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BAPTIST (Missionary) Preaching every Sunday except 4th. Rev. N. E. L. Farmer, Pastor. Sunday School every Sunday at 10 o'clock. Epworth League every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting every Friday night.
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CHRISTIAN (Campbellite) Preaching once at present.
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Haskell Lodge No. 62, A. F. & A. M. meets Saturday on or before each full moon. J. S. Hike, W. M. J. W. Evans, Sec'y.
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Royal Arch Masons meet on the first Tuesday in each month.
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Professional Cards.

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Attorney-at-Law,
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They are eating Texas watermelons now in Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, St. Paul, Denver and other northern cities. The melons are going from various points in the eastern and southern portion of the state. The largest single shipment of which we have noticed mention was 22 car loads, which passed through Ennis a few days ago, tomatoes are also being shipped. Earlier a good many bush potatoes were shipped. This business just developing for the Texas farmers and we hope to see it grow to such proportions as will take the regular King Cotton.

THE C. T. & M. RAILROAD

Survey Completed to Haskell

INTERVIEW WITH MR. LOCKE, THE PROJECTOR AND PROMOTER OF THE ROAD.

Interesting Facts Stated.

The surveying corps of the C. T. & M. Railroad under Chief Engineer, J. M. Blackburn reached Haskell on Monday evening and completed their work Tuesday and a FREE PRESS Reporter met Mr. Morris R. Locke vice-President and General Manager of the Colorado, Texas and Mexico Railroad at the Haskell National Bank in this town Wednesday, and by way of general information Mr. Locke informed the FREE PRESS that the located survey was completed continuously from Abilene via Anson to Haskell and four miles north of town in the direction of Quanah.

We asked Mr. Locke what he thought of the line as shown by the maps and profiles made from the survey.

He replied: "It is the best I ever saw both in grade and alignment. It is almost a tangent from Abilene to Anson, a distance of 23 miles."

How is it from Anson to Haskell? "Better, because the work is lighter and the grade easier except on Paint creek. We have nothing over a one per cent grade and a one degree curve between Haskell and Abilene."

What is the distance between Haskell and Anson? "Twenty-nine miles, and from Haskell to Abilene it is 52 miles. And this makes a coincidence. It is 52 miles from Abilene to Coleman. The wagon road to Coleman is 60 miles from Abilene and is 65 miles to Haskell from Abilene."

How near are you to the new town of Stamford of the Central road? "If you mean the bend with the name 'Stamford' on it, on Section No. 11, Jones county, we are located through that 'town'. We run south-easterly through that section. We make a one degree curve in and out of Anson, and then we run as 'straight as a crow flies' to the divide between California creek and Paint creek, there we make another one degree curve which throws us around the hill and the breaks of Paint creek, and through the so called town of Stamford. Thus making the line between Haskell and Anson 450 feet longer than an 'air line,' which we could have made but for the bluffs and breaks of Paint creek."

Are there any physical difficulties on your line? "None whatever. Chief Engineer Blackburn has eliminated them all. Ours is the best located line in Texas. There are six bridges between here and Abilene, viz: Mule, Paint, California, Clear Fork, Mulberry and Elm creeks. I believe there is one more—Mud creek, three and one-half miles this side of Anson. None of these will require a span of over 60 feet."

Well, what about business for your road? "If you will pardon me, I will say: None of your people along my line appreciate their country—its climate, soil and possibilities—its great and varied resources. Jones county with 7,000 population will make \$1,500,000 of produce this year, to say nothing of cattle, sheep, horses and hogs. That is over \$200 per capita. All that stuff is to be hauled off and marketed. You can't show a county of 7,000 people in the United States that can beat it. And I presume Haskell county is as good—you know about that. What I have seen of Haskell is as good as Jones county, don't you think so?"

The FREE PRESS assured him that it had no doubts on that question, that while Jones has the advantage in population at present, Haskell has just as good land and a good deal more good farming land, hence is capable of a greater development.

"Well, if that is true these two counties, Jones and Haskell, will furnish \$600,000 worth of traffic, freights in and out, for our 52 miles of railroad, Abilene to Haskell. I am informed that Haskell and Jones counties pay out now for wagon freight \$300,000 per annum. With

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Read what Jacksboro's best people say about him:

Jacksboro, Texas, May 24th, 1899.

To whom this may concern: We, the undersigned cheerfully recommend Dr. H. A. Waller, as a gentleman of good moral character—good family—industrious and one who deals fairly with his friends and patronage. He has been a resident dentist of Jacksboro for the last five years, and his work has been very satisfactory during that time. Mr. Waller is an affable, honest and industrious gentleman, with many friends where he is known. Any one desiring dental work done will in our opinion do well to secure the services of Dr. Waller. Any guarantee that he makes is perfectly good. All favors conferred upon him will be highly appreciated by us.

Very respectfully,
J. M. THOMPSON, Co. Supt. Jack Co., Texas.
THOMAS F. HORTON, Co. Judge, Jack Co., Tex.
W. C. KUTCH, County Treasurer.
JAMES W. KNOX, Pres. 1st National Bank.
G. B. WADE, M. D.

I refer by permission to DR. E. E. GILBERT and PROF. W. W. HENTZ, of Haskell.

a railroad this amount will be doubled inside of a year. Another thing, I have never seen better crops than you see now all along the line of the C. T. & M. Railroad. None better even in the 'old states.' Your climate is better than California or Florida, and Kentucky cannot show better grass than grows now in this section. Look at your live stock; it is of the best and is fat, sleek and lazy. What more can you ask or can capital ask? You have everything to make a people happy in this world—and rich."

When will you commence construction? "As soon as maps, profiles, plans and specifications are made out and approved by the State Railroad Commission and the bonds are authorized."

How soon will that be? "Thirty days."

How did you happen to hit upon this line of railroad through Texas? "Through the Hon. Fred Cockrell of Abilene. He brought me to Abilene with my Colorado, Texas & Mexico Railroad. He is the best posted man in Texas in regard to the resources and capabilities of the 'Lone Star State.' He told me why I should make the detour I have made from Washburn to Eagle Pass. The people owe all this work to Mr. Cockrell and his associates at Abilene. I take no credit to myself except it is the best and richest line (rich in natural resources) I ever located, and I have been in the business 20 years."

How do you find the people along the line—friendly or not? "I would say friendly without exception, but there are 'doubting Thomases.' There are business men who say: 'I will never believe until I see the track and the cars running; then I'll believe there is something in it. The laws of Texas require certain preliminary work done before the building of a railroad and the issuance or registration of bonds, without which registration the bonds

would be worthless, hence, that has to be done, and outside capital will not do it, and it people who own Texas and live in Texas and make Texas laws will not promote a railroad scheme like this to the point of presenting it to the Railroad Commission and getting their approval of the line and authorization of bonds. I am certain outside or foreign capital will not do it. And personally I have not the money to do it, though I have seen the time and had the money so that I could and would have done the preliminary work on a line so promising as this."

How have the people on the route treated you and your men? "Royally. I was never treated better, and I have located and exploited over 2000 miles of railroad. And I must say the people of Haskell and of Haskell county have been exceedingly kind and gracious, and I want to reciprocate all their favors, and will do it in time."

IS IT RIGHT
For an Editor to Recommend Patent Medicines.
From Sylvan Valley News, Brevard, N. C.
It may be a question whether the editor of a newspaper has the right to publicly recommend any of the various proprietary medicines which flood the market, yet as a preventive of suffering we feel it a duty to say a good word for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. We have known and used this medicine in our family for twenty years and have always found it reliable. In many cases a dose of this remedy would save hours of suffering while a physician is awaited. We do not believe in depending implicitly on any medicine for a cure, but we do believe that if a bottle of Chamberlain's Diarrhoea Remedy were kept on hand and administered at the inception of an attack much suffering might be avoided and in very many cases the presence of a physician would not be required. At least this has been our experience during the past twenty years. For sale by A. P. McLemore, druggist.

President Geo. T. Winston of the University of Texas has announced his intention of resigning to accept the presidency of an industrial institution in South Carolina.

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253 Main Street, Dallas, Texas.

THE R. & S. W. RAILROAD.

To Build From Henrietta to Archer City, Thence Southwesterly

The following railroad item appeared in the Dallas News of Thursday as a telegram from Henrietta:

Henrietta, Tex., July 5.—The people of Texas will be interested to learn of a new railroad being built. The stockholders and directors of the Red River and Southwestern railroad met at Henrietta yesterday morning, at which W. B. Worsham was elected president, W. H. Featherstone vice president and treasurer, E. B. Carver secretary and general manager. Work will be commenced at once and the road will be pushed through Archer City to or near Abilene, where it will connect with the Texas and Pacific railroad. The road will run through the copper mining lands in Archer county and the richest coal fields and cattle regions in western Texas."

Captain T. H. C. Peery, of this city, was in Archer the 4th when the proposition was made to build the Red River and Southwestern railroad from Henrietta to that place and in a few hours time nearly the entire amount of subsidy asked of the people for its construction, ten thousand dollars, was guaranteed. Ten or twelve years ago the Southwestern people secured right-of-way privileges through Clay and Archer counties and graded the road to within a few miles of Archer City, but on account of the financial stringency the project was abandoned before the road could be completed. The company recently organized at Henrietta has bought up the grade and right-of-way privileges of the Southwestern and when the road is ironed as far as Archer the M. K. & T. will put on the rolling stock and operate it under lease.

What course the road will take when it leaves Archer City is not yet settled, and the way is open to Seymour to secure it, if she wants it. Mr. Carver, general manager, in discussing the matter with Capt. Peery, stated that in building to a connection with the T. & P., his company had booked Seymour on its route and would continue the extension of the road from Archer City to this place without delay if the right sort of encouragement is extended. There was no intimation of what would be expected or demanded of Seymour in the way of a subsidy, etc., but if our people will come together and each citizen put his shoulder to the wheel we are satisfied that satisfactory terms can be made with Messrs. Worsham, Carver, et al to build the Red River and Southwestern to this city during the present year. The road is going to be built, and if Seymour gets it she must get up and hustle. Let's call the people together and talk the matter over.—Baylor Co. Banner.

Here now is another chance, and a strong one, too, for another railroad to Haskell. We don't think much of Seymour's chances in the matter. That place is too far north, too much out of line with the most probable objective point of the proposed road. It has always been understood from the first inception of the scheme that the road was to be built into the great cattle and woolgrowing region southwest from Henrietta and Archer City and, reasoning from this, the nature and topography of the country and other circumstances known to the writer, we are confident that Haskell is little if any of the route desired to be covered by the Red River and Southwestern promoters. Hence, we commend this matter to the consideration of the people of Haskell and suggest that our railroad committee take it up without delay.

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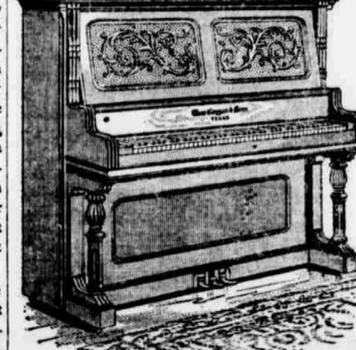
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One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder 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 of Waco, Texas.
For sale by A. P. McLemore, Haskell, Texas.

READ THIS.
Dallas, Texas, October 14, 1888.
—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.

Secretary of War Alger is a Michigan man and Gov. Pengree of Michigan is backing him for election to the United States senate under the claim that he is an enemy to trusts, imperialism and several other things that are obnoxious to the masses. If the Michiganders allow themselves humbugged by any such nonsensical pretense they will deserve to be denominated Michiganders ever afterward.

"Sweet Bells Jangled Out of Tune and Harsh."
Shakespeare's description fits thousands of women. They are cross, dependent, sickly, nervous—a burden to themselves and their families. Their sweet dispositions are gone, and they, like the bells, seem ready to fall apart. But there is a remedy. They can use

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REV. J. W. HAYES, Cleveland, S. C., says:—"My wife used Wine of Cardui at home, finding of the womb and it entirely cured her."

The average man who tries heretic measures gets a misfit.

When a man gets too lazy to work he becomes a lofty idealist.

The candidates put up their money and the voters make their choice.

Beauty is the only thing that consoles some women for being women.

Many handkerchiefs are moistened by expected sorrows that never come.

Perhaps a little purification by fire will be a good thing for Coney Island.

A man seldom does anything the way a woman thinks it should be done.

A woman's thoughts of matrimony before and after taking are seldom the same.

Paradoxical though it may seem, the word "trust" excites a good deal of suspicion.

It's an important business engagement for a man when an heiress promises to marry him.

When Dame Fortune knocks at the door she very often finds the man inside too lax to lift the latch.

If Kipling keeps up his copyright quarrels long enough he may sometime be known as the author of a "scraps" book.

The Cincinnati man who was given ten days for stealing an eight-day clock naturally feels that he got about two days the worst of it.

The office boy who loses his position because of a fondness for cigarettes learns how true it is that "where there is much smoke there is sure to be some fire."

A neat thing was accomplished the other day in the reichstag. The statesmen sidetracked the emperor's bill restricting or practically prohibiting labor unions, and then to show its good will gave three cheers for the kaiser and adjourned until Nov. 11. Emperor Wilhelm can hardly find fault with members who loyally adjourn to the ringing sound of "Hoch der Kaiser!"

The total value of the gifts at a recent New York wedding amounted to over two million dollars, representing an income of over one hundred thousand dollars a year. Since custom decrees that these gifts be reciprocated at future weddings in the donors' families, the pecuniary consideration is doubled. Marriage laws in Puerto Rico have recently been reformed by this government, and the onerous fees which often prevented a marriage abolished. Is there not room for a reform in our own marriage customs, when the gifts at a wedding set the pace for a mode of life which most young couples are quite unable to continue without financial disaster?

Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture has been in South Carolina recently, and from his study of local conditions in that state gives an interesting account of the opportunities for its development. The tea plant, for example, he says, is as promising to the latitude of South Carolina as the sugar beet is to the northwest, where many millions of dollars have been invested in its culture. There is already one tea farm in South Carolina. Its proprietor does not attempt to compete with the cheaper teas of the Orient but rather with teas of superior quality. Last year he made thirty-five hundred pounds of black tea, which retailed at about one dollar a pound.

The records of comparative meteorology show that in the United States there are in a year 500 hours more of sunshine than in fair-skinned Italy, and that Spain gets more than we. But such general statements hide many particulars, since hardly any two localities are alike, the atmospheric conditions being affected by every mountain, valley, lake or plain, and coast climates are modified by the ocean and its currents. In southern California the annual rainfall rarely exceeds twelve inches; at San Francisco it reaches twenty-five; farther north it increases till in Oregon and Washington it amounts to seventy or eighty, and the inhabitants are jokingly said to be web-footed.

A valiant Cuban whose blood rebelled against the American occupation assembled himself the other day and went up and down the highways of Santiago, province, seeking warriors to join him in a tremendous insurrection. After a week's travel, having found not one hostile in the province, he came in, surrendered his rifle, took his \$75, and asked and obtained a job at working on the road for \$1 a day. The late insurgents are evidently showing good sense and sound judgment all along the line.

Great Britain has reconquered the Sudan. But two-thirds of the money she has spent in the operation has gone for railroads and similar improvements, and now she has opened the commercial doors of the Sudan wide and free to all the world. That is conquest in behalf of humanity.

An expedition of 2,000 torpedoes at the depot at Wichita, Kas., the other day, added a pleasant episode to the day. When a box of torpedoes gets as far as Wichita it recognizes that the time to explode has arrived.

DICK RODNEY; Or, The Adventures of An Eton Boy...

BY JAMES GRANT.

CHAPTER XV. The Water-Spout.

As the sun increased in heat, notwithstanding the season of the year, I was soon sensible of the comfort of its rays falling on my face...

These spouts rise from the sea exactly like the moving pillars of sand which the whirlwinds sweep from the hot and arid deserts of Africa and Arabia.

Next day, after encountering a head wind, against which we tacked frequently between the Pan de Matanzas and the wooded point of Sumbrella, at 10 o'clock in the morning a Spanish mulatto pilot came on board and took the brig in charge.

We ran safely into the harbor, and by 11 o'clock came to anchor at a place recommended by Antonio, half a cable's length from the castle of St. Severino.

The sensation of loneliness which the departure of the sun excites in the breast of a landsman at sea is peculiar; but this was soon changed from mirth by the splendor of the rising moon, which changed the sapphire tints of sea and sky to liquid silver and the clearest blue.

Above, no cloud nor even the thinnest shroud of vapor was visible. Sea blended with sky at the horizon, and seemed to melt into each other, so that no line was traceable. Save a planet or two, twinkling with less light than usual, there seemed to be no stars in heaven.

"By keeping the weather-gage, and beyond the circle of the spout's attraction, we escaped without shipping a drop of water!" said Weston, for the twentieth time. "Let me see how you enter all this in the log, Hislop."

"It is no uncommon thing for a craft at sea to be deluged by a spout of fresh water, which the whirlwind has torn up from an inland lake," said Hislop; "and houses, far inshore, have in the same fashion been deluged by salt water absorbed from the sea—and hence the showers of dried herrings, of which we have heard so much at times. Now, Rodney, you will perhaps be surprised when I tell you that it is the winds which produce a calm like that we have had tonight."

"The winds!" I reiterated, surprised at such a paradox from our theorist. "Yes, the opposition of the winds will at times produce a perfect calm, and then when rain falls it is always gentle and equable; but when clouds seem to move against the lower winds, or when streams of air denote a variety of the aerial current, and consequently the approach of rain—"

"What strange sound is that ahead, or, at least, forward?" said Weston, interrupting Hislop, who would perhaps have theorized for an hour. "It is Antonio, groaning in his sleep in the fore-cabin," said Ned Carlton, who was at the wheel.

"I wish the ship were rid of him and his dreams," added Hislop, testily. "Well, as I was saying, when the adverse movements of the clouds seem to denote—"

"Light ahead!" cried a voice from the bow. "Is that you, Roberts?" asked Weston, while Hislop stamped with vexation at the second interruption. "Yes, sir."

"How does it bear?" "East-north-east." "Then it is Cape St. Antonio light, the most western point of Cuba," said Weston. "I thought I could smell the land with the first cat's paw, before the breeze freshened."

