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NOTICE OF BANKRUPT'S PETITION FOR DISCHARGE.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE NORTH-DEN DISTRICT OF TEXAS.

IN THE MATTER OF } No. 28
Major Smith Bankrupt } In Bankruptcy
OFFICE OF REFEREE.

Abilene, Texas, Apr. 17th, 1900.
Notice is hereby given that Major Smith, of the county of Haskell, and District aforesaid, did, on the 17th day of April 1900, file in the Clerk's office of said Court, at Abilene, a petition setting up that he has been heretofore duly adjudged a bankrupt under the act of Congress approved July 1st, 1898; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the Court touching his bankruptcy, and praying for a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate in bankruptcy, save such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge. On considering the above mentioned petition, it is ordered that any creditor who has proved his claim, and other parties in interest, if they desire to oppose the discharge prayed for in said petition, shall, on or before the 3rd day of May 1900, file with the Referee for the Abilene Division of said District, a notice in writing of their opposition to a discharge in the above entitled cause.

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Referee in Bankruptcy,
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.

The trusts give no money to Democratic campaign funds, but they give millions to the Republicans. This is a fact that no man can deny. In the face of it a man is without reason who looks to the Republican party for honest legislation against the trusts. This is too clear a proposition to admit of argument. Nor is there any dodging of the proposition that, if you want the trusts suppressed and want to help do it with your vote, you must cast it for the Democratic party.

Senatorial Looters.

The Dallas News' special Washington correspondent gives us another chapter this week on the pilfering practiced by United States senators under cover of the appropriation for continuing expenses of the senate. The FREE PRESS has published several of these articles and has hoped to see other papers take them up and herald the shame of these men to the world until public opinion whips them into decency. That men occupying the position they do, men of the character they are supposed to possess, will stoop to such littleness, such reprehensible and systematic robbery, is surprising in the extreme. Highway robbery is respectable in comparison to their conduct, in that it does a breach of public trust and confidence. We quote it as follows:

Much has been said in these dispatches about senatorial extravagance. The legislative bill which was passed last week carried an increase of \$50,000 for miscellaneous expenses of the Senate, and when the conference report came before the House for adoption some of the members spoke out in meeting against the unwarranted extravagance of the upper branch. Private John Allen of Mississippi asked, "Is it not true that we should call some sort of a halt on the Senate, even at the expense of defeating an appropriation bill, and call the attention of the country to this unnecessary extravagance?" Mr. Bingham, in charge of the bill, stated that all efforts for the past six years to hold the Senate down in the matter of expenses resulted in failure. Mr. Underwood said he believed that the report should at least show the amount of the increase which the House conferees thought was unnecessary. Among the items of increase are: Twenty-four laborers at \$720 a year each. The demand for these laborers arose from the fact that when the working force of the Senate was reorganized on Feb. 15, twenty-four Democrats were let out and their places filled by Republicans. The loss of this patronage raised a howl among the Democrats and the howl was so long and so loud that twenty-four new places were added to the legislative bill to pacify the minority. It is not contended by any man that this additional force is needed, and more than that, it is well known that nearly half of the present force is never busy with work pertaining to the Senate. There are men on the rolls as folders who could not tell to save their lives where the folding-room is. They have never been in it, although they have been drawing salaries as folders for years. The bill also contains a provision increasing the miscellaneous fund from \$25,000 a year to \$50,000, and there is no explanation where this money is to go to. Much of it is to be used in putting additional favorites on the payroll and much of it will be spent to pay the expenses of special senatorial commissions to sit at fashionable watering places during the summer at public expense. These summering committees will, as usual, be composed of the old members and, in most cases, the Republican members.

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Admiral Dewey seems to be nobody's child politically.

There is said to be a large number of counterfeit silver dollars in circulation in Dallas and near by towns.

The chances are that a man's morals are radically wrong when he puts a bad construction on a good act.

YOU TRY IT.

If Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure, which is sold for the small price of 25cts, 50cts and \$1.00, does not cure take the bottle back and we will refund your money. Sold for over fifty years on this guarantee. Price 25 and 50cts at J. B. Baker's.

Elections come high in Dallas. The recent municipal election there cost over \$3000, or about 40c per vote cast.

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.

Don't brood too deeply over your troubles and lose heart and courage. Yours are not the only ones. There is a private cemetery in the corner of nearly every heart in which fond hopes are entered.

MANY A LOVER

Has turned with disgust from an otherwise lovable girl with an offensive breath. Karl's Clover Root Tea purifies the breath by its action on the bowels, etc., as nothing else will. Sold for years on absolute guarantee. Price 25 and 50cts at J. B. Baker's drug store.

Emperor McKinley wants Chas. H. Allen, the recently appointed Colonial Governor of Puerto Rico inaugurated with imperial pomp and ceremony and has ordered the North Atlantic squadron to San Juan to take part with the army in the ceremonies.

TO THE DEAF.—A sick lady, cured of her Deafness and Noise in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, gave \$10,000 to his institute, so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Address No. 11633 The Nicholson Institute, 7th, Eighth Avenue, New York.

A lot of crookedness in connection with franchises granted in Puerto Rico to some administration pets by the government is about to be ventilated.

We see from the reports of the cold wave of last week that some damage was done by the frost at places considerably south of this. There was no appreciable damage from the slight frost here.

Reports of the famine in India are appalling. It is said that at the present time no less than 10,000,000 natives are starving and are wholly dependent on government relief, which is very scant, England being so busily occupied in trying to conquer other subjects and bring them under her protecting wing (we didn't say beak of the vulture) that she has little time, thought or money to bestow upon these older subjects. A member of the Vice Regal Council recently returned from a tour in central and western India gives the following description:

"For hundreds of miles not a single stalk of corn or even dry stubble was seen, nor yet a blade of green pasture. There was no water except in the larger rivers and streams. The deepest tanks and reservoirs which have never been known to run dry are now dry as a rock. The whole country is now one vast, bare, brown, lonely desert, where in ordinary seasons one may see busy threshing flooded all over with heaps of grain."

Start An Orchard.

I have again arranged with the Austin Nursery for an agency for the season of 1900. It is well known as one of the oldest and most reliable nurseries in Texas and its representations are correct and its guaranty as good as the gold. I shall be pleased to take your order for fruit trees, shrubbery, etc., for fall delivery. B. T. LANIER.

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M. H. GOSSETT, Proprietor.

Real Estate Sales

Mr. S. W. Scott reports the sale to G. R. Couch of the B. Hoffman 320 acre survey nine miles northeast of town for \$960. He has also sold some town lots near the depot grounds to A. C. Foster.

Messrs S. W. Scott, A. C. Foster and H. R. Jones have purchased from Chas. Carter two sections of land, on west side of Brazos, lying just north of the Rayner road.

Mr. A. C. Foster has sold several town lots and some country lands during the past week.

YOUNG MOTHERS.

Croup is the terror of thousands of young mothers because its outbreak is so agonizing and frequently fatal. Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure acts like magic in cases of Croup. It has never been known to fail. The worst cases relieved immediately. Price 25cts, 50cts and \$1.00, at J. B. Baker's drug store.

Old Hayseed touches the right string in his communication in this issue of the FREE PRESS and we would like to see the farmers falling over each other in their efforts to get to the front and second the motion, and not only second the motion, but get in motion on that line.

By a united effort on the line suggested by Old Hayseed—and by the way, he is a genuine farmer and no fraud in disguise—a great deal of good can be accomplished. We venture the assertion that if all will go at it earnestly a collection of county products will be brought together that will surprise the natives themselves, to say nothing of the effect on the doubting Thomases whose minds are full of old rusty, erroneous ideas about this country.

WHAT IS SHILOH?

A grand old remedy for Coughs, Colds and Consumption; used through the world for half a century, has cured innumerable cases of incipient consumption and relieved many in advanced stages. If you are not satisfied with the results we will refund your money. Price 25 and 50cts and \$1.00, at J. B. Baker's.

Persons who desire to secure homes in Haskell county should not delay action in the matter a day longer than they can possibly avoid doing. Now and for a very short time lands can be bought at the old prices and terms, but in a very short time an advance will set in and prices will go steadily upward until present figures are doubled. This is not mere newspaper talk or speculation; we are fully convinced that conditions warrant what we have said and that the statement is in fact a conservative one. We have no direct interest in the sale of any land and think that Haskell county lands would not probably be over dear at double the present prices, but we would like to see the home-seeker or the genuine home builder get the benefit of the present low prices and raise in values.

RELIGIOUS COLUMN

BY
REV. R. E. L. FARMER.

Of two evils, choose neither.

Of two evils, fight both.

No evil has the force of necessity.

Right and God are worth more than your earthly life.

Right has never yet felt the clutches of final defeat.

All of God's laws and forces are bringing out the right.

It is the plainest ignorance to think that wrongs can permanently prevail.

The Judge of all the earth will right all the wrongs of all the earth.

All earthly verdicts are appealed to Heaven where alone absolute justice shall be pronounced.

God alone has omnipotent power. God is always on the side of right. Therefore there is no evil but what can be put down.

God does not repeal his laws when they are violated. He "repeals" the man that violates them.

Christ does not repeal his church laws because they are violated. But He "repeals" the church that will not enforce his laws.

When a good law is violated, the thing to do is not to repeal the law but to "repeal" the authorities that will not enforce that good law.

Christians are exhorted to keep themselves "unspotted from the world." Every saloon-Christian has spots on him. And all the boys have such Christians "spotted."

"Can a leopard change his spots?"

Every American has a constitutional right to his own opinion, but every opinion carries a responsibility with it.

He who prefers the saloon to prohibition must carry the responsibility for the saloon.

He who "loves darkness rather than light" must take the consequences of darkness.

Cain thought the Lord was "too rough" in denouncing sin. The Cain-ites are still complaining at rough words.

The Pharisees thought Christ was "too rough." But Christ thought that religious hypocrisy needed more than soft words.

And yet that man is a fool who

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thinks he can lash any well-rounded Baptist into line.
And some other people are just as free thinking and independent as Baptists.
A lash is not needed to support any good cause. But the straight, hot truth is needed, to show good men that they are standing arm in arm with the most baneful evils.
This is the very best remedy, but is not always pleasant either to give or to take.

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 obstructions, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of 50c. One small bottle is two months' treatment and will cure any case above mentioned.
Sole Manufacturer, St. Louis, Mo., formerly of Waco, Texas.
For sale by J. B. Baker, Haskell, Texas.

READ THIS.
Weatherford, Texas, June 25, 1899.—For seven years I was suffering with kidney trouble and found no permanent relief. After using dozens of bottles of different kinds of kidney medicine, had come to the conclusion there was no cure for it. I was induced to try Hall's Great Discovery, and had that I am cured by the use of one bottle.
J. C. McCONNELL

HOW TO KILL BOERS IN SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

Col. Baden-Powell Author of a Delightful Book.

Col. Baden-Powell declares that "man-stalking" is the best game of which he knows, and the colonel has had experience enough as a hunter of both two and four footed animals to know. He has written a book called "Aids to Scouting," and in it he clearly lays down the rules of the sport.

The scout's ten commandments, he says, are pluck and self-reliance, ability to find his way in a strange country and use his eyes and ears. He must be able to keep himself hidden, track the enemy, get across country, take care of himself and his horse, and report his information.

The most reliable assistance in finding your way is the compass, but in South Africa, where there is much ironstone in the ground, a compass becomes very unreliable. The sun by day gives you the east in his rising, and west in his setting, and north or south at noon, as you happen to be south or north of the equator.

On starting on a reconnaissance, if you see a mountain, say, to the northward of you, it will serve as a guide. Similarly, when you pass any conspicuous object, like a withered tree, broken gate or a strangely shaped rock, keep it on your mind. On passing such landmarks, do not omit to look back, and see what their appearance is from the other side.

It should be a point of honor with a scout that nobody sees any object that he has not already seen for himself. Your eyes must be never resting, continually glancing around in every direction, and trained to see objects in the far distance. A scout must have eyes at the back of his head.

A moving enemy is easy to see, but one who stands still or who is the same color as the ground around him is very hard to see for the unpracticed eye. Common sense and a little reflection will often suggest to you the most likely points to look to find him.

Once I was having a match with a shikari in Kashmir, as to which of us could see the farthest.

He pointed out a hillside some distance off and asked me if I could see how many cattle there were grazing on it. It was only with difficulty that I could see any cattle at all; but presently I copped him by asking him if he could see the man in charge of the cattle. Now, I could not actually see this myself, but knowing that there must be a man with the herd, and that he would probably be uphill above them, and as there was a solitary tree above them, and it was a hot, sunny day, I guessed he would be under this tree. A look through the glasses showed this surmise to be right.

Besides looking far ahead your eyes should miss nothing close by that is likely to mean anything.

