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THE MOON TRAIL.



HE moon trail
shineth across
the sea,
And stretcheth off
to a far coun-
tree
In the realms of the
old, romantic
moon.
Where evening is
morning, and
midnight noon!
Then lovers away on the bright moon
trail,
Each happy two with a tiny sail,
In a silver waste with stars above,
And nothing to do but love and love.

The great, kind moon, like a sphere of
light,
Swings down to the rim of the sea each
night,
Finding ever some bark with a happy
crew,
Bringing all the world though it brings
but two.
Then lovers away on the bright moon
trail;
Soft breezes are sighing to fill your
sail;
There are stars beneath and stars
above,
And nothing to do but love and love.

The moon trail lighteth the sea of life
For lover and maiden, for lover and
wife,
And it's joy to sail down its shimmer-
ing way,
Just two together, forever and aye.
Then lovers away on the bright moon
trail;
Each happy twain with a tiny sail,
For there's naught so sweet in heaven
above
Or the earth beneath, as to love and
love.

—New York Tribune.

LOST AND FOUND.

Such a mite as it was, to be sure! Such absurd little hands that flew here and there, now after a dancing sunbeam, now clutching the bright, round, brass buttons of the officer's great coat. What eyes, like twin sapphires, that twinkled and gleamed so softly under the brown lashes! How tiny the white-shod feet that kicked against the wide chair, in which the policeman had placed its royal babyship!

"Guess you ain't acquainted with police stations," said the sergeant, "but you seem pretty much at home, just the same."

"Cudga, cudga, cudga," it answered. "Da-da, da-da, da-da."

"We hear all sorts of languages here, but we don't seem to understand you," remarked one of the officers. Then, turning to a fellow-policeman, he asked: "Where did you find the kid?"

"I didn't. It found me. I guess its mammy was a-shoppin' and it must have walked out of a store. Anyhow, I never caught sight of it until it trotted out into the street and took hold o' my hand. I walked round with it a long time, hopin' its mammy would come for it, and then I brought it here."

"Blame me, if it ain't the dandiest youngster I ever clapped eyes on!" put in the sergeant, as the absurd little hand patted the silver star on the sergeant's coat.

"Seems to be well togged out, too;



FOUND IN THE STREET.

ain't no ordinary, everyday kid, judgin' by its clothes."

The object of this conversation now heid up its short little arms and wrinkled up its face. The tiny lips began to quiver as no move was made to take it.

"Blamed if I dare hold you!" said the sergeant. "I'd break you somewhere or let you drop and then where'd you be?"

"Da-da, da-da-da, cudga, cudga," it answered. The sergeant stooped and looked into the sapphire eyes. The little arms closed around the red, fat neck and the tiny mouth smiled in baby happiness. The sergeant's big awkward hands gathered the bundles of

white cashmeres and lace up into a clumsy heap and its babyship cooed happily over the shoulder of the blue-coat.

Half a dozen policemen were now ardent admirers of the precocious lost one, and devoted themselves, with apparent willingness, to entertaining it. They shook their grimy fingers in its pinkish face, for they found that this action brought forth gurgles and grins and evidences of keen enjoyment. Dougherty, the oldest and most dignified man on the force, even went so far as to do an awkward sort of a shuffling jig, which not only amused the child, but set the rest of the officers into a loud and hilarious fit of laughing.

Few lost children (and many were brought there to the dusty, smoky station-house) received so much attention. They usually howled lustily or sat with scared, frightened faces in terrified silence, until they were turned over to the police matron to await the coming of the always frantic parents. But this small, sapphire-eyed, gurgling, cooing bit of humanity was an astonishing exception to the rule. It not only made itself perfectly at home, but recognized that it was among friends, and therefore exhibited its good nature and cunning expressions of happiness and satisfaction. By and by, it had passed from one officer to another until each one had had the honor of seeing the chubby fingers dabble and play with the brass buttons and glittering star.

Old Dougherty was the last one to whose care its babyship was given. He put it on the floor and the white shoes pattered up and down the room while the "goo-goo-goo" continued, as if the babe were anxious to have its entire audience completely aware that while the tongue was not educated, the small feet were accomplished.

"I'll bet my hat," ventured the sergeant, as he looked through his wire cage. "I'll bet my hat it will be a mighty scared woman that comes for this kid."

"I'd give me month's salary," said Dougherty, "be jabbers, if Oi had its loike." Then brushing his gray beard against the pink cheek, he took up the bundle of white stuff and carried it to the window, where the sapphire eyes looked out and blinked merrily at the passers-by. The sergeant sniffed and blew his nose vigorously. He had suddenly remembered that, many years ago, Dougherty had lost his three children in some frightful accident.

The plump fingers ran along the window glass and the white-hooded head nodded at the stream of people that hurried by. But no one noticed, and Dougherty was about to plan some new amusement, when a well-dressed man caught sight of the baby's face and then, nervous and excited, ran into the station-house.

"How came this child here?" he demanded, almost fiercely, as he took the little creature into his arms and pressed kisses on the dimpled fists. "I am the child's father. Tell me, quickly, how came she here?"

"Number 745 found it in the middle of the street," answered the sergeant, referring to the register. "It was at the corner of S— and M—, in the busiest part of the shopping district."

"My God! It's a wonder she wasn't crushed to death by the cars or trampled under horses' hoofs."

There was a hurried opening of the station house door, the rustle of silken skirts, and a white-faced, trembling woman appeared. At the sight of the man and child, she stood as if too bewildered and paralyzed to speak. Then, the bundle of lace and the white hood and the small shoes began to squirm, and, in another moment the baby was running toward its mother, who now was softly weeping. She clasped the child in her arms, and the sergeant noticed that Dougherty drew his rough sleeve over his eyes and then hurriedly left the room.

It seemed strange, thought the sergeant, that the mother and the father of the child appeared so distant. He was still more bewildered when the child's father lifted his hat and said: "Shall I take Muriel to the carriage?" and the mother answered, half audibly:

"If you will be so kind."

Then they thanked the sergeant for his kindness and passed out into the sunshine.

At the carriage door the man assisted his wife into the vehicle and then handed the baby to her. She nodded her head in silent thanks. He again lifted his hat and was soon lost in the crowd of passers-by.

That night a woman with a heavy, sorrowful heart knelt by the side of her baby's cradle and wept bitterly. For the first time in several weeks

she had seen face to face with the man whom she had loved and married; the man whose child she had cared for so tenderly, with true motherly affection and devotion.

Had she but taken the opportunity to bid him return; had she but begged him to end the wretchedness of the past month! Had her lips but obeyed the commands of her heart—could she for once have murdered her pride and extended her hand to him! How different might their future be!

Such thoughts flew through her mind with agonizing, tormenting quickness. There was no world outside her own heavy heart. Her head fell among the down coverlets of the cradle and she sobbed aloud.

She did not hear the soft step behind her. She did not know that some one had entered the room until an arm was about her and a beseeching voice was saying:

"Clare! wife! I have returned to beg forgiveness. Please be friends again; I cannot exist without you—please—please."

"It was such a silly quarrel, wasn't it, dear?" she said, struggling closer to him and raising her wet eyes to his, "and yet we were so stubborn—I'm sure we'll never quarrel again, and even if we do, you won't go away, will you, and we won't wait a whole month to make up, will we?"

The tiny creature in the cradle moved. The small arms reached out and clutched at the silken hangings of the canopy. Two sapphire eyes opened and looked at the man and woman to whom the happiness of renewed love had come.

NEEDED FOOD AFTER ALL.

The Western Man Felt Better for It—So Did the Poet.

Once a rich western man who wanted to enjoy life in New York for a few days took the poet in tow as guide and mentor, says the Scranton Trust. The western man's idea of life went no farther than the playing of billiards and drinking wine. For three days he moved around from one billiard room to another. One of his peculiarities was that after the first morning he did not care to eat. He lived on stimulants. The poet likes to eat. He would from time to time suggest to the western man: "This would be a good time to go and get a nice English chop around at Brown's," or "what would you think just now of a good, thick beefsteak, broiled and—?" "Oh, humbug!" the western man would say. "We haven't time to eat, and what do you want to eat for when you get all the wine you want?" And the poet, tired poet had to drag along and pick up a bite as he could from a free lunch. Late on the third evening the western man got so tired he went to bed in an uptown hotel. The poet got a bed in the same room. Soon as sleep overcame the former the poet rang the bell and requested a menu card. Then he began at the top and ordered straight down through it everything from blue points to coffee—to be served for two. When the two suppers were served he sat down and cheerfully ate them both. The western man slept right on. Next morning when the western man awoke and looked at the empty plates and the debris of the supper on the table he rubbed his eyes and after indulging in deep thought for a moment looked over to the other bed and said to the poet: "I think you were right, after all; we did need something to eat. Heavens! we must have been hungry to eat up all that stuff last night, but I feel much better for it." And the well fed poet said, "Me, too!"

Steals Squabs by Science.

