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A CALL

For Meeting Monday Night.

Recently quite a number of Haskell business men have been discussing the question of organizing a Business Club or Board of Trade in the town for the better promotion of its business and general interests. The proposition so far as we have heard is discussed has met with hearty approval, and we have been requested to publish a call for a meeting at the court house on Monday night, 30th inst., for the purpose of effecting such organization. You will, therefore, take this notice as such call.

It is desired that every business man in the town from the smallest to the greatest attend this meeting.

Remarkable Cure of Rheumatism.

Kenna, Jackson Co., W. Va. About three years ago my wife had an attack of rheumatism which confined her to her bed for over a month and rendered her unable to walk a step without assistance, her limbs being swollen to double their normal size. Mr. S. Maddox insisted on my using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I purchased a fifty-cent bottle and used it according to the directions and the next morning she walked to breakfast without assistance in any manner, and she has not had a similar attack since.—A. B. Parsons. For sale by J. B. Baker.

There have been various uncorroborated reports that many of the Boer women were fighting in the ranks with the men in defense of their country. The fact was recently fully substantiated and admitted by the British. Quite a number of the Boer prisoners in the British hospitals at Cape Colony were recently found to be women and it was further admitted that numbers of the Boer dead on the battlefields have been found to be women.

What must be thought of a powerful country like England that will continue a war of aggression, greed and conquest against a weak people whose women even fight in the ranks for home, country and liberty? This question is one that addresses itself to humanity and the civilization of the world.

A Horrible Outbreak

"Of large sores on my little daughter's head developed into a case of scaldhead" writes C. D. Isbill of Morganton, Tenn., but Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured her. It is a guaranteed cure for Eczema, Itch, Salt Rheum, Pimples, Sores, Burns and Piles. Only 25c at J. B. Baker's drug store.

THE DEAF.—A rich lady, cured of her deafness and noises in the head by Dr. Nichols' Artificial Ear Drums, gave \$10,000 to the deaf, so that deaf people unable to profit from the Ear Drums may have them free. Address No. 1128 The Nicholson Institute, 7th Avenue, New York.

Carpetbagging in Cuba.

Sam Small, who has been in Cuba for some time as a chaplain, was here not long ago, and he stated that the conditions pertaining to the military occupation of Cuba were shameful. He said that the island was being exploited in such a way as would have put to bush the carpet-baggers who invaded the South during the reconstruction era. The situation in Puerto Rico, he said, was worse, if possible, than in Cuba. It is understood that the President has recently given order to all the departments that every effort must be made to prevent any further scandals, as there has been so much of this sort of business that it is becoming prejudicial to the administration. People who have been to Cuba and Puerto Rico say that if it were possible to have a sure enough Congressional investigation of the American Administration of the affairs of the islands since the close of the war with Spain the country would be astounded at the revelation. There seems to be a wholesale lining of pockets, all of which the Democrats will prove if they can get at the facts before the Presidential election.—Cor. Dallas News.

Such the FREE PRESS has always believed and said would be the result of an attempt on the part of this government to govern distant territories. Cupidity and rascality will crop out in men invested with governing power and sent thousands of miles away to exercise it over helpless people, who are and might remain comparatively decent men at home. But such positions are usually given to political henchmen whose trickery has elevated the bosses and they haven't far to fall in becoming fleecers of the people over whom they are set to rule.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern which is not afraid to be generous. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles and have the satisfaction of knowing it has cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, La Grippe and all Throat, Chest and Lung diseases are surely cured by it. Call on J. B. Baker, Druggist, and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

This country is contributing vastly more to feed the millions of famine stricken people of India than the country of their Empress, Victoria of England, is doing, as it also did during the famine there three years ago.

The Best in the World.

We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best in the world. A few weeks ago we suffered with a severe cold and a troublesome cough, and having read their advertisements in our own and other papers we purchased a bottle to see if it would effect us. It cured us before the bottle was more than half used. It is the best medicine out for colds and coughs.—The Herald, Andersonville, Ind. For sale by J. B. Baker druggist.

The American Colonial Governors and other officials appointed to preside over Puerto Rico and the Philippines will be expected to carry large sized carpet bags in which to stow enough plunder to "whack up" on the campaign fund.

Another piece of rottenness for which the Republican administration will have to answer to the people is the recently discovered fact that about half a dozen or more army officers whose salaries range from \$1800 to \$8000 a year and who have been performing the functions of civil officers in Cuba are being paid double salaries in direct violation of law. Secretary of War Root offers as an excuse that the increase allowed them has been taken or paid out of the Cuban revenues.

The excuse is a good one if it shall be shown that under our new departure in the line of imperialism the secretary of war is superior to a statute law and, further, that it is proper to rob the Cubans or our other colonists for the benefit of the carpet-baggers set over them. It was for such robbery by Spanish officials that the Cubans revolted against Spain.

How to Stop Elopements.

Writing on "The Ease With Which We Marry," in the April Ladies' Home Journal, Edward Bok favors the reestablishment of the custom of publishing the bans—making such publication obligatory. "This precaution which our forebears had of giving thirty-days' public notice of an intention of marriage, proclaimed from the pulpit and posted at the public hall," he believes, was born of wisdom and rested on a sound foundation. The pity is that we ever got away from it. I do not say that a return to this old custom of the proclamation of marriages would be the panacea for all marital evils. But it absolutely would do away with all the run-away marriages, sentimental elopements and the life compact born of a single moonlight night, from which results so much unhappiness to our girls, and which have brought, and will continue to bring, so much humiliation and disgrace upon parents and families. It is a significant fact that in those European countries where intention of marriage must be publicly proclaimed a fortnight or a month previous to the actual ceremony, and where the additional precaution of a civil marriage is added to the religious ceremony, divorce is hardly known.

That Throbbing Headache.

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by J. B. Baker druggist.

Hanna expresses his determination to pass the ship subsidy bill through the present congress and the democratic members are girding up their loins for a desperate fight against the infamous steal.

DO YOU KNOW

Consumption is preventable? Science has proven that, and also that neglect is suicidal. The worst cold or cough can be cured with Shiloh's Cough and Consumption cure. Sold on positive guarantee for fifty years. For sale at J. B. Baker's drug store.

After the eulogistic remarks of Senator Hoar on Aguinaldo, that patriot ought to come out in the open and permit the world to enjoy itself by a look at him.—Dallas News.

Doubtless he would hit the big robber who is trying to hold him up and rob him of his country would lower his gun.

ON EVERY BOTTLE

Of Shiloh's Consumption Cure is this guarantee: "All we ask of you is to use two-thirds of the contents of this bottle faithfully, then if you can say you are not benefited return the bottle to your druggist and he may refund the price paid." Price 25 and 50c and \$1 at J. B. Baker's.

While England has millions of subjects slowly dying of starvation in India she is too busily engaged in shooting lead into the Boers to pass a little bread around to the Indians. The robber is too busy trying to steal the gold and diamond fields of South Africa to heed the cry of misery from India.

HOW IS YOUR WIFE?

Has she lost her beauty? If so, Constipation, Indigestion, Sick Headache are the principal causes. Karl's Clover Root Tea has cured these ills for half a century. Price 25 and 50 cents. Money refunded if results are not satisfactory. For sale by J. B. Baker.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Conquest mission meeting. Subject: Our Home Missionary Societies.
1st. Home Mission Beginning—Prof. D. R. Couch.
2. The American Baptist Home Mission Society—T. L. Deal.
Duet—Misses Zoodie and Georgia Johnson.
3. Machinery and Methods—Misses Lindsey and Whitman.
4. Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention—Prof. T. D. Evans.
5. Home Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces—W. H. Wyman.
Song.—Prayer.
All are urged to attend these Conquest meetings, which will be regularly held on the last Sunday in each month. Remember, 3:30 promptly, i. e. as usual.

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RELIGIOUS COLUMN
BY
REV. R. E. L. FARMER.

"If a firm succeeds, the gain is distributed to each partner. But if it fails each one may be held for the whole loss. Whoever commits a sin will bear the sin, whether alone or with a thousand. Whoever commits, or connives at a public sin, will bear the blame as if he alone did it. Public guilt always has private indorsement, and each man is liable for the whole vote."—Henry Ward Beecher.

"Sins of Omission"—"Meroz is a forceful illustration of this sin. It was a time when Israel was suffering from the most grievous oppressions, which the people sought to throw off by an appeal to arms. It was a conflict sore and desperate. A few men one way or another might turn the battle. And yet in the midst of such conditions Meroz hung back in utter indifference, and went not forth to the battle. The brave hosts of Israel fought on against all odds, until triumph gloriously crowned their self-sacrificing conflicts. The angel of God witnessed the criminal neutrality of Meroz and uttered this sad refrain: 'Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.' And ever since that curse did fall, the name Meroz has stood as an awful symbol of a curse for the neglect of duty.

The incident is fraught with lessons most momentous. There is no such thing as neutrality with respect to the things of God's cause. There come times when not to act positively for God and His cause is to act against them. To withhold help from the Kingdom of God, is positively to add that much strength to the enemies of God, and when righteous retribution comes upon them every skulker also shall moan or less share in such retribution. The religion of Jesus is pre-eminently positive and aggressive. Neutrality here is a thing impossible. The inexorable rule was thus stated by the Master: 'He that is not with me is against me.'—Geo. W. Truett.

Austin, Tex., April 15.—Somewhat of a sensation was created today by one of the local papers publishing an article from a churchman, in which he contends that the destruction of the dam was the work of the Lord for the purpose of stopping the wickedness of this city.

The article set forth that ever since 'this dam has been constructed, with all its baseball parks, saloon, balloon ascensions, steamboats and dozens of other attractions, it has been the Coney Island of Texas, and has not only ruined the morals of this city, but of hundreds of people from other sections of the State, drawn here by

Sunday excursions. The author claims that the Lord destroyed the dam in order to bring all this violation of Sunday to an end.

Went Because He Couldn't Attend His Murdered Wife's Funeral.

Atlanta, Ga., April 15.—James L. Baker, who on Friday evening shot his wife to death while she was stopping at a friend's house, wept all of last night because he was refused permission to attend the funeral today. Baker was intoxicated at the time of the murder.



McELREE'S Wine of Cardul
takes away all nervousness by strengthening the vital organs. It fits a mother for baby's coming. By revitalizing the nerve centres it has brought chubby, growing youngsters to thousands of weak women who feared they were barren. It purifies, heals, regulates and strengthens, and is good for all women at all times. No druggist would be without it. 50c
For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

U. S. Senator Wellington of Md. (Republican) has kicked out of the administration harness. He says that he has been opposed to the acquisition of the Philippines as a permanent colony, has opposed the import duty on Puerto Rico and that he can not support such policies, but will simply step aside if they are embraced in the republican platform. He will not remain a member of the National committee nor attend the republican National convention. There are more republicans like him.

A TEXAS WONDER.
Hall's Great Discovery.
One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Relieves trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months' treatment and will cure any case above mentioned.

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For sale by JOHN E. BAKER.

Dallas wants a street fair.

Joel Ridgeway, a Delta county farmer, dropped dead near Prattville.

The Daughters of the Confederacy at Tyler will have an old fiddlers' contest in May.

Ben Rodgers of Brenham was elected grand chancery of the Texas Knights of Pythias.

More than \$500,000 worth of improvements have been made in Dallas the past twelve months.

Two men had a fight with knives at Dallas. One was slashed eighteen times and the other five.

The S. A. Kelly Plow company of Longview, capital stock \$50,000, has filed its charter at Austin.

While plowing, a Mexican named Seyman Landoben dropped dead at Mount Springs, Hill county.

Rev. G. W. McDaniel of Louisville, Ky., has accepted a call to the First Baptist church of Temple.

While digging a pool three miles north of Deport, Lamar county, Ed Mason, a farmer, fell dead.

Edward Robbins, for ten years a yard clerk for the Cotton Belt railway at Texarkana, died in that city.

The Terrell ice and cold storage plant has been sold to C. B. Carswell & Co. of that place. Consideration, \$15,645.

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Albert E. Ufer, a Southern Pacific fireman, was injured three miles west of Sabinal by the crown sheet of his engine blowing out. He was blown out of his engine and severely scalded. Ufer died in the Santa Rosa hospital at San Antonio.

On April 15, at the home of her husband, near Walling, Mrs. William Messer, formerly Miss Emma L. Davis died. Mrs. Messer was formerly a resident of Dallas and was the first woman of Gray republic in Texas.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

TIMELY DISCOURSE ON RELIGIOUS DOCTRINES.

He Would Free Humanity From the Gravelclothes of Old Ecclesiastical Dogmas—Faith in Christ the Test of True Christianity.

[Copyright, 1900, by Louis Klopsch.] Text is John XI, 44: "Loose him and let him go."

My Bible is at the piece of this text written all over with lead pencil marks made at Bethany on the ruins of the house of Mary and Martha and Lazarus. We dismounted from our horses on the way up from Jordan to the Dead Sea.

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written or unwritten. The Presbyterian church is now agitated about its creed. Some good men in it are for keeping it because it was framed from the belief of John Calvin. Other good men in it want revision. I am with neither party.

It is impossible that people who lived hundreds of years ago should fashion an appropriate creed for our times. John Calvin was a great and good man, but he died 336 years ago. The best centuries of Bible study have come since then, and explorers have well have the world go back and stick to what Robert Fulton knew about steamboats and reject the subsequent improvements in navigation, and go back to John Gutenberg, the inventor of the art of printing, and reject all modern newspaper presses, and go back to the time when telegraphy was the elevating of signals or the burning of bonfires on the hilltops and reject the magnetic wire which is the tongue of nations as to ignore all the exegeses and the philologists and the theologians of the last 336 years and put your head under the sleeve of the gown of a sixteenth century doctor.

Change in Conditions. "But," you say, "it is the same old Bible, and John Calvin had that as well as the present student of the Scriptures." Yes; so it is the same old sun in the heavens, but in our time it has gone to making daguerreotypes and photographs. It is the same old water; but in our century it has gone to running steam engines. It is the same old lightning; but in our time it has become a lightning footed errand boy.