It is often a useful thing, after passing a place where you expect an enemy to be hiding, to turn very suddenly and look for him. You may thus catch him looking out less carefully.

In selecting your lookout place, always be careful to see that there is more than one way out of it, so that if an enemy cuts you off at one you can escape by the other. Thus, a tower is a tempting place to look out from, but if an enemy comes and stands guard at the foot of it you cannot get away, whereas the roof of a house will give you an almost equally good view and possibly several different ways of getting to the ground.

Trees, for the same reason as towers, must be used with caution. Remember that men are very apt to forget to look up in trees for you—unless they see your footmarks on the ground leading to a tree. I have stood under a large tree with an enemy up in it, and never noticed him till he fired down at me.

When the ground is more forcibly struck, the toe more deeply indented than at a walk. At a canter there are two single footmarks, and then a pair; at a gallop single footmarks deeply indented.

With a man walking, the whole flat of the foot comes equally on the ground, the feet a little under one yard apart. Running, the toes are more deeply indented in the ground, and the feet are more than a yard apart. Native trackers boast that not only can they tell a person's sex and age by their tracks, but also their characters. They say that people who turn out their toes much are generally liars. It was a trick with highwaymen of old, and with the horse-stealers more recently.

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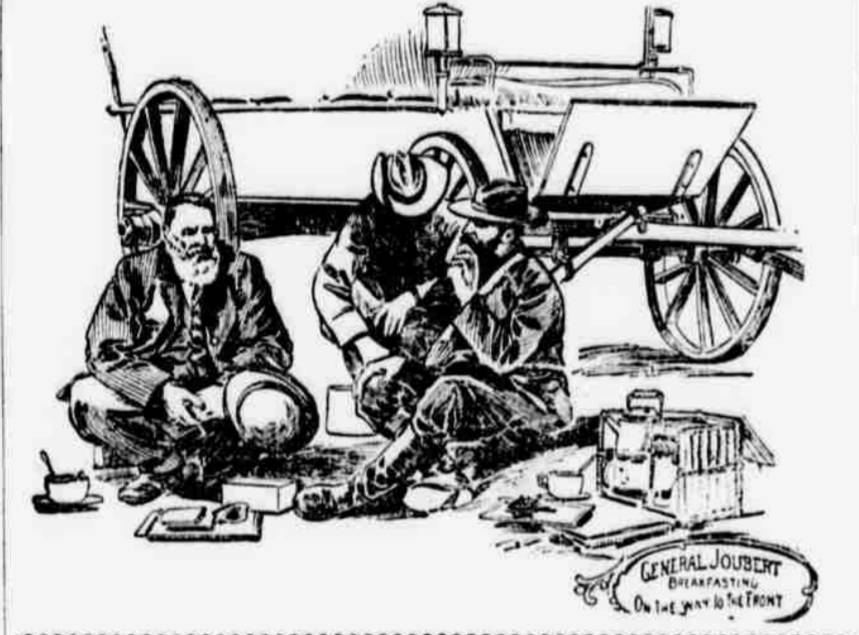
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proved the building. The hospital is unsectarian and free to all nationalities.

MONGOOSE AND COBRA
Combat from which the Little Animal Came Off Victor.

I have an uncle who is in India, and he wrote me a note telling about a fight between a cobra and a mongoose. I liked it so much that I want other people to enjoy it, too. Any one who has read the "Jungle Books" will, I am sure, like it very much. Here it is: "You remember 'Rikki-tikki-tavi' in the 'Jungle Book'?" Well, the little mongoose's tail did bristle out just like a bottle brush, and the cobra struck at him again and again. The little mongoose's eyes got as bright as beads and he never took them off the cobra for a second as it reared above him; and every time that it struck quick as lightning the little Rikki-tikki-tavi jumped away quicker than lightning, leaving the cobra's head to come down with a bump. He watched his chance and then sprang in close on the coils of the snake, and somehow managed to grab him by the lower jaw. Then such a circus as there was! It was just a whirl of snake and bottle brush tail and beady little eyes. Once or twice the snake coiled too tightly around him that he almost choked him off, but the slim and sleek little body of the mongoose seemed able to wriggle out of anything. Quick as a flash he changed his hold and his teeth sank into the snake's neck, just back of the head; then it was only a matter of a few seconds before the cobra was stretched out dead. Rikki had his mouth too close to the poison-sacs of the snake, and after the battle he spit and frothed and scraped his mouth in the dust until his little nose was as red as fire. He was just as tame as a kitten, and I wanted to send him home to you, but he would be sure to die on the way."—St. Nicholas.



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ON THE WAY TO THE FRONT

BARBER CAUGHT

In the Extraordinary Act of Cutting His Own Hair

"I saw a barber do a most extraordinary thing the other day," remarked a gentleman in the Grunewald lobby last evening. "What was it?" inquired a friend; "did he shave somebody without telling him his barber needed trimming?" "Stranger than that," replied the other. "I saw him cutting his own hair. It was the first time I ever witnessed anything of the kind in my life, and I would have sworn that it couldn't be done, but this chap seemed to experience no trouble whatever with the job. He was sitting down before a mirror on a small table

everyday white man."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

RAINMAKING OUTFITS.
Although Not Often Heard Of, the Rain-maker is Working Away.

"Most people suppose that rainmaking is a played-out fake," said a carnival visitor from Wichita, Kas., "but that is a great mistake. I know two or three different rainmakers who have all they can do in the dry season, and are making money hand over fist. The most successful of the lot is what is known as the Saunders Chemical Rocket Company, which has headquarters in St. Louis, and keeps several wagon outfits on the go through Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Southern Colorado and Oklahoma. The outfits are rather interesting. They consist of powerfully built wagons, fitted up with apparatus for making hydrogen gas and all the other paraphernalia of the business. The process is, of course, a secret, but I have seen the Saunders people at work and know in general what they do.

The wagon is stopped at some convenient point in the midst of the droughty district and several small balloons are inflated with gas. The balloons are about eight feet in diameter and are made of varnished paper. They carry rockets, which are discharged by means of time fuses when they reach a certain altitude, supposed to be the cloud strata. They make a tremendous noise, and can be heard distinctly for miles, sounding exactly like sharp peals of thunder. Three balloons are sent up to begin with, and if it doesn't rain in thirty-six hours the experiment is repeated; in fact, they keep on putting up balloons as long as the farmers keep putting up cash. The system of the other rainmakers is practically the same, although one concern owns a small gun of about two or three inch caliber, from which it shoots bombs into the clouds. It is a very curious and undeniable fact that showmen do actually follow their efforts in the great majority of cases, and the list of places and dates which they use on their circulars is a powerful argument with any farmer. I saw a folder not long ago on which twenty-two attempts were enumerated, seventeen of which were followed by rain in from two to thirty-six hours. This extraordinary percentage of success is readily explained by the skeptics. The rain-makers are never called in, they say, except after a long period of drought, when the probability of its natural termination is increased daily in compound ratio. In other words, it would rain anyhow, bombs or no bombs. You don't see much about the business in the papers for the reason that the rain wizards shun publicity. They deal mainly with farmers' societies."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Mr. Rothschild's favorite residence is his beautiful castle at Pregny, about a mile and a half from Geneva. Mont Blanc is visible in the distance, and the blue lake of Geneva below. The castle is really the property of the baronesse, but her husband pays for the maintenance of the buildings. The Rothschild flag flies from the main tower. The laws of the canton of Geneva prohibit the hoisting of a foreign flag within the boundaries of the province, and intimation to that effect was promptly conveyed to the baronesse, who as promptly announced her intention to shake the dust of Geneva from her feet. Conscious of the loss her departure would be to the state, the authorities sent the state councillor to tender her an humble apology and assure her they would be delighted if she would keep her flag flying and remain with them. With customary liberality, Baron Rothschild founded, in the city of Geneva, some years ago a hospital for the treatment of diseases of the eye. Since then he has enlarged and im-

proved the building. The hospital is unsectarian and free to all nationalities.

MONGOOSE AND COBRA
Combat from which the Little Animal Came Off Victor.

I have an uncle who is in India, and he wrote me a note telling about a fight between a cobra and a mongoose. I liked it so much that I want other people to enjoy it, too. Any one who has read the "Jungle Books" will, I am sure, like it very much. Here it is: "You remember 'Rikki-tikki-tavi' in the 'Jungle Book'?" Well, the little mongoose's tail did bristle out just like a bottle brush, and the cobra struck at him again and again. The little mongoose's eyes got as bright as beads and he never took them off the cobra for a second as it reared above him; and every time that it struck quick as lightning the little Rikki-tikki-tavi jumped away quicker than lightning, leaving the cobra's head to come down with a bump. He watched his chance and then sprang in close on the coils of the snake, and somehow managed to grab him by the lower jaw. Then such a circus as there was! It was just a whirl of snake and bottle brush tail and beady little eyes. Once or twice the snake coiled too tightly around him that he almost choked him off, but the slim and sleek little body of the mongoose seemed able to wriggle out of anything. Quick as a flash he changed his hold and his teeth sank into the snake's neck, just back of the head; then it was only a matter of a few seconds before the cobra was stretched out dead. Rikki had his mouth too close to the poison-sacs of the snake, and after the battle he spit and frothed and scraped his mouth in the dust until his little nose was as red as fire. He was just as tame as a kitten, and I wanted to send him home to you, but he would be sure to die on the way."—St. Nicholas.

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TROOP SHIP'S WATER SUPPLY.

A Good Condensing Apparatus Solves the Difficult Problem.

The ship's ordinary supply would be totally inadequate for the requirements of a thousand troops besides horses; but the difficulty is overcome with the aid of a good condensing apparatus, says the Building World. From the tanks into which the water is condensed—about twenty tons and upward a day—extra iron pipes are run to suitable positions on the different decks and cockles are fixed. Under the cocks for supplying the horses tubs are placed into which the water is run. In the soldiers' quarters small pipes are fixed and the supply is taken from spring cocks, the amount allowed being usually six pints a head a day, except when the vessel is in the tropics, when one gallon a head is allowed. To provide against any breakdown of the condenser, portable iron tanks, holding about 400 gallons each, are placed in the lower holds and filled. Lift pumps are then fixed fore and aft on the main deck and the suction pipe from the pumps is taken down close to these tanks and finished with a union, onto which a rubber suction hose is screwed, and led to each tank as required. A rising main taken from pump is turned down and run parallel with the main supply and finished at the same points.

Perfumes Rare.

For a trinity of virtues the jasmine flower is held precious in the east by its women—as an offering, as a perfume, and as a delicate evanescent oil, for the oriental fair pluck the fresh blossoms, roll them up in their hair and sleep all night in them for the perfume they impart. An older ornamentation than braiding dark hair with pearls is that of gemming their length with the sweet-smelling stars of the cinquefoil white jasmine, Pogostemon patchouli, once such a favorite after its acquaintance was made by unpacking Indian shawls, and still used to scent and preserve the shawls over sea from India, lost vintage twenty years ago because of its kindred to musk, now another name for vulgarity and out of drawing-room vocabulary. It once meant "mystery"; it now means the impossible as far as a lady's wardrobe is concerned; nay, more, some fastidious mothers warn their sons never to associate with women who use patchouli at their toilet.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Mr. Moody's Little Joke.

Comparatively few people knew the humorous side of the late Dwight L. Moody; yet among the neighbors and friends of his boyhood he was known as a good deal of a wag, and a hearty laugh was a benediction to him. One of his old friends—Mr. George G. Rockwood of New York—then his summer neighbor, standing with him one day in front of his home at Northfield, dwelt with great enthusiasm upon the beautiful view of the Connecticut river and the rolling uplands presented from the spot. It is one of the finest stretches of landscape in the entire state, and all who have seen it have admired it greatly. "Yes," said Mr. Moody. "That's all very fine, I've committed. When I purchased this place, the poor fellow who owned it went off and left the view, and never came back for it."

Senator's Lunch.

At precisely 2 o'clock every day Senator Corkrell of Missouri leaves his seat, goes into the cloak room, pokes his hand into his overcoat pocket and pulls out two big apples, says a Washington paper. Then he sits down in a comfortable chair before the wood fire crackles in the chimney place and proceeds to eat them. He is regular as the sun, and the senators rather set their watches by him than by the old clock that hangs over the entrance to the chamber. He takes no other luncheon, eats nothing else between breakfast at 8 o'clock and dinner at 6 o'clock in the afternoon, and believes that apples are the healthiest food nature has provided for man.

THE MOUNTAINEERS. LIVE PRACTICALLY AS IN COLONIAL TIMES.

Hot with Lust of Ambition and Less Enlightenment—Fully Two Million Americans Who Are Absolutely Deprived.

(Special Letter.)

