicago News.

When is a Woman Old?

All of the leading actresses in Germany have been asked the question put above, and some of the replies were worth noticing. Jenny Gross takes to the usual refuge that "a woman is as old as she looks." Frau Nuscha Butze thinks "a woman is only old when she tries to make herself young again." Mary Popischil declares that "as long as

a woman believes in youth and clings to her youth she appears young even when she is not really so," and Marie Reisenhofer considers somewhat obscurely that "woman is old when she begins to love reason, and finds no love in return." Rosa Bertens reflects that "a woman is old when she begins to ask herself 'When is a woman old?'" and Clara Ziegler, the famous tragedienne, is the author of a phrase in her reply: "When is a woman old? The conceited never, the unhappy too soon, and the wise at the right time."

Calling Etiquette.

(Uninitiated).—When a lady calls upon you in recognition of an invitation, it is not good form to thank her for coming, nor need you ask her to repeat her visit. Calls and cards are the currency of good society, and one is just as much under obligation to pay debt of this sort as in a commercial transaction. Of course, if one does not care for social recognition, that is quite another question. As to engaged couples, it is considered very bad form to make exhibitions of affection in public, or to call each other by endearing names. People who are extremely conservative in matters of that sort get on much better and have much more respect in the communities in which they live than those who give way to their tender sentiments in public.—N. Y. Ledger.

EFFECT OF TEA CIGARETTES.

They Give One a Sensation of Thickening in the Head.

One of the most injurious and dangerous of new fashions is the tea cigarette, says the Cincinnati Tribune. That this is no empty, baseless story of a new craze is shown by the application made last week to the commissioner of internal revenue at Washington for permission to manufacture tea cigarettes in Michigan. The applicant was told that, to engage in such manufacture, he must comply with the law governing the manufacturing of tobacco cigarettes, tea being a substitute for tobacco; that he must register, give bond and so on, and that the cigarettes when made, must be packed, stamped, branded and labeled, exactly as the tobacco cigarettes, before the government would sanction their removal from the factory for sale. Several descriptions of the tea cigarette have been printed, but these have erred in the presumption that the tea was taken as sold, rolled up in a paper and smoked. This would be practically impossible, as the sharp edges of the tea would cut the paper in all directions, spoil the draft and render the cigarettes unsmokable. To make the tea cigarette one takes a grade of green tea which has little dust, being composed of unbroken leaf, and dampens it carefully, just enough to permit the leaves to be unrolled without being broken, and so as to be left pliable and capable of being stuffed in the paper cylinder, while the dampness is not sufficient to stain the paper. The cigarettes are laid aside for a few days and are then ready to be smoked. The feeling of a tea cigarette in the mouth is peculiar. The taste is not so disagreeable as might be supposed, but the effect on the tyro is a sense of thickening of the head and a disposition to take hold of something or to sit down. If the beginner quits then, that settles it, he will not try tea cigarettes again. If, however, the smoker sits down and tries a second cigarette, inhaling it deeply, then the thickening feeling passes and is succeeded by one of intense exhilaration; the nerves are stimulated until the smoker feels like flying, skirt dancing or doing something else entirely out of the common way. This stage lasts as long as the smoke continues, which is until the reaction of the stomach sets in. Words cannot describe the final effect of the tea cigarette. The agony of the opium fiend is a shadow to that of the nauseated victim of the tea cigarette. It will be hours before food can be looked at, yet the first step toward cure is a cup of tea. An hour afterward comes the craving of the tea cigarette.

THE MERMAID FABLE.

The Manatee, an Unusually Creature, Much Resembles the Human Form.

Few people who visit the curio stand on the lake front at Palm Beach, just north of the Royal Poinciana grounds, to see the live manatee, or "sea cow," are imaginative enough to perceive in the wonderful, unlovely form of the huge pachyderm in its cage of inadequate proportions the origin of the delightful fable of the mermaids or the Grecian legends of the sirens, says the Florida Citizen. That these did originate in this monster of the sea is indisputable.

