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Coke County RUSTLER,
Robert Lee, Texas.

Mr. Editor:—I will now try to write your paper a letter concerning my trip to Arkansas with a carload of horses.

We started from home the 11. of June. Joe Lambert and Mr. G. W. Pexy went with us as far as Sweetwater where we loaded the 14 of June. Sweetwater is a pretty little town on the T&P rail road.

I was aiming to go on the Freight train but they would not give me a ticket on that train so I had to wait till that night and go on the cannibal.

I crossed the Brasos river near the pretty little village of Braso. I caught up with pa at Weatherford. I staid an hour and a half at Ft. Worth. It is a very busy city and is a large rail road centre. It is a good depot. Its streets are nicely paved. Dallas is a larger city than Ft. Worth but is not as pretty. It seemed to me like it took the train a long time to go from Dallas to Marshall.

Marshall has a pretty depot. When I got to Texackana I got off to get me a nother ticket. I aimed to go to Walnut Ridge but the train didn't stop there so I had to get off at Hoxie. I got to Hoxie ab ut 12 o'clock in a C night of the 15th of June. The next day I woked down to Walnut Ridge it was about a mile from there. The 17 of June papa got to Walnut Ridge with the horses. We went up in the black river swamp. I got sick the 19 of June but was up June the 21. June th 25 we went on about 5 miles farther. We went on June the 28 and stopped a while at a little town called Delaplaine. I went to see the saw mill there. We went to a house about 2 miles from there and staid all night.

The next day I went to my Grand fathers. He lives about 15 miles from there. Grandpa is one of the best men in that country. The 30th of June we went to Paragould. We went to Paragould again the 2nd of July. I staid there till the 5th of July, then I went back to Grandpa's. July 17th pa went to Marmduke. I went the next day. We staid around there a few and went back to Grandpa's and are still there.

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OZONA, TEXAS

July 31, 1900

Mr. Editor:—
Robert Lee, Texas

We will send in a few dots from our little camp down in the roughs where the Lobos howl and cattle are fat and wild as deer.

Our happy band left old Coke the 10th day of July, headed for Crockett Co. We landed in Crockett on the 15th day of July and we had a big rain on the 16th, and we have had two or three rains since, so it makes it hard on tankers.

We will move over on Howard draw to-morrow, if it don't rain. We don't need rain down here, ever thing looks like spring of the year.

The general round ups will begin about the 1st of August and will last all through August and Sept.

We haven't got any neighbors very close, our nearest neighbor lives about six miles so we don't visit them very often.

It is about 20 miles to town from where we are camped and when we move it will be about 30 miles.

We get our mail twice a week. Mr. D. L. McAulay has a mail box at his ranch.

I will tell you about a rain that fell on the 20th inst., there was a barrel with both ends out and it rained in at the bung hole faster than it could run out.

I will tell you what our camp is like. We have six men, eleven horses and thirteen hounds, and they are the best that ever yelped on the trail of a rabbit.

Mr. Chas. Mitchell says that he don't like the hounds because when he goes to eat they stand around and look him right square in the face.

We have a Bee Co. man in our camp, he is 6 ft. 9 in. tall, has great long shaggy hair and wears No. 12 shoes.

Alph Luddy and John Gessow went to Ozona last Sunday and taken it in.

Mr. Alfred McAulay, the top

will go down and get them out of jail in a day or two.

Well I will bring my letter to a close. If I see this in print I will write again.

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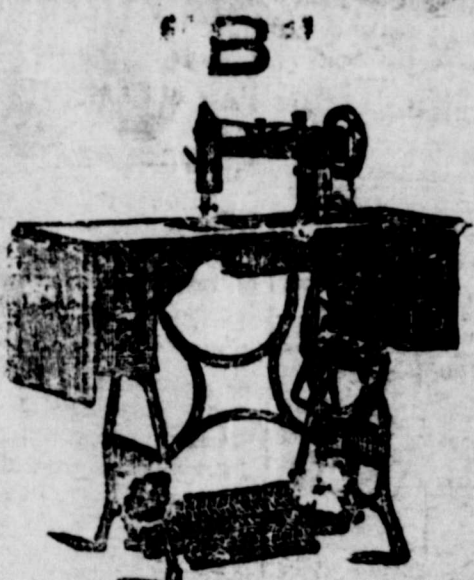
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The United States bureau of Ethnology will soon publish a book on the Seri Indians of Triburon Island in the Gulf of California, who have become famous by reason of their extraordinary ferocity and also because they are the most primitive savages in North America, having not yet advanced as far as the stone age.

"One of the most remarkable things about the Seri," said Prof. W. J. McGee, of the Bureau of Ethnology, recently, "is that they seem to keep on growing all their lives. Whether this be in truth the case or not, I am very sure that they continue to increase in stature, until after they are 40 years of age—certainly a very extraordinary phenomena from a physiological point of view. They have long been reputed giants, and for this idea there is some ground, inasmuch as the men average six feet in height and the women nearly if not quite five feet and nine inches. For the reason that I have mentioned all of the younger men and women appear to fall below this mean, while all of the older ones are above it.

Extraordinary Agility.
"There are no fat people among the Seri, and in respect to physical vigor they are extraordinary. Of erect yet easy carriage, great breadth and depth of chest, very slender of limb and possessing unusually large feet and hands, they exhibit a bodily activity such as can hardly be equaled by any other people on the face of the earth. The skin of their feet and lower legs is so hard and calloused as to resemble the hide of a horse or camel, so that they are able to run through cactus thickets so thorny as to sto, horses and dogs, or over beds of stones so sharp that the very coyote avoids the trail.

"One of the strangest things about these savages is that they seem to have no knife sense, as one might call it. In other words, they never think of using a cutting tool under any circumstances. If they capture an animal and

kill it they do not cut it into pieces, but prefer to tear it to fragments with their hands and teeth, breaking the larger bones, perhaps, with a stone. I have known them to adopt this method with a horse, throwing the brute so as to break its neck, and then setting upon the carcass literally with tooth and nail.

"They consider it as much a matter of course to kill a stranger as the white man does to destroy a snake. Isolated to a point unparalleled, they are homeless wanderers, roving from place to place and sleeping wherever exhaustion overtakes them. Carrying their entire stock of personal belongings with them, as well as food and water, they are perpetual fugitives. They regard the neighboring territory on the mainland as a part of their own domain, and there they have been in conflict for many years with ranchmen. When they surround and capture horses or kine they never think of mounting the beasts, even when pursued or of using ropes, but immediately break the neck and knock out the brains of the animal, perchance to tear the writhing body into quarters and flee for their lives with the reeking flesh still quivering on their heads and

brawny shoulders. Scores of vaqueros agree in the assertion (wholly incredible if it were supported by fewer witnesses) that even when so burdened the robber Seri skim the sand wastes

of the desert more rapidly than average horsemen can follow them.

