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EXPERIENCE.

Twenty years practical experience, under the tutorage of as good a smith and woodworkman as ever stood at the anvil or bench, is serving me well in keeping the resolution I formed at the beginning of this year.

When I came to Graham some two and a half years ago, you were paying the long price for plow work. To day I offer you

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A liberal patronage for which I am thankful, has enabled me to make you these prices.

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No Double Standard Wanted.

A woman's character is like a postage stamp—one black mark ruins it; man's like a treasury note—no matter how many stains it will pass at par. When a woman falls from grace her character is generally ruined forever; on the other hand, a man may straighten up and be received into society again.—Ex.

The above has but one thing to recommend it—half of it is true. But society can never justify itself in such a procedure. The double standard in money is all right, but we say: Down with the double standard of virtue. Shame on society that turns her back on the victim and welcomes the author of her shame, or condones his crime. The first half of the extract would be true if you substitute reputation for character.—Sulphur Springs Gazette.

Mr. John Bevins, editor of the Press, Anthon Iowa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my family for 15 years, have recommended it to hundreds of others, and have never known it to fail in a single instance. For sale by Graham Drug Co."

Speaking of the many killings occurring over the state and of the pistol toting habit, a prominent El Paso lawyer says:

"There is no more need for a citizen of Texas to carry a pistol than there is for a dog to go about with a hymn book strapped about his neck. The laws of the state respecting the carrying of weapons are stringent as any ever enacted, but whether the trouble lies in the failure of the officers to enforce the law, I don't know, but it is true there are too many pistols in Texas."

By the decision of the Spanish cabinet to suspend payment on the war bonds the bank of Spain loses \$79,000,000.

Weatherford, Mineral Wells and N. W. Railway Company. Operating Department.

TIME TABLE
Effective May 29th, 1899.
Leaves Weatherford 5:50 P. M., 10:20 A. M.
Arrive " 8:40 A. M., 2:35 P. M.
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Strange Story of Amanda Smith.

Evangelist Amanda Smith, the only negro woman exhorter in the world, once got into an altercation with her husband's son-in-law in Brooklyn. The man, whose name was John Bentley, cursed and berated her brutally. "I believe," says Mrs. Smith, (she has described the incident in writing) "he incurred the displeasure of God, as did Elymas, the sorcerer, who withstood Paul and sought to turn away Sergius Paulus from the faith, and was stricken blind when St. Paul denounced him."

"When John Bentley cursed and swore at me I did not know he was going to strike me. I went up to him and looked him in the face and said to him:

"When you have been at my house haven't I always treated you well? Why should you curse me in this way?"

"He went on talking and abused me terribly. There seemed to come an indescribable power over me and I turned and lifted my hand toward him and said to him: "Mind, John Bentley, the God that I serve will make you pay for this before the year is out."

"He said: 'Well, I don't care if He does. Let Him do it.' "He had not more than said the words when he seemed to tremble and stagger. There was a chair behind him and he dropped down into it. I never saw him from that day. This was about two weeks before Christmas, and before the new year came John Bentley was dead and buried."

"I always feel sad when I think of it, but I believe that God was displeased with that man for the cursing me that day."

Mr P. Ketcham of Pike City, Cal., says: "During my brother's late sickness from scatic rheumatism, Chamberlain's Pain Balm was the only remedy that gave him any relief." Many others have testified to the prompt relief from pain which this liniment affords. For sale by Graham Drug Co.

Gen. Otis thinks 30,000 men enough in the Philippines. More than the whole business is worth.

It's too much to expect an all-round politician to be exactly square.

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CREAM
BAKING
POWDER

Highest Honors, World's Fair
Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair
Avoid Baking Powders containing alum. They are injurious to health.

Eau Claire, Wis., June 18.—In nine pulpits here to-day the New Richmond cyclone was the subject of the sermons. The general sentiment expressed was that it was a mysterious dispensation of Providence, but Rev. Joseph Moran of the Episcopal church, said it was the devilish work of an unknown power, and not the act of God.

Dallas News: They have been speaking continually about Aginaldo being on the run. The charge has been that he was running away from our soldiers. From the number of Filipinos who seem to be continually near our army, it would look as if he had been running around collecting his men.

The governor signed the bill which prevents the sale of cigarettes to the youthful Texan with a nice gold pen. It is now in order for the fathers of the aforesaid youth to prevent the purchase of cigarettes by supplying themselves with nice leather straps and paddles. The legislature and the fathers, acting together, might be able to do something in the way of breaking up the cigarette habit.

Mark Hanna says he is against bad trusts. This is a partial conversion and so the world need not feel discouraged in the hope that eventually Mr. Hanna will become one of the plain people.

Pure blood is full of life and vitality, and carries vigor to the organs of the body. Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine creates rich, pure blood. Sold by Akin & Matthews.

It is a most laughable farce to hear the republicans proposing in their state platforms to crush the trusts. The enactment of laws by a republican congress made trusts possible and the boodle furnished by these trusts for campaign purposes makes it possible for the republican party to stay on its feet. When the trusts are destroyed, down will go the republican meat house.—Weatherford Democrat.

Dewey, it is said, has protested against money being raised by popular subscription to buy him a house. Kentucky thus saves the 25 cents contributed by one of her citizens, and he can now invest it in winchester ammunition.

A British scientific commission has officially declared that scarlet fever, diphtheria and measles could be forever eliminated from the list of maladies if only perfect cleanliness could be enforced for a single generation of men.

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People economically inclined will do well to inspect our line of

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We can save you at least 20 per cent on any thing in that line you wish to purchase. Call around and see for yourself what exceptional values we have to offer.

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THE NEW STORE.

The Graham Leader.

J. W. GRAVE, Publisher.

GEARHAM, TEXAS.

Opinions of a Pessimist.

The man who has never been a vice president at a mass meeting is justified in concluding that his life has indeed been a failure.

Some women are good largely for the purpose of spiting others who would like to talk about about them.

There is a place in this world that everyone is made to fit, but most of the square pegs seem to be drawn toward the end where the round holes are.

The man who has never made a fool of himself over a woman still has a painful experience before him.

One reason why some women never learn to make their own clothes is that they don't have to earn the money which they pay to dressmakers.

An eastern paper asks: "When is a man old?" When the pretty girl who comes in and makes eyes at him and tells him how others will be influenced if he subscribes is finally compelled to go away without his name on her list.

Queer Japanese Poetry.

Japanese poetry—that of meter without rhyme—has two forms particularly pleasing to the oriental versifiers, called tankas and haikais. The tanka is a stanza of five lines, the first of five syllables, the second of seven, the third of five and the last two of seven each. The haikai is of three lines only, the first of five syllables, the second of seven and the third of five. Monosyllabic words are used almost entirely, no rhyme being employed, and the effect is rather strange than pleasing to ears accustomed to the rhythmic results of western poets. Once a year Japanese poets make excursions to the suburbs of the Sleeping Dragon, near Tokio, and on the blooming cherry trees, with their wealth of snowy blossoms and black stems and branches, wisps of paper covered with the poems are hung, with appropriate festivities.

Envelopes Not Modish.