"The light, dim and distant, like a star, was now seen to twinkle among the waves at the horizon. For more than an hour I remained on deck, with my eyes fixed upon that feeble but increasing beacon, which indicated a foreign shore; then I went below and turned in, with a sigh of pleasure that the voyage was nearly over, and a hope that when I traversed those waves again I should be on my return home—home to my father and mother, to Sybil and Doty, to the old rectory, with its shady oak grove, its green lawn and the masses of ivy, woodbine and honeysuckle that shaded its time-worn walls."

CHAPTER XVI. Cuba. When day dawned we had rounded Cayo San Antonio, and were running along the northern shore of Cuba. I was up early, by eight bells, or a little after a 4 a. m., and with deep interest I surveyed the coast of that beautiful island, the first and now the last portion of that vast empire beyond the seas which Columbus bequeathed to Castile and Leon.

"Dat is my country, senor," said Antonio, who was at the wheel, and this remark, with the repulsive aspect of the Spaniard and his mysterious character, served to dissipate by momentary enthusiasm.

"That is Cayo Buena Vista and the breakers on the weather-bow," he continued; "mark the Colorados, a long reef of rocks. The blue sharks are as thick there as the stars in the sky."

We were now in the Gulf of Florida. The sky was cloudless and blue, and now it seemed as if the welkin above and the almost waveless sea below were endeavoring to outvie each other in calmness, in beauty and in the glory of their azure depths. The wind was off the land and rather ahead, but the sails were trimmed to perfection, and we ran through the gulf on a taut bowline.

The little eddies of wind which on a fine summer morning may be seen whirling up the dust and dry leaves in my limited space permits me to give in full detail that I must compress into one chapter all that relates to my visit to Matanzas.

DAIRY AND POULTRY.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

New Successful Farmers Operate This Department of the Farm—A Few Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.

Painters in Saving Pigs. The first thing necessary to save the pigs in cold weather is a good warm hoghouse with a stove in it, writes P. W. Peterson in American Swineherd.

Recently we told our readers of the efforts of the process butter manufacturers of Massachusetts to get the governor to refuse to sign the bill regulating the manufacture and sale of process butter unless the name "Renovated Butter" were changed.

Prof. A. S. Mitchell, chief chemist of the Wisconsin Dairy and Food Commission, was one of those testifying before the senatorial pure food investigating committee in Chicago. He declared that some of the preservatives used in butter and milk were exceedingly dangerous, the more so as they were used carelessly and in quantities far in excess of the amounts required.

The fact that chemicals are beginning to be used in pure butter is an omen not fraught with good to the producers of pure butter. It is hoped that the practice is not widespread, for if the people begin to find out that they cannot, even in the high priced article, get butter that is free from preservatives, a reaction against the use of butter will be set on foot.

The city of San Carlos de Matanzas occupies a gentle eminence between the rivers San Juan and Yumuri, which roll into the bay from the mountainous ridge that traverses all Cuba. Its name, Matanzas, signifies the place of murder, because in that bay some of the Spaniards of Columbus were slain by the native Indians.

One of the greatest discoveries ever made was the result of pure accident. It was in the year 1796. The citizens of Munich had just witnessed the first performance of Mozart's opera, "Don Juan." The theater was deserted by all except one man, Alois Sennefelder, who, after making a round of inspection in the building to see that there was no danger of fire, went to his room to stamp the tickets of admission for the following day.

That all bacteria are not harmful, but that some, in fact, are even necessary to life, is shown by some tests which were recently made with chickens hatched under conditions which rendered them free from intestinal bacteria. After hatching they were supplied with sterilized food and water, and the conditions were such that the intestines were kept free from bacteria.

It is not advisable to leave fresh lime where the poultry can get it or even lime that is slacked but yet remains caustic in its character. Old plaster is safe, but it is hard to tell at what point lime plaster ceases to be dangerous. We have seen some that was in reach of poultry that was so strong one could not bare it in the mouth.

It is possible that the poultry would refuse to eat such, but the good sense of fowls cannot be depended on. It is generally easy to obtain enough of old plaster, and if not it is easy to mix lime and gravel and allow it to form plaster. The progressive poultryman, however, can afford to pay something for oystershell grit, which is already prepared. A man can prepare it but the trouble is most men cannot "get around it."

Poultry raisers need not worry about the overproduction of poultry products. It will never come in this nation, and we have no reason to believe that it has ever come in any nation. Poultry and poultry products are a great boon to the people in this age of adulteration of food products. The packers are even robbing our beef, mutton and pork with preservatives, boracic acid and the like.

Relative Gain of Patterning Steers.—Recent experiments have been made which help to show the relative gain of steers on a given ration at different periods of their lives. Thus during the first two months it requires a true unit of 800 pounds of grain to lay on 100 pounds of weight. During the next month it requires a 10 per cent increase of the food to make the same amount of gain.

The American Goldfinch.—The American goldfinch or wild canary is as beautiful as it is useful and as a weed destroyer has few equals. It confines its attention very largely to one family of plants, the Compositae, and is especially fond of wild lettuce, thistles, wild sunflower and rag-weed.

It is so often seen gracefully poised upon thistles that it is commonly called the thistle bird. It is also very fond of cultivated sunflower seeds.

It sometimes happens when a pretty girl poses before the mirror that she believes she can never love another.

"Do Not Grasp at the Shadow and Lose the Substance."

Many people are but shadows of their former selves, due to neglect of health. Look out for the blood, the fountain of life, the actual substance; keep that pure by regular use of Hood's Sarsaparilla and robust health will be the result. Be sure to get only Hood's, because Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints.

Eliminated Surname. Up to the day of his first entering school, Booker T. Washington's name was Booker Tallafiero. Then the teacher said that all the colored boys of the section had three or four names. "Well," said the new pupil, "put me down as Washington."

Love is a subject of which one seldom gets weary. UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME. We call attention of our readers to the advertisement of Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Indiana, one of the great educational institutions of the West, which appears in another column of this paper.

St. Mary's Academy at Notre Dame, Indiana, ranks first among the educational institutions for girls in the United States are found in its classes. The faculty have just issued a catalogue that contains much valuable data. Parents desirous of sending their daughters to the best institution should send for this catalogue before deciding on sending them elsewhere. It is under the supervision of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and is located at Notre Dame, far from the excitement of even village life, and right in the beautiful scenes of the Creator's handwork.

It seems almost incredible," said the railroad man, "but I saw a man the other day that couldn't give an intelligent description of his wife. He came in the office to get transportation for her, to which he was entitled, and under the present rules we must have a description of the person that is going to take the transportation. On the margin of the ticket are places where the agent can punch out a very good description of the person that is entitled to use the ticket in their possession."

"I asked this man first how old his wife was. He could not tell within five years. "Next, I asked him how tall she was. The best I could ascertain was that she was not very tall, neither was she very short. I punched out the word 'medium' and let it go that way."

"When it came to the color of the woman's hair, he said again in quandary: 'It was dark brown or black. "The only thing that this husband was sure of was that his wife was slim."

Edwente Your Howells! Your howells can be trained as well as your horses or your hounds. (See advertisement on page 10.)

Cats' walls at night tend to make patriots tremble. Fruitless Search. He rapidly superseding the old style starch. It saves labor, saves money and makes collars and cuffs new. All grocers sell it; large package 10c.

A child is quite sick who refuses ice cream. Are You Using Allen's Foot-Powder? It is the only cure for Swollen, Smarting, Burning, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Powder, a powder to be shaken among the shoes. At all Drugists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Too Deep a Question. The Congressionalist acknowledges the receipt of an inquiry from a pious reader who wants to know what Jesus would do if he were president of the United States with the Philippine problem on his hands. The editor replies by saying that he cannot presume to answer the question, but he ventures to assume that under the conditions specified Jesus would not be sending questions of this sort to religious newspapers.

A barking dog is a neighborhood nuisance. How strange a wife will shield a worthless husband. A letter may not come, but the expected bill will.

BROWN'S IRON TONIC. For loss of appetite, lack of energy, depressed stomach or biliousness. It strengthens the effect of medicine, removes habitual constipation, restores vitality and vigor of youth. This celebrated tonic is a valuable remedy for all who are weak and nervous. It is sold by all druggists. \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

BROWN'S IRON TONIC. CANDY CATHARTIC. For constipation, biliousness, indigestion, headache, neuralgia, etc. It is a powerful purgative, and its effects upon the system are both rapid and permanent. \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY ATTITUDE

Return of the Commissioners to Washington and What They Say Relative to This Momentous Matter.

Boundary Party Returned.

Tacoma, Wash., July 10.—The Fairbanks-Foster Alaskan boundary party returned from the north yesterday and interviews with members of the party indicate that the watershed on White Pass, back of Skagway and Dyea, will be accepted as the international boundary line at that point. The White and Chilcoot passes constitute the storm center of the Alaska boundary. At these points the Canadians hope to secure concessions that will enable them to secure a port of entry into the Klondike gold fields. All other parts of the country thereabouts whose concessions are looked for are of little importance compared with Lynn canal, which is the key to the situation. Senator Fairbanks, when interviewed, placed importance on the fact that he must sit with the joint high commission in August, but declined to state what lines of argument he would take. Regarding boundary matters that were discussed during the four weeks spent in Alaska Senator Foster declined to speak.

"Personally," he added, "I am opposed to yielding an inch of United States territory. A careful investigation, however, demonstrates that there may be different constructions placed upon the treaties involved as regards channels, the situation of lesser islands and the like. But in the main the United States is plainly given a strip of territory north of Portland canal, or thereabouts, ten marine leagues inland, except where a well defined mountain range places the boundary nearer the coast. Many contend that the watersheds back of Skagway and Dyea are the dividing line. On the one side are the headwaters of the Yukon and on the other the streams flowing into Lynn canal. Between these two districts there is a chain of mountains which, in the opinion of some, bring the boundary line some eighteen miles nearer the coast. This seems to be a fair expression of the American view of the boundary question. By this construction of the treaty it is held England will receive the benefit of every point that can be fairly and honestly granted. On the other hand, however, the Canadians and many of the English hold that the boundary should be drawn thirty miles or ten marine leagues inland from the headlands. By such a construction of course Lynn canal would be an inlet into Canadian territory and ten marine leagues inland from the headlands at the entrance would be many miles south of Skagway and Dyea and hence Canada and England would have the coveted port of entry without a question of doubt. As I look upon it personally, Lynn canal is a part of the ocean, therefore, it would be unfair to draw a line thirty miles inland from the waters to bodies of water of that nature and call it the boundary under the treaty."

All but One Killed.
Columbus, O., July 10.—All but one of the members of the family of William Reinhard of this city were killed, and the remaining one was badly injured by a Big Four passenger train yesterday. The dead: William Reinhard, aged 41; Rachael Reinhard, his wife, aged 40; William Reinhard, 14; Arthur Reinhard, 9; Earl Reinhard, 7; Edward Reinhard, 5. Injured: Clarence Reinhard, aged 14; collar bone broken. Mr. and Mrs. Reinhard and their five children were out for an afternoon drive and were passing over the Woodward avenue railroad crossing when a Big Four passenger train crashed into their carriage.

Jacksboro vote to incorporate.
Large Sum Disappeared.
Carrollton, O., July 10.—Two thousand six hundred and eleven dollars in an iron box, shipped by the American Express company for the J. H. Somers Coal company of Cleveland, to pay its miners, were mysteriously stolen from the depot in which the express company had its office. There is no clue to the thieves.

A score of miners are reported to have died of scurvy in Alaska.
Not a Gift.
Lincoln, Neb., July 10.—W. J. Bryan has denied that a carload of melons sent him by J. B. McEachern & Co., of Morven, Ga., was intended as a gift. He was merely asked to place them on the market here. He turned the car over to a merchant, who sold the melons and paid the freight bill.

W. P. McGuire was ground to pieces in a train at Burkholts, Milan county.
Gen. Joe Wheeler is to sail from San Francisco for Manila on the 20th.
In attempting to jump out of his vehicle during a runaway at Henderson, Mo. Guest was dragged several feet and killed. His head struck a bridge and his body was so badly torn as to be almost unrecognizable.
Leroy McKillop, a former clerk in the Richelleu hotel, San Francisco, was arrested at Chicago, charged with stealing \$5000 worth of diamonds from two Boston lady guests of that hotel. He confessed.

DIXIE DOINGS.

As the consequence of a lockout at Tampa, Fla., 5000 cigarmakers are unemployed.
Dr. E. L. Hamilton, one of Arkansas' most prominent physicians, died at Richmond, that state.
By the bursting of the cylinder of a steam thrasher near Clarksville, Tenn., three men were badly injured.
W. B. Boyd, a prominent young business man of Jackson, Miss., died from the effects of an overdose of morphine.
Postmaster D. B. Smith of Opelika, Ala., has received from Washington a balance of \$25.06 due him for services rendered in 1895.
E. W. Weatherford, an engineer on the Southern railway, was assassinated while asleep in a coach at Tusculum, Ala. His son is under arrest charged with the deed.

The eighth annual convention of the Southern Growers' association was held at Asheville, N. C., and was the largest and most enthusiastic in the history of the association.

The Chattanooga Southern railway having refused to accept the valuation placed upon its property in Georgia a board of arbitration is to be appointed to adjust the matter.

Mrs. L. A. Rice, a resident of San Antonio, dropped dead of heart disease while walking along a street in Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Rice was a niece of former President Tyler and a first cousin of the late Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Tommy White, the boy who is charged with murdering his father, mother and sisters near Athens, Ala., was captured at Montgomery. He claims a man named Lawson killed his father and then made him murder his mother and sisters.

About fifty men employed in a tin camp on Wildcat mountain, twenty miles from Fort Smith, Ark., drank water from an old well and everyone was taken sick. Several have died. The well had not been used for several years.

Salt Lake City, Utah, July 10.—A warrant based upon a complaint sworn to by a representative of a New York newspaper has been issued from County Attorney Putnam's office for President Angus M. Cannon of the Mormon church, charging him with polygamy, which is cited as being contrary to law. The affidavit cites a long list of witnesses in support of the above charge, including Senator Cannon, Martha A. Hughes Cannon, wife of Angus M. Cannon; Lorenzo Snow, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Gov. Wells, George Q. Cannon, counsel for the First Presbyterian church; Joseph F. Smith, Herbert J. Grant and J. T. Hammond, secretary of state.

Fight at a Picnic.
Nashville, Tenn., July 10.—Near Pikeville, Tenn., at a picnic Saturday a battle occurred, in which eight men were either fatally or seriously wounded. On one side were three Hove brothers and Eas Hankins; on the other side Carroll Seals, two brothers and his son. Ed Seals was fatally wounded in the breast, Carroll Seals was shot in the shoulder and leg, Ervin Seals is hit in the thigh, while Eas Hankins is wounded in the head fatally. A man named Willard had his head fractured with a club.

The body, badly mutilated, of an unknown man was found on the Tyler Southeastern railway track, near Clawson.

From Schurman.
Washington, July 10.—Dispatches have been received at the state department from President Schurman of the Philippine commission giving some account of his journey to the southern island of the archipelago. He finds the condition in most of the islands extremely gratifying. There is a disposition almost everywhere south of Luzon to accept American sovereignty. President Schurman expects to arrive at San Francisco about Aug. 25.

Washington Suing Finished.
Washington, July 10.—The Nicaragua canal commission has finished its present session at Washington, and its members scattered to wind up their personal and professional business before starting for the field. It has been settled that the field force taken from this country will number about seventy-five, all told, in addition to whatever local help may be picked up on the isthmus. Scenes of operations will be visited.

Recessed at White House.
Washington, July 10.—Gov. Roosevelt of New York arrived Saturday afternoon and went to the white house with his baggage.
His being a guest of the president confirms the belief that when he stated recently that he was not a presidential candidate, but in favor of McKinley's nomination, he meant it. Roosevelt expects to make the race in 1904, and expects to have McKinley's support then, as McKinley has his now.

Ten Regiments

Washington, July 7.—The order for the enlistment of ten new regiments of infantry is as follows:
War Department, Washington, July 5.—By direction of the president, the following general rules are prescribed for the recruiting from the country at large United States volunteers, as provided for by the act of congress approved March 2, 1899, published in general orders No. 35, of 1895, headquarters of the army, adjutant general's office, and for organizing the same into regiments:
The strength of regiments, officers and enlisted men, will be as provided for by sections 4 and 12 of the act of congress approved March 2, 1899.
The regiments to be organized in the United States will be designated 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32d, 33d, 34th, and 35th regiments of infantry, United States volunteers.
Of the commissioned officers to be appointed for each of these regiments, the field and staff officers, including medical officers and captains of companies, will be assembled at regimental headquarters as hereafter designated for the purpose of theoretical and practical instruction in organization, military discipline, hygiene, camp sanitation, etc. Daily instruction in the nomenclature, care and assembly of parts of the rifle and target practice will be a special feature of instruction to both officers and men.
Applicants for commissions, except officers of the regular army, will be required to pass a satisfactory examination as to age, moral, mental and physical capacity to command troops, and must have had service during the Spanish-American war.

The recruiting service of the regular army will be charged with recruiting from the country at large men for service in these volunteer regiments, whose enlistments will be made for a period ending June 30, 1901, unless sooner discharged, and without restrictions as to citizenship or educational qualifications, but in all other respects under the same rules and regulations as are prescribed for recruiting the regular service. Except in special cases, only unmarried men will be enlisted for these regiments.
In view of the probable severe service of these regiments, and the climatic conditions to which they may be subjected, the physical qualifications of both officers and enlisted men is of first importance. Only those fully qualified will be appointed and enlisted. The lieutenants and two of the medical officers of each regiment will, as far as practicable, be assigned to duty as assistants to recruiting officers of the regular army.
Upon arrival of recruits at the regimental headquarters the commanding officers of regiments will assign them to companies, and the appointment and reduction of regimental and battalion non-commissioned staff and company non-commissioned officers and other enlisted grades will be governed by the law and army regulations.
Each regiment so organized will, for the purpose of discipline and supply, be subject to the orders of the commanding general of the department in which the rendezvous is located, and the regimental commander will report by telegraph to the adjutant general of the department on his arrival at the regimental rendezvous.
Ten regiments of infantry United States volunteers will be organized, as follows:
Twenty-sixth at Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y.; twenty-seventh at Camp Meade, Pa.; twenty-eighth at Camp Meade, Pa.; twenty-ninth at Fort McPherson, Ga.; thirtieth at Fort Sheridan, Ill.; thirty-first at Fort Thomas, Ky.; thirty-second at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; thirty-third at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; thirty-fourth at Fort Lonsdale, Col.; thirty-fifth at Vancouver Barracks, Wash. R. A. ALGER, Secretary of War.