"The Seri boys go out after jack rabbits in threes and fours, and catch them by out-running them. When a rabbit is started they scatter, one following it slowly, while the others set off obliquely in such a manner as to head it off and keep it in a zig-zag course until it tires. Then they close in and finally grab the animal by hand, frequently bringing it in alive to prove that it was fairly caught. For among these aborigines it is deemed creditable to take game animals without giving them a chance for escape or defense.

Capture Deer by Running.

"They capture deer also by running, scattering at sight of the quarry, gradually surrounding it, bewildering it by confronting it at all points, and at length closing in and seizing it with their hands. Don Manuel Encinas, son of one of the owners of a ranch where I staid when in that country, was endeavoring on one occasion to induce a Seri man, who was a famous hunter, to do some work for him. There was peace for a time being, and a band of the savages was sojourning temporarily near the ranch. It was a hot afternoon, and the fellow begged release from his task, saying that the spirit of catching a deer had taken hold of him. He was excused on condition that the deer be brought entire to the ranch, and two hours later he was seen driving in a full-grown buck. On approaching the dwelling quarters the terrified animal turned this way and that in wild efforts to avoid human habitation, yet the hunter kept it under control, heading it off at every turn and gradually working it nearer until at a sudden turn he was able to rush upon it and catch it. Throwing it over his shoulder, he ran into the ranch house with the beast still struggling and kicking.

"The Seri are reputed cannibals. They never cook their food apparently, though I have known them to parboil the hoof of a horse, after the leg had been wrenched off at the hock, and it was sufficiently softened to be knocked off with a stone. Then half a dozen matrons and maidens gathered about to gnaw the gelatinous tissues investing the 'coffin bone.' They possess but a single tool practically, and apply it to a wide variety of purposes. It is merely a wave-worn pebble, and with it they crush bones, sever tendons, grind seeds, rub face paint and bruise woody tissue to aid in breaking sticks for house poles or mesquite roots for harpoons, both being afterwards finished by firing. The pebble is discarded when sharp edges are produced by use or fracture. Their houses are mere temporary shelters, and not dwellings in any proper sense. Sometimes they are of stones piled up and roofed with a huge turtle shell."

SWIMMING EASILY LEARNED

That the swimming device illustrated in the accompanying picture will be enjoyed by children goes without saying, and it might also be useful in teaching grown people the art of swimming, which art is somewhat difficult of accomplishment unless an instructor is at hand to support the beginner. By this arrangement the swimmer is allowed free play to propel himself through the water at will, without danger of sinking, and there is nothing to interfere with the free use of the arms and legs. The inventor's idea is to stretch a cable on two vertical posts set at any desired distance apart, with turnbuckles to tighten the rope. One or more trolley wheels are placed on the wire to support a colling spring, to the lower end



of which a belt is attached to aid in holding the beginner at the surface of the water, even though he makes no effort to sustain himself. Parents whose boys have a desire to learn to swim can by the aid of this apparatus allow them full liberty to play in the water to their heart's content without fear of drowning.

When a man says life isn't worth living, he needs to live, a bet'w life.

SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD— CHAMPION GOLF PLAYER.

A seventeen-year-old girl is the newest golf champion. She is Miss Genevieve Hecker. She has demonstrated that she is in a class by herself in point of skill, endurance and nerve. She has not been playing very long, for until a very short time ago she was a school girl whose attention to her duties at school left her little time for practice.

She learned her splendid game on the links of the Wee Burn Golf club at Stamford, Conn. When she entered for the championship of the Women's Metropolitan Golf association, which was played at the Morris County Golf club at Morristown, N. J., last week there was scarcely a person in this country outside of her own clubmates who thought that she had any chance of winning the great event, for the

Marion Oliver, the long driving champion; Miss Maud K. Wetmore, the Newport champion, who was runner up to Miss Hoyt in 1898, and a number of others of national fame.

Miss Hecker was practically unknown, although she had qualified at the last woman's championship, and



field included Miss Ruth Underhill, the present national woman champion; Miss Beatrice Hoyt, the Shinnecock Hills girl, who had held the title for the wonderful and unprecedented time of three years in succession; Miss

while this feat gave her a certain amount of standing Miss Hoyt and Miss Underhill held the centre of the public eye. The first day of the tournament saw Miss Hecker qualify, but so modestly and unassumingly that she

was unnoticed. In the first day's match play she beat Miss Marion Shearson, formerly champion of the Ontwentsia club, Chicago, by 4 up and 3 to play, and still she was unnoticed.

The next day she met Miss Wetmore, and after they finished the "gallery" was surprised by the announcement that Miss Hecker had won by the same big score as the day before. Still they could not see the writing on the wall and prophesied: "Wait till she meets Miss Hoyt tomorrow." Wait they did, but after being two down at the turn Miss Hecker struck a wonderful streak of play, and at the sixteenth they were all even. With but two to go Miss Hoyt, old tournament player and champion that she is, was struck with nervousness and topped her drive into the bunker. Miss Hecker, cool as a cucumber, drove a magnificent ball and won the hole. Both played the last hole perfectly and divided it, leaving Miss Hecker the winner by one up on the heretofore peerless Miss Hoyt.

She still had Miss Underhill left to conquer, but after dividing the first hole with her Miss Hecker began to play the most wonderful golf ever shown by a woman in the United States, without exception, and won eight holes in succession. They halved the tenth, and Miss Hecker, taking the next, won the championship by 9 up and 7 to play, the largest score ever recorded in a championship.

It is by this series of defeats, administered to the best players in the country, even more than by the actual fact of winning the title of champion that Miss Hecker has raised herself to the proud position she now holds. A combination of luck and a lucky draw which allow one to meet only easy opponents until the final round may give an inferior player the title, but it is only the most sterling play worthy of a true champion that can enable a player to vanquish opponent after opponent, each one a famous player.

This newest golf champion is a born and bred Connecticut girl. She is the daughter of F. C. Hecker, the multi-millionaire flour merchant.

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Complications of Equine Distemper.
 Bulletin 89 of the Virginia Experiment Station, relative to the complications that are likely to follow equine distemper, says: The average duration of equine distemper is from six to ten days. When resolution begins the appetite returns; the bowels become normal; the swelling disappears; the general condition is improved and health is restored within one or two weeks. In a small number of cases this regular course is interrupted by complications, which may be caused by hard work or exposure at the time when the first symptoms of the disease are discovered, or as is more commonly the case, by infection with some other bacteria.

These complications are, first, pyrogenic distemper, also called strangles, bastard strangles, colt distemper and many others. It is due to an infection of the already inflamed mucous membrane by a pus-forming bacterium, and is characterized by an intermittent fever, a swelling, tumefaction and the formation of an abscess in the intermaxillary space, involving the submaxillary gland, and the neighboring lymphatics; by a greater difficulty in breathing and swallowing, and by rapid emaciation.