The latest fad among those who can afford to be faddish is the disuse of the envelope in correspondence. We have gone back to the old days, when red wafers and sealing-wax were all that custom demanded or knew. Modern fashion has produced wafers and wax to match the paper—heliotrope, robin's egg blue, cerulean, lilac, fawn or cream.

Large sheets are used for letters, a smaller size for notes and invitations. When you receive a letter sent without its envelope do not cut and slash as you have been accustomed to do, but remove the wafers, break the seal and the writing will greet your eye untroubled.

Tight Lacing on the Wane.

The queen of Portugal, who is something of a medical student and takes a great interest in the hospitals of her country, is a great enemy to tight lacing, and has always preached to the ladies of her court against this evil habit. Tight lacing in Portugal, owing to the efforts of the queen, is said to be now on the decrease.

His Opinion.

"What do you think of the coffee trust?" asked the observant boarder.

"It ought to be a profitable undertaking," replied the cross-eyed boarder, with a slight emphasis on the concluding word.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

RIO GRANDE RAGES

The Highest Stage of Water in a Great Many Years.

A VAST AMOUNT OF DAMAGE.

Laredo, Eagle Pass and Brackett, as Well as Farming Country and Railroads, Injured Greatly.

Much Loss.

Brackett was submerged by the tremendous rise of Rio Grande river, the greatest known for over forty years. Main street on the 14th was a raging torrent, down it floating furniture, carts, cattle, horses, household articles and other things. A woman and her two children floated down on top of a house, but it lodged, thereby letting them escape.

The water rose around Joseph Veltman's house and himself and family climbed a plank to the joists. They pounded for help and a man named Clamp cut a hole and took them away on a hastily constructed raft.

At Eagle Pass some fifty houses were washed away. All the valley farms were under water, the river being the highest known within the memory of man. Thirty miles of railroad track were washed away between Eagle Pass and Spofford.

The waterworks in both Laredos were submerged and ten railroad bridges washed out.

Part of International bridge at Eagle Pass was carried off. A couple of bodies were seen floating down the river.

No definite idea of the damage done in the Rio Grande valley can yet be formed, but it doubtless amounts to many thousands of dollars.

Five Thousand Filipinos.

After cutting the railway and telegraph at Polo, seven miles above Manila, the rebels attacked Gen. MacArthur's lines at San Fernando, but met with a warm reception and were repulsed with a loss of seventy-five killed, thirty prisoners and many wounded. Five thousand men is the estimate placed on the Filipinos' force, who stealthily advanced through the jungle north of the city and then divided for the purpose of surrounding the Americans. In this they were unsuccessful, for the Americans waited for them poured a galling fire into them.

Gen. Funston's brigade of Kansans, the Montana and seventeenth and Iowa regiments, together with Gen. Hale's brigade, constituted the American force and they vigorously repulsed the rebels.

It is reported that Aguinaldo commanded the insurgents.

Oil mill superintendents elected the following officers: President, G. T. Parkhouse, Cisco; vice president, R. H. Schumaker, Navasota; secretary, Gustav Baumgarten, Schulenburg.

The Shriners at their Buffalo meeting elected George H. Green of Dallas imperial high priest and prophet. Washington is to hold the next council.

M. Poncaire has accepted the task of forming a new French cabinet.

A brewery firm is to make a test of the new anti-trust law of Ohio.

The lower house of the Michigan legislature has passed the Sayers anti-trust law.

Death of Bland.

Congressman R. P. Bland died at his home near Lebanon, Mo., on the morning of the 15th, the last thirty-two hours of his life being passed in a steady sleep. He was taken sick with la grippe shortly after the adjournment of congress in March and had a relapse.

Richard Parks Bland was born Aug. 15, 1835, in Hartford, Ky. Orphaned at an early age he labored on a farm in summer in order to educate himself. He taught school and afterward studied law.

In 1855 Mr. Bland moved to Missouri and then to California and afterward located at Virginia City, Nev., where he practiced law and engaged in mining. He was elected treasurer of Carson county.

In 1865 he returned to Missouri and settled at Rolla, forming a law partnership with his brother, C. C. Bland.

In 1869 he removed to Lebanon.

Mr. Bland entered congress in 1873 and served one term has been regularly elected since.

He became chairman in 1875 of the committee on mines and mining and introduced in the forty-fourth congress the Bland bill, which provided that the secretary of the treasury shall purchase sufficient bullion to coin the minimum amount of \$2,000,000 per month in silver dollars at 412 1-2 grains each, and that these dollars shall be legal tender. He never varied in his attitude toward free silver coinage.

Have Retired.

Under date of the 14th Otis cables that Lawton's troops occupy the country south to Bacoor; have scouted westward and southward on the line of Zapote river and Bacoor road; that the enemy appear to have retired. Their loss was several hundred killed and wounded, while ours was ten killed and forty wounded. No casualties were sustained by the navy.

The Christian Endeavor union elected the following officers: President, H. H. Grotthouse, Dallas; vice presidents, Miss Leonard, Cleburne; A. M. White-marsh, Texarkana; Rev. Philip H. King, Hillsboro; Rev. M. E. Chngpelle, Brownwood; Rev. C. McPherson, Fort Worth; Rev. R. E. Chandler, Vernon, and M. J. Biem, San Antonio; secretary, Miss Tyler Wilkinson, Temple; assistant secretary, Miss Van Ness, Belton; treasurer, Miss Grace Nauton, Paris; junior superintendent, Mrs. L. T. Sloan, Dodge. Fort Worth holds next session.

The Marshals and Police Chiefs elected W. M. Rea, Fort Worth, president; M. J. Niland, Corpus Christi, first vice president; H. E. Criswell, Yoakum, second vice president; G. E. Cornwell, Dallas, third vice president; M. F. Forest, Houston, secretary and treasurer. Houston was selected for next year's place of meeting.

Under date of the 15th Otis cables that of 4000 insurgents about one-third have been killed, wounded or captured and the remainder retreated. Also that a Filipino friendly to the Americans had been assassinated.

At Waco the Underwriters' association convened on the 12th and many matters pertaining to the fire insurance business were discussed.

Yukon river is now open for navigation.

Gov. Sayers Speaks.

The 13th was commencement day at the agricultural and mechanical college. Gen. Watie reviewed the cadets, who acquitted themselves in a creditable manner.

The assembly hall, where the commencement exercises were held, was crowded with people from all over the state.

W. H. Whisenant of Kyle of the horticultural course, the first honor graduate, read a thesis on "Climatic Influence on Growth and Composition of the Sugar Beet in the United States."

Hon. R. E. Prince of Corsicana delivered the commencement address.

Gov. Sayers' response to the sentiment of "Texas" was rich in historical incidents and great in prophecy for the state's future, which he declared could accommodate a population of 75,000,000. He expressed a most profound interest in all educational matters, declaring himself the friend of every enterprise that added to the happiness of citizens of Texas.

Real Estate Convention.

A large number of delegates attended the opening session of the Texas Real Estate association at Waco on the 13th. Hon. R. L. Henry made address of welcome and C. T. Swan of Norwanna responded.

Report of the executive committee was spread on the minutes.