Arranged.
Manila, July 7.—The Spanish commissioners who went to Tarlac for a conference with Aguinaldo regarding the surrender of the Spanish prisoners in the hands of the Filipinos, returned here last night. Chairman Delrio of the commission said the release of all the prisoners had been practically arranged for, but it would be necessary to consult the Spanish government before the agreement could be ratified.

San Francisco had another earthquake shock.

Socialist Demonstration.
Vienna, July 7.—An immense Socialist demonstration occurred last evening in the neighborhood of the town hall against the municipal suffrage bill recently passed. Forty-five persons were placed under arrest, among them the labor leaders, Dr. Adler and Herren Bauman and Bretschneider. The agitation is due to a fear on the part of the Liberals and Socialists that the bill will result in a permanent anti-Semitic majority in the town council.

Nearly Deadlocked.
Washington, July 7.—Ambassador Choate and Lord Salisbury are almost deadlocked over the modus vivendi fixing the Alaskan boundary. Neither side will accept the provision proposed by the other, the Canadians demanding the inclusion of their Porcupine country and the Americans the projection of the boundary line northwesterly from a point two miles above Kluckwan.

Twenty-one buildings burned at Paris, Tenn. Loss \$175,000.

The Dallas District Clinical society met at Dallas and discussed several subjects. Officers for the meeting were elected as follows: Dr. C. W. Simpson, Waxahachie, president; Dr. J. T. Henbrook, Rockwall, first vice president; Dr. C. A. Schultze, Alvarado, second vice president; Dr. J. A. Wolfe, Greenville, third vice president; Dr. J. B. Shelmsie, Dallas, secretary; Dr. J. E. Wilson, Dallas, treasurer.

Bishop Newman of the Methodist Episcopal church died at Saratoga, N. Y.

Yellow Fever at Havana.

Havana, July 7.—Two cases of yellow fever were reported here yesterday. One of the patients is an old Spanish woman who has been in Cuba for two years and with her the disease is in mild form. The other case is that of an American, whose symptoms are still doubtful, although it is believed by Surgeon Major Davis and other officers to be yellow fever. Both cases were discovered in a part of the city but little frequented by Americans. Surgeon Major Davis does not believe there is much danger that the disease will spread. He says that at this time of the year there are always a few cases of the fever. Every effort will be made to prevent its spread.
Gen. Ludlow is satisfied that it is impossible as yet to keep yellow fever out of Havana and especially such districts as that in the southern end of the Ofiteo street.

The health of the troops is remarkably good and makes better showing than at ordinary posts in the United States.

The Columbia Wins.
New York, July 7.—Over a triangular course of thirty miles in comparatively light winds the new Iselin-Morgan yacht Columbia yesterday vanquished the Vanderbilt yacht Defender and convinced the yachtsmen who saw the royal struggle that she is worthy of defending the precious trophy which Sir Thomas Lipton and his merry tars hope to take back with them in the Shamrock next fall. The Columbia's foremast sail and club top sail are anything but perfect and cracked in the wind yesterday like a teamster's whip, demonstrating in a general way she will need a good deal of tuning up. Yet, based upon the showing she made as a better boat than the Defender under adverse conditions, the nautical sharps are strongly convinced that Sir Thomas will sail home without the silver mug, the possession of which has given us the yachting supremacy of the world since 1851.

King Milan's Narrow Escape.
Belgrade, Servia, July 7.—Former King Milan, father of King Alexander of Servia, narrowly escaped assassination here last evening. The would-be murderer is under arrest. He fired four revolver shots, one of which slightly grazed his majesty, another wounding the hand of Adjt. Lukitch, who was with him.

At the time the attack was made, about 6:30, King Milan was driving through Michael street in an open carriage.

The would-be assassin is about 23 years old and has not been identified. On his return to the palace King Milan received the congratulations of the members of the cabinet and the diplomatic corps upon his escape. Later in the evening King Alexander drove through Michael street and was enthusiastically received by the populace.

King Milan was slightly wounded in the neck.

Large Attendance.
Detroit, Mich., July 7.—Both of the great main tents owned by the United Society of Christian Endeavor were used last night for the first time during the eighteenth international convention and both contained their full quota of 10,000 people and as usual, hundreds of others who failed to secure admittance patiently occupied "standing room" all around the outer edges. Many visiting delegates from long distances came in yesterday, swelling the number of stranger delegates. It is believed, beyond the 20,000 mark.

Elegantly Entertained.
Amsterdam, July 7.—Queen Wilhelmina and the queen's mother arrived here yesterday afternoon and amid a great popular demonstration proceeded to the palace. The members of the international peace congress arrived from The Hague at 6:30 p. m. by special train and proceeded from the station directly to the palace, where they were received by the queen, after which they were entertained by a magnificent banquet in the palace.

Probable Governor.
Paris, July 7.—It is regarded as probable that Gen. Faure Biguet will be appointed military governor of Paris, and that Gen. Zurlinden, the present incumbent of that post, will be transferred to the command of an army corps.

At the cabinet council yesterday Gen. Degallifet, minister of war, announced the arrangements for the military review on July 14, which will take place as usual.

Robert Bonner Dead.
New York, July 7.—Robert Bonner, publisher of the New York Ledger, and owner of famous horses, died at his home in this city at 7:40 last night. Mr. Bonner had been ill for some months, but was able to be about until about ten days ago. Death was due to a general breaking down of the system.

The strike of the Texas Brewing company's men at Fort Worth has been settled.

Session Resumed.
Paris, July 7.—The Venezuelan arbitration commission resumed its session yesterday. Sir Richard Webster, the British attorney general, continued his argument in behalf of the case of Great Britain.

Copies of La Lucha, a Spanish newspaper, received at Mobile, Ala., say the will of the late H. B. Plant bequeaths \$500,000 to Gen. Pittsburg Lee, and \$50,000 to Gen. Maximo Gomez.

Situation Delicate.

Washington, July 8.—British-Canadian propositions rejected by the state department:
1. The cessation of Pyramid harbor, at the head of Lynn canal.
2. The cessation of any other port of Lynn canal.
3. The cessation of a strip of territory which would give access to tide water.
4. A free right of way across Alaska to any United States port.
5. The variation of Hay's provisional boundary line so as to include Kluckwan, an Indian village, at the head of canoe navigation leading into Lynn canal.
6. The exclusion of the Porcupine district, with a near approach to navigable water on the British side of the provisional boundary line.
7. The proposition to arbitrate the provisional line precedent to the formation of a modus vivendi pending a permanent solution of the question.

"The situation could not be worse."
This statement was made by a high official of the state department, describing the status of negotiations on the Alaskan boundary.

"The negotiations," he continued, "have been indefinitely postponed, or, to put it otherwise, they have been practically declared off."

These statements were warranted by dispatches received yesterday from Ambassador Choate. As a consequence the situation is now most delicate and acute. Since Lord Salisbury undertook to induce Canada to agree to the provisional boundary line proposed by Secretary Hay.

The relations between Canada and England on the one hand, and England and the other, are as strained as they were between America and England when President Cleveland issued his message on the Venezuela boundary dispute.

Singularly enough, the United States faces an international crisis against the nation presumably most friendly.

The confession on the part of England that she can not bring about an agreement makes it certain that the United States will send a garrison to Pyramid harbor, which is near the head of Lynn canal, and the inflamed condition of public sentiment makes the worst possible.

Mediation and Arbitration.
The Hague, July 8.—The third commission, sitting at the Huis Ten Bosch, discussed the scheme for the mediation and arbitration convention drawn up by the Comte d'Estimén. Many of the delegates have only been acquainted with the proposal since Thursday, and have not had time to consult their governments. Consequently it was decided that when the commission adjourned it would be until Friday, July 14, in order to allow the delegates a week in which to consult their governments and receive final instructions. The scheme is headed "Draft of Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Conflicts." The first part deals with the maintenance of general peace, the second part with arbitration.

Wheeler's Book.
Atlanta, Ga., July 8.—Gen. Joseph Wheeler has written a book on the operations of his cavalry during the civil war, and it will be published for the benefit of the Wheeler cavalry camps throughout the south. At a meeting of Wheeler's cavalry camp A last night & letter was read from the Alabamaian, in which he stated that he had compiled a lot of notes after the war, which had never been printed. He signified his intention of sending \$100 to start the work, and said he would accept no remuneration.

More Unsatisfactory.
London, July 8.—The officials of the foreign office were shown the dispatch from Washington on Thursday saying there was almost a deadlock over the modus vivendi fixing the Alaskan boundary, neither side being willing to fix the provisional line proposed by the other. The officials confirm the contents of the dispatch, acknowledging that the situation is grave, and say the present outlook is more unsatisfactory than at any time since February.

Wants Accept.
New York, July 8.—Says a Washington special:
"If the Democrats of Ohio give me the nomination and my friends ask me to take it, I will accept."
In these words John R. McLean yesterday announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor of Ohio.

It has been obvious for some time that Mr. McLean's friends were working to get for him this nomination.

Re-Elected Officers.
Ashville, N. C., July 8.—Southern Wholesale Grocers' association re-elected the following officers: E. G. Leigh, Jr., of Richmond, president; W. B. Lockett of Knoxville, first vice president; W. F. Vandiver of Montgomery, second vice president.

The directors held a meeting and elected E. E. Hooker of Richmond secretary and John D. Blair also of Richmond, treasurer to succeed themselves.

Disappearing.
Colon, Colombia, July 8.—Yellow fever is gradually disappearing, only four cases being now under treatment at Panama.

Mr. Henry Lefevre, general agent of the Pacific Mail Steamship company, died at Panama yesterday.

The Mutual Life Insurance company of New York, through its president, Richard McCurdy, telegraphed to Gov. Sayers to draw on that company for the sum of \$5000 in aid of the sufferers from Brazos river floods.

Dollar Dinner.

Columbus, O., July 8.—About 1000 people attended the dollar dinner given in honor of W. J. Bryan by the Young Men's Democratic club in the auditorium last night. It was the largest banquet the local Democracy has had since that given in honor of the seventy-seventh birthday of the late Judge Allen G. Thurman in the same hall ten years ago.

The affair was strictly democratic in its simplicity, all classes being represented. There were also a large number of ladies in the assemblage. The floor of the immense hall was almost entirely occupied by the long rows of tables laden with a variety of delicacies.

At the table with Col. Bryann were seated Hon. C. Tallahan and George Fred Williams, Judge Tarvin of Kentucky, Hon. Allen W. Thurman of Columbus, the toastmaster, and a number of others prominent in state politics. The entrance of Col. Bryann was greeted by an outburst of applause, which was renewed when he rose to respond to the toast "Democracy." Col. Bryann said in part:

"I congratulate the club on having declared in emphatic terms that there shall be no retreat from the position taken by the Democratic party in 1896. The Chicago platform applied Jeffersonian principles to the questions then before the country. Every plank in that platform was a Democratic plank and not one plank could be taken from the platform without injury to the party's chances of success. Sometimes we hear a suggestion that the silver plank should be dropped or amended, but as a rule those who threaten to get off the platform are really the persons who were never on the platform. Those who aided in the adoption of the Chicago platform are still true to its principles and a multitude of those who were opposed to it within the last three years.

"The money question is neither dead nor sleeping.

"The trust question is not a new one, and yet it has grown in interest and importance because trusts have grown in number. Attorney General Griggs is reported as saying: 'If anything is done to control the trusts it must be done by the states.' No one who has examined the subject will believe that state legislation is sufficient. The federal government must deal with the trust as soon as its pernicious influence extends beyond the limits of the state in which it is organized. The president, through his attorney general, can enforce the law now in existence. If that law is not sufficient he can recommend laws which are sufficient. If the constitution will not permit the extinguishment of trusts he can recommend an amendment to the constitution conferring upon the federal government ample power to enable the government to destroy the monopoly principle in industry."

His Ambition.
New York, July 8.—A special from Washington says:
Gen. Joe Wheeler will leave the city in a few days, to reach San Francisco in time to sail on the Tartar on July 20. He will not resign his seat in congress. It is understood, even if he remains in the Philippines all next winter.

The president has requested him to remain in congress, and the general will respect the president's wishes. He will do as he did during the last congress in the matter of compensation—draw only the pay attached to his military rank and let his congressional salary remain in the treasury.

Battled a Vice President.
Portland, Ore., July 8.—The National Editorial association elected the following officers: President, I. H. Henry, Jackson, Miss.; first vice president, M. S. Parrott, Waterloo, Ia.; second vice president, B. F. Ballio, Cleburne, Tex.; third vice president, Albert Losier, Portland, Ore.; corresponding secretary, F. M. Page, Jerseyville, Ill.; recording secretary, R. M. White, Mexico, Mo.; treasurer, James G. Gibbs, Norwalk, O. New Orleans was chosen as the place of holding the next convention.

Julian's Demise.
Indianapolis, Ind., July 8.—Ex-Congressman George W. Julian died here yesterday, aged 83 years. In 1859 he was the candidate for vice president on the Free Soil ticket.

A Receiver.
Hartford, Conn., July 8.—Frederick A. Betts of New Haven, ex-insurance commissioner, was yesterday appointed receiver of the National Life Insurance company of Hartford.

A fire and explosion at the residence in Washington of Capt. Dickins of the United States navy resulted in Mrs. Dickins' death.

Another bitter feud is on in Clay county, Kentucky.

Mayor Traylor of Dallas has received a letter from Idaho contractors stating they greatly desire laborers for railroad work.

The man who shot King Milan was a freeman of Belgrade, Servia.

Emma Spears, colored, 25 years old, was murdered at Sherman by having her throat cut from ear to ear. Her husband gave himself up.

A highwayman held Mrs. Burns and daughter up at Houston Wednesday night, and relieved them of three pocketbooks. He got about \$3.

Maj. T. T. Teel, formerly one of the most famous Texas criminal lawyers and a Mexican civil war veteran, died at El Paso.

MILITARY AND NAVAL NOTES.

Fifty-one men enlisted at the Da'les station during June.
Serious insurrections are reported in Corea.
A thousand tons of war material have been forwarded from London to South Africa.

Marquis Ito, a former premier of Japan, says China's partition is only a question of time.

President McKinley has issued orders to hasten the home-coming of the volunteers from Manila.

The military display to have been given at Waco on the 4th was postponed, owing to the flood, until the 18th.

The Daughters of the Confederacy at Tyler are raising funds to erect a monument to the valor and patriotism of the 231 Confederate soldiers buried there.

An effort to improve Jefferson barracks, at St. Louis, is to be made. The improvements will include electric lights, sewer, buildings and drill grounds.

Gen. H. G. Otis of California, who saw much service in the Philippines, says the insurgents have lost about 50 per cent of their forces by death and desertion.

The battery of the Dallas Artillery company will attend the laying of the corner-stone of the Waco auditorium on the 18th.

Private George McCue, general service, Fort Sam Houston, has been transferred to company K, sixth infantry, and will be sent to the station of that company at Manila.

Adj. Gen. Thomas Scurry commissioned L. A. Daffan of Ennis as aid-de-camp on the governor's staff, with the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Texas volunteer guard.

Public schools on the American plan have been opened at Manila. About 5000 pupils have begun the course of instruction. English will be taught one hour per day.

The war department has decided to continue the use of Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa., for the benefit of recruits raised in the east for service in the Philippines.

The Porto Rican commissioners, J. J. Henna and M. Zeno Gandia, have issued in pamphlet form a statement of their grievances over existing conditions in Porto Rico.

The president of the town of Santo Nicolas, in the island of Cebu, said to Mr. Schurman of the Philippine commission: "We want peace, food and prosperity. We do not wish to fight. We would be neutral."

A telegram was received at the Dallas recruiting office from Assistant Adj. Gen. Ward asking the recruiting office to secure as many desirable men as possible for service in the Philippines.

A German paper expresses dissatisfaction with Foreign Minister Von Buelow's Samoan policy of waiting until order is restored before demanding damages for the arrest of Herr Marquard and others and property losses sustained by German citizens.

In the British house of commons the parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Rt. Hon. St. John Broderick, replying to a question, announced that Mr. Hunter, the chief police magistrate of the Fiji Islands, had been appointed British consul at Apia, Samoa, during the absence of Mr. E. B. S. Maxse.

Comte de Castellane, who married Anna Gould, has written a letter to the prince of Monaco sharply criticizing him for his recent letter to Mme. Dreyfus, inviting herself and husband to be the prince's guests after Dreyfus shall have been acquitted.

The duke of Orleans, pretender to the French throne, who is taking the water cure at Marienbad, Bohemia, created a sensation with the first automobile seen there. He got his machine on a sidewalk and ran over an old woman.

Secretary Logg said that he knew nothing of the reported plan to have the North Atlantic squadron under Admiral Sampson meet Admiral Dewey on the Olympia at the Azores and escort him to the United States.

The navy department received a dispatch from Commander Goodrich of the Newark at Valparaiso, saying that the Abrenda sailed from there for Samoa. She carries a steel wharf and sheds in sections to build a coaling station at Pago Pago.

The officers of the North Atlantic squadron understand that Rear Admiral Wm. T. Sampson's plan for the welcome home of Admiral Dewey has been approved by the president, though they have not yet been, it is said, definitely informed to that effect.

Brig. Gen. Theodore Schwan, who has been on duty in the adjutant general's office at Washington arrived at San Francisco en route to Manila. He has been assigned as adjutant general on the staff of Maj. Gen. Otis, and has departed.

The United States transport Hancock sailed from Manila with 740 men of the Nebraska regiment and 250 men of the Utah artillery. About thirty of the Nebraskans and twenty-five of the Utahs remained there, a majority of them re-enlisting.

Capt. J. J. Meyer, United States engineer corps, has arrived at San Diego, Cal., to inspect the work on the East Point fortifications, and expects within ten days to advertise for bids for the construction of the embankments for the five-inch guns.

DIRE DISTRESS

Prevails in the Flooded District and Help Needed.

Aid Asked.

Galveston, Tex., July 5.—Mayor Jones yesterday received the following telegram from Gov. Sayers, asking for the relief of flood sufferers at Brookshire: Austin, Tex., July 4.—Mayor of Galveston, Galveston, Tex.: Am just advised that hundreds of poor people are suffering at Brookshire for want of food. Have no public funds at my disposal. Please call upon the people of Galveston to assist. Communicate with John H. Ferguson, D. J. Parker and W. M. Cooper, Brookshire.

