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What is Being Done by Our Law-Makers at the State Capitol.

A SYNOPSIS OF IMPORTANT MEASURES.

The Washington Immigration Excursion Being Disposed of, Business Will Be Pushed.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 27.—As indicated yesterday the Washington trip was disposed of in the senate with very little delay.

A DUEL WITH SHOTGUNS.

At Chapel Hill Two Antagonists Met and One is Killed.

BIRMINGHAM, Tex., Feb. 25.—The sensation of the city yesterday was the Chapel Hill duel with shotguns.

Stole Their Baby.

GAINESVILLE, Tex., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Laura Campbell went before Justice Hill yesterday and made complaint against her husband, P. V. Campbell, for aggravated assault and battery.

Two Boys Fight.

WACO, Tex., Feb. 27.—Johnny Fields and Israel Grant, colored boys at the Hotel Royal, quarreled, armed themselves with six-shooters and met in the rotunda.

Another Wreck.

MINERAL, Tex., Feb. 21.—The east-bound Texas and Pacific passenger train No. 2, at Harbom, conducted and Wilcox, engineer, was wrecked at Saline creek, about one mile west of Silver Lake, at 12:10 p. m. yesterday.

She is Not Crazy.

SHERMAN, Tex., Feb. 25.—The testimony in the case of the state of Texas vs. Mrs. Minnie Belle Simpson, charged with insanity, was concluded yesterday.

Furnish White.

COMSTOCK, Tex., Feb. 21.—Jasper McMullin, who until 1888 was a black negro, has since been undergoing a transformation of complexion from black to white.

Too Much Morphine.

GREENSBORO, Tex., Feb. 21.—N. G. Smith, formerly of Corsicana, died here yesterday morning from an overdose of morphine.

He Was Hung.

BRAZORIA, Tex., Feb. 24.—As was announced Frank Holland was legally hanged here yesterday. He was about 25 years old, and was convicted of murder in the first degree.

A MATTER OF HEALTH.

St. Louis Authorities Examining the Baking Powders.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Important Happenings in the Various Departments of Government.

CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER NEWS.

Secretary Foster Makes a Statement on Finances and Says There is No Cause for Alarm.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The secretary of the treasury was before the ways and means committee of the house nearly two hours Saturday explaining the condition of the treasury.

Financial Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Representative Livingston of Georgia has prepared and will introduce a bill on the lines of the understanding reached at a conference between Senator Carlisle and seventeen Democratic members of the house of representatives.

Only \$165,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Yesterday in the senate Mr. Hawley moved to increase the appropriation for the Soldiers' National home at Santa Monica, Cal., from \$70,000 to \$80,000.

Silver Men Straight.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The house appropriation committee yesterday morning by a unanimous vote authorized Chairman Holman to move some concurrence in all the senate amendments request a conference thereon.

Heavy Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The sundry civil bill, as it passed the house, carried appropriations to the extent of \$39,435,953.16.

Immigrants Prohibited.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Senator Chandler, from the committee on immigration, has submitted to the senate a favorable report on his bill, increasing by three the number of excluded classes of aliens.

Going Abroad.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Secretary John W. Foster of the department of state retires to-day from the cabinet for the purpose of assuming the management of the affairs of the United States before the international tribunal, to assemble in Paris, for the arbitration of the Behring sea question.

Mr. Hatch's Failure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Mr. Hatch tried again yesterday morning to get up his anti-option bill, but failed.

Embassy Revolution.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Hawaiian resolution introduced in the house recently by Congressman Springer of Illinois calling for a statement of liabilities to be assumed was considered yesterday by the house ways and means committee and referred to a sub-committee.

Passed the Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—After discussing various amendments of little importance to the legislative appropriation bill the senate passed the bill, insisted on its amendments and requested a conference with the house on the disagreeing votes.

THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER.

Boston has two negro councilmen.

Free Coinage Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Congressman Harter of Ohio introduced in the house yesterday a bill to provide for the free coinage of silver and gold at their present ratio and upon equal terms.

Last One.

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ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 27.—Miss Julia Force, sister of the leading shoe merchant of this city, this afternoon shot and killed her two sisters. The shooting was the result of a quarrel. All moved in the highest social circles. It is believed she is insane. She has been considered irresponsible at times and had frequently threatened to kill the members of her family. She says she has for a year been writing out a statement of her family troubles and has just completed it. On this occasion her mother was absent from the house and she sent the servant out and going to the room where her sister Florence was sick in bed she placed a pistol to her right temple and shot her dead. Then going to the kitchen where her other sister was shot her in the same manner. None of the neighbors heard the shots. Miss Force calmly looked the door and went to the police station. The bodies of the women were found by a brother to whom she sent a message to the effect that her sister, Florence, was worse. In response he went home to find the bodies of his dead sisters.

A Great Newspaper's Achievement.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The Recorder, the New York daily which created a sensation here in this country and Europe by offering \$1000 for a consumption cure, and later placed twelve patients far advanced in the disease under a new treatment discovered by Dr. W. R. Amick, announces today that the treatment is in each one of these cases accomplishing a cure. The Recorder devotes several columns today to the publication of bulletins of almost every case favorable from physicians who in response to its invitation are conducting tests of Dr. Amick's treatment in all parts of the United States. It reiterates its invitation and announces that arrangements have been made with Dr. Amick whereby medicines for a ten day preliminary trial will be obtained free upon application to him. Physicians who wish to conduct independent test cases and sufferers from lung troubles who wish to act as such test cases are instructed by the Recorder to address Dr. W. R. Amick, 165 W. 56th street, Cincinnati, O. Physicians are requested to report results to the Recorder. Considerable enthusiasm is displayed by the Recorder in regard to the Amick treatment and it says in effect that single-handed and without government aid it has discovered something which will wipe the dread disease, consumption, out of existence. The National Academy of Medicine of France at Paris and the United States Marine Hospital service, southern Atlantic district, have followed the Recorder's example and are conducting tests of the Amick treatment and report remarkably favorable results.

Minutistic League.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The closing session of the Bimetallistic league devoted almost entirely to oratory. T. H. Tibbles, a former of Nebraska, introduced himself as "an old hayseed" and startled his hearers by telling them they had been talking here for three days but had said nothing new. He said the farmers had been advised lately to keep out of politics, but their answer was, "You go to Old Harry. We have waited that before and nothing came of it. Henceforth we propose to vote as we think and in our own interests." A resolution was unanimously adopted providing for the appointment of a committee to secure the co-operation of every labor and industrial organization in the United States. Gen. Warner was re-elected president for the ensuing year, and the time and place of holding the next annual meeting was left to the executive committee.

General Beauregard Dead.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 21.—Gen. Pierre Gustave Beauregard, the famous confederate general, died at his home in this city last night. He had been ill for two weeks and was declared at the point of death ten days ago, but was recovering when a sudden and unexpected change carried him off. The direct cause of his death was heart failure. He had reached the advanced age of 75 years. He was the last of the confederate generals.

Sold Heeberry.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 24.—Three masked men robbed the station of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway night before last. Two of the robbers kept Station Agent Quinn and Telegraph Operator Snyder covered with Winchester while the third rifled the money drawer and pocket of the clerk named Fowler. The man in charge of the American express company. The express company is said to be a heavy loser. A posse is in pursuit of the robbers.

Very Anxious.

ARKANSAS CITY, Feb. 27.—Fifty telegrams have been sent to Speaker Crisp by persons interested in the immediate opening of the Cherokee strip. Among them were these: "Give homesteaders an equal chance with Texas steers. Recognize Peel." "For God's sake open the Cherokee outlet, or make an appropriation to feed 20,000 starving homebreakers."

Killed and Injured.

