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CHARACTERS.

SIR JULIAN BRIGHT (forty-five), Lady Bright (thirty-six), Dora Colquhoun (twenty-two), Richard Humphrey (thirty).

Scene: The deck of Sir Julian's yacht Marqueterie, at anchor in Oban Bay. The sea is seated in lounge chairs, with open books lying idly on their laps.

Lady Bright: My dear, Sir Julian may say what he pleases, I call it a storm.

Dora: O, a hurricane, Lady Bright. (Anxiously.) Don't you think it was a hurricane?

Lady Bright (smiling): Is that worse than a storm?

Dora: Words are so misapplied. People will call any thing a storm, but they only say "hurricane" when—when it is a hurricane.

Lady Bright: I see. Dora (earnestly): And you thought we were certainly going to be shipwrecked, didn't you?

Lady Bright: My dear, I hoped for the best.

Dora: But you thought there was a chance? (Eagerly.) Say at least you thought there was a chance.

Lady Bright: Of course, Dora; there is always a chance.

Dora (tentatively): A probability?

Lady Bright: O, come, you are getting foolish. There was a chance—there may have been a probability—but we came through it safe and sound after all, so why should we trouble ourselves any more about it?

(Enter Sir Julian, with a newspaper in his hand, which he is perusing with evident amusement.)

Sir Julian (to his wife, still smiling): My dear, you will remember that puff of wind we had a few days ago—on the 14th, I think it was?

Lady Bright: Don't be ridiculous, Julian. It was a storm.

Sir Julian: The men call it a "capful."

Lady Bright: The men are as absurd as you are, and you encourage them. A puff of wind! It is a mercy we are not all at this moment at the bottom of the sea.

Sir Julian: Tut, tut—there was nothing to be nervous about. You were not frightened, Dora?

Dora: O, Sir Julian, I was terrified; you know I was.

Sir Julian: Well, if I remember you kept your heads, at any rate. It seems there were others out on the same day who were not so successful.

Lady Bright (quickly): Someone on the yacht?

Sir Julian: O, dear, no. I was alluding to an amusing little paragraph in the Glasgow—er—(looks at the title of the paper)—the Glasgow Courier.

Dora (starting up): Let me see it, Sir Julian.

Sir Julian: Not necessary, Dora; I am going to read it.

Dora: But let me see it first.

Sir Julian (smiling): You want to rob me of my share of the fun; but I won't be robbed. Now, be quiet. No, no—don't tease me. (He finds the place on the paper and begins reading aloud.) "Yesterday morning a cottager on the island of Mull picked up an Eau-de-

graph): "A small piece of string was tied round the neck of the bottle, to which was attached the torn head of an ordinary luggage label." There you have your woman, you see. She directs a label, ties it round the neck of a bottle, and tosses the bottle into the sea.

Lady Bright (scornfully): I suppose your man would have put the address inside, where nobody could see it?

Sir Julian: Without a doubt.

Lady Bright (clenching it): So the bottle would have been opened and the private communication read.

Sir Julian (imperturbably): My dear, I am not at all surprised at your remark. It is precisely what results from its application? The private communication is not only read, but—worse—(tapping the paper) it is published.

Dora (with sudden fierceness): It is scandalous!

Sir Julian (raising his eyebrows): What—you as well?

Dora: It is atrocious: It—it—ugh! They should be punished—they should be horsewhipped! (Stamps her foot.)

Sir Julian: My dear Dora, I cannot help thinking your anger is unreasonable. Here is a letter, unaddressed—or, more probably, with the address lost—and unsigned. From its contents it is obviously intended for a particular person. How is it to be brought to that person's notice? Surely, only by publication.

Lady Bright (with a heavy sigh): Supposing you read the letter, Julian.

Dora: It is a breach of confidence.

Sir Julian: Then I stand indicted, for I fear I have already done so.

Dora (preparing to walk away): I won't stay to listen to it.

Sir Julian (paternally): My dear Dora, I cannot countenance any such proceeding at all. I have come to this part of the deck on purpose to enjoy your society, and that society I intend to enjoy. In return I have a mild delectation to offer in the shape of this paragraph. You may take my word for it, it is as good as that novel. (He forces her gently back into the chair.)

Lady Bright (wearily): Really, Julian, my patience has limits.

Sir Julian (good humoredly): My dear, I am not in a position to contradict you. (Raises the paper.) The letter is headed "Sept. 14, somewhere off the West of Scotland." You observe the date? "Dearest," it begins, "we are in the middle of a raging storm. The waves are like mountains; the sun is eclipsed; at every moment I think we shall be at the bottom of the sea." Very prettily put. Does it strike you so, Constance?

Lady Bright: Let us get to the end.

Sir Julian: You must take this in connection with the freshness on the 14th. "Before I die I want to tell you that when you asked me something at the Caledonian hall a week ago I didn't reply as I felt. Something had put me out—something trivial, something petty—and for spite I lied. It seemed nothing then—I didn't even know it was a lie. But now that the end is so near it comes before me like a great sin. Forgive me, dear, I would have loved you had I lived; and some day, when you have found some one better, and I am under the sea, perhaps you will think of me kindly after all."

Lady Bright (quietly): Poor thing! How sad!

Sir Julian: I'll engage that the young lady who wrote that is wishing at this moment she'd been born with a better set of nerves. Don't you think so, Dora?

(Dora's face is hidden in her book, and she makes no reply.)

Sir Julian (with his hand over his eyes, looking landward): Quiet—yes. Pardon me. I fancy there is someone hailing the yacht. (He hurries off.)

(Lady Bright crosses to Dora and puts her arm around her. After an interval Sir Julian returns with Richard Humphrey. The latter has a newspaper protruding from his pocket, and Sir Julian is leading him by the arm.)

Sir Julian: I can't help thinking, you know, Humphrey, that you've treated me a bit scurvily. You promise to join us on this trip; two days before we start you come to me with a long face and a tale about America; and now just as I am expecting to hear from you from New York, you hail my yacht.

Humphrey (with an uneasy laugh): You see, I was anxious to escape the storm that you came in for.

Sir Julian: Storm! Why, you're as bad as the ladies. It was a trifle blustering on the 14th, but since then we've had it like a mill-pond. (To his wife) My dear, here is Humphrey, after all. I tell him he ought to be ashamed of himself.

Lady Bright (meaningly): I know at least one other person to whom a similar remark would not be misapplied.

(She smiles, passes her arm through her husband's, and leads him off.)

Dora (nervously): This is an unexpected pleasure, Mr. Humphrey.

Humphrey: I had hoped it might not be altogether so.

Dora: We thought you had gone to America.

Humphrey: Had I done so I should never have seen this (his hand touches the newspaper in his pocket).

Dora (blushing scarlet): Oh, burn it, burn it!

Humphrey (darting to her side): Then it was yours?

Dora (smiling): I decline to reply.

Humphrey (bending closer): But I may stay here?

Dora: Oh, Dick! (Curtain.)—W. Pig-gott in Black and White.

TENNYSON'S TWO LETTERS.

He Could Not Decide About Accepting the Laureateship.

Peel has not read a syllable of Tennyson. But Milnes showed him "Locksley Hall" and "Ulysses" and the pension of £200 was immediately granted.

More than six months passed after Wordsworth's death before the office was filled up, but the offer came to Tennyson at last. He has himself given a curious account of the way it received it. He told his friend, Mr. Knowles: "The night before I was asked to take the laureateship, which was offered to me through Prince Albert's liking for my 'In Memoriam,' I dreamed that he came to me and kissed me on the cheek. I said in my dream: 'Very kind, but very German.' In the morning the letter about the laureateship was brought to me and laid upon my bed. I thought about it through the day, but could not make up my mind whether to take it or refuse it, and at last I wrote two letters, one accepting and one declining, and threw them on the table and settled to decide which I would send after my dinner and a bottle of port." It is rather curious that Tennyson in his first appearance at court exactly followed Wordsworth's precedent. He dressed at Rogers' and wore the old poet's court suit just as Wordsworth had done. "I will remember," says Sir Henry Taylor, "a dinner in St. James place, when the question arose whether Samuel's suit was spacious enough for Alfred." But the laureate managed to make it do. Of Tennyson merely as laureate there is fortunately little to say. He did not write much in his official capacity. The "Ode on the Death of the Duke of Wellington" would probably have been written even if Tennyson had never had anything to do with the lord chamberlain. It was not because he was a laureate that Tennyson was a patriot. His other pieces on royal weddings and so forth are slight and unimportant.

Degenerate Tendencies of a Hat. "Did you know that a derby hat left on the shelves two or three years would assume a funnier shape than a fake baseball player?" said a Lisbon street hatter a few days ago. "Well, it's so. Here is a hat. It has been on the shelf three years. Look at it. Do you suppose I ever bought such a bean-pot as that? No man ever designed it. Look at the brim. It isn't wider than the back of your jack-knife. The fact is that the hats are made under pressure and heat. Left to themselves they distort along the lines of pressure. Sometimes the brim crawls up into the crowns and sometimes the crowns evaporate into the brims. I've seen an old-fashioned flat-crowned, wide-rimmed hat so emphasize its peculiarity that in one year it became flatter than an Aunt Jenima pancake and so funny that it would break up a revival service."—Lewiston Journal.

"The Duchess" has just published her twenty-eighth novel. It is called "A Point of Conscience," and deals with the same kind of characters which she has made known in her previous twenty-seven works.

DEAD LIST INCREASE.

DAMAGE OF PROPERTY ESTIMATED AT TWO MILLIONS.

No Assistance Needed—St. Louis Sends Out Word that She is Ample Able to Care for Her Afflicted—East St. Louis is in Bad Shape.

St. Louis, May 30.—Last night 48 hours after the tornado of Wednesday tore its way through the city, there exists about as much uncertainty as to the actual number of people killed and the amount of property damaged as on the first morning of the disaster. Scores of dead have been identified, but no one is willing to venture to guess as to how many bodies may be in the ruins of the hundreds of buildings as yet unexplored.

The local number of dead in St. Louis identified up to last night is 162, and in East St. Louis 127. In St. Louis there are 22 bodies still unidentified, and in East St. Louis 2.

In East St. Louis the city officials declared yesterday evening that they had hope that the death roll on that side of the river will not exceed 150, but the ruins upon which rescuers have not yet begun to work may carry the total far beyond that figure.

The estimates on property loss have grown wider and further apart. Guesses were made yesterday all the way from \$2,000,000 to \$50,000,000 for St. Louis, and from \$1,500,000 to \$20,000,000 for East St. Louis. The most popular estimate is in the neighborhood of \$25,000,000 for both cities, including buildings damaged. The building contractors of the city have been overwhelmed with orders for rebuilding, and the work of wiping out the havoc of the storm will be pushed with all energy.