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A MOUNTAIN SCHOOL HOUSE.

affected by the example of those who have enjoyed superior advantages, they have been continuously taught to avenge their own wrongs rather than appeal to law. And quite naturally they have shown less restraint and good taste in such matters. It is to be added that the administration of justice in the mountain counties is attended with even more delays and uncertainties than elsewhere. Add to this the fact that the mountaineer has the independent spirit born of solitude, constant practice in the use of firearms, and that the civil war, in which the mountains were plundered by both armies, rekindled the bitter spirit of their ancient blood. It gives us hope for their future that the frequent homicides are not committed wantonly for purposes of robbery, but in the spirit of an Homeric chieftain on some "point of honor."

DUTCH CHURCH AND BOERS.

Traditions Which the Advent of Colonialists Failed to Erase.

This Dutch church was a privileged church and it had long traditions of its own which even the advent of colonialists of all nationalities failed to erase, says the Forthright Review. It has furnished the backbone of that curious oligarchy which has been cited as such an anomalous feature of the Boer states. Its peculiar religious tenets have been narrow and Calvinistic, and we cannot really expect much from the pastors and elders and deacons of a church that has fostered on one hand the pride of the Koopman and on the other the pride of the Calvinist in religion. Here is almost the worst possible combination for a colonial church. Setting out from perfectly different standpoints, the old Dutch colonial church seems to join hands with the antiquated despots of a Spanish South American vicereignty. Such a vicereignty, with its cumbersome church, and state apparatus, presupposed a home monopoly in all things, from the manufacture of a horseshoe to the appointment of a provost. In the same way a Dutch East India company, with its precise and silly rules about colonial trade, official etiquette, precedence and ceremonies, all framed and manipulated by a chamber of seven in Amsterdam, meant a close monopoly. To-day the Boer states have proved themselves worthy successors of a clique of monopolists.

Her Opinion.

The wealthy widower felt that it was time for him to say something, so he asked: "What is your opinion, Miss Passay, of this outcry against great fortunes? Do you believe it is a disgrace to die rich?" "Oh, Mr. Frustrer-leigh, this is sudden! Let me have time to consider a bit. Let me think it over. Ah, I have considered. Yes, I will try to love you. I will be a mother to your dear little children."

IN THE ODD CORNER. QUEER AND CURIOUS THINGS AND EVENTS.

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The Four-Leaved Shamrock.
(Old Favorite Series.)
I'll seek the four-leaved shamrock
In all the fairy-dell, long, long
And if I find the charmed leaf,
Oh, how I'll weave my spells!
I would not waste my magic might
On diamond, pearl, or gold.
For treasure tries the weary soul—
Such triumph is but cold.
But I would play the enchanter's part
In casting bliss around.
Oh! not a tear, nor aching heart,
Should in the world be found.

To weep I would give hoard,
I'd dry the mourner's tears,
And to the pallid lip recall
The smile of happy years.
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Chinese Eat Cats.

Chinese do eat cats. There is no doubt about it. But do not think that it is every Chinaman who can afford this luxury or that just any kind of a cat will answer for this purpose. No, no. These cats are of an especial breed. They must be kept in coops and fed on only certain kinds of food before they are considered good to eat. When you consider that the Chinamen of the working class seldom have room enough in their crowded dwellings for themselves and their personal belongings, that is, their wives and children—the matter of keeping a cat coop is out of the question, to say nothing of the expense of getting the especially prepared food for its inmates. The Chinaman of the working class counts himself blessed if he has a single little, closet-like room for himself and family. The most ambitious even never hires a front or back yard. His seldom gets paid over 10 or 15 cents a day, so it takes nearly all of that to buy his own rice and tea—and no matter how much his appetite may crave cat or dog, he is too dainty a creature to partake of the animal which feeds from the neighbor's garbage barrel. From the point of view of the Chinese a cat or dog or rat which has been brought up in a coop and fed on especially prepared food makes a much daintier dish than a chicken, for example, which has been turned loose in the yard and allowed to indulge its appetite for bugs and worms and grasshoppers. The Chinaman argues that the flesh of the chicken is, in reality, but a changed form of the food which nourishes it, and he can't understand why a person who would eat such a chicken would not equally relish a dish of slug and worm and grasshopper salad!—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Strange Foster Mother.

A cat and five kittens were found one morning comfortably ensconced in the hayloft of a stable at Blokenhurst. They were not wanted there, and so the stable man removed the family to a crib in a stall, where a broody but persistent hen and been for many days sitting upon some chicken eggs. Before long sounds of a struggle were heard, and the cat left her little one, with a good deal of haste. On investigation the stable man found to his astonishment that the hen had driven out the cat and taken her place as foster mother of the kittens, her would she permit the cat to return. She coaxed to the kittens and did her best to amuse them; when they became restless she exercised maternal authority in keeping them well within bounds. Sometimes, while attending to one side of her nest, a kitten would stray from the others. She would at once leave her place and search until she found the struant, and persuaded it by pushing and other means to return to the nest. Of course it was necessary that the cat should be allowed to approach her offspring from time to time in order to feed them. The hen had then to be forcibly removed and the door barred against her. No sooner was the cat and resume her place as head of the household. At night she spread her wings over the little animals just as though they were chickens, and certainly they seemed to like the cozy warmth of their feathered quilt.—Everybody's Magazine.

Originally the common or domestic goat was a native of the highlands of Asia.

Tracking means following up foot-prints. It is called "spooring" in Africa. Scouting without tracking is like bread and butter without ead. The first thing to learn is to distinguish the pace at which a man was moving when he made the track. It will be seen that a horse walking leaves pairs of footmarks, each hind foot coming close to the impression of the fore foot. At a trot each pair of footmarks is at a greater distance from the next, and

had another looking-glass propped up on a shelf behind him. That gave him a pretty fair view of the back of his head, and when my attention was attracted to the performance he was working away with comb and scissors as if it was the most ordinary thing in the world. I noticed that he was ambidextrous, and used both hands with apparently equal ease, something that must have helped him materially, but nevertheless it was a remarkable feat. He got through before I escaped the



THE AMBULANCE BRINGING IN THE WOUNDED.

TEN ARE INDICTED.

Franklin County Grand Jury Hands in that Number.

GOV. TAYLOR, GOLDEN AND DAVIS

Mentioned, but No Action is Taken Against Them—F. Wharton Golden Indicted, but Not His Brother.

Frankfort, Ky., April 15.—The Franklin county grand jury Tuesday afternoon returned indictments against ten persons, charging them with complicity in the murder of Wm. Goebel. The principals are Henry E. Yountsey, James Howard, Berry Howard, Harland Whitaker and "Tallow Dick" Combs (colored.) Those indicted as accessories before the fact are Secretary of State Powers, Capt. John L. Powers and ex-Secretary of State Charles Finley, W. H. Cullton and F. Wharton Golden. In the indictment relating to the alleged accessories three other men are indirectly referred to as accessories, though no indictments were reported against them. They are Gov. W. S. Taylor, Green Golden and Capt. John Davis.

The indictments were reported at 4 Tuesday afternoon. Henry E. Yountsey, who is mentioned as the first principal, was a clerk in the office of State Auditor Sweeney. Yountsey was first named in the case by Wharton Golden, the star witness for the prosecution at the examining trial of Caleb Powers. Jim and Berry Howard are cousins and mountaineers of note in connection with the old Howard feud. They were with the men alleged to have been brought here by the Powers brothers. Finley and others on the "excursion of mountaineers."

Harland Whitaker lived in Butler, Gov. Taylor's home county, and is alleged to have been in the room in the executive building from which the shot was fired.

Dick Combs, a negro, lived at Beatyville and also came here with the mountaineers. Caleb Powers is the Republican contestee for secretary of state and John L. Powers, another of the defendants named as an accessory, is his brother. Charles Finley was secretary of state under the former is now in Indianapolis, having having gone there just before the warrant charging him with complicity was sworn out six weeks ago. Cullton was a clerk in the office of Auditor Sweeney. Wharton Golden was a member of the Taylor state guard and claimed to turn State's evidence on the stand in the examining trial of Caleb Powers when he recited what he claimed to be the inside facts relating to the alleged conspiracy to murder Goebel and enough Democratic members of the legislature to give the Republicans a majority. It is stated that the commonwealth will at once nolle pros the indictment against Golden in consideration of his testimony.

Strained Relations.

Washington, April 15.—There is no longer any question that the diplomatic relations between the United States and Turkey are in a critical state, growing out of the sultan's bad faith. He promised to pay the indemnity claims of the American missionaries for the destruction of eight buildings of the Euphrates college at Harpoot and several buildings belonging to the American missionaries at Marash during the Armenian massacres of 1895. Mr. Straus, the United States minister to Turkey, is at present in the United States on leave of absence. As has already been announced he presented his resignation, but the president, regarding the services of Mr. Straus indispensable, indefinitely extended his leave.

Tennessee Populists endorse Omaha platform and send delegates to Cincinnati.

From Colombia.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 18.—News received here from Colombia says that two big battles have been fought at Matamundero and Pradera, where the rebel forces under Gen. Rosa, Ibez and Calcedo were completely routed, a large number being killed, wounded or taken prisoners.

The Colombian government has sent 6000 additional troops north. Peace is reported to be completely restored in the department of Mawdalena, but not confined.

Overwhelmingly Democratic.

New Orleans, La., April 18.—The election day in Louisiana for members of the legislature and a full state ticket resulted in a Democratic landslide. The ticket headed by Auditor Heard, swept the state from one end to the other and the legislature is overwhelmingly Democratic. This is the result in the face of almost unprecedented weather conditions which made the vote unusually light. Senator Caffery is badly defeated in his candidacy for re-election.

Important Information.

London, April 18.—Success of Lieut. Smith-Eman, the Rhodesian scout, who with the exception of a Reuter correspondent, a cyclist, is the only white man who has entered Mafeking since the siege began, is likely to prove of great value to Col. Plumer, to whom he has returned with dispatches, should Plumer decide to raise the siege of Mafeking in earnest.

A Scottish crofter has adopted a method of making porridge.

ROASTED BY ROBERTS.

The General Severely Criticizes Some of the British Commanders.

London, April 18.—The government has chosen this as the moment to publish a dispatch from Lord Roberts, pronouncing severe upon Sir Redvers Buller and Sir Charles Warren, two of his most subordinate commanders. This dispatch, written Feb. 13, has been in the hands of the war office for five weeks. Just why it is published now, in the middle of the campaign, is not understood unless it is expected that Gens. Buller and Warren will be asked to be relieved of their commands.

The representation of their incapacity must tend to undermine the confidence of the troops in their leadership. Lord Roberts' dispatch with the inclosure is the great feature of the London press. In a long dispatch the Daily News comments on the "somewhat appalling language of the dispatch," and then goes on to say: "Upon the whole these dispatches are disgusting and disheartening in no ordinary degree." * * * Following immediately upon the recall of Gen. Gatacre they will create a widespread feeling of uneasiness and anxiety.

The Standard, which is supposed to be in the confidence of the government, says: "It is scarcely likely that the publication of Lord Roberts' dispatch is without a purpose. It irresistibly suggests whether it is not to be followed by further important changes in the South African commands. Painful as such measures may be, there must be no hesitation in carrying them out if they are required in the public interest."

The Daily Telegraph compliments Roberts on not hesitating where great interests are at stake to wound private susceptibilities.

The Daily Chronicle confesses to "a feeling something like consternation when reading the extraordinary passages of the dispatch."

The Times says: "Lord Roberts' severe condemnation is justified only too clearly by the official narratives of what took place. He story is painful, but it is well for the nation and for the army that it should be told clearly and simply, without concealment or exaggeration."

Banks Consolidate.

Baltimore, April 18.—The Equitable National bank of this city has concluded a deal whereby it absorbs the First National bank, and the two institutions will be merged just as soon as the legal formalities can be completed with. The purchase price was \$65 a share.

The directors of the First National and the Equitable National banks have entered into an agreement for consolidation of the two banks under one management.

Committee Report.

Washington, April 18.—Chairman Hawley reported from the committee on military affairs the appropriation bill for the army. The pay of officers of the line is increased \$453,960. The provision for a military telegraph line in Alaska, costing \$450,550, is stricken out. For a library building at Manila, \$5000 is appropriated. In computing length of service for retirement of soldiers in Puerto Rico or the Philippines, they are to be allowed double time for their work.

Separate Tickets.

Raleigh, N. C., April 18.—Cyrus Thompson, Populist state chairman said that the Populists and Republicans would nominate separate state tickets from end to end and that there had never been any agreement as to fusion, despite newspaper reports to that effect. The reason for no fusion is that it is thought that in this way the Populists can hold their voters together better, and prevent them from voting with the Democrats and thus aid the Republicans.

Boer warriors have reappeared on the Orange river.

No Decision.