"But," you say, "I fear to go because the future is so full of mystery." Well, I will tell you how to treat the mysteries. The mysteries have ceased bothering me, for I do as the judges of your courts often do. They hear all the arguments in the case and they say, "I will take these papers and give you my decision next week." So I have heard all the arguments in regard to the next world, and some things are uncertain and full of mystery, and so I fold up the papers and reserve until the next world my decision about them. I can then study all the mysteries to better advantage, for the light will be better and my faculties stronger, and I will ask the Christian philosophers, who have had all the advantages of heaven for centuries, to help me, and I may be permitted myself humbly to ask the Lord, and I think there will be only one mystery left, that will be how one so unworthy as myself got into such an unprepared place. Come up out of the sepulchral shadows. If you are not Christians by faith in Christ, come up into the light; and if you are already like Lazarus, reanimated, but still have your grave clothes on, get rid of them. The command is, "Loose him, and let him go."

The only part of the Journey I made years ago to Palestine that I really dreaded was the landing at Joppa. That is the port of entrance for the Holy Land, and there are many rocks and in rough weather people cannot land at all. The boats taking the people must run between reefs that looked to me to be about 50 feet apart, and one mistake of an oarsman or an unexpected wave has sometimes been fatal and hundreds have perished along those reefs. Besides that, as we left Port Said the evening before, an old traveler said: "The wind is just right to give you a rough landing at Joppa; indeed I think you will not be able to land at all." The fact was that when our Mediterranean steamer dropped anchor near Joppa and we put out for shore in the small boat, the water was as still as though it had been sound asleep a hundred years, and we landed as easily as I entered this pulpit. Well, your fears have pictured for you an appalling arrival at the end of your voyage of life, and they say that the seas will run high and that the breakers will swallow you up, or that if you reach Canaan at all, it will be a very rough landing. The very opposite will be true if you have the eternal God for your portion. Your disembarkation for the promised land will be as smooth as was ours at Palestine. Christ will meet you far out at sea and pilot you into complete safety, and you will land with a hosanna on one side of you and a hallelujah on the other.

Backed up by the teachings of your Bible, just look through the telescope some bright night and see how many worlds there are and reflect that all you have seen, compared with the number of worlds in existence, are less than the fingers of your right hand as compared with all the fingers of the human race. How foolish, then, for us to think that ours is the only world fit for us to stay in. I think that all the stars are inhabited and by beings like the human race in feelings and sentiments, and the differences in lung respiration and heart beat and physical conformation, their physical conformation fit for the climate of their world, and our physical conformation fit for the climate of our world. So we shall feel at home in any of the stellar neighborhoods, our physical limitations having ceased.

One of our first realizations in getting out of this world, I think, will be that in this world we were very much pent up and had cramped apartments and were kept on the limits. The most even of our small world, is water, and the water says to the human race, "Don't come here or you will drown." A few thousand feet up the atmosphere is uninhabitable, and the atmosphere says to the human race, "Don't come up here or you cannot breathe." A few miles down the earth is a furnace of fire, and the fire says, "Don't come here or you will burn." The caverns of the mountains are full of

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Heaven is 95 per cent better than this world, a thousand per cent better, a million per cent better. Take the gladder, brightest, most jubilant days you ever had on earth and compress them all into one hour, and that hour would be a requiem, a fast day, a gloom, a horror, as compared with the poorest hour they have had in heaven since its first tower was built or its first gates swung or its first song first started. "Oh," you say, "that may be true, but I am so afraid of crossing over from this world to the next, and I fear the snapping of the cord between soul and body." Well, all the surgeons and physicians and scientists declare that there is no pang at the parting of the body and soul, and all the restlessness at the closing hour of life is involuntary and no distress at all. And I agree with the doctors, for what they say is confirmed by the fact that persons who were drowned or were submerged until all consciousness departed and were afterward resuscitated declare that the sensation of passing into unconsciousness was pleasurable rather than distressful. The cage of the body has a door on easy hinges, and when that door of the physical cage opens the soul simply puts out its wings and soars.

Getting into the Light. "But," you say, "I fear to go because the future is so full of mystery." Well, I will tell you how to treat the mysteries. The mysteries have ceased bothering me, for I do as the judges of your courts often do. They hear all the arguments in the case and they say, "I will take these papers and give you my decision next week." So I have heard all the arguments in regard to the next world, and some things are uncertain and full of mystery, and so I fold up the papers and reserve until the next world my decision about them. I can then study all the mysteries to better advantage, for the light will be better and my faculties stronger, and I will ask the Christian philosophers, who have had all the advantages of heaven for centuries, to help me, and I may be permitted myself humbly to ask the Lord, and I think there will be only one mystery left, that will be how one so unworthy as myself got into such an unprepared place. Come up out of the sepulchral shadows. If you are not Christians by faith in Christ, come up into the light; and if you are already like Lazarus, reanimated, but still have your grave clothes on, get rid of them. The command is, "Loose him, and let him go."

The only part of the Journey I made years ago to Palestine that I really dreaded was the landing at Joppa. That is the port of entrance for the Holy Land, and there are many rocks and in rough weather people cannot land at all. The boats taking the people must run between reefs that looked to me to be about 50 feet apart, and one mistake of an oarsman or an unexpected wave has sometimes been fatal and hundreds have perished along those reefs. Besides that, as we left Port Said the evening before, an old traveler said: "The wind is just right to give you a rough landing at Joppa; indeed I think you will not be able to land at all." The fact was that when our Mediterranean steamer dropped anchor near Joppa and we put out for shore in the small boat, the water was as still as though it had been sound asleep a hundred years, and we landed as easily as I entered this pulpit. Well, your fears have pictured for you an appalling arrival at the end of your voyage of life, and they say that the seas will run high and that the breakers will swallow you up, or that if you reach Canaan at all, it will be a very rough landing. The very opposite will be true if you have the eternal God for your portion. Your disembarkation for the promised land will be as smooth as was ours at Palestine. Christ will meet you far out at sea and pilot you into complete safety, and you will land with a hosanna on one side of you and a hallelujah on the other.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

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

There is a discussion going on in some of our esteemed contemporaries regarding the feeding of young dairy calves, and it is rather amusing to note some of the extravagant statements made by those who argue that a calf can be more successfully raised without milk than it can on the good old plan provided by the Creator. If, for instance, we are to believe these enthusiasts, the feeding of milk is liable to teach the calf the bad habit of laying on fat instead of flesh and muscle, and the growing of horns. Milk, then, we must conclude, is a fat-producing food not fit for young growing calves, a fallacy that requires no refuting argument.

The fact of the matter is that in the West at least the proposed ration would cost about as much as milk at the price it has been bringing when shipped to the factory or made into butter or cheese. In the East, where the price of milk is higher than in the West, there may be reason for depriving the young calves of it even during the first few days of their lives. We would prefer, however, to feed the calf sweet milk for ten days or so and then utilize the sweet skim milk that can so easily and cheaply build up, by the addition of corn meal feed dry, to perfectly take the place of the whole milk which can be more profitably sold.

The Farmers' Review is heartily in favor of feeding growing dairy calves upon a highly nitrogenous ration, but it does not believe that milk is apt to spoil a heifer as a prospective milker, for mother's milk is the best-balanced ration that can possibly be formed for growing young animals, and it is absolute bosh to say that it lessens the chances of a dairy-bred heifer becoming a profitable milking cow. Keep the calf growing naturally and-it will not be stunted by the laying on of fat, nor is it necessary to produce a "pot-belly," which merely indicates an unhealthy state of the digestive apparatus and is far more likely to stunt and injure the calf than a ration containing a certain proportion of fat, without which no ration for any known purpose would be complete.

How old should a hen be when she is sold off or killed for family use? The answer is, she should be killed after her second year. But in spite of this quite general answer, it is a known fact that some poultrymen keep their Brown Leghorns till they are about ten years old. One Brown Leghorn hen was kept till that age, when she had her credit about 2,000 eggs, a good average, we must admit. Light Brahmans are said to be good layers till quite old. However, we lack data, as the domestic fowl has been sadly neglected in this. She is such a small piece of property that we have never thought it advisable to keep her for ten years and count her eggs. A systematic series of trials of this kind might give us a good deal of light on a dark subject.

The man that wants to become a successful poultryman must not become discouraged. This is the first requisite. He is sure to have most discouraging things happen to his flock, and after three or four years of such happenings, he will feel that poultry raising is a delusion and that there is no success possible in it, anyway. But that is just the time when it would be just as reasonable for a child, after having had a full run of all child's diseases, to think of giving up trying to live for fear of a constant recurrence of measles, mumps, chicken pox, whooping cough and the like. The poultryman, in his early disasters, is getting his child's diseases. Having once had them he is not likely to have them again. He has learned in the dear school of experience and is now ready to apply his lessons.

It is not perhaps known generally that the feathers of hens form a considerable article of commerce. There are in Chicago and New York firms that make a business of buying and selling feathers of all kinds of domestic fowls including the hen. They have agents that travel through the country buying up all the feathers they can get. The farmers are not visited, but the large shippers of poultry are, for the reason that they have feathers in sufficient quantity to make the visit of an agent an object. Most of the feathers of the hen are used for filling feather beds and pillows. The large feathers of the cocks have particular value, as they are used for trimming ladies' hats, and most of them are sold for eagle's feathers. The feathers that are used for stuffing beds and pillows are brought from 5 to 6 cents a pound, but the "sickles," the long tail feathers of the cock, sell as high as 30 cents per pound. The separation takes place in the establishments where the fowls are dressed. A mixed lot of feathers has little value to the buyer.

"Beard" is a term used for a bunch of feathers under the throat of some breeds of chickens, such as Houdans or Polish. Applying Protective Inoculation. Bulletin 91 of the Kansas Experiment Station says: One of the greatest difficulties encountered in our experiments with protective inoculation to convince farmers that it is useless, or worse than useless, to inoculate sick or exposed hogs with an attenuated culture of swine-plague germs. This may be illustrated thus: Suppose an animal were poisoned by drinking a great quantity of some strong fermented liquor, like brandy, which contains about fifty per cent of alcohol; would it not seem ridiculous to attempt to save this animal's life by beginning now to accustom it to the effects of alcohol by feeding it additional but diluted potions of the same beverage? Attempting to save an infected animal by administering dilute or attenuated doses of the poisons (toxins) that are the actual cause of the disease is an analogous case. But, on the other hand, by feeding the diluted poisons before the full-strength poisons have been administered, the animal organism will gradually accustom itself to stronger and stronger doses, until full-strength doses can be administered without harm. There are, of course, limits to all these assertions, but within these limits the facts will bear out the statements. On these principles protective inoculation rests and this once fully understood, there will be no danger of confounding protective inoculation with curative treatment. The average farmer is unwilling to go to any reasonable expense in order to protect himself against a danger not yet in sight, but when it is too late he is too often willing to go to the opposite extreme and permit himself to be imposed upon by the very worst kind of pretenses. As already stated, our great difficulty lies in trying to induce farmers to inoculate their pigs in time, before they have swine-plague or cholera, and before their neighbors' pigs across the road begin dying of this disease (or diseases?).

Calves that Won't Drink Milk. We once raised a calf that never learned to drink milk, writes a contributor to National Stockman and Farmer. It was the only case of the sort I ever heard of and we naturally supposed that it would die, for by no possible means could it be taught to drink any milk, more than just to taste of it. It grew very thin, even before we gave it up, but as nobody wanted the job of killing it we turned it into the field and let it take its chances. After that it lived somehow, on grass and water, and it did not get any too much of either, for we had the bad habit of turning calves into a sort of clearing that had neither water nor feed in much quantity, expecting the calves to live mainly on milk. The calf that would not drink milk seemed to fairly dry and shrivel up till it was a sort of walking shadow, but it made a great fight for life and came out in the fall quite an animal, so that it wintered with the other stock and began the second year about even. It was a heifer and as a cow developed the ordinary milking qualities of the rest of the herd, none the worse, apparently, for its experience. Nobody had any idea why it disliked milk. I cannot remember whether it began by sucking the mother or not, but suppose that it did, as it was common to allow the calf to remain with the cow till the milk was fit to use. My experience is that all possible effort to get calves to eating solid food early is valuable. We take to late summer or fall calves as we watch them more. These can be taught to eat grass early and as it does not physic them as the over-succulent spring growth does, they can eat as much as they will without injury.

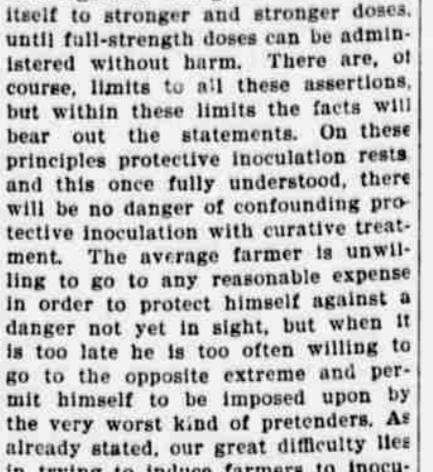
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FOR WOMEN AND HOME

ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR MAIDS AND MATRONS.

Gown of Gray Cashmere - A Pretty Dinner Gown - A Good Woman's Hero - The Small Belongings of Dress - Our Cooking School.

Gathering Shells from the Sea Shore. (Old Favorite Series.) I wandered to-day on the sea shore. The winds and the waves were low. And I thought of the days that are gone, Maud.

A Good Woman's Hero. Lucky is the man, writes Margaret Hanks, who is some good woman's hero. It may be that his worshiper is mother, wife, sister, sweetheart.

Uses of Glycerine. Besides applying it to chapped hands and taking it internally for colds, there are many other uses for pure glycerine. For laundry purposes it is invaluable.

When Not to Take Medicine. It is a mistake to fly to the medicine chest directly one feels a little out of sorts, although of course in serious illnesses drugs are invaluable.

Concerning Hats. All hats fit close. Fruit is to be much used for the trimming of hats. Grapes are especially modiste.

The Small Belongings of Dress. The minor accessories of dress go far toward making a complete costume and form the finishing touches of what the French call harmonious dressing.

Some Home Notes. White corsets when they become soiled may be cleaned by being brushed over with a strong brush dipped in a mixture of soap, water and ammonia.

Beat a carpet on the wrong side first, and then more gently on the right side. Beware of using sticks with sharp points, which may tear the carpet.