With proper attention this complication, as a rule, runs a regular course. The abscesses come to a head and burst, and the horse recovers more or less rapidly. But in some cases, especially those which are not treated or are exposed to severe weather, or hard work, the symptoms may increase in severity, the abscess or abscesses may rupture internally instead of externally, giving rise to general infection and causing death by blood poisoning, or septicaemia.

Second complication—Pneumonia. Caused either by the extension of the catarrhal inflammation into the small bronchial tubes and air cells, causing catarrhal pneumonia, or by infection by the form of bacteria, causing croupous pneumonia. When this complication arises the respiration becomes much more frequent, the cough is more troublesome and painful in character, and respiratory sounds are heard over the region of the thorax. This inflammatory process may only extend as far as the throat, when the cough and difficult swallowing and swelling will be the chief characteristics.

Third complication—Cardiac asthenia, or heart weakness. The heart beat becomes more rapid and feeble, its action is palpitating. The pulse is accelerated, small and almost imperceptible. The weak condition of the heart produces a passive hyperaemia, which in turn causes the swelling in the various parts of the body as before mentioned.

Fourth complication—Extension of the catarrhal process to the meninges, or covering of the brain and spinal cord, giving rise to a cerebro-spinal meningitis, or an extension to the brain substance itself, causing an encephalitis. In some outbreaks the true disease may be entirely overlooked until the nervous complications appear. The animal generally becomes more or less excited at first, nervous and restless. This is followed by a period of stupidity, the animal ceases to notice anything, often refusing to eat or drink, the gait becomes more staggering and winding in character, the urine is passed very frequently and accompanied with more or less straining. From this the animal may become paralyzed, generally in the posterior extremities, and death usually brings relief in a short time. Of course, these are cases which, seen clearly and treated judiciously, make a very good recovery.

Fifth complication—Severe diarrhoea. Adding to this the great exhaustion that is usually produced by a typical attack, one can readily realize how quickly the animal will succumb to prostration and death.

Sixth complication—Founder. Due to the extension of inflammation into the sensitive and vascular tissue of the feet. In this case lameness and stiffness are the characteristic symptoms.

Improving Stamina of Hogs.
 Prof. Shaw: Why should it be looked upon as an impossible thing to secure stamina the best and breeding and feeding qualities the best? There is no inherent antagonism between these. It is when either is carried to an extreme that the other suffers. Even in the corn belt Berkshires can be given the highest order of stamina. Gymnasiums have been established throughout our country to improve the stamina of our people. It is improving and it will further improve. And when the breeders of Berkshires establish gymnasiums for their favorites on every farm where Berkshires are bred, the stamina of Berkshires will gradually rise, and faster than the ground beneath the mangrove forests by the sea. The materials to be used in building these gymnasiums will include large pastures, nitrogenous and succulent foods, well ventilated styes, and the eternal rejection of all but the strongest to be used in breeding. The future of the Berkshires therefore is entirely in the hands of Berkshire breeders. A limitless domain lies before them. It rests with them to say to what extent it shall be occupied.

AN EXTENSIVE ADDITION

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For the greater accommodation of guests who come in constantly increasing numbers from every section of the United States, arrangements have now been made for the enlargement of the hotel buildings. The contract was let yesterday by Major Kramer for additions that will cause an outlay of over \$80,000. The improvements will consist of a new bath house and an addition to the hotel. The addition will be two stories in height and will occupy a ground space 80x160 feet. It provides forty additional guest chambers. The entire addition will be handsomely and elegantly furnished. The bath house, when completed, will be the finest in the United States.

Besides the bath house and the guest chambers there will be on the first floor a dining hall, a music room, a billiard hall, physician's offices and a barber shop. In connection with the bath house there will be ladies and gentlemen's dressing rooms and cooling rooms. The dressing and cooling rooms will be elaborately decorated and the floors will be laid in white tile. In both cooling rooms will be built large ornamental fire places which will be used for heating purposes in addition to the regular steam heating. The work will be entirely completed in 90 days.

The improvement and the entire arrangements of the hotel and grounds are made, keeping in view the artistic effect of the whole, and when the improvements arranged for are completed the hotel and surroundings will be much more attractive than before.

Major Kramer states that a still further addition to the hotel is contemplated, and that plans are now being prepared for an additional structure to contain 150 rooms for guests.

Already a quarter of a million dollars has been expended on the Indiana Mineral Springs enterprise and under the present management greater growth and development in the future is assured.—Attica Daily Ledger.

Foraker's Memento Cane.
 Senator Foraker of Ohio received from Postmaster Withoft of Dayton the other day a cane of which the ferrule was made from steel taken off the sunken Maine as she lay in Havana harbor. The stick was cut on the military road in Porto Rico on the of the last battle fought in the island, and covered with tortoise shell from Baracora, the oldest city in Cuba, and the head was wrought from Cripple Creek gold.

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We think if the men and boys would put in some of their idle time in grading and ditching the streets of Robert Lee, it would be more profitable than telling jokes.

Prof. Savage, conductor of the Bronte Normal says he is much pleased with the advancement and work of the Normal and that he believes it is the desire of all the teachers to have another Normal at Robert Lee next year.

An old man in Georgia named Jack Baldwin, having lost his hat in an old dry well one day, hit a rope to a stump and let himself down. A wicked wag named Neal came along just then and quietly detaching a bell from Baldwin's old blind horse, approached the well, bell in hand, and began to tinkle. Says an exchange: Jack thought the old horse was coming and said: "Hang the old blind horse; he's coming this way, sure, and he ain't got no more sense than to fall in on me—whoa, Ball."

The sound came closer. "Great Jerusalem! The old blind fool will be right on top of me in a minute—whoa, Ball—whoa, Ball!"

Neal kicked a little dirt on Jack's head and Jack began to pray: "Oh, Lord, have mercy on—whoa, Ball—a poor sinner; I am gone—whoa, Ball—Our Father, who art in—whoa, Ball—Hollowed be thy—gee, Ball! gee! What'll I do!—name. Now I lay me down to sleep—gee, Ball! (Just then in fell more dirt) Oh, Lord, if you ever intend to do any thing for me—back, Ball! when!—thy kingdom come—gee, Ball—O, Lord, you know I was baptized in Smith's milldam—whoa, Ball! Lo! up lumber! whoa!"

Neal could hold in no longer and shouted a laugh which might have been heard two miles, which was about as far as Jack chased him when he got out.

THE CRITIC.

They tell me that a christian life is nothing more than mirth, And that the greatest hypocrits Are found within the church.

They tell me that the preachers, Who's so earnest to give heed, Are preaching for the dollars, Or, because he is in need.

But then, there are a few things They never do explain,—

The promptings of their conscience, That tell them they are vain And that "they" are only sinners, In the sight of God and man, And are drifting, slowly drifting, In the ways of doubt and sin.