Chicago, Ill., April 18.—Tommy White of Chicago went six fast rounds with Terry McGovern of Brooklyn Sunday, finishing strong, and had the best of the last round. The fight was a 130 pounds, both men being below that, although the exact weights were not given.

By an agreement of the principals no decision was to be rendered if both men were on their feet at the end of the sixth round which proved to be the case.

Missouri Tornado.

Lexington, Mo., April 18.—Five persons were injured, one fatally, and considerable property was damaged by a tornado that passed just west of Concordia.

The injured are: August Krohn, a cripple, will die; two Krohn children, badly hurt; Henry Meyers, head cut; John Luetsen, internal injuries.

Two houses and half a dozen barns were destroyed, several head of stock killed and much other damage was done.

Against Imperialism.

Washington, April 18.—For more than three hours Tuesday Mr. Hoar, the senior senator from Massachusetts, occupied the attention of the senate with a speech in opposition to the policy of "imperialism," upon which he maintained this government has embarked. He likened Aguinaldo to Kosciuszko, and said that of all noted Americans Aaron Burr would alone advocate imperialism.

WEPENER IS LEFT.

Boers Have Abandoned the Siege of the Place AND TREK TOWARD SOUTHEAST.

It is the Impression that Lord Roberts May Attack Them by Sending a Force From Bloemfontein.

London, April 17.—Lord Roberts has spread his net far and wide to catch the venturesome commandos that have been making mischief in the southeastern part of the Free State. The net has not yet been drawn in, but at the headquarters of Lord Roberts the impression exists that the power of the Boers is decreasing.

A Daily News correspondent has them feeling to the southeast; a Standard correspondent reports them fleeing northward; a Daily Telegraph correspondent says that some are going north and others south, while a Morning Post representative finds it is not known what the Boers are doing. Evidently the feeling at Bloemfontein is that the disposition of Lord Roberts is such as to enable him to concentrate a large force rapidly at any point. The Boers, being aware of this, are presumed to be thinking now chiefly of retreat. The investment of Wepener, according to the special dispatches from Bloemfontein, has absolutely been abandoned. According to a Bethany dispatch the Boers are unable to retreat northward, because the British strongly hold all roads.

Divers reports come from Natal, one asserting that the Boers have retired beyond the Biggarsberg range, and another saying that some of them are close to Ladysmith.

London awaits confidently for almost immediate announcement of news, favorable to the British.

Distrust exists, however, as to any rapid, continuous advance toward Pretoria, chiefly on account of the lack of horses, many of which die in the case of long voyages. Letters from the Cape say that three days' journey by rail is made in open trucks, that the arrangements for feeding and watering are inadequate, and that the unfortunate animals break down rapidly in consequence of this hardship.

Despite the energy of its buyers abroad, the war office foresees much difficulty in supplying the enormous number of horses required.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Monday, says:

The Boers are in full retreat from Wepener, hugging the Basutoland border. The Basutos are marching parallel with them along the frontier, watching eagerly for the slightest encroachment.

Gomez Speaks.

Havana, April 17.—Gen. Maximo Gomez, while on his way to Santo Domingo stopped at Nuevitas, where he was received with a large demonstration. In replying to an address of welcome he said: "Cuba fought against the domination of Spain only to find herself under the heel of the United States. Nevertheless I have confidence enough in the American people to believe that they will carry out the promises of the joint resolution of congress."

Killed by Lightning.

Birmingham, Ala., April 17.—Rev. W. O. Wilson, superintendent of the Stillman institute at Tuscaloosa, Ala., was killed by lightning while using a telephone during a thunderstorm.

Dr. Wilson was a Virginian by birth and had a wide acquaintance in the southern states.

At the time of his death he was wholly employed in the work of educating the negroes of the south under the direction of the Southern Presbyterian church, giving his time and talent as a work of love, refusing to accept any salary.

To Meet Their Case.

Washington, April 17.—A bill was passed by the senate Monday in accordance with the recommendation of Attorney General Griggs to meet the case of Gaylor Bros. and others, indicted in conjunction with ex-Capt. Carter, charged with fraud on work done in Savannah harbor and Cumberland sound. The recent decision of Judge Brown in New York, who refused to return the Gaylor Bros. for trial, and where they had been indicted, induced the attorney general to prepare the bill.

Lynch.

Tunica, Miss., April 17.—Moses York, a negro, was taken from the custody of an officer by a mob at the state levee crossing in the lower end of this county and hanged. His body was then riddled with bullets. York murdered in cold blood Joe Castello, an Italian fruit peddler. Before being lynched, York confessed to the killing and also told of having murdered a man some time ago in Arkansas and to several crimes of lesser importance.

Mine Disaster.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 17.—Fire in the Essen coal mine at Hazeltine caused the death of one miner, Venzel Stensrud. The first reports told of sixteen men in the mine who were supposed to have perished, but now that the fire is extinguished and the excitement over it develops that only three were in the mine when the fire started, two of whom escaped. The loss to the mine cannot be determined.

S. S. Jones was awarded a verdict for \$5500 against the Mexican Central railway at El Paso.

RAN AMUCK.

A Kentucky Negro Meets the Fate He "Desired for Others."

Hopkleville, Ky., April 17.—Near Slaughterville, on a Louisville and Nashville railroad excursion train, returning from Henderson Sunday night, Morgan Boone of Trenton, negro, passed through the whole coach brandishing a pistol and cursing. He struck a white man with a coupling pin, fracturing his skull. Boone passed into the colored coach and yelled: "I've killed a hundred white men and now I'm going to slaughter niggers." Eight or ten white men with drawn pistols followed him. He turned and fired twice. Ten shots were fired in the coach, several striking Boone, fatally wounding him. He was thrown off the train and several bullets fired through a window into his body. Many women fainted.

Armor Plate Discussed.

Washington, April 17.—The house Monday entered upon the consideration of the naval appropriation bill with the prospect of a severe struggle ahead over the question of armor plate, building ships in government yards and the provision in the bill for the coast and geodetic survey. The bill carries \$13,000,000 more than any previous naval bill. Mr. Foss, the acting chairman, and Mr. Cummings, the ranking minority member of the committee, defended the bill. The latter declared himself in favor of paying \$545 for Krupp armor, at least until all the ships authorized were built, and said that the committee had information, the source of which he was not at liberty to reveal, showing that a price lower than Krupp armor at a price lower than any other country in the world.

Hope for Intervention.

London, April 17.—The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of the Daily Mail, says:

The tone of the Standard and Digges News shows that the Transvaal government is relying strongly upon American intervention. Great results are expected from the campaign of Webster Davis and from the presidential contest.

While the semi-blockade of Delagoa bay has not done the slightest harm to the Transvaal, it has enriched foreign firms at the expense of ruined Britishers.

Question Settled.

Little Rock, Ark., April 17.—In the suit involving the liability of stockholders of the defunct First National bank of this city on an assessment of \$2 per cent levied by the controller of the currency to discharge the bank's liabilities Federal Judge John A. Williams decided that the stockholders are liable. The assessment was levied on \$250,000 bank stock, representing the amount of the increased capital stock preceding the bank's failure. The principal defense was that the increase was void, because not authorized by the vote of two-thirds of the stockholders.

Wants a Divorce.

New Orleans, La., April 17.—Mrs. J. L. Moyse of Cincinnati, better known as Bertha Warnken, who was deceived and married by the bogus Capt. Clark, entered suit in the civil district court against her husband for divorce. Moyse has been sentenced to the penitentiary and that is considered in this state a sufficient ground for divorce.

President McKinley requests \$25,000 for union of American republics.

For Mrs. Drew.

Washington, April 17.—Senator Culberson and Representative Hawley are doing all in their power to secure a pension for the widow of Lieut. Drew who lives at Houston. The bill was introduced several days ago, providing for a pension of \$50 a month, but the committee has not reported it yet. If the committee reports the bill the amount will probably be cut down to \$25 a month, as this is the limit which the committee could report, but the senate can increase the amount and this will probably be done if the bill can be passed through the house.

Morgan's Thanks.

Birmingham, Ala., April 17.—Senator Morgan wires as follows on the result of his almost unanimous indorsement at the hands of the Alabama Democracy:

"The very remarkable vote of so many counties gives assurance of the future strength and harmony of the Democracy of Alabama. The confidence thus expressed toward me as one of the senators from Alabama excites my gratitude to the people and will increase my devotion to their interests and prosperity."

"JOHN T. MORGAN"

Samford Probable Winner.

Birmingham, Ala., April 17.—Later returns from Saturday's primaries indicate that Col. William J. Samford, Lee county's candidate for governor, will go to the state convention with nearly, if not quite enough, delegates to secure the nomination on the first ballot.

The convention is composed of 504 delegates, and according to these estimates Samford's vote will be more than 253, the number necessary to nominate.

Hoke Smith Sells.

Atlanta, Ga., April 17.—Hon Hoke Smith has sold his interest in the Atlanta Journal to H. M. Atkinson, Morris Brandon and J. R. Gray of Atlanta. Complete control of the Journal passes into the hands of Mr. Atkinson and his associates as the minority stockholders also disposed of their holdings.

Mr. George H. Dickinson, formerly of the New York Herald, will be the publisher under the new regime.

PARIS EXPOSITION.

The Great Attraction is Now in Order to View, THOUGH NOT FULLY ARRANGED.

The United States Leads All Outside Nations in the Variety and Magnitude of Exhibits.

Paris, April 16.—The Paris exposition was opened Saturday. The most favorable weather conditions prevailed and innumerable bright-colored domes and minarets glistened in the sunshine. Paris was early astir with people wending their way toward the Elysee and in the direction of the exposition in the hope of witnessing the presidential procession at some part of its journey.

All the public buildings and numberless private houses were decorated with trophies of flags, chiefly the tri-color. The neighborhood of the exposition was especially gay with bunting, while most of the pavilions themselves were surmounted with floating banners.

Within the exposition grounds Saturday morning all was bustle and activity in a supreme effort to clear away all unsightly obstacles in order to leave an unobstructed road and external appearance of completeness to the place for the presidential party in its passage through the grounds. The finishing touches were hastily given the magnificent Salle des Fets. The aspect of the exposition has materially improved from even that of Friday, and although the installation of exhibits has naturally undergone little advance, the external effect produced by the incessant labor of the past couple of days is already fine and decidedly picturesque.

The unfinished condition of the exposition on inauguration day is regrettable and perhaps misleading. It must be borne in mind that this is only a passing phase, and on its completion within three weeks or a month from now the exposition will indisputably be the most attractive and magnificent yet seen.

Americans especially will be proud of their country's display at this world's fair, for the United States stands second only to France herself in number of exhibitors, which treble those of any other foreign country.

The following is a table of exhibitors which speaks eloquently of American enterprises:

France, 30,000, United States 6,564, Belgium 2,500, Germany 2,000, Italy 2,000, Russia 1,500, Scandinavia 1,400, Austria 1,000, Great Britain 600, the British colonies 600.

America has three times the number of exhibitors that France had at the World's fair in Chicago. She occupies 329,052 square feet with her forty-seven distinct exhibition spaces, thirty-three in the main exposition grounds, fourteen in the Vincennes annex, excluding the ground covered by our eagle surmounting the national pavillion on the Quai d'Orsay.

Six New York cigar firms have shut down and 5000 men are out of employment.

If unseated, Senator Clark will make the race again.

No Fresh News.

London, April 16.—The war office had nothing to communicate to the public Sunday. It may be taken for granted that the rumor of Gen. Brabant's victory at Wepener is premature. With the remainder of his force he left Allwal North Saturday for Rouxville, and there has been scarcely time for an engagement.

There is practically no fresh news this morning. The royal Irish rifles were driven out of Rouxville.

Congressional.

Washington, April 16.—Beyond the passage of the eighty-three pension bills and some general measures of minor importance, the senate transacted little business Saturday.

After an hour of routine business the house devoted its session to hearing eulogies on the late Gov. Oliver P. Morton of Indiana in connection with the acceptance of his statue, which has been placed in Statuary hall by the senate which he served.

At St. Helena.

St. Helena, April 16.—Gen. Cronje, his wife and three of his staff of the former Boer commando, who, with other Boer prisoners, arrived here on the Niobe and Wilkes on April 10, were landed Saturday, accompanied by Col. Reece. They were met by the governor and commander-in-chief of St. Helena, His Excellency Robert Stendale and Mrs. Stendale, at the castle, where the party remained for an hour, afterwards proceeding to the Kent building.

Deserted the Ship.

New York, April 16.—At the bottom of the sea, outside of Santo Domingo harbor, the wreck of the French steamer Georges Crois has lain for more than two weeks. Enveloped in the mass of her wreckage are the bodies of four men, two passengers and two sailors. Her captain, Francisco Cathrien, is alive, but no one knows his whereabouts. He is said to have deserted his doomed ship and nearly three score people that were aboard of her.