A Worth gown, a diamond stomacher, or a sable wrap cannot atone for a torn corset cover, a frowsy petticoat, a torn glove or a pair of crooked heels.

GOWN OF GRAY CASHMERE.



The skirt slightly gathered at the sides and back. Stock-yoke and bolero of heavy ochre guipure lace in large and showy design. This bolero is pointed in the center of the back, and is unlined. Strands of chiffon meet at

two points in front, finishing by two chous. The belt is of suede, with a buckle of colored gold. The hem is a series of three deep tucks. The gray chiffon has pink roses and gray chiffon for decoration.

OUR COOKING SCHOOL.

The Family Roast.

Roast meat, although one of the commonest modes of dressing it, is by no means an easy task. Roast meat is too often sent to the table nearly raw or dried up till there is scarcely any gravy in it. Now, good roasting consists in dressing the joint thoroughly and yet retaining its juice.

A Pretty Dinner Gown.



For a warm evening is of white organdie, striped with black and trimmed with pleatings of black organdie about the neck and sleeves and on the tunic and skirt.

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When damping clothes for ironing the water should be as hot as the hand can bear. It is not necessary to use as much water as is needed when it is cold.

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

SOME GOOD STORIES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS.

Both Had to Run When the Farmer Plowed their Cozy Underground Homes - How Ted Lent a Hand - All Make Dolls.

A Hundred Fathoms Deep. (Old Favorite Series.) There's a mine of wealth untold In a hundred fathoms deep. There's a countless store of the earth's red gold.

Both Had to Run. The mole is a small-eyed, sharp-nosed little animal. Some people call him blind. This is not quite true, but his eyes are not of much use to him, because he lives under the ground, and is nearly always in the dark.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON VI, MAY 6 - MATT. CHAP. II, VS. 20-30.

Golden Text - "Come Unto Me All Ye That Labour and Are Heavy Laden, and I Will Give You Rest." - Matt. 11:28.

"Then began he" for the first recorded time. He began to urge a new motive. "To upbraid." Not abuse, or scold, but rebuke, blame, including both "advising and indignation."

As each in turn began to tell a legend, I pillored my head in my mother's lap; and lying flat on my back, watched the stars as they peeped down upon me, one by one. The increasing interest of the tale aroused me, and I sat up eagerly listening for every word.

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J. M. Humphries of San Angelo bought of E. McKenzie 1800 2 and 3 year-old steers at private terms. "The demand for land, both for lease and purchase is unprecedented," says Texas Land Commissioner Rogan.

There was 350 head of horses shipped from Coleman to New Orleans, thence to South Africa for the British army, last week. A consignment of harvesting machinery, valued at \$250,000, left New York lately for Black sea ports for use in Russian harvest fields.

Prospects indicate that wheat shipments from Bell county this year will be about 250 cars. Last year shipments reached 175 cars. One hundred and twenty bushels of seed corn were recently purchased in Philadelphia and sent to Egypt to be planted on the Nile delta.

Capt. W. J. Good of Quanah shipped four carloads of calves to Kansas City, which topped the market at \$4.35, weight 700 pounds. They were full corn fed. J. L. Vaughn sold his Lynn county ranch, seventy sections (leased) and 1000 head of stock cattle to Messrs. Milwee and Saunders. Consideration \$30,000.

E. H. Hamilton, eight miles south of town, has received seventy-six head of fine Durham calves from Kansas City, all thoroughbreds, making his number now 104 head. The annual meeting of the Texas Cotton Ginners' association will be held at Brenham, Thursday, May 1. The railroads have promised liberal rates for the occasion.

On a switch taken from a tree on the premises of M. L. Crawford of Dallas last week were twenty-seven peaches about the size of a pigeon egg. The switch was two feet long. Ranges and pastures are now well watered in Moore county. In many places where water was never known to be grass is fine and well advanced. The recent frost bit the grass.

F. P. Puderbaugh of Chicago has leased 600 acres of land eight miles northeast of Springfield, Mo., and has stocked it with Angora goats. He already has 700 of the long-haired animals and expects to double the number. J. M. Miller of Roswell, N. M., sold 1100 head of sheep - 3000 to Mr. McIntosh, who will ship them to Denver, shortly after lambing shall be finished; 500 fine ewes to his son M. Z. Miller and 600 old ewes to John Fawson. Terms private.

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J. M. Humphries of San Angelo bought of E. McKenzie 1800 2 and 3 year-old steers at private terms. "The demand for land, both for lease and purchase is unprecedented," says Texas Land Commissioner Rogan.

There was 350 head of horses shipped from Coleman to New Orleans, thence to South Africa for the British army, last week. A consignment of harvesting machinery, valued at \$250,000, left New York lately for Black sea ports for use in Russian harvest fields.

Prospects indicate that wheat shipments from Bell county this year will be about 250 cars. Last year shipments reached 175 cars. One hundred and twenty bushels of seed corn were recently purchased in Philadelphia and sent to Egypt to be planted on the Nile delta.

Capt. W. J. Good of Quanah shipped four carloads of calves to Kansas City, which topped the market at \$4.35, weight 700 pounds. They were full corn fed. J. L. Vaughn sold his Lynn county ranch, seventy sections (leased) and 1000 head of stock cattle to Messrs. Milwee and Saunders. Consideration \$30,000.

E. H. Hamilton, eight miles south of town, has received seventy-six head of fine Durham calves from Kansas City, all thoroughbreds, making his number now 104 head. The annual meeting of the Texas Cotton Ginners' association will be held at Brenham, Thursday, May 1. The railroads have promised liberal rates for the occasion.

On a switch taken from a tree on the premises of M. L. Crawford of Dallas last week were twenty-seven peaches about the size of a pigeon egg. The switch was two feet long. Ranges and pastures are now well watered in Moore county. In many places where water was never known to be grass is fine and well advanced. The recent frost bit the grass.

F. P. Puderbaugh of Chicago has leased 600 acres of land eight miles northeast of Springfield, Mo., and has stocked it with Angora goats. He already has 700 of the long-haired animals and expects to double the number. J. M. Miller of Roswell, N. M., sold 1100 head of sheep - 3000 to Mr. McIntosh, who will ship them to Denver, shortly after lambing shall be finished; 500 fine ewes to his son M. Z. Miller and 600 old ewes to John Fawson. Terms private.

It is estimated by competent authorities that there will be 110,000 acres planted in rice this season, with an estimated yield of 2,000,000 bushels, in Jefferson, Liberty and Chambers counties.

BOERS EVACUATE.

They Leave Leeuw Kop After a Resistance Fierce.

RETREATED AFTER NIGHTFALL.

Evidence is Decidedly Conclusive as to the Boers Being Numerous in the Vicinity of Wepener.

London, April 24.—The strong body of reinforcements which Lord Roberts sent to aid the relief of Wepener and to endeavor to envelop and cut off the Boers from a retreat northward furnishes further evidence that the Boers are assembled in much larger force around Wepener than had hitherto been supposed.

A Boer dispatch dated Thabanchu, April 22, says that a fresh supply of cannon and ammunition had reached Gen. Dewet at Jammersburg Drift. It also asserts that one of Col. Dalgetty's guns has been smashed.

Harrieffontein, mentioned in Lord Roberts' message to the war office, is fifteen miles southwest of Bloemfontein. Leeuw Kop is two miles further south.

Although the Boers appear to be offering stout resistance to the British advance their position is dangerous.

They can scarcely delay further retreat northward without incurring the risk of being cut off. Usually they have been well informed regarding the British plans and they are not likely to run such a risk, especially as they have partly accomplished their object in drawing large forces from Bloemfontein on long marches and have thereby delayed the advance on Pretoria.

The Morning Post, commenting upon the difficulty Lord Roberts is experiencing, expresses the wisdom of arranging for strong reinforcements. The report that a Boer commando was at Frankfort proved to be without foundation, but evidently there is a large force opposing Lord Methuen.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Standard, describing the operations at Deewu Kop, says:

"At an early stage the cavalry came under a heavy fire from a pom-pom on a ridge adjoining Leeuw Kop. Unable to continue its march to the southeast, Gen. Dickson's brigade fell back to the north to await the infantry attack. The flanking movement with having failed, Gen. Pole-Carew, with Stephenson's brigade, advanced in crescent formation from the south and west with the object of enveloping the kopjes. The Welsh, Warwickshire, Essex and Yorkshire regiments advanced in extended line, covering the west, while the guards brigade took up a position to the south, with two field batteries and naval guns. Sheltered by the rocks, the enemy opened a heavy fire from rifles and a pom-pom.

"Our men advanced over the open ground in splendid style by a succession of short rushes, falling prone while pouring in their volleys. The approach of darkness threatened to leave the Boers in possession, but just before sunset the Essex regiment gallantly pressed forward and drove the last man of the enemy from Paarde Kraal, a bold spur of Leeuw Kop.

Boer Messengers.

Elandsbaag, April 24.—Boer messengers who arrived in camp Saturday morning were identified as Reus, a soldier from Boksbury and Edwards, notorious for his anti-British speech after the Jameson raid. They brought a letter from the Boer general to the commanding officer. They were much surprised at the ordinary appearance of the camp. Reus declared they were only beginning to fight. Messengers were finally escorted to the outpost.

Fight at Leeuw Kop.

Bloemfontein, April 24.—Col. Alderson's corps of mounted infantry, consisting of the first battalions of the first and second Canadian regiments, and Strathcona's horse, was engaged in the operations of Gen. Pole-Carew and Gen. French. Alderson had undertaken to drive the Boers from their line of defense.

Jones Appointed.

St. Louis, Mo., April 24.—Fred H. Jones, district passenger agent of the Cotton Belt at Memphis, has been appointed general passenger and ticket agent of the company in Texas, with headquarters at Tyler. Mr. Jones succeeds S. G. Warner, who resigned in order to accept the position of general passenger and ticket agent of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf road, with headquarters at Kansas City.

Ecumenical Conference.

New York, April 24.—No meeting of the ecumenical conference was held Monday afternoon. Instead, sectional meetings were held in many neighboring churches. All the meetings were largely attended, and addresses were made by several missionaries in each.

Both Carnegie hall and the Central Presbyterian church were crowded to capacity at the evening meetings. Carnegie hall addresses were read.

REPLY RECEIVED.

Turkey's Answer, It is Thought, Leaves the Matter Still Open.

Washington, April 24.—The state department has received through Lloyd Griscom, the United States charge at Constantinople, the reply of the Turkish government to the latest representations of the United States touching the American missionary claims. The communication was taken to the white house by Secretary Hay, and presumably was considered by the cabinet at a special meeting. Mr. Straus, the United States minister to Turkey, who had come over from New York for the purpose of conferring with the department affecting these claims, called at the state department and talked over the late Turkish note with Secretary Hay before the cabinet meeting. The department made no particular statement touching the Turkish note beyond the mere announcement that it was inconclusive and left the subject still open for discussion. It was gathered that the cabled outline of the Turkish response cabled from Constantinople to the effect that the American claimants must take their positions along with those of other nations does not convey accurately the tenor of the whole note, though it is admitted that it does set out properly one portion of it.

Is Worse.

Meridan, Miss., April 24.—The flood situation south of Meridan has changed for the worse. Heavy rains Sunday night caused a decided rise in the waters of the Oktibee, Chunky and Chickasaw rivers, streams that have caused much damage already. News reached here from the Chunky river that that river is even with its banks and is rising. Every report to-day was disheartening to railroad officials, who fear full traffic can not be resumed inside of three weeks.

Citizens in small towns shut out from the outside world are growing desperate, it being a week in many instances since they have received a pound of freight or mail.

Prohibitionists.

Dallas, Tex., April 24.—The state executive committee of the Prohibition party met in office of Dr. J. B. Cranfill in this city Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by B. P. Bailey of Houston, the state chairman, and Judge E. C. Heath of Rockwall was requested to preside.

Hon. O. W. Stewart of Chicago, chairman of the national Prohibition executive committee, was present and delivered an address.

Delegates were elected to the national convention. It was decided to hold the state convention for the nomination of a state and electoral ticket at Dallas on July 18.

Gold Excitement.

Cleburne, Tex., April 24.—Since the discovery of gold at Keene last week this city has been worked up to almost fever heat over the matter. Monday, however, new interest was aroused by the discovery of the same metal on Clem Pierce's ranch, seventeen miles west of here. Mr. Pierce brought in some dust, which he "panned" from the gravel in a canyon on his ranch. A druggist washed it twice with nitric acid and the residue was taken to J. H. Muckleroy, who is an old miner and also a jeweler. He tested it thoroughly and unqualifiedly pronounced it gold. Mr. Pierce says he can get a half bushel of this dust in a week.

Wheeler Resigns.

Montgomery, Ala., April 24.—Gov. Johnston has made public a letter received from Gen. Joe Wheeler, dated Washington, April 20, in which Gen. Wheeler formally tendered his resignation as a member of congress from the eighth Alabama district. Gen. Wheeler says that in November he forwarded to the president his resignation as an officer of the army, so as to prevent the possibility of any question arising as to his right to his seat in congress.

Recommends Unseating.

Washington, April 24.—Senator Chandler, from the senate committee on privileges and elections submitted to the senate the report of that committee in the case of Senator Clark of Montana. The report is comparatively brief, covering only fifteen pages of brief matter. It does not rehearse the testimony, but simply presents the findings of the committee and its reasons for its course. It recommends unseating.

At Washington.

Washington, April 24.—Gov. W. S. Taylor of Kentucky, who has been for several days in New York, returned to this city. His present expectation is to remain in Washington until after the disputed governorship case is argued in the supreme court next week. The governor said he had a very pleasant trip to the metropolis, and admitted that he had conferred with Republican leaders about his case. He preferred, however, not to go into details regarding the conference.

Bold Work.

Dayton, O., April 24.—Harry Frank, a high school boy, and his sister Daisy, a teacher, son and daughter of Judge Frank, while walking on the street Monday night were assaulted by a negro, who attempted to outrage Miss Frank. Harry defended his sister, and in the struggle the negro fatally shot him. The negro was pursued quickly, and if caught can hardly escape lynching.

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FIGHTING FILIPINOS

Nearly One Thousand Fatalities the Past Week.

SO LATE DISPATCHES INDICATE.