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A respectable family in Denver, Col., tired of being called "Mules" by everybody, are asking the courts to change their name to "Miles."

Fire totally destroyed the four-story brick block occupied by Lindstrom & Morgan, furniture dealers of Savannah, Ga. Loss \$80,000.

The Tennessee supreme court has decided that a "bucket shop" is a gambling house and that money lost therein can be recovered by law.

The Illinois Steel company at Chicago cleared over \$6,117,000 in the past year. It has decided to issue \$7,000,000 in bonds at 5 per cent.

There were 4,300,000 tons of bituminous coal mined in Alabama in 1891. In 1892 the production was 5,274,000 tons, an increase of nearly 23 per cent.

TABERNACLE PULPIT.

TALMAGE ON "GOD AMONG THE SHELLS."

And the Lord Said Unto Moses, Take Into These Sweet Spices, Stacte and Onycha—A Most Eloquent Sermon from Kansas.

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In the inquiry into the whisky trust Mr. Myers, the manager of the rebate department of the distilling and cattle feeding company, said they paid rebates in 1891 of \$2,250,000 and in 1892 \$3,292,289.

The supreme court of Mississippi has affirmed the conviction of Ben McCoy and J. Terry of the Copiah county gang of negro robbers and murderers. They will be executed March 22.

Three street railway companies for Philadelphia have been incorporated at Harrisburg. The city comptroller says that the revenue in 1892 was \$24,865,859.19, and the expenditures \$23,961,226.76.

Mrs. Lutheran Atwood of Ormanville, near Des Moines, Iowa, suicided by saturating her clothing with kerosene and setting it a fire. She was burned to a crisp before help could reach her.

In the common council of Philadelphia, Pa., by a vote of 70 to 22 an ordinance has been passed prohibiting the employment by contractors on municipal works of other than American citizens.

A committee of the Illinois legislature, have been investigating the "sweating system" in Chicago. They find the "shops" running all day Sunday in foul smelling rooms, ten hours and more per day.

At Syracuse, N. Y., in the six days of the week, eight hours a day, which has ended, Aggie Harvey of Pittsburgh broke the world's record for women for that time and style of walking by walking 200 miles and a lap.

Frederick Shick, a white man, a few days ago, attempted to outrage Louisa Kaible, who is only 5 years old, in Philadelphia, and on the same day in the same city Chin King, a Chinaman, tried to outrage a 12-year-old girl.

The Birmingham, Ala., mills were destroyed by fire recently. Two carloads of flour and several thousand bushels of meal were burned. Superintendent J. A. Lewis who was asleep in the building was burned to death. Loss, \$80,000.

At Indianapolis, Ind., the grave of Mrs. C. Myers has been desecrated. When Henry List, a grandson of the deceased woman, visited the grave he found it open and the body gone. The coffin had been smashed in and the body stripped of its clothing.

Miss Ida Finckelstein, the daughter of a wealthy soap manufacturer of Chicago, eloped with a stranger, married, went to Milwaukee, and him and her dogs found it, dug it out and they were arrested and her father found her and let her stay in jail.

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Mrs. Flora Payne Whitney's will leaves all her property, real and personal, valued at \$1,000,000, to her husband, W. C. Whitney.

General Joseph Wheeler is the youngest of the confederate commanders of prominence who are still living; being now but 57 years old.

Near New Iberia, La., Charles Oatman was murdered by unknown parties with axes and hatchets. Every bone in his body was broken.

Two freight trains on the Fitchburg road collided near Athol, Mass., recently. George Taylor and Joseph Martin were instantly killed.

A respectable family in Denver, Col., tired of being called "Mules" by everybody, are asking the courts to change their name to "Miles."

Fire totally destroyed the four-story brick block occupied by Lindstrom & Morgan, furniture dealers of Savannah, Ga. Loss \$80,000.

The Tennessee supreme court has decided that a "bucket shop" is a gambling house and that money lost therein can be recovered by law.

The Illinois Steel company at Chicago cleared over \$6,117,000 in the past year. It has decided to issue \$7,000,000 in bonds at 5 per cent.

There were 4,300,000 tons of bituminous coal mined in Alabama in 1891. In 1892 the production was 5,274,000 tons, an increase of nearly 23 per cent.

TABERNACLE PULPIT.

TALMAGE ON "GOD AMONG THE SHELLS."

And the Lord Said Unto Moses, Take Into These Sweet Spices, Stacte and Onycha—A Most Eloquent Sermon from Kansas.

BROOKINGS, N. Y., Feb. 27.—In the Tabernacle pulpit, Rev. Dr. Talmage, from the book of Exodus, read the following: "And the Lord said unto Moses, Take into these sweet spices, stacte and onycha, which are found among the shells of the sea, and bring them unto me. And the Lord said unto Moses, Take into these sweet spices, stacte and onycha, which are found among the shells of the sea, and bring them unto me."

Patrick Finney of Philadelphia, was recently fined by Judge Higginbotham twenty-one months in jail and \$1000 for running a "Speas-Ray"—selling intoxicants without license—on three counts.

In Philadelphia a negro without home or money while hunting employment recently, with her babe in her arms, after a time, looked at it and it was dead. It was buried by the city.

In the inquiry into the whisky trust Mr. Myers, the manager of the rebate department of the distilling and cattle feeding company, said they paid rebates in 1891 of \$2,250,000 and in 1892 \$3,292,289.

The supreme court of Mississippi has affirmed the conviction of Ben McCoy and J. Terry of the Copiah county gang of negro robbers and murderers. They will be executed March 22.

Three street railway companies for Philadelphia have been incorporated at Harrisburg. The city comptroller says that the revenue in 1892 was \$24,865,859.19, and the expenditures \$23,961,226.76.

Mrs. Lutheran Atwood of Ormanville, near Des Moines, Iowa, suicided by saturating her clothing with kerosene and setting it a fire. She was burned to a crisp before help could reach her.

In the common council of Philadelphia, Pa., by a vote of 70 to 22 an ordinance has been passed prohibiting the employment by contractors on municipal works of other than American citizens.

A committee of the Illinois legislature, have been investigating the "sweating system" in Chicago. They find the "shops" running all day Sunday in foul smelling rooms, ten hours and more per day.

At Syracuse, N. Y., in the six days of the week, eight hours a day, which has ended, Aggie Harvey of Pittsburgh broke the world's record for women for that time and style of walking by walking 200 miles and a lap.

Frederick Shick, a white man, a few days ago, attempted to outrage Louisa Kaible, who is only 5 years old, in Philadelphia, and on the same day in the same city Chin King, a Chinaman, tried to outrage a 12-year-old girl.

The Birmingham, Ala., mills were destroyed by fire recently. Two carloads of flour and several thousand bushels of meal were burned. Superintendent J. A. Lewis who was asleep in the building was burned to death. Loss, \$80,000.

At Indianapolis, Ind., the grave of Mrs. C. Myers has been desecrated. When Henry List, a grandson of the deceased woman, visited the grave he found it open and the body gone. The coffin had been smashed in and the body stripped of its clothing.

Miss Ida Finckelstein, the daughter of a wealthy soap manufacturer of Chicago, eloped with a stranger, married, went to Milwaukee, and him and her dogs found it, dug it out and they were arrested and her father found her and let her stay in jail.

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GRIP OF A STRANGLER.

Three years after the Sepoy rebellion had been put down in India...

The morning a riot, or farmer, was found dead on the public square...

The police and the military now quite lost their heads...

"I drove him before me until we encountered a troop of cavalry...

But he felt that fate had delivered him into the hands of his enemies...

"I had thought of strangling you when you started out," he said to me...

On the third day after the general's death I had a lot of patients...

"I was the monkey at the station," he said, "and I was surrounded by his hands...