JOSEPH D. SAYERS, Governor. Brookshire, Tex., July 4.—The entire Brazos bottom is inundated. Crops are a total loss.

Many people were caught in the overflow and are appealing for aid. Local aid is doing everything in its power. Many have been rescued with boats.

A large number cannot be reached yet. Austin, Tex., July 4.—The governor received the following telegram yesterday at 12 o'clock:

Brookshire, Tex., July 4.—Gov. Joseph D. Sayers, Austin, Tex.: Hundreds of people here with everything swept by flood. Have not a mouthful of food to eat and no shelter. Unless food is sent at once starvation is inevitable, and we appeal to you as governor of Texas for immediate aid and food.

JOHN H. FERGUSON, D. J. PARKER, W. M. COOPER and others.

The governor immediately replied by wiring the mayors of the cities of Houston, Galveston and San Antonio as above.

Brookshire is a small town in Waller county, on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway, about thirty miles from the city of Houston, and is situated between Houston and Sealy, Tex., and is situated on the Brazos river.

Gloom Fourth.

Calvert, Tex., July 5.—Yesterday was probably the gloomiest Fourth of July in the history of Calvert. At sunrise Old Glory was raised up to the masthead of several flag poles, and a few guns were fired in salute, and there the celebration ended, and the height of the water in the Brazos and guesses at the damage remained the sole topic of conversation.

No accounts of any additional loss of life have come in. A negro who came to town from the Holland plantation reports that he saw four bodies in a drift.

He said there were two men and a woman and baby, all colored. He said the bodies were not recovered.

A correspondent sought conservative estimates on the crop loss. The corn crop that is inundated is given up as a total loss, and will amount to 100,000 bushels. It has been under water now for five days and has fermented until it is offensive to the smell.

Some of the planters express hopes that the cotton will come out from the root and make something of a crop, while others have no idea that it will. If the cotton does not come out the loss will amount to 10,000 bales, or about \$250,000.

These estimates are only on the territory tributary to Calvert lying between the Little Brazos and the main stream.

State Senator Wm. Flannagan was shot and killed at Powhatan Court-house, Virginia, by W. G. Filkerton. The tragedy was the result of a political quarrel.

The dual consecration of Rev. James Blenk as bishop of Porto Rico and Rev. F. de P. Bernada as archbishop of Santiago de Cuba was held at St. Louis cathedral, New Orleans.

Truly Distressing.

Brenham, Tex., July 5.—The flood situation in this section of the country has only changed to present a more distressing phase.

The condition of affairs in the thirty miles of Brazos bottom forming the entire eastern boundary of Washington county, so far as the people are concerned, may be summed up and stated in a word—awful. So far as the condition of the county is concerned, it may be boiled down by the two words—complete destruction.

It is estimated by persons with knowledge of the inundated district that 5000 people in this county alone have not only had every copper cent of their earthly possessions swept away, and are not only reduced to a condition of the most pinching penury, but will actually die of starvation unless assistance is rendered.

One colored woman badly scalded another colored woman at Dallas.

Service Resumed.

Galveston, Tex., July 5.—But little information could be secured here yesterday concerning the flood situation, as the railroad offices were closed all day. A few of the clerks in the passenger and freight departments of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe were on duty, and it was announced during the forenoon to the public and to all connections that the main lines were open clear through, that passenger service would be resumed and that perishable and other freight would be received.

For Flood Sufferers.

Austin, Tex., July 10.—Gov. Sayers is giving his close personal attention to the work of directing the distribution of the money and supplies placed in his hands for the relief of the flood sufferers.

He received many letters Saturday from different points of the inundated district telling of the terrible devastation that had been wrought upon the crops and property and picturing the destitute condition of the people.

As an offset to these appeals for assistance came cash contributions from many Texas cities, towns and individuals.

That the story of the widespread ruin which has received the widest circulation and has aroused the spirit of charity in the breast of many people outside of the state in which the suffering exists is shown by the liberal cash contributions made by people of distant cities.

The noble-hearted people of Texas are showing a disposition of liberality in time of this great calamity that is good to witness.

Nearly every city in the state has raised a fund and supplies for the relief of the sufferers. Many of these are of handsome proportions, and those who unite toward making up the great aggregate will be gratefully remembered by the suffering people.

The following is a complete list of contributions received by the government Saturday:

Mayor of Boston, \$3800; A. V. Tomlin, treasurer of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company of Texas, at Dallas, \$1000; National Enameling and Stamping Company, New York, \$1000; Hamilton-Brown Shoe Company, St. Louis, \$500; B. B. Paddock, mayor of Fort Worth, for citizens, \$500; City National bank, Corsicana, for citizens, \$225; Wm. Cameron & Co., Waco, \$200; A. M. McFadden, Victoria, \$200; A. A. Fielder, mayor of Sherman, for citizens, \$200; A. N. Leitnaker for citizens on line of Austin and Northwestern railroad, \$192.95; R. I. Cox for citizens of Hico, \$120.45; R. H. Brown for citizens of Tyler, \$102; Southern Cotton Oil company, Houston, \$100; Imperial Lumber company, Houston, \$100; W. T. Bailey for citizens of Denton, \$75; James O. B. Colquitt, Terrell, \$12.40; Austin Eureka lodge No. 12, Knights of Pythias colored, \$10; cash at bank at Austin, \$2; citizens of El Paso, \$45; citizens of San Marcos, \$100; James Harrington and J. T. Piper, Hillsboro, \$250.

Monuments Dedicated.

Waco, Tex., July 10.—There was a great gathering here yesterday of Woodmen of the World, the occasion being the dedication of three monuments to deceased brethren, namely, J. S. Mills, S. N. Clark and C. A. Blom. Excursion trains came over all the roads entering Waco bringing Woodmen of over thirty camps and many ladies of the Woodmen circles. The attendance was estimated at 6000. There was a meeting in the city hall, at which short addresses were delivered by C. C. Weaver of Itasca, Judge Parker of Fort Worth and others. There was music by the Fort Worth band.

After the exercises at the city hall the procession formed and marched to Oakwood cemetery, where the monuments were unveiled by J. K. Strecker, council commander of the Waco camp. Sam Clayton of Waco delivered the oration at the dedication.

Surgeon Clendennin died of yellow fever at Santiago de Cuba on the 4th.

Adairs at Angleton.

Angleton, Tex., July 10.—When the news was wired out Saturday night the water was just beginning to cover Front and Velasco streets, and by 6 o'clock it had covered the town, and gradually rose until about 4 o'clock yesterday morning.

Several rescuing parties went to Oyster creek and Bastrop bottom, relieving a great many in a most critical condition. Hundreds of negroes are destitute and are coming to Angleton as fast as rescued.

The water is from eight to fifteen inches deep in many of the business houses.

Lost His Life.

Richmond, Tex., July 10.—Robert Reed of Galveston died from heat and exhaustion while with a boat crew doing rescue work. He was a runner for a laundry of Galveston and a native of Manchester, England, where his mother resides. The body was buried at Galveston.

Conditional Dismissal.

Austin, Tex., July 10.—On Saturday an agreement was signed in this city between Attorney General T. S. Smith, representing the state of Texas, and T. S. Miller, general attorney of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company of Texas, whereby the state agrees to dismiss the forfeiture suit against said company, pending in the fourteenth judicial district court at Dallas, provided defendant corporation completed certain projected extensions. The case, however, will remain docketed until the railway company complies with the conditions.

Action Anticipated.

Austin, Tex., July 10.—The announcement that President George T. Winston of the university had decided to resign his position with that institution created no surprise here. Such action had been looked for for some time, and it is reported that the board of regents have been considering the matter of who should be named as his successor at their last few sessions, as he had acquainted them with his proposed action some time in advance.

Condition Around Richmond.

Richmond, Tex., July 8.—The river failed to fall Thursday night, as was generally expected, and the past thirty-six hours have been filled with thrilling excitement.

Last evening the water was about one inch higher than it had been heretofore.

Thursday night a special train with seventeen boats and about twenty strong, active young men, skilled in their use, came over from Eagle Lake, and after taking on a crowd from this place proceeded about half a mile east of the river and embarked for the plantations under water.

At 7:10 three boats returned with about eighteen men, women and children, who were found on a knoll.

By 11 o'clock about 115 more were rescued and sent over to town. They were all colored. Some of the rescuers had narrow escapes, and a number of boats were overturned and their occupants later taken from the trees.

During the night the town was wild over the report that Dudley Bell, teller and bookkeeper of the bank, and an Eagle Lake companion, had been washed down by the current which was running over the railroad tracks and were carried into the river.

District Clerk Lon A. Hagan and Dr. S. M. Lister were in a boat just behind them, when Bell and his companion lost an oar, but before help could be rendered the boat of Lister and Hagan capsized and flew away into the current. The two men swam to a tree, and by blowing a horn attracted the attention of others and were rescued. Yesterday morning it was reported that Bell and his partner made a landing on a houseboat, and after reaching town at daybreak yesterday again returned to the work of rescue.

This is the current rumor, but no one is to be found who saw them. Dudley Bell is one of the most daring and beloved young men in this county. On account of the intense darkness and the terrible current, it would have been suicidal to have continued the work of rescue at night.

Many startling rumors are in circulation regarding the number drowned and the fate of the rescuers. Besset Blankety and a companion were hurried out of their boat, and clung to a telegraph pole till rescued. Two boats which left Thursday night have not yet returned, but it is hoped they are off in the fields, near some gin or house roof. They were both manly boys visiting rescuers.

The colored people brought in are absolutely destitute, and the adjutant general has sent two state rangers to aid in the distribution of 10,000 rations here.

Telephone messages were received Thursday from Columbus and Welmor, offering help, but the intensity of the situation was not known then and those towns were advised that assistance was not needed, but probably would be soon.

It is needed now, and needed badly.

Rescued Many.

Galveston, Tex., July 8.—Several of those who went out on the first relief train bound for Thompson station have returned.

They went to the bridge, at that time seven feet above the water. There were about five poles of land on each side of the bridge. They found collected there and in the plantation house about eighty people.

They brought out from these two points about seventy people, including old man Collins and his wife, who had taken refuge there from their place on the other side of the river. They reached Duke with the last load at 8 o'clock Thursday night.

An Assault and Arrest.

Terrell, Tex., July 3.—A telephone message was received from Kaufman that a colored man had committed a riminal assault on the 16-year-old daughter of a white man named who lives six miles southeast of Kaufman on a farm, and that the colored man was on the way to Terrell in a buggy driving a gray pony, having his wife with him and carrying a shotgun.

From the brother of the girl the following was learned: His sister lives on the farm with her father and mother. Late Thursday afternoon just before night all of the folks were away from home except the girl, and the colored man charged with the offense who was lame, having hurt his foot several days before while working with a bay rake. The colored man's wife was also at the house. He then told his wife to go down to the cabin in the yard and make him a ponitice for his foot, and as soon as she left he drew a knife on the girl and threatened to kill her if she made any outcry.

She screamed loudly for help and he again offered to kill her, and criminality assaulted her. He was caught.

Provisions Sent.

Houston, Tex., July 8.—Yesterday morning at 9 o'clock a car carrying about 10,000 pounds of food was sent out to Whites Switch and Fulshear where the water is rising or at a standstill.

Mr. G. G. Garrett went out with the car, and it is understood about 400 and 600 people are to be aided from this carload.

The provisions were mainly bacon, molasses and corn, the latter to be ground into meal by Mr. Garrett, who has a mill with which to do it.

Quick and Liberal.

Dallas, Tex., July 7.—Three committees that made a hurried canvass of the business section of this city yesterday afternoon succeeded in obtaining subscriptions for the relief of the south Texas flood sufferers aggregating \$1213.10.

These committees were appointed at a meeting held in the council chamber at the city hall yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and this meeting was held in response to a call issued by Mayor Traylor two hours before.

A Mass of Water.

Richmond, Tex., July 7.—Never in the history of Richmond were such scenes witnessed as are depicted today. Business is practically suspended, and many stores are closed. The courthouse and every available hut, cabin and barn is filled with negro refugees from the flood.

The river stopped rising for an hour or more yesterday morning, and it was hoped that it had reached its highest point, but it soon again commenced to sneak upward, and the whole country is a mass of water.

Money and Rations.

Austin, Tex., July 7.—The following telegraphic correspondence is self-explanatory:

To the secretary of war, war department, Washington: Many thanks for orders given. Can you not let me have 10,000 more rations? If so, wire order to San Antonio. I don't ask them as a gift from the general government, but only as a loan to be paid for when the legislature next convenes. Distress very great. Immediate relief absolutely necessary.

JOSEPH D. SAYERS, Governor of Texas.

Gov. Sayers has received the following telegrams relating to the flood sufferers and his measure for their relief:

Galveston.—Gov. J. D. Sayers, Austin, Tex.: Draw on us for \$500, you to distribute it for the benefit of the distressed sufferers from overflow.

HUTCHINGS, SEALY & CO., Dallas.—Hon. Joseph D. Sayers, Austin, Tex.: Please draw on the Texas Planters' company, 191 Elm street, Dallas, for \$100 to be used as you think best for the flood sufferers.

RUFUS CAGE, President, Beaumont.—Gov. Sayers, Austin: Citizens of Beaumont have contributed money for flood sufferers. Draw on Beaumont Daily Enterprise for \$65.50.

MORT L. BIXLER, San Antonio.—Gov. Sayers, Austin: Orders from Washington direct me to turn over to you 10,000 rations for flood sufferers. At what point do you want them delivered?

CROWELL, Commanding, Galveston, Tex., July 6.—Hon. J. D. Sayer, governor, Austin: The communities known to us as needing assistance are Navasota, Calvert, Bryan, Hearne, Brenham, Sealy, Wallis, Richmond, Rosenberg, Thompson, Duke, Arcola, Fulshear, Chenango, Columbia, Velasco and Brazoria. About 1000 rations should be shipped to Thompson and Fulshear and a large supply to Brookshire. All available small boats here, government and private, are being sent to Thompson, the present terminus of the Santa Fe, by way of Houston to Richmond. The revenue cutter Galveston leaves this afternoon for Velasco with small boats.

In addition to the above telegrams Litcher & Moore Lumber company of Orange made a \$100 contribution last evening, as did ex-Gov. Hogg, who is in New York, and wired \$100.

The governor also received a telegram from the war department stating that the commanding officer at Fort Sam Houston had been ordered to furnish 10,000 additional rations in compliance with the governor's request.

The governor immediately wired the commander of Fort Sam Houston to have the 20,000 rations loaded.

Baldy Needed. Sealy, Tex., July 7.—At 8 p. m. last night the river had fallen about an inch and a half in the preceding twenty-four hours.

About seventy-five more negroes have taken refuge on the little mound near San Felipe, making a total of 500 people huddled on a spot four acres in area. They are wholly destitute.

An appeal has been made through Congressman Hawley to the national government for aid.

Clothing, bacon and cornmeal are badly needed.

The transport McClellan, with three yellow fever cases, was detained at quarantine below New York. She is from Santiago.

An Indianian is at Fort Worth, endeavoring to establish a shoe factory there that will employ 100 persons.

Twenty-Four Drowned. Calvert, Tex., July 7.—The following is as complete a list as can be obtained of the drowned in the country. It has been gotten from the various officers in the different towns by telephone:

T. S. Dawson, white, body not recovered. Joe White, white, body not recovered. Joe White's two sons, bodies not recovered.

Two unknown men, white, bodies not recovered. Mart Turner, colored, body recovered. Dave White, colored, body recovered.

Tom Tyson, colored, body recovered. Rosana Brown, colored, body recovered. Lulla Chop, Chinese, body recovered. Two children of Tom Dallas, colored, bodies recovered.

Four men on Tom Anderson's farm, colored, bodies not recovered. Five men, below Hearne, colored, bodies not recovered. Iley Norcross, colored, body recovered.

The immense corn crop that is assured this season in Navarro county has created a great demand for hogs among the farmers, who claim there will be more money in the raising of swine than in disposing of the corn at low prices.

Last year H. C. Buchanan, who runs a thrasher around Caddo Mills, Hunt county, threshed 3000 bushels of wheat and 39,000 bushels of oats. This year, in the same territory, he will thresh 15,000 bushels of wheat and 60,000 bushels of oats.

D. S. Ivins, living three miles from McKinney, raised a turnip this season that weighed 7 1/2 pounds and measures around the largest part 27 1/2 inches. So far as known this is the largest turnip raised in Collin county, though there have been several nearly as large.

A Dallas horticulturist exhibited in that city a few days ago a limb fourteen inches long well filled with Japanese plums. Each plum was about one and a quarter inches in diameter. They were of the yellow variety and juicy and delicious.

PASTURE AND FARM.

New oats sold at Bonham for 19 cents.

L. C. Beverly of Clarendon sold 1300 head of 2-year-olds at \$30.

Melons in great number are being shipped from Henderson.

The apple crop in the Pecos valley is expected to be large.

Watermelons rolled into Corsicana last week at a lively rate.

The wheat crop of Oklahoma this year is estimated at 20,000,000 bushels.

Corn around Round Top, Fayette county, is reported not so good as last year.

Some high grade young pigs were recently sold at Corsicana at \$10 per head.

The Hill County Cotton Producers' union held an interesting meeting at Hillsboro.

The Camp County Truck Growers' association are shipping cantaloupes in carload lots.

The melon crop of Harrison county this year is the largest ever grown in that county.

Eighteen carloads of melons is what the Texas Midland pulled out of Ennis in one week.

Five carloads of sheep were shipped by J. R. Hamilton of San Angelo to Kansas City.

E. P. Bomar of Gainesville has sold the 320-acre Hill farm to Thornton Gorham for \$8000.

Business men and farmers in the Indian Territory are jubilant over the flattering crop prospects.

Watermelon shipments have about been closed at Beville. Plenty of the melons are still here, but the price is too low to pay to handle them.

Stockmen of Sundance, S. D., at a recent meeting decided to pay a bounty of \$7 a head on every wolf killed on a designated territory contiguous to Sundance.

The Fruit and Vegetable Growers' association of Henderson met at the courthouse there. C. C. Doyle was elected president and D. F. Spivy secretary.

Charles Sharp, who has been buying cattle for some time at Fort Worth for a northern firm, has gone to Wichita, Kan., where he will buy for the same parties.