Gen. Pino Del Pilar Is Repulsed From San Miguel After an Assault Which Lasted Three Hours.

Manila, April 23.—The past week has been one of the bloodiest of the war since the first days of fighting around Manila. Authentic reports, mostly official, show a total of 378 Filipinos killed, 12 officers and 244 men captured, and many more wounded. The number of wounded is hardly guessable. Considering that the Filipinos entirely lack hospital facilities, a great majority of the wounded will die. Probably the week's work finished 1000 insurgents. The American loss was 9 killed and 16 wounded. Two sergeants and one private were killed in ambushes while escorting provision trains.

The insurgents have been aggressive in almost every province of Luzon. Gen. Pio del Pilar's band, numbering 300, which was out of sight for three months, the leader being reported killed, has reappeared in its old field about San Miguel. Pilar is supposed to be again in command. He gave the American garrison at San Miguel, consisting of three companies of the thirty-fifth infantry, with a Gatling, a three hours' fight during a night attack. The loss of the insurgents in this engagement is not included in the foregoing total, as they removed their dead and wounded, but presumably it was considerable.

Twenty Filipinos in the province of Batangas attacked Lieut. Wonde, who with eight men was scouting near San Jose. The lieutenant and five men were wounded and private killed. Sergt. Ledous of the thirty-fourth infantry was badly wounded in an ambush near Ballang. Lieut. Balch of the thirty-seventh infantry had a five hours' fight with 400 insurgents in the Nueva Caceras district. Twenty of the insurgents were killed.

Col. Smith's command captured 150 officers and men with Montenegro. The officers were brought to Manila. Montenegro, who was formerly one of the most dapper officers in the Filipino army, looks worn and haggard. He says he had led a terrible life for months, and he has offered to return to the north with Col. Smith to endeavor to persuade his former comrades of the uselessness of opposing the Americans. One hundred escaped Spanish prisoners from the province of Tayabas, South Luzon, have arrived at Manila. The insurgents have 400 more Spaniards in that district. Recently the Filipinos destroyed several rods of the railway near Panique in an unsuccessful attempt to wreck a train.

State Fair Will Continue.

Dallas, Tex., April 23.—The following has been issued:

The fifteenth annual entertainment of the Texas State fair will be held on its grounds in the city of Dallas, September 29 to October 14 this year.

The grounds and buildings are all in good repair and their general attractive appearance will be greatly enhanced by a liberal supply of paint and all other needed decorations and improvements.

Shot in the Heart.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 23.—Early Sunday morning George A. Raulston shot John H. Woods in the heart, instantly killing him. As strangers they met in a saloon and began a quarrel. On the street a few minutes later the difficulty culminated in Raulston shooting Woods twice, once in the heart. Raulston claims he did the act in self-defense and has surrendered. Both of the participants were well-known young men of the city.

Notified to Close.

Birmingham, Ala., April 23.—Superintendent Frazier of the Southern railway appealed to Sheriff O'Brien for protection for the company's property and telegraph operator at Brookside, a small station a few miles west of here, where their operator had been notified to close his office by a committee of miners. The sheriff dispatched a number of deputies to the scene and a conference was held with the miners, who stated they meant no violence.

Neither Advised.

Washington, April 23.—Neither Secretary Hay nor the Turkish minister has been advised of the reported action of the porte in replying to the American demands. In the absence of official information and of the specific conditions of the reply officials here prefer not to discuss the matter, but express the hope that a satisfactory and amicable settlement of the differences between the two countries may be reached as speedily as possible.

Peculiar Accident.

Guthrie, Ok. April 23.—Mrs. H. Baxter was seriously injured in a peculiar manner. She was boiling potatoes in a tin bucket with tight-fitting lid when the steam caused the bucket to explode as she was stooping over it, throwing steam and hot water and potatoes in her face, burning her seriously.

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NEWS NUGGETS.

Items of Recent Happening Dressed Down to Small Size.

The Texas Daughters of the Republic meet at Austin next year.

Ernest E. Pons, an attorney, was shot and killed at Sanderson, Fla.

Census enumerators complain that many persons give false information.

The flood water is rapidly receding along the line of the Mobile and Ohio railway.

Delegates to the Trans-Mississippi congress excused to LaPorte and Galveston, and were royally entertained at both places.

New gold fields are reported in Johnson county, Texas, and much excitement prevails.

Many Britons demand that Gen. Buller be recalled, censuring him for the Spionkop affair.

London society is shocked by "Zaza", a new French play, and the lord chamberlain will investigate.

A four-story building, to cost \$40,000, is to be erected at Dallas, Tex., by a northern agricultural implement firm.

Senator Chauncey M. Dewey celebrated his sixty-eighth birthday on the 21st by dining with the Montauk club, Brooklyn.

Conductor George Hill of the Santa Fe fell off his train at Bernatito station, near Las Vegas, N. M., and horribly mangled.

Wills Bacon, a student of Randolph college, Lancaster, Tex., was drowned fifteen miles from that place by the sinking of a rowboat.

Pat Lanyon, a section foreman on the Texas Midland road, was run over and killed by a Texas and Pacific freight train at Lawrence, Kaufman county, Texas.

The Grayson County Press association met at Sherman and effected a temporary organization. The next meeting takes place May 5.

The 2-year-old child of C. M. Coble of San Antonio, Tex., the winner of four prizes at Texas baby shows, drank carbolic acid and died almost instantly.

W. A. Tuley has been appointed general agent of the passenger department of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad company with headquarters at Dallas, Tex.

Ida Bell Cameron, 17 years old, was found dead in bed at Galveston with an empty morphine box beside her.

Juan Garcia, charged with assaulting a 9-year-old Mexican girl at Nuevo Laredo, was arrested at Laredo, Tex.

SAN JACINTO DAY.

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At Galveston.—San Jacinto day was celebrated here by the unveiling ceremonies incident to the Rosenberg monument dedication.

At Bryan Station, San Jacinto day was celebrated at the agricultural and mechanical college by the annual field day sports. Visitors were present from several points.

At Austin.—Saturday, the sixty-fourth anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto, was generally observed here. All the state departments, leading business houses and banks closed. An old settlers' picnic was held at Yeagan's Grove, eight miles west of here, at which Col. W. J. Bryan Judge Reagan and others made speeches.

Rosenberg Monument.

Galveston, Tex., April 23.—The \$50,000 monument provided for in the will of Henry Rosenberg to the Texas heroes of the war of 1835 was unveiled with great ceremony. The programme opened with a parade of 2500 school children who marched past the monument and deposited floral emblems on the pedestal. The children were arranged in companies, each company in different uniform, and carried banners and flags. Gov. Sayers made an address.

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Asphalt Troubles.

Lagos, British West Africa, April 21.—Three hundred Nigra troops have been dispatched overland to the Gamao country northwest of Ashanti, where the British residents report a recurrence of the troubles which necessitated the expedition of last year. One hundred and fifty other troops are proceeding from the gold coast.

There are rumors of trouble with the French of Meko in the Yeruba country, in the neighborhood of Delahome.

Flood Situation.

New Orleans, La., April 23.—The flood situation in Louisiana and Mississippi was just beginning to brighten when it began pouring rain over most of the same district again. Reports from Mississippi and Louisiana tell of a steady drenching rain fall and the streams raging. The Louisiana and Nashville railroad into this city, which had held out, went down in the stream at an early hour by the bridge at Pascagoula, floating off.

OVER MUD ROADS

Move the Forces of Gen. Chermiside and Rundle.

WITH A MIGHTY NUMBER OF MEN

They Hold the Railway and the Southern Frontier of the Free State—What Hall Has to Say.

London, April 21.—Gen. Chermiside and Gen. Rundle are moving over the sodden roads. Rain was still falling when they went into camp Thursday afternoon eighteen miles west of Dewetdorp. They hold the railway and the southern frontier of the Free State with 20,000 men.

How many are going with the generals who will engage the Boers at Wepener is not mentioned in the latest dispatches from Orlongspoort, where the British bivouacked Wednesday night. The field telegraph ends there.

On Thursday the Boers still had Col. Dalgetty closely penned.

The government's reason for publishing Lord Roberts' Spionkop dispatches was explained at Hull by Mr. Walter Hume Long, president of the board of agriculture. He said that the country was entitled to receive all the information the government could give.

"The government is told," continued Mr. Long, "that, having published the dispatches, it is bound to deal immediately with the generals affected, but in following such a course, the government might have to dismise every general the moment he made a mistake. Had such a policy been pursued in the past many most glorious deeds would not have been performed."

"The government used its discretion in publishing the dispatches. From the beginning of the campaign. Her majesty's ministers have not swerved from the rule of leaving the conduct of the operations to the discretion and judgement of the commander-in-chief."

Gen. White, if not required in South Africa, will go as governor of Gibraltar toward the end of May.

Texas Veterans.

San Antonio, Tex., April 21.—The twenty-seventh annual reunion of the Texas Veterans' association and the Daughters of the Republic met here, President Guy M. Bryan of Austin presiding. After the addresses of welcome an epic poem by Mrs. Mary Saunders was read. Austin was selected as the place of meeting next year. The old officers were re-elected, as follows: Guy M. Bryan, Austin, president; G. W. Petty, first vice president; J. M. Hill, second vice president; Rufus Burleson, Waco, chaplain; Stephen H. Dorden, secretary; Frank L. Lubbock, Austin, treasurer.

Daughters of Republic.

San Antonio, Tex., April 21.—The following officers were elected by the Daughters of the Republic: President, Mrs. Anson Jones, Houston; first vice president, Mrs. Mary J. Briscoe, Galveston; second vice president, Rebekah J. Fisher, Austin; third vice president, Mrs. E. Kendall, Houston; fourth vice president, Mrs. Kate E. Terrell, Dallas; fifth vice president, Mrs. Walter Gresham, Galveston; historian, Mrs. M. Looscan, Houston; secretary, Mrs. J. J. McKeever, Jr., Houston; assistant secretary, Mrs. C. H. Milby, Houston; treasurer, Miss Belle Fenn, Houston.

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TERRITORY TOPICS.

Matters of Interest that Have Recently Come to Pass.

The coal output at Lehigh and Colgate is steadily increasing.

Citizens of Roff raised \$2000 in half a day to secure the St. Louis Southern railway.

A large number of non-citizens met at Tishomingo and passed resolutions against the Little tax school bill.

Federal court at Antlers, which convened on the 2d, has adjourned. Forty-eight persons were sentenced.

Sixty-two convicts were lodged in jail at South McAlester. They were convicted at Antlers.

Judge Clayton has entered an order restraining the townsie commissioner from selling any of the vacant lots in Atoka.

The barn of W. C. Nail at Durant, together with 2000 bales of hay, some corn and twelve tons of cotton seed hulls, burned.

The grand chapter of the Royal Arch Masons met at Ardmore with a large attendance. E. Hamilton of Chickasha was elected grand master.

Tom and Henry Powell, brothers, convicted of the murder of Jack Meadows, near Oberland in July, 1898, received life sentences at their trial in Antlers.

L. C. Burris, national mineral trustee of the Chickasaw nation, has received several applications for permits to work the asphalt lands on the Rock island road.

An old gentleman stopped at the residence of Mr. Breedlove, seven miles from Atoka, saying he intended walking to Chattanooga, Tenn. He retired early. Next morning Mr. Breedlove went to awaken him, and found the old man a corpse.

FROM OKLAHOMA.

Smothered.

Geary, Ok., April 21.—C. H. Connelly and family, living north of here, were buried under a dugout which caved in during a storm, and Mr. Connelly and one child were smothered to death. Mrs. Connelly, who was near the door, managed to get out.

Rather Romantic.

Enid, Ok., April 21.—James George, a clerk in a grocery in this city, has gone to Humphrey, Mo., to marry Miss Bessie Vaughn, a young lady who wrote a message upon a strawberry box, as she was packing fruit last summer, asking the one who saw it to correspond with her. George got the box, opened up a correspondence and will bring her back to Enid a bride.

Wonderful Revival.

Guthrie, Ok., April 21.—Rev. E. J. Cromwell, a Methodist Episcopal minister, assisted by his wife, has been conducting a wonderful revival at Branman, Ok., which resulted in the conversion of a large part of the town. One hundred and six persons joined the church within a week. Rev. Cromwell and wife were formerly Salvation Army workers.

Adverse to Treasurer.

Guthrie, Ok., April 21.—In the district court judgment was rendered against F. M. Thompson, territorial treasurer, for \$550 interest, which he had received upon deposits of territorial funds in local banks. This is the result of a suit instituted March 15 by the attorney general under instruction from the governor to settle the question of whether interest paid up on the territory funds belonged to the treasurer or the territory, it having been the general opinion in the past to allow the treasurers to retain the interest as there was no depository designated and they were wholly responsible for the funds, even after the deposit. Thompson has all along admitted the receipt of the interest, but claimed it under a decision of the supreme court.

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GLOBE CLEANINGS.

Many daily visit Paris exposition.

The Grant county flouring mills at Jefferson, Ok., burned. Loss \$15,000.

Lord Roberts accuses Gen. Warren of having disobeyed Gen. Buller's order.

Two hundred and fifty thousand persons visited the Paris exposition on the 15th.

Charles E. Smith, former president of the Philadelphia and Reading railway, is dead.

QUAY NO SENATOR.

By a Vote of 33 to 32 He is Refused a Place

IN UPPER HOUSE OF CONGRESS.

Senator Vest Created a Sensation by Voting Against His Friend—Cullerston Recorded in Negative Also.

Washington, April 25.—Hon. Matthew S. Quay was refused a seat in the United States senate on the appointment of the governor of Pennsylvania by a vote of 33 to 32. The entire time of the session was devoted to debate on the question, many of the greatest lawyers and orators in the body delivering speeches.

The throng listened with deep attention to the argument of Mr. Spooner in favor of seating the former Pennsylvania senator and to the dramatic and fiery eloquence of Mr. Daniel of Virginia, who appealed to his colleagues to do what on his oath as a senator he deemed right, and vote to do justice to him who was knocking at the senate door.

This is a judicial question," said Mr. Daniel, "and ought to be decided upon judicial principles. According to my legal convictions, Mr. Quay is entitled to a seat in this body, and so believing, I will so vote."