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He looked at the moment, but a vivid, when recalled...

I do not suppose I devoted over five minutes to this train of thought...

The first sensation was exactly that of falling, a remembrance remaining in my ears and fireworks dancing before my eyes...

It was Peter, as you have suspected. He had gone only a few rods away and then turned and crept back on me like a serpent...

He clutched for my throat with his right hand as we walked about and I caught the ends of his first two fingers in my teeth...

"Salub, you have," he said as I stood over him, "it was to be, and so it is. Do as you will with me."

"Peter, why should you seek my life?" I asked, even yet hoping there might be some mistake about it.

"Good heavens! but you are not the murderer of the farmer, the clerk and the soldier—you who have been considered so faithful to the English!"

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COSTLY POSTOFFICES.

THEY ARE USUALLY LOCATED IN REMOTE DISTRICTS.

Many of Them Are Almost Inaccessible, but Uncle Sam's Mails Must Reach Destination at any Cost—Some Pictures.



THE RESIDENTS of cities whose letters are at times a little overdue would be less impatient with the public servants if they understood with how much labor a regular operation, but they are no more remote than are many in regions in the Eastern and earliest settled States.

This principle of universal extension of the postal service fairly rivals the colporteur methods of the Christian religion. The aim of the government, regardless of expense to it or of labor upon the part of its servants, is to place within the reach of all citizens the refining and humanizing influences of newspapers, of home and social letters, without which men, when exiled, tend to ignorance and brutality.

As an Inspector I visited Lee's Ferry, in Coconino County, Ari. The office is on the Colorado River. Being in Utah I went by the mail route southward from Salina, which early on a March day we took stage for Kanab via Panguitch.

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Beyond the difficulties attending the reaching of remote post offices there is at times unusual danger in the work of the mail carrier.

Without a guide, and following several directions, I rode from Freeland, turning my horse into the bed of a mountain stream.



IS WISCONSIN headlong, and in trying to rise out of the bed of the shallow stream into a deep ravine, the bottom of which could not be seen in the darkness.

A GIANT OBELISK. It comes from Wisconsin for the World's Great Exposition.

The fact recently announced that the largest monolith in the world had been discovered in Wisconsin excited much attention and led to many inquiries as to the particulars of a feat that surpassed those of the Egyptians, notwithstanding that those old obelisk specialists had armies of slaves at their command.



WISCONSIN OBELISK FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR. Height, 115 feet. The obelisk was discovered in the Excelsior quarry, Wilson Island, to find a suitable stone, and several locations were uncovered by removing the earth and top rock where the stone was found perfect in color and texture.

For this work wedges had been ordered, and all that remained to be done was to drive them upon a given signal until the rock was wholly separated.

The measurement was completed, and the stone was found to be 115 feet long, 10x10 at the base, and 4x4 at the top. This length exceeds by ten feet the tallest obelisk produced by the Egyptians.

Not a Case for Bitterness. "Yes," she said, musingly, "that woman won from me the only admirer I ever had. It was twenty-five years ago."

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OLD-TIME DISCIPLINE.

QUEER WAYS OF PRESERVING ORDER AT SCHOOL.

Mustard Plaster as a Counter-Irritant for Mischievous Children.

Maternal chastisement is becoming tempered with sense in this enlightened age, though we do even yet, sometimes find the mother who subdues her unruly offspring by threats of the bogie man, or emphasizes her reproaches with blows upon a child's head or ears.

Rubefacients were once favorite weapons in the corrective arsenal of the instructors of youth, writes Adeline M. Knapp, in the San Francisco Call. I once knew a preceptress of the old school—she is dead now, and gone, let us hope, where such methods are not needed.

Less severe, but quite as effective, was the method of moral suasion used by a good sister in the convent where a portion of my school days were spent. She was in charge of our dormitory, and used to punish all the peccadilloes by administering doses of castor oil.

The picture and the old man on the opposite corner form one of the oddest features of the life of this big city that one could find in a long walk.

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Agassiz, namely Switzerland, and came to America in 1848. After he grew up he led wholly the life of a hermit, and yet managed to learn and speak the English language thoroughly and fluently.

AN ARTIST'S ROMANCE. His Picture Framed in Diamonds, While His Father Sells Papers.

The old man who stood in front of Green's hotel selling papers in the rain had a cheerful smile for every drenched customer. It was an unusual thing, for since the old man took his stand on the corner there ten years ago he has become noted for his gruffness, and the trait has won him some sort of prominence in the busy life of Chestnut street.

On the opposite corner of the street, in a jewelry window which blazed with diamonds and precious metals, was hung an oil painting and a most people passing stopped to see it.

The old man talked about his son and the painting readily enough. The young artist's name is Frank A. B. Linton. The old man used to be worth a good deal of money, but he lost it shortly after the war, and since then he has lived by selling papers and little things of various sorts.

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A CUSTOM AT RUGBY.

One of the Things Every Boy Must Do at England's Great School.

From an incident which recently happened in Rugby it seems safe to infer that there is still room for improvement in the much-vaunted English public school system, says the Boston Advertiser.

It seems that every boy at Rugby who can not secure an excuse from the school doctor or the house master is obliged to join in these house runs, which extend for four or five miles on a paper chase.

A spectator of several of these runs himself an old Rugbyian, stated that he has "seen boys come in at the end of one of these health-giving runs gasping and sobbing hysterically."

"This death run," in which some years ago I was an unfortunate participant, is euphemistically styled "House Washing," and takes place at the commencement of the paper chase term.

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LADIES

Accept, dear wife, this little token. And, if between the lines you seek, You'll find the love I've often spoken— The love I'll always love to speak.

Our little ones are making merry With meo ditties rhymed in jest. But in these lines, though awkward very, The genuine article is expressed.

You are so fair and sweet and tender, Dear, brown-eyed little sweetheart mine, As when a cello you play the tender, I asked to give you a valentine.

What though these years of ours be fleeting? What though the years of youth be flown? I'll mock old Kronos with repeating "I love my love, and her alone!"

And when I fall before his reaping, And when my stuttering tongue is done, Think not my love is dead or sleeping, But that it waits for you to come.

No take, dear love, this little token, And if these epigrams in any line, The sentiment 'll find you've spoken, Say, will you give your valentine?

At Vassar College. Vassar has decided to follow the example of one or two other colleges which have chosen as the most practical course in the study of the Greek drama the presentation of a Greek play.

The object is purely educational. It is held that by presenting a Greek drama in all its phases—stage scenery, costumes, literary style and arrangement and so forth—the student obtains a clearer idea than can possibly be acquired by the closest study of books.

The play which will be presented is Sophocles' "Antigone." Antigone is the heroine of the tragedy. Against the proclamation of the King, Creon, she buries the body of her brother, who has fallen in combat and been forbidden burial by Creon. Her deed is discovered; she is condemned to burial alive, is immured in a stone cell to die, and hastens her death by suicide. Her lover, son of the king, goes to her rescue only to find her lifeless, and by her body kills himself. Professor Abby Leach, the teacher of Greek at Vassar, has charge of the arrangement, construction and management of the play. Miss A. W. Story, of New York, is giving instruction in dramatics and Mr. Dessauer, of New Haven, in music. Mendelssohn's music will be used, modified to suit the Greek rhythm. An orchestra will accompany the voices. It has been decided to give the play in the Foughkeopia Opera House, as the expense of costumes, stage scenery and training will require considerable financial returns from the presentation.