He was a venerable-looking negro of the Uncle Remus type and his head turned sharply as he heard a remark from a younger colored man in a 6th avenue group. "What's dat I heah you say 'bout liftin' three or foah young squabs outan a nest? I see a professah in squabs, kase I raised 'em by de hundred when I was a young man a-workin' foh my ole boss in Delaware state. So you want to hab yoah science right of you talk squab when I'm aroun'. De pigeon hatches right along 'leven months in a yeah and den somehow, I jes could never make out, dey takes one month rest, like a gubberment clerk, so you gits moh dan 'leven hatchin'-in's in a yeah. But dat ain't de point I see a-makin' agin you in dis case. No man ever knowed no pigeon to hatch moah an' two squabs at one sittin'; no sah, nevah; so ef you got foah squabs outan a nest at one time, you put yoah thievin' hand in two nests. If you cae'late a-gwine later de squab-liftin' business do yer stealin' by de rules ob science. Dat's all."—New York Herald.

HOW INDIANS GAMBLE

THE PUYALLUPS AND NISQUAL- LIES PLAY "SLA-HAEL."

Their Squaws Chant Incantations—Bones and "Beans" Important Factors—The Stakes Consist of Ponies, Cows and Pigs.



HE social event of the season for the Puyallup, the Nisqually and a few White River Indians has just passed, says the Tacoma Ledger. It was the annual gambling and horse-racing of the tribes, which took place on the Nisqually reservation. The festivities began Saturday, and lasted until Monday morning, when they ceased, and a procession of the most tired Indians that the people along the route have seen in many a day returned back to the Puyallup reservation. They bore no laurels, it is true, but they had their ponies and blankets, which at one time during the gambling they came disastrously near losing.

The sport took place at a gambling house kept by "Jim" Dimrood, a Nisqually Indian, and located in a clearing five acres in extent on the right bank of the Nisqually river, four miles above Maxfield station, where the Northern Pacific crosses the river. The game played by the Indians is called "sla-hael" and was actively participated in by thirty Puyallups, five White River Indians and thirty Nisquallies, the White River Indians, playing with the Puyallups. The stakes put up by each side were seventeen ponies, one cow and ten pigs.

It was in this gambling house last Saturday afternoon that "Jack" Skamenke, the leader of the Nisqually gamblers, stood up and began singing the low dirge-like song which forms part of the ceremony and then handed the bones to one of his men. The Indian took the bones, fumbled and changed them, and then, holding a bone tightly concealed in either hand, began swinging them for a wary Puyallup to guess which hand contained the white one. The gambling was in full progress. The scene was a strange one, well worthy the brush of a Frederick Remington or any who indulge a liking for the wild and fantastic. The bright wood fires were burning in either end of the room. Ten feet from the walls two rows of Indian men were kneeling down, facing each other, leaving a space of ten feet between them. In one row were Puyallup and White River Indians and in the other were Nisquallies. In the center of the kneeling rows of Indians were the leaders, "Tommy" Lane for the Puyallups and Shamenke for the Nisquallies.

Back of the kneeling bucks were benches running the entire length of the room. On these sat the Indian women of the respective tribes, who watched the varying fortunes of the players with most intent interest.

Stuck in the ground in semicircular form, in front of both Lane and Skamenke, were thirty-five small wooden pegs about three inches in length and one-fourth of an inch in diameter. These were the "beans" and when one side won the thirty-five belonging to the other, the game and pot was also won.

Suspended from the neck of each Indian player and hanging in front of his breast was a handkerchief, beneath which he deftly concealed his hands when the bones were given him to swing.

The bones mentioned are three inches in length and one inch in diameter. One of them is perfectly white, the other one has two black rings around it. Each of the leaders has two sets of bones, but only one set is used at a time. The game proceeds as follows: The leader of the side whose turn it is to play chants a sing-song incantation to bring luck, the squaws joining in this musical (?) effort and the bucks also, if they wish. Two of his men are then designated by the leader to shake the bones, which are grasped by the player, one in either hand and both hands are placed beneath the handkerchief hanging over his breast, where he fumbles the bones, shifts them about from hand to hand to confuse those who are keenly watching him from the other side, and then, suddenly drawing them from beneath the handkerchief, begins swinging them to the right and left in front of him. The leader of the opposite side then guesses or names one of

his men, whom he thinks may be the more lucky, to guess which swinging hand contains the white bone. If the guess is correct the leader of the side which is playing—not guessing—pulls one of the beans from the ground in front of him, and tosses it over to the leader of the side which has made the correct guess. The "bean" is taken by the winner and stuck in the ground with the other beans belonging to his side. The bones are also to be passed to the guessing side, whose turn it becomes to play.

Providing the guess is incorrect the side making it tosses a bean over to the side playing and the man who has shaken the sticks has the right to shake them again, while his opponents make another guess. Both sets of bones were guessed upon by the same man at the same time. If he guessed the white of one and missed the other he won a bean and one pair of bones, but lost a bean upon the other set which was shaken again for him to make another guess. In this manner the bones and beans were constantly passing back and forth from one side to another with the varying luck of the different sides. Saturday's game ended in a draw.

A YACHT'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Nearly Run Down in the Dark by a French Man-o-War.

Talking of collisions reminds me of a little incident of some five years ago, which is characteristic of sailors' practical common sense, writes the earl of Desart in Cassell's Magazine. I was lying becalmed floating about helplessly—on a dark night, some five miles outside Ajaccio harbor. The French president, M. Carnot, had just been there and there had been high jinks, which we missed through the contrariety of the winds. Well, out of the harbor came a number of great ships of war, the French and Italian fleets, and what recked their officers, flushed with ponche d'honneur, of a little English yacht bobbing about in aimless fashion among them? One of them—a turret ship, that looked, I am told, at least 1,000,000 tons in the gloom, came straight as us and our flare, or blue light, kept on deck for emergencies, had no effect on her course till the last moment, when she altered her helm and shaved us by a few yards.

Had that alteration of helm come a second later there would have been paragraphs in the London papers, "A Yacht Missing," and the eventual writing off of the yacht's number at Lloyd's as "foundered at sea," for the going over us would have scarcely woke the ironclad's captain, and the officer of the watch would have naturally have said nothing about the incident. But where the sailor man's sense came in was here: I had, seeing it was hopeless to think of getting into harbor that night—retired to my berth before the fleets emerged and only heard of our narrow escape next morning. To my question why we down below were not warned of the imminent catastrophe, I received the reply: "It would have been no use your coming on deck; she'd have gone clean over us and her sides were too high for a jump, even if there's been time!"

A Curious Court Scene.

A strange scene was that which took place in a San Francisco court room one day this week. Mrs. Virginia McMullin had brought suit for maintenance against her husband, Thurlow McMullin. They were married in 1871. A son was born to them in 1873 and they separated in 1877. During all these years they have remained apart and the son testified to this effect. His father was seated a few feet from him but the son swore that he had never seen him to know him. "I may have passed him on the street," said the son, "but I never knew it if I did." In the evidence it also came out that the father was employed in Tillman & Bendell's and the son in Baker & Hamilton's, two business houses only a few blocks apart. It seems extraordinary that in a city the size of San Francisco two human beings so closely related as are a father and son should pass twenty years in ignorance of one another's identity.—San Francisco Argonaut.

As He Explained It.

She takes a great deal of interest in theatrical matters and remarked to the young man:

"These coster singers are very posh at present."

"Yes," he replied, nervously.

"I wonder why they call them costers?" she went on in a pensive tone.

"I don't know, unless it's because it costs half a week's salary to go and hear one of them."—Washington Star

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To Our Readers.

With nearly 500 subscribers we are at some considerable expense each week in getting out the paper, and of course we must depend on our subscribers for at least a part of her expense money, and right here we want to mention a fact, and that is that we have not collected more than one dollar on subscriptions in the last 30 days. Now that is just a little too tough; We wish to continue as liberal a policy with our readers as is possible to do, but there must be a limit to this credit business, and we will start in on those out of the county and those who are fatherless behind with us. We will send accounts to delinquents and give reasonable time for remittances and in case of a failure to respond we will place the account in the hands of an attorney for collection. We do not want much of this kind of thing to do, but we must have some remuneration for our work and expenses there are. Those with whom we have made special arrangements which we have not forgotten. We hope those who owe us who are able will help us out all you can at the present time.

In the Frazier cases it was a transfer along jury a continuance and an acquittal. That is the same old story and seldom fails to come true. In the noted cases of Joe Bell Will Simmons and Vat Taylor it has already been a transfer, along jury, a continuance etc. and what do you suppose is generally expected next? An acquittal of course. And when such proceedings are begun the cases had about as well be dismissed and cost saved at once.—Colorado Spokesman.

The Silver democrats, according to returns from last Saturday primaries, had a walk over-carrying the state by a big majority and the present state administration was instructed for.

Ohio, Kentucky and Kansas democrats have gone for silver and there is no longer any doubt about the Chicago democratic convention declining for the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1. What will happen to the party after it puts this plank in the platform God alone knows.

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Altho we suppose a vast majority of the democrats of Coke Co. are satisfied with the way the primaries went throughout the state on last Saturday the question is being asked why were the democrats of Coke county no permitted to express their will at the ballot box. Who is responsible for there not being primaries held in this county on last Saturday there are still at least a few democrats in this county who would like to vote on state and national affairs and to be represented in the coming democratic convention

Dallas Tex. June 8th. It is learned by the Gazette representative that the Dallas delegation will present to the democratic state convention the name of Hon. John H. Cochran for a place on the railway commission. They will claim that North Texas is entitled to a member of the commission, and that the farmers of Texas should have representation on that important board. Freight rates effect the farmers as much or more than the merchants as the farmer is the producer of the exports and the consumer of the greater part of the imports. John H. Cochran is well known as a legislator and speaker, is now a farmer of Nolan county, a section of Texas which would be highly honored in the selection of one of its capable men for a place on the state ticket in consideration of the great democratic majority in the past.