The committee in charge announced last night that the auditorium to be used for the republican national convention had been repaired, and now shows not the slightest effect of the storm.

Although thousands of men have been at work night and day clearing away the wreckage in the path of the tornado, they have scarcely made a perceptible impression toward restoring the chaotic confusion to anything like order. Passage ways have been made through some of the principal thoroughfares, it is true, but for the most part the streets are still choked with the battered remains of homes and factories, hospitals and churches.

St. Louis, Mo., May 30.—The destitution, misery and want here has touched the hearts of the people in all parts of the country and as a result ever since the storm of Wednesday offers of help and contributions have been pouring in. Up to a late hour yesterday \$45,000 was the total amount of donations received.

Late last night the following card, in answer to hundreds of telegrams of inquiry was sent out by Mayor Walbridge:

"It is not practical to make individual answer to the vast number of friends who have telegraphed sympathy and offers of help. Through the medium of the associated Press I sincerely thank the city's many friends for the interest they have shown and the proffers of aid. The people of this city are confident of their ability to properly care for all the sufferers from the recent tornado, and heroic efforts are being made to that end. No accurate estimate of the loss of property can now be made, but it is safe to say that the loss, as reported by the press outside of St. Louis has been greatly overestimated.

C. P. WALLBRIDGE. East St. Louis, Ill., May 30.—H. D. Sexton, vice-president of the Workingmen's bank and principal owner of the East St. Louis street railway, was one of the fortunate ones who escaped. His story is worth repeating:

"I was standing outside of my office." Mr. Sexton, "watching the storm. There were apparently two currents of air. A strong wind was blowing almost directly from the north, while from the direction of St. Louis I could see the black clouds coming toward us. As the north wind struck the clouds they lifted momentarily and then down they came. The wind, however, ceased and it began

to rain. Then the wind came from the south. All of a sudden one of the big windows flew out, and just as it did I saw the roof of a building across the street blown off and come toward us. 'Run for your lives!' I shouted to those inside, and with that I ran and got under a desk and remained there for what appeared half an hour, but it was really not more than five minutes. Soon, by the aid of lightning, I saw that the street car pole in front of the office had stopped the flying roof. If it had not been for that every one of us would probably have been killed. As it was, we escaped with few scratches."

The Senate.

Washington, May 30.—The senate reached an agreement yesterday to take a final vote on the bill to prohibit the issue of bonds on Tuesday next before adjournment, Mr. Hill reserving the right to postpone the vote. The bills repealing the law relating to rebates on alcohol used in the arts; and amending the law concerning the distilling of brandy from fruits were passed. The latter authorizes the exemption of distillers of brandy made from fruits from the provisions relating to the manufacture of spirits, except as to the tax thereon.

Mr. Butler (Pop.), of North Carolina, author of the bill to prohibit the issue of bonds, declared that the gold element was about to execute a skillful stroke of politics by allowing the Chicago convention to be controlled by silver men, in order to weight down the cause with the evils of the Democratic party, which had become "a stench in the nostrils of the American people." He appealed to the silver men not to be deceived by this piece of politics.

In answer to a query from Mr. Gear (Rep.), of Iowa, as to what methods outside of the ballot would be adopted to correct financial legislation. Mr. Butler declared that the time might come when an outraged people might swing some man from a limb. The senator said he had seen men swing to a limb who were less infamous than those who participated in the financial crimes.

Mr. Butler presented a letter written by Mr. Gear, in 1890, favorable to free silver, which brought out an explanation from the Iowa senator that an investigation of the subject had led him to change his mind.

The senate then adjourned until Monday.

Vetoed It.

Washington, May 30.—The house spent almost the entire day debating the Johnson-Stokes contested election case from the Seventh Carolina district. The republicans were badly divided. Those who favored seating the contestant, Johnson, found themselves slightly in the minority when the voting began, and inaugurated a filibuster, which lasted until the conference report on the naval appropriation bill came to the rescue, and the house recessed before final action was taken. Johnson's partisans were outvoted—105 to 95 and 103 to 99.

The river and harbor veto bill was read and referred without debate to the committee. Mr. Herman states that action on the motion to pass the bill over the veto would probably be taken on Tuesday.

The naval appropriation bill was again sent to conference, the two houses disagreeing on the number of battle ships and the senate amendment limiting the cost of armor plate to \$350 a ton. Mr. Boutelle said that it had been ascertained that the average cost of armor plate was \$500. He read a letter from Secretary Herbert criticising the language of the amendment, which, the secretary said, might prevent direct contracts with ship builders for ships and armors.

Maher and Shavin Discharged.

New York, May 30.—Peter Maher, Tom O'Rourke and Shavin appeared before Judge Ingraham yesterday evening and waited until 10:30 for the complainants who sought to prevent their bout before the Eureka athletic club at Long Island city. At that hour no one had appeared and the prisoners were discharged. The wait necessitated a postponement of the bout and the club will begin action against all who took part in the prosecution of the men.



AN AMUSING LITTLE PARAGRAPH. Cologne bottle, securely corked and sealed, which had apparently been washed ashore. Now, there's originality to begin with. It was not a medicine bottle, it was not a whisky bottle—it was an Eau-de-Cologne bottle.

Dora (who has changed color, hastily): Of course it was a hoax.

Sir Julian: That remains to be seen; but for my part, I am rather inclined to believe the thing is genuine.

Lady Bright (growing interested): Do get on with it, Julian; you are so slow.

Sir Julian (proceeding with the para-

H. D. Pease
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Kentucky goes two to one in favor of free silver.

About 500 persons were killed and fatally injured and property destroyed to the amount of \$20,000,000 by the cyclone at St. Louis on the evening of May the 25th. Of course these figures may and will be changed before the wreckage is cleared away and the damages repaired, but it is entirely safe to say that it was the most destructive visitation of the kind ever experienced in the United States.

Last week Colorado Spokesman reports that the mercury went to 108 in the shade in that city, we believe that breaks the record for the time of the year.

The Dallas County gold bugs have split on the question as to whether they would fight silver in or out of the Democratic party.

At the Moscow coronation on the morning of May the 23d about 1,000 people were tramped to death in a general stampede of two hundred thousand people. A banquet was being prepared for 500,000 people and they were making their way to the place when the disastrous rush took place.

Over one hundred and twenty thousand head of muttons have been shipped from Angelo to the markets this spring and there are at least from forty to fifty thousand in sight. These are concentrated in a few hands and these parties are prepared to hold until the market justifies shipping. Averaging these at \$2.50 per head which is a fair figure, the total proceeds of our mutton crop this spring will be \$425 000.—San Angelo Standard.

A hog has recently been exhibited by a Mr. Ratigan, at Kaufman Texas, which weighed 1429 pounds is 8 feet long and 4 feet and 1 inch high and is 6 feet around the neck. It is claimed that the animal can be made to weigh over 2000 pounds.

A batch of foreigners who went before a judge in May's landing, N. J., the other day to be naturalized showed ignorance so thick you could have cut it off with a knife. When asked who was the president of the United States, one of them answered the czar of Russia and in answer to the question, "where is the capitol of the United States?" he replied at At

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lantic city. This still dont copper the third party man in Coke county, who, when asked if he knew the name of the president of the United States, replied, "George Washington."—Colorado Times.

The Rustler is in receipt of a catalogue of the State Summer Normal, which begins at Sweetwater on June 23rd and closes August 1st. Faculty is composed of eminent teachers, who will ably conduct the school, and we give it as our opinion that any one would do well to attend it who can.

You will find Sweetwater to be a nice pleasant place, with some of the best people in the world.

Where contraction pinches. Do not "cuss" railroads for taking what you vote them out of your own pocket. While the money of the country is being reduced one half and all produce in consequence sells for half it otherwise would the following from one of the daily paper shows that the big railroad corporations continue to prosper and grow rich by going on charging the same rates as if produce were worth as much again. "It is expected that the annual report of the Chicago and Northwestern road which will be presented to the annual meeting of the directors next week will make the best showing of any similar report made in recent years. It is thought that it will show an increase in earnings of over 5,000,000 and the surplus will be the largest in ten years."

The State Labor Journal in its issue of May 23rd, gives an account of an old man by the name of William Whittaker being choked, kicked and cursed by the post master and superintendent of the Thurber Coal Mining Co., while he was delivering Labor Journals the circulation of which it seems amongst its employees. The Journal claims this to be one of many such outrages perpetrated in defiance to law and order by the company, and if one half of the article referred to is founded on facts the town of Thurber remains a perpetual reminder of the inefficiency of the laws of Texas.

From Brother Fair.

Comanche, Texas, June 1, '96.
To The Rustler:
I have not written for the paper of Coke county for some time because 1st, I have been busy and second, I thought perhaps other correspondants could furnish

more interesting matter for your readers than I could. But now I feel like I want to write, hoping to interest some of your readers at least. We are needing rain very badly and the weather is very warm. Oats and corn are needing rain badly and if it does not rain real soon the crops will be almost a failure. Politics are very high now. The Populist here nominated a full ticket, which they say will be elected, which is so if they stuck together, unless the republicans and democrats unite. But notwithstanding the hot, dry weather and political excitement the people still marry and are given in marriage, just as they did in the days of the flood—Math. 24 and 38.

Well, we are quite lonely since our school closed for that evening Mrs. Fair, Mrs. Hallmark and "our baby" Leah left for Coke county and the next morning Ellis left to work on the farm eight miles from town. They have been gone more than a week. We will be lonesome 'till our "better half" returns. The Brownwood District Conference meets here the second day of July and we expect several of our friends from Coke and Nolan counties to visit us then.

Our farmers are a little blue because of the dry weather. Religiously: Our prospects are very good. I think this the most moral town of its size I ever saw. Although there are three saloons here we seldom see a drunk man or hear a profane oath. I believe the moral status of the town is attributable to an efficient city board officers. Success to the Rustler and Coke county.
Geo. F. Fair.

The time of the Summer Normal at Coleman has been changed. It will begin July 1st, and close August 1st.

Sanco School Closes.

We are authorized to announce that the Sanco school will close with an entertainment at night on Friday the 12th.

The school is preparing a short program, which is expected to be right interesting.

The following persons are expected to disperse music for the occasion: Miss Minerva Green organ, K and Joe Green, violin, J. A. Gardner, guitar and J. W. Tunnell, flute. All are invited to attend.

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Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:
Bronte, 1st " 11 a. m.
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to call and see our complete stock of
DRESS GOODS, SHIRT WAISTS, LADIES VESTS,
EMBROIDERIES, LACES & ETC.
Our Motto: "Quick Sales and Small Profits."

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ROBERT LEE LIVERY STABLE

I have now assumed control of the ED GOOD Livery
Stable. I will keep good Teams, good Buggies and Har-
ness for my patrons and will treat you right when put up
my Stable. Free Wagon Yard in connection.

Respectfully,
R. P. Perry.