The first sensation was caused by the failure of Mr. Pettigrew of South Dakota to answer to his name, although he was in his seat. When Mr. Vest's name was called he voted "No" in a clear and distinct voice, thus dashing the last hope of the friends of Mr. Quay, who had expected confidently that the distinguished Missourian would vote for his long-time personal friend. Amid perfect silence it was announced that the senate had denied to Mr. Quay the seat for which he had sought for months past.

Mr. Penrose of Pennsylvania continued his argument, begun Monday afternoon.

Mr. Cumber of North Dakota delivered a carefully prepared constitutional argument in opposition to the seating of Mr. Quay. Only a brief while ago he was regarded as an advocate of Mr. Quay's claim, but he announced in his speech that after careful consideration he had changed his opinion. This change, he said, was not based upon emotion, but upon fact.

In an extended argument Mr. Lindsay of Kentucky presented legal and constitutional reasons why, in his opinion, Mr. Quay ought not to be seated. He held that the appointment of senators by the state executive was provided for by the framers of the constitution merely to provide for the filling of vacancies that may be regarded as unexpected. They never contemplated, Senator Lindsay maintained, that the legislative power to elect should be divided with the executive, and he urged that in the present case the governor did not have constitutional authority to appoint Mr. Quay.

Mr. Turner of Washington said his convictions compelled him to vote against Mr. Quay, although he voted in favor of seating Mr. Corbett.

Mr. Culberson voted against Quay and Mr. Chilton was paired in the negative.

Cullerston's Resolution.

Washington, April 25.—A resolution offered by Mr. Culberson of Texas passed the senate. It requires the president to inform the senate what committees have been created or appointed by the executive since March 4, 1865, in reference to foreign relations or territories of the United States or to inquire into the war with Spain, the personnel of the committees and the total compensation or allowance of each of the committees and all employes.

Illinois Populists.

Springfield, Ill., April 25.—The middle-of-the-roaders' state convention of the Peoples' party held here nominated the following state ticket: Governor, A. C. Van Tyne, Fla.; lieutenant governor, J. H. Ferris, Joliet; secretary of state, Edward Mulloy, Chicago; auditor, Jacob Cosad, Fayette county; treasurer, H. W. Bannigan, Chicago. Four delegates at large and twenty-eight district delegates were selected to the national convention.

Premature.

Wendon, April 25.—The reports that the siege of Wepener had been raised were premature. The Boer attack upon Col. Dalgetty's northern position, as described from Maseru, was probably a final attempt to rush the garrison before securing a safe retreat, and as Col. Dalgetty successfully repulsed the attack little further anxiety is felt on his account.

Lord Roberts has now spread a net of some 40,000 men and 150 guns.

Inspector Killed.

Taylor, Tex., April 25.—W. B. Beardon, night car inspector for the International and Great Northern railroad at Taylor, was accidentally killed Tuesday evening. He was swinging on to a box car in moving freight and struck a switch target, which knocked him under the car. He was badly mangled and died instantly. He had been in the service of the International and Great Northern railway for the past ten years. He leaves a large family.

PROMISE TO PAY.

The Porte Will Reimburse Uncle Sam for Damage Done.

Washington, April 25.—It can be stated on authority that the negotiations respecting the missionary claims are progressing in the most satisfactory manner, in the view of the government. The state department has received from Mr. Griscom, the United States charge, a cablegram announcing that the porte has undertaken to meet all of the engagements made with the United States regarding the payment of the claims set up on account of the destruction of the American mission property in Turkey.

It is not stated now when the payments will be made, and it surmised that owing to the many obligations of greater magnitude pressing on the porte some time may elapse before the money is actually in hand.

The charge also confirmed the press reports as to the publication by the porte of an irade authorizing the rebuilding of the destroyed missions at Harput and Harsam and the construction of an annex to the Robert college, the great American theological school in Constantinople.

This action of the Turkish authorities is regarded as of an importance for exceeding the mere payment of \$90,000 on account of the property destroyed by a mob.

It amounts to a recognition of the right of our missionaries to build their schools in Turkey and insures them against what they regarded as a gradual but absolute exclusion from the domains of the sultan. Under the Turkish law buildings destroyed under the conditions surrounding those at Harput can be reconstructed only by special permission of the porte.

The Council.

New York, April 25.—About a dozen meetings of the Ecumenical conference were held in different churches and halls Tuesday, and much enthusiasm was displayed. During the afternoon there were meetings at the Madison Avenue Reformed church, the Central Presbyterian church, the Church of Strangers and Chambers' Music hall. The principal meeting at night was held in Carnegie hall, which was crowded to its capacity. Bishop E. R. Hendrix of the Southern Methodist church, recently returned from Africa, presided. The speakers of the evening were Bishop Hendrix, Rev. Canon W. J. Edmonds of Exeter cathedral, Rev. Jacob Chamberlain of India and Rev. Wm. S. Ashmore, formerly of China. The subject was "The Translation of the Bible and Its Distribution Among the Nations of the Earth."

Trusts and Imperialism.

Wichita, Kan., April 25.—Neither Editor Moss nor any one else can succeed in getting me to abandon free silver. I favor it as much as I did in 1896. While silver will not be the leading issue of this campaign, it will be one of the issues.

W. J. Bryan made this statement during an interview here Tuesday. When asked what would be some of the leading issues, Mr. Bryan said: "Trusts and imperialism will be paramount."

Religious Congress.

Boston, Mass., April 25.—The sixth annual session of the Liberal Congress of Religion began in this city Tuesday night. There is a large attendance of distinguished men and women from all parts of the country at the congress, which will be continued until Sunday.

Business Men.

Boston, Mass., April 25.—A notable assembly of business men, representing all branches of commercial activity of the United States and Canada, assembled at Tremont Temple Tuesday for the opening session of the fifth annual convention of the National Manufacturers' association.

The meeting was called to order by W. H. Lincoln of Boston. The reports of officers were heard by the assembly.

Horse Races.

Houston, Tex., April 25.—A horse driven by Dr. Holland was electrocuted at the postoffice corner. Linemen were repairing a telephone wire when it in some way sagged, coming in contact with the feed wire of the street railway. One of the linemen received a shock and dropped the wire, which curled about Dr. Holland's horse. Hundreds of people pass and re-pass that corner at all hours of the day and the wonder is that some human life was not taken.

President Praised.

Columbus, O., April 25.—The Republican state convention was held here. Senator Hanna was the most prominent personage present. During an address he lauded President McKinley; said that the party had fulfilled its promise and brought about prosperity. No reference was made to silver.

Japan will restrict immigration to the United States.

Great Damage.

Austin, Tex., April 25.—This section was visited by another heavy rainstorm Monday morning. A terrific hailstorm passed through portions of Llano and Hays counties Friday night, causing considerable damage to growing crops. Many chickens and young livestock were struck by the hail stones and killed.

President and Mrs. McKinley have gone to Canton, O.

Retail clerks at Austin have organized a union.

MUCH WORK DONE.

Trans-Mississippi Congress Gets Down to Business

AND ADOPTS MANY RESOLUTIONS

An Oklahoma Delegate Presents the Chairman and Vice Presidents With "Juicy" Cornstalk Cakes.

Houston, Tex., April 20.—The third day's session of the eleventh annual meeting of the Trans-Mississippi congress was called to order at 10 o'clock in Turner hall. There was a larger attendance than on Wednesday. Gov. Friese, vice president, called the meeting to order. The first thing he called for was additional resolutions, and several were presented.

The following were favorably reported by the committee on resolutions:

Passage of bill 1026, now in the house, to improve the consular service by appointing good and experienced men. Adopted.

Report No. 2.—In favor of the admission to the Union of Arizona, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Gov. Prince stated that it was due them and their inhabitants as American citizens, unless the population was so sparse as not to make it practicable. He laid great stress on the fact that there was but 71-2 per cent of foreigners in New Mexico. She has a population equal to the needs of a state government. Adopted.

Report No. 3.—In the interest of commerce and health, food laws should be made so as to keep or make food pure.

Report No. 4.—In favor of the establishment of a department of mines and mining. Adopted.

Report No. 5.—In favor of the senate bill for the establishment of a department of commerce. Adopted.

Report No. 6.—Approving the step to survey and improve Galveston harbor by the national congress and to get a depth of thirty feet. Adopted.

Report No. 7.—In favor of deepening and jettying the mouth of the Brazos river. Adopted.

Report No. 8.—In favor of deepening Buffalo bayou to twenty-five feet and widening it to 125, as per plans proposed. It was suggested by Mr. W. V. Bates that the depth be made thirty feet; he, however, withdrew it. Adopted.

Report No. 10.—In favor of the passage of a bill by congress for a placing of a submarine cable to the Philippines and Hawaii. Adopted.

Report No. 11.—For the prompt passage of senate bill No. 3109, introduced by Senator Depew, entitled a bill to promote and encourage mining, mineral and metalurgical sciences in the United States. Adopted.

Mr. Brodhead of Oklahoma presented the presiding officer with a cornstalk cake with an ear of corn handle and similar ones to each vice president. The cakes were full of "juice." The one he presented to the chairman, Mr. Cannon of Utah, had a red ear, and he stated that, according to husking-bee custom, entitled him to kiss every lady in the house. (Laughter.)

Mr. Cannon arose and said he did not know any one better qualified. (Great laughter.)

Cripple Creek was selected for next meeting place.

A Veteran Weds.

San Antonio, Tex., April 20.—The reunion of Texas veterans, the survivors of the wars for Texas independence fought from 1831 to 1836, started off with a romantic marriage Thursday afternoon. Jacob Smith of Matagorda county, aged 81, who fought with Gen. Sam Houston in the memorable battle of San Jacinto, April 21, 1836, was married at the Mahacke hotel at 4 o'clock in the afternoon to Mrs. Josephine Humphries of Beeville, a widow of one of the Miers' prisoners. The marriage is the result of several happy meetings in the past followed, by a courtship by mail during the past twelve months. Mr. Smith, who is a well-to-do ranchman in the coast country, is accompanied by his daughter. All of the Texas veterans, the youngest of whom is 79, attended the marriage.

The Winners.

Austin, Tex., April 20.—The state freemen's tournament came to an end and the Georgetowners were the victors of the big race, amid much enthusiasm. The horse company foot race and scale ladder, first prize \$50, was won by the Segun company in 47-7-10 seconds. The second prize of \$25 went to the North Austin company on a record of 49-1-5 seconds. The Belton company was third, 49-4. Cuero, East Austin, Baylor of Waco and West End of Waco followed.

Session Closed.

Austin, Tex., April 20.—The grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, closed its session Thursday. A considerable amount of business relating to the order was transacted. A budget carrying appropriations amounting to \$14,000 for the ensuing year was adopted. It was ordered that charters be issued to twenty-three new lodges. The membership of the grand tribunal and standing committees was reduced from five to three. A per capita tax of \$1 was levied.

To Help the Boers.

Corsicana, Tex., April 20.—George Wepper, who saw service in Cuba and fought at Santiago, left Corsicana for South Africa to take service in the army of the Transvaal republic. Prior to his departure he stated that he had been furnished transportation, but declined to state by whom. Wepper has also seen service in the Prussian army.

Lane's rangers held their reunion at Marshall.

SERIOUS SHOOTING.

In a Factional Fracas Among Alabamians One is Badly Wounded.

Montgomery, Ala., April 20.—The Republican convention called to meet here resulted in the predicted split, and two delegations will be sent to the national convention. There were stormy scenes at the capitol Thursday morning prior to the meeting of the convention, and the result was the serious wounding of Gaston Scott, a young white man, by Frank L. Moragne of Gadsden, who had been chosen sergeant-at-arms of the convention by the executive committee.

Chairman Vaughan, having secured the key to the hall of the house of representatives, where the convention was scheduled to meet, ordered that none but Vaughan delegates be admitted. The Dingham faction appealed to the governor to have their delegates also admitted, and the governor issued an order to Sergeant-at-arms Moragne to take charge.

When Moragne reached the door leading to the hall and attempted to enter, he was accosted by Gaston Scott, who was Vaughan's acting sergeant-at-arms. Scott resisted the entrance of Moragne, and the latter said that he was tired of the d-d foolishness and proposed to take charge or shoot somebody. Scott replied that Moragne was a coward and would not shoot. The lie was passed and Scott made a move as though to draw a pistol. Moragne quickly pulled his gun and fired three shots at Scott. The combatants were at close range, and Scott received the first bullet in his hand as he was attempting to knock away the pistol. The second shot entered Scott's left breast just above the heart and he fell to the floor. The third shot went wild.

The Turkish Trouble.

New York, April 20.—The Herald's Washington special says:

According to diplomats in Washington acquainted with the official sentiment in Turkey, Minister Straus' declaration respecting the failure of the sultan to keep his promises in the matter of settlement of the Turkish claims will undoubtedly make him persona non grata to the sublime porte.

The Turkish minister visited the state department and Acting Secretary Hill gave him to understand that matters had reached rather a serious stage and that the United States desires that the matter be promptly disposed of. No ultimatum has been sent nor will it be until Secretary Hay returns, when he will communicate with the president. There is no talk at this time of dispatching a fleet to Turkey.

Taylor Reported Indicted.

Frankfort, Ky., April 20.—It is persistently reported here that Gov. Taylor has been indicted by the grand jury and that the indictment was returned Thursday morning along with those against Capt. Davis and Green Golden, but that this indictment will not be given out until Gov. Taylor returns from Washington. Judge Cantrell has fixed April 30 for the arraignment of Harland Whittaker and Talbot Dick Combs, indicted as principals in the Goebel assassination, and Secretary of State Caleb Powers and Capt. John Davis, indicted as accessories.

The attorneys on that day will ask for bail and file petitions and affidavits asking for a change of venue. The date for the arraignment of the others has not been fixed.

Two More Indicted.

Frankfort, Ky., April 20.—The grand jury returned two additional indictments in the Goebel case. They charge Green Golden and Capt. John W. Davis with being accessories to the murder. Golden is a Knox county farmer and a cousin of Wharton Golden, the leading witness for the prosecution. Davis is the capitol policeman who was arrested some time ago and later, it will be remembered, was released on bail.

New York Democrats.