Just let the Christian err, Or stumble to the left, They will point with tragic finger To justify their self;

And with a burdened conscience, They will travel on thro' life, And criticize the Christian, Who would try to do the right.

The Christian travels onward, In the way his father trod, And often meets with trials, That he carries to his God.

As he journeys onward With noble heart and helping hand, I want to be a Christian and join His loving band.

J. Frank Denton.

Plan of the Robert Lee Circuit,

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Bronte, 1st Sunday, 11 A.M., & at night
Rock Springs, 2nd Sunday, 11 A.M.
New Hope 2nd Sunday, 3 P.M.
Olga, 2nd Sunday, 7 P.M.
Sanco, 4th Sunday, 11 A.M.
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Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

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LEAGUE PROGRAM.

For the Robert Lee League.
Leader Miss Edna Roe.
Song and Prayer.
Lesson Topic: The Evil of Envy
Luke 15: 25-32.

SONG.

Reference word: Envy. Rom. 13: 13.
Fannie Smith 1st Cor. 3: 3.
Rexy Ingram Gal. 5: 26.
Lile Roe James 3: 14.

Kate McDorman.

SONG.

Recitation: Miss Emma Stickney.
Roll call: Each member responding with a verse with the word Envy.

SONG.

Bible reading: Mark 15: 1-10, Miss Ollie Green.

1 Timothy, 6: 1-3. Miss Mary Stepp.
Song by Miss Lena Smith, Lula Newton and Prof. Savage.

Bible reading: Tit is 3: 1-8. Miss Scottie Ingram.

Select reading on subject by Will Stepp.

SONG.

Talk on subject by G. W. Perry.

Closing.

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We are authorized to announce H. E. Johnston, as a candidate for the Office of County Judge of Coke County Texas at the November Election.

We are authorized to announce J. W. Barnett, for re-election to the office of County and District Clerk of Coke County, at the November election.

We are authorized to announce S. C. Wilkins as a candidate to the office of County and District Clerk of Coke County, at the November Election.

We are authorized to announce A. J. Adkins as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Coke County, subject to action of the voters at the November election.

We are authorized to announce L. B. Murray for re-election to the offices of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Coke County subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

We are authorized to announce M. A. Perkins, as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector, of Coke County, subject to the voters, at the November election.

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We are authorized to announce M. H. Havens as a candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner in Precinct No. 2.

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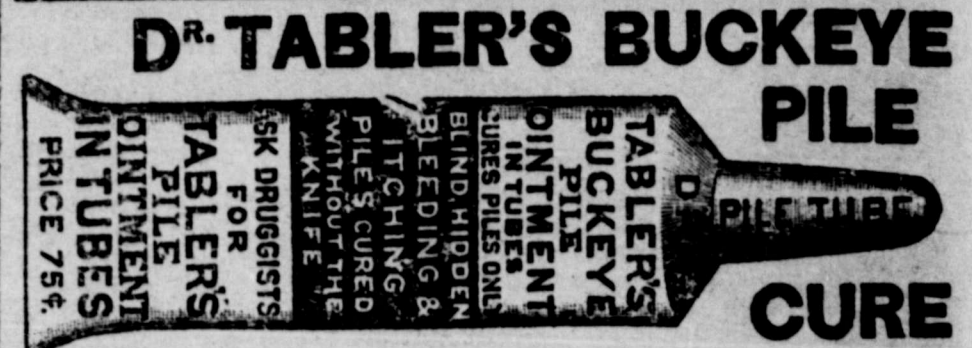
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The Colorado river runs diagonally through the County from North West to South East. Other streams north of the Colorado, are Booser, Big Silver, Little Silver, Yellow Wolf, Mess-box, Mountain, Mechatch Indian, Cow, Turkey, Double-barrell, and the three Kickapoos. All of these streams have living water in them almost all the time and have people living in their valleys, who have made a success in home-building.

South of the Colorado River are found Grape, Pecan, Paint, Salt, Wild Cat, Buffalo Live Oak

and Mule creeks, on each of which can be found prosperous ranchmen and stock farmers, many of whom have made fairly good fortunes in Coke.

Coke has a number of farmers who have successfully battled against the time honored illusion that "this County is no good for strangers." Many have made a good living and paid for their land, besides year by year, buying land adjacent.

Any person desiring further information can address the under

signed, who pledges immediate reply, and will furnish any information concerning the country desired.

Editor Rustler,
Robert Lee, Tex



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Summer Excursions to all Eastern and Northern Resorts.

Tickets on sale June 1st to September 30th, limit Oct. 31st.

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ROBERT LEE, - - - TEXAS.

FIELD, RANCH, GARDEN.

Ranges around Hereford is fine. Peaches! Peaches!! Peaches!!! Bonham has a Belgian hare club. Eastland county has much corn. Stonewall county has had some fine rains.

Late crops are assured in Donley county. Many sections have received copious showers.

Rhomb is overrun with fruit and watermelons.

Grain is fine in Donley county, and cattle are fat.

Cotton is in excellent condition in Williamson county.

Boll worms have begun work in cotton near Grandview.

The Ball Players' Protective association has been formed.

Donley county's calf crop is better than for many years.

Nebraska is coming to the front as a celery-producing state.

Boll worms have appeared in some localities around Clarksville.

Considerable wheat has been received and shipped at Walnut Springs.

Harrison county corn and cotton reports are of the most flattering kind.

Wheat is averaging in Wichita county, twenty bushels per acre, but many have run up to twenty-seven.

E. A. Hyler, a Grayson county farmer, says he will begin cotton picking ten days earlier this year than last.

With the splendid wheat, corn, oats and cotton crop the farmers of Hunt county will be in better shape than ever.

Twenty factories will soon begin work canning tomatoes in southwest Missouri. The crop is stated to be an enormous one.

Cotton was so badly damaged by drouth and grasshoppers around Ranger that not over one-fifth of a crop will be made.

The melon crop of southeast Missouri, it is estimated, will fall three-fourths short this year on account of too much rain.

At Ozona W. A. Cochran bought of Elam Dudley 50 head of three-year-old heifers and calves at \$20 for grown stuff and \$10 for calves.

C. M. Jahn of Frio county recently sold at San Antonio 44 head of heaves and cows, the former at \$36 to \$39, and the latter \$18.25 to \$22.70.

G. W. Tankersley, of Irion county, recently purchased four registered Hereford calves from Payne & Jones, of San Angelo, at \$225 each.

Syd Pitts has sold his cattle and ranch in the Pecos country to Gage & Hogland. There were about 600 cattle at \$20 included in the deal.

Georgia's first bale of cotton of the 1900 crop was marketed in Albany, Ga., July 27. It was raised by Deal Jackson, a negro farmer, and sold at 11 cents.

Prof. Geo. R. Bean of Lubbock county has sold his ranch and 140 head of stock cattle to J. C. Bowles. The cattle were sold at \$21 per head, ranch private.