Wagon And Feed Yard.

Alvin Campbell, San Angelo, Texas.
All Kinds of Feed. The Best Water. The Best Stalls. A Good
Brick Camp House. The Best Attention
to Customers. The best Accommodations
For The Least Money. We
Appreciate Your
Trade.
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Better Bargains for the Cash than any other house in town.

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[Successor to Hamilton, & Pattenon]

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Robert Lee, Texas,

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

RATES FOR ANNOUCNMENTS FOR OFFICE,

The RUSTLER will charge the
following prices for announcing
candidates for office.

Announcement Fees Al- ways 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. Merchant as a candidate for
the office of County Judge of
Coke county, subject to the action
of the Peoples Party.

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

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 ac-
tion of the Peoples Party.

We are authorized to announce
R. E. 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, sub-
ject 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 Col-
lector 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 Sher-
iff 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 Coun-
ty, 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.

We are authorized to announce
W. R. McDonald a candidate
for the office of County Treasurer
of Coke county, subject to the
action of the Peoples Party.

Married.

On last Wednesday evening at
6 o'clock on the 3d of this month
at the residence of the brides par-
ents, near Ft. Chadbourne, Mr. J.
A. Alexander and Miss Neva Cala-
way were happily made man and
wife, Rev. L. Brightman perform-
ing the ceremony. Mr. Alexander
is one of Hayicks best young men
and Miss Calaway has long been
known as one of the fairest of the
fair at Ft. Chadbourne. Only a
few friends and relatives of the
contracting parties were present
but they were treated to a most
bounteous supper. Mr. Brightman
and Ed Mobley being Methodists
were each seated by a dish of
chicken at supper and they de-
clare it to have been one of the
most enjoyable affairs ever atten-
ded by them. The Rustler joins
their many friends in best wishes.

The San-Angelo Standard re-
ports nearly 2,000,000 pounds of
wool sold in that city last week
at from 5 1-2 to 6 1-2 cents a pound

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 great-
ly 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.

Attempted Suicide.

On last Sunday, a little past
noon, one J.R. Phillips, who at the
time staying at Mart Trammels,
took or pretended to take a con-
siderable quantity of a solution of
strychnine. Dr Latham was called
to see him and gave medicine that
caused him to vomit before the
poison took effect. Trouble was
the cause assigned for the foolish
act. We presume that the trouble
was that Phillips was too lazy to
work and not slick enough to suc-
ceed as a deadbeat. He left Tues-
day morning over the Sweetwater
mail line.

Lumber!

I don't get any puffs about my
lumber yard. I can't afford to
give any flaming ads nor can I af-
ford to sell at big prices. As I
can't hold for better prices, my
aim is to sell for less than any
body in order to get the trade.
I am not so popular as to sell on
that, hence I can and will sell good
lumber and shingles for lower
prices than any body. Shingles
from \$2.50 up, lumber from \$1.50
up. Special prices on big lots.

F. K. Nance.

San Angelo, Texas.

Notice.

Saturday before the first Sun-
day 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.

Buggies at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.

Notice.

L. B. Murray handed us the
following for publication, which
relates to the Brightman-Milhol-
land land case, same being a certi-
fied copy of Mr. Murray's evi-
dence in the case:

"On this day personally appear-
ed L. B. Murray and after being
by me duly sworn says that he is
well acquainted with L. H. Bright-
man and that he seen him and his
family camped on section No. 408
the land above described in the
early part of September 1895."

Sworn and subscribed to before
Ed M. Mobley March 11th, 1896.
L. B. MURRAY.

W. C. Hayley in Arkansas.

W. C. Hayley writes the Rust-
ler from Texarkana, Ark. under
date of May 30th.

He says he was 48 hours on the
road from here there; had a pleas-
ant ride; looked over the largest
cotton acreage that he ever saw
cotton is late, but clean of grass
and weeds; wheat and oat crop al-
most a failure and only a small
crop of corn, though the people
tell him they have enough corn in
their barns to do them until next
year. There is a fine fruit crop
from Temple to Texarkana.

He says "Black berries are ripe
now and dont you forget but
what I more than go after them."
"Twenty years ago I left the
timber and have never seen any
since 'till now. "I have to look
twice to see the top of one tree.
"I picked a chew of sweet gum.

"Lumber: There are 36 cars of
logs sawed into lumber every day
at one saw mill, making 216 car
loads a week. Lumber is worth
from \$5 to \$10 per thousand, ow-
ing to quality. "He says he is hav-
ing plenty of vegetables and ripe
fruit." While this country is not
rich it is a fine vegetable country.
Dry goods and groceries about
the same prices as in west Texas.
Health generally good. Land is
high, and then not as good as the
land in Coke County. "I want to
say to my Coke county friends,
stay in Coke county. So far as a
home is concerned you cannot bet-
ter your self by coming to Arkán-
saw or the Nation. He wants the
Rustler sent him and says we may
hear from him again.

W. R. McDonald came before
the people last week as a candida-
te for the Treasurers office.

Mr. McDonald is well known over
the county and retains the confi-
dence and respect of the people
and he is believed to be a suitable
man for the office he seeks.

When you go to cast your vote
give his cause your consideration.

Stoves at Hagelsteins, n Sa Angelo

San Angelo Bottling Works.

J. E. Stewart is agent for the
San Angelo Bottling Works and
will deliver your soda-pop and
cider in Robert Lee. Call on him.

W. C. Harris and Kearney
Mayes left Thursday night for
Cedar Vale, Kansas, to take care of
their cattle. Mrs. Mays stopped
over to visit her parents in Marlin.
—San Angelo Standard.

The Bronte nine say they will
play the Ft-Chadourne boys when-
ever they will get in the road. the
sooner the better or they will
play any other team in reach on
any day that may be mentioned.
The Bronte boys make a good team
and will probably make interest-
ing for the nine that runs up
against them.

Call of Chairman of P. P.

To the chairmen of the P. P.
clubs of Coke county:

You are hereby requested to call
a meeting of your clubs to meet
not later than Saturday, July 4th,
for the purpose of electing dele-
gates to meet at Robert Lee, Coke
county, on Saturday, July 11th,
at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose
of determining whether we will
hold a county primary or not, and
to attend to such other business
as may be of importance.

Respectfully,
T. C. Baldwin,
Chairman P. P. Coke county.

If you would help us it pay us
a little on your subscription.

Wanted—An Idea Who can think
of some simple
method of
protecting your ideas; they may bring you wealth.
Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO. Patent Attor-
neys, Washington, D. C., for their \$1.00 price offer
and list of two hundred inventions wanted.

A NEW SETTLEMENT.

GERMAN FARMERS FORMING A COLONY OF THEIR OWN.

Twelve New Houses in the Course of Construction, and Machinery Has Arrived for a New Gin Plant, With a Capacity of 60 Bales a Day.

Taylor, Tex., June 1.—Straubville is the name of a prosperous German settlement of farmers being built up in the Burkitt & Burns pasture south of Taylor, which will prove a great feeder to the commercial interests of the city. This large pasture, heretofore under fence, has been cut up into small farms and is being populated very rapidly with a thrifty, industrious class of German farmers. Twelve new houses are now in course of construction in this settlement and machinery has arrived for a new gin plant to be erected, of 55-horsepower and a capacity of 40 bales a day. Straubville has a new church, school house, and contracts have been let for boring three artesian wells. Crops in this black waxy section of country are in splendid condition and growing rapidly. Inasmuch as the prevailing drouth has but little effect on black waxy soil the outlook for abundant crops in this section are indeed flattering.

Land Suit Settled.

San Antonio, Tex., June 1.—In the United States circuit court here yesterday the suit of Mary F. Ames, executor et al. vs. P. H. Wentworth et al. and a counter suit between said parties, involving more than 100,000 acres of land in Southwest Texas, was settled by the court entering a decree that the plaintiff recover of defendant 100,000 acres of land in Sutton, Edwards and Kimble counties, on condition that she relinquish her claim for \$22,500 against P. H. Wentworth and J. J. Marsha, deceased. The receivership in the case was closed and the receiver discharged.

Hall Fixed.

Anderson, Tex., June 1.—George D. Tucker and three others have been arrested, charged with killing Bob Ward, near Bedias, about three weeks ago. At the habeas corpus trial, last Tuesday and Wednesday, bail was granted to George D. Tucker in the sum of \$3,000, to W. S. Harrison \$1,500, to M. Snow \$1,000 and to J. W. Mathews \$500, all of which was given in open court.

In Self-Defense.

Bryan, Tex., June 1.—In an altercation between Dr. W. F. Green and Dr. J. S. Reed, both colored, Green was shot yesterday. The two met in the postoffice, about 2 p. m. Both parties drew their pistols and commenced firing, resulting in Dr. Green receiving a fatal shot in the left breast and Dr. Reed a slight wound in the left arm. Reed was arrested and landed in jail, and in an interview says that the

Afraid of Another.

Sherman, Tex., June 1.—At 9 p. m. last evening the barometer registered 29.07, very forbidding. At 10 p. m. it had risen to 29.14, and every thing indicates that the storm predicted by the weather bureau would prove to be heavy rains. The Western sky was filled with clouds, indicating electrical displays, but with no indication of the tornado or hurricane order.

Canon Released.

Beaumont, Tex., June 1.—Will Cannon of Beaumont is free. The sheriff of Fulton county, Ga., is the man who with one short sentence dispelled the anxiety of the boy's hosts of friends and brought out the end, which his relatives here have all along anticipated. "That ain't the man," said the Georgian, as he walked into the cage where Cannon has been confined since Wednesday. He was released.

Sixty-Six Victims.

Sherman, Tex., June 1.—Mrs. N. E. Atkins died yesterday of lockjaw, superinduced by injuries received in the tornado. Her residence, 1102 West Center street, was totally destroyed. Her death makes the number of fatalities in the city fifty-nine, and total number of deaths in the tonado's path in this county sixty-six.

High School Graduates.

Mineola, Tex., June 1.—The closing exercises of the Mineola high school were held at the opera house Saturday night. Graduating class: Misses Lorena Smith, Sara Sodekson and Iona McWhorter, E. W. McCorrish, V. V. Hart, and J. T. Henry.

Alleged Moonshiners.

Tyler, Tex., June 1.—Charley Clifton and Gressom Carter were arrested by Deputy United States Marshal Eason charged with running a moonshine still on the Sabine river in this county. Clifton made bond of \$500. Carter was remanded to jail.

Pierced the Heart.