Mr. H. P. Self of Price's chapel, Johnson county, exhibited a bunch of stock peas at Cleburne raised on his place, the largest one of which measured two feet in length.

Waxahachie dealers are having great success in buying large mules for shipment. It is more than likely that many of these animals will do service with Uncle Sam's army in the Philippines.

W. G. Hamilton, manager of the Roswell, N. M., Land and Water company, has sold to the Roswell Sheep company 2120 acres of land in the valley of the Pecos river and nearly due east of Roswell. The land is to be fenced and artesian wells drilled.

A convention of the commissioners of agriculture from the cotton growing states will be held, unless the present arrangements are abandoned, in New Orleans on or about Sept. 1. The cotton question will be thoroughly discussed. A large attendance is expected.

Crop prospects of Tom Green county and surrounding counties will this year equal those of the favored agricultural sections of Texas. Alfalfa and Johnson grass, cut five times a year, have already been harvested for the second time this season.

In the great cattle pastures along the South Canadian river in Cleveland and Pottawatomie counties, Oklahoma, and across the line in the Chickasaw nation files are swarming on the cattle as never before known. Dead cattle are found daily in every herd literally worried to death by hordes of small flies, which sting like bees.

"We are just beginning in the potato industry this season," writes a Lamar county farmer. "Next year there will not be less than 100 cars shipped from our station, Arthur City, in the 'Frisco. We have the Red river rich, red, loamy soil, which is well adapted to potatoes."

Navarro claims to have raised this year the largest wheat and oat crop ever grown in that county.

The quality of the Alamo nutmeg melon raised around Webster, League City and Dickinson has proved of such a high degree of excellence that buyers are paying this season 60 cents per crate. Last year they paid 40 cents—quite an increase.

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TEXAS AND TEXANS.

Several prisoners broke jail at New Braunfels.

A barbers' union has been organized at McKinney.

The July term of the United States district court opened at Austin on the 3d, Judge Maxey presiding.

The Austin dam was not injured by the recent Colorado river freshet.

According to Supt. Bishop the scholastic population of Dallas city and county is 15,624.

The board of equalization of Hunt county has raised the assessments of all railroads running into that county.

The 2-year-old daughter of Mrs. J. L. Adams fell in a tub of hot water near Terrell and died from the scalding.

The residence of G. P. Wilcox at Midlothian, Ellis county, valued at \$1200, was burned. The household goods were saved.

The residence of John Underwood at Dublin, together with his household goods, burned. It was valued at \$2000 and insured for \$1300.

Ralph Jefferson, Frederick W. Moore and George C. Crutcheff of Texas were reappointed for one year as special examiners in the pension office.

George Lawrence, a young farmer living nine miles southeast of Mount Vernon, shot himself in the stomach with a target rifle. He died instantly.

Mr. J. E. Light, who has represented the Wells-Fargo Express company at Waxahachie many years, has resigned. Mr. J. G. Wells of Paris, Mo., is his successor.

The Sherman, Shreveport and Southern Railway company paid the controller \$99.25 tax on \$925.74 of passenger earnings for the quarter ending June 30.

A mad dog bit a calf near Seagoville, Dallas county. The calf was stricken with hydrophobia, foamed at the mouth and ran around bellowing, finally dying.

A little daughter of Mr. C. A. Langford of East Sherman was in a precarious condition several hours on account of a snake bite on the left foot. She recovered.

The governor appointed Samuel E. Hudson of Austin a member of the board of managers of the state lunatic asylum at Austin, vice Judge T. B. Cochran, resigned.

A brass band has been organized at Greenville. The personnel includes some of the members of the old fifth regiment band that attracted so much attention at Boston, Mass., in 1896.

Col. L. W. Middlebrook, mayor of Columbus, died at that city of dropsy. He twice represented his county in the legislature, was a penitentiary inspector and enjoyed a large state acquaintance.

W. H. Staley has applied to the city council of Corsicana for a franchise to establish and operate in the city a gas plant. It is understood that the purpose is to utilize the large amount of natural gas in the oil field.

At Greenville an empty whisky barrel in Rosenberg's grocery exploded with a report like a gun. The gas in the barrel caught from a burning match and blew the barrel up to the ceiling, breaking out one end of it, but did no other damage.

The contract for laying 6665 feet of water mains at Sherman has been let. Another deep well is to be put down at the waterworks pumping station and a reservoir sixty feet in diameter and fifteen feet deep is to be built.

At the Concho Valley association meeting, which will be held at the Baptist church in San Angelo, July 27, 28 and 29, there will be a general missionary rally. Prominent men from abroad are expected.

The case of the state of Texas vs. Mrs. Carrie Holmes, in which Mrs. Holmes is indicted for poisoning her husband with arsenic, transferred to Brownwood from Coleman county, was called by Hon. J. O. Woodward and continued on motion of the state.

An organization to be known as the Fort Worth Real Estate association was organized in that city restricting its membership to real estate agents and dealers. Its object is for the promotion of social and fraternal feelings among its members and to advance the welfare and business of the real estate dealers and agents.

At a congregational meeting the Presbyterians of McKinney raised \$1828 towards liquidating the remaining indebtedness on their new church, now nearing completion. The entire cost of the beautiful new church will be about \$12,000.

Secretary of State Hardy refused to file a charter submitted by parties living in Paris, Tex., in which it is proposed to do a milling business at Ardmore. I. T. Mr. Hardy held that the laws of Texas did not provide for the filing of such charters.

A large painting, "Battle of Manila," has been awarded to Miss Alice Hanks at Abilene as the most popular young lady by a voting contest lasting through several weeks. Miss Hanks is a niece and foster child of Rev. R. T. Hanks.

In the election held at Athens for the purpose of determining whether or not that school district should levy a tax and issue bonds for the purpose of erecting a public school building, the result was: For the tax 134, against the tax 43.

John Lynch, a brakeman, secured \$3000 damages in the district court at Laredo against the Rio Grande and Eagle

WONDERS OF THE AMAZON.

Some Valuable Results of the Wilmington's Visit.—Captain Todd's Description of the Wonderful Waterway.

Brazil and the United States are now exchanging diplomatic notes as a result of the temerity of the little gunboat Wilmington in making her wonderful voyage up the Amazon river and well nigh across the whole continent of South America. But for want of coal the tiny little craft could have gone right up to the very foot of the mighty Andes and figuratively speaking have carried the stars and stripes within a stone's throw of the Pacific coast.

While the government of Brazil is friendly enough to the United States, the people of that portion of it which is not in sympathy with the present Brazilian regime is raising a pretty do over the intrusive conduct of the American government in sending one of its men of war into the interior of a sister republic uninvited. And the United States is angry because of the insults offered the Wilmington by the governor of the Amazonas province, who deliberately risked the safety of an American naval vessel by refusing to supply her with pilots, and who promptly punished the two pilots that did navigate the little ship beyond Manaus because of that service. Both governments are dealing with the question in a conciliatory spirit, and it is confidently expected that Brazil will disavow any unfriendliness, and, as a token of friendship, remove the offending governor.

This is one of the results of the Wilmington's visit. The others are more agreeable and of interest to the world at large. Official reports have been received at the navy department from Commander Todd which deal with his cruise of 2,100 miles up the Amazon

of this government and carried our flag on a man-of-war right up to the back doors of three of South America's most influential republics and awakened a very kindly interest in two of them among the people themselves, aside from their governments, which were also friendly in their intercourse. So great is the benefit to commerce expected from the little ship's trip that the navy department is taking measures to publish the results of Capt. Todd's hydrographic observations. By his direction Lieut. F. S. Crater, the navigating officer of the ship, devoted his entire attention during the run each day to taking full hydrographic notes. This precluded his assignment to watch at night, and it was necessary for Capt. Todd and the executive officer, assisted by the two junior watch officers, to keep the lookout through the night. A careful watch was especially necessary at the time because of the large quantities of driftwood brought down by the currents of the river during the season now in progress, making navigation rather a ticklish matter with the propellers to be guarded against injury.

The Wilmington started on her cruise inland on the 19th of March, on which day she left Para. Upon the arrival of the gunboat at Para, the officers and men had been received with the greatest courtesy and were treated with cordial consideration, but when it was learned that the ship was going on a cruise up the river the cordiality changed—much to the surprise of the officers on board. Jealousy of any attempt to develop the commerce of the up-country ports was the

miles of which the land above high water was thickly populated.

From the Amazon the Wilmington passed into the Marañon river, upon which Yquitos is located. Capt. Todd found not less than seven fathoms of water in this stream. Comparatively little drift was encountered in the Marañon, only grasses and light pieces of wood being observed. The banks of the Marañon, when the land is high enough above high water, are much more thickly settled than in the lower rivers, and the character of the people changes from Portuguese and Brazilian Indians to Peruvians and Peruvian Indians. It is also observed that cattle ranches, where cattle and sheep are raised, were much more numerous than down below Manaus. Capt. Todd states that one of the first needs of the Amazon valley is meat food and the upper regions seem better suited to meet the demand than the countries below. The city of Manaus is often without beef for a couple of weeks at a time, an unprecedented rise of the river invariably destroying vast numbers of cattle. The city of Para, with 150,000 inhabitants, is fed by cattle brought from Argentina, 4,000 miles away. There is well nigh an equal scarcity of vegetables in the valley and even though Peru is said to be the origin of our white potato, still they are imported and carried as far up the Marañon as Yquitos and from there perhaps distributed farther.

The Wilmington remained at Yquitos three days, being hospitably received by the Peruvian officials, and then began her return trip, adding the white to the collection of animals on board. At Manaus the pilots were discharged, and no sooner were they landed than the governor of the province recalled their licenses simply because of their faithful service to us. The governor also declined to furnish the ship with pilots for the Madeira river, which Capt. Todd also purposed exploring as far as San Antonio. Unable to procure the needed assistants, Capt. Todd carried the ship straight down to Para.

FOR WOMEN AND HOME

ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR MAIDS AND MATRONS.

Is Blushing a Disease?—Singular Theory of a French Expert Who Has Made a Study of Blushes—Some Pen Pictures of the Fashions.

Annie in the Graveyard.
She bounded o'er the graves,
With a buoyant step of mirth;
She bounded o'er the graves,
Where the weeping willow waves,
Like a creature not of earth.

Her hair was blown aside,
And her eyes were glittering bright;
Her hair was blown aside,
And her little hands spread wide,
With an innocent delight.

She spelt the lettered word
That registers the dead;
She spelt the lettered word,
And her busy thoughts were stirred
With pleasure as she read.

She stopped and culled a leaf
Left fluttering on a rose;
She stopped and culled a leaf,
Sweet monument of grief,
That in our churchyard grows.

She culled it with a smile—
'Twas near her sister's mound;
She culled it with a smile,
And played with it awhile,
Then scattered it around.

I did not chill her heart,
Nor turn its gush to tears;
I did not chill her heart—
Oh, bitter drops will start
Full soon in coming years.

Is Blushing a Disease?

The general idea that blushing is due to fullness of blood in the brain is incorrect, according to the new theory of a French expert. It arises from the relaxation of the arteries of the face, neck and breast, thus allowing an extra quantity of blood to rush to the skin. These arteries have in their walls a layer of rings of muscular fiber, which contract or relax according to the condition of the patient, and so permit the arteries to become more or less full of blood. When they are extra full, which occurs in weakness, the patient blushes.

Blushers are more liable to redden in damp or stormy weather than in cold days of winter or the hot days of summer. If this glowing of the face were the result of emotion, why this difference? If it be due to weakness the fact assumes the appearance of probability.

There are two closely allied causes of blushing. One is named "erythrophobia," that is the ordinary cause—weakness and the extreme sensitiveness and other conditions caused by it. The other is designated "erythrophobia," and is the fear that one will blush unconsciously at awkward moments.

The latter is a peculiar form of the disease. The individual in question, although not given to blushing, becomes gradually possessed with a fear that he will do so at some inopportune time, and this fear grows upon him until it completely masters him and makes him grow red in the face when there is not the slightest reason for it. At the most simple question the color rises and he is placed in the most awkward situation. He is looked upon with suspicion, because other people accept his confusion as consciousness of guilt; he recognizes the fact and, of course, his condition grows worse. Weakness is responsible in this case also for the deplorable state of things, for when the sufferer is taken in hand and gets "braced up," he smiles at his former fears.

It must be a very strong emotion that causes a flush to come to the face of a really healthy man or woman. Whatever they may feel they will not show it any more than they will show fear when confronted by great danger.

Revenge of a Countess.
A tragic story of feminine revenge comes from Vienna. The Count and Countess Napodano lived happily together until the count fell in love with the daughter of the local doctor, Countess.

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FETCHING MUSLIN FROCK.



is of plain pink muslin. Black velvet ribbons in groups of three form the garniture. The quaint hat is of black tulle on wires, with huge bows and strings of pale pink tulle.

COOKING SCHOOL.

Cream Sponge Cake.
Beat the yolks of seven eggs very light; add one-half cup fine granulated sugar. Beat the whites of ten eggs to a stiff froth, and beat in lightly one cup sugar. Add the yolks and sugar, the juice and rind of one lemon and three tablespoons cream. Mix one teaspoon cream of tartar with one cup of flour, cut this lightly into the eggs and sugar and, last, add one-half teaspoon of aqua ammonia and turn at once into the pan. Line the tin with buttered paper on sides; also shake flour over the butter; shake off what does not adhere. Ammonia must go in last, for it is so volatile that if added earlier it is lost.

Timbale Casserole.
Mix three-fourths cup flour, one-half teaspoon salt. Add gradually one-half cup milk and one egg beaten slightly, and one tablespoon olive oil or melted butter. Let batter stand one hour. If the batter is too thick the cases will be soft, so add a trifle more milk. Put fat in small, deep pan and heat in small bowl or cup. When fat is hot put the timbale iron in and let it stand from six to ten minutes. If hot enough the batter will cling to iron when put in. Lower only two-thirds in depth. If batter drops off, iron is too cold. Drain and fill with creamed chicken, veal, lobster or sweetbreads.

Sweetbreads with Ham Garnish.
Cook a pair of large sweetbreads 20 minutes in boiling salted water. Plunge into cold water, trim, wipe, roll in fine salted bread crumbs, dip in beaten egg, roll in crumbs again and fry in deep, hot fat. Drain and serve a la Modena. Cut into strips the size of matches part of the breast of a roasted chicken, some lean cold boiled ham and cooked spaghetti—about a cup of each. Keep them hot in a steamer until the sauce is ready.

Cheese Straws.
Chop one heaped tablespoon butter into one cup flour, mix in one saltspoon paprika and one cup grated cheese. Wet with ice water to a stiff paste. Roll out very thin, cut with pastry jagger into strips one-fourth inch wide by six inches long. Lay them apart on a wet baking pan, bake in quick oven a delicate brown. Sprinkle with fine salt, pile log cabin form and serve with salad.

Boiled Iceing.
Boil one-third cup boiling water and one cup of granulated sugar without stirring until the sirup will thread from the end of a skewer. Have ready the white of one egg beaten stiff, pour the sirup on gradually, beating at the same time; add two teaspoons lemon juice, and beat until stiff enough to spread with a broad knife.

Tutti Frutti for Tarts.
Take equal parts of stoned cherries, currants, red raspberries and large gooseberries. Mash the currants, squeeze out the juice and use that to dissolve the sugar. Allow one pound of sugar to each pound of fruit. Mix and boil until thick like jam. Delicious for tarts.

Cucumber Salad.
Pare two cucumbers, cut lengthwise into quarters and cut off the edge containing the seeds if they are large; then chop fine and squeeze through cheesecloth quite dry. Season with salt, paprika and vinegar, and stir in one-half cup thick cream, whipped stiff.

OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

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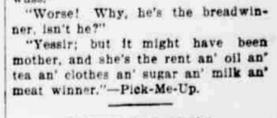
Up-to-Date Nursery Rhyme.
Hush-a-by, baby, and leave all to me;
That you're well married, mamma will see.
Sleep then in peace, for my baby girl
Shall some day wed a lord, duke or earl.

Rare pearls and diamonds for bosom and ear,
An income from papa of a million a year;
All these shall be yours, without a doubt,
So slumber in peace while mamma looks out.

—Chicago Daily News.

Might Have Been Worse.
"Father ill and can't work! Tut, tut! That's a very serious matter for all of you, my little man."
"Yes, sir, but it might have been worse."
"Worse! Why, he's the breadwinner, isn't he?"
"Yes, sir; but it might have been mother, and she's the rent an' oil an' tea an' clothes an' sugar an' milk an' meat winner."—Pick-Me-Up.

Exchange of Courtesies.



Prison Warden (to prisoner on his discharge)—And now I hope that you'll lead a respectable life and become a useful member of society.

Discharged Convict—Thank you, sir; I wish the same to you!—Unsere Gesellschaft.

Tell Us Why.

We see the felder on the plot
Catch every whizzing ball;
High ball, low ball, grounder, hot,
He'll catch 'em one and all.

But then it's strange, we do declare,
This self-same catching star,
Will chase himself full half a square
And fail to catch a car.

—Chicago News.

Then You Do Know.

Mrs. Youngusband—You never really know a man until you are married to him.

Mrs. Muchwed—You don't then; you never really know a man until you are divorced from him and your friends come round and tell you lots of things you never even suspected.—Leslie's Weekly.

A Scheme Worth Trying.

"Yes," said the florid lady, "I made my will several years ago, and it was one of the wisest things I ever did."

"Why?" the meek-looking woman asked. "Do you expect to drop off suddenly?"

"No, but it's such a satisfaction to go and change it whenever I get mad at any of my heirs."—Chicago Times-Herald.

He Knew.

"Freddie, do you know what the Bible says about a lie?" asked his mother with feigned severity.

"Yeth, ma'am," lisped Freddie, "a lie is an abomination unto the Lord and a very refuge in time of trouble."—Kansas City Star.

Now She Is Mrs.

Mr. Singleton—Miss Willing—er—Nellie—you don't care if I drop the 'Miss' and call you Nellie, do you?

Miss Willing—No, indeed! Why, only yesterday I remarked to mamma that I was getting awfully tired of being called 'Miss'.

One on the Teacher.



"Why, Fritz, what has made your cheek swell up so?"

"Teacher cuffed me!"

"But you look as if you were actually pleased over it."

"O, teacher sprained his wrist doing it, and had to dismiss the school!"—Unsere Gesellschaft.

Took the Same.