NEWS NUGGETS.

Many Matters Briefly Mixed From the World's Happenings.

Dallas is to have another bank.

Chicago has contributed nearly \$700,000 so far in war taxes.

The steamship Sarah cleared from New Orleans for Cape Town with 1000 mules.

Col. W. J. Bryan delivered two speeches at Albuquerque, N. M., on the 14th.

The transport Lake Erie, with 500 Boer prisoners, has left Cape Town for St. Helena.

The University of Edinburgh has conferred the degree of LL. D. on Ambassador Choate.

Between 40,000 and 50,000 persons visited the Waco exposition and viewed the street fair last week.

"Aunt" Sarah Ann McKinney, a resident of Grayson county for over half a century, passed away five miles from Van Alstyne.

Rufus Wright, a Chicago bicycle manufacturer, accidentally shot in that city Mrs. Louisa Lottridge of Paw Paw, Mich., died from his wound.

The report of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway bridge across the Colorado river, near Eagle Lake, washing away was incorrect.

Mrs. Elizabeth Whitfield Bellamy, the authoress, died at Mobile, Ala. She was the widow of the late Dr. Edward C. Bellamy, a Confederate army surgeon.

Murat Halstead has accepted the presidency of the College of Journalism at Cincinnati, O., an institution designed to teach practical newspaper work.

Former President Cole of the Globe National bank, Boston, Mass., pleaded guilty to embezzlement and misappropriation of funds. Sentence was deferred.

Rev. P. W. Archer, aged 81 years, a prominent Methodist clergyman, departed this life at Georgetown, Tex.

Mrs. J. R. Woods of Farmington, Grayson county, a pioneer, died suddenly.

William Watson, who lost a leg while in the employ of the Santa Fe railway at Cleburne, has sued the company for \$30,000. Edward Stout has entered suit at Sherman for \$20,000 against the Katy road for alleged damages.

S. G. Warner, general passenger and ticket agent of the Cotton Belt railroad in Texas, has resigned. It is said he has accepted a like position with the Kansas City Southern, formerly the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railway.

Great Ships for the Pacific.

President Hill of the Great Northern Railroad says that for his proposed transpacific steamship line he has proposed 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.

Will be Warmer.

Do not lay the flattering unctious to your heart that just because April is cool, May, June, July and August will be likewise. But if you desire to visit a place this summer where every hour of the twenty-four is pleasant, bid yourself to Fort Worth and take a Denver Road train for Boulder, Colo. On arriving there you will find the exasperating Colorado Chautauqua—a spot where the mind will be strengthened while the body is resting.

Unchanged.

Atlanta, Ga., April 16.—The situation in the telegraphers' strike on the Southern Railway is practically unchanged. The greatest delay to any passenger train during the day was one hour.

Mrs. J. S. B. Thompson, wife of the assistant general superintendent of the Southern railway, received an anonymous letter two days ago, while her husband was out of town, saying that Mr. Thompson would be killed if he "did not quit his lying about the strike."

Appropriation to be Asked.

St. Louis, Mo., April 16.—Secretary James Cox of the St. Louis World's Fair committee has been instructed to notify the governors of all states in the Louisiana purchase that the congressional committee will meet in Washington on April 27 and invite them to join the delegation when it appears before the committee to ask for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the world's fair to be held in 1903. The delegation will be made up of two representatives of each state in the Louisiana purchase.

Morgan Carried Them All.

Birmingham, Ala., April 16.—Reports from all sections of the state indicate a landslide for Senator Morgan as a result of the Democratic primaries held Saturday.

Gov. Johnston who had waged a vigorous and aggressive fight against Senator Morgan, comes out of the contest with not a county to his credit. A summary of the Morgan coalition shows he will have 116 of 120 Democratic legislative votes. He carried all fifty-four of the counties holding primaries Saturday.

Alleged Incompetent Telegraphers.

Mobile, Ala., April 16.—The south-bound local freight and a work train came into collision Saturday morning on the Mobile division of the Southern railway near Thomaston, Ala., both locomotives being ruined and a fireman hurt. The wreck is said to have been caused by an attempt to work freight trains on timecard schedule, in the absence of qualified operators, the telegraphic employees being on strike.

TEXAS AND TEXANS.

Sherman is to have a cracker factory.

Cleburne wants the Brazos Valley road.

Dallas is to have a six-story implement house.

The Texarkana Novelty works were partially destroyed by fire.

The three-story Bayview hotel at Port Lavaca was destroyed by fire.

Judge A. H. Field, a prominent Dallas attorney, passed away in that city.

The Thurber Coal company will move its general offices from Fort Worth to Thurber.

The Sabine Valley railroad will be extended from Simpson to San Augustine, forty miles.

Good Friday was solemnly observed by the various Roman Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran churches of the state.

F. M. Smith, on trial at Nacogdoches, charged with the murder of Mrs. Theodore Vawten, was adjudged guilty and given the death penalty.

The commissioners' court of Kaufman county elected Deputy Sheriff T. W. Henderson sheriff to fill out the unexpired term of the late Sheriff Keller.

Sheriff Cabell, of Dallas county, having been elected mayor of Dallas, tendered his resignation. Lee Hughes was chosen to fill out the unexpired term.

The 14-year-old son of City Assessor Devine, at San Antonio, was struck on the head with a stone and suffered a fractured skull. The affair occurred during a school recess while the school boys were in a battle with mudballs.

Mr. J. W. A. Clark, of Corsicana, a British-American, is in receipt of an acknowledgment of \$100 to the soldiers' relief committee in London. The amount was made up by less than a dozen English-born American citizens.

Two prominent physicians of Dallas gave an exhibition of pugilism on different lines laid down by authorities on manly art matters. One grabbed the other's neck, and was countered by his opponent chewing on his most convenient articular appendage. Both neck and ear were saved, however.

The time for the payment of the annual franchise tax by foreign corporations expires on May 1, the penalty for all delinquents after that date being \$5 for each month. There are about 2500 of these corporations that are doing business in Texas.

A carload of laborers passed through Houston en route to Honolulu. They were Tyrolese, from upper Austria, and were under contract to labor in that country for three years. Of the party twenty-eight were men and four women, the latter as well as the former under contract.

Col. H. C. Stevenson, a resident of Dallas for twenty years, passed away in that city after a lingering illness. Deceased was a printer and a journalist, being on the staff of several Georgia papers and the Dallas Herald. In late years he was in the real estate business. He was a first cousin of former Vice-President Stevenson.

Judge Hord, a Dallas county pioneer, was 91 years old a few days ago, and that night, according to an annual custom dating back several years, his neighbors tendered him a substantial supper at his West Dallas residence. The judge, who is a widower, is wonderfully vigorous and is the most admired by the fair sex of all the beaux present on these natal day occasions.

The trustees of Burleson college at Greenville have elected Prof. E. T. Kemp of Oak Cliff as president of the institution. They also decided to build two more dormitories by the time of fall opening.

The hay barn belonging to Mrs. William Geary near Roysse City burned. The barn contained about 110 tons of hay stored by Miller Bros., on which there was \$500 insurance. The barn was covered by insurance.

An attempt to revive the kitchen fire resulted in an explosion which horribly burned Lizzie Bailey, aged 7, George Bailey, aged 5, and their mother, Mrs. George Bailey, at Galveston. The little girl died. The others will recover. The house was destroyed.

News was received at Texarkana from Chichauhua, Mex., that Charles Ellis, a former St. Louis and Iron Mountain railway conductor, had roped dead in that city just as he was mounting the train of which he was conductor.

Before the Galveston Athletic club Jim Scanlan of Pittsburg, Pa., and Jim Fogarty started what was intended to be a twenty-round out. In the last half of the fifth round Scanlan landed hard and often and Fogarty's seconds threw up the sponge.

Leadford Faulkner, the 17-year-old son of A. Faulkner of Comanche, while out hunting with Harvey Jean, another boy, was accidentally shot with a target rifle by Bean, the ball passing through the abdomen. The boy died in great agony, next day.

The fish in the city lake, near Paris, are dying in large numbers. The theory is that the fish starved to death, there having been no rain of consequence for a year to wash insects into the water for them to feed on.

The Red Oak presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian church met at Fort Worth and transacted considerable business. The treasurer's report showed a cash balance on hand of \$200. The next session will be held at Oak Cliff.

LIST OF ALL LANDS, LOTS, OR PARTS OF LOTS

Returned delinquent or reported sold to the State of Texas, since the 1st day of January, 1885, situated in Haskell County

Table with columns: OWNER, ORIGINAL GRANTEE, PATENT No., Quantity, PATENT DATE, Other Description of City and Town Lots, STATE AND COUNTY TAXES DUE (Ad Valorem, School, Poll, Total), PENALTY (State, County, Total), BY WHOM RENDERED. The table lists numerous land parcels with their respective owners and tax details.

(c) See explanation of reference at bottom of page 2.

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Other Descriptions (67) Lots 4 and 5 are described by metes and bounds as follows: Begin 577 1/2 ft. S. of N. E. cor. out lot 10 of B. & R. addition; thence S. 145 ft.; thence W. 108 4/10 ft.; thence N. 145 ft.; thence E. 108 4/10 ft. to beginning.

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REMARKS—329 acres Knox Co.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS. I, J. W. COLLINS, Tax Collector of Haskell county, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached roll, containing sixty pages, is a true and correct list of all lands, lots or parts of lots returned delinquent for taxes or reported sold to the State of Texas, since the first day of January, 1885, situated in Haskell county, Texas, which have not been redeemed and on which the taxes are delinquent for preceding years, as therein stated and specified, as shown by the records of the Tax Collector's office of Haskell county.

THE STATE OF TEXAS. I, G. R. COUCH, County Clerk of Haskell county, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is the delinquent Tax Record delivered to me on the 30th day of September, 1890, by J. W. Collins, Tax Collector of Haskell county, and I hereby certify the same to the Commissioners' Court of said county for examination and correction.

THE STATE OF TEXAS. In Commissioners' Court. We certify that we have examined the within and foregoing Delinquent Tax Record, containing a list of all lands, lots or parts of lots returned delinquent for taxes or reported sold to the State, since the first day of January, 1890, and not redeemed, and find the same correct, and in open court approve the same this 30th day of September, 1890.

THE STATE OF TEXAS. I, H. R. JONES, County Judge of Haskell county, Texas, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing list or roll contains a correct list of all lands, lots, or parts of, returned delinquent for taxes or reported sold to the State since the 1st day of January, 1885, which have not been redeemed, and on which taxes are delinquent for preceding years, as stated therein, and as shown by the records of the Tax Collector's office of said county.

THE STATE OF TEXAS. I, G. R. COUCH, Clerk of the County Court in and for the County of Haskell, State of Texas, do certify that the foregoing instrument was filed in my office the 20th day of January, A. D. 1900, at 4 o'clock p. m., and duly recorded this 15th day of February, A. D. 1900, at 4 o'clock p. m. in Vol. I, pages 77 to 151 of the Delinquent Tax Records of said county and State.

THE ADVANCE MOVE

Indications Are that a Start Will Soon Be Made.

AN EARLY ENGAGEMENT LIKELY.

United States Consul May Defend Reichman and Says He Did Not Fight With the Boers.

London, April 14.—"The forward movement is checked," says Lord Roberts. This is taken to mean not by fighting, but by dispositions to head off their advance and bar their way to vulnerable points in the line of British communications.

Relief is on the way to Wepener. The Boers in Natal appear incapable of developing an aggressive movement at Elands-laagte.

Lord Methuen is at Zwartkopsfontein, twelve miles east of Boshop, and is sending small, swift columns through the adjacent country. Lord Chesham, commanding one of these, encountered a small commando about ten miles southeast of Zwartkopsfontein. He found most of the farms occupied by women and children only.

An editorial note in the Daily Mail avers that Mafeking is in a very bad way and that the hope of relief is far off, as no force is advancing from the south.

The war office announces that 4000 horses will arrive at the Cape this week. It is well understood that the animals are not fit for work until about ten days after the voyage. No thousands more are due at the Cape next week.

The war office has called out the reserve companies of several infantry battalions, which will be sent to South Africa forthwith.

The Boer peace envoys have documents—the Rome correspondent of the Daily News says—that urgent advice to the Transvaal to wage war were originally made by Germany. This correspondent also asserts that Count Von Buelow, the German foreign minister, who was said to have gone on a visit to a sick brother, really went to Milan for the express purpose of conferring with the delegates.

The Times has the following from Jamberburg, dated April 13: "Col. Dalgely's force has been surrounded by some thousands of Boers with eight guns, two pompons and two Maxims, since Monday morning. They have gallantly withstood a heavy attack on Monday and again a night attack on Tuesday, and on Thursday there was a continuous shell and rifle fire.