Temple, Tex., May 30.—Thursday night Tom Ryan, an M. K. & T. brakeman, was murdered about four miles north of temple. His body was brought here yesterday and will be shipped to his old home at Grand Saline for burial. The circumstances of this murder, as related by L. J. Parker, a negro, and corroborated by such circumstantial evidence as has so far been adduced, are substantially as follows:

At Taylor two tramps and the negro Parker got on conductor Webers' train of which Tom Ryan was head brakeman. When the train got to Temple Ryan told the tramps that they would have to get off, but allowed the negro to ride, further as they were old acquaintances and both lived in Hillsboro. The tramps got on the train again and Ryan discovered them in a box car and called the negro to help him eject them. The two crawled down between the cars and the negro started to climb in at the window when the tramps opened fire, the first shot striking the negro in the calf of the leg that was inside the window.

He retreated and no more shots were fired at him. He got on top of the car and crawled away and layed down. As he left he heard two more shots. These two shots had been fired at Ryan. One of the pierced him through the heart, the other through the body. He fell to the side of the track dead and his absence was not discovered until the train had reached Lorena, when the negro was found by the train crew and related the trouble. The negro was brought back to Temple, but Ryan's body was not found until this morning, when it was brought and prepared for shipment. Some arrests have been made, but no strong clues have yet been discovered, nor has the negro identified any of the prsons.

Struck in the Abdomen.

Sherman, Tex., May 30.—Lewis Stinnett, colored, was arrested Thursday night on the charge of being intoxicated in a public place, and carried to the station house. He was placed in a cell occupied by a man named Northcutt. Almost as soon as he was locked up Stinnett complained that Northcutt had struck him with a piece of iron. He was removed immediately and found to have received a severe cut or stab in the abdomen from which the intestines protruded and were found to have been punctured. His condition is very critical.

Northcutt was transferred to the Houston street prison this morning. Later on a complaint charging W. W. Northcutt with insanity was filed before Judge Wood, who, however, states that he will not hear the case until he sees the outcome of Stinnett's hurts. Northcutt was arrested several months ago, but was turned over to his relatives, who thought they could restrain him.

For Contempt.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 30.—Yesterday afternoon the officials of the city attorney's office had Andrew Jackson, the attorney for Mrs. Lavista Bragg, who is in jail charged with the murder of her husband, George Bragg, summoned before the grand jury. Attorney Jackson declined to answer the questions propounded to him with the result that he was taken before Judge Green of the forty-eighth district court charged with contempt. The case will come up for hearing in the morning. It is alleged that the local press has been gathering much touching the murder from attorney Jackson and publishing the same. The source from whence Mr. Jackson derived all this information is what the grand jury wants to know. His contention is that an attorney cannot be compelled to divulge the information desired.

Beatty Murder.

Sherman, Tex., May 30.—In the case of John Evans and Dock Richardson charged with the murder of A. P. Beatty in the Choctaw nation the morning session was consumed in the introduction of testimony to the effect that defendants were elsewhere and could not have been at the scene of the murder where it is shown to have taken place. The court remanded both to jail without bail to answer to the next sitting of the federal grand jury.

Shot in the Head.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 30.—In a difficulty on East Fourteenth street last night M. Coe was shot in the head and hand by Fred Langver. The weapon used was a small 32 pistol. The men were some distance apart. Officer Tom Payne was an eye-witness, and arrested Langver and locked him up. The men were brother-in-law. Coe's wounds are not considered dangerous.

Joe Wolcott got the decision over Quinn recently at Boston in a twenty round go.

ONE THOUSAND DEAD.

ST. LOUIS STRUCK BY A HORRIBLE CYCLONE.

Buildings Blown Down and Many Boats on the River Sunk—The Hospitals are Full of Injured and the Morgue is Filled With the Dead.

Chicago, Ill., May 28.—One of the greatest disasters of recent years overwhelmed the city of St. Louis last night in the shape of a cyclone which began shortly after 5 o'clock and for thirty minutes tore its awful way through the city with a velocity of over eighty miles an hour.

Although reports from there are very meagre owing to the almost total destruction of telegraph wires, it seems certain that the number of dead and wounded will amount to fully 1000 and the damage done amounts to millions of dollars.

The city hospital which fortunately survived the storm, is filled to overflowing with mangled men, women and children, and the morgue within two hours after the end of the storm was so full of corpses that it was necessary to provide other quarters for the reception of the dead.

In addition to those who were killed in their houses and in the streets, hundreds of dead are beneath the waters of the Mississippi river. Of all the steamers on the levees when the storm broke out but one is now afloat. All the others have gone down, in many instances every soul on board being lost, and others, not over two or three, being able to reach a place of safety.

Among the boats destroyed is the excursion steamer Great Republic, one of the largest steamers on the lower river. Not a man escaped from her, and it is said she was crowded with excursionists when the storm came.

The center of the city is a wreck. Many buildings have been demolished, and others partially wrecked. The streets are utterly impassable to street cars and in many places progress on foot is a matter of great difficulty.

To add to the horrors of the night the electric light plants were rendered incapable of service and the gas lamps are also shut off, leaving the city in total darkness.

Fire also broke out in several portions of the city and the fire departments were unable to make an effective fight because of the choked up condition of the streets and the large number of firemen who were engaged in the imperative work of rescuing the dead and wounded.

The only authentic information from the stricken city last night was sent out by the agent of the Associated Press, who managed to reach an outlying telegraph office and send a brief dispatch as follows:

"Tornado blowing at the rate of over eighty miles an hour struck St. Louis last night and raged for half an hour with great fury, and as a result hundreds of lives are lost on both sides of the river. Many buildings are blown down and many river steamers sunk with all on board. It is impossible at the present time to estimate the number of lives lost, as the hospitals are full with the injured and the morgue is filled with the slain, while great numbers of the dead and mangled are lying among the ruins in all directions. A portion of the East end of the Eads bridge is destroyed, the grand stand at the fair grounds is down, the woman's portion of the jail is down and the immense Cupples block is partially destroyed. The Waters-Pierce oil works are burning and other buildings in various sections of the city are on fire."

The Western Union Company announces that because of its inability to keep up its wires it would be impossible to send out any more messages to-night from St. Louis or its vicinity.

The reports regarding the duration of the storm are conflicting.

Little Rock, Ark., May 28.—Charles H. Brobst is the operator at Carondelet. He was swamped with railroad messages last night, but found time to render valuable assistance to the Associated Press in obtaining news from St. Louis.

Carondelet is seven miles from the center of the city and is the nearest point that has any telegraphic communication whatever with the outside world.

At 1:30 yesterday morning Mr. Brobst in conversation with an Associated Press man at Little Rock said: "You, nor I, have any idea of the awfulness of the calamity which has befallen St. Louis. I have no definite information, but from what I have been able to learn from the few people who have come out here from the city I know that the result of the storm is indescribable."

"A boy has just come into my office who went to the city to see the wreck. He says that the streets are piled full of debris, that in many places the city

is under water and that the dead and dying are scattered everywhere. Women and children are shrieking in the streets mingling their voices with the piteous moans of the wounded, many of whom are still pinned in the debris of ruined buildings and who must perish before assistance can get to them.

"The boys say people seem to have lost their reason and many are running wildly about in the dark, and dreary night moaning from excessive grief at the loss of friends and relatives. Everywhere a state of confusion exists, and notwithstanding the heroic efforts of those who escaped with their lives to render assistance to their less fortunate fellow-beings, little progress can be made until daylight appears, for, with the exception of such lights as is afforded by burning buildings the whole city is shrouded in darkness."

Mr. Probst says that he has seen about a dozen persons from St. Louis since the disaster, but everyone was in such a state of excitement as to be absolutely unable to give any details of the destruction. He believes that the death list will run up into the thousands.

Chicago, Ill., May 28.—It is reported that the limited train from Chicago to East St. Louis over the Alton road was blown into the river with a section of the bridge and 200 lives were lost.

Little Rock, Ark., May 28.—The operator of Kirkwood, ten miles from St. Louis, Illinois, and her partner St. Louis, says that a passenger train was on the Eads bridge when the storm struck it, and that the train was plunged into the river.

Kansas City, Mo., May 28.—A special states that ten people were killed in a tornado which struck the village of La Baddie, Franklin county, this evening, and that the town of Renick, ten miles from Moberly, in Randolph county, was completely wiped out. Nothing more definite from either place.

The Senate.

Washington, May 28.—The senate yesterday defeated the proposition to increase the beer tax 75 cents per barrel by the vote of 34 to 27. The vote was taken as soon as the filled cheese bill was taken up. The beer tax proposition being submitted as an amendment. With these amendments disposed of, the cheese bill was further debated, but not disposed of.

The debate on the bond bill proceeded after 2 o'clock, Mr. Hansbrough, of North Dakota, for and Mr. Daniel, of Virginia against the bill. Mr. Elkins' remarks were punctuated with sharp and amusing colloquies with Mr. Butler and Mr. Perkins.

Shortly before 6 o'clock Mr. Butler sought to have time set for a vote on the bill, suggesting to-morrow, Friday, or Monday at 5 o'clock. There were objections, however, whereupon he moved a recess at 6 o'clock until 11:50 a. m. to-morrow. There was a brief parliamentary obstruction which was terminated by an adjournment without an agreement having been effected.

Hermann Mystery.

Salt Lake, Utah, May 28.—No positive information has yet reached the officials here as to the whereabouts of the Rev. Francis Hermann, although the police department has been at work for the past five days for some clue that would assist in locating him.

The officers now assert openly that never before have they been able to forge so complete and strong a chain of circumstantial evidence in any case of great concern as in this. They now are directing their efforts to learn what became of Annie K. Samuelson. The disappearance of her trunk and the purchase of a large wooden box by the minister a few days before disappearance leads to the theory that she did not share the probable fate of her friend, Henrietta Clausen.

Movement of Troops.

Havana, May 28.—In the engagement between Gen. Suarez Valdez and the insurgents the latter carried away 130 wounded. Gen. Altamira at the farm of Herrera, has surprised the insurgent camp commanded by Carrillo and others. The Spanish cavalry charged under fire and the insurgents fled in disorder toward the neighboring heights. The Spanish artillery fired three shots at the enemy and the latter disappeared. The rebels left eight killed, forty-six saddle horses, a number of rifles and a quantity of ammunition behind them, and retired with twenty-four wounded.

The troops recaptured a Spanish soldier who had been made prisoner by the insurgents at Moncada.

Coyne's Body Found.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., May 28.—The body of Joe Coyne, a professional baseball pitcher, has been found floating in the St. Lawrence. He was last seen alive on November 20. Coyne was a resident of Bridgeport, Conn.

A Bad Husband.

The women are always wondering what makes some other woman look so old. A bad husband, of course. We hope they don't imagine that Tim had anything to do with it.

Hard on Them.

The sooner you get rid of the notion that you are smart, the better you will be off. There never was a man who had good sense, to say nothing of being smart.

A PERFECT SHEEP DIP.

The improved method of extracting nicotine from tobacco enables sheep owners to escape the labor of hauling and boiling up the bulky stems when dipping is to be done. The concentrated nicotine makes a perfect sheep dip, as it is the best known stimulant for wool as well as sure death to all insects. If you intend dipping this year you cannot do better than write at once to the Skabeura Dip Co., Station 8, Chicago, for particulars.