St. Worth Gazette, June 9th.
From the fact that congress the river and harbor bill over President Cleveland's veto it seems that he has lost his once firm grip over those bodies.

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 delegates to meet at Robert Lee, Coke county, on Saturday, July 13th, 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.

From Hay Seed.

Ft. Chadbourne, Texas, June 11
Ed Rustler.—Again providence has favored our portion of the moral vineyard by sending us a glorious rain. Truly our people have reason to be thankful. Brother William Glass gave the brethren of New Hope a good moral v o loping last Sunday.

The New Hope Sunday School has suspended until October on account of the camp-meetings that are to commence soon.

We are informed that a union school will be organized next Sunday. In the language of the San Angelo Standard. "The courts have not unseated Grover Cleveland," but some of the boys of Rock Springs unseated G. N. Webb by carrying off his sulky seat. It was returned last week and Nelson is happy. Byron Robinson is having a well drilled on his farm. We hear that he has contracted to furnish the water and Miss—the bread, and we would not be much surprised to hear of another wedding soon.

Mr. Don Allen was circulating at Live Oak last Sunday.

The bashful young man says he is not in it a tall without a buggy.

Bas Knight says he will have to go to picking cotton before he gets through chopping; he has plenty of young bolls.

Well Mr. Editor, since it has rained every body is in the field and news is scarce this week, but we will give you an account of the big picnic next Saturday if nothing more in our next.

Hay Seed.

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

Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:
Bronte, 1st " 11 a. m.
Rock Springs, 2d " 11 a. m.
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.
Robert Lee, 3d Sunday, 11 a. m.
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We are authorized to announce Frank Robinson as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County.

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

For Sheriff and Tax Collector.

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

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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

Mr. P. Perrys storm house was full Tuesday night.

Mr. M. H. Davis is repairing his well on Coon Holler.

Judge Powell recieved a telegram from London yesterday afternoon from Mr. Hollingsworth accepting the irrigation proposition.—Ballinger Banner—Leader.

Mr. B. F. Montgomery and Mr. Henry Williams were pleasant callers at the Rustler office Wednesday.

John Gardner bought 300 muttons at \$1.65 from R. Whitesides from 300 to 500 head at \$1.60 \$1.70 and \$1.75.

This editor and family have rec'ed an invitation to the wedding of Edwin Middleton and Miss Alta Roy who marry at Sweetwater on the 17th of this month—he is a cousin of ours.

Mr. I. M. Bennicks thermometer registered 107 in the shade last Sunday.

CHEAP GROCERIES!

CHEAP GRAIN

—AND—

FREE WAGON YARD!

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

Respectfully,

John Barron.

The United States court with Judge Rector presiding will meet in San Angelo, on Monday November 2nd, 1896.—S. A. Standard.

Charlie Collyns has been very busy recently figuring on a matrimonial venture in Coke county.—S. A. Standard.

W. R. Boykin, bought of Stephen Parker this week, 106 head of sheep at \$1 per head.

J. A. Montieth, of the Ft. Chadbourne country was in the city Friday. Mr. Montieth says that his fruit crop was damaged considerably by the drouth.

Jim Stewart and R. B. Higgins made a trip to San Angelo in a wagon last Tuesday. It was a very warm day and soon after they got there they were both taken sick. Mr. Higgins was able to come home the next day, but Jim did not get home until Thursday evening—both are out again.

P. H. Merchant of Giddings Texas, is here on a visit.

Ed Good and Dr. Larham and their families and Siam Williams are taking a fish on the North Concho.

Notice.

Saturday before the first Sunday in each month is meeting time of the Peoples Party club of Prec. 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.

A great many of our people attended the picnic on Oak creek to-day.

H. L. Adams was in from his Sanco ranch yesterday.

Mr. I. J. Good is taking in the picnic to-day.

Stoves at Hagelsteins, San Angelo

Married.

On last Sunday evening at 6 o'clock at the residence of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barron, of near Sanco, M. G. Reed the Junior of the Rustler, and Miss Bessie Barron were married. Rev E. T. Bates performing the ceremony. They left for Sweetwater Tuesday morning to spend several days with F. B. Perry and family.

Notice.

L. B. Murray handed us the following for publication, which relates to the Brightman—Mitholland land case, same being a certified copy of Mr. Murray's evidence in the case:

"On this day personally advised L. B. Murray and after being by me duly sworn says that he is well acquainted with L. H. Brightman 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.

Wanted—An Idea

Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth. Write JOHN WILSON & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their \$1.00 price offer and list of two hundred inventions wanted.

From the San Angelo Standard.

Jack Miles, attorney for Frank Harris returned Tuesday from attending court in Coke county.

Major Barrongas and captain Reed, representative citizens of Robert Lee were in the city Monday.

The contract for building the grand stand for the San Angelo Base Ball Association has been let to Joe Chance, and work is now being proceeded with.

B. C. Jackson and Sidney Bremner went over to Coke county to look at some muttons and see if they could get any trace of Hector Mc Kenzie.

From information in the hands of the Standard it is a positive fact that the San Angelo Federal Court bill will pass congress before the 4th of next March.

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. W. McElroy happened to a painful and dangerous accident about 10.30 o'clock last night.

The seven wire grave-yard fence has recently been built across the Ballinger road, and Mr. McElroy reined his horse into the fence while riding in a lope, when both fell into the fence together, with the horse on top. Mr. McElroy felt somewhat uncomfortable under the horse amongst the barbed wire and called for help.

Several men ran to him from town, but when they got him he had taken the saddle off of the horse and had got up. He had some little cuts on the ankle and the horse looked like he had been run through a sausage mill, but may live.

Will Perry had some serious trouble last Sunday night after the wedding at Mr. W. C. Barrons on starting home he helped Miss Lavenia Payne in the buggy and the team got frightened Will caught hold of the bridle of one of the horses which it broke. The team pulled up the post to which they were tied. Will caught the post and held on for dear life and finally got the horses stopped and no one was badly hurt but the buggy was considerably wrecked.

W. C. Merchants' children have measles.

This editor and family and a few more Robert Lee people took the pleasure of attending the closing exercises of the Sanco school last night. We haven't the space that we would like to devote to it, but enough was seen for us to say that Sanco may well be proud of her school, her children and her people in general. Music by Willie, Joe, K and Misses Minerva and Ida Green, Johnie Gardner and J. W. Tunnell furnished good music, and the various speeches, essays and dialogues rendered by the pupils and others were, to say the least, entertaining. Sanco is an interesting, enterprising and intelligent community and they support a good school, and their teacher, Miss Emma Merchant, will long treasure their many kindness manifested toward her while she served them as teacher.

Capt. Hutchinson of Bronte spent several days in town this week.

P. P. Club, Precinct No. 1 will meet at Robert Lee on June the 27th to select delegates to county Convention July 11 and transact any other business that may come before the club.

Said county convention will Consider the Propriety of putting out a county ticket.

J. W. Tunnell Char.

THE A. AND M. COLLEGE

EXERCISES AND MUCH ENTHUSIASM AT COMMENCEMENT.

Downman Felker Drowned at Hill's Ferry.—Engineer Fratt at Work on the Southern Extension of Texas Midland—Drowned in the River at Austin.

College Station, Tex., June 8.—Everything about the beautiful Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas is alive with the fervor and enthusiasm always attendant upon the commencement. The grounds are marvelously so in the full rich verdure and abundant flowers of early summer. The artistic skill of the florist is seen everywhere and long sloping swards of smoothly cut grass, traversed by drives and walks, lead up to the stately buildings, which, for the next few days, will be a center of interest for all the great state of Texas.

Examinations were concluded and a majority of the young men have made excellent records and are jubilant over the prospect of going home for vacation. To-day Secretary Harrison has been busy dispensing the generous student labor fund with which the college is provided, and which goes out through the window to the boys of men in every avocation of life, the merchant's son, the lawyer's, the doctor's and the farmer's—all have done some sort of labor in some of the departments and all stand upon the same footing. There is every indication that the present commencement exercises will be the most largely attended for several years. There are many visitors here and in Bryan already and the trains will bring many more.

Pleasant Grove School.

Pleasant Grove, Tex., June 8.—At the closing exercises of the Pleasant Grove high school the J. O. Rouse medal for oratory was awarded to A. D. Jackson, the W. T. Rouse medal for debater to J. P. Gibson, the Niveth medal for declaimer to Miss Ethel Jackson, the S. S. Moore medal for Texas history to Miss Eula Scoggin, the Dr. J. P. Wilson medal for best student to T. L. Moore, the F. M. Corley medal for mathematics to W. W. Corley. Prizes were also awarded in algebra to C. C. Shields and in deportment to Miss Sallie Harris. Diplomas were granted to R. A. Harris, W. M. Harris and O. C. Thompson. The students also surprised Prof. M. M. Smith with a beautiful medal as an appreciation of his services as teacher.

Drowned.