"We are confident of being able to repulse any attack. Food is plentiful. Our casualties, in the circumstances, are small. The brunt of the fighting and also the loss was borne by the Cape Middlemen."

What He Did.
Pretoria, April 14.—United States Consul Hay says the report that Capt. Reichman, the United States military attaché, participated in the fight near Sanna's Post is absolutely false. Capt. Reichman, it is said, was occupied most of the time attending upon the wounded Dutch military attaché, Lieut. Nix, who has since died.

Consul Hay has no doubt that Capt. Reichman has been confounded with the American, Lieut. Loebberg of the Free State artillery, who took a very active part in the fight.

Changing Tactics.
London, April 14.—The Daily Telegraph has the following from Elands-laagte, dated April 13: "The Boers are changing their tactics and are moving from Klencoe westward, with a view of threatening our lines of communication to Ladysmith. "On Tuesday a corps of carabineers and another of Thornycroft's horse narrowly escaped being cut off, owing to the treachery of a Kaffir and a native guide."

Mr. Robert P. Porter, who was superintendent of the eleventh census, and who was sent last year to Cuba and Puerto Rico as special commissioner for the United States to investigate the industrial and commercial conditions prevailing there, has written for the April North American Review a very valuable paper on "Our European Trade"—more especially our trade with France, Germany and Great Britain.

New Secretary.
Washington, April 14.—Owing to the continued ill health of Hon. John Addison Porter, secretary to the president, has tendered his resignation and the president has accepted it, to take effect May 1 next.

George B. Cortelyou of New York, the present assistant secretary to the president, has been appointed to the office.

Mr. Porter's health was seriously impaired about a year ago by a severe attack of illness.

What Shall We Do With the Philippines? is the title of a symposium of the views of eight leading editors on the question, among them Henry Watterson of the Louisville Courier-Journal. It appears in the National Magazine for April.

The national house, by 240 to 15, passed the resolution for a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by the people. Fourteen Republicans and one Democrat voted in the negative.

INDIAN TERRITORY TIPS.

Items of Interest, Both Incidental and General, Noted.

The grand encampment of Odd Fellows held its annual convention at South McAlester.

Delegate Flynn has introduced a bill to authorize the town of Miami to issue bonds for the purpose of building school buildings.

Congressman Flynn of Guthrie, Ok., and J. B. Charles of Sac and Fox will establish a bank at Pawhuska in the Osage reservation.

Several Chicago capitalists have purchased two carloads of polo ponies at C. B. Campbell's race and polo ranch near Menico.

United States Indian Agent Shoemfelt has received orders from the government to pay principal and interest on Cherokee warrants as fast as possible.

Parties have discovered an old Spanish lead mine in the section known as Seven Devils in Wolf county, Choctaw nation, that pans out \$94 per ton lead, \$4 per ton gold and \$30 per ton silver.

Miss Fanny Harris, daughter of an Indian chief, and a graduate of the Carlisle school, has been appointed monitor of one of the Indian schools in the Cheyenne and Arapahoe country.

The census headquarters for the Indian Territory have been established at Muskogee and preparations begun for the work. There will be 171 field men, who will receive \$4 per diem. Muskogee, South McAlester and Ardmore will each have an enumerator.

What Judge Townsend Says.
Ardmore, I. T., April 14.—United States Judge Hosea Townsend of the southern district in a statement said he had not expressed himself upon the question of tribal taxes, as has been reported in the Territory.

An attorney at Pauls Valley, when threatened with ejection, appealed to Judge Townsend, who asked him whether he was willing to pay the assessed tax. He expressed himself as willing to pay the tax, but the Indian police informed the attorney that it was too late, and that he had instructions from the Indian agent.

Judge Townsend informed the Indian police not to molest the party if he was willing to pay the tax, and the Indian police said that he was only acting upon instructions from the Indian agent, and that he had no authority now to collect the tax. Judge Townsend told the police to get authority to collect this tax, and that if he attempted ejection proceedings he would send him to jail. Judge Townsend said that the taxes ought to be paid, but would not state whether the same were just or unjust.

The important suit which was filed by eight non-citizens to determine the legality of these taxes will, as was stated, come up for hearing.

Advice in the shape of a letter to Judge Townsend from the attorneys of the Chickasaw nation, Mansfield, Murray & Cornish of South McAlester, is to the effect that the questions raised by these suits have been submitted to the secretary of the interior for a ruling.

United States supreme court sustains validity of Chicago's anti-cigarette law.

Gen. Chumside will succeed Gen. Gatacre.

Atlanta, Ga., April 14.—The situation in the strike of the telegraphers on the Southern showed an improvement at midnight Friday night for the railroad. Passenger trains, which Thursday and early Friday morning ran from one to five hours late, arrived Friday afternoon and night on time or but slightly behind schedule time. Freight is beginning to move and the car reports to the officials here from nearly every branch of the service show that that branch of the service is not as seriously hampered as on Thursday.

Armed With Knives.
Croton Landing, N. Y., April 14.—Seven hundred strikers, armed with knives, clubs and rocks, lined up Friday against 150 deputy sheriffs with revolvers and guns at a new dam below the Croton reservoir. There have been several skirmishes between the strikers and workmen, and a fierce battle with eduties is momentarily expected.

"Sapho" has been allowed to go through the mails.

Choked His Wife.
Bakerville, Tenn., April 14.—Joe Stringer, living in Benton county, three miles from here, Friday killed his wife by choking her to death and then committed suicide. Stringer used a double-barreled shotgun on himself, his brains being blown into an adjoining room. The couple had been separated and Stringer had called on his wife, seeking a reconciliation.

Carl Claussen, a noted German journalist, died at Cleveland, O.

Washington's Nearest Relative.
Washington, April 14.—Ebenzer Burgess Ball, the nearest surviving relative of George Washington, died at his residence in this city Thursday. He was 84 years of age, and unmarried.

Observed Good Friday.
London, April 14.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph in a dispatch dated Friday, describing Lord Roberts and the troops attending Good Friday services, says: "But the troops are marching forward as well as to services."

CHILTON WITHDRAWS.

State Senator Stafford Issues a Statement Giving the Reasons.

Dallas, Tex., April 13.—Senator Stafford handed out the following: "To the Democracy of Texas—I am in receipt of the following telegram: 'Tyler, Tex., April 17.—R. N. Stafford, Dallas, Tex.: Hon. Horace Chilton, since his return from Washington, has been suffering with a severe case of la grippe and overwork. With absolute quietude and rest he may recover his health in five or six weeks. He can only sit up an hour or two per day. He will not be able to leave his home under five weeks.'

"C. A. SMITH, M. D. "Upon taking charge of Senator Chilton's campaign I thought that within a few days he would be able to enter the canvass personally, but I now know that his illness is of such a nature that he will not be able to leave his home within four or five weeks—if then.

"It is a source of great pleasure and pride to his friends over the state that his private life is pure, without flaw or blemish, and that his services to his state as United States senator have been able, faithful and conscientious, and he stands in the front ranks of his fellow senators.

"Afflicted as he is, and unable to visit any sections of the state, or to even read the communications of his friends, while his opponent is making a vigorous, active, precinct campaign in almost every county in the state, it is readily seen that he is at great disadvantage.

"Without criticism or aspersion toward his opponent or those who have seen proper to espouse his cause, and with gratitude to his faithful friends who have so zealously and earnestly supported him, he withdraws his name as a candidate for re-election to the United States senate, and requests the announcement. R. N. STAFFORD."

Trans-Mississippi Congress.
Houston, Tex., April 13.—The eleventh annual session of the Trans-Mississippi congress was called to order Tuesday by President E. O. Stanard of St. Louis. It was perhaps one of the most auspicious beginnings in the history of the organization. The whole city seemed to have its heart in this welcome. The brightest spot of all was the auditorium, flags flying from every point. Mayor S. H. Brashear welcomed the visitors to the city of Houston. Rev. Dr. Leavelle of the First Presbyterian church invoked the divine blessing. Mr. Stanard then introduced Hon. Presley K. Ewing to further welcome to Houston and Texas the visitors.

Mr. Moses then announced that the delegations would immediately select their vice presidents and members of the committees on resolutions and credentials.

President Stanard called the afternoon session to order and asked for the reports of the various delegations, giving their vice presidents and their committees.

Mr. Thurber made an interesting address. Mr. Thurber was followed by Hon. John B. Harrison, who addressed the congress on the subject, "The Consular Service of the United States," which was explanatory of our consular system and its evils and suggesting certain needed reforms.

Col. W. J. Bryan was invited to visit the congress.

Mr. Young stated that a gentleman had in a former speech brought in politics not in harmony with the rules, and he moved to reconsider the resolution asking Mr. W. J. Bryan to address the meeting.

A point of order was made that Mr. Young did not vote with the majority on the resolution.

A motion to adjourn broke up this discussion.

Mafeking can hold out two months longer.

Fell Dead.
Dallas, Tex., April 13.—A lumber salesman, C. S. Taylor, a man about 55 or 60 years of age, fell dead in the Atlanta hotel on Elm street in East Dallas. Just prior to his death he had playing dominoes with the manager of the hotel, H. A. McClure. During the middle of the game, he got up and walked across the room to a chair, which he clutched and began to spit out a great quantity of blood. A severe hemorrhage followed and within two minutes he lay dead.

Knights of Pythias.
Austin, Tex., April 13.—The twenty-fifth annual session of the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias of Texas opened here Tuesday morning. There are 275 lodges in the state and 242 of these are represented this session.

The proceedings of the grand lodge are held behind closed doors and the greater part of the proceedings are not given to the public. Supreme Chancellor Sample is present.

Boer commissioners have arrived at The Hague.

Suicided by Shooting.
Bryan, Tex., April 13.—Mr. Thomas O'Brien, until recently section foreman of Section 15 on the Houston and Texas Centrl, committed suicide at the section house by shooting himself with a .35-caliber revolver. He placed the pistol in his mouth and fired, the ball passing out at the back of his head, killing him instantly. Mr. O'Brien was a sufferer from catarrh of the stomach and recently had to give up his work, since which time he has spent two months in the hospital at Houston.

GOES BY THE GIBNET.

Bob McKinney Launched Into Eternity at Hunt County's Capital.

Greenville, Tex., April 17.—Bob McKinney, colored, was hanged here Monday for the murder of Margaret Smith, a colored girl, shooting her while she sat in a rocking chair. He also killed at the same time Simon Smith, who was running away.

During the morning Henry Brown, who was to have been hanged at the same time, but was respited, said goodbye to McKinney. He said, "Bob, you know I love you and wish I was to go with you."

McKinney's mother and his child also remained with him a while during the morning. He was attended on the scaffold by Rev. Ensan and four other negroes. The services lasted half an hour, including the reading of the death warrant. He acknowledged his sins and warned all not to do as he had done.

The trap was sprung at 148 p. m. His spinal cord was broken by the fall and he did not move nor twitch a muscle after falling. In ten minutes his pulse ceased and in fifteen minutes the heart stopped beating.

South and West Editors.
Yoakum, Tex., April 17.—The South and West Texas Press association convened here Monday with a fair attendance. Many of the members were delayed on route. Frank Bushick of San Antonio, president of the association, called the body to order at the opera house. Hon. John M. Green delivered an address of welcome.

President Bushick responded. President Bushick read his annual address as follows: "Let us make it plain that a free press for which Jefferson contended as absolutely essential in a republican form of government exists only in theory in Texas, not in fact. Let us renew our demand that a law be written on our civil statutes which will safeguard to us that liberty promised us by the constitution, a law which will specify the character of privileged publications and define the nature of our liability for abusing such liberty. We demand that in all suits the arbitrary presumption of malice be limited by leaving the question of malice, as well as damages, an issue of fact for the jury to decide from the evidence. This is the keynote of the situation and simply requires the plaintiff to prove his case against newspapers as he is required to prove it in all other suits at law."

Standing committees were announced and communications read and new members elected.

The Blow at Royse City.
Royse City, Tex., April 16.—A small cyclone formed in the eastern edge of Royse City Sunday about 7 p. m., doing some damage to frame houses. No one was hurt.

A small house occupied by Mrs. McCutchen, was turned completely over and is resting on its roof. The family had left the house a few minutes before the funnel struck it.

The waters northeast of town are so high that people can not come in. It is reported the house and barn of John E. Pennington's barn and two rent houses on his farm are demolished.

Sid Hicks was driving near Davis' when the whirlwind struck him, taking man, buggy and horse through the field and landing them in a wheat field.

Will Tucker's house, in the same neighborhood, was moved from its foundation. Simmie Creel drove up to Tucker's a minute before the whirlwind and had just taken his horse out when the buggy was completely demolished.