The Founder of the Bon Marche. Forty years ago the son of a hatter in Normandy, named Boucicaut, arrived in Paris with a capital of \$6,000. His wife's dowry amounted to but \$300. But she had been intelligent and after a few months spent in close observation, she persuaded him to buy a little retail shop on the Rue de Sevres, and to carry out in it three of her ideas. These ideas were: First, that each employe in the shop should be paid a percentage on his sales; second, that all articles which did not please the purchaser should be exchanged, if un-injured; and third, that each article should be distinctly marked with a fixed price. These methods were then entirely new in Paris. They brought rapid and enormous success to the house, which now is known all over the world, and transacts a business of many millions of dollars annually. Mme. Boucicaut, by the death of her husband and son, was left in sole control of this vast business, which she mainly had built up. She contrived a plan by which all her worthy employes became sharers in the profits of the firm. She built hospitals and lodging-houses for them and gave pensions to the infirm and aged. "The lady of the Bon Marche," says Hamerton, "studied the art of doing good as if it had been a science." When she died the trading and laboring classes of Paris perished in the homage which their ancestors gave to the saints.

Lady Tennyson as a Composer. Like most wives of famous men, Lady Tennyson has lived in obscurity inconsistent with her husband's renown. The wife of the laureate is one of the few persons with whom he was intimately associated who did not offer inspiration to his muse. Still the reason that impelled her poet to make no reference to her name has been his intense jealousy of the sanctity of his home life. For many years a confirmed invalid and never her husband's equal in intellectual power, she was still not without some talent, as evidenced by her musical compositions, which show an inspiration remarkable in a woman of her character. The music she wrote to her husband's poems is better known in English drawing-rooms than his composer, for outside her home in Sussex few people knew her even by sight. Lady Tennyson had a never-failing faith in his talents, and possibly the comfort of her sympathy in hours of tribulation, when caustic critics jarred upon his sensitive nature, was greater help than more active service.

A Degree from Johns Hopkins. At the June commencement Johns Hopkins University will bestow upon a woman the highest honor in the gift of the university—the degree of doctor of philosophy. Florence Hascom, the fortunate young woman whose ability has won the promise of the coveted degree without a dissenting vote from the board of the university, is already the holder of four degrees from the University of Wisconsin and her principal subject of study now, the one for which her thesis will be presented, is organic geology. The application of Miss Hascom has brought out the fact that some time in 1877 the trustees of the university passed a minute that any woman who follows the course of lectures at Johns Hopkins is eligible to a degree, but this minute

A WORLD'S PROGRESS, AS MARKED BY LATEST SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES.

An Invention for Working Hardwood—Chloride for Preventing Rust—Light From Metallic Film—Welder Workers.

An Accelerating Attachment. The resilience and feeling action of the pneumatic tire accounts for its freedom from sharp vibration—that potent destroyer of high speed—at the most advantageous place and period of time—i. e., the place of beginning and immediately before the vibration can reach the wheel, the frame and the rider and this in turn accounts for the speed and easy riding qualities of this popular tire. The claim has been made and argued that the pneumatic is an accelerating tire because of the

Women and the Franchise. The people of Wyoming who permit women to vote are apparently not in sympathy with the English bachelor of long ago, who got himself into a controversy on the subject of women's rights with his vis-a-vis at dinner, says Harper's Bazar. After prolog and coming for a few minutes the lady asked: "Candidly, sir, why do you oppose giving the franchise to women?" "You will excuse me for saying it, madam," he replied, "but I have not sufficient confidence in their capacity for studying government affairs."

Toronto Working Girls Organize. The Toronto working girls have organized a labor union for mutual protection and just rights. "What we want is justice," the young woman leader of the movement announced from the platform with gentle but earnest words. "Girls should work shorter hours, the same as men. They should be paid the same prices for the same work. It is wicked that fragile girls must work from daylight to dark in both directions from the point of contact with supporting surface. The simple arrangement of rubber valves shown in the cut allows the air to move in only one direction, which is always from the forward contact with supporting surface. Does this effect a certain amount of collapse of tire at the front side of contact, which will not exist at the rear of said contact?"

Fanny Kemble and the Old Farmer. A story is told of the late Fanny Kemble which illustrates one of her characteristics. At Lenox she engaged a farmer to drive her. The old man did not regard himself merely as a coachman, and endeavored to entertain her by pointing out the scenery and relating the gossip of the country with the instinct of hospitality that an old resident would show a stranger. "I did not hire you to talk, but to drive," said Fanny, sharply. The old man was silenced. When he sent in his bill there was a certain charge of \$5. Fanny demanded what it was for. "Sass," said the old man, "I don't often take sass, but when I do I charge for it."

Condition of Paris Shop Girls. The shop girls of Paris are indignant at the action of the Chamber of Deputies for refusing to extend to women the law for the regulation of the conditions of work in the workshops. Of course the women have no votes and the leaders of the movement, which is to free every body, claim that the grievances of the women are not yet ripe for discussion. The Paris shop girls remain on duty, constantly standing, thirteen or fourteen hours a day, receive small pay and are expected to dress very well. There are more than four million women earning wages in France and soon women doing business on an independent footing.

An Ingenious Georgia Idea. The Officers of the Georgia Woman Suffrage Association are now using in their correspondence envelopes bearing these suggestive sentences, following the heading, "Georgia Woman Suffrage Association": "Faxation without representation is tyranny." Women are taxed: "Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed." Women are governed: "Political power inheres in the people." Women are people.

What Women Are Doing Abroad. Two Jewish young ladies, Miss Adele Ellis and Miss Flora Rosenhain, have passed the final examination for the B. A. degree of the University of Melbourne.

A German woman, Frau Dr. von Wettstein Adels, spent three months as a common factory hand at Chemnitz and in the neighborhood, working in five different factories, gathering material for a work on the subject of women textile workers.

A correspondent from Helsingfors writes that women in Finland comprise the royal lady said, with her cheerful smile: "Yes, the people ought to be fond of us, for we do work hard for them."

Scientific distinction by women is so seldom acquired, even when deserved, that of special interest is the recent action of the Academy of Science in Bavaria in electing a woman to full membership. This honor has been conferred upon Princess Theresa, sister of the Prince Regent, the only woman whose scientific works have been considered worthy of such recognition.

The London County Council propose to appoint women inspectors of parks and open spaces, ladies refreshment rooms, gymnasiums, etc. They will be unpaid but authorized guardians against the encroachments of business upon these much-needed breathing places in the great city and of the institutions provided for the people in the parks and playgrounds.

The circulation of the Tocsin, London anarchist newspaper, has been prohibited in France.

more durable if the exposed surface is vertical than if it is inclined, the lamination of the stone should be horizontal.

A Long Flume. The county of Fresno, Cal., boasts of a flume fifty-two miles long, built of timber throughout and designed for conveying lumber from the place of felling in the Sierra Nevada mountains to the plains below. In section the flume is V shaped, the angle being 90 degrees, the V is 21 inches deep and for the most part 3 feet 7 inches across the top, this width being increased, however, at various points, where a decrease in the grade necessitates a larger volume of water to carry the timber, the lower terminus being 2 feet 4 inches wide by 31 inches deep. The main supply of water is received from a lake near its head, but four additional feeders are led into it at different points along its length. The sides of the flume are constructed of 15-inch boards, and the structure is carried on trestle work for nearly the whole length, these trestles being as many as 135 feet high in some of the deep canons crossed by the flume. The steepest grade is one of 1,500 feet to the mile, maintained for about 3,000 feet.