Hempstead, Tex., June 8.—Downman Fellows, about 21 years old, was drowned at Hill's Ferry, on the Belleville road four miles west of here. The deceased was in company with two other men, and after all three had gone on the ferryboat pistol shots frightened the negro ferryman, causing him to abandon his boat. When the men saw the boat drifting down stream all jumped their horses overboard, and young Felker's horse went into twelve feet of water and came up without his rider. A large party from here are now trying to recover the body. The deceased was a son of Merchant James A. Felker, was raised here and was a popular young man.

Replies to Cranfill.

Waco, Tex., June 8.—Mrs. Ada C. Row, the leading woman prohibitionist of Waco, editor of the White Ribbon, and vice president of the grand lodge, Independent Order Good Templars of Texas, is after Dr. J. B. Cranfill with a sharp prod. Mrs. Row's issue with the doctor is his opposition to female suffrage, which opposition Dr. Cranfill expressed in vigorous terms in a recent interview. Mrs. Row intimates that the doctor has changed his views as to giving women the right to vote since the time he was before the nation as vice presidential candidate on the prohibition ticket.

An Assignment.

Dickens City, Tex., June 8.—J. B. Yantis, general merchant, made and filed in the county clerk's office an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. C. A. Darnell assignee. Total assets \$1000. Creditors, Kemp Grocery company, Wichita Falls, \$350; Tennent-Stribling Shoe company, St. Louis, Mo., \$259; Stitely & Hey, Amarillo, Tex., \$9. Total liabilities \$720.

Engineer Fratt.

Paris, Tex., June 8.—Engineer Fratt of the Texas Midland surveying corps left for Bonnis on business connected with the southern extension of the line named from that point.

The draftsmen are yet at work on the profiles of the yards here and the survey into the city limits to a connection with the Frisco.

James Dunham murdered six persons at Campbell, Cal., and then made his escape.

About Experiments.

Dallas, Texas, June 6.—From an extensive cattle feeder of Nebraska, who feeds 1,900 acres of corn of his own raising and 100 tons of beets a day, has kept careful accounts of his operations for the last ten years. From this record we extract the following interesting facts: For the first nine years the cost per head ranged from \$14.09 to \$32.39, but in 1893 he began feeding beets and corn, which had been cut and cured in the shock, and then run through a shredding machine, ear, stalk, blade, all of which is by the machine reduced to the condition of coarse hay. The cost of harvesting, shocking, shredding and feeding is 3 cents per bushel of grain and \$1.87 per ton of fodder. The 1,900 acres averaged 40½ bushels of corn and a ton and a half of fodder per acre. The beets (sugar beets) yield 30 to 50 tons per acre, counting tops and all, and are fed whole. Both cattle and hogs are fond of them, and it was found that after cutting them the first few days cattle learn to bite them off as a boy bites an apple. Since adopting this ration the cost of fattening cattle has never exceeded \$10 per head. No cholera has ever occurred among hogs following the cattle while feeding beets. It is estimated that beet tops from beets used in sugar-making are worth an average of \$3 per acre for cattle food.

A Nevada stockman has found, by actual experiment, that fat steers driven twenty-five miles without water, will shrink fifty pounds each, though fed and watered before weighing at the end of the journey. Steers driven five miles and allowed to stand two hours without feed or water did not shrink any. Steers driven forty miles and given water repeatedly on the journey shrank twenty pounds each. A bunch of 800-pound steers driven fifty miles with care, watered frequently and allowed to eat and drink six hours, shrank fifteen pounds each.

Assessor's Statistics.

Austin, Tex., June 6.—To the assessors of the several counties: It is my unpleasant duty to inform you that the codifiers of the laws in their recent revision of the statutes, which were adopted and established as the revised civil statutes of the state of Texas by the twenty-fourth legislature, omitted therefrom section No. 6 of the act of March 2, 1889. The fact of this omission has been developed within the last week, and that by such omission there is now no authority for the commissioner of agriculture to require assessors to furnish statistics, nor is there any provision by law for the payment of the assessors for work done. This condition of the law is in all respects deplorable, especially so since you have been prosecuting the work of gathering statistics as heretofore in good faith and in unavoidable ignorance of the singular omission above referred to. If, by concerted action, however, each and every assessor, without exception, will complete and send in his returns for 1895 as usual, so that the report may be completed as heretofore it is my hope that the legislature will recognize the justness of making provision to pay for work actually done, and I beg to assure you that to this end I shall use my best efforts. With sincere interest in and friendship for you, I am, yours very truly, A. J. ROSE, Commissioner.

To Kill Johnson Grass.

Taylor, Tex., June 6.—Mr. Pat O'Donnell, a thrifty farmer who owns a large tract of splendid farming land near Taylor, claims that he has discovered a successful way to kill Johnson grass. Last year, Mr. O'Donnell says, he had 100 acres of very choice land to go entirely to Johnson grass; so thick was it that the cultivation of crops in this field was abandoned. He permitted the grass to grow, and when it had reached the proper height, just before maturing, he cut it for hay. Selecting the very driest and hottest period of the summer months last year he doubled up his plow teams and uprooted the sod, plowing deeply and leaving the roots of the grass exposed to the hot, dry sun, which killed them. He has the same land planted in corn and cotton this year, and out of the entire 100 acres he says a full half of Johnson grass can not be found.

Davies in Trouble.

El Paso, Tex., June 6.—Charles Davies of Buffalo, N. Y., while sightseeing in Juarez, Mexico, was arrested by Mexican soldiers, charged with being one of five cowboys who recently attempted to rescue a comrade from the Juarez military prison recently after they had driven the soldiers within at the points of their pistols. Davies arrived here yesterday from Buffalo and dresses as a cowboy. He will be kept in solitary confinement for seventy-two hours, as usual, before getting a hearing.

The present king of Denmark once gave drawing lessons to avoid war.

SENATE PASSED IT.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL NOW A LAW.

The Vote Was Taken After Three Hours of Spirited Debate and Stood 56 to 5—Veto Thought the Veto Power Should Not be Used on Such a Broad Scale.

Washington, June 4.—The senate yesterday passed the river and harbor bill by a vote of 56 to 5. This was the last step in making the bill effective. The vote was taken after three hours of spirited debate, during which the president was criticized and defended, the remarks at times being directly and bitterly personal. The opposition to the veto was expressed by Senators Vest, Sherman, Pettigrew, Hawley and Butler, while the veto was sustained by Senators Vilas, Hill and Bate. When a partial conference report was presented on the naval appropriation bill Mr. Quay moved that the senate recede from the amendment reducing the number of battleships from four to two. This brought on an extended debate. In its course Mr. Tillman, of South Carolina, spoke in his usual breezy way of "armor robbery." He referred to the grip by the throat which the armor concerns had on congress, and looking around the senate asked if there were attorneys or a lobby here or senators interested in seeing these contracts given out.

A final vote on the battleships will be taken at 1 o'clock to-day.

A contest for the right of way arose as soon as the senate met yesterday. Mr. Vest (Dem.), of Missouri, who is in charge of the river and harbor bill, sought to have the president's veto of that measure taken up. This was opposed by Mr. Pettigrew (Rep.), of South Dakota, in charge of the appropriation bill conference report. Mr. Vest urged that the suspension and possible destruction of the work of improvement of international waterways was of more moment than any one subject save that of the national honor. It was imperative that the question be settled now, so that if the veto was sustained it could be determined whether another river and harbor bill was to be framed. The bill and veto were taken up—yeas 38, nays 10. The negative vote was cast by Democrats—Bate, Chilton, Harris, Palmer, Vilas—; Republicans—Brown, Morrill, Pettigrew, Pritchard, Teller—5; total 10.

The veto message was then read.

Mr. Vest said that the veto contained statements which, however much he might respect the high office of the president, ought not to go unchallenged. The senator did not question the president's veto prerogative, but the framers of the constitution never had intended that this power should be exercised in the ordinary affairs of the government. It was to be a power to meet extraordinary emergencies, when popular passion had led to hasty legislation, or when a constitutional question was involved. The early presidents, who stood nearer to the constitution, exercised the veto but seven times, twice by Washington, five times by Madison and never by Jefferson or John Adams.

In the House.

Washington, June 4.—The house yesterday began clearing the decks for final adjournment by extending the length of the daily sessions. The house met at 11 o'clock and sat until 6. In addition to this Mr. Dingey, the floor leader of the majority, gave notice that henceforth he should object to all leaves of absence except such as were requested on account of sickness. The importance of keeping a quorum constantly in attendance, he explained, compelled him to take this step. A partial conference report on the general deficiency bill was agreed to and the bill sent back to further conference. The Murray-Elliott contested election case from the first South Carolina district was debated for four hours. The vote will be taken to-day.

The majority report favors the seat-in of the contestant, who is a colored man and who was seated by the fifty-first congress in place of Elliott.

Ten thousand copies of the president's veto message and the report of the river and harbor committee were ordered printed.

Work of Rebuilding.

St. Louis, Mo., June 4.—Building Commissioner Randall predicts that within the next two or three months the only outward sign of Wednesday's tornado in the devastated districts will be fine, substantial new buildings, standing in contrast to the old and dingy ones spared by the storm. He added: "One thousand will not cover the number of houses damaged by the tornado. I calculate that at least half that number will have to be built anew. I have seen and talked with many property owners whose houses were destroyed, and all express a determination to speedily rebuild them on an enlarged and more substantial plan."