Heavy Rain.
Whitewright, Tex., April 17.—A heavy rain fell here Sunday. A wagon bridge over Bois d'Arc creek is gone and the Cotton Belt bridge is wrecked, which has caused several hours' delay of trains on the Sherman branch. The Katy dam across Dick Foster branch gave way and their water is gone. A severe house was damaged by wind at Pilot Grove, six miles southwest of here, and one man is reported to be seriously injured. But little damage occurred to growing crops.

At Beaumont and Port Arthur.
Beaumont, Tex., April 17.—Members of the Texas Press association have been the guests of Beaumont Monday and, although the weather was very disagreeable, the members were shown about the city and taken on an excursion twelve miles up the Sabine and East Texas railway for an inspection of the pumping plant of the Beaumont Irrigating company. At 12 o'clock they were taken on a special train for Port Arthur, where they lunched and were shown the sights of the port.

Spring Carnival.
San Antonio, Tex., April 17.—San Antonio's spring carnival and street fair opened Monday morning when the special train bearing the king and queen of the carnival arrived over the International and Great Northern, presumably from the interior of Mexico and were received by a salute by light battery K, first United States artillery. The police and military at the depot were almost unable to control the vast crowd that had gathered to witness the arrival of the mysterious royal personages.

In the award of sub-contracts on the work of the \$5,000,000 rapid transit tunnel at New York announced, none of the Texas bidders secured a contract.

The United States supreme court has decided that shippers and not express companies must pay the stamp tax.

The senate has adopted an amendment to the Alaskan bill granting certain rights of mining.

A number of residences were blown down at Ana, Col. Col. Col.

BOOTH-TUCKER IN TEXAS.

The Salvation Army Commander Meets With His Soldiers.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 16.—The elements conspired to make a gloomy Easter morning in Fort Worth. It rained and the downpour continued until after the church hours. Wet weather however, had no terrors for the brave and noble Salvation Army band. Commander Booth-Tucker was here on his initial trip to Texas, in the prosecution of his spring Red Crusade campaign, and the head of the enormous aggregation of Christian workers throughout the land inspired and aroused tremendous enthusiasm among his co-laborers. They are gathered here in godly numbers from different parts of the state, and to use Brig. J. C. Addie's expression, "We are going to have a big meeting in spite of the devil and rain." He had no sooner made this utterance than a sister not far away added, "A little rain, thank the Lord, brother, does not hurt our Easter bonnets, for they are made to order and for just such weather and occasions."

"The tornado of salvation" began in the early morning. At 7 o'clock the knee drill service was had. The 11 o'clock service at Greenwall's opera-house, notwithstanding the inclement weather, drew a large congregation. The services were conducted by Brig. Addie. The opening prayer was offered by Capt. Owens. "The Lily of the Valley," a song composed by Brig. Addie and Bandmaster Fry of the Salvation Army, was sung.

The captain of the San Antonio corps sang a solo. Prayer followed, by Staff Capt. Sammons.

Brig. Addie then announced that he wanted some red-hot blood and fire testimonies for five minutes, and several members responded.

Brig. Addie sang a solo, "It's What You Are To-day," to the tune "Wearing of the Green." This song was composed by himself.

The commander was then introduced by Brig. Addie, and spoke in part as follows:

"It is Easter Sunday. I will ask you to turn with me to the description of the resurrection which we celebrate today. You will find it in the twentieth chapter of John's gospel.

"It was a woman who was the heroine of the scene. I am glad that, for it takes the excuse out of the mouth, not only of them (women), who plead their timidity, but of the men as well."

Mother and Child Die.
Athens, Tex., April 16.—While Mrs. Chas. F. Milliner was sitting by the fire at her home with her 5-months-old child in her lap she fainted and fell with her head in the fire with the child in her arms. Her sister, Mrs. Hancock, was in an adjoining room and heard the screams of the child and hastened to find Mrs. Milliner's and the child's clothes about their shoulders in flames. She dragged them out of the fire and succeeded in extinguishing the burning clothing and gave the alarm. Nearly every physician in town was at once summoned and all the medical aid possible administered, but the unfortunate woman died at 2 o'clock and the child at 5 o'clock next morning.

Three Boys Arrested.
Austin, Tex., April 16.—J. M. Coleman an attorney from Houston, had his pockets picked at the depot Saturday night, and a pocket-book containing \$500 was extracted. The authorities were quickly notified, and Deputy Sheriff Corwin arrested three boys, the oldest of whom was not over 16, and found the money on their persons.

A Cyclone.
Royse City, April 16.—A terrible cyclone struck this place at midnight last night and it is believed that several lives have been lost. Eight houses were wrecked, and the greatest excitement prevailed.

There had been an electric display early in the night, and ominous looking clouds had gathered in the northeast. There was, however, but little wind. A light breeze prevailed until about 15 minutes before the cyclone.

A man in a buggy was blown 100 yards.

Shot While Hunting.
San Antonio, Tex., April 16.—Henry Moths, a well-known young man, was accidentally shot while out hunting with a party of friends about ten miles from the city. Moths and his companions had alighted from their vehicles near Mitchell's lake. Moths asked his friend, Somers Dean, to hand him a gun from the buggy. In some manner the gun, a repeating shotgun, was discharged. The load of birdshot passed through the back of the buggy and struck Moths on the right side of the face. The flesh of his chin and his lower teeth were torn away.

Running All Right.
Galveston, Tex., April 16.—The Mill creek embankment of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, near Bellville, was restored Friday night and the main line trains are now operating as usual. The water on the Austin branch of the Houston and Texas Central having subsided, the Santa Fe Montgomery branch trains are again operated via the Central between Navasota and Brenham, but service between Navasota and End-of-Track has not been interrupted.

Coriscana, Tex., April 14.—Rev. A. S. Biddison of Fort Worth, president of the Central Texas conference, Methodist Protestant church, was found dead in his bed this morning at the residence of Rev. G. P. Miller, whose guest he was. The cause of his death was paralysis.

There are 300 typhoid fever cases at Cape Nome. Thirty deaths are reported.

Gov. Taylor of Kentucky is in Washington.

There is a new gold fever at Dawson over reports of rich finds on the Kyokuk river.

HAD A FIRE.

Austin's Luck of Flame-Fighting Facilities Practically Illustrated.

Austin, Tex., April 13.—At 2:45 o'clock Thursday morning Austin experienced a big fire that, fortunately, did not spread. The old Frank Hamilton homestead, in the Sixth ward, at the corner of Guadalupe and Twenty-first streets, burned to the ground without a drop of water thrown on the flames to extinguish them. The building was owned and used as a residence by Matthew R. Kennedy, a wealthy stockman. The loss to the building will be about \$10,000 and to the furniture and fixtures \$5000, with insurance amounting to \$6000. The wind was blowing from the north down the street, and that the house was located on a corner was the only reason Austin was spared from a serious conflagration. As it was, citizens and firemen were on the tops of houses for blocks, with buckets of water extinguishing the firebrands that were flying by the thousands.

There is a pathetic coincidence in the burning of this house, as it was formerly the residence of Frank Hamilton, who at one time was a wealthy banker of Austin and was one of the most prominent advocates of the construction of the dam. He invested heavily and lost his fortune and committed suicide, and now, just six days after the dam is destroyed, his old home is the first to be destroyed by fire.

In the destruction of the dam the citizens of Austin have lost one of the greatest resorts in the state, and during the coming dull and hot summer months it will be missed beyond expression. The magnificent lake, with its cool, placid waters, has been the scene of many boating and picnic parties. Its surface was like glass, and the little skiffs glided over it with graceful ease. What are now small canyons made the most picturesque nooks when the lake was full, and the occupants of the boats that sought the shade of their high banks saw ferns growing on their cliffs with dripping waters, and in fact everything that went to make perfect natural beauty. Some of the more prominent sloughs were known as Bee creek, Bull creek and Dry creek, all of good size, with lots of water and overhung with trees, creating dense shade and making a picture similar to that shown over streams in the tropical countries. About eight miles up the lake the Austin Gun and Rod club constructed a dam across one of these sloughs and stocked their lake with fish. Also erected a fine clubhouse, which was constantly occupied during the summer. All of the distinguished men who visited Austin were taken up the lake, as a matter of course, and were entertained at the clubhouse. These attractions disappeared with the dam. The clubhouse was only accessible by boat, and besides the water will waste out of their dam.

The pretty steamers that have plied the waters of this great pleasure-giving lake all went to the gulf when the dam broke, with the exception of the Ben Hur, which lies broken on the west bank of the lake where thirty feet of water stood. The Belle of Austin, Fleetwing, Cora, Dixie, Telephone, Ripple and numerous private launches were destroyed.

At Columbus.
Columbus, Tex., April 13.—The river has continued to fall slowly since Wednesday morning and up to 6 o'clock in the evening had only gone down fifteen inches. Columbus is yet an island and can only be reached by the railroad from the west. The water to the northeast of town is yet five miles wide. A passenger train came in at 6 o'clock Thursday evening from the west, bringing Wednesday's papers, for which a general rush was made.

Air Ship Company.
Austin, Tex., April 13.—The charter of the Custeud Airship company, with principal office at Waco, was filed in the department of state Thursday; capital stock \$100,000. The purpose of this corporation is the development of the science of aerial navigation, the manufacture and sale of airships and other appliances of like nature and the purchase and sale of such goods, wares and merchandise used for said business.

Jeffries and McCoy will fight twenty-five rounds July 30 at a place not yet determined.

Alabama Populists declare for Baker and Donnelly for president and vice president.

King's Daughters.
Temple, Tex., April 13.—The King's Daughters of Temple had as guests for three days the state convention with representatives present at the opening session from nine of the larger cities of Texas and more. Mrs. I. C. Davis of New York is presiding officer. Temple is perhaps better known in King's Daughters work than in any city in the state. There is a membership of eighty in this city.

Sam Wilkinson, a locomotive engineer, died of small-pox at Tyler.

The Editors.
Brenham, Tex., April 13.—The Texas Press association met in twenty-first annual session in this city Thursday. Capt. F. B. Bailio responded to the address of welcome, after which President Mayes delivered his annual address. The attendance is not as large as was expected, owing to the floods.

There is a new gold fever at Dawson over reports of rich finds on the Kyokuk river.

Democratic and Populist candidates in Oregon stand and intend to

EDITORS EDIFIED.

Several Interesting Papers Read Before the Press Association.

Brenham, Tex., April 14.—Several additional members of the Texas Press association came in by night train and the attendance on Friday morning's session was largely increased. Not only was the attendance larger, but the proceedings were decidedly spicy and interesting. Promptly at 9 o'clock the gravel fell and the association was commended to be in order.

Reading the communications on the secretary's table was declared to be the first business of the session and the secretary was ordered to proceed with the reading. Many of these communications were from members of the association to attend the trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress in Houston, April 17 to 22. The invitation was accepted with thanks. A communication from Mrs. Stone, president of the Daughters of the Republic, was made to the association extending an invitation to the members to attend the ceremonies of unveiling the monument erected to the heroes of Texas Revolution in Galveston, April 21. The reading of the invitation was greeted with much applause, unanimously adopted and the secretary was instructed to wire the acceptance.

The literary programme was then taken up, the first paper being by E. George Meyers on the subject of "The Country Newspaper and the Ready Print," which was discussed.

Mr. Meyer's paper was discussed at much length.

The next paper was by J. E. Vernon on "How to Get Subscribers." Mr. Vernon's paper was carefully prepared very thoughtful and elicited many encomiums.

The third paper of the session was by W. M. Reilly on the subject, "Which Makes the Best Boss, the Proprietor or the Public?" His paper was fine and was so pronounced by all who heard it.

"How to Awaken a Dead Newspaper Town," prepared by Ernest Goeth of Schulenburg. The author being unable to reach Brenham the paper was read by Mr. S. J. Schulenburg on a prospecting tour with the view of establishing a newspaper in that place he interviewed nearly all the prominent business men, many of whom informed him that a good many papers had been started in the town, but all after a very short sojourn had "vamoosed the ranch," and they wanted to know if he had staying qualities. He told them yes, he would stay with them and he decided to embody his determination in a little alteration, and call his paper the Schulenburg Sticker, so he stuck and was still sticking.

Sons of Jove.
Waco, Tex., April 14.—The Rejuvenated Order of the Sons of Jove met Friday night, the organization bearing the relation to the electric and gas men that the Hoo-Hoo order bears to the lumber men.

The officers represent Jupiter, Juno, Neptune, Pluto—the elder gods—and Mars, Mercury, Vulcan, Apollo, Diana, Minerva, Ceres, Vesta, all the offspring of Jupiter.

The initiates were treated to effects produced by electricity, quite shocking at intervals.

While at a fire Fire Chief Euper of Denison was hit by a hose cart, bruised internally and his left leg broken above the knee.