The first shipment of Texas grapes for this season reached Denver a few days ago. Concord was sold at 75 cents and \$1, Niagaras at \$1 and \$1.25 per 10-pound basket.

C. C. Johnson of Midland a few days ago sold to Scott & Robertson of Colorado, Tex., a 100-section pasture in Andrews and Gaines counties for \$7500. The pasture adjoins the Hat ranch.

The Platte Land and Cattle company, a recently organized company, has purchased from the Union Pacific Railway company a tract of 19,640 acres, all in Keith county, Nebraska, which will be immediately stocked.

The Concho Cattle company has just sold its ranch interests in Concho county for \$101,900. J. H. Bryson, a stockman of Comanche county, bought 40,000 acres for \$87,500 and J. F. Taylor of Coleman bought 7000 acres for \$14,400.

The Chinese war has brought the rice supply question to the front. Texas is considered one of the finest rice fields in the world, and all raised will be easily snapped up at profitable prices.

CHAFFEE MEETING

With Difficulties Relative to Debarcation of Troops.

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER.

The Communication is About to the Same Effect as the One Received From Consul Fowler.

Washington, Aug. 6.—A belated message from Minister Conger was received Sunday at the state department. It came through Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai, who transmitted messages received by Mr. Ragsdale, United States consul at Tien Tsin, from Mr. Conger and Mr. Squire, secretary of the United States legation at Peking. The advices are the same as those received a day or two ago by the state department from Consul Fowler at Che Foo. The message was transmitted to President McKinley at Canton and Mr. Adee, acting secretary of state, issued the following statement concerning it:

"Consul General Goodnow in a cablegram dated Shanghai, Aug. 5, which was received at the state department at 4 o'clock this (Sunday) morning reports the receipt by Consul Ragsdale at Tien Tsin of messages from Minister Conger and the secretary of the latter, Mr. Squires, dated July 21, to the following effect: "All well; no fighting since the 16th, by agreement. Fresh provisions. Hope for speedy relief."

"Mr. Goodnow adds that the director of posts, Sheng, had on the 5th communicated to him an imperial edict dated July 30, ordering Jung Li to provide an escort for the ministers to Tien Tsin when the ministers fix the date. The edict says the ministers can receive messages not in cipher, but notwithstanding this, plain messages were returned to some consuls on Aug. 4."

While the messages from Minister Conger and Secretary Squires bear the date of July 21, the belief, founded not only upon them, but also upon collateral and later information, is that the legation is yet safe from immediate harm.

That Gen. Chaffee is encountering difficulties that are proving serious there is little attempt to conceal. The debarcation of troops and cavalry horses is being accomplished with the utmost difficulty. It is said that the big transports can approach the landing at Taku no nearer than twelve or fourteen miles. Vessels drawing more than fifteen feet of water are forced to lie far out in the gulf. This necessitates the use of lighters for the transportation to the shore of both men and horses, making the debarcation of a considerable force a task surrounded with innumerable obstacles. Added to the difficulties are the discomfort and inconvenience placed upon the troops. Air is prevalent and the water of the rains are almost incessant, heavy fogs and gulf is exceedingly rough.

That the advance on Peking actually began no later than Friday is well assured now. Officials of the war department still decline to discuss the latest message of Gen. Chaffee, dated Friday, in which he announced that American, British and Japanese forces were making the start without the remainder of the allies. Gen. Chaffee's dispatch at this time can not be given to the public, as it contains information intended only for the guidance of the officials here in the formation of a policy of campaign in China.

May Fleet Ministers.

New York, Aug. 6.—The Herald's Washington special says it is believed China may escort the ministers to meet the advance and turn them over if it halts, but probably turn them over any how.

Gen. Miles wants China service. Six transports have been chartered. The government is purchasing animals. All troops are to take part in the advance.

A cable to connect Taku, Port Arthur, Che Foo and Shanghai is being laid.

King Alexander Weds.

Belgrade, Aug. 6.—King Alexander Sunday wedded Madame Draga Maschina, the ceremony being performed with great pomp.

In honor of the event the king grants an amnesty, together with numerous political pardons, including the former Radical Premier Tauschanovich.

NEWS NUGGETS.

Items of Recent Happening Dressed Down to Small Size.

Robert Bailey, colored, fell under a train at Flatonia and was killed.

The Chinese government will not allow cipher messages to be transmitted.

A well near, Corsicana, Tex., has developed into a 100-barrel-a-day proposition.

A. A. House, a prominent cattleman of Cooke county, Texas, died at Palmer, I. T.

The coast of Wales suffered from a gale on the 4th, and much damage resulted.

A terrific tornado, hail and rain storm prevailed near Thompson, N. D., and many settlements suffered.

John Willis, one of the negroes implicated in the recent killings at New Orleans, suicided in prison.

Rev. Sid Williams, the evangelist, baptized fifty persons at Sulphur Springs, Tex., converts at his meeting there.

A mill of the Cuyahoga Lumber company at Cleveland, O., burned. Loss \$100,000. John Zahn, an employe, perished.

Sixty cases of smallpox are reported at Morganstown, W. Va., the result of a negro with the disease perambulating around the city.

Former Vice President Stevenson, Democratic nominee for same office, was given an enthusiastic welcome home at Bloomington.

Col. L. D. Richardson, superintendent of the Hot Springs and Malvern railroad, died at Hot Springs, Ark. He was a thirty-third degree Mason.

A brother of Robert Charles, the murderer of seven persons in New Orleans, and whose crimes precipitated a reign of terror in the Crescent City, is an industrious colored man of Dallas, Tex.

Anarchists Arrested.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 6.—An anarchist riot occurred Sunday afternoon at the corner of Halstead and Twelfth streets, in which twenty-five people were bruised in a struggle with forty-five police, summoned to quell the disturbance. Five persons were arrested, among them being Mrs. Lucy Parsons, widow of Albert R. Parsons, who was executed Nov. 11, 1887, in Chicago for aiding and abetting the bomb-throwing in the Haymarket riot. She was charged with disorderly conduct, obstructing the street and resisting an officer. Her bail was fixed at \$1100. The others arrested were: Paul Vandre, charged with distributing incendiary literature, bail fixed at \$2000; Clement Pfeutzner, charged with assault, disorderly conduct and obstructing the streets; Hermann Goodman, charged with distributing incendiary literature, bail fixed at \$2000; Abraham Edelstadt, charged with disorderly conduct, obstructing the streets and resisting an officer, released on \$1100 bond.

A mass-meeting had been called at West Side Turner Hall, at which speeches were to be made by Mrs. Parsons and others on the topic, "The Execution of the King of Italy."

The call concluded: "Workmen, come in crowds and show that the feeling of brotherhood is strong among you."