New York, April 20.—It was declared Thursday by Frank Campbell, chairman of the Democratic state committee, that the committee had decided to hold the state convention in the middle of June in this city and that "so certain were the members that William J. Bryan would be the natural nominee for the presidential candidacy that the delegates would not be instructed."

Grayson county editors will organize an association.

Permits Required.

London, April 20.—A dispatch from Kimberley dated Wednesday says: "Lord Methuen has issued a proclamation forbidding civilians to carry arms with military permits and ordering rebels to surrender all serviceable modern arms by May 6."

"At present the military here are mainly occupied in collecting arms and arresting rebels, but everything points to an early resumption of activity."

Wepener is surrounded by Boers.

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FETE AT THE FORT.

Thousands of People Witness the Spring Carnival.

FRAGRANT FLOWERS, FACES FAIR

And Gorgeous Decorations Make the Scene a Dream of Delight, One of Bewildering Beauty.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 19.—Twenty thousand people crowded the sidewalks and lined the streets of Fort Worth Wednesday from 4 to 8 p. m., many of them being visitors from nearby cities, to see the lower carnival.

Col. George T. West, grand marshal, and his score of aids were kept busy from 3 o'clock until 4:30, when the parade started up Houston street. Chief of Police Rea and the entire force of patrolmen headed the line of march. Then came the military, then six companies of the fire department and after them the decorated floats, carriages, buggies, spiders, traps and vehicles of all descriptions. Three bands furnished the music. The line of march was up Houston street to the square, then down Main street to Front and doubling back up Main to the courthouse, where disbandment took place.

The military made a fine appearance, receiving hearty applause. They were reviewed by Col. George Duncan of Cleburne, who stood on the balcony of the Commercial Club.

The executive committee appeared in an elegant carriage decorated in yellow hollyhocks and butterflies.

Impressive in the beauty of its artistic effect was the float representing the Lotus and Cleopatra. A dark-eyed belle, Miss Ruth Bering, personated Egypt's queen, seated on a throne covered with tiger skins and a royal purple robe. She was attended by maids, musicians and slaves, who managed the vesse.

The float was constructed in accordance with a description in a volume compiled by Edgar Saltus, entitled, "The Loves of the World."

The ladies of the fifth ward added to the unique features of the parade a float representing a locomotive and tender, all done in cotton. It was a complete fac simile of the driving machinery of a train and had on board for crew and excursionists a jolly crowd of youngsters.

Marguerite and the story of Faust and Marguerite—it was a pretty conception and most beautifully carried out in the construction of the float to which the name was given. In white and gold the float showed the scene of Faust's first glimpse of Marguerite. She was sitting in her bower spinning, represented by Miss Leona Cobb in a manner to make it seem as though you were reading the story of the simple, sweet-faced maiden, busy at her spindle, when Faust and fate drew near.

Faust was represented by Prof. Evans, standing in the garden with Mephistopheles near at hand.

There were numerous other lovely designs.

The Bachelor Maids' trap, containing nine young lady members of the club, was cheered almost every block. The vehicle was embellished with white chrysanthemums and was drawn by four black horses with white harness. The young ladies looked beautiful in white organdie.

There was a grand fire works display at night.

Vermont Republicans.

Burlington, Vt., April 19.—The Republican state convention for the selection of four delegates and four alternates to the national Republican convention in Philadelphia next June was held here Wednesday, and resulted in the choice of J. M. Colough of Bennington, Lieut. Gov. Henry C. Bates of St. Johnsbury, Edward Wells of Burlington and Lamont M. Rean of Bellows Falls as delegates. The delegation was not instructed. Gold standard was endorsed.

Blazing Again.

Waco, Tex., April 19.—Rain fell all day Wednesday, and its effect is already observable by deepening of the water courses, the Brazos river showing a gain of one foot. The depth in the channel is now four feet, which is two feet above low water mark. Last night the clouds were heavy, and indications were that rain would continue falling. The signal officer here thinks that it would be well for people to keep on their guard for fear of further damage.

"Let Him Remember Spain."

London, April 19.—The Vienna correspondent of the Times says: "By further resistance to the claims of the United States the sultan will expose himself to grave consequences which he probably had not foreseen. The United States government is not accustomed to indulge in empty threats."

"If the sultan for a moment supposes that he would find protection from any European power let him remember Spain."

Congratulated.

Boston, Mass., April 19.—The following telegram from Ervin Winslow, secretary of the Anti-Imperialistic League, was sent to Senator Hoar: "Congratulations. If the Republican party rejects this tremendous appeal it is doomed. We shall follow your inexorable logic, supporting no party or candidate not standing with you on this paramount question. Everything else is insignificant in comparison."

Over 100 ladies attended the Arkansas Women's Federation at Texarkana.

SENSATION IN SENATE.

Caused by Chilton's Withdrawal—Congratulations Wired Bailey.

Washington, April 19.—No item of political news was read in Washington Wednesday with greater interest than Senator Chilton's announcement of withdrawal from the race. It was a great surprise, not only to the members of the Texas delegation, but to members from other states, many of whom were watching the contest in Texas with fully as much interest as they evinced in the Morgan-Johnston contest in Alabama. Both Senator Chilton and Mr. Bailey had strong friends in the Texas delegation, and every day both sides were eager to get the latest news from Texas. The outsiders exhibited more interest, if possible. In the senate Senator Chilton was held in the highest esteem and respect, and the sympathies of that body were with him. On both sides of the chamber the senior senator had his admirers, and it was a matter of daily occurrence for senators to ask Texans about the progress of the contest, and as a rule such inquiries were accompanied by statements of a desire for him to return. In the house Mr. Bailey's friends predominated. They were men who had stood by Bailey during his leadership in the fifty-fifth congress, and they took about as much interest in the Texas contest as they felt in the political contests progressing in their own states.

Mr. Bailey was the recipient of a congratulatory telegram sent him by many home members.

Browne for Dewey.

Kansas City, Mo., April 19.—Carl Browne of Coxe army fame addressed the morning session of the mass convention of the Missouri middle-of-the-road Populists Wednesday, and created consternation among the adherents of Wharton Barker of Pennsylvania, when he strongly advocated Admiral Dewey as the head of the Populist national ticket.

The report of the resolutions committee declared allegiance to the principles of the Onaha platform, and it was adopted. The resolutions, however, denounce William J. Bryan, claiming he is working for the protection of the trusts, and arraign Rockefeller for trampling upon the people's rights.

Great Ships for the Pacific.

President Hill of the Great Northern Railroad says that for his proposed transpacific steamship line he has ordered vessels that will carry 20,000 tons, or a measurement capacity of over 28,000 tons. In other words, he will have in operation, eighteen months hence, vessels equal in carrying capacity to the Campania and the Lucania combined. The deck room of each vessel will amount to over five acres.

On Half Pay.

London, April 19.—Col. Crofton, who was in command at Spionkop from the time Gen. Woodgate was wounded until Col. Thornycroft was appointed to the position, and whose heliograph messages to Gen. Warren caused Gen. Buller to appoint Thornycroft to the command, has been placed on half pay.

Instructed for Bryan.

Raleigh, N. C., April 19.—The Populist state convention Wednesday nominated a full ticket, headed by C. W. Thompson for governor.

Delegates to the national convention were instructed for Bryan.

New Bank.

Tyler, Tex., April 19.—The Citizens' National Bank, capital stock \$100,000, was organized here Wednesday. The officers are: S. H. Cox, president; John W. Wright, cashier; R. Bergfeld, vice-president; H. J. McIntosh, assistant cashier. Directors: Col. T. M. Campbell, N. R. Royall and G. W. Burkett of Palestine; H. B. Marsh, J. Lipstate and Dr. C. A. Smith of Tyler. Mr. Wright, the cashier, is an ex-banker of Palestine, but he is now a citizen of Tyler.

Changed His Creed.

Little Rock, Ark., April 19.—Rev. Hay Watson Smith, lately called from Greenboro, N. C., to the pastorate of the Second Presbyterian church here, announces his withdrawal from the Presbyterian ministry as a protest against the Westminster confession of faith. He says he sees no possibility of a revised creed in the Southern Presbyterian church. He will probably ally himself with the Congregational church, a step he has some time considered.

Fennell Fisher's Prosperity.

St. Louis, Mo., April 19.—The Post-Dispatch says:

Harry B. Wandell, city editor of the Globe-Democrat, and his sister, Mrs. Adam Wiest, learned through a dispatch from Albany, N. Y., that they were heirs to a fortune estimated at \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 left by Rousler Wandell, a hermit of that city.

Representative Williams said the president permitted others to charge his mind.

Impeded by Hains.

London, April 19.—Heavy rains impede the movements of the British columns. The blockade of Wepener continues, although relief is near. Large quantities of stores are being moved southward from Bloemfontein, which is a reversal of the course of freight for the last six weeks. These shipments are made necessary by the operations in the southeast of the Free State.

David E. Hawkins died of lockjaw at Corsicana.

THE WAYSIDE POND.

A Refreshing but Little-Noticed Feature of Rural Scenery.

The wayside ponds in England are one of the most refreshing, if least noticed, feature of rural roads, beloved of all the weary animals, but not celebrated in verse or prose, and rarely painted, because they are too confined in area, and have no "vista" beyond them. They are all alike; shallow by the road and deep under the farther bank, from which oaks or elms, or often one single tree, rise with an upward curve, with a woven mass of roots and rootlets going far down below the surface level. The field ponds, often set at the corner where four fences meet, so as to afford water to four fields equally, are prettier and more varied, but often so overhung by masses of thorn and briars that the fallen leaves make the waters thick, and when still, on the light and air. When these ponds lie in the center of the meadow, they are really beautiful objects. In the more waterless counties, such as Suffolk and Essex, they are numerous and very ancient. Rare, indeed, is the farm on which history records the making of any one of them. At one end the cattle enter to drink, and the way down is made broad and easy. There the tall water plantains, with pale gray flowers, and the water grasses grow. Beyond, the whole surface is covered with a narrow-leaved surface plant, more beautiful than the water lily leaves, because they lie pointing all ways, like the leaves of frost crystals, just separated by narrow settings of water. The finest Hawthorns and the oldest pollard oaks, full of polydip fern on the lower side, hang over these ponds, and in them dwell a tough and ancient race of carp, proof against all weather and drought, and killed only by the hard winters, which seal the field ponds with ice from lip to lip. In the clay counties, and in places where there was little running water, the larger ponds were only half left to nature. They were dug for fishponds, or purely for ornament, though the fish were mainly carp and tench, and not the good trout of the southern pools. The grass is still kept smooth upon their banks, and the sides of the pools are planted with the trees in fashion eighty years ago. The quince was the favorite pondside tree of our ancestors. It grows best by water, and from spring, when the pink blossom and gray leaves cover the drooping branches, till late in autumn, when the golden fruits dropped into the pool, and were gathered thence after a week's bath, which was believed to improve their flavor, the tree was always an ornament to the margin.—London Spectator.

She Knew Hawthorne.

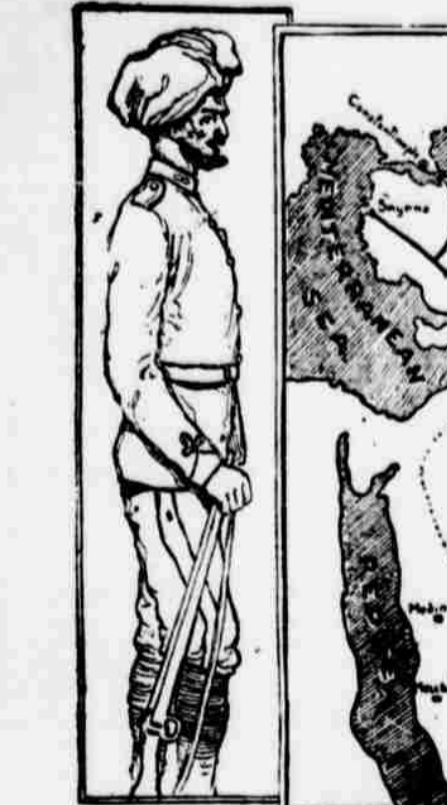
Mrs. On a Sedgwick Tells of Her Experience with the Noted Author.

I do not recollect Hawthorne's talking much at the table. Indeed he was a very taciturn man. One day, tired of seeing him sitting immovable on the sofa in the hall, as I was learning some verses to recite at the evening class of recitation formed by Charles A. Dana, I darily took my book, pushed it into his hands, and said, "Will you hear my poetry, Mr. Hawthorne?" He gave me a sidelong glance from his very shy eyes, took the book, and most kindly heard me. After that he was on the sofa every week to hear me recite. He was one evening alone in the hall, sitting on a chair at the farther end, when my roommate, Ellen Slade, and myself were going upstairs. She whispered to me, "Let's throw the sofa pillows at Mr. Hawthorne." Reaching over the banisters, we each took a cushion and threw it. Quick as a flash he put out his hand, seized a broom that was hanging near him, warded off our cushions, and threw them back with sure aim. As fast as we could throw them at him he returned them with effect, hitting us every time, while we could hit only the broom. He must have been very quick in his movements. Through it all not a word was spoken. We laughed and laughed, and his eyes shone and twinkled like stars with laughter. Wonderful eyes they were, and when anything witty was said I always looked quickly at Mr. Hawthorne; for his dark eyes lighted up as if flames were suddenly kindled behind them, and then the smile came, and then the smile came to his lips. We laughed merrily, and went off to bed, van

BEAR FORCING LION FROM KHYBER PASS

The Russians Are Daily Defying England by Operations in the East.