Outrageous Murders.

New York, June 4.—The following special correspondence from Managua, province of Matanzas, Cuba, dated May 10, has been received:

Reports have reached here of a number of recent unwarranted murders and outrages by bands of Col. Louis Molina de Olivera's Spanish guerrillas. Delizario Nodardo, of this town, relates the particulars of a fiendish attack upon a Cuban woman.

"The guerrillas of Colon," Mr. Nodardo says, "while on their way to Caillero, stopped at the house of Mateo Martinez, who had been forced to enlist in a body of insurgents, under the command of Juan Pablo Jabio. The officer in command inquired from Zenonora Martinez the whereabouts of her husband. 'Indeed, I can't tell,' she replied.

"'I'll make you,' said the Spaniard, and he proceeded to tear off her clothing. e then questioned her anew, and receiving no answer from the woman, who was crying hysterically, he unsheathed his sword and fell to cutting and slashing her until her blood covered the floor. Her shrieks and entreaties only served to provoke the brutal laughter of the officer. Mr. Nodardo says he laid the facts in writing before Col. Molina. The chief replied by sending a squad to arrest and shoot the complainant."

Another Expedition.

New York, June 4.—A report this morning says: There was an air of mystery about the departure of the steamship Anerly from this port Tuesday night that smacked of a filibustering expedition. The fact that the steamship carried an immense quantity of dynamite for a port not far from Havana lent color to the report that was current in the maritime circles that the big iron vessel would land stores and a complement of men on Cuban soil at a place where Gen. Quesada had agreed to receive them.

The Anerly is engaged in Central American trade. Until Tuesday she lay in her berth at the foot of Grand street. Men were unloading her during the day, but at night boxes and barrels were sent aboard, and an air of mystery seemed to surround the movements of the men who walked up and down her gang-plank.

No one not having special business with the master of the vessel, Capt. Shelbourne, was allowed to board the steamship or loiter where she lay.

Chinese Kill Germans.

London, June 4.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says the German officers who were sent to drill the Chinese army have been subjected for some time to indignities and outrages, the motive of which is to force them to resign. Recently two Germans were beaten by soldiers, and now an officer named Krauss has been murdered by the body guard of Lin-Kun-Yah, viceroy of Nankin. In consequence of these events, it is added, the entire German squadron in Chinese waters has been ordered to Nankin, and it is believed the Germans will withdraw the fifty officers now in the Chinese army and insist upon the payment of the whole amount of their contract.

Another dispatch says the Kaiser's rebels have defeated the Chinese general, Tung, with terrible slaughter and that the viceroy of Nankin has ordered the German drilled troops to assist in suppressing the rebellion.

Mysterious Letter.

San Francisco, Cal., June 4.—The Chronicle has received a letter from Atlanta, Ga., purporting to have been written by Joseph Blather, the Australian knight accused of the murder of Mrs. Philopon Langfeldt of this city, in which the writer denies he committed the murder, and says he is willing to come to San Francisco and stand trial on the charge. Blather says Mrs. Langfeldt was murdered by Dr. James Scott. No such person is known in the city. Chief of Detectives Lee, to whom the letter was shown, says he is positive it was written by Blather. Investigations show, however, that many statements made in the letter are not corroborated by facts. Blather's singular communication is not dated, but postmarks on the envelope show K was mailed at Atlanta, Ga., May 28.

Horrible Treatment.

Johnstown, Pa., June 4.—At an early hour yesterday morning two unknown burglars broke into the residence of Mr. and Mrs. David Berkey, an aged couple who reside near Rummel post-office, to rob them. The couple were considered to be wealthy. The plunderers tied Mr. and Mrs. Berkey to their bed with ropes and demanded their fortune. Mr. Berkey refused to give them anything, when they immediately applied the flames of the lamp to their feet, burning them horribly. They then took a knife and cut Mr. Berkey's lips into slits, threatening to kill him and his wife if he would not deliver up their money. They got \$125.

Choked Off.

"Prisoner," said the police magistrate, "have you anything to say before I proceed to pronounce sentence upon you?" The prisoner, a battered, blue-eyed pilgrim, with whiskers that had grown an eighth of an inch since their last coat of blue-black dye had been applied, slowly uncrossed his legs and rose to his feet. "You can do what you please with me, I reckon, judge," he said. "I was drunk and I was disorderly. There ain't any getting around that. But if I can be allowed to make a few remarks I should like to give some of the reasons why I believe in the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1." But the officers hastily pulled him down.

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SCENES AND TESTIMONIALS.

The annex cut is a fair representation of Dr. Veno, a man who is famous on two continents and has caused a great deal of stir in Texas, particularly in Fort Worth and Dallas, where he has performed some of the most remarkable cures ever heard of in this section of the country. He is a man of medium height, with a keen, piercing eye, black hair, and clean shaven face. He is dressed in an ancient Briton, frock which country he hails. He is president of the Veno Drug Company, a legally chartered company, who manufacture Veno's Electric Fluid and Veno's Curative Syrup, two famous medicines that make paralytics and rheumatics cripples walk, and the weak, nervous, dyspeptic and malarial in a most remarkable manner. Veno showed the collection of sworn testimonials of very remarkable cures performed after the best medical skill in the country had failed. During the last ten years Dr. Veno has delivered a number of powerful lectures in this city and will be heard to-night for the last time in Phoenix Hall in one of his charity lectures for the benefit of the poor of the city, when he will give away a load of provisions. The cures performed in the city by Veno's medicines have caused much talk among the medical men. Chas. Connelly, janitor of the Old Fellow's Hall, has been crippled for a long time and had hobbled about on a cane and for five weeks had been in constant pain day and night. Veno's Electric Fluid stopped the pain instantly and it has not returned. Doctors could not cure him, and for four long years he had suffered. He was treated by Veno's medicines and is now well, walking about without pain, sleeps well and gaining strength. This case the writer inquired into and found it just as represented above. Many other cures have been made that were considered incurable by the local doctors.

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A Month of Disaster.

The Chicago Tribune has figured up the disastrous occurrences during the month of May attended by loss of human life, and gives the following: On the 3d 12 persons were killed by an explosion in Cincinnati; on the 15th, 120 by a cyclone in Texas; on the 17th, 33 by cyclones in Kentucky and Kansas; on the 18th, 44 by a cyclone in Nebraska; on the 21st, 10 by a cyclone in Oklahoma; on the 22d, 5 by a cyclone in Missouri; on the 24th, 40 by a cyclone in Iowa; on the 25th, 86 by cyclones in Michigan and Oklahoma and 40 by a cloudburst at McGregor, Ia.; on the 26, 12 by a storm at Cairo and between 75 and 100 by the fall of a bridge at Victoria, B. C.; on the 27th the tornado that laid in ruins great parts of the cities of St. Louis and East St. Louis and wide areas of the surrounding country, causing the death of perhaps 500 persons, the serious wounding of many hundreds more, and the destruction of property to the extent of many millions of dollars; on the 29th between 2000 and 3000 people were trampled and crowded to death at Moscow, Russia, during the coronation of the czar.

If you are thinking of studying music do not fail to send for the Prospectus of the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. This will acquaint you with the greatest and most perfect School of Music, Oratory and Modern Languages in America. The best is always the cheapest in the end and the charges are low when its advantages over other similar schools are considered.

Two of a Kind.

Schultz—"Do you see that dog of mine over there?"
Miller—"Yes, I see him. Right smart looking dog."
Schultz—"You bet he is. That dog has got more sense than I have."
Miller—"Is that so? Well, some years ago I had a dog just like that one of yours, still he hadn't sense enough to go in out of the rain."
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After all, nothing appeals to people like something good to eat.

I know that my life was saved by PISO'S Cure for Consumption.—John A. Miller, A. Sabie, Michigan, April 21, 1895.

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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, 204 Adams St., Chicago, and the paper will be sent to your address for one year.

When a man puts on another suit, men say: "New, or cleaned up?"

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THIS GLORIOUS INDEPENDENCE

Should Be Appreciated by American Fathers and Mothers.

"Hello! Yes, it's I. I've just this minute waked up," said the girl in negligee, according to the San Francisco Examiner.

"You lazy thing," said the girl in street clothes, at the other end of the wire. "I tried to call you up half an hour ago, but I couldn't get any answer."

"I was dreadfully sleepy," with an audible yawn. "We were up till daylight."

"I'm all upset about our thing to-night," went on the girl in street clothes. "Maise's mother won't let her go, so that gives us a man too many."

"Won't let her go!" with symptoms of waking up. "How perfectly funny! Why not?"

"Oh, she's got some crazy idea about it's not being a respectable place."

"The theater or the cafe?"

"Both, I imagine."

"How absurd!" said the girl in negligee. "Why, everybody goes now. You see half the people you know."

"Of course, and you don't need to have anything to do with the others," answered the girl in street clothes. "I think it's rather fun to go among real Bohemians once in awhile. You get so narrow, always moving in one little set."

"Yes, it really is broadening," said the other, seriously; then both laughed a little at some afterthought. "But imagine your mother not letting you go," she added. "Why, I simply say I'm going and that's all there is about it."

"As long as we have a chaperon and don't forget the latchkey that's all my mother cares," said the girl who had been dressed some time.