An Improved Automatic Boiler Feed. The feed-regulating valve shown in the illustration and which has been patented, is positive in operation, not liable to get out of repair, and operates automatically to preserve the exact correct height of water in the boiler. The water column is for convenience made in two parts, a nipple at the top connecting with the steam space of the boiler and one at the bottom in the water space, so that the water will always be at the same height in the column as in the boiler, and will be thus indicated on the water gauge. In an extension at one side of the water column screws the stem of a valve casing, in which is a water inlet and a water outlet, as shown by the arrows, there being at the other end of the casing a removable cap, on the inner surface of which is secured a semi-spherical seat, preferably of rubber. Opposite this seat is a cylindrical valve, fitting snugly in the casing and adapted to move horizontally, the

rebound of the confined air at the head. This is clearly fanciful, as the actual action is entirely in the opposite direction. Ordinarily when pressure, due to weight of rider, is upon a wheel provided with the pneumatic tire, the confined air compresses, moving equally in both directions from the point of contact with supporting surface. The simple arrangement of rubber valves shown in the cut allows the air to move in only one direction, which is always from the forward contact with supporting surface. Does this effect a certain amount of collapse of tire at the front side of contact, which will not exist at the rear of said contact?"

To make the philosophy of it clear and assist the reasoning so that the action will not be confounded with the mechanical principle of reaction, which one is apt to do at first glance, imagine the following conditions: The partially inflated valve at the bottom being held by the bit closed by thumb and finger, weight is put upon wheel, then clearly the air in compartment p is under higher compression than any of the other compartments. Suddenly release this valve, is it not then obvious that the wheel will take on a rolling tendency in the direction indicated by the arrow?

For Working Hardwood. Some ingenious mechanisms for the working of hardwood have recently been introduced. One of these is a boring machine adapted to making holes for blind nailing in hardwood floors, which works automatically, and accomplishes the object in view most perfectly; that is, the stock is carried forward by a fluted roll, and is stopped by a cam at proper distances from the boring of the hole by the bit which operates horizontally, the board being carried on an angle. Another efficient mechanism in this field is a hardwood flooring apparatus, which takes the rough stock, planes it on both sides and matches it, and has five cutting cylinders, the first having a flexible bar, which allows of the free passage of irregularities in stock and insures the presentation to the second cylinder of a uniform surface, and this is followed by top, side and bottom finishing cylinders; the side finishing cylinders are equipped with a weighted chip-breaker bar, which prevents splintering the stock; the six feed rolls are 3/4 inches in diameter, being all of the same size, and are arranged beyond the last cylinder, thus carrying all stock clear through the machine—the largest size taking stock of some 18 inches width by 6 inches thickness.

Metal Light. It is found that a thin, reguline, and coherent film of a metal transmits light of a color remarkably similar to that emitted by its incandescent vapor. The color of the vapor of a metal varies, too, with the temperature; that is, just above its boiling point the vapor of sodium appears purple, and its incandescence yellow; the vapor of potassium is green, and at incandescence violet; silver in distilling gives off a blue-white vapor, while that volatilized by the electric arc passing between silver electrodes emits yellowish green light. The color of the film obtained is in direct agreement with that of the incandescent vapor, though in some instances there is no similarity, a fact thought to be due to failure in obtaining proper conditions for the volatilization and deposition—the fact being that the perfection and continuity of the deposits are easily destroyed by very slight changes in the conditions. Though the color of a film will vary somewhat with the thickness, it is found that each metal possesses a strong tendency toward a characteristic color, and this is produced when the film is as thick as it can be to transmit any light.

Resistance of Stone. An article of much interest in the Operative Builder emphasizes the fact that, though hardness of stone or resistance to crushing is often regarded as the most important element in construction, yet this resistance to weathering does not necessarily depend upon hardness exclusively or the non-absorbent properties of the material. A hard material of close and firm texture is, however, those qualities at least especially fitted to resist frost, as in pavements and road metal, and the wear of rain drops, the blows of waves, etc. Again, according to this writer, an excessive porosity increases the layer of decomposition which is caused by the acids of the atmosphere and of the rain, deepening the penetration of frost and promoting the work of disintegration; then, too, if the constituents of a rock differ greatly in hardness, texture, solubility, porosity, etc., the weathering is unequal, the surface is roughened, and sensibility of the stone to the action of frost is increased. Further, the condition of the surface, whether rough or smooth, influences the durability, the smoother surface being, of course, the better, the stone being likewise

As a Wedding Ring. In the porch of the Tombs there stood for two hours a sad, worn woman, with a baby in her arms. The baby was chubby and healthy. It yelled lustily to get down on the cold stone pavement. Hurrying lawyers followed the woman out of the way, frowny men and women jostled against her. At brief intervals she peered into the court room, says the New York Advertiser. Just before the court adjourned she mustered up courage enough to step inside. When all the cases had been disposed of a court officer shouted: "All those having business with the court will step forward. All the rest leave the court room."

The woman with the baby hesitated for a minute. Then she stepped forward to the bar. The stern judicial look on the face of Justice Fenn softened as he looked at the moist eye and trembling lips of the suppliant before him. "What can I do for you?" he said, in a kindly tone, while the baby tried to climb over the bar to play with the court's watch-chain.

"I want—I want—my wedding ring," said the woman on the verge of collapse. "Hush, baby, hush!" "Where is it?" asked the justice. "The pawnbroker has it," said the woman, her sorrow overflowing and a rain of tears flowing down her cheeks and inundating the child in her arms. "What pawnbroker?" asked the justice.

"Yes, sir, and I'm afraid to go after the ring without it." The justice took an envelope from a pigeon hole, shoved something into it and handed the envelope to the weeping woman. "Take that," he said. "Go to the nearest notary public and swear that your name is Mary Rogers, and that you left your wedding ring with the pawnbroker on Friday. Take the paper he will give you to the pawnbroker, and if he does not give you the ring let me know."

"But, judge, I haven't got any—"

"Tut, tut, Mary; do as I say. That's all. The court is dismissed."

Mary and the baby went out beside the great stone pillars again. She opened the envelope and a five-dollar note fluttered upon the pavement. It was raining when Mary stepped into the street, but the sunlight in her heart had dried her tears, and Bobby's face was wreathed in smiles.

Characteristics of Biblical Authors. If you are getting lazy, watch James. If your faith is below par, read Paul. If you are impatient, sit down quietly and have a talk with Job. If you are just a little strong-headed, go and see Moses. If you are getting weak-kneed, take a look at Elijah. If there is no sign in your heart, listen to David. If you are getting surly, spend a while with Isaiah. If you feel chilly, get the beloved disciple to put his arm around you. If you are losing sight of the future, climb up to Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.

He Was Saved. As the eyes of the vast multitude were turned upward to the swiftly moving balloon, that was now but a tiny speck in the zenith, suddenly a cry of horror rang from every throat. "He has fallen," burst from the terrified assemblage. Women fainted. Strong men clutched each other in breathless suspense as the figure of the aeronaut span downward through the air. There was a dull, sickening thud, a rebound, and then the crowd quickly surged to the spot where the daring young adventurer stood, his face slightly pale, his lips trembling, but otherwise unharmed.

He had fallen on his Assortment of Cloth and Furnishings.

In a Divorce Court. Defendant's Lawyer—If your honor please, I would like to ask a recess for ten minutes. A maiden aunt of the defendant has died and left him \$500,000. I wish to consult with my client for a moment. Plaintiff's Attorney, hurriedly—The lady whom I have the honor to represent instructs me to withdraw this complaint. If the court please, I move that the case be dismissed.—Texas Siftings.

Pantry Percentage. "You are altogether too fresh," said the potato to the egg, "and I have my eyes on you." "Now look here, Irish," said the egg. "I dare say you have a good heart, but remember that when we come to scramble for a living you're not in it with me."—Life.

One on Hikes. Landlord—Say, Jinks, I should say by the way you pay your rent that you had played on a college football team. Tenant—Why so? Landlord—Well, you are always a quarter back.—Texas Siftings.