Mrs. Parsons was on her way to the hall, but finding it had been closed by the police she stepped into a doorway across the street. Soon a crowd formed and a police officer, pushing through the throng, caught a glimpse of Mrs. Parsons. Thinking she was making an anarchistic speech, he endeavored to disperse the crowd. His efforts were in vain, and the officer sent in a call for reinforcements. Additional officers arrived and immediately a general fight was precipitated. Pistols and clubs were used, and the officers, finding they were worsted, sent in the riot call. The number of police was increased to forty-five, and they rushed into the throng. Mrs. Parsons was seized. It is claimed she resisted arrest, and her associates fought for her. Bricks were thrown, clubs were wielded and a fierce struggle ensued before the crowd was finally dispersed.

Clement Pfeutzner was badly cut in the hand. A number of children in the crowd were knocked down in the melee and trampled on, but none were injured seriously. In all twenty-five persons were badly beaten and bruised.

REPORTS DIFFER.

The Extent of the Advance on Peking Contradictory.

ALLIES ARE THIRTY-FIVE MILES,

Says a Cablegram From Shanghai, but This Has Not Been Corroborated and Some Doubt a Staat Made.

London, Aug. 4.—According to a dispatch from Shanghai, dated Aug. 3, the advancing column of the allied forces were reported there Friday to have reached a point thirty-five miles beyond Tien Tsin. Nothing from any other point corroborates this statement. In fact, the Standard goes so far as to say that it fears the real advance, apart from preliminary measures, has not yet begun.

Tien Tsin dispatches dated July 30 tell of an action which is termed a "reconnaissance" between the Japanese and Chinese two miles beyond the Hsi Ku arsenal, in which the Japanese withdrew after suffering thirty casualties. The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard under date of July 27 declares that the Americans and Germans have been ordered to move forward without waiting for the British.

A Che Foo dispatch dated Aug. 1, announces the safety of all the Americans in Peking and the receipt of a letter from Dr. Chelton, dated Peking, July 20, saying that on the previous day Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister, had agreed to a truce provided the Chinese came no closer, and adding:

"We hope this means relief, but having defeated the Chinese we are fearful now of treachery. All are exhausted with constant watching, fighting and digging trenches."

"The greatest credit is due to Mr. Spires, secretary of the United States legation, whose military experience and energy are invaluable."

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily News says the consuls there regret the independent action taken by the American association and the Chinese association on the ground it is injurious. He says:

"The settlements being international, petty jealousies must disappear. The China association is of little local influence."

Presumably he refers to the American Asiatic association.

The Hong Kong correspondent of the Daily Express announces the arrival there from San Francisco of Homer Lea, for some time resident agent in the United States of the society for the reformation of the Chinese empire, with £60,000, which "will presumably be utilized in the movement against the empress dowager, a movement quiet since 1898 until within the last few weeks."

Nearly all the correspondents concur in the reports of a wholesale massacre of Christians outside Peking, a correspondent of the Daily News giving the number as between 10,000 and 15,000, all defenseless converts. Imperial troops—so it is stated—did the ghastly work.

According to the Shanghai correspondent of the Times one of the members of the tsung li yamen mentioned by United States Consul Goodnow as having been beheaded for pro-foreign tendencies, was Hsu Ching Cheng, former minister to Russia. The correspondent says the empress dowager ordered his execution of the advice of Li Ping Heng.

Li Hung Chang has been informed from Peking that Prince Ching's only prominent supporters in his peace policy are Gen. Yung Lu and Wang Wen Shai, president of the board of revenue, whose influence is small.

Speech Finished.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 4.—Mr. Bryan concluded the writing of his speech to be made at Indianapolis next Wednesday in accepting the Democratic nomination. The speech is about 8000 words in length. He has adhered to his original intention of devoting the document almost entirely to the question of imperialism. In following this course he pursues the general plans adopted in 1896 of giving special attention in his notification speech to the subject made paramount by the Democratic platform.

Mr. Walter Wellman, the well-known newspaper correspondent, contributes to the Review of Reviews for August an interesting study of the personnel of the Kansas City convention.

TOPICS OF THE TWO.

Matters of the Moment in Indian and Oklahoma Territories.

Indian Territory.

Some coal operators say they will use Mexican mines.

By a coal oil explosion near Wynnewood three persons were burned to death.

Nearly 10,000 allotment certificates have been issued by the Creek nation land office at Muskogee.

Officers left Muskogee with thirty-nine prisoners for the government penitentiary at Columbus, O. Their sentences range from one to fifteen years.

Federal officers raided an illicit distillery a few miles from Ada in the Chimney mountains. Five men were captured, a copper still and sixty gallons of "red eye."

Deputy United States Marshal Everidge smashed seventeen quarts of whisky in express packages at Goodland. Two nights later he smashed another lot and next morning he destroyed some at Clayton.

Atoka is to have a national bank. Dominico Demarris, a miner, was killed by a fall of slate in the Alderson coal mines near South McAlester.

G. W. Dukes was elected principal chief of the Choctaw nation and P. C. Harris district attorney.

Oklahoma.

The Rock Island railway has entered Guthrie.

Harry Myers, 16 years old, was kicked to death by a horse near Stacy.

Sidney Carter, 12 years old, was shot and killed while boat riding with other boys near Guthrie.

In Democratic-Populist convention Neff, Populist, was nominated on the thirteenth. He received 296 votes.

In the National Magazine for August Joe Mitchell Chapple has an interesting article on the veteran congressman, Galusha A. Grow.

Dr. W. P. Baker of Guthrie, who served in the Spanish war as a surgeon, will go to China in like capacity for the American soldiers.

Miss Rosa Hoffman, becoming angry at her father, took a dose of rough on rats near Homestead, dying shortly after.

The city council of Oklahoma City has granted a franchise to the Oklahoma City Land and Electric Railway company to construct five miles of track.

While the sister of Walter Akin was examining a shotgun six miles from Colony, Washita county, the weapon discharged and the boy received the entire charge in his side, killing him.

Braydon Nichols and Joe Perry, 15 years old, were hunting rabbits near Cheyenne. Latter's gun was accidentally discharged and the load entered a shin of young Nichols, and after several hours of intense suffering he died.

Plot Unearthed.

New York, Aug. 4.—The Herald published the following:

In the possession of the police and of the Italian authorities is evidence which the investigators regard as indisputable proof of the formation here and in Paterson, N. J., a gigantic plot against the lives of the crowned heads of the world. Various shreds and patches of proof were gathered yesterday which indicate that the original fabric woven by the master weaver was intricate and subtle. The anarchists suspected of having gone to slay the king of Italy, his queen and others, went by various routes, as the books of the various steamship companies show.

The Italian government, through its consul general, yesterday obtained possession of the books of the French line. It is said that the documents reveal the fact that Quintavalli sailed from this country. Bresci, it was supposed, obtained passage on a White Star liner. A note received from Chevelier Louis V. Fugazy of this city says that he did not sell the ticket to Bresci, as an examination of his sale books will show. The woman, LaBelle Theresa, believed to have been the accomplice of Bresci, sailed last May with him. The Italian secret agents are said to have found the exact day on which these two left America.