"Maise wants to get her parents in training if she is going to have any fun," said the girl who was just up. "I wouldn't stand being treated like a child, anyway."

"We are old enough to judge for ourselves," said the veteran of 21. "Now and then mother says, 'I'd rather you wouldn't,' and if it is something I don't care anything about I often don't."

"Oh, of course, if it isn't any fun," said the sage in the bath-wraper. "And sometimes when I want to get out of things I say that mother isn't willing. It sounds well and people are too polite to say: 'Bother your mother!' By the way, you don't suppose Maise is trying that, do you?"

"Oh, dear no! She is simply wild about it. She almost wept when she told me. You know she was going to have Will, and he'll be so disgusted, I'm afraid he will back out of going."

"I suppose we can ask somebody else," the girl in negligee said, disconsolately, "but it won't be the same. I don't know what I'd do if I had a mother like that."

"I wouldn't have," said the other decidedly. "I'd begin with her young. I suppose the little simpleton said: 'May I go?'"

"That's fatal," said the girl in negligee. "You'd never go anywhere in this world if you tried to get permission first. Say, I'm freezing. I must go and dress."

"Wait—Tom wants to speak to you a minute," said the girl who was dressed to go out.

"Tell him he can't," said the girl who most decidedly wasn't. "I'm not receiving this morning."

"He says he will shut his eyes."

"Don't you dare let him," crouching away from the telephone. "De what you can about to-night. We'll go, anyway."

"Indeed we will. Let's start a society for the suppression of unruly mothers."

"And fathers, too," said the girl in negligee. "Dot's father gives her an allowance and expects her to pay her own bills with it. She is so in debt that she doesn't dare go down-town—she makes me do all her errands for her—and her father won't help her out."

"Beast!" said the girl in street clothes. "I know; he's the kind that always thinks things will be a lesson to you. Still, parents here are pretty good on the whole. They don't need much suppression."

"That's so," admitted the girl in negligee. "Thank heaven, I was born in America."

Why Mayor Wallace Resigned.
J. W. Wallace was mayor of Parnassus, Pa. His official life is now a matter of the past. Religious scruples worked the change.

Wallace believed that what work was done should be attended to on week days. His fellow-townsmen differed from him in views.

An ordinance before the council was written on Sunday. In the mayor's eyes it was a grievous offense. He could not countenance such disrespect of the Sabbath.

And on the next day he resigned.

He Felt Confident.
"Do you worry about meeting your notes?" said the victim of pecuniary embarrassments.

"No," said the person who is indiscriminately flippant. "I don't worry about meeting 'em. Experience has taught me that I can just sit down and trust to 'em to run across me."—Washington Star.

Old West Pointer.

The oldest living graduates of West Point is Gen. George S. Greene, who celebrated his 95th birthday at his home in New York a few days since. He is in vigorous health.

If ten people go to a picnic, seven are managers, and cuss the driver of the wagon.

If you owe the fiddler fair and square, pay him, and don't grumble.

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The nerves are often painfully acute. When this is the case, the best thing to be done is to seek the tonic and tranquillizing assistance of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a superb nerve. No less beneficial is it for dyspeptic, bilious, malarial, rheumatic, bowel and kidney complaints. Use with persistent regularity. A wineglassful before retiring confers sleep.

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It is worth becoming the under dog, to get the sympathy.



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Beauty's bane is the fading or falling of the hair. Luxuriant tresses are far more to the matron than to the maid whose casket of charms is yet untried by time. Beautiful women will be glad to be reminded that falling or fading hair is unknown to those who use **Ayer's Hair Vigor.**
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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 6 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 1-2 c 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 Vic 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.

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

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LOCAL CHIPS.

But didn't it rain.

The drouth is broke.

What about the Barbecue on the 4th?

Blinders at Hagelstein, San Angelo.

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

Wire, at Hagelsteins, San Angelo

On last Tuesday night a fine and much needed rain fell here.

There is still a chance for a crop in Coke county this year.

If you dont like what this paper says make the editor eat it if you can.

Guitars, Mandolins,

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Hacks at Hagelsteins, San Angelo

Miss Mary Read, of New Hope, has been spending several days at Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Davises.

Jess Buchanan and Johnie Weathers so journed in San Angelo a day or two the first of the week

Eclipse Repairs at B. L. Wilson Angelo

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

Lee Odom was in town a part of this week working a life insurance business.

Wagons at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.

W. W. McElroy came in from Sweetwater on a visit to see his wife last Tuesday.

How this country does loom up when it rains.

Stern houses were in demand during the rain Tuesday night.

Johnnie and Miss Maggie Ross of Boozer vicinity, made this office a pleasant call last Saturday evening.

J. T. Hamilton and J. J. Fry were elected school trustees in this district last Saturday.

R. F. Montgomery and Ruf Whitesides have been looking for a cheap bunch of sheep for sale this week.

F. B. Perry and family of Sweetwater, came down to the wedding last Sunday.

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.

Glassware at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.

Nelson Webb was in from Ft. Chadbourne Wednesday night and reports that they got none of the fine rain that fell

Implements at Hagelsteins, Angelo.

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

Commissioner A. C. Gardner was with the balance of the court Monday and Tuesday, tho his health at present is very bad.

Lewis Tucker was in town Monday and says Miss Ola his sister is expected to arrive from the Territory soon.

The columns of this paper are open to every citizen in the county when it comes to booming the town and county.

Brother Berryman filled his appointment at the court house last Sunday.

The grand entertainment at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Davis attended by two of the foremost Bronte boys was over looked last week.

Aermotors at Hagelsteins Angelo.

Mrs. Geo. F. Fair of Comanche, Texas, was in town a part of this week.

Pleas Childress was in town Wednesday. He has given up his job at Angelo and says he will stay at home awhile.

Mowers at Hagelstin San Angelo.

For two weeks prior to the rain Tuesday night the hottest weather prevailed ever known here. The thermometer did not stop below 100 in the shade for any day during that time and on one or two days it probably went as high as 110.

Question?

How would such men as Ed Rollins in precinct 1 Billy Childress in precinct 2, J. W. Ashurst in precinct 3, and Geo. Arnet in precinct 4, suit you as the commissioners court of Coke county? Think of it people can you beat it? Jim Stewart.

Charlie Collyns of Watter valley was mingling with the young folks in town Sunday and Monday, while here he subscribed for the Rusler.

Grand Pa Hayley invites every body to attend an ice-cream supper at his stand next Friday night.

Hardware at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.

Ed Good and others want a barbecue here on the 4th and they will do what is right about it too if you want the barbecue say so.

Will Gunnels was in town Wednesday after the rain and says he thinks there is yet a chance for his corn to make a partial crop says other corn in his vicinity is about like his.

Well Supplies, Hagelsteins Angelo.

Ruf Whiteside and B. F. Montgomery bought 972 stock sheep of Henry Williams this week at private terms. Mr. Williams took some town property in the deal.

Charlie Collyns and C. S. Howard gave the Watter Valley people a barbecue recently.

This office printed badges for the Decker Sunday school for the occasion of the picnic on Oak Creek today.

Tinware at Hagelsteins, San Angelo

The commissioners court sat Monday and Tuesday as a board of equalization.

J. G. McCulloch came home Tuesday night after being gone for several weeks and says he brought the rain.

A little more rain on Thursday evening.

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Wagon Yard Changed Hands.

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Ballinger, Texas.

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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,

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Sanco Dots.

Sanco, Texas, June 9, 1886.

Ed. Rustler:—The weather is warmer here than has ever been known before so early in the season. Sunday evening the thermometer reached 110. The hot winds are parching up vegetation very rapidly; even cotton is dying, and corn, I suppose is past all hope.

Rev. A. M. Jay preached here Sunday to a good audience.

Miss Mary Adams of Bronte, is visiting her uncle, Judge Adams of this community.

Miss Minnie Boyd, of Sterling is visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Murrey.

Something has happened at Sanco at last, Sunday evening Miss Bessie Barron of this place was married to Mr. Grey Reed of Robert Lee; this will doubtless be news to the Rustler Messrs Dan Campbell Alvin Jamson and Simon Lane were in Sanco Sunday evening.

We are glad to learn that Will Laswell who has been very sick with measles is getting better. Mr. C. H. Cooper of Silver passed through here on his way to Lee yesterday.

M. E.

We learn from W. W. McElroy that the following named candidates received various majorities in the Democratic primaries in Nolan county on last Saturday: For county judge, J. H. Cochran; for sheriff, P. M. Hall; for county and district clerk, W. W. Hopkins; for treasurer, J. Graham; for assessor, J. P. Trammell; for hide and animal inspector, J. E. Bryan; for county attorney, D. I. Durham; and Jno. R. Lewis, of the southern part of the county, was nominated as commissioner of his precinct. Democratic nominations in Nolan county are about the same as elections. Nolan always elects good officers, some of the best men and best officials in Texas having been snowed under by other good men in this primary, but such is life in the far west.

The Republican national convention meets in St. Louis next Tuesday. The city is now being thronged with delegates and prominent members of the party.

Secretary Carlisle has submitted a reply to the senate committee on the bond issue question.

It is said that Judge Maxey, of the United States court at San Antonio, has decided that a Mexican cannot become a citizen of the United States. This is as it should be, and why not include the negro in the list also, along with the Chinaman, Italian and Bohemian.—Ballinger Banner Leader.