England never forgets that the north star looks down through the Khyber pass, and that year after year the Russian outposts creep closer to the confines of India. The movement of 20,000 Russian troops to the Afghan frontier and the publication of secret Russian state papers purporting to have been stolen from the archives of the Muscovite ministry of war have created a sensation in England and engaged public attention there to a degree second only to the interest in the war news from South Africa. These papers were sold in London by a man who formerly was connected with the office of the Russian general staff, and who had fallen out with his employers and fled to England. The documents show that Russia regards England's difficulty as her opportunity, and has lately been making every preparation to overrun the "buffer state" of Afghanistan and assail the borders of northern India. A thorough military reconnaissance has been made by Russian officers of the Indian frontier, a plan of campaign outlined, native rulers and religious leaders "sounded," and a policy for stirring up the border chiefs and the native princes of the coveted country has been formulated. Henry Norman and an anonymous writer have challenged the authenticity of the papers, but though it is admitted, as Mr. Norman asserts, that some of the place-names are misspelled—as Samarkand for Samarkand—such mistakes might easily occur in the haste of copying and translation. Signatures, dates, names, places and maps are given, several of the places on the map, which is traced from the Russian original appearing on no English map, though they really exist, and the document seems to bear intrinsic marks of genuineness. Attempts to discredit have not succeeded. The Russian officers who made the investigation and reported were Col. Ukroff Naraski, Capt. Basilevich Markoff and Yonoff Kriminski, and Vasloff Karaski, secretary of the commission. They began their secret labors last May, and made their report late last December to Gen. Kurapatkin, minister of war. Traveling sometimes together and sometimes separately in order to avoid notice, they visited all the Russian outposts, the principal strategic points in Afghanistan and along the Indian frontier, and even passed over the Chinese territory in the course of their investigations. In submitting their report they say: "We think it well to state, for the information of your excellency, that we are unanimous in the conclusions arrived at, and have not the least doubt that the invasion of India and the bringing of the millions who inhabit that country under the beneficent rule of his imperial majesty the czar are not only possible, but could be accomplished in a comparatively short space of time, the exact period requisite depending mainly on the moment chosen and the conditions of the season when the work is undertaken.



MAP SHOWING TERRITORY IN WHICH RUSSIA IS CARRYING ON MILITARY OPERATIONS



That Russia is intriguing with the natives is shown by a reference to "the secret agents now engaged in the collection of information respecting the trend of events, political and strategic, on the Persian, Afghan and Kashmir frontiers."

The plan recommended is secretly to collect large bodies of troops on the Afghan frontier and a strong force of Cossacks at Charog in the Pamir. All being ready and the northern chiefs and the disgruntled native princes of India being "prepared for their deliverance," a rush is to be made into Afghanistan while the Cossacks dash from the north into Chitral, where the tribes will rise and join them. A rising in the Punjab also is expected. If England advances in Afghanistan to meet the Russians she is to be overwhelmed by superior forces. If she elects to fight on her strongly fortified border, which they call the Peshawar—Quetta line—the Russians are to make a feint on Quetta, capture Kabul, and with the aid of the native tribes try the Khyber pass, while other troops are poured in from the north. The commissioners—or spies—seem to have no doubt as to the uprising of the natives in favor of Russia.

During the proceedings of a recent conference of the British Library association, a characteristic story of John Ruskin was told in connection with the

subject of village libraries. A library for the laborers of a lake-country village had been established, and just before the opening Mr. Ruskin was asked to inspect it. He cordially consented, and upon leaving expressed his admiration of the arrangements, and

are held every year to test the knowledge of the clerks as to their duties. During 1899 there were 20,194 examinations of regular and probationary clerks, comprising 22,082, 416 cards, with an average per cent correct of 98.71, as against 98.30 the year previ-

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WORK OF POSTAL SERVICE.

Immense Labor Involved in Sorting and Transmitting the Mails.

There is no department of public service with which the individual citizen is more intimately connected than the postal service. There were handled by railway postal clerks during the year 1,118,422,840 pieces of first-class matter, and 6,223,569,885 pieces of all other class matter, making a total of 13,351,992,725 pieces, which includes 519,870,465 pieces of city mail separated in railway post-offices. This amount of mail is an increase of between 4 and 5 per cent over the railway postal clerks 15,866,847 packages and cases of registered mail, 1,963,049 through registered pouches and 607,162 inner registered sacks, making in all 17,537,058. There were 1,312,388 errors made by the clerks in distributing this matter, which is over 10,000 correct to every one made. Under the head of "mistakes" (matter so illegibly or improperly addressed that it could not be delivered in the way it stood) there were embraced 14,606,085 pieces, as compared with 13,503,486 of last year, an increase of 1,102,599 pieces. Seven million seven hundred and twenty-four thousand nine hundred and forty-six pieces were returned to writers or corrected and forwarded to destination, the rest being sent to the dead letter office for disposition. Examinations



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Two men sat in a saloon and drank the beer which is sold in Kensington. In the brief intervals wherein he rested his swallowing apparatus one of the men said: "I was drivin' that year, and Bill was conductin'." Electricity wasn't known at that time. Bill used to give me a dollar every night after the day's work was over. I lived high. Then Bill was changed to another run. He told me they was goin' to put a greenhorn on with me, and I began to cut down expenses, for I knew a greenhorn wouldn't do much alongside of a capable old hand like Bill. This greenhorn made me sick when I seen him. He was young, pale and plous. He didn't even chew. I watched him like a hawk the first day, and he done no business—none whatever. I cured the luck that had hitched me up to him, you bet. That night, after hours, he said to me with his ladylike smile: "Mr. Perkins, I am from a country road, and I don't know just how your rates are in this big city, but here is \$2, and if it ain't enough I'll try and do better for you tomorrow." Oh, he was a slick youngster, all right. In four years he owned his house.—Chicago Tribune.

Edwin Markham.

"My earliest recollections," said Mr. Edwin Markham, author of "The Man with the Hoe," in a recently reported interview, "go back to the days when I was a shepherd boy on the California hills; I was 7 years old then. When my mother gave up her sheep range I turned cowboy, and learned the many tricks of the trade—could throw a riata or ride a broncho with the best of them. Later I became a farmer, and spent many months walking behind



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the plow, turning up the rich loam of the foothills and preparing it for the harvest. Money that I earned in this way I invested in books—copies of Bryant, Tennyson, Thomas Moore and Webster's dictionary. I derived much inspiration from the works of Victor Hugo and from Carlyle and Ruskin. In poetry I was much attracted by the passion of Shelly and by the imaginative insight of Browning. Swinburne was another favorite of mine."

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Breaking Even.

Arkansas Justice (to spectator, who has just entered)—"Huck Buckleby, I fine you \$10 for contempt of court!" Buckleby—"Huh, 'squire! I hain't said a word yet!" Arkansas Justice—"I know it, but that thar hoss you traded me last week has got a spavin, and this is prob'ly the only chance I'll have to git even with you. Fork over, or go to jail!"—Puck.

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A CHANGE OF HEART.

"It is asking too much of a chap. I don't wish to appear unreasonable, but good gracious, Marsh, do you think I want to lose the result of two months' constant study and rehearsal?" Cyril Lawnsdale stood in the back of the dim, deserted stage and mopped his glowing forehead. "I've a great mind to throw over the whole thing."

"You can't do that, Mr. Lawnsdale. You know your contract is to play this piece all summer." Mr. Marsh, the stage manager, looked annoyed and worried.

"Yes, but I never expected to play it with a stage-struck baby, a girl scared out of the schoolroom! It is outrageous to even imagine that she could take Miss Northrup's place."

"She got through the rehearsal fairly well, and she's pretty."

Mr. Marsh tried to speak soothingly, but Mr. Lawnsdale only groaned in reply.

"It is too late now to make another change, and, anyway, I guess it will run smooth all right," Marsh continued.

"Smooth? why, man, that scene with Adele in the vestry room, where she comes to tell me of her doubts and fears, is the keynote of the whole play. One stumble there will ruin everything. Why on earth does Miss Northrup choose a first night to be sick and leave us in the lurch?"

"Heaven only knows, my boy. I have been a stage manager for twenty years, and the ways of a leading lady are still beyond my comprehension."

Cyril turned away; he saw that it was useless to say anything more. He left the theater and started to walk off. If possible, his nervous dread of the evening's performance. He had hoped so much from this play. The part of the serious, deep thinking, but thoroughly modern young clergyman was just the thing to bring out his talents. And now his chances of success had flown, for he felt sure that Miss Leigh would not be equal to her difficult part, which would require all the art of a finished actress.

When the curtain went down after the first act that night Marsh eagerly sought Cyril, who was in his dressing room rapidly making his change of costume.

"The house certainly seems pleased. It wasn't so bad after all, was it?"

"A little shaky, I should say, but wait until the next act, there's the rub. If we get through without a downright failure I will be thankful," Cyril said.

"Hang it, man, you're too pessimistic for any use." Marsh left the room, and Cyril gave a long, low whistle.

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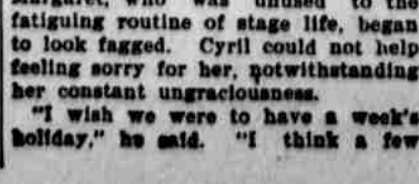
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What she Wanted on Her Grave.

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"When I die, don't plant no flowers on my grave, but plant a good old watermelon vine, and when it gets ripe you come dar, and don't you eat it, but jes' bust it on de grave and let dat good old juice dribble down through de ground."

A Crazy Man's Queer Notions.

The marvelous vagaries of a demented person are well illustrated in the case of George Hammond, who has been committed to the asylum from Wichita, Kan. His insanity dates from a day many years ago when he was struck by lightning, and on days when the wind is blowing or storms are forming he appears to be the most affected. He claimed that he had come down to earth on a whirlwind, and that he had been struck by lightning in such a manner that his body was scattered in many parts. These parts he had gathered up again and his rule now was to guide the storms and rule the whirlwinds. One of his delusions was that he had twelve kings buried down in a suburb—kings that had been slain in wars.

Safe to Shoot at Royalty.

British Vice Consul Young at Kansas City does not think the punishment for shooting at the young Belgian prince who is the Prince of Wales, will be severe. "They have an unwritten law in England," said Mr. Young, "that they will not execute attempted assassinations. It may be a foolish rule, and it is certainly unpopular, but for a long time the ruling family has declined to believe anyone with good wits would attempt a life, and as they are most concerned they generally have their way and get the assassinations committed to an asylum. If my memory serves the first man who fired at the queen, then a young woman, was condemned to death, but she excused her queenly prerogative and saved his life. Spido, however, is not in England and perhaps the laws of his country or the ideas of Leopold do not conform to this merciful view the British rulers hold."

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An Expert with His Gun.

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A Mother's Tears.

"I would Cry Every Time I Washed My Baby."

"When he was months old, first fetters and then large bolts broke out on my baby's neck. The sores spread down his back until it became a mass of raw flesh. When I washed and powdered him I would cry, realizing what pain he was in. His pitiful wailing was heart-rending. I had about given up hope of saving him when I was urged to give him Hood's Sarsaparilla, all other treatment having failed. I washed the sores with Hood's Medicated Soap, applied Hood's Olive Ointment and gave him Hood's Sarsaparilla. The child seemed to get better every day, and very soon the sores were quite noticeable. The discharge grew less, inflammation went down, the skin took on a healthy color, and the raw flesh began to scale over and a thin skin formed as the scales dropped off. Less than two bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla, aided by Hood's Medicated Soap and Hood's Olive Ointment, accomplished this wonderful cure. I cannot praise these medicines half enough." Mrs. GUZZONOR, 37 Myrtle St., Rochester, N. Y.

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The Experience of Others.

When a young fellow is in love, and particularly when he is in the presence of the object of his affections, he can never do himself justice. He can talk more brilliantly to anyone else in the world. He suffers from mental inertia and never thinks until it is too late what he might have done.

This one has the disadvantage of having spent the last several years on a ranch. He came back here for a winter's vacation, and, in the course of his continuous attentions, took her to church. To this man of outdoor life the influences were so potent, and she deftly recalled him several times just as he was dozing away to temporary oblivion.

At the passing of the contribution box he was alert with appreciation and confidence. He put up his finger to arrest the attention of the collector. He ran his hand into one pocket and looked startled. Then he explored his other pockets, becoming more agitated and redder as the search went on.

"By Jove! Mertie," he exclaimed, "I put in a half a cent, sure, just to make this call. Deuced queer!" and he kept on diving while a subdued titter from all sides accompanied his efforts.

"Say, old man, I'll mail it to you, and that's on the dead."

The man with the plate laughed cheerily, said it was all right, and moved on. He had worked hard and a dozen pews and was still wrestling with his mirth.

Then he heard a clear whistle, looked back, and there saw a youth from the ranch with his half dollar high in the air and looking triumphant. It was all so freshly natural that the congregation were pleased and the rector sought an introduction.

Result of Grip.

STORY OF A SUFFERING WOMAN WHOM DOCTORS COULD NOT CURE.

Mrs. Gilman, of Pittsfield, N. H., was reduced to an almost helpless invalid—Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

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This is a story that will give a gleam of hope into the hearts of thousands whose health has been wrecked by an attack of grip, that miserable malady which leaves in its wake a train of stubborn ailments that have baffled the skill of learned physicians. Many will recognize in Mrs. Gilman's story the exact symptoms of their own cases, how the nerves gave out, the blood became reduced to a thin, watery fluid, and the rapid wasting away of flesh and loss of strength; how doctors' prescriptions did not cure, and how a cure was almost despaired of. But she found the great remedy at last. Read her glad story.

Three years ago I was taken with the grip followed by nervous prostration. I lost flesh until I became a shadow of my former self. My blood seemed to turn to water and the least exertion told on me greatly and it was a long time before I could climb the stairs in my house. We called in a doctor who treated my case for a long time but without success. I tried many kinds of doctors' prescriptions but did not meet with anything that benefited me.

One day a friend of ours who had been taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People for rheumatism with great benefit, prevailed upon me to try the remedy. By the time I had taken half a box I could see marked results. My complexion was better and my appetite began to return. I took nine boxes steadily, regained my health and weight. During this time the only medicine that I took was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I feel that I owe my recovery to them. I always keep a box in the house for I believe them to be the best tonic in the world.

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The clerks employed by the Fidelity Title and Trust company at Pittsburg are making the life of one of their miserable by dubbing him "The Bishop," all on account of an incident that happened not many days ago.

The Rt. Rev. Richard Phelan, the Catholic bishop of Pittsburg, went to the banking department of the company to transact some business. He requested that it be done with expediency, as he desired to leave the city that day. He took a seat and waited. The man now called "The Bishop" undertook to attend to his own books and aid the bishop in passing the time pleasantly by engaging him in conversation.

"Will you be gone long, bishop?" he asked.

"I may be gone a week or two," replied the bishop.