Lawyer—You say that you were in the saloon at the time of the assault referred to in the complaint.

Witness—I was, sir.

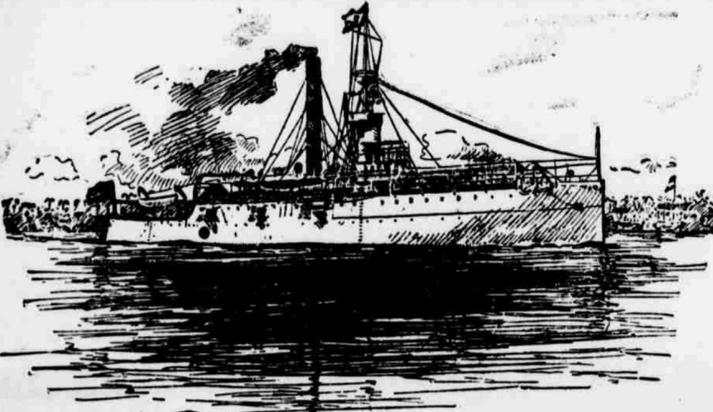
Lawyer—Did you take cognizance of the barkeeper at the time?

Witness—I don't know what he called it, but I took what the rest did.—Boston Courier.

In 1901.

She—What was the result of to-day's ball game?

He—The Chicago goose-eggs the Howlites, the Manilas won from the Brooklyn in the thirteenth, and the Pittsburgh beat the Santiago 17 to 5.



THE GUNBOAT WILMINGTON.

and its tributaries. They describe this wonderful waterway, the superior in many respects of the Mississippi, which constitutes the only practical commercial route into the very heart of South America.

Some comparative figures will show more plainly what this great system of water courses really is:

River.	Length in Av. discharge.	Length of nav. statute mi. cu. ft. per sec. families
Mississippi	4,300	75,000
La Plata	2,400	700,000
St. Lawrence	2,200	1,000,000
Nile	3,370	61,500
Volga	2,325	254,000
Danube	1,735	206,900
Amazon	4,415	2,400,000

If South America should develop like the United States, one can readily see to what immense advantage this great natural waterway might be turned. The character of the channel of the river banks being precipitous, while the bottom is generally flat and free from obstructions. The Amazon carries with it only the light clay sediment which forms the soil of the whole valley, and the inducement for the main stream to alter its course is, therefore, very small, and long straight reaches are the result. Under these circumstances the largest vessels can ascend the river nearly to the foot of the Andes, but the constantly changing sand banks at the mouth of the Amazon proper make this approach of the river dangerous, and the State of Para is, for obvious reasons, not over-anxious to have the deep channel properly buoyed or surveyed. This forces all the shipping to enter the Para river and to pass the narrows if the Amazon is the goal of the journey. In doing the latter the choice for large ships lies between one of the channels with a bar where it joins the Tapiruru, and a furo (a channel) which has plenty of water, but which winds about in a serpentine fashion navigable only for ships having twin screws, if to go unassisted. With proper markings, just as we have to observe on our own Mississippi, and with competent pilots, it is possible, says Capt. Todd, to take a ship like our Oregon up as high as the little Wilmington went, but for selfish purposes, already explained and acted upon by the governor of Amazonas, it is not the desire of the local authorities to let foreigners reach the markets directly farther up the river.

What more direct commercial intercourse may work is a matter for speculation, but Capt. Todd's reports show how the town of Manaus has undergone a material change through the influence of better means of rapid transport, cable communication and the widened application of electricity. Capt. Todd carried the Wilmington quite up to Yquitos, 500 miles as the crow flies from the Pacific ocean side of the continent, and but for lacking coal he would have carried Old Glory 600 miles further westward. As it was, however, he served the purpose

reason and we have seen how it culminated at Manaus. There, however, notwithstanding the governor's obstinacy, Capt. Todd succeeded in obtaining two experienced men from an Italian vessel, just arrived, and away he went triumphantly.

No charts exist of the waters between Manaus and Yquitos. At Manaus Capt. Todd secured some rough plans showing the tracks of steamers, but they contained no hydrographic information and were soon found to be valueless. Capt. Todd says that charts issued three months after being made are of little value in many portions of these waters, owing to the very rapid changes in the channels, caused by the swift currents of such a body of water, assisted by immense confluents pouring in to them from both sides. He concludes, therefore, that for general information at the present time the hydrographic notes taken and the corrected plans sent to the navy department will prove of little permanent value to navigation.

A clever little instrument called a submarine sentinel was used for continuous soundings. The principle is enough for the general reader. A wire sounding line is used, the length, of course, varying with the depth. To this a concave bit of wood, like a trough without ends, is fastened by two pieces of twine kite fashion. The bit of wood has an iron shoe or bottom piece, and the whole affair is dragged along in an upright position. As soon as the shoe of the wooden sentinel strikes the bottom, the wooden part is released and at once comes to the surface, showing that the bottom has shallowed to the limit arbitrarily established. Soundings with the hand lead are then begun and continued till deep water is again reached. The saving of time effected by the use of the sentinel is very great.

The Wilmington left Manaus for the upper river on April 8 and arrived at Yquitos on the 18th, running day and night and stopping only twice, first to procure fresh meat for the ship's company and again to procure green stuff for the living animals aboard, all of which, representing the fauna of Brazil, will be forwarded to the Zoological Park in Washington city.

As might have been expected in so tropical a climate, vegetation was luxuriant from Para to Manaus and from Manaus up. The double awnings on the Wilmington made life tolerable on the ship and enabled the crew to sleep out without being exposed to the heavy dews which in that climate amount practically to rains.

The general character of the river from Manaus to Yquitos is practically the same as that from Para to Manaus. For the first five hundred miles above Manaus but few people were settled along the banks, but from that point onward the number gradually increased toward Tapatinga, within 80

and it is said the ship represented something like a circus ship when she arrived at that port. With monkeys, parrots, screaming macaws and noisy cockatoos, not to mention llamas, goats and other large animals capable of occasional racket, it is safe to say the vessel was the queerest man-of-war that ever touched at any port and certainly the most unique, for the time being, of any of our active list today.

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TERRITORY TOPICS

Interesting Matters in Regard to People and Other Things.

OKLAHOMA AND INDIAN TERRITORY

Twins are all the rage in Greer county this season.

The celebrations were a success all over the territories.

They arrest for profanity in some parts of Oklahoma. Leading statesmen avoid these sections.

If there is an idle man in Oklahoma at present it is a case of voluntary loafing. There is work enough for all.

There has been a great deal of discussion among the business men of the Indian territory and foreign capitalists regarding the Curtis bill, which went into effect on the 25th day of June, 1898.

From April 1 to June 26 the number of homestead entries filed in the Woodward land office was 248. Many of the new settlers are from Kansas, Iowa, and Illinois; the most of the land taken was in Woodward county.

Chinchbugs left Grant county wheat fields as soon as the wheat was cut and tackled the corn. Joel Reger, near Hawley, scattered infected bugs in his cornfield, and says that the infection is killing all the bugs in his field.

The rats have been disturbed so often in the Oklahoma towns by the removal of old buildings that they are disgusted and are migrating. They are headed north, and can be seen along the country roads in great numbers, it is said.

John Fox of Canadian county, has stocked his farm with one hundred sheep. He thinks sheep raising is one of the most promising industries of Oklahoma. He says that he has sold yearling sheep at a profit of 200 per cent on the investment.

John Long, who has been successful in raising and maturing potatoes in Oklahoma, says the way to do it is as follows: Chop the vines off as quick as you see that they are quit growing. Take a turning plow and throw dirt on potato ridges and let them remain until cold weather.

Early plowing is held by the majority of farmers to be the best thing for wheat, as proved by the present crop. Already in Oklahoma county plows are turning over the ground where wheat was standing two weeks ago. A great many farmers are plowing their wheat fields as soon as they can get at them.

Attorney Johnson, of the Chickasaw nation, has received a report from the different points in the southern district. Among other things the reports show that there are 650 felony cases on the docket to be tried at the fall term. This may be considered small, but there have been over 500 criminal cases disposed of during the spring terms of the federal courts, which accounts for the light number of cases.

Colonel Bird Harris, a prominent Cherokee Indian, has a pair of beads which he recently discovered while excavating one of the numerous Indian mounds that dot the Arkansas valley. One of the beads is of an emerald hue, and the other a topaz. Both are about the size of a common marble, and each is perforated. Col. Harris is of the opinion that the beads are of great antiquity. He wears them on his watch chain, and they are quite a curiosity.

One of the new towns on the Hutchinson Southern is to be called Virginia, after the native state of the owner of the townsite. It is located southeast of Blackwell.

A party of linemen under the direction of W. C. Shull, superintendent of construction for the Muskogee National Telephone company, have begun to string the wires on the line between Muskogee and Eufaula. The company's lines now extend to Bacone, Wybank, Wagoner, Fort Gibson and Tahlequah.

The farmers of Oklahoma are borrowing heavily for improvements, the wheat crop having been harvested. In Woods county alone in the last fifty days, as shown by the records of the register of deeds, \$175,000 in loans have been placed.

The Baptist church of the United States has decided to erect and maintain a college in the territory of Oklahoma. A number of the territorial towns will endeavor to secure the location of the college. Much interest is being taken in this matter.

When the time comes to open the Comanche country to settlement the government will try a new method of opening, in an attempt to do away with the old scramble.

Dan Widmore, the newly appointed game warden for the territory, is making up a list of deputy wardens for the various counties. It is his purpose to exact a strict enforcement of the law, and to that end he desires persons who wish to aid in protecting the game and fish to send in their names.

Residents along the Caney Valley line want the Missouri Pacific to extend the road south through the Osage country and Oklahoma. It would open up a section which needs railroad facilities.

At Okarche the first new wheat bought was raised by George Rose. It tested 59 1/2 pounds and sold for 60 cents. During the last year, that is, from July 1, 1898, 450,000 bu. of wheat have been shipped from Okarche. This year the crop is said to be much larger.

Lincoln county has a town named Manila.

Cleveland county buyers are now paying fifty-five cents per bushel for wheat.

Cleveland county wheat is averaging twenty-two bushels an acre and grades No. 2.

Edward Davis, of Crawford county, raised a head of oats that was eighteen inches long.

The corn will soon be made. Two more rains and the farmers will begin to see daylight.

Bank Commissioner John M. Fugh has called for a statement of Oklahoma banks at the close of business on June 27.

The feeling for Gates, the millionaire Chicago man, who came into the territory and threw money around liberally in order to get Jester transferred to Missouri, is not very kindly in Oklahoma.

The tiny black flies which annoy cattle are usually thick this year and are losing flesh from constantly being irritated by the insects, so that they are unable to graze as much as they should.

Colonel Eldred has turned loose a lot of infected chinch bugs on his farm in Woods county, and the bugs are spreading their disease and clearing the fields of the pest. More farmers will follow the example set by Mr. Eldred.

The Lawrence, Kans., Journal says: The Santa Fe has issued a little book with the title, "The Truth About Oklahoma." The book ought to be warmly welcomed. Heretofore the things we have read about Oklahoma have been mostly the other thing.

There is some talk that the farmers of Logan county will positively refuse to pay next year's taxes until the valuation is reduced to a reasonable limit, or to the rate returned by the assessors before the commissioners compelled the raise. An organization among the taxpayers of this kind would no doubt mean much, and the producers are undoubtedly justified in looking into the matter of self-protection.

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Foreign Relations.

New York, July 6.—In to-day's issue of the Independent appears various articles upon the foreign relations of the United States and expansion.

Senator John T. Morgan of Alabama writes: "Those who lament and decry the conduct of our government in dealing with the Philippines as being violative of our constitution are too late to accomplish much else than echo the appeals of Aguinaldo that we do not destroy our own government to save the Filipinos from the fatal power of his dictatorship. It is not for us to nor is the way obscure, to find in the constitution of the United States power given to congress to do what was done in Louisiana and Hawaii, and what our self-respect compels us to do in the Philippines. The flag we have planted on the Philippines is consecrated to the same liberties it shelters on the capitol at Washington."

Congressman Hitt, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, writes: "There are some who say that the lust for military glory has been the cause of the downfall of all the republics of the past, but that is not true. The past had few or no republics, certainly not any at all comparable to the United States, a republic organized on the principle of representative government by all. We're making precedents. There seems to be a great war cloud forming over China, and the forces mustering there are mighty enough to produce a war of the greatest magnitude. But I see no reason that will require us to join the conflict, if conflict there is to be. The only interest we have in the matter is a trade interest, and our great epoch-making has never been had their origin in anything so sordid."

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Rioting at Barcelona.

Barcelona, July 6.—There was a renewal of the disorder here Tuesday night. Bands of rioters attacked the churches of Santa Matrona and the Jesuits' school. The police charged and the mob pelted them with stones. Later the police were reinforced by mounted gendarmes and infantry, and finally scattered the mob. Many conflicts took place, and many people were wounded. The theaters are closed.

The disorders were renewed last evening when the workmen were leaving the factories. Several persons were wounded in charges by mounted gendarmes.

The violence of the mob continues to be directed against the churches and the priests. Trade is suffering severely. It is expected that martial law will be proclaimed.

Fourth of July Banquet.

Havana, July 6.—At the Fourth of July banquet Tuesday night in the Tacontheater a cable dispatch from President McKinley was read, wishing the island happiness, success and prosperity. Maj. Gen. Ludlow, governor of the department of Havana, acted as toastmaster, and the affair was a great success. Among those present were: Maj. Gen. Brooke, governor general of Cuba; Brig. Gen. Chaffee, Brig. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, governor of the combined departments of Pinar del Rio, and the province of Havana, and a number of other distinguished officers. They all made good speeches. Many ladies viewed the banquet from the boxes. Additional speeches were made by Mayor Lacoste and others.

Dined by Choate.

London, July 6.—United States Ambassador Choate gave a grand dinner last night in commemoration of the Fourth. The guests included Archbishop Ireland, Senator and Mrs. Lodge, Senator and Mrs. Hanna, Lord and Lady Jersey and Lord William, Lord Mount Stephen, Justice Spand, Justice and Miss Grantham, and Sir Henry and Lady Stanley. Hon. and Mrs. Arthur Littleton, President and Mrs. Webb, Hon. and Mrs. James Brice, Henry White, secretary of the United States embassy, and Miss White, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., and Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan were also present.

Death by Cyclone.

Alinsworth, Neb., July 5.—A destructive cyclone passed north of here yesterday, killing one woman, Mrs. Lockmiller, and tearing houses, barns, fences and bridges into kindling wood.

Three children, who with Mrs. Lockmiller had sought refuge in a cellar, were not injured. A number of farm houses were demolished, but in every other case the occupants escaped injury by fleeing to cyclone cellars.

All crops were completely destroyed and much stock was killed in the path of the storm.

Thought Accepted.

Pretoria, South Africa, July 6.—The special conference between President Kruger, the members of the cabinet and Fischer, a member of the executive council of the Orange Free State, who was the bearer of compromise suggestions from the Free State in the matter of the dispute between the Transvaal and Great Britain, and Hofmeyer, the Afrikaner leader, has been practically concluded. It is believed that the franchise proposals have been accepted.

Virgie Garvin of Navasota, Tex., who pitched for the Sherman team in 1895, of the Texas Baseball league, has been signed by the Chicago club of the National league.

Spanish Prisoners.

Washington, July 5.—The war department has received from Gen. Otis advices relative to the negotiations proceeding in Luzon between the Spanish commissioners and Aguinaldo looking to the release of the Spanish prisoners. Gen. Otis' report indicates that there is a fair prospect that these unfortunate will be set free; if not all of them, certainly a large number.

It is not known whether the captives of the Yorktown's crew are to be included in the prisoners released.

Whitewashers Hanged.

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 6.—Pleas Wynne and Catlett Tipton, the whitewashers, were hung at Sevierville yesterday for the murder of an old man named Whaley and his wife over a year ago. They both confessed and stated that they were lured to do the deed by one Bob Catlett. When the trap was sprung Tipton's neck was broken in the fall, but Wynne died from strangulation. Mrs. Tipton, wife of the murderer, and his five children were present at the scaffold.

No Special Incident.

Rennes, France, July 6.—For Capt. Dreyfus yesterday passed off much as Tuesday. Mme. Dreyfus, Mathieu Dreyfus, his brother, and Maitre Labori, his counsel, visited the prisoner, but otherwise no special incident occurred. As an illustration of the indifference in the populace, it is worthy of note that the words, "Vive Dreyfus," chalked up on a wall in a corner of the town remain absolutely undisturbed.

Many, however, predict trouble on the national fête day.

Still Talked Of.

Havana, July 6.—The echoes of Tuesday's celebration are still the absorbing topic of conversation at the clubs and cafes. Most of the papers say the Cubans sympathize with the Americans in their enjoyment of the Fourth of July, but point out that the Americans need not expect more than sympathy until Cuba's independence is assured.

Seven deaths and ten more yellow fever cases are reported at Santiago, Cuba.

Hogg at Tammany Hall.

New York, July 5.—Tammany Hall celebrated Independence day, as customary, at the Fourteenth street wigwam. The gathering was remarkable for its unexpected features. There was a death of prominent men, ex-President Cleveland, ex-Senator David B. Hill, William J. Bryan and ex-Senator Murphy failing to make acknowledgment of the invitations to attend.

Ex-Gov. Hogg of Texas created a sensation by the manner in which he introduced the name of William J. Bryan to the meeting, the mention of Bryan's name and the reference to the Chicago platform being received with tremendous applause, which was long continued.

The boom that was launched for Augustus Van Wyck had a very different reception. It had been arranged that ex-Congressman James B. Richardson of Tennessee should speak, but he was unable to attend and Gov. Hogg was asked to speak in his place.

When Gov. Hogg arose he received a hearty welcome and he indulged in a few remarks that seemed to please the Tammany men immensely. After a few moments, which he used in outlining the well-established and time-worn principles of Democracy, Gov. Hogg began a philippic which set the house in an uproar. The applause began when he asserted that next year the Democratic party would declare for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 1 to 1. Men who had appeared to be half asleep woke up with a start and joined in the applause. When the speaker promised a plank in the platform of next year in which imperialism would be denounced the applause broke forth anew.

It was very evident that these utterances were not only astounding to the Tammany leaders, but displeasing, and the displeasure became more apparent when the speaker exclaimed:

"In this great contest we want the aid of united Tammany, the greatest local political organization on earth. We want you to close up ranks, to settle your local difficulties, if they exist, and go arm in arm with the stalwart bread winners of the south and west to victory next year under the leadership of the chivalrous, the dauntless, the matchless great American, William J. Bryan."