The manatee, or lamantin, the Latin name for which is manatus, belongs to the genus of herbivorous cetacea, or manatidae, its chief characteristic being its rounded tail fin, further distinguished by the presence of small flat nails at the edge of the swimming paws, in the edge of which under the skin fingers can easily be felt. Connected together as they are by strong ligaments, they possess considerable power of motion, whence the same manatee, from the Latin manus, hand. The name sea cow originated in the similarity of the manatee's mouth and nose to that of the cow. The structure of the teeth is also distinctive; the crowns of the grinders are square, with two transverse ridges.

The species, all of which are inhabitants of tropical coasts, feed entirely on plants and grasses which grow along shore and on the bed of the water, the former made accessible by the tide, which after it has retired often exhibits plain proof of their browsing. They live chiefly in shallow bays and creeks and often ascend rivers to a considerable distance from the sea.

Kings in Exile.

An interesting book could be written telling the story of the African Kings, or rather great chiefs in exile. There is an Arabi in Ceylon, and Zobel, who was sent to Gibraltar. Then there is Ja-Ja, whom the English dispatched to the West Indies (with a badly selected lot of wives, as he complained pathetically), and Behanzin of Dahomey, who was lately indebted to the French for a passage to Martinique. The English, too, have Zulu chiefs interned at St. Helena—Gungunhana and Premph—whose future place of residence is still to be decided.

An oysterman of South Norwalk, Conn., came to New York last week with a boat load of oysters. He couldn't find a profitable sale for them, so took them back and planted them again.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

SOME GOOD SHORT STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

"Comin' to Meet You Fast's I Can"—Step by Step—Science's Debt to Missions—A Song of Mother—Little Unfortunates of London.

Comin' to Meet You Fast's I Can.
—Step by Step—Science's Debt to Missions—A Song of Mother—Little Unfortunates of London.
NCE there was a little boy who down the street would run, With chubby hands, ruddy cheeks and brown eyes full of fun, When I came from work at the close of day. And this is what he was sure to say: "Hello, papa, here's yer little man, Comin' to meet you as fast's I can."

Oh, how I paused as I seemed to hear His childish voice in accent clear, And smiled as I thought of the little bare feet Pattering along on the dusty street. And the "Hello, papa, her's yer little man Comin' to meet you fast's I can."

But there came a day when a poisoned dart Entered my soul and pierced my heart, Death came like a thief and stole away The little boy who was wont to say: "Hello, papa, here's yer little man Comin' to meet you as fast's I can."

Years have passed since he died, but I still retain In my stricken heart a nameless pain. But when death from earth shall call me away Methinks I shall hear a sweet voice say: "Hello, papa, her's yer little man Comin' to meet you as fast's I can."

Oh, what bliss it will be, when I draw near The gates of heaven, his voice to hear 'Mid the song of glory and shouts of joy, The voice of my darling and aged boy, Shouting "Hello, papa, here's yer little man Comin' to meet you fast's I can."

Step by Step.

An exchange relates the following story of how a bootblack achieved success:

"A hundred years ago there lived in Oxford a little boy, whose business it was to clean the boots of the students of the famous university there. He was poor, and bright and smart. Well, this lad, whose name was George, grew rapidly in favor with the students. His prompt and hearty way of doing things, and his industrious habits and faithful deeds won their admiration. They saw in him the promise of a noble man, and they proposed to teach him a little every day.

"Eager to learn, George accepted their proposals, and he soon surprised his teachers by his rapid progress.

"A boy who, can blacken boots well can study well," said one of the students.

"Keen as a briar," said another, "and pluck enough to make a hero." But we cannot stop to tell of his patience and perseverance. He went on, step by step, just as the song goes:

"One step and then another," until he became a man, a learned and eloquent man, who preached the gospel to admiring thousands.

"The little bootblack became the renowned pulpit orator, George Whitefield."

Science's Debt to Missions.

In setting forth the debt of science to missions, Archdeacon Farrar offered these interrogatories by way of suggestion.

Is it nothing that through their labor in the translation of the Bible, the German philologist in his study may have before him the vocabulary of 250 languages?

Who created the science of anthropology? The missionaries.

Who rendered possible the deeply important science of comparative religion? The missionaries.

Who discovered the great chain of lakes in Central Africa, on which will turn its future destiny? The missionaries.