It is Sad.

One of the most pitiful things in the world is the disappointment of a man and wife in each other.—Atchison Globe.

That's Right.

Deadlocks are intended for cemetery gates, and the politicians who do not wish to be buried should break the deadlock up.—New Orleans Picayune.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has been a God-send to me.—Wm. B. McClellan, Chester, Florida, Sept. 17, 1895.

The art of knowing when to keep silence should be ranked as the highest order of genius.

FITS—All Fits stopped free by Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. No Fits after the first day's use. Marvelous cures. Treatise and \$2 trial bottle free. 24 cases. Sent to Dr. Kline, 233 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

Whoever you marry, you will think you might have done better.

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

A lawyer is a very sharp fellow, and a pleasant friend, but don't let him give you advice.

Hall's Catarrh Cure

Is a constitutional cure. Price, 75c.

Birds sing and why shouldn't the boys yell?

X-Rays

Of test and trial prove Hood's Sarsaparilla to be unequalled for purifying the blood because

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier, All druggists, \$1.

Hood's Pills cure all Liver Ills. 25 cents.

FROM THE PEN OF EMINENT CLERGYMEN

Come Recommendations of the Wonderful

VENO MEDICINES,

Urging the Sick and Afflicted to Obtain the Only Medicines that Cure.

Father Hesonen, of St. Johns Church, Indianapolis, recommends the Veno Remedies. He wrote a letter to Dr. Veno, stating that Patrick Harrington, Missouri at Indianapolis, had been afflicted with rheumatism for eighteen months and disabled from work. Mr. Harrington was taken on the stage at Masonic Temple, Indianapolis, where three bottles of Veno's Electric Fluid were rubbed all over his body. In less than forty minutes, he came upon the stage in view of the audience, stamping his feet, jumping and running, he grasped Veno's hand and thanked him for his immediate emancipation from pain and suffering.

Rev. A. P. McNutt, Methodist Minister at Bradner, Wood County, O., had suffered half his life time with rheumatism, dyspepsia and bronchial trouble. Eminent physicians failed to cure him. He could not attend to his clerical duties. He commenced to use Veno's medicine in July, 1894, and in two weeks he was free from pain when he returned to his charge. He is now completely well.

Rev. Pringle, pastor M. E. Church, Xenia, O., writes December 25, 1894: "I take pleasure and believe it my duty to add my testimony to that of other ministers concerning Veno's medicines. I know Mrs. Elizabeth Kirk, Mr. Samuel Phelps and Mr. Nat Williams. They are members of the M. E. Church, Xenia, of which I am pastor. During the stay of Dr. Veno in Xenia, they were treated by him for rheumatism of many years' standing, and after the first treatment by Veno's Electric Fluid, they threw away their canes and crutches, and are now on the road to recovery."

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VENO'S CURATIVE SYRUP is the best and only scientific cure. It permanently cures malaria (fevers) and thoroughly cures catarrh, constipation and liver trouble. It strengthens the nerves, clears the brain, invigorates the stomach and purifies the blood, leaving no ill effects. This medicine has for its base the famous Llandrinod water, the great germ destroyer and blood purifier, and when used with VENO'S ELECTRIC FLUID will cure the worst and most desperate cases of rheumatism, paralysis, sciatica, neuralgia and all aches and pains. No home should be without these medicines. They are sold at 50 cents each, twelve for \$5. Ask your druggist to get Veno's Curative Syrup and Veno's Electric Fluid for you.

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A Buffalo man is telling how he was out gunning and saw a deer across the river. Just as he was about to shoot the animal he looked down the river and saw 500 ducks swimming up. A second later he looked up the river and saw 499 swans swimming down. He raised his rifle to fire at the deer, but the gun exploded. The bullet crossed the river and killed the deer; the barrel flew down the river and killed the 500 ducks; the butt flew up the river and killed the 499 swans; the explosion blew him two miles back into the woods, where he fell on 500 rabbits and killed them all; his rubber boots flew into the river, and when he hauled them up they were full of jobsters. The man tells this in a variety theatre, when his turn comes, and the audience does not go behind the returns.



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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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EVERYBODY'S CHOICE When The New York Journal offered the choice of the ten leading makes of bicycles recently to the ten winners of a guessing contest, every one of the ten selected Columbias. And The Journal bought ten Columbias at \$100 each.

TIFFANY'S CHOICE When Tiffany & Co., the famous jewelers, desired to make an experiment with elaborate decoration of bicycles, they of course first selected a Columbia—and paid \$100 for it. They have decorated other bicycles since, but Columbia was first choice.

When the United States Government recently asked for proposals for furnishing five bicycles, it received bids from other makers of from \$30 to \$45 and our bid of \$100 each for Columbias, their invariable price. And the experts selected Columbias, as in their opinion Columbias were worth every dollar of the price asked.

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Branch Stores and Agencies in almost every city and town. If Columbias are not properly represented in your vicinity let us know.

Waiting for Trial.
In jail at Juneau, waiting trial on the charge of murder, is Chief Yetch, the tye of the Hoonan Indians, a small tribe of some 100 members, occupying Chickikoff Island, about 100 miles southerly from Juneau. The offense with which the old chief is charged is the murder by torture of his nephew, whom he accused of witchcraft. The chief had a disease affecting his right leg, which had gradually eaten the great part away. He dreamed that his nephew had bewitched him, and on the strength of this he proceeded to inflict punishment due the crime. The victim's knees were bent close back, and in this position he was bound tightly to a tree. An iron band, a quarter of an inch thick, was then placed around his neck, sinking into the nose and covering the eyes, and this was also made fast to the trees, so that he was unable to move his head any direction. He was left in this position to starve to death. He lived five days. He was 20 years of age.

Uses of Poverty.
"Sweet are the uses of adversity," but it takes a philosopher to appreciate the fact that poverty is his best friend. We all admit that it is necessity that drives mankind to its best work, but it is a blessing we want bestowed on some one else. In a recent magazine article, Andrew Carnegie says: "We should be quite willing to abolish luxury; but to abolish poverty would be to destroy the only soil upon which mankind can depend to produce the virtues which alone can enable the race to reach a still higher civilization than it now possesses." Notwithstanding this true view of the case, there is a general desire to do away with poverty. Indeed, it is to the individual effort to abolish poverty that the world owes the elevation of the race. Most of us agree with the sage who said that it may not be a disgrace to be poor, but it is exceedingly inconvenient.

Good Ideas.
The Woman's Relief Corps of Blue Ringe, Kas., has concluded that Decoration day is so entirely given up to horse races, base ball games, cock fights and other sporting events that it is a desecration to observe it any longer, and they will hereafter decorate the graves of the soldiers on May 29, when they say they will be able to perform this sacred function "without the yells of the base ball rioters ringing in their ears, or the yelps of the tinhorn sports who attend the memorial horse races."

A Lucky Farmer.
Rev. Mr. Rhodes, living twelve miles east of Timpon, Tex., while plowing his field, unearthed 30,000 Mexican dollars. It seems that the money was buried in leather sachets and they were almost rotten. Mr. Rhodes bought the place two years ago. For several years there has been digging in that community by unknown parties at night.

Gooseberry pie is good, but the real food of the gods is current pie.

As people grow old, their ideal woman becomes one who is a good nurse.

MINORCA IN THE LAST CENTURY
A Pleasant Island Inhabited by Ignorant People.

Minorca was a pleasant island, inhabited by an unpleasant people, says Temple Bar. The countryside was covered thick with olive trees, though the woods looked more inviting than they were, for the ground was stony. There were no rivers, but there was water in abundance, for the Minorcans were adroit well-sinkers. There were no meadows, so it was hard to pasture horses, but mules thrived somehow and were useful beasts—much more so than the horses. "The horses, like their masters, have a certain staidness in their gait that promises more good than is in their nature, for they are both arant jades at bottom." This is the judgment of a man who knew them both. The Minorcans, a naturally listless people, did not favor traveling. There was one shelter house on the island, the Casa del Rey, at Alalor, the first stage out from Port Mahon on the road northward to Ciudadella. Here the traveler might count on finding a bed, for which he would have to pay 1 shilling. If he carried food with him he might sup; otherwise he must go to bed hungry. There was one cart in the island.

The ordinary education of an English gentleman in the eighteenth century constituted a man of learning in Spain. When we remember what that education amounted to we can form an idea of how much a Spanish gentleman did not know—and Minorca was rather worse than the mainland. One traveler who returned from the long and perilous journey to the neighboring island of Majorca reported with a scared face that they were teaching a new philosophy there, the foundation of which was reason. The total population of the island was about 16,000. The Minorcans were permitted by the Spanish government to possess one knife for each household, but they were compelled to keep it chained to the kitchen table.

Enough corn was grown on the island to support the people, but not the garrison. The farmers trod out their corn with oxen and ground it between stones, as was done in the days of Ornan, the Jebustite. But it is not to be supposed that they were ashamed or even conscious of their backwardness. On the contrary, they held it to be improper to know more than a Minorcan and highly irreligious to try experiments. Their vines, for example, were never pruned for those reasons, and one of our officers, who pointed out the value of this simple operation of husbandry, was rebuked for his profanity—as if God who made the vine did not know how it ought to grow better than any heretic of an Englishman!

Curious Ransom.
When in 1810 the only son of a well-to-do Yorkshire farmer was carried off by a band of highwaymen nothing less than a promise on the part of the distracted father to hand over to the highwaymen a particular horse would induce them to give up the lad. The horse in question was a wonderful hunter and previous to coming into the possession of the farmer had been used in the Mounted Dragoons to pursue these robbers whilst engaged in their nefarious calling. The father, to whom the animal was worth some hundreds of pounds, at first refused to part with it on any condition, thinking the highwaymen would accept a sum of money; but the receipt of a message stating that the boy would be put to death that evening unless the promise of the horse was forthcoming caused him to change his mind and agree to their proposal. Scarcely had the hunter exchanged hands when the robbers with one accord cruelly attacked it with their swords, cutting and hacking at the poor animal and it fell to the ground exhausted from the loss of blood and died shortly afterward.

Visiting Cards.
Little girl asks if it is not allowable to have her name on visiting cards. Answer: By no means. Until a young lady has grown to an age when she is received into society, she should not have a visiting card. It is customary in cities if young girls are taken out, and any necessity arises, to write their names on the visiting cards of their mothers or elder sisters. A schoolgirl is not supposed to be a member of society. The eldest daughter of the household when she reaches proper age has her cards engraved "Miss Smith." Her Christian name is omitted. This indicates that she is the eldest daughter, as no other member of the family has a right to use the name in this way. If her aunt is Miss Smith matters become somewhat complicated; but the fact that there is another Miss Smith in the family does not alter the situation. Very well, by writing in pencil in the lower left-hand corner of the card, merely the Christian name "Miss Mary." This was done both by the aunt and niece, either one being justly entitled to use the name Miss Smith. Therefore they compromised the matter in this agreeable fashion, and everybody understood the reason.