At the second day's meeting the committee on resolutions' report was adopted. It recommended that Texas should be represented at the St. Louis exposition in 1903; that a committee composed of one member from each congressional district be appointed by the chair; that the president and secretary be members ex-officio, and that this committee report the best method of making an exhibit at St. Louis. This committee is to report to the next meeting, which is to be held at Fort Worth.

A number of interesting papers were read and speeches made.

Commencement Day.

The 14th was commencement day at the state university and a large number of persons attended. Gov. Sayers presided. On the rostrum were seated the regents, state officials and alumni.

W. A. Morris, J. B. Warren and H. G. Reeves contested in the oratorical race for the W. J. Bryan medal.

The degrees were then conferred.

The final reception to the students was held at the Driskill hotel that night and was a brilliant affair.

The "celebration of a decade of Christian Endeavor in Texas" occupied considerable of the second day's Waco session of the Society of Christian Endeavor and it was an impressive service, during which touching remarks were made.

Laredo came near having a waterspout during the recent rain. Nine-tenths of the thickly settled portion of the city was from two to four feet under water. The Mexican National railway shops had to temporarily shut down.

T. J. Anderson's residence at Abilene, valued at \$3500, was destroyed by fire. Those sleeping in the second story had to escape by a ladder.

At the second day's meeting at Waco of the oil mill superintendents President Parkhouse delivered an interesting address.

"Better Be Wise Than Rich."

Wise people are also rich when they know a perfect remedy for all annoying diseases of the blood, kidneys, liver and bowels. It is Hood's Sarsaparilla, which is perfect in its action—so regulates the entire system as to bring vigorous health.

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use "Faultless Starch." No sticking, blistering or breaking. It leaves a beautiful finish and does not injure the most delicate fabrics. All grocers sell it, 10c a package.

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The Summer Bath for Health.

The bath in summer is not only a luxury, but a necessity for health and beauty. To take it properly, fill a tub with luke warm water, use Ivory soap, rub the flesh until it glows, rinse in cool water, and dry on a soft towel. A daily bath thus taken will keep the system in good condition during the warm weather.

ELIZA R. PARKER.

The man with a soft heart is rarely the one with a soft head.

Lost Sight

restored and the eyes cured by using FINDLEY'S EYE SALVE. No pain, sure cure or money back. 25c. box. All druggists, or by mail. J. P. HAYTER, Decatur, Texas.

Many a man cannot be bought, but he will give himself away.

Two bottles of Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me of a bad lung trouble.—Mrs. J. Nichols, Princeton, Ind., Mar. 26, 1896.

Did it ever occur to you that a watch-maker works over time?

Hall's Catarrh Cure

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There are few persons that do not care for thanks.



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THE TRINITY RIVER

Figures and Possibilities Regarding This Texas Stream

PRESENTED BY A DALLAS MAN

Before the Convention of the Texas Real Estate Association Held in the City of Waco Recently.

About the Trinity.

Mr. M. E. Foster of Dallas at the late realty men's meeting at Waco had this to say of the Trinity river:

I know the Trinity. I am acquainted with it and I love it. And I have reason for loving it, for I own it. Some years ago the Trinity Navigation company of Dallas caught me when my heart was temporarily enlarged and transferred to their possession sundry notes with my signature. They didn't want the cash; would not have it, in fact. Well, in the course of time I was persuaded to pay those notes. That's how I came to be one of the proprietors of the noble Trinity, sometimes slanderously called the turbid Trinity. I hold close to this possession.

A proud day it was when the Harvey, after a notable trip up the river, anchored just below the Commerce street bridge at Dallas. Never before, nor since, has there been so wonderful an outpouring of people in the city of Dallas; never was there so much enthusiasm; the problem of the navigation of the Trinity had been solved.

We built a famous dam at McCommas' Bluff and we had the steamer Harvey ply back and forth carrying crowds of delighted excursionists. It was a fine ride. The gentle puffing of the engines, the soft undulations of the stream set in motion by the boat, the refreshing breezes, the cool, shaded waterway on whose banks towered the hoary monarchs of the forest, all contributed to render such a voyage not only unique, but enjoyable in the highest degree. Then, too, the Harvey and the Dallas, another boat, not only spent the time in such dalliance, but engaged in serious business also, mainly that of freighting wood and logs to the factories. And this business assumed no small proportions. In the face of all this, however, there are persons who calmly assert that the Trinity is good for nothing.

Not only Dallas, not only north Texas, but all Texas is vitally concerned in the navigation of the Trinity. We have demonstrated that this project is feasible; that with a suitable system of locks and dams, boats can be run all the year from Dallas to the gulf; that at all seasons there will be a plentiful supply of water in the river; that serious overflows can be prevented or controlled, and that probably surplus water can be utilized for purposes of irrigation.

This brings me to the particular phase of the question I now wish to consider, namely, the importance of the navigation of the Trinity to the agricultural interests of Texas, for not all the different kinds of benefits to result can be considered in one paper, and I realize, too, that I must be brief.

From Dallas to the gulf the Trinity flows through or forms the boundary of fifteen counties, namely, Dallas, Ellis, Kaufman, Navarro, Henderson, Anderson,

Freestone, Leon, Houston, Madison, Walker, Trinity, San Jacinto, Polk, Liberty and Chambers. Their aggregate area is 8,813,440 acres, of which 1,235,881 acres are cultivated, a little more than 14 per cent.

In 1898 these counties raised 453,647 bales of cotton, 226,823 tons of cotton seed, 18,437,560 bushels of corn, 2,329,560 bushels of oats, 448,072 bushels of wheat.

These counties for the most part have poor and expensive freight facilities. It is no wonder, then, that in 1890 the aggregate population was only 280,129, or an average of less than 20,000 to the county, and the assessed valuation of the whole area was only \$91,184,859. As soon as the Trinity is opened up for navigation and general transportation, like the Erie canal, it will accomplish what that canal did in New York. It will develop these fifteen counties immediately and all the country adjacent with great rapidity.

Then, instead of 14 per cent, 50 per cent will be put in cultivation; and instead of the shrunken list of products just stated we will have 1,620,168 bales of cotton instead of 453,647, 810,082 tons of cotton seed instead of 226,823, 65,848,393 bushels of corn instead of 18,437,560, 8,319,857 bushels of oats instead of 2,329,550, 1,600,200 bushels of wheat instead of 448,072.

These figures show with the clearness of a mathematical demonstration the stimulation which will be given to agriculture. With more acreage, more products and lower freight rates the farmer will receive a better recompense for his toil, and with the larger population which will follow he will have better social, religious and educational advantages.

It is a fact which surprises most people that Texas contains over 35,000,000 acres of timber land, or more than one-fifth of its whole area. A large per cent of this timber is in the counties that are drained by the Trinity and its tributaries. The bois d'arc, pecan, walnut, gum, pine and oak trees of various kinds, to say nothing of woods of less importance, constitute a heritage of wealth well nigh impossible to calculate. The navigation of the Trinity will open up and distribute this wealth, which will co-operate with agriculture in forming a substantial basis for future prosperity.