Who have been the chief explorers of Oceania, America and Asia? The missionaries.

Who discovered the famous Nestorian monument in Singar Fu? A missionary.

Who discovered the still more famous Moabite stone? A church missionary.

Low Life in London.

A glimpse of slum life in London and the chief cause of the people's poverty is given in an article in the Century entitled, "Stamping Out the London Slums." The author, Mr. Edward Marshall says:

"The public houses explain a great naty of the miseries of that miser-

able locality. There may be some teetotalers there, but there are not many and there are almost as few drinkers who are always moderate in their habits. The curse of bitter beer, raw Scotch whisky, and "tuppenny" gin rests heavy on the place. Public opinion is no weapon against it, for public opinion openly favors drinking whenever one has the necessary money, and does not regard actual drunkenness as a disgrace.

"Women drink at the bars as unconcernedly as men do, and barmaids serve them. The bar room is the gossip place, and babes and small children are carried to it and kept in it by careful mothers who gather there for the day's necessary talk. Infants sometimes cry, and at such times are permitted a sip from the maternal glass quite as other children are bribed with chocolate drops. Thus bleary eyes and drink-reddened faces often have early beginnings. The children on the streets are dirty, ragged, and vociferously lappy over small things. Adults are not genuinely happy. There is no reason why they should be. They derive much spasmodic merriment from the public houses. Drunkenness and fighting are common everywhere, especially on the streets. During one noon recess I saw three fights develop among the two dozen employes of a box factory. Nor are the combatants always men or boys."

A Prescription for Life.

If the chaplain's prescription in the following anecdote was filled and faithfully taken by every man, life would be a path of roses instead of thorns. The New York Observer recounts it.

A mixed company was gathered in the little chapel. They had come together from many quarters; there were old and young, rich and poor. Differing in many respects, they were alike in one; all were sick—some sick in body, some sick in mind, some sick at heart. They all needed to be comforted of God. The lesson for the evening was the thirty-seventh Psalm. One and another commented upon it. Then the chaplain arose:

"Dear friends," he said, "here in seven verses is a prescription for each one. Fill it, take it, and life will no longer be to you the grievous way it is now. There are six ingredients: 'Fret not,' 'Trust,' 'Delight thyself,' 'Commit thy way,' 'Rest,' and 'Wait patiently.' Then, as if a double measure was needed, 'fret not' is repeated. Try this prescription of the Great Physician, and see how it will tone the spirits while it quiets the heart."

Only these few words, and the chaplain sat down, but the clearing brow, the uplifted look, showed that into some lives the balm had dropped, and was even then beginning its work.

A Song of Mother.

In the new volume of the heretofore unpublished poems of Christina Rossetti is this charming poem, written in her mother's old age:

My blessed mother dozing in her chair On Christmas day seemed an embodied Love,

A comfortable Love with soft brown hair,

Softened and silvered to a tint of dove;

A better sort of Venus with an air Angelical from thoughts that dwell above;

A wiser Pallas in whose body fair Enshrined a blessed soul looks out thereof.

Winter brought holly then; now spring has brought

Paler and frailer snowdrops shivering;

And I have brought a simple, humble thought—

I her devoted, dutious Valentine— A life-long thought which thrills this song I sing,

A life-long love to this dear saint of mine.

Love That Is Perfect.

A church legend and its lesson is recalled by Rev. Cabel D. Bradlee thus: A woman was seen running through the streets of Jerusalem, with a pot of red-hot coals in one hand and a cruse of water in the other hand. When she was asked what she wanted to do, she replied:

"With the water I am going to put out the abyss, and with the fire I am going to burn up heaven, in order that man may love God for himself alone."

This legend sets in clear light the truth that we must not be good simply because we want to go to heaven, nor because we fear, if we are bad, that we shall be lost. Ah, no! for that would be simply a matter of calculation, that would be a mere mercantile bargain, and that would be utter selfishness.

Sometime, Somewhere.

Unanswered yet? Nay, do not say un-

granted;

Perhaps your part is not yet wholly done.

The work began when first your prayer was uttered.

And God will finish what He has begun.

If you will keep the incense burning there,

His glory you shall see sometime, somewhere.

—Sel.