Cadet Roswell was dismissed from West Point military academy for putting a "phee" in a tub.

AMENDMENT WINS

In State of North Carolina by a Large Majority.

DEMOCRATS ELECT STATE TICKET

They Also Succeed in Securing a Majority in the Legislature, Getting Shereby a United States Senator.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 3.—After one of the most bitterly contested campaigns ever known in the old North state, the Democrats and white supremacy triumphed by a majority of about 30,000. This election virtually disfranchises the negro and changes the state legislature from its combination majority of Republicans and Populists to straight Democrats, insuring the defeat of Marion Butler for re-election as United States senator. The negroes, as a general thing, remained away from the polls.

The election, unexpectedly, passed off without any trouble, excepting at a little town named Faison. A fire there which started in a drugstore, wherein was kept the registration books, destroyed the apothecary's shop, the work being attributed by the Democrats to those opposed to white rule. Bloodhounds were called out, but failed to find any trace of the incendiary.

The election was for state officers, members of the legislature and county officers, and for an amendment to the state constitution looking to a practical elimination of the negro from politics, as its adoption disfranchises the bulk of the negro vote. By far the greatest interest centered in the fight over the amendment. Many negroes voted for the amendment. The faculty of Livingston College at Salisbury, one of the most prominent negro educational institutions in the south, voted for it. The amendment was opposed by the fusion of Populists and Republicans, headed by Senators Butler and Pritchard. There was a full poll of the Democratic strength, which, combined with a small negro vote and some Populist and Republican votes, rolled up a large majority.

Spencer B. Adams, fusion nominee for governor, was defeated by Chas. B. Aycock, the Democratic nominee, and all other state officers were elected. The legislature is Democratic in both branches, Mecklenberg county, of which Charlotte is the county seat, giving 3500 majority for the county ticket.

Every eastern county was carried by the Democrats, the majority in some of them being 3000. Most of the central counties are also Democratic. Returns from the west are incomplete. Conservatively estimated returns from the sixth district show approximately 17,000 majority for the franchise amendment and the state ticket. In New Hanover county, where the Republicans have had a large majority heretofore, there was no opposition to the county and legislative tickets.

At 11 o'clock Thursday night Democratic Chairman Simmons said:

"I think we have a safe majority of 50,000 and at least four-fifths of the legislature. The returns so far are most satisfactory, and contain no surprises."

"Clear Next."

Rome, Aug. 3.—The regicide, Bresci, maintains forcibly. He exclaimed to a warder:

"It will be the czar's turn next." Bresci has been moved from Monza to Milan.

The police have found evidences that Bresci acted in collusion with others, and numerous arrests have been made. Bresci's brother, a shoe dealer, another kinsman named Marozza and several anarchists have been arrested at Prato.

Natale Possanzini, who was arrested at Ancona, admits traveling with Bresci from Milan to Monza.

Makes a Demand.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—The Chinese minister, Yang Lu, on behalf of the other Chinese ministers at European capitals, has cabled the governor of Shang Tung a demand that the members of the legations be permitted free telegraphic communication with their governments and be sent to Tien Tsin under a Chinese escort. Advices received by the Russian general staff from Tien Tsin estimate that there are 80,000 trained Chinese troops in Pekin.

MADE PUBLIC.

Chinese Government Held Responsible for Protection of Ministers.

Washington, Aug. 3.—The state department has made public the following correspondence between Li Hung Chang and the department regarding the abandonment of the advance to Pekin:

"Telegram sent to the United States embassies in Berlin, London, Paris, Rome and St. Petersburg and to the United States minister at Tokio:

"Department of state, Washington, Aug. 1.—In reply to a suggestion of Li Hung Chang that the ministers might be sent under escort to Tien Tsin provided the powers would engage not to march on Pekin, the secretary of state replied on the 30th or July:

"This government will not enter into any arrangement regarding disposition or treatment of legations without first having free communication with Minister Conger. Responsibility for their protection rests upon the Chinese government. Power to deliver at Tien Tsin presupposes power to protect and to open communication. This is insisted upon."

This message was delivered by Mr. Goodnow on the 31st to Viceroy Li, who then inquired whether if "free communication was established between the ministers and their governments it could be arranged that the powers should not advance on Pekin pending negotiations."

To this inquiry the following reply was sent on the 1st of August:

"Goodnow, Consul General, Shanghai: I don't think it expedient to submit the proposition of Earl Li to the other powers. Free communication with our representatives in Pekin is demanded as a matter of absolute right, and not as a favor. Since the Chinese government admits that it possesses the power to give communication, it puts itself in an unfriendly attitude by denying it. No negotiations seem advisable until the Chinese government shall have put the diplomatic representatives of the powers in full and free communication with the respective governments and removed all danger to their lives and liberty. We would urge Earl Li earnestly to advise the imperial authorities of China to place themselves in friendly communication and co-operation with the relief expedition. They are assuming a heavy responsibility in acting otherwise. HAY."

"You will communicate this information to the minister of foreign affairs."

Tried to Kill Shah.

Paris, Aug. 3.—An attempt on the life of the shah of Persia, Muzaffer-ed-Din, was made Thursday morning, but luckily it resulted in no harm to His Majesty.

A man broke through a line of policemen as the shah was leaving his apartments and tried to mount the royal carriage step. He was seized and placed under arrest. The man had a revolver in his hand, but as soon as his intention was divined the police disarmed him before he was able to fire. At the police station the man expressed regret that he had been unable to carry out his intentions. He said:

"This is an affair between me and my conscience."

It was just 9:15 o'clock when the carriage of the shah emerged from the court of the Sovereign's palace. Seated in the carriage with the shah was his grand vizier, while opposite him sat Gen. Paret. The carriage turned to the left, toward the avenue Bois de Bologne. It had proceeded but a few yards when a man dressed as a laborer sprang from between two automobiles, where he had been hidden. He broke through the line of policemen, overturning a bicycle officer and jumped upon the royal carriage steps. In one hand the man had a cane, which he raised as though to strike, but this movement was only intended to hide his real purpose, for in the other hand he held a revolver.

The attempted assassination then came to an end, as the grand vizier struck the weapon from the man's hand, and at the same time officers caught his arm from behind and overpowered him. A crowd of 500 people who witnessed the attempted assassination made a rush toward the would-be murderer and tried to attack him, but there were many police in the neighborhood acting as guards of the shah and these prevented the mob from doing violence to the miscreant.

The prisoner was taken to the police station. The shah carried out his programme for a trip down the Seine to Versailles.

VOLUNTEER OBSERVER

Tells of July Weather and Also Has Suggestion to Make.