Gov. Roberts uttered a truth when he said that "civilization begins and ends with the plow." Agriculture began with the first man, Adam, and will attend every generation until the last man surveys with closing eyes a convulsed or dying world. "Agriculture is the basis of wealth." We are all dependent upon it. But for the good of agriculture and the good of all we need a superstructure on this foundation in Texas. We need cotton factories and furniture factories, shoe factories, tanneries, woolen mills, oil mills, implement factories, vehicle factories; indeed, factories of all kinds and capital to run them profitably and to develop our wonderful resources.

Texas is a dominion which our fathers won, triumphing over difficulties which in a less hardy and determined race would have been insuperable. In our hands has the trust been placed to develop this heritage and to transmit to our descendants, increased by our efforts, this wealth of soil and wood and mine, not forgetting that other heritage of honor and truth and justice.

Desperate Fighting.

Gen. Otis called the war department under date of the 13th as follows:

"Lawton's troops had a severe engagement to-day with the enemy in strong entrenchments at the crossing of the Zapote river near Bakoor, Cavite province, and have driven the enemy with heavy loss. Our casualties some thirty. The insurgents in the southern section were not molested until they threatened an attack in strong force on Manila. They are now scattered and in retreat and it is doubtful if they make a further stand."

The rebels commenced operations at daybreak by dropping a couple of shells from a smooth bore gun in front of the church in the navy yard. The gunboats Callao, Manila and Mosquito dismounted the gun. The gunboats then ran close along the shore and joined by the Princeton, Montenegro and Monadnock dropped big shells among the rebels. This seemed to rouse the rebels still more and they vigorously replied. The gunboat Helena joined in and it looked dubious, but the enemy, who were at the mouth of the Bakoor river, were forced to retreat.

Companies F and I of the twenty-first infantry were nearly surrounded by a large body of insurgents, but managed to cut their way out.

It is reported that Gen. Luna and Lieut. Ramon were assassinated by Aguinaldo's guard at the latter's headquarters. It seems they were on their way to confer with Aguinaldo, got into an altercation with the guard and were bayoneted to death.

Loss of Life Great.

Later reports from the cyclone at New Richmond, Wis., show that it was of a most disastrous character. To add to the horror fire broke out and it is thought that hundreds of bodies were cremated. Bodies were taken to the Catholic and the Congregational churches and the schoolhouses.

The fire burned over several squares.

Eye-witnesses describe the cyclone as an appalling sight and one soon not forgotten.

Estimates of the dead range from 100 to 1000 and it will be several days before the exact number can be learned.

At Ardmore, I. T., on the 12th the law library building belonging to United States Attorney Johnson and the building belonging to United States Clerk Campbell were destroyed by fire. Loss \$12,000, half insured.

Rev. Dr. John P. Greene, president of William Jewell college, Missouri, who was elected president of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary at Louisville, Ky., has declined.

Gov. Sayers has received letters from Govs. Bushnell of Ohio, Tanner of Illinois, Pingree of Michigan, Thomas of Colorado, Bradley of Kentucky and Poynter of Nebraska saying they intend attending the anti-trust conference.

At the opening session of the Christian Endeavor convention at Waco President Grothouse and others made interesting addresses. The attendance was large.

Sharkey has accepted Jeffries' challenge and preliminaries will at once be arranged. They will probably meet in September.

A poultry, pigeon and pet stock association has been organized at Texarkana.

Royal Contributions Returned.

Queen Victoria has always had a leaning toward authorship, and she has often related to distinguished members of the writers' craft how she, when young, sent anonymous contributions, chiefly poems, to editors, only to receive them back with the usual expression of regret.

The same experience befell both the Princess Louise (the Marchioness of Lorne) and the late Duke of Albany. The latter used to tell how an editor wrote to him, at the same time returning his manuscript, to the effect that, although the statements he made were interesting enough, they seemed to be "quite without authority."

The Princess was more fortunate on many occasions. One editor repeatedly accepted articles on art from her before he discovered her identity.

The Princess says that one of the proudest moments of her life was that in which she found a check made out to herself, in the name of "Myra Fontenoy," for literary work.

The wife of the German emperor, too, a few years ago was keen on acquiring literary fame. Her book, a story of old German days, wandered from publisher to publisher without a kind word being said for it—a fact which the empress now acknowledges caused her more disappointment than any other trouble had ever done.

After the book had made its round the empress wished to publish it on her own account, but was strongly dissuaded from doing so by the emperor.

Somehow the story got abroad among the publishers, and the empress was waited upon one day by a deputation from a leading publishing firm of Berlin, who asked to be allowed the honor of publishing her work. The empress told the deputation that her experience as an authoress had caused her so much disappointment that after her husband had read what she had written and pronounced unfavorably upon it she had ordered the manuscript to be destroyed.

Must Have Harmony.

The young man of fashion that affects brick dust colored gloves and footgear now goes a step further and carries a Malacca cane that exactly matches those articles in tint. His cravat and stockings did so long ago. To complete the harmonious combination it only seems necessary for him to go out in the sun and get his nose burnt to the same hue and a little varnish will do the rest. Follow the fashions closely enough and you learn something important every day.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

His Collar.

"They have made a great deal of fun of my gold collar," said Aguinaldo, "but there is one thing I desire to say."

"What is that?" inquired the Filipino interviewer.

"It doesn't extend up behind my ears like a board fence, and then turn over again so that its neither a stand up nor a lay down collar, and I don't wear any foolish little red necktie with it, either.—Washington Star.

Where Emery Comes From.

All the emery used in the world comes from the little island of Naxos, near Greece.

As it is one of the hardest substances known, ordinary quarrying tools can't be used to cut it out. The 300 men engaged in the trade get the stuff out by building big fires about it until it cracks, and then prying it off with levers. It is shipped in big lumps as if it were furnace coal.

Shooting Gallery Under Broadway.

"There used to be a shooting tunnel under Broadway, between Warren and Murray streets, and I have put in some very good shots there in the old days," said a New York man who had been talking about the proposed underground rapid transit.

"I think it was some thirty years ago that a Broadway tunnel was bored out. It was a private scheme. The proposition was to show the feasibility of some sort of underground rapid mode of travel. After the tunnel had been constructed the distance of a block the company put in a car which was propelled, as I recall it, by the compressed air system. It was not compressed air, perhaps, but it was on that principle—something like the pneumatic tube. New York was considerably agitated over transportation then. Everybody had a plan. How long the company gave exhibits I do not remember, but the proposition was finally abandoned, and then it was rented for a shooting gallery. It was bully for that. The hole is still there. You can look into it through an iron grating on the west side of Broadway, near the walk. I have heard that the city uses it for storage."—New York Sun.

He Valued Withers' Check.

Old Green Morris, who hailed from Missouri and had fun out there with a mule years and years ago, he at one end of the rope and the mule at the other, has won another rich stake—worth \$20,000. I wonder if he will keep the check for the amount of his winnings as long as he kept one given to him by the late D. D. Withers at Monmouth Park seven or eight years ago. Three years after he was paid off he exhibited the piece of paper, calling on a certain bank to pay to his order \$25,000. It was considerably worn and greasy. "Green, why don't you put that in the bank?" asked Col. Simmons, presiding judge. "Bank it?" said Green, in astonishment. "Not while old Withers is alive. I'd rather have his check than all the money in the Chemical bank." There was no use talking; he would not be persuaded to draw the money until Mr. Withers died.

No Rhyme There.