The great congress of these great United States adjourned on the 11th of this month. The last bill passed was a private pension bill to pension the widow of a Federal officer. Despite of a depleted treasury and the straitened circumstances of the people, this congress has been lavish in its expenditures, and it is probably a fact no one, of any political party, is satisfied with the legislation that has been ground out.

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WITH A BRIEF FORECAST OF HOUSE AND SENATE.

Storms in the West Do Much Damage in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Wisconsin and Illinois—A Fatal Trolley Car Slip in the City of New York.

Washington, June 8.—If, as now seems probable, the first session of the fifty-fourth congress adjourns this week, it will be the shortest so-called long session since that of the thirty-fifth and one of the shortest in the history of the government. This record is probably partly due to the political difference between the senate, house and president, which have forestalled agreements on lines of legislation, and partly to the determination with which the Republican leaders in the house have carried into effect Speaker Reed's caucus prediction that the congress would be a do-nothing assembly. Legislation means appropriations, the house leaders have said, and their opinion was that the treasury's condition warranted no appropriations except the most imperative. They had the doors tightly shut against class bills, which usually receive hearings.

Foremost among the inevitable and regular acts of congress are the annual appropriation bills for the support of the government. Their preparation has constituted a large part of the work of the session, and five of them are yet hanging between the house and the senate, with some of their details unsettled. For this reason it is impossible to give the exact totals of the bills on the grand total of appropriations made by this congress, which aggregate about half a million dollars, but the disbursements authorized during the session will be discussed hereafter by Chairman Cannon of the appropriations committee and ex-Chairman Sayers from the points of view of their respective parties.

The Senate.

Washington, June 8.—Whether the senate shall be able to conclude the work of the session this week will probably depend upon whether a quorum can be retained. Some senators are opposed to the passage of the general deficiency bill with the French spoliation and the store and supply claims allowed under the Bowman act omitted. Senator Harris makes no secret of his intention to demand the restoration of these items to the bill and says he will not consent to its passage without them except upon a ye and nay vote. If he insists upon this a voting quorum will be necessary. Several senators have announced their purpose of leaving the city early in the week, and many others will depart about the middle of the week for St. Louis. Under these circumstances it is possible that adjournment may be postponed until after the republican convention, though there will be a very general effort to prevent this. The other appropriation bills which have not been finally disposed of are the Indian, the District of Columbia, sundry civil, naval and the postoffice.

The House.

Washington, June 7.—House managers have parliamentary machinery in operation which will enable them to secure prompt action on every proposition submitted by the conferees on the five remaining appropriation bills looking to an adjustment of the differences between the two houses. Instead of adjourning last night the house took a recess until 10 o'clock today. That action continues the legislative day of Saturday, which by a special order adopted on Friday was made a suspension day, and will enable the house to vote on any proposition after twenty minutes debate.

The differences between the two houses on the four supply bills—the sundry civil, naval, Indian and District of Columbia—are radical, but by mutual concessions the house leaders believe the differences can be adjusted so as to permit an adjournment Tuesday or Wednesday. In the sundry civil bill the house has thus far persistently refused to accept the amendments for public buildings at the capitals of Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana and the additions for the public buildings at Kansas City, Savannah and Camden, N. J.

In Hard Lines.

London, June 8.—A correspondent at Rome says that the Eafian ministry is in very rough water, owing to the publication of the green book on Abyssinia, which relates communication from Great Britain regarding the Sudan expedition, containing information which the opposition in the British parliament complain that Lord Salisbury refused to communicate and the publication of which was criticized in no very gentle terms by Mr. Balfour in the British parliament. The Rome correspondent says that there is a widespread opinion in Rome that a cabinet crisis is inevitable.

Trolley Car Slips.

New York, June 8.—An overloaded trolley car ran away down a long incline on the Nassau street railway extending to Coney Island to-day, when the tide of travel was at its height. More than 100 passengers were put in peril of their lives. One lad was killed outright, falling on his head and crushing it. Twenty were bruised and battered in a horrible fashion. A score or more were slightly hurt. Among the dead and injured are:

Dead:
Unknown Russian boy, 12 years old, skull crushed.

Probably fatally injured:
Lena Blockman of New York.
Mrs. Mary Evans of Brooklyn.
Leonard Forte of Brooklyn.

Leavenworth, Kan., June 8.—Four persons were drowned and considerable damage to property done by a cyclone which visited this section. Water fell in torrents, smashing windows, tearing off signs, etc., and flooding cellars and bottom lands. Dennis and Eugene Cummings, all under 11 years, were drowned by going into a stone culvert to escape the storm. The water washed their bodies into the Missouri river and they have not yet been recovered.

Severe Storms.

Chicago, Ill., June 8.—Severe storms prevailed throughout Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Michigan to-day with a heavy rain and in several sections with cyclonic manifestations. Three heat storms passed over this city accompanied with heavy rain and hail. Hailstones fell so thick in some places in this vicinity that they could be taken up by the shovelful. After the rain residents of Hyde Park picked up in one spot nearly a peck of shells and gravel. In other places in this suburb small fish and turtles were found in large numbers. Of this remarkable occurrence Observer Cox states that the transplanting of fish, shells and water gravel from their original resting places to points miles away was due to the air vacuums, whirlwinds and straight winds which have prevailed throughout the west for a week past. A sailboat was capsized on the lake this afternoon by the high winds and its four occupants barely escaped drowning. Up to a late hour no fatalities have been reported.

Padelford Dead.

New York, June 8.—A special from London says: Arthur Padelford, formerly of Baltimore and well known in New York, is dead in Paris of cerebro spinal meningitis. His razor slipped while he was shaving himself a few weeks ago and his hand was badly cut. Blood poisoning set in and brain fever supervening resulted in meningitis. His brother, Edward, lives in New York. Each inherited a handsome fortune. Edward Padelford married first Miss Florence McPeckers, a very beautiful woman of Baltimore. They parted and then he married Mrs. Edward Wolsey of New York. Arthur Padelford married Bettina, daughter of Gen. Ordway of Washington, about ten years ago, but got a divorce and she went on the stage under the name of Bettina Girard. A little more than a year ago, in Rome, Arthur Padelford married Miss Edith Grant, daughter of Beach Grant of New York and a sister of Lady Essex of Cassioburg Park, Hertfordshire. There is no child of the last marriage.

Miss Worrall's Death.

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 8.—Many of the ministers who are here as delegates to the national conference of orators and charities, occupied pulpits in the local churches. The general session of the conference in the afternoon was in the form of a mass meeting for the discussion of charities as an organization. Addresses were made by C. S. Loch, general secretary of the Charity Organization Society of London, Eng.; Prof. C. R. Henderson, of Chicago, on "The Scope and Influence of a Charity Organization Society," and by Miss McDowell, of Chicago, on "Friendly Visiting." This evening a mass meeting was held in Hartman's hall, the largest auditorium in the city, which was filled by an audience composed largely of members of the labor unions and their wives.

Bomb Thrown.

Barcelona, June 8.—A bomb was thrown into the crowd during Corpus Christi procession yesterday, and its explosion resulted in the killing of six persons and the injury of fifty. The perpetrator of the deed is yet unknown and his motive is equally a mystery.

The news of the throwing of a bomb into the procession of Corpus Christi spread like wildfire over the city and caused a panic among the great crowds drawn to the streets by the religious festival and the Sunday merrymaking usual to the city.

The great excitement continues unabated throughout the city. The police have picked up thirty fragments of bombs in the street.

HE'S SAVING HIS SHOT

THE PRESIDENT PREPARING A CUBAN SENSATION.

After a Brief Period of Filibustering the Immigration Bill Was Made the Unfinished Business of the Senate—Cuban Rebels Have a Paper.

Washington, June 6.—Senators, representatives and other habitués of the capitol revelled in rumors of war yesterday afternoon. It was all occasioned by the senate going into executive session over Cuba. Senator Morgan, who has taken the distressed island under his immediate protection, was cut off in the midst of a flood of impassioned eloquence, demanding positive action by this government by Senator Sherman, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, who suggested that such a delicate subject had better be discussed in the privacy of a star chamber session.

When the galleries were cleared the usually pallid face of the old senator from Alabama was as red as the comb of an infuriated turkey gobbler. He was thoroughly wrought up, and during the hour and a quarter the senate remained in executive session the capitol corridors were filled with all sorts of sensational rumors of what was going on behind the closed doors. The general impression was that the senate was breeding a sensation of colossal magnitude and that drastic measures looking to Cuban independence would result. It was as much as a senator's life was worth to stick his head out of any of the numerous doors, while one of them dared to visit the restaurant down stairs for a drink or a slab of pie.

When it was all over the sum total of the secret palaver was discovered to be inconsequential. Morgan was given a chance to finish his speech, which was a plea to confer upon the president the power, in the event of an emergency, to declare war without waiting to convene congress. He found few backers of the proposition. Chandler started a laugh on Morgan by the suggestion that it would be just as well to do without this authority until after the Democratic convention, in July.

This ludicrous turn in the discussion was distasteful to Morgan, who snarled like a coyote, but it dulled the jagged edge of the debate, which gradually toned down. The president will not be endowed with the kingly power to declare war or with other kingly power he does not now enjoy, not by this congress.