A flea's mouth is placed exactly between his fore legs.

One in Twenty.
In a graduating class of twenty young ladies at Columbia, Mo., only one was found to admit that she was willing to be married, but then it was not an eligible young man, who asked the question, which makes a difference.

Of Course.
A law prohibiting the Sunday opening of barber shops has been declared unconstitutional in Illinois.

Plays Well.
The young khedive of Egypt is said to be a capital musician and has composed some pleasing pieces.

We all expect too much help from others.

When the Summer Breeze
Blows through the trees, most of us who can sets off for a country jaunt. Fewer cross the Atlantic. Whether it is business or pleasure calls one from home, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the best accompaniment of a voyage or an outing. Yachtsmen, sea captains, commercial travelers and emigrants concur in this opinion. The Bitters is unrivaled for bilious, malarial, dyspeptic or liver disorder.

The world is funny enough without any professional humorists.

All About Western Farm Lands.
The "Corn Belt" is the name of an illustrated monthly newspaper published by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. It aims to give information in an interesting way about the farm lands of the west. Send 25 cents in postage stamps to the Corn Belt, 209 Adams St., Chicago, and the paper will be sent to your address for one year.

Every man is more or less of a fool about some things.

"Pretty Pill" says Pretty Poll

She's just "poll parroting." There's no prettiness in pills, except on the theory of "pretty is that pretty does." In that case she's right.

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The highest claim for other tobaccos is "Just as good as Durham." Every old smoker knows there is none just as good as

Blackwell's BULL DURHAM Smoking Tobacco

You will find one coupon inside each two ounce bag, and two coupons inside each four ounce bag of Blackwell's Durham. Buy a bag of this celebrated tobacco and read the coupon—which gives a list of valuable presents and how to get them.

FAILURES IN THE WHOLESALE MARKETS

Induced us to purchase too large a stock of DRY GOODS and CLOTHING this season. We positively will not carry any goods over to next year, therefore Offer TO the public Our Entire Stock at the lowest sacrifice prices known in the History of West Texas. Come early.

DRY GOODS.

Light Shirting Prints, standard make 3 1-2 cents.

Dress Gingham 8 1-3, 10 and 12 1-2 cent quality, during sale 5 cents per yard.

Apron Gingham fast colors regular, 6 1-4 cents, quality, during sale 3 1-2 cents per yard.

Indigo Blue Calico (American) worth 7 1-4 cents, during sale 4 cents per yard.

36 inch Bleached Domestic, worth 5 cents, during sale 3 1-2c.

32 inch Heavy Sea Island Domestic 7 1-4 cent quality, during sale 4 cents per yard.

We must sell our stock, so come to see us.

50 pieces figured Challie, during sale 2 1-2 cents per yard.

50 pieces of Figured Lawn 10c quality, during sale only 4 1-2 cents per yard.

10 pieces shaded Crepon 12 1-2 cent goods, during sale 5 cents.

Large sized Turkish Towels only 10 cents each.

12 papers of pins 10 cents.

2 paper best needles 5 cents.

10 cent quality Indian Linen only 6 1-2 cents.

7 cent quality Check Nainsook 4 1-2 cents.

15 cent quality imported Zephyr Gingham 7 1-2 cents

10 cent quality Curtain, only 4c.

52 inch Bleached Domestic Table damask only 20 cents per yard.

Your money, worth at our Store 5 cent quality White Lawn only 3 cents.

50 pieces Figured Dimities, five sheer quality, worth 12 1-2c during sale 6 3-4 cents per yard.

10 pieces Cold Plaid Lawn 12 1-2c quality, only 7 1-2cents a yard.

15 pieces Flutter Duck 15 cent quality, only 8 1-3 cents per yard.

20 Cent quality, Wool Challie, during sale 9 cents per yard.

SHOES.

Ladies pink and blue Sandals worth \$1.50, during sale 75 cents.

Ladies plain opera slippers worth \$1.00, at 50 cents.

Ladies black Dongola one strap Sandal \$1.25, only 65 cents.

Ladies black Dongola Oxfords square, patent tip, \$1.50 quality only 90 cents per pair.

Men's Kip Boots solid leather worth \$2.25, our price \$1.35.

Boys Boots worth \$1.50, our price \$1.25.

Men's Genuine Calf Boot, former price \$3.50 during sale \$2.00.

Ladies Tan Oxford regular \$1.25 quality, our price 85 cents.

Misses Sandals sizes 12 to 2 in tan and black \$1.25 quality, only 75 cents.

Misses Oxfords sizes 5 to 6 in tan and black 40 cents per pr.

Baby slippers size 3 to 8 our price 25 cents.

An assorted lot of Misses Slippers with heels, worth from 75 to \$1.25 Choice 35 cents per pair.

Men's Oxford Ties Vici Kid regular 2.25 quality, during sale 1.65.

Men's 2-buckle Grain and Kip Brogan Shoes worth \$1.50 during sale \$1.10.

HATS.

Men's black Wool Hats, former price \$1, during sale 50 cents.

Boys latest style Hats all colors worth 75 cents, during sale 35c.

Men's Casimere Hats wide brim Black and White low crown, worth \$3.00 to \$4.50, now for \$1.25 each.

Men's back and tan Casimere Hats worth \$2.00, during sale \$1.00

MILLINERY.

Our special pattern Hats are the proper styles. We have cut the price to half.

We have the largest stock of Sailors and Straw goods in West Texas at the right price.

Come and see us as we want your business, if fair and square dealing cuts any figure, why then we are your people.

Money back in every instance if you want it.

This Sale Will Last Till Stock Is Reduced. Come Early Before Sizes and Patterns are Picked Over.

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LOCAL CHIPS.

Tom Richards and M. H. Davis are the grown rasslers.

Jim Good spent the first of the week in town.

Wire, at Haggelsteins, San Angelo.

G. W. Webb moved his business in the Montgomery building Tuesday.

Mowers at Haggelstin San Angelo.

Eclipse Repairs at B. L. Wilson Angelo.

J. J. Vestal is on the sick list this week.

Implements at Haggelsteins, Angelo.

Commissioners court meets next Monday as a board of equalization.

Glassware at Haggelstins, San Angelo.

Guitars, Mandolins, Violins,

STRINGS AND INSTRUCTORS For All INSTRUMENTS.

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Send for Catalogue, GEO. ALLEN, San Angelo, Texas.

The only exclusive Music house WEST TEXAS. PIANO and ORGAN Tuning and Repairing.

Hacks at Haggelsteins, San Angelo.

A man whose name we failed to learn died from the effects of the bite of a water moccasin near San Angelo last Tuesday.

We are authorized to announce in this issue that J. W. Barnett is a candidate for—the hand and the heart of—well he will not be particular who.

Binders at Haggelstein, San Angelo.

Henry Sayles, Jr. was in town Wednesday representing J. M. Radford wholesale grocer of Abilene.

Well Supplies, Haggelsteins Angelo.

Wagons at Haggelsteins, San Angelo.

Mr. Mobley and family moved to their new place south of town this week.

W. P. Trott was in town yesterday representing the Southern Mfg. Co. of Dallas and sold J. W. Reed a bill of clothing.

Mr. M. H. Havens little daughter has been quite sick this week with bronchitis.

Tinware at Haggelstins, San Angelo.

Messrs Gid Graham and W. W. Sumrall, of the Olga country, were in town Wednesday night and were all smiles over the fine rain they had Monday night.

Go to A. D. White, San Angelo Texas, for fresh Groceries of all kinds.

Al Montieth was in from Ft. Chadbourne Tuesday with honey and reported a good rain in his section Monday night.

Good Goods, low prices, honest weights and good measure is my motto. Come and see me when in San Angelo and be convinced that this is the place to buy your Groceries and Grain.

A. D. White Post Office block.

Jinc Johnstons broncho horse ran into a tree with him last Wednesday and inflicted an ugly wound on his arm and otherwise disfigured him, but he is still in the ring.

Jim Stewart and Brother Bates went to San Angelo Tuesday and bought the lumber with which to build the church here. They bought the lumber of F. K. Nance and the bill amounted to \$363.

My goods are fresh and will be sold at lowest possible prices for Cash and I respectfully solicit a share of your trade.

A. D. WHITE, San Angelo.

Please bring us some of that wood that you promised us on subscription, we need it.

Mart Trammell brought in from Baird, not long since, quite a small mat in the person of one Jess Daugherty, who is about 40 years old and weighs between 85 and 90 pounds and is probably between three feet six inches and four feet high.

It is said that Billy Childress would serve the people as Commissioner if elected, and to our way of thinking there is no better man in the County for the place.

Quite a crowd was in town Monday to hear a sensationed trial and to the best of our knowledge they heard it.

Silas Conner, Will Price, Press Walling and Jinc Johnson were in town Monday with Silases Dun Filley for sport but they did not get it.

Aermotors at Haggelsteins Angelo.

Pleas Childress will give up his clerkship with L. Schwartz & Co. at San Angelo and come home about the 15th.

When you come to Lee and want a good cold drink, call on J. H. Turner, in the old Bank building.

Tom Richard was in town Monday and Tuesday for the first time in several months. While here he paid upon his subscription and ordered the Rustler sent him five years.

Frank Myers, of the Ft. Chadbourne country was in Monday and Tuesday and subscribed for the news organ of Coke.

The rain Monday night was good in some places over the county, white in others it was light,

Rev. Gid Graham preached at the school house Saturday night and Sunday at 11 o'clock and is complimented on the effort made on Sunday.

Hardware at Haggelsteins, San Angelo.

Milk Shake and Lemonade.

I am in it for your trade and will give you the very best for your money. When you want a milk-shake, ice lemonade, soda or cider on ice or the best cigar in town call and see me—old bank building.

J. H. Turner.

While Albion Hayley was getting on his horse a few days since his saddle turned, the horse threw him off and sprained his ankle and he is now enjoying life with the boys in town.

We learn through a private letter that Will Rutherford of Me-Dade Texas who had consumption committed suicide by shooting himself on May 26th. This editor needed to be well acquainted with him.

S. J. Chapman is being spoken of as a suitable man for the office of County Judge.

Try Grand Pa Hayley for your cold drinks—he appreciates your patronage.

J. T. Hamilton visited his ranch the first of the week and reports a fine rain in the Boozer country

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I have bought the POLK LIVERY STABLE and every Buggy, Hack and Harness is new and first class, with the very best TEAMS. In connection with the Stable I run the only Wagon Yard. Coke county patronage is most respectfully solicited.

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Residence For Sale.

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

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

Apply at this office.