He was addressing a lowly but intelligent audience somewhere in the vicinity of Seven Dials, and he had selected for his discourse "Rhymes and Rhyming," so that he might illustrate to these rough and rugged minds how far the charms of poesy can brighten the poor man's heart. And touching upon the difficulties of rhyming, he said:

"It is easy enough, my friends to get a rhyme for so simple a word as 'sea,' but what can you get for 'burglary?'"

"Well, gov'nor," exclaimed one of his hearers, "it all depends on the judge. My Bill got seven years."—Spare Moments.

Current and Wire.

None of the energy of an electric current travels along the wire, but enters into it from the surrounding non-conductor and begins to be transformed into heat. The amount crossing successive layers of wire decreases until by the time the center is reached, where there is no magnetic force, it has all been transformed into heat.

A Question of Expansion.

"The india rubber man seems unusually sad today."

"Yes; he's just discovered that he cannot stretch his salary over, from Monday till Saturday."—Omaha World Herald.

The Leader.

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If there is any one thing more than another that is inexcusable nauseating, it is hero worshipping.

A carload of Irish potatoes was shipped from Fort Worth to Colorado. They were raised by J. L. Burleson of Tarrant county, who had twenty acres planted in Irish potatoes.

Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine has a national reputation, extending over about sixty years, as a most successful Liver Regulator. For sale by Akin & Matthews.

Autoelektropolyphon is the name of a new musical instrument just invented by an Italian. Of course everybody will want one.

What principle are we trying to maintain in chasing those natives through swamps and brambles over in the Philippines? Besides murdering hundreds of the Filipinos, our men are being picked off one by one.

Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine creates a good Appetite, Tones and Strengthens the Stomach, and builds up the Health. For sale by Akin & Matthews.

The third Texas Court of appeals hold that a woman must be 21 years of age before she can be held liable for breach of promise to marry.

Gov. Sayers has appointed Hon. Barnett Gibbs a delegate from Texas to the anti-trust congress which meets at Chicago June 26.

Ex Postmaster General John Wainmaker is a sick man. He has been confined to his bed for two weeks with carbuncles on the neck.

Mrs. L. Rankins, Paris, Texas, writes: Have used Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine 4 years for constipation and Dyspepsia; it helps me more than anything I have taken. I think it as far beyond Black Draught and Zedlin's Regulator, I have used, as diamond is superior to glass. Sold by Akin & Matthews.

We are told that the 13th congressional district which is composed of 80 counties each containing 900 square miles, will double its population—90,000—in 1909. Twice 90,000 is 180,000, and this would entitle the Panhandle people to two, instead of one congressman.

The first carload of new wheat from Texas sold for 90 cents at Chicago.

During Summer we are liable to Stomach and Bowel troubles, such as Diarrhoea, Colic, Cramps, etc., for which Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine is highly recommended. Sold by Akin & Matthews.

Makers of armor plate for battleship, monitors and armored cruisers, refuse to furnish armor plate to the government for the new battleships at the price fixed by congress—\$400 per ton.

Sixty-five vessels to be added to the American navy are now in course of construction, and when these are completed the United States will rank next to Great Britain as a sea power in the world.

It is better to preserve health than to cure disease. Therefore, keep your blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla and be always well.

"Good roads," says an esteemed contemporary, "are to a county what railroads are to a State. They develop the country adjacent to them just as roads build up towns and cities. Good roads are indispensable to successful agriculture. They appreciate land values, increase rents, encourage investment, while their saving to the people who traverse them is manifold in vehicles, harness, stock, time, etc." The agitation for good roads should not be abated in the least until this truth is so impressed that every county in Texas will profit by it.

Killed by Cigarettes.

Tuesday night in Durant, William Wiles, aged 18 years and a step-son of J. C. Hall, died from the enlargement of the spleen, caused from the excessive use of cigarettes. His remains were laid to rest Wednesday afternoon. The death of this young man should prove a lesson to the cigarette fiend.

Brotherly love and christian charity in invisible chunks hang around the tabernacles of "Brers" Hayden and Cranfill. Even the heathen could give the sainted "brethren" pointers on how to live in a manner acceptable to God. But the "brethren" are excusable since it is evident they do not know any more about Christ than a wild son of the donkey tribe knows about heaven.—Cieburne Review.

It is now said that the man who ran Grover Cleveland off his fishing ground was a disappointed applicant for a post office during Cleveland's second administration. Whether this be true or not he taught Grover a lesson that he should have learned in youth—never trespass on the rights of others.

The old saying that office holders may die, but never resign has a very pointed verification in the person of Roswell Beardley of North Lansing, N. Y. He was appointed post master of that town in 1828, and still holds the job. Think of it! Has held the same office for seventy-one years!

"Have you noticed the fine advertisement I have on the fence out southwest of town," said a merchant to one of his customers the other day. "No," replied the customer, "but if you will send the fence around some day I will read it over and see what you are dealing in. Fact is, I'm reading the newspapers now-a-days and haven't much time to study fenceology."—Ex.

The dam of the big railroad tank west of town broke during the heavy rain Tuesday morning, and it took the united efforts of four section gangs all day Tuesday and part of Tuesday night to save the dam and the road bed.—Ranger Success.

Notice.

The Deering Binders have arrived, and those who have placed orders with us for machines will please call and get them. Also, those who have not secured a machine yet, we have a few extra. HOLLINGSWORTH & DOWDLE.

SEEDS.

Biliousness and constipation are seeds out of which spring many of the serious diseases that afflict the human body. Sound judgment would demand the immediate removal of this condition before it develops something more troublesome and difficult to cure. PRICKLY ASH BITTERS is a reliable cure for constipation and disorders of a similar character. It not only thoroughly empties and purifies the bowels, but strengthens the bowel channels and regulates the liver and stomach, hence it performs a radical cure. Sold by C. G. King.

Bad management keeps more people in poor circumstances than any other one cause. To be successful one must look ahead and plan so that when a favorable opportunity presents itself he is ready to take advantage of it. A little forethought will also save much expense and valuable time. A prudent and careful man will keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house. The shiftless fellow will wait until necessity compels it and then ruin his best horse going for a doctor and have a big doctor bill to pay, besides; one pays out 25 cts., the other is out a hundred dollars and then wonders why his neighbor is getting richer while he is getting poorer. For sale by Graham Drug Co.

From Farm and Ranch, June 24th: "It is easy for a lazy farmer to figure out the proposition that he can buy fruits and other luxuries cheaper than he can raise them. When he gets it figured out the next thing is to do without, which he generally does. In the rare cases wherein the farmer does actually buy fruits for family use, it is merely a taste all round, leaving the appetite unsatisfied and even exaggerated. No farmer can afford to buy that which he can produce at home."

Our Two Wars.

The war with Spain lasted only 114 days. The war with the Philippines has now lasted 130 days.

Our army sent to Cuba under Gen. Shafter consisted of about 17,000 officers and men, little more than half of whom reached the fighting line. Gen. Miles took to Porto Rico 3,415.