A Heavenly Blessing. "I've got a tongue-tied child, doctor. Can anything be done for it?" "Boy or girl?" "Girl." "Humph! I think you'd better not interfere with the workings of Providence, ma'am."—Life.

Old Friend—What's become of that beautiful full-length portrait of yourself and your first husband? Mrs. Twittem—It is hidden away up garret. My second husband has never seen it yet. I'm keeping it for a surprise.

Old Friend—If ever again gives me a ten-cent bottle of perfume for a Christmas present, I'll give him that painting for a New Year's present."

Haskell County.

Resources, Advantages, Progress and Future Prospects.

Topography, Water, Soil, Products, Shipping Points, Railroads, Public Schools, and MM Facilities.

Haskell county is situated in the southern part of the Panhandle on the line of the one hundredth meridian west from Greenwich. It is 1500 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is thirty miles square and contains 376,000 acres of land. It was created in 1858 from a part of Fannin and Milledge counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennesseean, who fell at the massacre at Gettysburg in 1863.

It remained unsettled until 1874, when there was one or two ranches established. Other ranchmen followed, and in 1880 the county could boast of fifteen or twenty inhabitants. There was no further development until early in 1884, when the town of Haskell was laid off, and by donating lots a few settlers were induced to build residences, and in January 1885 the county organized with a polled vote of fifty-seven electors.

Up to 1884 the soil had never been turned by a plow, and the people depended upon raising cattle, sheep and horses, as the natural grasses furnished food both winter and summer for immense herds. The poorer people made money by gathering many thousands of tons of buffalo bones and shipping them east to be made into fertilizers used in the old states.

Experiments were made in 1885 with garden products, corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley and cotton and the yield was bountiful. The acreage in farms has increased to at least 30,000.

The county is an undulating plain, with occasional creeks and branches. It is bounded on the north by that picturesque stream, the Salt Fork of the Brazos, and on the west by Double Mountain Fork.

There are a few washes and gulches along the breaks and rivers, but with rivers, breaks, rocks and poor land combined their area in Haskell county would not exceed 10,000 acres that would not be fine agricultural land.

It is traversed by numerous creeks and branches besides the rivers mentioned, some of which are fed by never failing springs of purest water.

Besides the numerous branches that afford water for stock all the time, the south half of the country is traversed by Paint and California creeks with their numerous tributaries draining the south half of the county.

The north half is traversed from northwest to northeast by Lake and Miller creeks whose tributaries furnish water and drainage for the same.

Besides the surface water there is an abundance to be obtained by digging from 15 to 40 feet, and all of good quality, some of which is unsurpassed by that of any section in the state for purity and temperature.

The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying in color from a red to a dark chocolate, and by reason of its porosity and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drinks in the rainfall and for the like reason the soil readily drains itself of the surplus water, thereby preventing stagnation of the water and the baking of the soil, and the germination of miasma. It is these peculiar qualities of soil that enables vegetation to withstand all varieties of weather.

Except mesquite grubs and stumps which are easily extracted, there are no obstructions to plows and the land being level or generally rolling and easy worked, the use of labor-saving implements are profitable. One man with machinery and a little hired help has been known to cultivate over a 100 acres in grain and cotton.

Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durum corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitably. Sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the south. Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and melons luxuriate in Haskell county soil, growing to fine size of superb quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairies, sustaining large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep throughout the year, Colorado grass grows to great perfection and the hay made from this grass form a valuable adjunct to the winter pasture. In keeping stock over winter.

The average yield of Indian corn per acre is about 30 bushels and the price varies from 50 cts to \$1.25 per bushel, wheat yields from 15 to 30 bushels—averaging 25 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 90 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 60 to 120 bushels

per bushel; cotton yields a half to three quarters of a bale per acre. Other crops make good yields and command corresponding prices. Hogs made pork is usually worth 8 to 8 cents per pound, fresh beef 4 to 6 cents; hogs made lighter, sweet and delicious, usually sells at 25 cents per pound, chickens 15 to 20 cents each, and eggs 10 to 25 cents per dozen.

As yet Haskell has no railroad, and our people do their principal shipping to and from Abilene, a town 62 miles south, in Taylor county, on the Texas and Pacific railroad, Albany on the Texas Central 45 miles from Haskell on the southeast, and Seymour on the Wichita Valley road 48 miles northeast.

There is one road being built from Seymour to this place and one to be built from Fort Worth. The Texas Central will extend in a short time from Albany and Haskell is on the line as originally surveyed.

The land men of Austin have organized a company to build a road from that city to this section of the state, where they control nearly all the land, and one of the principal members owns 150,000 acres in this and Knox counties, besides he owns the large addition to the town of Haskell on the south.

Haskell is 52 miles north of the T. & P. R. R., and 90 miles south of the Ft. W. & D. R. R., and is situated on the direct line of the cattle trail over which the Rock Island and G. C. & S. F. propose to extend their lines.

Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the northwest. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5.50 per capita, our commissioners' court have wisely executed a lease for ten years of our four leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which, added to the amount received from the state, gives us a fund amply sufficient to run the new schools of the county ten months in the year.

There is a daily mail service from Haskell to Abilene via Anson, and a weekly mail north to Benjamin and a daily mail to Seymour, also a tri-weekly express line to Albany. These all carry express and passengers.

The religious and moral status of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any people. The Methodists, Baptists, Christians, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on Sundays, also preaching at other points in the county.

The town of Haskell is the county site of, and it situated one and one-half miles south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and eight years old, and has a population of 942. As good water as can be had anywhere, which is secured by means of 18 to 22 feet. Also has the edge falling spring of pure water, the source of town. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil is destined in the near future to be the queen city of northwest Texas, and railroad connection for Haskell is all that is needed to accomplish these.

In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portion of our own state there are many of its citizens who are contemplating a removal or a change of residence for many reasons. Some to restore lost health, some to make their beginning in the world, others to repair financial losses, others seeking safe and profitable investments of surplus capital. There are many others who have comfortable homes and are well contented, but who have children, whom they would like to provide with lands suitable for a home; and assist to commence business in life; but cannot do so with their present surroundings, and must seek cheaper lands and better opportunities in other and newer localities.

To such we would say you are just the people we want. Broad and fertile, and you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine you are a people wild and woolly indigenous to these "western wilds," that are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversation are collections of case words and Mulhattan mixtures, "but rather that we are a people reared among the same surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same advantage, that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges, that we have had the same Christian instructions you yourselves have had. Be enlightened by past experience. Fortunes have been made by the development of new countries, and fortunes are yet to be made in our new and equally as good country.

We have a country endowed by nature with all the conditions of soil, prairie and valley, adapting it to the production of all the grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables of the temperate zone. We have a climate which is a happy medium between the extreme cold and extreme heat, a climate which will preserve the strong and robust and strengthen the sickly and weak. We have a country well adapted to stock raising of all kinds. We have a country where no malarial sickness ever comes. We have a country of the best lands in northwest Texas. We have an abundance of mesquite, elm and hackberry timber for firewood and fencing. We have the most substantial inland business town in the northwest. We have the greatest abundance of the purest water. We have a class of citizens as honest and industrious, as law abiding, patriotic and religious as can be found anywhere in the United States. We have plenty of room, and invite you and all who contemplate a change to come—all who want good and cheap lands. We have them, and want you for neighbors and friends.

Reading, please hand this to you instead.

NOTES OF THE MODES.

CURRENT FASHIONS BECOMING TO WOMEN.

Three Pretty Dresses for a Trio of School Girls—Black as to Dress for Girls—A Semi-Ball Costume—General Notes.

Three Pretty Dresses for Girls. There is one peculiar characteristic which the average girl of 12 has. She doesn't care a snap of her finger about her clothes.