"Going to see friends?" the young man asked.

"I expect to see friends," was the bishop's answer.

"Taking your family with you?" was the next inquiry.

"No," replied the bishop with a suspicion of a smile on his face.

One of the other clerks, cramped on the foot of the questioner, who turned on him with, "Look where you are stepping you tramped on me!" and then he thought of the question he had asked the bishop, and his book suddenly required his entire attention.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—Rain, rain, and more rain.
—International Stock Food at Baker's.
—Buggy whips 15cts and up at Kiddel's.
—The fishing and picnicing season is upon us.
—Baker's carbon has arrived.
—The Star Hat is the best on earth. For sale by McKee & Co.
—Flour at the same old price at Carney's.
—Has the Democratic party any organization in Haskell county?
—Interdental Stock Food will cure your cattle, Baker has it.
—I have several good family milk cows for sale. T. G. CARNEY.
—Some relatives are visiting Mr. J. W. Johnson's family.
—Mr. Will Hills has been circulating over in Stonewall county this week.
—For a good, honest hand made saddle see Kiddel.
—Figure with T. G. Carney when you want groceries.
—Mrs. A. W. Springer and children moved out to their farm this week.
—California dog poison at Baker's.
—Nobby new spring goods at McKee & Co's.
—Prospectors for investments and business locations are getting numerous.
—Buy "White Soap" from Baker and get a premium.
—Most stylish shirts and neck wear in town. McKee & Co.
—We are informed that the Populists of Haskell county have decided to put out a full county ticket.
—For a choice assortment of spices, sauces, pickles, catsup, etc., go to T. G. Carney's.
—Call and see our beautiful Braids and Embroideries. McKee & Co.
—A new daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ellis on Tuesday night.
—I am strictly after your trade and will treat you right. Just try me. S. L. ROBERTSON.
—Complete line of work shirts, pants, jumpers and overalls, cheap for cash at McKee & Co's.
—Mr. W. T. Hudson left Friday for Estelina to look after the cattle which he recently sent there.
—Those California dried peaches at T. G. Carney's are the nicest thing in town.
—For an up-to-date hair cut try Geo. Makeig, the old reliable barber on the west side, at the Paragon Parlor.
—A Mr. Avery from Fannin county, brother of the two gentlemen of that name who recently bought land and located here, arrived this week with the intention of buying property and moving here.
—A full stock of canned goods, cheaper than the other fellows' and just as good. This is at T. G. Carney's.

—A fresh supply of International Stock Food has arrived at Baker's.
—S. L. Robertson will give you lowest prices on all goods—go and see him.
—Mr. Thos. Welch, a young man of Gainesville, is here on a visit to his relatives, the Messrs Willbourn.
—Try a shampoo at the Paragon. George says he knows how to make them delightfully refreshing.
For coughs and colds there is no medicine so effective as BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It is the ideal remedy. Price 25 and 50 cts at J. B. Baker's drug store. 17
—Mr. M. Smith was in Thursday from his ranch. He says there will be a big crop of lambs this spring.
—LATEST RAILROAD NEWS and the very best goods at Railroad prices at S. L. Robertson's.
Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla imparts new life and energy to all parts of the body. Good as well for baby as for grandfather. Fifty cents and \$1 at J. B. Baker's drug store. 19
—The many friends of Miss Laura Garren were pleased to welcome her return this week after an absence of several months.
—You know that High Patent flour is down to bedrock when we sell it at \$1 a sack, but that is the way we sell groceries. Try us and see. T. G. CARNEY.
Even the most vigorous and hearty people have at times a feeling of weariness and lassitude. To dispel this feeling take HFRBINE: it will impart vigor and vitality. Price 50c at J. B. Baker's drug store. 17
—Don't wait longer, Baker's carbon is here.
—Mr. S. W. Scott spent a day or so in the Aspermont court this week. Haskell lawyers seem to have the run over there.
Rosy cheeks, bright eyes and a quick step can be secured by using Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla. The peculiar feature of this remedy is that it strengthens and builds up the system while it eradicates disease. 50 cts and \$1 at J. B. Baker's. 19
—We are requested to state that Rev. T. L. Deal will preach at the Baptist church Sunday night.
—Kill your dogs, Baker has the poison.
—Mr. A. C. Foster has been putting in the week in the district court at Aspermont, where he has two important land suits.
Mothers! Beware of those secret robbers of your baby's quiet and health. Those sleepless nights and long hours of tiresome vigil are caused by those terrible enemies of childhood—worms. Destroy and remove them with WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. Price 25 cents at J. B. Baker's. 17
—Rev. R. E. L. Farmer is attending the Fifth Sunday meeting at Nugent, and will not be here to fill his pulpit tomorrow.
—Persons here who have been using International Stock Food say that it has cured their cattle. You can get it at Baker's.
—S. L. Robertson has a great many goods not enumerated in his display ad. If you want anything whatever in his line it will pay you to go and look through his stock, as you will be pretty apt to find what you want, and find prices right also.
—Mr. B. T. Lanier and son Hunter were in town Wednesday. The latter has just returned from Amarillo, where he recently completed a commercial course.
—If this rain doesn't soon let up our stockmen will have to sell their cattle and buy ducks to put in their pastures.
Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic cures the Chills, builds up the system and drives away all ills. It makes strong the weak and fattens the lean. It's the tonic of tonics, the best ever seen. Fifty cts at J. B. Baker's. 15
—Mr. B. T. Lanier was around this week taking orders for fruit trees. He represents one of the oldest and most reliable nurseries in the state. See him if you want trees.
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—Some of our citizens are saying that Haskell ought to have a big barbecue and invite the whole country. They think it would be nice and beneficial from a social point of view and would be beneficial to the business interests of the town, and the FREE PRESS is inclined to believe that they are right.

—Virgil Hudson returned home from Fort Worth Thursday, where he has been attending the Polytechnic Institute, on account of the prevalence of small pox in Ft. Worth.
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—Mrs. Willbourn and Mrs. Lemmon with their children went out Thursday and spent the day fishing in the Joel tank. Charley Martin went along to keep the bears off.
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—A man named Nolen was shot and killed in Stonewall county last Saturday and a man named Stanton who resided in this county on the Johnson Bros. farm two years was arrested on suspicion.
In almost every neighborhood there is some one whose life has been saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, or who has been cured of chronic diarrhoea by the use of that medicine. Such persons make a point of telling of it whenever opportunity offers, hoping that it may be the means of saving other lives. For sale by J. B. Baker drugist. 17
—Mrs. A. P. Green of Williamson county, who has been spending the winter with her brother out at Floydada, is visiting the family of her cousin, Mr. S. W. Scott, before returning home.
Hunt's Cure for Itching Piles.
Hunt's Cure for Ringworm.
Hunt's Cure for Tetter.
Hunt's Cure for Eczema.
Hunt's Cure cures all Skin Troubles. For sale at J. B. Baker's. 19
—Messrs Walter Smith and Tom Wright were enrolled on our subscription list this week. Mr. Smith also subscribed for the paper to be sent to his brother at Midlothian.
—Sheriff J. W. Collins carried John Stell, the negro murderer who has been in jail here, over to Aspermont Sunday to stand trial there for the killing of the white man London in Throckmorton county last fall.
Those horrid fits of depression, melancholy, low spirits, and sudden irritability, that sometimes afflict even good-tempered people, is due to the blood being permeated with black bile. HERBINE will purify the blood, restore health and cheerfulness. Price 50 cents at J. B. Baker's drug store. 17
—Dr. Spratt of Fort Worth who has been absent at the Aspermont court several days this week, where he is one of the attorneys in the defense of the negro Stell charged with murder in Throckmorton county. We understand also that he was retained by the man Stanton accused of killing a man named Nolen in Stonewall county last Saturday. Judge McConnell returned Thursday and says the grand jury is returning a big lot of bills for cattle theft. He was spoken to by about a score of parties to defend them if indicted.
—The Haskell bar had two accessions to its membership this week. They are Messrs G. W. and Y. L. Thomason from Corsicana. They come in anticipation of the prosperous times expected to accompany the building of the C. T. & M. Railroad and, at the solicitation of their father, who owns some land in the county on which he purposes moving and establishing a fine stock farm. The Messrs Thomason say that if the railroad comes they can induce forty or fifty good families to come out from Navarro county and locate in this county, provided land owners don't get too greedy and run the price of land up.
We hope they will find all of the hoped for prosperity and be successful in their undertaking.
—Rev. C. C. Anderson left Wednesday for Bridgeport, Wise county, to attend the Fort Worth Presbytery, of which this territory is a part. During the past year he has supplied the churches here and at Anson, but we understand that the field will be divided by this Presbytery and it is not known whether Mr. Anderson will be returned to Haskell or Anson. In his pastoral work here he has won the highest esteem and respect of the Haskell people and they will be pleased to have him remain with them.
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You Want

We can supply you. Besides a full line of box heaters, we have the

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which is an AIR TIGHT WOOD HEATER guaranteed to heat as well as the ordinary stove with half the quantity of fuel, thus saving its cost in one or two seasons. It takes small floor space, no ashes leak on carpet, no danger of fire falling out, burns chips, chunks or solid wood equally well. The price is low and we want you to come and see this stove.

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Yours &c.
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In fact every thing kept in a first-class lumber yard, and we respectfully solicit your valued patronage. We will sell you lumber as cheaply as the Cheapest, and we promise you good grades and honest and fair treatment. Give us a trial order, we will appreciate your business.

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Chas. Brewington, Mgr.
STAMFORD, LUDERS.

—Messrs J. A. and E. B. Kitchings of Denison were here this week and bought a tract of 637 acres of land and leased 1600 acres. We understand that they will move here shortly and prepare their ranch, raise feed, etc. and will bring in some high grade cattle next winter from the east.
—Mr. R. H. Looney of Colorado City is an announced candidate for representative of this district, which is now represented by Mr. W. L. Grogan of the same place. Mr. Looney was here Tuesday getting acquainted with some of our people and making known his views on certain questions. One question in particular upon which we think his views are correct is that of moving the line of the absolute lease district farther west. This line now includes Mitchell, Scurry and Kent counties in the territory subject to absolute lease and to a large extent bars out the actual settler and greatly retards the development of the country, and the people are feeling the hardship of the situation. Mr. Looney advocates the removal of this restriction against the home builder by moving the line back two or three counties west, and we believe with Mr. Looney that there should be no restriction against the home builders, for they are the main stay and the ground sill of any country. Mr. Looney impressed us as being a man of sufficient force of character and ability to command a respectful hearing and consideration in our legislative body. Our information is that he stands high for integrity of character at home, that he has made a success of his private business, both as a lawyer and in the cattle and land business.
It is getting time for the people of Haskell county to investigate the claims and views of the several candidates and be prepared to instruct delegates to the convention to be held a little later on as to their choice for representative.
—Strayed from Aspermont.
One small bay mule, branded WA (connected) on hip and shoulder, Also one bay or brown horse, fore-top roached, branded A, we think. Also one bay horse with foretop roached.
Any one seeing said horses will please take up and notify
GREEN HARRISON,
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DOES THIS STRIKE YOU?
Muddy complexions, nauseating breath come from chronic constipation. Karl's Clover Root Tea is an absolute cure and has been sold for fifty years on an absolute guarantee. Price 25 and 50 cts at J. B. Baker's.

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That is, the mammoth stock of goods now going into our large store rooms, filling the shelves and stacking up on the counters in both the upper and lower stories until there is no room left for anything else—with still more to come.

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and, in fact, all the way through, our customers will find the quantity, quality and variety and style to suit any taste or requirement from the plainest to articles or fabrics suitable for the most expensive and stylish costumes.

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unexcelled west of Dallas for style, quality and variety, presided over by our accomplished artiste in this line, Miss Lena Wilson, who has recently taken what we may term a post graduate course in the largest and most stylish millinery trimming house in Chicago, where she won the highest praise of the head of the establishment.
AS TO PRICES: We know that having bought in large quantities in the best market for cash that we got the best prices going and that we can and will compete with any town or store west of Dallas in the matters of quality and price.
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So saying, we subscribe ourselves yours, in the middle-of-the-road for business.

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Meets incoming passenger trains and delivers passengers and express in Haskell without layover in Stamford.

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Good teams and vehicles furnished promptly to order.
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IT IS GETTING TIME FOR THE PEOPLE OF HASKELL COUNTY TO INVESTIGATE THE CLAIMS AND VIEWS OF THE SEVERAL CANDIDATES AND BE PREPARED TO INSTRUCT DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION TO BE HELD A LITTLE LATER ON AS TO THEIR CHOICE FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

Strayed from Aspermont.

One small bay mule, branded WA (connected) on hip and shoulder, Also one bay or brown horse, fore-top roached, branded A, we think. Also one bay horse with foretop roached.

Any one seeing said horses will please take up and notify
GREEN HARRISON,
G. H. PAYNE OR
C. E. NEW
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Muddy complexions, nauseating breath come from chronic constipation. Karl's Clover Root Tea is an absolute cure and has been sold for fifty years on an absolute guarantee. Price 25 and 50 cts at J. B. Baker's.

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When things are "the best" they become "the best selling." Abraham Hare, a leading druggist, of Belleville, O., writes: "Electric Bitters are the best selling bitters I have handled in 20 years. You know why? Most diseases begin in disorders of stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels, blood and nerves. Electric Bitters tones up the stomach, regulates liver, kidneys and bowels, purifies the blood, strengthens the nerves, hence cures multitudes of maladies. It builds up the entire system. Puts new life and vigor into any weak, sickly, run-down man or woman. Price 50 cents. Sold by J. B. Baker, druggist.

Mark Hanna has cracked his whip

and told his congress that the ship subsidy bill must go through, and as a Republican congress never fails to toe the mark under the lash we presume they will do his bidding and that his other puppet, McKinley, will sign the bill and the country will have another steal fastened upon it. Mark and his crowd go on the principle that the fatter they can make the thieves the more campaign fat they can fry out of them.

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A beautiful complexion is an impossibility without good pure blood, the sort that only exists in connection with good digestion, a healthy liver and bowels. Karl's Clover Root Tea acts directly on the bowels, liver and kidneys keeping them in perfect health. Price 25 and 50 cents at J. B. Baker's drug store.

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