It is not utterly improbable, however, that the president will take congress into his confidence before adjournment by communicating to it the information he has been able to collect as to the actual situation on the island of Cuba. Indeed, hints that he will do so are afloat. These facts have been prepared, classified and summarized by the state department with great care and infinite labor.

The only thing lacking to make the case and conclusions complete are advices from Fitzhugh Lee, the new consul general at Havana. Gen. Lee has been specially commissioned to lose no time in acquainting himself with certain phases of the Cuban situation. If his reports confirm the statements already in the president's hands something of great importance and beneficial to the cause of Cuban independence may be expected. The president has had recent proof that American interest in the Cuban war for liberation is not dying out, but that the people are merely waiting on him to carry out their desires in the matter as expressed to gratify the popular demands. He will, however, choose his own time. It is hinted that he may choose the time so his action will have

Relief Must be Continued.

Chicago, Ill., June 6.—S. M. Moore, chairman of the Chicago Armenian relief committee, is now in Constantinople, where he has met his daughter, Mrs. President Gates, of Harpool. He cables the committee as follows: "Relief must be continued until fall. Large contributions must come or 500,000 people will starve. S. M. Moore." At a meeting of the Armenian relief committee Field Secretary Manavian reported on twenty mass meetings and the appointment of committees. Over \$2,000 was raised at these meetings. Under Secretary Richardson reported the receipts of \$8,623 raised in four months. A letter just received from a missionary in Harpool mentions the arrival of two Red Cross expeditions from different directions, and warmly welcomes them.

Kansas City Claimant.

Kansas City, Mo., June 6.—Kansas City has produced a claimant for the estate of the late Kate Stokes-Stetson, whose recent death in Boston soon after the death of her husband, the millionaire theatrical manager, was widely chronicled. The contestant is Mrs. Catherine Shirley, who has lived here for a year, and whose husband, from whom she separated is a resident of Chicago.

The Senate.

Washington, June 6.—Mr. Morgan gave an effect on the Chicago convention, the senate a spirited revival of the Cuban question, after which much time was spent in waiting for conference agreements on appropriation bills.

Mr. Morgan urged the adoption of his resolution calling on the president for information of the Americans taken on the Competitor and now under sentence of death at Havana. The senator asserted that the president's inaction was a violation of law.

Mr. Morgan declared that congress should not adjourn without authorizing the president to send warships to Cuba to demand the release of the American prisoners.

On the suggestion of Mr. Sherman, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, the senate went into secret session where, after a further argument by Mr. Morgan, his resolution was placed on the calendar, a parliamentary move equivalent to postponing action.

After a brief period of filibustering the immigration bill was made the unfinished business of the senate, although the debate on it was not begun.

The question of electing senators by the people was discussed by Senator Mitchell, Perkins, Chandler, Palmer and Hawley.

Mr. Palmer took occasion to savagely denounce machine rule in politics, particularly in his own state, Illinois, and to express his opposition and defiance of the "machine."

Amendments to the joint resolution for the reorganization of the Northern Pacific were offered by Mr. Mitchell (rep.) of Oregon and Mr. Nelson (rep.) of Minnesota, providing that the new company shall be liable on the land warrants of the old company and for injuries to persons and property.

Mr. Morgan (dem.) of Alabama asked for action on his resolution requesting the president for information as to the capture of the Competitor by a Spanish warship and the condemnation to death of United States citizens and whether any demand had been made for the release of United States citizens.

The Spanish Duel.

Madrid, June 6.—The Campos-Barbero affair continues the sensation of the hour. It appears that the captain general of Madrid went to the grounds of the Marquis of Cabrinana, which was the rendezvous of the disputants, and prevented the duel. The marquis tried to stop the general from entering his grounds, but the latter asserted his military authority, entered and placed the combatants under arrest. It is believed the duel will yet occur on the earliest possible occasion. Gen. Barbero has many partisans, especially among the younger officers of the army.

Cape Town Finances.

London, June 6.—A Cape Town dispatch to the Times says that in the house of the assembly Mr. Spring, in announcing the budget, said that the available surplus was \$1,250,000, estimated surplus net for the year £822,000. He also produced statistics showing an unprecedented prosperity in all directions, and he expressed the opinion that the high price of Cape stock was partly due to the fact that the colony was a part of the British empire, and he added that the power which commands the sea must dominate South Africa.

Unknown Man Drowned.

Galveston, Tex., June 6.—The body of an unknown man was found on the beach. It had been carried eight miles down the island. The body will be kept at the morgue several days awaiting identification. He was evidently about 25 or 28 years old, smooth shaven and with sandy hair, cut rather close to his head.

McLand-Verner Case.

Seymour, Tex., June 6.—The week has been occupied with the celebrated case of the state vs. J. B. McLand. The defendant stands charged with the murder of Jeff Verner in May, 1891, in Motley county, being here on a change of venue, this being the third trial. The defense is insanity. The case is still pending.

Arbitration Conference.

Mohawk Lake, N. Y., June 6.—The international arbitration conference closed with the unanimous adoption of a declaration of principles which will be laid before the president and urged for consideration by the national political conventions. This declaration favors a permanent tribunal of arbitration and the disarmament of nations.

Tobacco Killed Him.

San Angelo, Tex., June 6.—The attending physician on D. D. Rawles, who was reported a few days ago killed by a bite of a snake near Kniekerbocker, says that he thinks his death was caused from eating excessively of tobacco before his arrival and not to the snake bite. He eat two pounds of tobacco.

ARTIFICIAL FOOD.

Time Is Coming When We Shall Dine on Pink Tablets.

It is now prophesied that the time is coming when bread and beef and milk or their equivalents will be produced artificially in the laboratory of the chemist, says the New York Journal. Prof. Berthelot, the distinguished French chemist, is the authority for this statement and he declares that the first steps have already been taken and he is sure that the coming generation will have such artificial food. It will be the same food chemically, digestively and nutritively speaking, but will differ in form. Just what the form of the food will be is not hinted at, except that it will probably be served cold in the shape of tablets, and of any color or shape that may be desired. Prof. Berthelot says gourmets and epicures may mourn, but he feels assured when they have grown accustomed to the change they will eat nothing prepared in any other way. In the future a burned beefsteak, chop or cutlet will be a thing unknown and a steak well done may be ordered in a dim brown colored tablet or a steak rare may be ordered in a tablet of light rose hue.

The colors alone, the chemical prophet declares, will delight the epicurean senses and do much to overcome the prejudices that are bound to exist when the change is finally introduced. It has been demonstrated that even at present tea and coffee could be made artificially in the chemist's laboratory if the necessity or the commercial opportunity should arise. Sugar is another commodity universally used that can now be made in the laboratory, and an invention has been patented by which, it is claimed, sugar can be made on a commercial scale from two gases at a price of little more than 1 cent a pound. In a long and interesting report on the possibilities of obtaining food products by artificial means Prof. Berthelot says: "The essential principle of both tea and coffee is the same. The difference of name between them and caffeine has arisen from the sources from which they were obtained. They are chemically identical in constitution and their essence has often been made synthetically. The penultimate stage in the synthesis is theobromine, the essential principle of cocoa. Thus it may be seen that synthetic chemistry is ready to furnish from its laboratories the three great non-alcoholic beverages in general use. And what is true of food substances is equally applicable to all other organic substances." There is little or no limit to the professor's predictions concerning the changes in the present existing condition of affairs on this mundane sphere. He says: "If one chooses to base dreams, prophetic fancies and so forth upon the parts of the present one may dream of alterations in the present conditions of human life so great as to be beyond our contemporary conception. One can foresee the disappearances of the beasts from the fields, because horses will no longer be used for traction or cattle for food. The countless acres now given over to the growing of grain and producing vines will be agricultural antiquities which will have passed out of the memory of men. The equal distribution of natural food materials will have done away with protectionism, with custom houses, with national frontiers, kept wet with human blood. Men will have grown too wise for war and war's necessity will have ceased to be. The air will be filled with aerial motors, flying by forces borrowed from chemistry. Distances will diminish and the distinction between fertile and non-fertile regions, from the causes named, will largely have passed away. It may even transpire that deserts now uninhabited may be made to blossom and be sought after as great seats of population in preference to the alluvial plains and rich valleys." The new food that it is predicted the coming generation will live upon—in fact, the great proportion of our staple foods which are now obtained by natural growth—will be manufactured direct through the advance of synthetic chemistry, from their constituent elements, carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen. As an evidence of the possibility of the eventual disappearance of agriculture, Prof. Berthelot cited as an instance of laboratory products the dye stuff alizarine, the coloring principle of madder, which was formerly a great agricultural industry, but which is now almost wholly supplanted by the artificial product from coal tar. He also declares that chemists can now make indigo direct from its elements and artificial indigo will soon become a great commercial product. A century hence, if all that is predicted is true, people will be eating their soup, meat, fish and vegetables in tablets that will come in tin boxes labeled "keep it in a cool place" and they may be eating a full course dinner while running for a train, or they can munch a comfortable breakfast unnoticed in an elevated train or a cable car on their way to business, if such means of locomotion are not out of date in that prophetic age.

King Alfonso of Spain will be 10 years old next month and will then be handed over to his military tutors and begin to study in earnest.