Since Dewey accomplished his mission in destroying the Spanish fleet twenty-three army expeditions have crossed the Pacific and four have gone by the way of Suez Canal to conquer the islands for which we paid Spain \$20,000,000. These expeditions have carried 1,279 officers and 37,287 men, but nearly 500 additional officers have gone out to Manila and nearly 2,000 men who did not accompany the regular expeditions. Of the total force, up to to-day scarcely 1,000 have returned.

Gen. Otis has therefore had nearly twice as many soldiers as were required to conquer Spain in Cuba and Porto Rico. His army is twice as large as the force with which Gen. Scott whipped Mexico.

Our losses in Mr. McKinley's war in the Philippines are not bulletined for the public by the War Department, but they far exceed our loss in the war declared by Congress against Spain. There has been fighting nearly every day since hostilities were begun at Manila, and our War Department is now striving desperately to send 5,000 more reinforcements to Gen. Otis. Commander Ford, Admiral Dewey's fleet surgeon, who has just returned home says: When I left we held not quite so much ground as was ours during the first part of August last year, and our lines were restricted to the suburbs of Manila."

The splendid valor, dash and endurance of our soldiers is the only redeeming feature of this unauthorized, unnecessary un-American and apparently endless war of subjugation—N. Y. World

Three Times as Much.

"I was troubled with loss of appetite and was generally run down. I bought three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and when I had taken two I was able to eat three times as much as before. I always keep Hood's in the house and cheerfully recommend it." M. T. STAYNES, 288 Lomax St., San Antonio, Texas.

That distress after eating is prevented by one or two of Hood's Pills. They don't gripe.

Reduced Rates for Summer Trips.

Commencing June 1st and continuing to and including Sept. 30th, 1899, the Texas & Pacific Railway Company will sell round trip Summer Tourist Tickets to points in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Quebec, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, at a considerable reduction in rates.

See the nearest ticket agent for full information, or write E. P. Turner, G. P. & T. A., Dallas.

A Texas Wonder!

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and will cure any case above mentioned. E. W. HALL, Sole Manufacturer, St. Louis, Mo., formerly Waco, Texas.

For sale by all druggists of Texas.

READ THIS.

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 14, 1898.—This is to certify that I have been considered incurable by two good physicians, both saying I had Bright's Kidney Disease. After using one and one-half bottles of Hall's Great Discovery, of Waco, I think my troubles are at an end. H. W. BROWN, St. George Hotel.

ARRIVED THIS WEEK !!

1 Car (25) of the NEW CANTON WAGONS.
1 Car Cultivators, Corn and Cotton, and Check Row Planters, Chilled Plows.

We have the largest, most complete and best line of

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Ever brought to this country, consisting of

Bain and Canton Wagons and Buggies, all styles of Cultivators, Corn and Cotton Planters, Walking and Sulky Listers, Disc and Sulky Plows, Wheat Drills, Stalk Cutters. All styles of Turning Plows, Disc Harrows, Seeders, etc. Binders and Binder Twine have been and are a specialty with us.

We have the Goods, want your trade and will make prices and terms to get it.

Yours to Serve,

DENMAN & SONS.

Graham and Jacksboro, Texas

A Good Druggist to fill your Prescriptions is as necessary as a good Doctor to write them.

POISONOUS

Drugs you must take because your Physician prescribes them. Your

PRESCRIPTIONS

Calling for poisons like Strychnine, Arsenic, &c., and all other prescriptions as well, will receive the utmost care in our hands, and will be

ACCURATELY FILLED

With the purest DRUGS obtainable. We take a pride in our PRESCRIPTIONS and ask that you give us a trial, and be convinced of the superiority of our work.

AKIN & MATTHEWS.

No trouble to fill night prescriptions as Edgar Matthews' rooms in rear of store.

The Star Drug Store.

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North Side Square, Jacksboro, Tex.

Everything Kept That Can Be Found in a First-Class Drug Store.

Prescriptions Carefully Compounded.

Widmayer & Lauster,

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If you want your Buggy, Wagon, Plow, in fact anything you have re-built or repaired, don't forget to call on us before going elsewhere. All work guaranteed to be first class. We also sell Buggy and Wagon material.

HORSESHOEING A SPECIALTY.

Kendall's Letter.

Superintendent of Education J. S. Kendall has issued the following letter:

Under the laws and regulations governing the department of education for a number of years all questions to be used in the examination of applicants for teachers' certificates are prepared by the state superintendent. These questions are printed a short time before they are to be used and are in sealed packages, to be opened only by the local examining board. They are sent to the county superintendents of the 234 counties. Notwithstanding great care is taken at all stages of the preparation, printing and the proper distribution of these questions, from time to time efforts have been made, and occasionally with partial success, to obtain copies of these questions in advance, with a view of "coaching" applicants for certificates and thereby to acquire a license for unlawfully would-be teachers.

In certain counties of the state the negro population is large and these attempted frauds in past years have been frequent. Sometimes the department of education has rejected sets of examination papers from certain schools and counties because of undoubted evidence of fraud. Recently a county superintendent for this reason annulled the contracts of several parties, and upon proper notification the educational department cancelled the state certificates of the same parties.

Recently employees of the house by whom these examination questions are printed have been approached by more than one person wishing to buy copies of the examination papers in advance of the examination days. One individual several days ago attempted to purchase these questions from an employe of the state contract printer. An hour was arranged for him to call, receive and pay for the questions and the department of education was at once notified of the arrangement. At the agreed time he was on hand and a part of the money was by him handed to the aforesaid employe, who immediately placed the entire matter in the hands of Superintendent Kendall, he being by agreement a few feet away and a witness of the entire procedure. He was finally dismissed after being assured by the superintendent and printers that in addition to being fully advertised on this occasion he and his ilk would hereafter be more closely watched to the end that honest examinations may be had and unworthy applicants for certificates excluded.

Fine Fishing.

An outing party returned to Waco from an outing trip in Leon county. A. P. Duncan, president of the Waco Commercial club; Sam P. Wright, Jr., and N. N. Keith were members of the party. The party pitched their tents on the shores of Lake Stanmire, a fishing resort in Leon county of considerable reputation. The lake is between three and four miles long, half a mile wide and has a mean depth of about fifty feet. The water is clear and the color of blue steel. The lake is fringed with large trees, sweet gum, cotton wood, sycamore, druid oaks, live oaks and hackberries predominating. Mr. Duncan's party was reinforced on arrival at the lake by Justice of the Peace Davis, Constable Kemper and John C. Baldwin of Leon county. For amusement the outers confined themselves to fishing, as it is too late in the season to shoot game of any kind.

Lake Stanmire is not a pre-

serve. It is open to the public and its surface at this season is gay with the boats of fishing parties. The lake is well stocked with native white perch and also trout. Large catfish abound, some of them weighing over thirty pounds.

A fishing tournament was organized and Waco won the ribbon for the largest white perch. Dr. Duncan's party caught over 200 pounds of fish.

Lake Stanmire is located near the Trinity river. It is said to have been formed by the river changing its bed, the abandoned bed constituting the lake. The country near the lake is settled with farmers who sell chickens and eggs cheap and living is economical.

Some of the tents pitched in the timber surrounding the lake are occupied by invalids from distant states seeking restoration to health by boating and fishing in the clear water.

Dredge to be Built.