As the last words fell from the lips of the speaker the audience was carried away in an outburst of enthusiastic applause. Cheer after cheer arose and what had started out as a Tammany love feast became a howling silver demonstration. The other speakers of the day were in keeping with the Tammany principle.

Joseph J. Willett of Alabama and State Senator Thomas F. Grady, Tammany's star orator, made two of the best speeches, the latter making an attack upon the civil service system, which aroused his hearers to great enthusiasm.

Bryan at Barnessville.

Barnessville, Ga., July 5.—Hon. William Jennings Bryan addressed the Chautauqua yesterday. The crowd which greeted Mr. Bryan was enormous and his reception enthusiastic. In introducing Mr. Bryan, Hon. Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution and member of the national Democratic committee, referred to the fact that Georgia's delegation through one of its members had presented Mr. Bryan's name. Mr. Bryan opposed trusts and expansion.

The second trial of Mrs. Conerton at Galvestone resulted like the first, in a mistrial.

Grand Reception.

Paris, July 5.—On yesterday at the United States embassy, which was beautifully decorated with flowers, tropical plants and flags, nearly the whole American colony attended. At the annual banquet of the American chamber of commerce at the Grand hotel the minister of commerce, M. Millerand, in addressing those present, complimented the United States highly. Ex-President Harrison also spoke.

Killed and Kissed.

St. Louis, Mo., July 5.—Mrs. Gray Miller, the young wife of William Miller, a grocer doing business on North Broadway, was shot to death by her husband's clerk, Eugene Donnelly. After the woman had fallen mortally wounded, Donnelly leaped over her body, and raising her head, kissed her lips. This done, he retreated from the scene, with a cool warning to the frenzied husband, who had witnessed the farewell kiss, not to follow on penalty of his life.

Trouble at Huntington.

Fort Smith, Ark., July 5.—There was trouble at Huntington Monday night, and some fighting, though no one was killed. Three of the newly imported negroes working in mine No. 3 went into town to do some trading. After they had gone, walking out of town, it occurred to the town marshal that the men were carrying concealed weapons and ought to be arrested. Accordingly he summoned a posse of negroes and went in pursuit and overtook the men outside the town limits, where a fight took place.

At Washington.

Washington, July 5.—The Fourth was observed noisily at the capitol, but there was no distinctive celebration beyond the customary meetings of the patriotic societies. The weather was ideal.

President McKinley had no special plans for the day and remained at the White House and observed the Fourth by a partial relief from active duties, and receiving only a few callers.

It is rumored forty-four persons were killed by dynamite near Berlin.

Fourth Generally Observed.

The one hundred and twenty-third anniversary of the birth of our glorious republic was celebrated in nearly every city, town, village and hamlet of the Union. Picnics, orations, fireworks and parades were the features, while numerous accidents marred the pleasure of many. "Old Glory" waved proudly in every capital city of Europe. In many cities the night was made gorgeous by pyrotechnic displays, in which every device of fireworks was shown to thousands of delighted spectators. The national airs were wafted on the zephyrs by hundreds of bands of music, while the cannon's roar and the Gatling guns' whirr made the atmosphere tremble.

At Dallas.—The Fourth was celebrated here by picnics, fireworks and a virtual suspension of business.

At Fort Worth.—Our natal day was quietly observed here.

At Galveston.—Thousands of people witnessed one of the grandest fireworks exhibits ever seen in this city last night.

At Houston.—The day was grandly observed. The Red Men's parade was a leading feature. The great pyrotechnic spectacle, the "Battle of Manila," was presented at night. There were throngs of visitors in the city, but hundreds could not come owing to the recent freshets and resultant railway washouts.

At Austin.—The Fourth was observed by all the banks and state departments and most of the business houses remaining closed. There were numerous well-attended picnics.

Various other Texas cities observed the day and business was suspended generally.

Merry Manila.

Manila, July 5.—There was a great celebration of the Fourth of July here with fireworks, balls, speeches and decorations everywhere, all nationalities participating. The foreign ships and consulates celebrated, including the Spanish, raised their colors in conjunction with the Stars and Stripes. The flagship Baltimore fired a national salute at noon. All nationalities enjoyed what the Spanish papers termed "the fiestas of North America." Newsboys shouted Fourth of July edicts, soldiers paraded the town, throwing fireworks from the batteries on the water front. In the afternoon the Luneta was crowded with Americans, Filipinos and Spaniards. There were thousands of pedestrians and hundreds of carriages out in gala attire.

A hundred Filipinos played American tunes. Several hundred boys and girls, Filipinos, Spaniards and Chinese from the public schools, dressed in their best clothes, each carrying an American flag, sang "America" in a curious mixture of dialects.

Chaplain Knudsen of the Washington regiment read the declaration of independence. The officers of the United States cruiser Baltimore gave a reception and dance, which was attended by the foreign consuls, the officers of the foreign warships and all the society of the army and navy circles.

The Gayoso Gone.

Memphis, Tenn., July 5.—A fire broke out in the establishment of the Memphis Paper company at the corner of Gayoso and Front streets yesterday afternoon, and before it was subdued, had caused the loss of one life, the fatal injury of ex-Fire Chief Cleary and serious injuries to Assistant Fire Chief James Ryan, besides a property loss of about \$150,000. The Gayoso hotel, one of the oldest landmarks of Memphis, was one of the buildings totally destroyed, and while the guests were all rescued in safety, some of them lost valuable effects in the fire, which raged fiercely for over six hours.

Address at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., July 5.—The Young Men's Democratic league of Atlanta had for its guest at the Kimball house last night the Hon. William J. Bryan. About 100 people partook of the banquet. Among the speakers of the evening were Clark Howell, who responded to the sentiment, "The National Democracy," and Congressman L. F. Livingston, who responded to "The Fifth District."

The speaking did not begin until 10 o'clock, and Mr. Bryan's address was the last of the evening. He spoke principally on patriotic sentiments of the day.

Choate Celebration.

London, July 5.—Joseph A. Choate, the United States ambassador, and Mrs. Choate, celebrated the Fourth with receptions both at the United States embassy and at their residence. Each of the buildings was tastefully decorated with flags and colors. The guests included Sir William Collins, the queen's master of ceremonies; Samuel T. Clemens and Mrs. Clemens, Senator and Mrs. Mark A. Hanna, Senator and Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge, and United States Consul General and Mrs. William Osborn.

Pretoria's Observance.

Pretoria, July 5.—The Fourth of July was celebrated here on a large scale. Rear Admiral Howison and Capt. Cooper, with the other officers of the United States cruiser Chicago, participated.

F. W. Reitz, the Transvaal secretary of state, called upon C. F. Maerum, the United States consul, and tendered the congratulations of the executive of the South African republic.

A Fatality.

Plymouth, Eng., July 5.—A fatality marred the naval celebration of the Fourth. When a signal boy ascended to the masthead of the British second class cruiser Arrogant to clear the hal-yards fast to the stars and stripes, which had apparently become foul of some of the rigging, the lad fell to the ship's deck and was killed.

At Alicante, Spain, mobs stoned stores of merchants refusing to close on the Fourth.

NAPOLEON'S BELT.

We Wore It on the Day of His Imperial Coronation.

The waist belt worn by Napoleon I. on the day of his coronation in Notre Dame is in the possession of a French family living in Paris, and counted among their greatest treasures. This belt is so small that it is suspected the emperor must have had a bad quarter of an hour when he wore it, or was really the slender little creature history paints him at that age. The relic is composed of crimson velvet, embellished with exquisitely chiseled gold eagles, and is starred with monograms in gold filigree. A leather case in which it has been confined has kept the belt in perfect preservation. This French family can not be persuaded to relinquish this souvenir to any of the Napoleonic collections, and until now the secret of its habitation has been unknown, though it had been worn by Napoleon and that it disappeared after the coronation. How some girls would like to get hold of that belt to wear with their tailor-made shirt-waists!—Boston Herald.

MALTA FEVER.

Malta fever takes its name from the fact that it was first studied among the British troops in the island of Malta. It occurs along the shores and among the islands of the entire Mediterranean sea. In this country it has become of interest from the fact that among the troops returning from Cuba last autumn several cases were found of a disease which closely resembled it. Indeed, it is now believed that Malta fever prevails in the Mediterranean of the western hemisphere as well as in that of the eastern. It occurs in Hongkong, and doubtless also in the Philippine Islands.

Malta fever prevails all the year round, but by far the greatest number of cases occur in summer. It is not believed to be contagious; the specific microbe, as in the case of typhoid fever, is supposed to be conveyed in water.

The early symptoms are like those of any other fever, namely: wakefulness and headache, a large and flabby tongue covered with a thin yellowish fur, loss of appetite, and sometimes nausea, or even vomiting. There is a slight cough, and every night, toward morning, the patient suffers from a profuse perspiration.

After about a week of these symptoms, the

Not a Criticism.
A clergyman is telling a joke on himself. He went to Chicago on business, and was asked by a family in his church to call on a married daughter there. The pastor called and received a hospitable welcome. They urged him to come to dinner, but he had an engagement. Then they remarked: "Well, will you not eat a little luncheon?" The hostess pointed as she spoke to a small table on which were a small dish of salad, some bread and fruit. "Well, I don't care if I do," replied the caller, who drew up a chair and began an onslaught on the provisions. He fancied they had been arranged expressly for him, and it was only after he had gone through that he noticed the blank looks of the family. In fact, he had devoured the entire luncheon which all had expected to eat.
"Madam, what must you think of me?" he exclaimed to the hostess. "But let me beg of you not to judge all Kentuckians by me; I am the sole stupid one in our state."
He was equal to the lady whose hostess showed her a dish of water crissed at a side table just before the dinner was served. Thinking it had just been purchased, she stuck her hand in the dish and took a handful of it, only to find it dressed with French salad dressing and prepared to accompany the birds at the meal.

Forty-Year Infant.
A shoplifter in Hungary, a Jewish of 40, who six months before her arrest had been baptized into the Roman Catholic church, pleaded that she was legally an infant, and as such was not responsible before the law. The rule of the country being that the date of birth figured from the date of baptism, the court sustained her plea, and the 6-month-old shoplifter of 40 was released.

Curious Custom.
In China guests at dinners run around between the courses. This is supposed to keep the digestion in good condition, but the bustling American needs something else, and there is nothing better than Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. If a man or woman is suffering with constipation, indigestion or any stomach trouble, it's their fault if they don't get well.

Newspaper Business Manager.
Maj. James J. Peterson, who has been appointed confidential interpreter to Maj. Gen. Otis, is business manager of the Charleston (W. Va.) Mail-Tribune, and spent four years under President Harrison as American consul at Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

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Wool Field in Kansas.
A suggestion as to the adaptability of Kansas for wool production is afforded by well attested records of some of its flocks, which are easily accessible, says Secretary F. D. Coburn, of the Kansas department of agriculture, in the board's recent quarterly report devoted to "The Modern Sheep." One of these, consisting of several hundred head of thoroughbred and high-grade Merinos, has had for many years and still has its home in Sedgewick county.

At a public shearing, a four-year-old ram of this flock, weighing 120 pounds after shearing, yielded a fleece of one year and sixteen days' growth, weighing, wholly without artificial weighting or "doctoring," 52 pounds—by 7 1/2 pounds the heaviest authenticated year's growth ever shorn. The same ram, when two and three years old, shored 37 1/2 and 44 1/2 pounds, respectively, making an average yield of more than one year's wool, fleece ever previously taken from a sheep. The two heaviest fleeces ever taken from a sheep in two consecutive years were also his.

This animal was born and reared in Kansas, and his sire at one time produced a fleece of 33 pounds and 13 ounces, which weighed 13 pounds, 4 ounces of cleaned wool ready for the spindle, and 2 pounds and 2 ounces heavier than any cleaned fleece of which there is record. While the foregoing is a wonderful record for a single sheep, the ram mentioned does not by any means stand alone in the phenomenal yields of wool in Kansas. To this same Kansas flock to which he belonged stands the credit of producing the heaviest fleece ever shorn from a yearling ram—28 pounds; and also 25 pounds—fourteen months' growth—from a yearling ewe.

In addition to all this, there was sheared from a three-year-old ram a fleece of one year and three days' growth weighing 46 pounds; from a ewe, a fleece weighing 30 pounds; forty-seven two-year-olds averaged 27 1/2 pounds; twenty-seven yearlings made an average of a small fraction less than 18 pounds per fleece; while the entire registered flock of 247 head made the remarkable average of 18 pounds 12 ounces each. These breeding rams shored 35 1/2, 41, and 41 1/2 pounds, respectively; a five-year-old ewe, with a sucking lamb, 27 pounds 14 ounces; and a yearling ram, 24 1/2 pounds. Taken all together, this showing is so remarkable as to be well-nigh incredible; but as the shearing was done in public, the weights as published, can be verified by numerous reputable witnesses.

The First Flock.
For the first ten days chicks are fed exclusively on rolled oats and fine grit, and chick size charcoal is always kept before them, says a writer in Reliable Poultry Journal. I have said for the first ten days, and yet I do not mean to have this construed literally. I have carried some chicks three weeks on this diet, and others but five days. Their general condition and the season of the year are, of course, considered. With the early chicks—those that are hatched before spring is sufficiently advanced to bring green food and animal food from the ground—we gradually introduce some form of meat food once a day, and also a little by little, introduce the other grains, viz.: Cracked wheat, cracked corn, etc., after about ten days. We also give them once a day sifted broken cracker crumbs slightly moistened with whole or skimmed milk, to which we add a small quantity of chick size grit and chick size charcoal, increasing both at the first sign of bowel trouble. We feed every two hours what they will eat up quick and clean for the first two or three weeks, after that we gradually drop to three times a day, but leave a box of grain where they can always get at it. As soon as we can we sow Spanish onions in each yard, fencing off the ground sown with the blades are three or four inches high. I know of nothing that equals these onion tops for inducing growth, and nothing that the chicks fly at with more relish.

Date Palms for the Southwest.
What kills one plant, nourishes another. This is exemplified in some sections of the west where the alkali in the soil is fatal to most crops but where the date palm thrives. What most plants require is plenty of humus and absence of alkali. What the date requires is absence of humus and plenty of alkali. The date palm is quite hardy and furnishes one of the best and most easily raised ornamental pot palms for the house. This tree, while no native of the United States, finds some very congenial conditions in our southwestern country. As an ornamental it flourishes as far north as San Francisco, but it produces fruit of value only in arid regions, farther south, where the air is dry and the summer heat intense. An old Arab saying is that the date wants its feet in water and its head in the fire.

Forest Tree Planting in New York.
New York is experimenting in forest tree planting. The state owns large stretches of burnt over Adirondack timber land, which is now growing up to useless scrub, and upon this the state college of forestry is planting spruce, white pine and other valuable timber trees. At the same time a nursery has been started with seed enough to furnish three million seedlings, which it is stated will suffice to cover twenty-five hundred acres. The college proposes to plant at least five hundred acres each year and possibly the forestry commission of the state may be induced to follow the example and plant larger areas.

THRONE CLAIMANTS.

OVER 600 HAVE RIGHTS TO VICTORIA'S.

One of Them Is Her Own Grandson—The Rightful Queen According to the Legitimists—She Has Been Reigning Because of the Right of Might.

It is lucky for the British empire that the people once threw hereditary succession to the throne to the winds, for there are now no fewer than 7,524 descendants of Mary Queen of Scots. Of these 617 have a better right to sit on the "Stone of Destiny" than Victoria. Among them is her majesty's great-grandson, Prince Carl of Roumania. In the "Legitimist Kalender," just published, it is noted that every crowned head in Europe, with the exception of the kings of Norway and Sweden and Serbia, and the Princes of Montenegro and Monaco, are descended from the Scottish Queen who laid down her life at Fotheringhay. It is interesting to note that the "Kalender" is edited by a descendant of Guy de Lusignan, King of Jerusalem, Cyprus and Armenia, whose direct male representative is the Chevalier de Lusignan, who recently sent to "Queen (Lavinia Dempsey)" the order of St. Catherine of Mt. Sinai. Melville Amadeus Henry Douglas Heddle de la Callemotte de Massue de Ruvigny, ninth Marquis of Ruvigny and Raineval in the peerage of France, and of 20 Ruvigny Gardens, S. W., who is the senior "legitimist" of the "Kalender," is in spite of his foreign name, an Englishman since 1881. The first of the family to come into England was the Countess of Southampton, a great beauty at the court of Charles I.

Since those days the family has fought and died for England. The Marquis's second son, the Count de la Callemotte, was killed at the battle of the Boyne, and his eldest son was created Earl of Galway, was three times lord lieutenant of Ireland and was commander-in-chief of the British forces in Spain and Portugal during the war of succession. He died without issue, but the Ruvigny family did not forsake England, for the Earl was succeeded by his nephew Peter, whose brothers, Francis, Gabriel, Louis and Henry, were in the British army. Gabriel's only son, Francis, was killed as a colonel of artillery at the storming of Grenada, and his two nephews died, one at Port-au-Prince and the other while fighting the French. There is a subtle irony in the fact that Francis de Ruvigny, who was killed at Grenada, actually saved the life of Queen Victoria's father, the Duke of Kent, in 1795. The Duke, then Prince Edward, was returning to the lines after the capture of St. Lucia in 1795, all begrimed with powder and smoke, when some of his own men mistook him for one of the enemy. Ruvigny sprang forward in the nick of time and struck up the leveled rifles. But for his action there would have been no Victoria on the throne today. The Duke never forgot his protector, for he saw that his three sons were given commissions in the army. One of these, who fought in the peninsula, left a son, Charles, who served through the Burmese, Kafir and Ashanti wars. According to the "Legitimist Kalender," the rightful Queen of England is the wife of the Prince Regent of Bavaria. She is a direct descendant of the "royal Martyr," while Victoria is only a descendant of his sister, the paphetic "Queen of Hearts," the Electress Sophia. On Victoria's 80th birthday the "Legitimist" drank to "The Queen—Over the Water" and were just as loyal to the reigning house.