To the mother the planning and superintending of the gowns is left entirely unless she buys them ready made.



YOUNG GIRLS' DRESSES.

sensible. In one of the shops recently a number of unusually pretty afternoon dresses for children were seen.

One dress was made of scarlet-faced cloth. The skirt was rather full, with two box plaits in the back.

Another pretty dress made with a jacket effect was of violet wool bengaline, with a black velvet square sash.

Still another dress more suitable for school wear was made all in one of dark blue serge with a square yoke outlined with black silk braid.

COMBINATIONS.

Two fabrics combined in one gown are coming into favor again. By way of widening skirts and thus affording last year's dresses, bell-skirts are made to open in front on a rather broad band of silk, satin, or velvet.

A new design for a young girl's dress is a plain skirt with the waist arranged in a deep carter effect. This is cut with two points and in each point is attached a shoulder-strap.



A YOUNG GIRL'S DRESS.

Special attention is given to dressy underwear, lace and fluffy collars, waistics, plastrons, helms and the like are worn with plainer dresses.

The newest Russian blouse is made of silk in very light colors, and some nature-stretching effects are shown in contrast of the royal Stuart plaid.

White and very light-colored pascimentis are in great demand. Some of them are very wide and correspondingly expensive.

Very large gold buckles are shown for millinery use. These are placed on the front of the hat in the middle of a large bow.

A great deal of lace in corn is called for for trimming handsome evening dresses.

THE FARM AND HOME.

HOW TO AVOID PARTURIENT APOPLEXY IN COWS.

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An instance of this unlearned wisdom is present to the mind of a great many farmers; the now accepted principle that clover does derive a large quantity of nitrogen from the air.

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A Word To American Housewives.

I regard the Royal Baking Powder as the best manufactured and in the market. It is an act of simple justice and also a pleasure to recommend it unqualifiedly to American housewives.

Marian Harland, Author of "Common Sense in the Household."

A LITTLE MISTAKE.

On the Part of One of New York's Dignified Police Officers. James O'Neill, the actor, has traveled the world over and he has met with many queer experiences.

James O'Neill, the actor, has traveled the world over and he has met with many queer experiences. To a little party of friends and acquaintances he related a number of peculiar incidents.

One in particular will strike the average reader with peculiar force: "I was in New York city on Columbus day," said the talented actor, "and I was billed to play in Bridgeport, Conn., that night. I consulted my watch and I found that I had no time to spare to get my train. You know that I have played 'Monte Cristo' so long the very habit with me, if not a real trait. You notice that I wear the clerical collar, the same as in the play, and I an often taken for a Catholic priest. Well, as I was about to relate, I started for the depot to take the train for Bridgeport. I encountered the monster Columbian pageant. I found it almost impossible to get through the parade, and then on the other side of the street imagine my dismay and consternation when I was confronted by a mighty throng of citizens witnessing the elaborate display. I endeavored to edge my way through the blockade, but every effort was futile. I implored the people to let me through. I told them that I must get the train, but all in vain. Finally I saw a policeman and called him to my assistance. He responded with alacrity. I told him my distress, and swinging his baton he cried: 'Make room for his reverence,' and the trouble was at an end. I reached the train just as it was ready to pull out."

QUEER THEORY OF LEPROSY. It is Propagated by Cannibalism in Oceania. Mr. Boyle visited Burma, the Malay native states, Sumatra, Siam, Borneo, Java, Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, the Sandwich Islands and America.

Mr. Boyle visited Burma, the Malay native states, Sumatra, Siam, Borneo, Java, Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, the Sandwich Islands and America. Of all the facts noted by him as a sanitarian, the most remarkable are those relating to leprosy, a disease which he believes to be spreading to an alarming extent all over the world.

He was particularly struck by the gigantic proportions the evil has assumed in Burma. The steps of the great Shwedagon pagoda at Rangoon, the Mecca of the Indo-Chinese Buddhists, he found to be "closely lined from top to bottom with lepers, suffering from that loathsome disease in its worst forms and most advanced stages." A number of the victims examined by Mr. Boyle "presented a most sickening spectacle. Yet no provision worthy of the name appears to be made for the maintenance or treatment of these poor lepers, who are thus compelled to resort to begging to keep themselves in existence.

In the Sandwich Islands, Mr. Boyle was strongly impressed by the terrible effects of the curse of leprosy, which, he says, has nearly decimated the native population.

He has a curious theory to the effect that the propagation of leprosy has been to a large extent connected with cannibalism, the disease "being spread wholesale through the eating of infected bodies." He has frequently seen in New Caledonia and the South Sea Islands human bodies "hanging up in the native huts, intended for future repasts, though then in an advanced stage of decomposition and exhaling a sickening odor."

THE WORD "SNOLLYGOSTER."

First Used in 1848 by a Vigorous Georgia Campaign Orator. The word "snollygoster" was first used to describe a place-hunting demagogue, says Colonel Ham, of Georgia, back in 1848, when the Niagara incident threatened war with England.

There was a joint debate that year in a Georgia town between John Kelly and Jonas Gaines, rival candidates for the legislature, and Kelly spoke first. The chief plank of his platform, by the way, was that the President should seize all the roads to Liverpool so as to prevent a salt famine in case of war. After he had declaimed with great effect on the necessity of plenty of salt, Gaines arose and spoke these well-remembered words: "Fellow-citizens, of there's anything on top side of earth that makes me mad, it's ter see a snollygoster of a feller a continually a swipin' aroun' after the orthography or a little office what he kain't savor git, and hain't got sense enough to fill if he could git it." Finally he reached the salt question, and raising himself on his tiptoes, he yelled, "Liverpool—h—North Carolina salt is a durned sight saltier, and there's a dozen roads to the works." Gaines won the debate and was elected.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—Bran and oats at S. L. Robertson's.

—Miss Minnie Thomson is the champion cyclist of Haskell.

McElree's WINE OF CARDUI for female diseases.

—J. H. Hanks was another Free Press reader to call this week and cash up for another year.

—Several couples of Haskell young folks attended preaching at the Ward school house last Sunday.

TRY BLACK DRAUGHT for Dyspepsia.

—All persons indebted to Nike & Ellis are requested to call and settle at once, don't forget it.

Buy bulk garden seed at McLemore's.

WINE OF CARDUI, a Tonic for Women.

—Corn planting and gardening is the order of the day with the farmers just now.

Landreth's Garden seed at McLemore's.

—Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Johnson were made happy on Tuesday night by the arrival of fine girl baby at their house.

—Dried Fruits: apples, peaches, Grapes—fancy evaporated apples and apricots at S. L. Robertson's.

Get your Garden seeds at Palace Drug Store.

—Mr. J. F. Bolander put up the cash this week for the Free Press and Stock Journal.

—Choice Fresh Groceries at lowest cash prices. S. L. Robertson.

The cheapest and best seed in town is Landreth's bulk seed at McLemore's.

—Miss Rose Lomax, one of Haskell's fair young belles, who has been visiting friends and relatives at Meridian, was welcomed home this week by her many friends.

Buy Drugs and you Garden seed at McLemore's.

—The old reliable and progressive firm of Ed. S. Hughes & Co. of Abilene, have something to say to our readers this week. See display ad in another column.

—Ladies' Latest style cloth top, Patent Leather tip shoe at Johnson Bros. & Co's.

—Millet Seed, genuine large German at S. L. Robertson's.

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—Passing the residence of our genial young tax assessor, Mr. H. S. Post, one day this week, we were pleased to see him in the yard with a spade and shovel beautifying his home by planting flowers and shrubbery.

—We are in the lead for children's gray cotton hose. Can't supply the demand. New lot just in. Johnson Bros. & Co.

—Hamilton Brown shoes for ladies at S. L. Robertson's.