Capt. Charles S. Riche, corps of engineers, United States army, in charge of the Texas district, received orders at Galveston from headquarters to proceed with the building of the large deep sea dredge provided for in the appropriation for the Buffalo bayou ship canal, and also with the survey of the channel. There is set aside out of the appropriation of \$300,000 made as a starter for the channel the sum of \$125,000 for the dredge. Capt. Riche will at once put a marine engineer to work making plans for the dredge provided for in another appropriation, and which is to be used in the improvement of waterways along the Texas coast. It may be that these dredges will be built at Galveston, but as the work is to be done by contract it is not certain where the construction is to take place.

Capt. Riche has given rush orders for getting ready for the survey of the channel. It is necessary, among other things, to procure additional instruments and to establish more stations. He thinks it probable that everything will be in readiness for a start on the actual work of survey in about a month. By the latter part of the month work should begin on the twenty-five foot canal.

Extra Pay.

J. D. McRae of Waxahachie, late captain of the Ellis County volunteers, has written the following:

"Some time ago my attention was called to a newspaper notice stating that extra pay would be given to all volunteers at the rate of \$1 per day each from the time of assembly to the time of enrollment, including those who were rejected as well as those who were accepted. I wrote the war department asking for information as to what steps should be taken to secure this pay, and I have received a reply. It seems that no special form of voucher is required and the auditor for the war department has sent me a form which he says may be used. I have this and will be glad to show the same to any one who desires to see it, and will also be glad to assist any member of the company in preparing his voucher."

Prof. Dickson of the University of California has been chosen assistant professor of mathematics in the University of Texas. Dr. Calloway has reconsidered his resignation.

Cotton is in bloom in the river belt of Grayson county.

Peculiar Bird.

T. H. Martin of Montague county exhibited at Sherman a few days ago a peculiar bird that he had bagged while en route. It was sitting on the ground on the edge of a cornfield when seen and shot. An examination of the bird showed the following peculiar features: The neck is very long and slender and the head is somewhat elongated, the eyes setting well back and protected by unusually heavy and tough appearing lids. The bill is about two inches in length and comes to a needle-like point and is filled with saw-like indentations. The wings are long and of a dark plumage, dappled a little with a grayish mixture. The tail is very long and when spread out it makes a fan. On the neck the feathers are of a clay color and almost down, while a coating of perfect beaver-like fur covers the back and is of a dark reddish brown cast. The legs are short and end in web feet, the toes of which are armed with long claws, uncommon with water fowls. During the last few months many pelicans and other coast-line fowls have been found along the waterways and ponds in the vicinity of Sherman, and in the absence of a knowledge of the family to which the specimen referred to belongs, the idea prevails that this, too, was a visitor from the sea.

An Old Landmark.

Work has been begun at Edna in Jackson county for the brick store of Col. Egg. The old frame building that occupied the spot and which has been moved to another locality is an old landmark of Austin's colony. The navy timbers of this structure were being hewn from live oak in the Navidad bottom in 1836 when the workmen were called to arms and joined the little army of Texas which repelled and routed Santa Ana's army at San Jacinto. As soon as the independence of Texas was achieved this building was completed in the old colony seat of Texana, but when that town was abandoned in 1883 Col. Egg removed it to Edna and continued its use as a grocery store until it gave way for the new structure. The timbers and ceiling of this old store are in a perfect state of preservation. Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland is the only colonist now living in Jackson county who was there when this old landmark was originally constructed.

A Territory Goliath.

John M. Cruch, who lives near Wade, I. T., 24 years of age and a farmer by occupation, while on a visit to Durant a few days ago attracted considerable attention owing to his height. A committee weighed and measured Mr. Cruch. His weight was 173 pounds and his height, with his shoes off 7 feet 8 inches. He is the tallest of four brothers, all of whom are over 6 1-2 feet tall.

At Hillsboro the cylinder head of an engine in the electric light plant blew out, breaking the drawhead and wrecking the engine. Engineer Summerfield passed before the cylinder head a second before it blew out and consequently had a narrow escape. The cylinder head was blown through a brick wall into the engine room. About \$1000 damage was the result.

Governors of Alabama and North Dakota endorse anti-trust conference.

John Berry was hanged at Marlborough, Md., for the murder of Miss Amanda Clark.

Annual Sermon.

The baccalaureate sermon before the University of Texas was delivered this year by Rev. Dr. W. T. Moore, dean of the Bible college at Columbia, Mo.

He chose for his text "Jesus, the Great Teacher." He contended that all of Christ's teaching was education and not legislation, and that he began with the lowest order of human life and worked up to the highest. Along this line the reverend gentlemen said politicians should pay more attention to education than they did.

Dr. Moore took the position that in every university there should be a Bible college or Bible chairs. That all denominations could be represented, which would eliminate the sectarian feature. Every denomination could pay its own instructor and divinity students could thus be instructed and educated.

Was Sustained.

At a session of the county court at Hallettsville the case of J. W. Cook vs. A. W. Turney for the office of treasurer of the city of Yoakum was taken up for the purpose of disposing of preliminary motions. The defendant entered a plea to the jurisdiction of the court, contending that the suit should have been filed in the district court. The plaintiff contended that it was not a contested election case, but a suit for the office, and that as the emoluments thereof were but \$3000 per annum the suit had been properly brought in the county court. The court sustained the plea to the jurisdiction of the court and dismissed the case at plaintiff's cost.

Court of Claims.

The court of claims, consisting of the governor and the attorney general, created by the last legislature to pass on all claims for refunds for payment of money on school lands where patents failed to issue caused by erroneous and conflicting surveys, etc., was in session a few days ago and approved claims aggregating \$10,000. The last legislature appropriated \$50,000 for the first year and \$35,000 for the second year with which to pay these claims.

Gen. Anson Mills, American commissioner of the international boundary commission, left El Paso for Washington. Before going he let a contract for a \$20,000 brick block in the former city. Gen. Mills made a fortune out of a soldier's belt which he patented several years ago and which was adopted by this government.

Judge Smithers of Navasota while on a recent visit to Huntsville secured a copy of the old Texian and Brazos Farmer, a paper published at Washington in 1842. The old paper contains an article ridiculing the village of Austin for having the nerve to desire to be the capital of the state.

The artesian well at the Collin County Mill and Elevator company building at McKinney is being bored rapidly and has reached 1000 feet. Another one will be sunk at the cotton seed oil mill during the summer in order to provide a better water supply for that institution by the time the next season opens.

Near Kaufman the 2-year-old son of Harry Douglass was badly scalded by falling into a pan of scalding water.

Southern foundry iron has advanced 50 cents on the ton.

A Professor Dabbles in Dolls.

A learned professor has recently brought to light some facts concerning children and dolls. We are told that whereas out of 845 children 191 preferred wax dolls, as many as 144 pronounced in favor of rag ones. Odd preferences are sometimes shown with regard to size. A lady states that she preferred four-inch half-penny dolls, "because there was so much more to be done with these in the way of putting on wigs made from door mats, inking-in eyebrows, etc." On the other hand, another English lady declares that her childish ambition was the possession of a big doll—"one that would fill my arms and take some of the cuddling that I wanted to bestow, and which nobody seemed to want."—Spare Moments.

Limited Liability Scenery.