Estelle, Tex., Aug. 4.—(To the News.) Last night closed one of the wettest Julys ever recorded in Dallas county, and a review of the month shows the following recorded facts at this station which may be of some interest to your many readers. The mean temperature, 81.98 regrads, was 2.02 regrads below the normal. As compared with previous Julys, the temperature of the July just past was nearly the same as that of July, 1895 and 1898. During the past thirteen years three Julys were cooler than that of 1900, the other ten Julys were warmer than July of 1890, 1893 and 1897, with mean temperatures of 85.04, 85.06 and 85.54 degrees, being the warmest on record. The coldest on record, 80.93, was July, 1894.

The highest temperature during the month was 99 degrees on July 2; the lowest temperature was 65 degrees, on the 9th. The highest extreme maximum temperature ever recorded during July was 111 degrees on July 3, 1894, the coldest, or extreme minimum temperature on record is 58 degrees, on July 13, 1898.

The average total precipitation was 8.36 inches, or 5.77 inches above the normal. As compared with previous records, the average total precipitation for July, 1900, was 2.36 inches greater than that of any July during the past thirteen years and 5.77 inches in excess of the mean annual precipitation for the same time. The mean annual precipitation from Jan. 1 to Aug 1 is 23.95, and from Jan. 1 this year to Aug. 1 is 21.45 inches, which makes a deficiency of 2.50 inches. The deficiency was especially marked in the months of February and June, being only .36 of an inch in February and .57 of an inch in June. Most of the precipitation occurred in the months of April, May and July.

The average number of rainy days during the past month was 12, the normal number being about 6. The number of clear, partly cloudy and cloudy days were respectively 8, 10 and 1. The prevailing winds were from the southeast. Thunderstorms occurred on July 9, 17, and 25. An unusually large number of heavy rains have occurred during the month, making it one of the most remarkable Julys on record. On July 25 the heaviest rain ever recorded in July occurred at this station, 2.84 inches being precipitated in three hours and thirty minutes, and, as I have said before, it takes a long time to anything like determine the climate conditions of a county, as the character of the weather at any place is affected by so many circumstances which may transpire at distant parts of the world and which can be put very imperfectly known to us, that it is impossible to predict, except very imperfectly, what weather may be expected at a given time and place. To a limited extent, however such predictions are possible and having to some extent established the constancy of the climate of Dallas county is what I relied upon in predicting the probable and general character of the weather that might be expected this year.

And I assert, without fear of truthful contradiction, that the climate of north Texas is as permanent as any place in the United States, as indicated by observations continued by me for many years, which show no greater changes in the mean temperature of the year or that of the separate months, and the extreme range is far less than in many portions of the United States, and but few places can present an equal. If our government authorities at Washington would spend some of the money that they are wasting in the Philippines trying to shoot religion into the Filipino negro in the advancement of meteorological science, and especially in helping the old voluntary observers who have made millions of free figures for the government, our people would be generally benefited and the city of Dallas would have what it ought to have—a first-class signal station.

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Severely Shocked.

Malakoff, Tex., Aug. 4.—During a thunderstorm two miles north of here six men while at work in a field were severely shocked by lightning. Five of them soon recovered, but the sixth, a young man by the name of Stock Bryant, is in an extremely critical condition. While apparently conscious, he is speechless and almost totally paralyzed from head to foot. His recovery is very doubtful.

PROBABLY FIFTH.

Such, It is Thought, Will be Texas' Position in Sisterhood of States.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 6.—A telegram from Washington says:

The work of counting the census returns is progressing slowly and it may be many weeks before anything concerning Texas is forthcoming. Director Merriam says that very little more than half of the more than 1800 portfolios from Texas have been received and the work is backward and incomplete. He does not say in what respect the Texas enumerators are lax, but it would seem that they are slow and in many respects imperfect. They are further behind than the enumerators of any other state. The policy of the bureau will be to count the large cities first and afterward the states. The Texas cities, therefore, will not be heard from for several weeks at the earliest and perhaps, until late in the year. It is learned from confidential sources that the scattering returns from Texas indicate an enormous percentage of increase in population and wealth, and the earlier estimate that the state will take fifth in population seems to hold good at present. It will be very close between Missouri and Texas for fifth place. Texas will stand a chance to lose because of under-enumeration. Missouri has quite a number more enumerators than Texas, and only a fourth of the area and the larger number of enumerators in a much smaller territory will be more apt to get a fuller count. There is nothing in the figures received so far to indicate that the earlier estimate of 3,700,000 for Texas will not be fully realized.

Knocked Seventy Feet.

Burton, Tex., Aug. 6.—At 2 o'clock Saturday morning Joe Gerne, aged 27, was struck by the locomotive of a west-bound train on the Austin branch of the Houston and Texas Central railroad at section No. 5. Gerne was employed as a section hand. As the night was warm, he went out beside the track and laid down on a small platform known as the beef scaffold, where he slept until the train approached, when he must have become frightened and jumped off the scaffold onto the track. The locomotive knocked him about seventy feet, killing him instantly.

Will Get It.

Jacksonville, Tex., Aug. 6.—The committee appointed at a mass meeting of the citizens has signed a contract with the Texas and New Orleans railway company, which makes it certain that the proposed line of railway from Rockland to Athens will pass through this town. The terms of the contract have not yet been made known to the public. The route from Rockland to Athens has been located, with the exception of ten miles between here and the Neches river.

Sale Confirmed.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 6.—In the United States court an order confirming the sale of the Galveston City Railroad company and the Gulf City Street railway was filed. The order was dated at Sherman, where Judge Bryant entered the order confirming the sale made to Charles F. Hotchkiss, who bid in the properties on Feb. 6, 1900, for \$905,000 for the Galveston City road and \$15,000 for the Gulf City property.

Wonderful Well.

Corsicana, Tex., Aug. 6.—The Baker, Todd and White well on the Clayton lease shows no diminution in its output of oil, and it is the marvel of the Corsicana oil field. There is one peculiarity in this well. The oil, instead of flowing spasmodically or in pulsations, flows in one steady stream continuously. All other wells discharge their output by pulsations, there being an interval of sometimes ten or fifteen minutes between pulsations.

To be Observed.

Corsicana, Tex., Aug. 6.—Labor Day will be observed by the different labor unions and the trades assembly in this city. There will be a street parade by the different crafts, in which every business in Corsicana has been invited to be represented. Following the parade there will be sports at the city park, a basket dinner and a ball at night in the pavilion. Nearly all the trades have organized labor unions in this city.

In a rear-end collision on the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railway at Marathon, Tex., fourteen freight cars were derailed and a locomotive damaged.

The Oil Man Was Right.

"I am going to stop and look back," said Lot's wife, who was a short distance in advance.

"Don't!" urged Lot. "It will go hard with you if you do!"

But she disregarded his warning, with the result recorded elsewhere.

"Well, I called the turn on her all right," panted Lot, struggling on.

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