—Proper care of the teeth is of more importance to the general health and comfort of the human family than most people are aware of. See the professional card of Dr. Oldham on our first page. Give him a call and see that your teeth are in proper condition.

—If you buy for cash you can save money by buying from S. L. Robertson.

—Our Fancy Patent, Straight Patent and Violet Flour is warranted equal to the best northern brands for sale by the leading Grocers of Haskell. The best cash prices paid for wheat. Liberal exchanges.

Albany Milling Co.

—The Free Press hopes to see Mr. J. S. Rike's example emulated by all of Haskell's citizens. He is proving himself an enterprising worker in the interest of the mill, immigration, railroad, etc., as well as a liberal contributor. Such men are town builders. Help them.

Bulk Garden Seeds at McLemore's are one half cheaper than any other kind.

BLACK DRAUGHT for Constipation.

—The friends of Mr. David L. Smith, formerly of this place, will be pleased to learn of his marriage on the 15th ult. to an accomplished young lady of Fall Mills, Tenn., Miss Sarah A. Mann. We are indebted to Mr. S. W. Scott for the item.

—The best stock of boots and shoes at S. L. Robertson.

—F. G. Alex. & Co. unquestionably have the boot and shoe trade of this town and vicinity. In quality, quantity and variety of styles they excel, while in low prices they have a fixed monopoly.

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—Remember that Rike, Ellis & Jones are still in it when it comes to cheap Groceries.

—Sheriff W. B. Anthony with Messrs. A. C. Foster, Judge P. D. Sanders, R. C. Lomax, and J. L. Jones who attended the district court of Archer county as attached witnesses, returned on Thursday. The case in which they were attached was continued and they will probably have to attend the next term of court. Such is the fate of the witness.

—The immigration committee met on Tuesday afternoon and organized by electing Dr. J. E. Lindsey president and Judge P. D. Sanders Secretary. As several members of the committee were absent from town the final adoption of a plan of work was deferred for consideration by a full meeting.

—Mr. E. Bivins, the gentleman mentioned last week as being here from McLennan county prospecting for a home, has purchased a farm on Lake creek in the northern part of the county from Mr. S. E. Carothers. Mr. Bivins has gone home to prepare to return with his family about the latter part of summer. He arranged to have the Free Press visit him meantime. Mr. B. we are advised is a progressive farmer and we hope McLennan will send us many more like him.

Groceries! Groceries! Groceries!

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Yours Truly,

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Masonic Notice.

A meeting is hereby called of Haskell Lodge No. 682, A. F. & A. M. for next Saturday night, March 4th, object of meeting, instruction in the work of the various degrees. Attest:— S. W. Scott, W. M. A. C. Foster, Sec.

Dr. J. E. Lindsey is laying the ground work for one of the prettiest homes in Haskell. He has just finished planting his large yard in shade trees and shrubbery and has put out a nice young orchard, and has a windmill arranged for irrigating his grounds from his well in case the moisture fails to come from above in sufficient quantity.

—We learn that some of the teachers in the public school construed the item in regard to some of the boys carrying and drinking whisky at school into a reflection on themselves. We do not think that a correct reading of the item will bear such an interpretation, at any rate the Free Press did not so intend it, but simply to admonish and warn the boys. We understand that vigorous measures were adopted to prevent a recurrence of the deplorable incident.

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New Spring stock.

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Wild Horses.

We will try in lieu of an abler correspondent to give the Free Press a few dots from this section to let the outside world know we are still doing business at the old stand.

The warm weather the past week has enabled the farmers to finish planting oats. Oats that were sown early are up and look well. Wheat is looking very promising. The acreage sown in wheat and oats is larger this season than that of any year in the history of this county.

Preaching at the school house last Sunday by Eld. D. James. An excellent sermon; a large congregation and every body smiling pleasantly was the order of the day.

Messrs. Red Lewis, Jim Davis and Willard Joe Smith and Misses Julia Smith and Lizzie Cook took in the big supper at the residence of Mr. M. H. Lasky Friday night.

Miss Ella McDaniel who is attending school at Haskell spent Sunday at this place.

The ladies of this place are beginning to make gardens.

We notice that Mr. I. T. Farmer has planted his yard full of nice cottonwood trees, which greatly improves the looks of his place. We wish every farmer would do likewise.

Mr. W. T. McDaniel made a business trip to Abilene.

We are glad to note the fact that the health of the community so far as we know, is good.

Improvements in the way of fencing are going on rapidly. It will not be but a few years until Wild Horse prairie will all be under fence. Many pastures have already been converted into fine wheat farms, and many hundreds of acres of sod will be turned this spring and planted in cotton.

Paint Creek Items.

February 24.

Mr. Editor. Since our last escaped the dreaded basnet we feel encouraged to make another effort. We learn that our school will close the last of March. The session has been a very profitable one. The school is well supplied with good apparatus; geographical maps, an English, object, language, reading and mathematical charts, but more house room and better

seats are needed, otherwise it is the best equipped school in the county.

Mr. Hudson a prominent stockman of Haskell, while feeding a number of beef cattle here bought many tons of sorghum of the farmers, so you see, the stockmen and farmers are each an advantage to the other.

Mr. Green and wife from the Indian territory have cast their lot among us. Work is proceeding nicely on Mr. J. S. Post's new house, and Mr. Boyd the contractor who is himself a competent workman.

Mr. Dan'l Snipley of Floyd county, and his sister, Miss May of Haskell, were our guests Saturday. Prof. Warren, who has been traveling for some time, made a flying trip to Haskell this week.

Mr. John Jones, one of Haskell's prominent young business men, also Messrs. Mulliken and Tandy, were out recently on a business trip.

—Mr. Editor, when you go driving again come south of town eight or ten miles and you will see, as well as some of the finest farming land in North-west Texas, many large farms, good houses, a fine school and farmers very busy preparing for their crops.

The writer was, the other day, one of a group of ladies who all expressed themselves as being well pleased with the Free Press. M. R.

[The above reached us after our forms were made up last week, but as it is a good, newsy letter we use it this week. Will try that drive south before long. THE FREE PRESS is glad to please the ladies.—Editor.]

Mesquite Items.

Mr. Editor. As we have not seen anything from this part of the moral vineyard in the Free Press we will give you a few dots.

The health of the neighborhood is not very good just now.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely, although the attendance was small last Sunday. Hope everybody will come out in future and take an interest in the good work.

On last Saturday morning quite a party of us, ladies and gentlemen, from the Mesquite and Idella neighborhoods made up a pleasure party to visit Kiowa peak. It was a pleasant ride of ten or twelve miles in comfortable vehicles over a beautiful country. We arrived about 10 o'clock and set out for a stroll and climb about an hour up the peak.

All enjoyed it and were delighted with the picturesque scenery viewed from the peak's lofty summit. Some amused themselves reading the names carved on the peak's rocky sides and in carving their own there to be read by future sight seers.

After all were tired of climbing around we spread our dinner on top of the mountain and attacked it with sharpened appetites that gave full evidence of our appreciation of the many good things before us.

After dinner it was decided to have a little surprise party on our way home, at the residence of our worthy neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Edwards. Arriving there and a delightful welcome was extended. After a few wails around, a reel and a game or two of "shooting

Canadians for Annexation!

Sentiment seems to be growing in Canada towards annexation with the United States, but, however much this matter concerns us, there is yet another one that is of greater importance just now.

What Kind of machinery do you need, and what kind will it pay you to buy?

Seriously Consider this Fact:

We have a line of plows, drills, cotton and corn planters, harrows etc., that we have handled for years, and the constant sale, and thoroughly tested merits of some, clearly demonstrate to us the fact that, they can't be excelled.

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