SHE WAS VERY PLUMP.
And Didn't Intend to Make a Guy of Herself.
She was a very plump woman, observes the New York Times. There are people who say they would like to be just as plump, but the woman herself is always thinking of ways and means by which her appearance of diaphragm and circumference may be reduced and anything that will apparently increase she regards with a dislike that is little short of abhorrence. But if there is one thing she dislikes more than her comfortable plumpness, it is the water. So when one day on a steamer in a fog, there was a collision, she was even more unhappy than most people are under such circumstances, though it was related afterward that she behaved with great coolness. There was fortunately no more serious result from the collision than several hours' delay, but no one of us would have been so forthright. The husband of the woman with the comfortable plumpness, like the good husband that he was, immediately after the accident found life-preservers and in a matter-of-fact way started to assist his wife to put one on. But she recoiled with such horror that for a moment he was not sure but the shock had deprived her of her senses. "Put one on those things?" she almost shrieked. "Never! Just look at that fat woman over there with one of them on. She looks a perfect sight." And she didn't put the life-preserver on and it was her good fortune that she had no reason to regret it.

A Favorable Time.
"Carnegie is reported to have said that to die rich is to die disgraced." "Lucky that's the time when a man feels disgrace the least."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.
Overheard at Lincoln Park.
"Where are you going, my pretty maid?" "To see the animals, sir," she said. "May I go with you, my pretty maid?" "I don't like monkeys, sir," she said.

WOMEN AND PIGEON SHOOTING

Pitiless Killing Perpetrated for the Satisfaction of "Sport."

We have been so accustomed to believe in tender sensibility to suffering as a grace of womanhood that we have found it difficult to give credit to many facts recorded in ancient history, says Our Animal Friends. It seems almost incredible that the most eager spectators of gladiatorial contests in the ancient world were women; it is still more difficult to believe that when the wounded gladiator lay bleeding on the sand of the arena and his merciful antagonist paused before delivering the final blow, it was the women present who most frequently turned down their thumbs in token of the death sentence. Though, undoubtedly, these things are true, it is barely possible to believe them. In late years we have found it easier. At any time within the past ten years the influence of women would have been sufficient to put an end to the abominably cruel and utterly senseless practice of docking horses, but the influence of women has sustained rather than repudiated that particular form of cruelty. It is the senseless vanity of woman and nothing else, that has caused the ruthless slaughter of millions upon millions of beautiful and harmless birds in order to provide adornment of a kind essentially the same as those of which the Indian squaw delights. Of all the pitiless butcheries perpetrated for the satisfaction of human vanity, the destruction of egrets at the very time of pairing and with the certainty of starving to their hapless offspring, is perhaps the worst, and this has been maintained by women of the highest station and the most cultivated intelligence until those beautiful creatures have been almost exterminated. Now, it appears from newspaper reports that women are seeking distinction in the pigeon shoot; they enter the contest with a zest equal to that of the male competitors. We may confess with some regret that women may be seen riding behind teams of horses that have been mutilated by docking. It may also be confessed that there are women whose natural gift of beauty is marred and not improved by wearing the spoils of our slaughtered birds. Our sympathies go out entirely to our correspondents in their detestation of pigeon shooting as a form of "sport." When human beings are thoroughly civilized men will instinctively obey the rule "never to mix their pleasure or their pride with suffering to the meanest thing that lives." On the very face of it, live pigeon shooting is an offense against that good law. The time, we trust, is coming when the idle man will no longer think of relieving his ennui by going out "to kill something"; and we trust the time is not far off when a woman who makes an amusement of killing will be hissed out of all decent society.

WONDERS OF ELECTROID.
New Substance That Makes Plants Grow Visibly Discovered.
Francis Rychowski, a mechanical engineer of Lemburg, Austria, has discovered a strange and very subtle matter, which he has called "electroid," because of certain affinity with electricity, produced by a special apparatus, built by the inventor, is obtained by the dissolution of certain matters under the influence of the electric current. It makes noise and at the same time a refreshing scent and cool breeze are experienced. This discovery induced Mr. Rychowski to make a machine capable of refreshing the air to such a degree that those present during the experiment had the feeling that the window was open, although this was not the case. Electroid is a very subtle matter, but it seems to be a fluid, and it can be gathered and preserved, while falling on a plate it reflects in a shape of shining sheaves. The commission appointed by the Austrian government to investigate this discovery reported that, under the influence of electroid, plants grow rapidly and the buds of flowers unclose while one is looking at them. Electroid annihilates microbes, and thus preserves organic matter. These are physiological influences of electroid. Among mechanical phenomena the commission reported that the influence of electroid is not stopped even by a brick wall and glass; that it attracts solid bodies and makes them shine like moonlight—it makes them move and attract other bodies; finally, that it acts on photographic plates and produces sharp and distinct lines, such as were formerly possible only with a powerful lens.

Novelty in Belts.
Windsor belts is novelty that any clever girl can make for herself to add to her summer toilets. They are made of boys' ties or the broad, old-fashioned Windsors. Take one of these ribbon lengths about eight inches wide and finished in tabbed points, and encircle the waist with it. To one end fasten a handsome clasp, or any ornament that will serve as a "blind" buckle, and draw the loose end through this, leaving the longer end to float over the dress front. At the back they may be pinned in place with a belt holder or pin.

High Price for a Famous Madstone.
The Loudoun madstone, which has been famous in Virginia for over a century for curing bites of animals, and which was obtained from the Indians by Ferdinand Fred, in whose family it has been ever since, has been sold by decree of the court settling the Fred estate and brought \$682.50, which was paid by Dr. Turner, one of the Fred heirs. Some of the encyclopedias have a history of this stone, which has long been considered a remarkable one.

CRITICAL PERIOD

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Siberia is ahead of this country in some things, according to John W. Bookwater, who says: "At every station on the railway there is placed in front of the station, at a point convenient of access by the passengers, a large cask of cool water that has been boiled, and it is the duty of the stationmaster to see that the supply is kept up. This is free to all passengers, even to the poorest emigrant, whose comfort and welfare are provided for in many ways with thoughtful care."

About to Retire.
President Angell, to whom much of the success of the University of Michigan is due, is reported to be about to retire from the head of that institution.

Peaches and pears sometimes follow each other closely.
Sorrow is the sequel of scandal in too many instances.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad is about to make a radical change in its method of running dining cars and it is expected that the new plan will meet with popular approval. On and after the first of June, all meals, except dinner, will be served on the "a la carte" plan. Hitherto on the main line, all service was at the uniform rate of one dollar per meal. Two new dining cars are being built and will be in service by July 1, so that all through trains will be provided with first-class dining cars.

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Those who have Rheumatism find themselves growing steadily worse all the while. One reason of this is that the remedies prescribed by the doctors contain mercury and potash, which ultimately intensify the disease by causing the joints to swell and stiffen, producing a severe aching of the bones. S. S. S. has been curing Rheumatism for twenty years—even the worst cases which seemed almost incurable.
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LOCAL DOTS.

—Go to S. L. Robertson's for fresh groceries.

—Prof. Tom Griffin visited Rayner this week.

—Mr. Ebersoll of Abilene visited our city this week.

—Mr. Harkrider, the Abilene insurance man, was here Wednesday.

—Mr. Bert Brockman is visiting relatives this week in Young county.

—Mr. W. T. Hudson got home Thursday from his Kansas City trip.

—If you have cash to spend S. L. Robertson will always give you FULL VALUE for it.

—Mr. Emmett Robertson is back from his visit, and Fourth of July frolic at Wichita Falls.

—Mr. D. W. Courtwright is presiding over the postoffice this week in the absence of Mr. Long.

—Mr. T. J. Smith of Stonewall was over Wednesday laying in ranch supplies.

—Carry all hides and furs you have for sale to W. W. Fields & Bro., they will pay you the highest market price for them.

—Everybody that didn't go fishing this week went to the B. V. P. U. rally on Clear Fork.

—Mr. Ed Douglass of the Douglass-Wooten Grocery Co., Abilene, was in our city Wednesday.

—If you want to get the most goods for the least money, take your cash around to R. H. McKee & Co's.

—Mrs. Ed McClendon came down Wednesday from Knox on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. W. Collins.

Lost—A silver pin shaped like a sword with gold sphinx head. Finder will please return it to this office.

—Mr. A. H. Tandy left Monday to look after his interests in the I. T. and elsewhere—to make his regular circuit, as he termed it.

—Mr. John Robertson went to Abilene this week in response to a business proposition and may remain there during the summer.

—Remember that S. L. Robertson is the only place in town where you will find a fresh stock of new and seasonable summer goods.

—Mr. T. L. Deal tickled us the other day by rattling a couple of silver cart wheels on our desk—we like to be tickled, that way.

—Mr. J. S. Boone came in this week, planked down the cash and had his name enrolled on the FREE PRESS list. Next!

—Mr. Ed Robertson and wife came down from Seymour Sunday to visit the home folks. Mr. R. returned Monday, Mrs. R. remained over all this week.

—Dr. H. A. Waller has a large dental ad in the FREE PRESS this week. He comes finely recommended and exhibits the right kind of enterprise in using printer's ink. Give him a call.

—To those who drink whiskey for pleasure: HARPER Whiskey adds zest to existence. To those who drink whiskey for health's sake: HARPER Whiskey makes life worth living. Sold by Keister & Hazlewood, Haskell, Texas.

—A big fishing party is out on the Clear Fork this week, composed as nearly as we could secure their names of the following: C. D. Long and family, W. Fitzgerald and family, Hugh Meadows and family, R. B. Fields and daughters, Misses Dulin and Eva, Misses Pearl Wilbourn, Ethel Mason, Nora Norris and Messrs W. F. Rupe and J. E. Rieves.

—They say the trusts and combines have advanced prices, but I am holding the prices of groceries down to the same low notch I put them at some time ago, and will keep them there for some time to come. Yours for business,
T. G. CARNEY.

—The young people were nicely entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Roberts on Friday night of last week. Music was the leading feature of the occasion, Messrs J. W. Bell and Prof. Cannon being the chief performers on piano and violin.

—The crowd which went to the B. V. P. U. rally from this place was too numerous to mention individually—something like 40 or 50 from the best estimate we could get.

—Mr. Tom Johnson of Henrietta, who has a cattle ranch in Knox county stopped over here a day or so this week with his old acquaintances and friends, the family of Mr. B. L. Frost.

—I am now opening up the largest stock of men's boys' and children's hats and caps that I have ever had in my store at Haskell. If you need a hat call on S. L. Robertson.

—The infant child, only a few weeks old, of Mr. Bob Davis died on Thursday. It was their first born and they have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

—Mr. J. D. Conley writes us from Colorado, Texas, to inform the people of Haskell that he will be here soon with a stock of pianos, and to say that any person wanting a real good instrument at a very moderate price should wait and see his pianos.

—Mrs. Lelia E. Moody died on Tuesday evening at the home of her father, Judge J. W. Evans, of consumption. She has been for many years an esteemed resident of this place. She has been a widow for five or six years, and leaves a son 10 or 12 years of age and a married daughter.

—I am opening this week another very large consignment of boots and shoes especially suited to the wants of all classes and sexes of our people. When you want shoes or boots it will be to your interest to call on
S. L. ROBERTSON.

—It proves to be a fact as stated last week, that Judge P. D. Sanders has purchased Mr. S. W. Scott's residence and Mr. Scott has purchased Mr. A. H. Tandy's residence. Both parties moved into their handsome and commodious new homes this week.

—Whether Cupid was on a lark or whether it was just a regular affair with no objecting parents, we failed to learn, but Mr. W. M. Wade and Miss A. L. Brown of Stonewall county came to this place Tuesday and, securing a marriage license, repaired to the Methodist parsonage, where Rev. M. L. Moody tied the matrimonial knot for them hard and fast when they returned to Stonewall.

—Dr. J. F. Tomlinson, our resident dentist, who prides himself on his fine horsemanship, tackled a bronco last Saturday that proved one too many for him and landed him on terra firma with sufficient force to render him unconscious for a short time. We are glad to state, however, that no bones were broken and that, aside from a few bruises and abrasions, the doctor sustained no damage.

—On Tuesday night of this week the death angel came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baldwin and took from them their little daughter, aged about 11 months. The little one had been suffering for about two weeks and the physician pronounced the trouble congestion of the brain. The parents have the sympathy of all in their loss, but best of all, the sustaining consolation that He who once said "suffer the little children to come unto me" still has his arms extended to receive them.

—The Stonewall people have been keeping the road to Haskell hot this week over their county seat muddle and, we suspect, making life miserable for the district judge. We at first thought writing up the situation, but space gave out and, too, we don't believe that forty Philadelphia lawyers could give an intelligible elucidation of it. Drop it neighbors and go about your various business and let the courts settle it for you.

—The Anthony, et als, fishing party got in Thursday. They claim to have caught plenty of fish and had a great big good time. They camped near a roasting ear patch and a good garden on the X ranch to which they say the hospitable boss opened wide the gate. And the ladies of the party are felicitating themselves on the fact that none of their bathing suits disappeared inopportunely as did those of a certain other fishing party not long ago.

—The Coleman Art Co., R. W. Cline proprietor, will move to Anson Monday for a few weeks. Mr. Cline tells us that they have done a very fair business here, which he attributes to printers ink as well as to their good work. He thinks that after working at Anson they will return to Haskell and locate permanently, as he likes it and its people better than any town he has found on his travels, and is especially taken with its fine water supply.

I am receiving this week
10 Wagon Loads
of Groceries

which I will sell at following prices:

8 lbs. Coffee \$.95
2 lb. Can Imp'd French Peas .12
1 Gro. Diam'd Parlor Matches .12
1 Pk. Crown Flakes05
1 Gal. Extra-Fine Molasses .32
40 Bars of Soap 1.00
Alaska Salmon12
3 lb. Can Tomatos (Best) .10
100 lbs. Best Four 2.15
100 lbs. Second Grade 2.00
100 lbs Third Grade 1.70
Honey per pound09
6 Boxes Sardines25

Yours for business and more for bargains.
T. G. Carney.
Phone No. 1.

—New arrivals: A nice line of new and seasonable dry goods, shoes, etc., is being opened up at S. L. Robertson's just in time for the FREE PRESS to make the announcement this week.

—There are many grades and kinds of pianos of various degrees of excellence and worthlessness. Comparatively few people are really qualified to select the good from the poor ones when varnish and polish have made both look well, hence they must depend largely upon the representations of the agent and the guarantee of the manufacturer and it is of the first importance for them to know that these are reliable. There can be no mistake on this point when dealing with a financially responsible and reliable home house of long standing like that of Thos. Goggan & Bro., of Galveston and Dallas.

—Mr. G. W. Cox came in this week and subscribed for another copy of the FREE PRESS, this time to be sent to his brother in Coryell county. Mr. Cox finds himself so well pleased with Haskell county on this, his second year in it, that he would like for his kinsmen and old friends to come and have a share in it. He is a man past middle age and has farmed for many years and says he never saw better crops than are growing in Haskell county this year. He has 10 acres of corn in his individual crop and 85 acres of rent corn and is enthusiastic about the big yield, which is now assured beyond the reach of drouth. He recently sold all of his old corn at 45 cents per bushel and says he will hold the new crop to about this time next year and get a good price for it.

Besides his corn Mr. Cox has a considerable acreage in cotton, sorghum, etc.

Junior B. V. P. U.

Leader—Mr. Alvy Couch.
Lesson—John 16:24.
Recitation—Miss Sibyl Collins.
Duet—Misses Freddie Lindsey and Hazelle Hudson.
Bible Reading by Union.
Roll call and scripture responses.
Everyone bring your bible.

Some Cattle Transactions.

J. D. McGaughey of Stonewall was over Wednesday and closed a sale of 150 steers from 2's up to J. A. Hale at \$25 around.

Lee Bros of Stonewall county also sold to J. A. Hale 500 steers from 2's up, at \$25 around.

Messrs C. L. Mayes and Tom Epley of this county bought this week of A. W. Hunter of Merkel 59 head of stock cattle for \$1080.

Mr. Hale also bought small lots of 2 and 3 year old steers of T. R. Duke and J. E. Keene of Stonewall county at \$25 per head. Delivery to be made in fall.

Some Sheep Deals.

Mr. Major Smith of this place, one of the largest, if not the largest, woolgrower in this part of the state, closed a sale on Thursday of 5000 yearling wethers to Prosser & Co., of Comstock, in the lower Rio Grande country. The sheep are to be delivered at Colorado at once. We failed to learn the exact price, but understand the figures were very satisfactory to Mr. S., who has first-class sheep, being a cross of the full blood Merino and Shropshire breeds, and who always gets top prices for both wool and sheep.

Messrs Rose & Dickenson, large woolgrowers of this county, closed a deal on Tuesday with M. L. Steel of Stonewall county for his entire herd of about 4000 stock sheep for \$9,000. The sheep will be placed on their ranch in the northwest part of this county.

McEMORE'S

is the place to buy your

Drugs, Paints, Oils, Etc.

Have just received a new

Tank of CARBON

And can give you any quantity at close prices; also all kinds of

MACHINE OILS.

Capt. William Astor Chanler, Congressman from New York, is the president of The New York Star, which is giving away a FORTY DOLLAR BICYCLE daily, as offered by their advertisement in another column. Hon. Amos J. Cummings, M. C., Col. Asa Bird Gardner, District Attorney of New York, ex-Governor Hogg, of Texas, and Col. Fred Feigl, of New York, are among the well known names in their Board of Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
Of the Haskell National Bank at Haskell, in the State of Texas, at the close of Business June 30 1899.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	899,531.67
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,488.09
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	1,750.00
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	15,029.00
Other real estate and mortgages owned	5,151.10
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	15,006.28
Due from State Banks and Bankers	415.12
Due from approved reserve agents	12,065.53
Checks and other cash items	428.20
Notes of other National Banks	4.28
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents	8.00
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	3,050.10
Legal-tender notes	400.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer	562.50
5 per cent of circulation	62.50
TOTAL	1,022,225.00
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in	50,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, loss expenses and taxes paid	23,407.32
National bank notes outstanding	11,250.00
Due to other National Banks	2,211.12
Due to State Banks and Bankers	605.36
Dividends unpaid	1.00
Individual Deposits subject to check	64,141.80
Certified checks	52.50
TOTAL	\$102,225.00

State of Texas, County of Haskell, ss:
I, J. L. Jones, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July, 1899.
Oscar Martin,
L. S. J. N. P., Haskell Co. Tex.
T. J. Lemmon
Lee Ferguson } Directors.
A. C. Foster }

A \$40.00 Bicycle Given Away Daily.

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