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.

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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.

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

A. J. Roy, Proprietor.

Advertise in the Rustler.

The following district court proceedings is from the Colorado Spokesman:

Charley Farris, theft, plea of guilty, two years in the pen.
Dickard Hays, theft, plea of guilty, two years in the pen.
Vat Taylor, murder, from Sweetwater, continued for the term.

The per capita wealth of Massachusetts is \$902, while that of Texas is only \$349.

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 aim once and you will go again.

From Ballinger Banner Leader.

J. W. Boyington and family of the Oak creek country, spent a few hours in the city Monday while on their way to Hamilton, where they will spend some ten or fifteen days visiting.

Lee and Will Good, two of Oak creek's most prominent stockmen were in the city two or three days the first of the week looking after business matters.

Seven of R. K. Wylie's fine Durham bulls died Wednesday.

Attend The Normal At Colman.

It bids fair to be one of the best ever held in West Texas. No progressive teacher, or prospective teacher, within its bounds can afford to neglect the opportunity.

It will be conducted by Prof. J. E. Hickman, of Santa Ana, who possesses the singular ability of making a success of whatever he undertakes. Prof. B. L. Jones and S. M. Sewell of Colman, have been appointed as instructors, and others will be employed if necessary.

The tuition will be \$5.00 for the term. Board can be secured in private families at \$10 to \$15. Rooms can be rented, if any could desire to board in club.

For further information in any way, address any one of the instructors at the above named places. Those who wish to attend will please notify S. M. Sewell at an early date.

B. F. ROSE.

Co. Judge Colman Co., Texas.

BARBECUE.

Ed Good and others suggest that a meeting be held at the court house this evening and steps be taken toward having a barbecue here on the 4th. It is suggested that the meeting be held after the Peoples Party club meeting.

SANCO.

The good people of this place met here Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and organized a Sunday school, which we hope will be a success. Mr. G. W. Payne made a trip to Edith yesterday. Some of the Sanco boys went to Lee Monday to attend the races. Mr. J. H. Campbell started to San Angelo on a business trip Monday.

Mr. Bird, Mr. Presler and several others in the neighborhood are having Mr. Durham to arch their cisterns and otherwise improve them. While it is too dry for the people to farm they are putting in time fixing up to live at home.

There are five cases of measles at Mr. Green's. All little folks. We heard this morning that Will Laswell is very sick with measles.

M. E.

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THE RUSSIAN HORROR

NUMBER OF DEAD WILL PROBABLY REACH 2500.

Already 1335 Dead Bodies Have Been Recovered—The Czarina Has Not Yet Been Informed of the Disaster, Owing to Her Delicate Condition.

Moscow, June 1.—The accident on the Kobodjnskoje plain Saturday is constantly gaining in proportion as the investigations by the authorities continue. These are made under difficulties, as the recovery of the victims was conducted by hundreds of volunteers, and many were carried away before enumerated. Many additional deaths of the injured who were carried away after occurring which are only added to the enumeration after some time.

It is now said that the fatalities will be between 2000 and 3000, but it is impossible yet to ascertain accurately the extent of the disaster. An official statement issued this morning places the dead at 1353 and the fatally injured at 286, but in contrast with this official statement there are 1282 corpses lying this afternoon at the cemetery, besides the dead and dying that are known to have been recovered from the ill-fated field by friends.

Saturday evening after receiving deputations the czar and czarina attended and danced at the brilliant ball at the French embassy. Preparations had been made on a most elaborate scale for this ball, and it is asserted that \$7000 was expended on the supper alone. The czarina was not informed yesterday of the disaster owing to her delicate condition. While the dance within the French embassy continued amid all the accompaniments of luxury and gaiety, disconsolate friends and relatives wandered over the desolate plain among the dead and suffering dying, looking, often in vain, for their missing.

Yesterday a requiem mass was said in a chapel of the Kremlin at which the czar and czarina and all the members of the imperial family attended. Yesterday the city was filled with grief-stricken crowds. It is a striking evidence of the vast multitude who took part in Saturday's fetes that there are large numbers who were totally unaware of the number of lives among them that had been crushed out and who proceeded with their merry-making throughout the day without having grasped the fearful proportions of the disaster. Even up to a late hour last night people refused to believe that there could have been so many lives lost. But yesterday thousands of persons were crowding to the Kobodjnskoje plain searching for relatives and friends.

St. Louis Tornado.
St. Louis, Mo., June 1.—Every railroad entering this storm-stricken city ran excursions yesterday. They brought scores of thousands to view the devastation and ruin wrought by the awful storm of Wednesday. The streets of the ruined districts were thronged with visitors all day. They came from almost every town and city within a radius of 100 miles, and nearly all day a cold, drizzling rain fell, lowering, threatening clouds covered the sky and a more dismal scene than the ruined portion of this city could scarcely be imagined, and through the crowded streets all day long came funeral processions.

Nearly one hundred burial permits were issued by the health department Saturday and every hearse in the city was kept in constant use.

At early dawn people began to crowd into the city morgue. Many came in search of friends, but for the most part people who visited them were drawn by a morbid desire to see the mangled corpses of the unfortunate victims of the tornado. All day long the officers on duty were kept busy keeping the people moving in line in and out of the viewing room of the morgue. Every few minutes some one would think that they had discovered some one whom they knew among the bodies exposed for view. Superintendent Mack, of the morgue, had a trying time in answering questions in regard to the bodies and taking names and descriptions of persons who have not been seen by their friends since the storm. There were people there from all points in all directions, far and near, Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville, Indianapolis, Kansas City and scores of smaller places were represented. From such towns came anxious people inquiring for lost friends.

French Derby.
Paris, June 1.—In the French derby yesterday (Prix de Jockey club) of £5,500 for 3-year-olds, one and one-half miles, Champouberte won; Champignois coming in second and Trebone third.

Might Have Been Serious.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 1.—Car No. 50 of the Second avenue traction line jumped the track yesterday afternoon, and the seventeen passengers aboard were all more or less hurt, two of them seriously. The day of miracles has not passed, or all would have been killed.

The seriously injured are Adam Bachman and M. L. Kreiger, both residents of the South side. Bachman's arm is broken in two places and his head badly cut and body bruised. Kreiger is in nearly the same condition. The other passengers were all bruised and cut, but none seriously.

The car, with its load, left Thirty-fourth street about 3 o'clock for Calhoun Park. On approaching Six-Mile ferry Bachman and Kreiger saw the speed being made was that of a rapid train. Suddenly the car took a flying leap, and, after turning completely over, landed at the bottom of the ditch, twelve feet below, with its wheels in the air.

Some passengers, jammed in a heap under the wreckage, were screaming, sweating and fighting for release. They were finally extricated and taken to their homes, some more scared than hurt, but all bruised and worse for their shaking up. The car is a complete wreck.

A Novel Spectacle.

Columbus, O., June 1.—Twenty thousand people witnessed a novel spectacle yesterday afternoon at Buckeye park, on the Columbus,ocking Valley and Toledo railway. Two forty-ton locomotives, to each of which was attached three, coal cars and a caboose, were run together at a speed of forty miles an hour.

The immense crowd was silent with awe as the engines steamed into sight. There was a terrific crash and a roar of escaping steam. As the engines came together they reared up in the air and the cars behind them were telescoped, but the cabooses were only partly wrecked. As the clouds of dust and steam obscured the wreck, there was a tremendous shout; then, when the escaping steam subsided the people clamored over the wreckage and every loose piece of iron that could be found was carried away as a relic. Both engines were a complete wreck. Kinotoscope and eidoloscope views of the exhibition were taken by experts.

Nashville Centennial.

Nashville, Tenn., June 1.—A hard rain storm yesterday afternoon played havoc with the extensive and ornamental decorations which had transformed the business streets and public square into masses of color. Now limp flags, discolored bunting and disordered adornments bedeck house fronts where before noon all were bright and glowing with color. Last night's rain still threatens, and lowering skies are ill omens for to-day's parade. The city shows the influx of many visitors, hotels and temporary quarters are rapidly filling up, and, unless rain prevents, one of the largest crowds ever seen in Nashville will be here to-day.

Storm at Chicago.

Chicago, June 1.—A severe storm which did considerable damage passed over the southern and southwestern portion of the city yesterday afternoon. It was accompanied by almost incessant lightning, which struck in a number of places. Franz Frink, a teamster, was killed. The lightning struck a trolley car at Forty-ninth and Halsted streets, and, setting it on fire, caused a lively panic among the passengers, who sprang into the pelting rain and made a rush for convenient doorways. Numerous sheds and shade trees were blown down by the wind.

Struck a Stone.

Parkersburg, W. Va., June 1.—The steamboat Incidents struck a large stone in the Ohio river, fifteen miles below here, Saturday night and sank in five feet of water, at what is known as the Lee Creek riffle. She was on the up trip from St. Louis to Pittsburg. Capt. Gray, aged 71, was in command. He lives at Sewickley, Pa. The boat was owned by the Parker Steel company, of Pittsburg, and was worth \$21,000. No lives were lost.

Gladstone and the Pope.

London, June 1.—The morning papers print a long letter from Mr. Gladstone to Cardinal Rampolla for submission to the pope, in favor of the unity of Christendom by means of a papal declaration in favor of the evangelical orders. Mr. Gladstone regards the pope's attitude as one in a position that an inquiry should be instituted, with cordial sentiments of gratitude and high appreciation.

McCoy Busted Moore.

Brooklyn, N. Y., June 1.—Kid McCoy busted Dick Moore, of St. Paul, in ten rounds at the Empire theater, in Williamsburg, Saturday night. Moore was much the heavier of the air, but was severely punished by McCoy. However, he was just as game at the close as when the fight began. The men may fight again soon.

THE ST. LOUIS HORROR

THE DEAD HAS REACHED FOUR HUNDRED ALREADY.

Many More Bodies are Thought to Be Hidden Under the Debris—Property Loss Will Aggregate Twenty Million at Least—Work of Rebuilding Begun.

St. Louis, Mo., May 29.—When darkness temporarily interrupted the search for storm victims to-night 315 people were known to be dead on both sides of the river, and although the complete death list will never be known, it is believed that it will approximate 400 in the two cities. The number of injured is even larger, and many if the maimed cannot survive. The property loss will reach well into the millions, but insurance people, firemen and police alike refuse to hazard even a guess at accurate figures. The uncertainty regarding loss of life and property is due mainly to the wide extent of the havoc wrought by the storm, the miles of wrecked buildings as yet unexplored and the numerous collapsed factories towards the investigation of which little progress has been made may hide almost any number of bodies, as the police have been unable to secure anything like an accurate list of the missing. In the factory districts many of the employes on duty at the time the storm broke were without relatives in the city and their disappearance would certainly be noted even though they be buried in the ruins. It is believed by the police, too, that owing to the suddenness with which the crash came many tramps or homeless ones sought shelter among the buildings, and that nothing will be known of their death until, perhaps, weeks hence, when their bodies are found. The list at 6 o'clock of known dead in St. Louis is 169, and in East St. Louis 116.