British admirers of rural scenery will have, before very long, to go farther afield for enjoyment. As if it was not bad enough for vendors of pills and mustard to disfigure nature's beautiful handiwork with hideous advertisements, commercial enterprise has hit upon another method of making profit out of scenic charm. A limited liability company in Yorkshire has come into existence for that express purpose. It farms the picturesque, and then charges so much a head for the purpose of looking at it. In one instance it has acquired a complete monopoly of a wide stretch of beautiful country, and admission to view can not be obtained without the payment of sixpence.—The Globe.

On the Wrong Tack.

"Here," said Mr. Hayricks, as he drew his hand away from the fortune teller, "you said in your advertisement that you guaranteed satisfaction, didn't you?" "Yes," the seventh daughter of a seventh daughter (born with a veil replied. "Well, if you think you're givin' me satisfaction by settin' there and sayin' that my wife's a goin' to forgive and come back to live with me, you're durn badly mistaken."

An Indisputable Assertion.

When the hot weather really comes it will be the woman who loathes overshoes and fur tippets, who growled at the sight of a mackintosh and who broke the ribs of her umbrella to give vent to her feelings about blizzards—she's the one who will weep and wail the most at the first warm wave.

Almost Criminal Neglect.

"Here," said the statesman who had been temporary chairman of the convention, "I'd like to know what kind of a party organ you're runnin', any way?" "Why," the editor asked, "what's wrong?" "In your account of the proceedings you have not once referred to my speech as 'a ringing address!'"

Only Natural.

"When I was in Australia," he said, "the first hotel at which I stopped served kangaroo-tail soup." "Dear me!" she exclaimed, "what did you do when they brought it on?" "I had been living on ship fare for several weeks," he replied, "and fairly jumped at it."

A Faecr.

Mrs. Grump: Have you a good memory for faces, John? Mr. Grump: Yes. I remember your face when I could look at it without feeling ill, but I'm hanged if I can now.—Judy.

"D" Miscellaneous, Houston, No. 24-1888.

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Many a woman speaks of his emo- tional temperament, by others it is frequently called temper.

Exhibits at Paris.

There will be a large exhibit from this country at the Paris exposition in 1900, which will prove very interesting to all, but no more so than the news that the famous American remedy, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, will cure dyspepsia, indigestion and constipation. To all sufferers a trial is recommended.

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The different countries of Europe vary very greatly in the average stature of their people. The Scotch are the tallest, five feet ten inches, on a level with the Polynesians and the Armenians. At the other extreme are the southern Italians, French and Spaniards, all the shortest people, except the dwarf tribes of Africa. The average height in Ireland is five feet five inches; in England and Scandinavia, five feet seven inches; in Wales, Germany and Denmark, 5 feet 6 inches; eastern France, five feet five inches; Spain, Switzerland, northern and central Italy, five feet four inches; Portugal and southern Italy, five feet three inches.

The latest recipe for inducing sleep is that of Dr. J. B. Learned. Dr. Learned, who was a martyr to insomnia, had tried in vain every method of treatment he ever had heard of—drugs, hot and cold water internally and externally; friction, underfeeding and overfeeding, exercise, gymnastics, deep inspirations and numberless mental occupations, when he came to the conclusion that if he could tire out the muscular system by a series of exercises carried out in bed, the system would be so occupied in recovering from its fatigue that it quickly would drift into a state of sleep. He tried the plan and says he found it a great success. First of all, the patient must stiffen himself out on his bed, then raise his head half an inch, breathing slowly and deeply, about eight times a minute.

Anna Held's strong point is her eyes. She wants them to be just as large as they are, and larger if possible. Miss Held, before the camera, is a suggestor.

Adele Ritchie is a favorite with photographers. Miss Ritchie, besides being a capital poser, is prolific in healthful suggestion. The result is always satisfactory to the man who makes the pictures, who, after all, is the best critic.

Maxine Elliott, Nat Goodwin's wife, is a splendid "sitter." Miss Elliott, like Lillian Russell, adapts herself to the suggestions of the photographer. Is it for this reason that her pictures have been such a success? Photographers say yes.

Marie Dressler, in the photographer's estimation, is one of the dearest things ever. "She is so submissive," said one professional in speaking of the athletic comedienne. Miss Dressler has the happy faculty of "acting terrible," but is good before the camera.

Jessie Bartlett Davis is renowned for her pleasant coöperation in the studio. Many actresses talk a great deal, but Miss Davis is remarkable for the reason that she says something. Her photographs are always unaffected and charming, perhaps, for that very reason.

LITERARY NOTES.

George W. Cable, who has just ended a somewhat lengthy visit to England, where he was very cordially received, promises to write a book of his impressions of England. Turn about is fair play.

The demolition of Furnivall's inn, Holborn, is now almost complete. The last portion of the birthplace of Pickwick to fall under the destroyer's hand will be the gateway, which still stands forlorn amid the ruin—leading nowhere.

Surprise has been expressed that the Ashburnham first folio Shakespeare brought only \$2,925 at a recent sale. It was supposed that not less than \$4,000 would be realized from it. The reason given is that after it was catalogued two or three small blemishes were discovered, which were thought to detract from its value.

Mr. Swinburne left Oxford without taking a degree and takes pride in avowing his illiteracy. Notwithstanding this fact, he is a master of Greek and French. He grows more eccentric in his waxing years, now approaching three score and ten, lives near London, but is almost never seen in society, and is particularly fond of children.

Had Not Got the "Breeks."

A resident in a little town in the north of Scotland was asked to take the office of elder of the kirk. He seemed reluctant to accept the honor till a wag, who knew his weakness, whispered to him that if he became elder he would get \$5 and a pair of trousers at the end of the year.

The year passed away, and when the promised garment did not appear the elder went to the minister and said:

"I haven't got the breeks yet."

"What breeks?" said the minister.

The elder explained, and the minister smiled and declared that the promise was only a silly joke. The elder expressed great disappointment about the trousers and was turning away, when the minister said:

You seem to care more about the breeks than about the money?"

"Oh, ay! the fipum," replied the elder. "A just heipt mase! to that fra the plate."

The fishing season suggests the idea that a fish might be a pianist if it would only practice its scales.

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Sarcasm is an attribute the truly feminine woman should avoid.

Clara Can Cook.

His arm, that had been resting on the back of the little settee on which they sat in the gloaming, slipped down and encircled her slender waist.

"Clara," he whispered, "we shall be very happily, shan't we?"

A soft sigh was her only audible response, but she nestled closer to him and he appeared satisfied.

The mellow haze of the golden October day still hung over the darkening landscape. The voice of a treetoad somewhere in the neighborhood lifted itself up and called insistently for rain. A faint odor of fried ham from some kitchen to the windward of them pre- vaded the air.

A thought seemed to strike the young man.

"Clara," he said, "we ought to have the clearest understanding about everything that affects our future, ought we not?"

"Yes," she murmured.

"Clara," he said again, after a long pause, "can you cook?"

There was another long pause.

Then she straightened herself up, looked him squarely in the eye, and proudly answered:

"Reginald, I can cook potatoes in fifteen different ways."

Then she put her head down where it was before, and into her pink, shell-like ear he warbled incoherent outpourings of joy.

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