The city is in darkness to-night. All over the stricken district the debris-choked streets are crowded with eight-seers and through the dim gaslit morgues, through the east end of the city and morgue at Twelfth street, a constant stream of people is urged forward by aisles of ploice. Hundreds of homes are in ruins, dozens of men and dozens of business houses are wrecked. Many steamboats are gone to the bottom of the river and others are dismantled. Railroads of all kinds have suffered great loss, and wire and pole-using companies have weeks of toil and large expenditures of money to face before they will be in satisfactory shape again.

The most furious work of the storm was along Rutger street, Lafayette and Choteau avenue and contiguous thoroughfares east of Jefferson avenue. The houses are in the streets with the roofs underneath, buried by brick and mortar. Under the brick and mortar are household goods of every description and on top of all are uprooted trees and tangled masses of wires.

There is not a tree or building standing in LaFayette park. The wreck of the city hospital is so surrounded by wreckage that it is barely possible to reach it. By far the most remarkable freak of the storm was at this many-winged house. About two hundred patients were scattered through the wards when the tornado struck, but although the entire upper story was cut off clean and one wing razed, but one inmate was killed. The victim was located in one of the upper stories and was killed by a flying brick in the demolished wing. The walls fell out, the roof came straight down upon the foundation, and there, resting upon sound bed castings, enabled the patients to be rescued without serious injury. The entire building was rendered useless and the tottering walls will be torn down and a new structure built.

Many of the handsome residences on Fourteenth street and about LaFayette park are ruined, but the most damage was done on Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth, south along Choteau, among the tenement district. Houses are to be seen in all stages of demolition from loss of roof to complete destruction. In some of them the front walls had fallen out and the tenants performed their household duties, cared for the injured and mourned their dead in full view of the crowds in the streets. From the doors of many partially wrecked houses fluttered the black badge of mourning and scarcely a house in all the district that did not have some injured relative, friend or neighbor within its wind-battered walls.

The path of the storm is about a half mile wide and over four miles long, sweeping through the thickly populated southwestern portion of Eastland and across the river into East St. Louis.

Col. Westmore, manager of the Liggett & Meyers tobacco plant which was wrecked estimated the entire property damage at \$25,000,000, which will be, he says, almost a total loss, owing to the lack of cyclone insurance. Other estimates range from \$15,000,000 to \$50,000,000, but the majority are close to that made by Col. Westmore.

A Touching Prayer.

Washington, May 29.—The bond bill was further discussed in the senate yesterday. Mr. Daniel's fervent plea for silver evoked an enthusiastic demonstration. Mr. Peffer also spoke of the bill. The resolution authorizing the secretary of war to loan tents to the tornado sufferers was passed, although Mr. Vest, of Missouri, thought this step unnecessary. The chaplain's prayer made eloquent reference to the St. Louis catastrophe.

The St. Louis horror was the theme of a touching and eloquent prayer by Rev. Dr. Milburn, the blind chaplain of the senate, at the opening of the session yesterday.

"Oh, God," he prayed, "we stand aghast at the awful tokens of thy power and majesty. The earth is shaken and trembles and the foundations of the hills are shaken."

Divine mercy was invoked for the stricken city of St. Louis, succor for the maimed and aleted, strength to those administering relief and protection from another visit of divine wrath.

When the house resolution was received authorizing the secretary of war to loan tents and render aid to the mayors of St. Louis and East St. Louis, Mr. Palmer, of Illinois, asked immediate consideration.

Mr. Vest interposed the suggestion that while it might seem ungracious for him to interpose objection, yet in view of late reports showing the usual exaggeration attending the first horrors of the calamity, he did not consider this action necessary. To people of St. Louis, he said, could take care of themselves. Although the resolution could do no harm, yet he deprecated the tendency to rush impulsively to sources for relief.

Mr. Harris (dem.) of Tennessee said he fully sympathized with this view although the resolution being here it should be acted upon and made joint instead of concurrent.

Mr. Cullom, (rep.) said he felt from the last report that there was no necessity for the passage of the resolution and that the people would be able to take care of the wounded.

Yet, as the house had acted, Mr. Cullom urged that the senate should act on it.

The resolution was amended to be joint instead of concurrent, thus requiring presentation to the president, and was then adopted.

In the House.

Washington, May 29.—In the house yesterday proceedings were overshadowed by the St. Louis horror. A resolution was passed directing the secretary of war to place at the disposal of the stricken city a sufficient number of tents to provide for the temporary necessities of the homeless and to render such aid as might be in his power.

Mr. Barthold of St. Louis, who saw Secretary Lamont yesterday, said there was eight or ten boats used in the Mississippi river improvements which might be able to render assistance, and these will be ordered to the scene of the disaster if necessary.

Senate amendments to the sundry bill appropriating \$125,000 for the public building at St. Paul, and \$43,000 at Little Rock were adopted.

The Johnson-Stokes contested election case, from the seventh South Carolina district, was debated, but not decided to-day.

Movement of Troops.

Havana, May 29.—Report reach here of two more trains being destroyed with dynamite by insurgents. No lives were lost.

Col. Monacada reports that in an engagement with the insurgents yesterday the latter lost 30 killed and had 120 wounded, and including the insurgent leaders Octavo and Agramonte.

Col. Albert has been engaged with the insurgents near ongo province of Santiago de Cuba. The enemy left seven killed and two wounded on the field. The troops captured and destroyed the insurgent camp, burning 100 houses. Col. Albert followed and an engagement lasting two hours resulted. Retreating, the insurgents left 20 killed and carried away 90 wounded. The troops lost a lieutenant of guerrillas, killed, and nine soldiers were wounded.

Commercial Travelers.

Cincinnati, O., May 29.—With an immensely large attendance the national convention of the United Commercial Travelers opened yesterday, the forenoon being devoted to addresses, and reports in the afternoon. Mayor Caldwell welcomed the delegates. Then there were addresses by the president of the chamber of commerce and other representatives.

The Mystic Order of Bagmen is meeting here in connection with the Order of United Travelers. The sessions close with a parade on Saturday.

A POSTMASTER'S LIFE

A LEEDS WOMAN WHO ATTEMPTED TO KILL HER FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

Near to Death but Restored So Completely That She Has Been Accepted by a Life Insurance Company as a Good Risk.

From the Journal, Lewiston, Me.

A bright little woman, rosy and fresh from her household duties, dropped into a chair before the writer and talked with enthusiasm shining in her snapping, black eyes.

The people in the pretty village of Leeds Centre, Me., have watched with some interest the restoration to complete health of Mrs. W. L. Francis, wife of the postmaster. So general were the comments on this interesting case that the writer who visited Mrs. Francis and learned from her that the statements regarding her troubles and her subsequent restoration are entirely true. All of her neighbors know what has been the agency that has performed this cure, but that others may be benefited by her experience, Mrs. Francis has consented to allow her story to appear in print.

"If there is anything on earth I dread more than another," she said, "it is to see my name in the papers. But in this case I conquer my repugnance and give publicly the same credit to the savior of my life as I would to one who had dragged me from a death beneath the waves. In fact, I have extolled my preserver so enthusiastically and unreservedly, have sought out sufferers and recommended the remedy to so many friends and acquaintances that already my neighbors jocularly call me, 'Pink Pills Francis.' But really, my recovery is something that I consider wonderful. I know that there are so many testimonials of medicine in the papers nowadays that people do not pay as much heed as formerly, but I do wish folks who are suffering would remember that what I say comes right from the heart of a woman who feels that she had a new lease of happy life given to her."

"Eleven years ago I was afflicted with nervous prostration. My existence until two years ago was one of dragging misery. Anyone in the village will tell you of my condition. My blood seemed to have drained from my veins and month after month I grew weaker. I was able to undertake only the lightest household work, and even then I could perform it only by slow and careful movements. During all these sorry months and years I was under the care of the best doctors and that, but their medicines helped me only spasmodically, and then I fell into relapses more prostrating than ever."

"In the night I used to be awakened by the most excruciating pains in my heart and side, and was obliged to use pellets of powerful medicine that the doctor gave me for relief in such attacks. At last my condition became so grave that I went out only infrequently. We live upstairs, you notice, over my husband's store, and in descending the stairway I frequently was obliged to sort of fall and slide over the steps in order to descend, such was the strain on my system resulting from even this slight exertion. Occasionally I visited the neighbors, but I was obliged to sit and rest to recover breath while ascending any elevation. In short, it did not seem that I could live, such was my complete physical prostration."

"One day I saw an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and although my faith in remedies was weak by that time, I sent for a box and tried them. That was two years ago. Now I call myself a well woman. Isn't it wonderful?"

"I haven't had one of those excruciating pains in the heart for a year and a half. Why, even the first box of pills helped me. I can walk miles now, can do my work easily, have gained in weight constantly, and you would scarcely believe it, but a little while ago I was examined for endowment life insurance and was accepted unhesitatingly after a careful examination by the physician."

"Do you wonder that I'm shouting 'Pink Pills' all through our village? I haven't taken any of the remedy for some months for it has completely built me up, but at the first sign of trouble I know to what refuge to flee."

"Last year my aunt, Mrs. M. A. Blossom, of Dixfield, P. O., was here visiting me. She was suffering from a lack of vitality and heart trouble, but she was skeptical about my remedy that I was so enthusiastically advocating. At last, however, she tried it and carried some home with her when she went. A little while ago I received a letter from her, and in it said, 'I am cured, thanks to God and Pink Pills.' She also wrote that her husband had been prostrated but had been restored by the remedy."

"One of the persons to whom Mrs. Francis recommended Pink Pills is Station Agent C. H. Foster, of Leeds Centre, and the reporter found him patrolling the platform awaiting the arrival of the morning train. Mr. Foster, who is one of the most trustworthy, capable and energetic men in the employ of the Maine Central railroad, appeared in unusually good health and spirits and we made inquiry as to the cause."

"Do you know," replied he, "I think I've made a discovery, or at least Mrs. Francis has for me. I have been in poor health for a long time with a heart trouble variously complicated. We have been so fully interested in Mrs. Francis' wonderful recovery that I at once determined to give the medicine recommended a thorough test. So, about two months ago, I bought the first box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Only two months, please note, yet already I am so much improved, so much better able to fulfill my duties, so sanguine that I am on the road to recovery, that I feel like a new man."

"I can now walk without the fatigue I once experienced, my heart affection appears to be relieved, and I have joined the Pink Pills' Band in our community."

"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 may be had by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., for 50c per box, or six boxes for \$2.50."

It is a sign of age for a woman to rave about the good looks of a boy.

Some think a rich man is one who can afford three straw hats.