Young Baptists.
Coriscana, Tex., April 14.—The second day of the Baptist Young People's Union convention showed a much larger attendance than that of Thursday. Late trains Thursday evening and early Friday brought in a large number of delegates and others, and when the hour for calling the convention was reached there was not a vacant seat in the Baptist church, where the convention was held. Much business was transacted.

Three Wounded.
Houston, Tex., April 14.—There was rather an exciting shooting affray in the Fifth ward Friday afternoon about the corner of Meadow and Clay streets. Nearly a dozen shots were fired, and three persons, all colored, were wounded. John Cornish and William Wilson and Mary Cornish, the mother of the former, were wounded. The woman was wounded in an effort to keep her son from being shot.

Respited.
Austin, Tex., April 13.—Mayor-elect Cabell and Sheriff Lee Hughes of Dallas were here and conferred with Gov. Sayers in reference to securing a reprieve for Wash Garrett, colored, under sentence to be hanged at Dallas on April 20 for the murder of his wife. The governor granted a reprieve of two weeks to the condemned man, to give an opportunity for preparation and proper presentation of an application of the death sentence.

Fatal Wreck.
Tyler, Tex., April 14.—At Stephens, a station on the Cotton Belt fifty-four miles south of here, a freight train was wrecked, in which Cona Tipton, the engineer, lost his life, and Mr. Thompson, the fireman, was so badly injured that his life is deemed of little value. The cause of the accident was a bridge giving away under the weight of the heavy engine.

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FOR WOMEN AND HOME

ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR MAIDS AND MATRONS.

English Mourning Costume—French Model for Summer Dress—The Shirt Waist—Breathing, Bathing and Resting—The Healthful Bedroom.

The Fairy Bells.
(Old Favorite Series.)
I dreamt—twas but a dream—thou wert my bride, love,
I dreamt that we were wand'ring side by side, love!
I, earth's happiest son, and thou, her loveliest daughter,
While fairy bells came tinkling o'er the water;
Merrily it fell,
The echo of that fairy bell.
That vision pass'd away, and thou hast left me
To mourn the hopes thy falsehood hath bereft me,
No more I claim thy promised hand,
No more in dreams I see the stand,
White soft, sweet, soft, and low,
Soft, sweet, and low, the echo of that fairy bell.
Now, when I'm musing sad and lonely,
With but my harp and thy remembrance only,
In vain as o'er those chords I bend,
One joyful note I try to send,
For sad, sad, and changed they seem,
The fairy bells of that dear dream.
—Hon. Mrs. Norton.

The Shirt Waist.
Very inviting are the displays of Oxford, chevots, zephyrs and madras cloths for the shirt waist, and the made-up models have already pushed out of place their winter representatives in cloth, velvet and fine flannels. We shall wear the comfortable wools, and even buy them for some time to come, but already we are casting speculative eyes upon the thinner successors. A pretty feature in the waist for next summer is its simplicity. The human form divine is to have a chance to breathe once more, for the voluminous starched fronts are no more. Even those professing to be loose have no surplus material, and the greater number are unquestionably perfectly plain, fitted over shoulders and bust and buttoned simply down the back. Red dotted swiss has the entire front crossed in diamonds of white val insertion, the undarted front just puckered a little at the belt, the plain back closed with bullet-shaped pearl buttons. The close sleeves have a tight cuff, and the simple, unlined collar has little oblong turnovers of Swiss and Valenciennes lace. Another style for these button-up-back waists is to have the front entirely of tucking and inserting. This is of the style which is purchased ready tucked and joined, and saves infinite labor, besides being nicer than the most careful home seamstress could make it. Madras waists, also so fastened, have a slender vest of tucking, running down to a point at the waist, and have little revers from the neck to the bust on each side. These are also of tucking and simply finished with a frill of narrow lace. Large collars and full, fussy revers are not shown at all. There is every evidence that the 1900 summer girl proposes, above all, to be sweetly clean. Her waists say plainly enough that it will be a simple matter to wash and iron them, and there need be no lack in their number for that reason. One feature which marks them as new and far prettier than the old shirt waists is the entire absence of yokes of any kind, even in the back. The only semblance of a yoke is the one which is trimmed and applied to the shoulders, forming a little epaulet over the sleeves. The backs of the semi-front waists are tucked and plaited to correspond with the front. There are stiff linen cuffs, with rounded corners and detachable collars, which can be discarded if necessary for the more becoming stocks, and long silk scarfs tied twice around the neck.

Breathing-Bathing-Resting.
A few breathing exercises every day, taken in the open air, if possible, will accomplish wonders in warding off disease, particularly colds. Stand erect, with the arms at the sides of the body, or the hands laid loosely on the hips. Expand the cavity of the chest to its full extent by raising the ribs, thereby allowing air in abundance to stream into the lungs. When at the height of the inspiration, the greatest expansion of the chest is reached, and it should be maintained for a moment. Then the ribs should be drawn together, the more completely, so that the cavity of the chest becomes narrowed and the air is expelled. In this way inspiration and expiration should alternate regularly. The inspiration should take place chiefly through the nose, with the mouth shut.
A cold plunge can be borne only by the robust, and a cold plunge before breakfast should be taken by none but the very vigorous. Cold baths should never be taken when the body is exhausted. Elderly people should not take a bath below 70 degrees Fahrenheit. The best time for a warm bath is just before retiring, since it increases the flow of blood in the skin and opens the pores. If a woman is strong enough after taking a warm bath she may turn on cold water, thus gradually reducing the temperature of the water until it is cold, or she may follow the hot bath with a cold shower bath.
The woman who wishes to accomplish the most and best work possible will find that one hour's rest at a fixed hour every afternoon will do far more for her than stimulants. In order to obtain the greatest good from this hour's rest she must lie down, as if it were night, and then lie in a darkened room and sleep for a half hour or even less. She will arise refreshed and invigorated. One whole day out of ten spent in absolute rest is a great restorer of strength and beauty as well as cheerfulness.
Comfort for Invalids.
It is often the case that invalids and persons infirm from age or other cause suffer serious discomfort from the ill adaptation of their clothing. One feeble gentleman has by experiment succeeded in contriving and having fashioned for him a dress which is quite satisfactory. Though long averse to having any woven fabrics touch his skin, he is now in wool from neck to toes. First is a sort of waistcoat or sack reaching to and covering the hips, buttoned down in front and having a row of six large, flat buttons along the waist-line for supporting the easy-fitting drawers. Both garments

ENGLISH MOURNING COSTUME.



Mourning gown of peau-de-soie, with flounce of crepe de chine. It is trimmed with jet and folds of crepe.

are made of very soft, light-weight flannel. The two pieces are referred to the "combination suit"—waist and drawers made in one—as the wearer perspires profusely and changes the waistcoat several times a day, with no need of change of drawers. Besides, he likes the added covering over the hips and lower part of the spine. This suit, with soft socks and a short flannel outer sock, constitutes the night dress as well as the day underwear.
Have You a Bay Window?
Nothing affords so great an opportunity for decoration as a window in a recess. A low seat running around it, the cushions upholstered with some artistic tapestry, is suggested at once. After that growing plants should be hung from above and curtains arranged to make of the window a veritable cozy corner. Of course, this is simple if the recessed window is built in the house. But the appearance of a recess may be given to any window, and it is advisable often in the case of one in a large bare room. Place a couple of brass arms so they will jut out from either side of the window and connect them in the front with a brass pole, over which some curtains are draped. Curtains may also be hung from the side arms, and the inner side of them partially concealed by tall palms. The decorations should be finished, of course, with a window seat.

Banana Pudding.
One box of gelatine, five bananas, one quart of milk, one pint of cream, two cups of sugar, one cup of water. Dissolve gelatine in the water, and scald milk to which the sugar has been added. Strain the gelatine and stir into the milk. Let simmer ten minutes. Cool. Break bananas, after peeling, into small pieces, and stir into the jelly before it is stiff. Served with whipped cream flavored with vanilla.
Pineapple Cake.
Peel a small pineapple and grate it. Beat a quarter of a pound of butter to a cream, with a pound of powdered sugar; add the yolks of twelve eggs to it, and the grated pineapple. Sift a level teaspoonful of salt and two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder with a pound of flour, and then quickly beat the flour into the cake batter. Put the batter at once into molds, and bake. This is very good.



Made with bodice and tunic of bands of white lace over pleated yellow mousseline de soie.

The Healthful Bedroom.
A lady noted for her good taste and her unusual ability as a housekeeper says that everything about a sleeping room should be simple, immaculate and easily kept so. Bedrooms may be either carpeted with matting or the floors oiled and rugs placed beside the beds. If the walls are papered the colors should be modest and the pattern subdued. The windows should be curtained so as to be uniform with the rest of the house, but too much drapery is an abomination and it should be entirely dispensed with in a sick room. The bedroom is what its name implies, a place of repose, and everything about it should be conducive to the one purpose of sleeping. Pictures and garish furniture, or articles not actually necessary to the comfort of the occupant, should be entirely ignored. Above all things, a sleeping apartment should be flooded for at least one hour during the day with sunlight and have in it an abundance of fresh air, taking care the while that the sleeper is not exposed to a draft.

Water and Its Uses.
"I wish," said Col. Stillwell of Kentucky, very gravely, "that you would contradict all this nonsense about my having a settled and unreasoning aversion to water. Water is a great institution, sir."
"Of course," the remarks you allude to are intended merely as good-natured exaggeration."
"Of course. But I don't want water mentioned disrespectfully in my presence. I understand that the fire engines recently checked the flames in a distillery where thousands of barrels of liquor were in danger of being consumed."—Washington Star.

Placed.
The Court—Was there nothing about the dead man to identify him?
Officer—No, sir. All that we found was a few dollars, an empty flask, a six-shooter and a dirk.
The Court—Um! Undoubtedly from Kentucky.—Philadelphia North American.
Happiness.
"What," she asked the man who had written a famous poem, "is your greatest pleasure in life?"
"Getting others to understand what a miserable lot they are," he replied through his tears.—Chicago Times-Herald.
Jays of Matrimony.
The Court—It's strange, madam, that I failed to discover how very tart you were before our marriage.
The Countess—Oh, there's nothing strange about it, at all. You had no taste for anything but papa's "sugar."—Chicago News.

OUR COOKING SCHOOL.
Staffed Apples.
Select as many apples as required, being careful to have them of the same

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Varieties of Strawberries.
From Farmers' Review: It seems to me now, after twenty years of experience, that there is nothing more important to the strawberry grower than choice of variety. In the raising of grain, or vegetables or fruit of any kind, much depends on the proper selection of varieties, but in strawberry culture almost everything depends on it. With a pretty general knowledge of the well tested varieties now grown, gained both by observation and reading, I do not hesitate to say emphatically that for this latitude and for a number of degrees north and south of the latitude of Chicago, the one great berry, worth more than all the others together, is the Warfield.
Speaking of strawberry culture in the past I think it is true that there have been just three great berries, each of which had its day and gave way to the next, and that were the Wilson, the Crescent, and the Warfield. Growers who raised the Wilson in its day and who at the proper time substituted the Crescent, and then after the Warfield was well introduced planted it and gave up the Crescent, have done the best for themselves and for their customers that could be done. I think most practical growers will agree with me when I speak of the expense and disappointment which have attended our efforts to secure the best varieties. What a time indeed we have had with the highly praised newcomers, the Bidwells, Manchester, Jewels, Lady Rusks, Chas. Downeys, Big Bobs, Mt. Vernons, Bubachs, Jessies, Parker Earies, and a host of others whose names I will not mention, all introduced with a great flourish and often having some good qualities but as practical, business berries, utterly worthless. It seems strange to me that so many writers and even experiment stations speak of some of these varieties, but I believe the true point in view here is that in the summing up they have no value at all.
I know that some growers will protest against my judgment of some of these berries, but I believe the best conclusions of practical men are in line with my own. Some would probably defend the Bubach and Haverland, which are of good size and productive, but I never ate one of the first without regretting it, and the second I would not permit my pickers to gather, so wretchedly soft and tasteless it is. Parker Earle is solid and productive, but of bad color and unreliable. Better Wood is productive and has been highly praised, but I have always felt guilty for picking it at all, so soft and insipid and colorless it is and I am glad to see in our latest station reports that it is not recommended as it was.
Doubtless some of the new berries will prove to have value, and some, like the Marshall, are certain to be of use for fancy market, but I repeat in conclusion that for the climate I have mentioned, for real value both to producer and consumer, there is no well-tested berry which is worthy of comparison with Warfield. In my view the most important problem for practical growers now is to find the best and most reliable fertilizer for the Warfield.
E. W. GIBSON.

The Value of Weeds.
Weeds have value. The writer once heard Professor Bailey say that the weed is the friend of the farmer, and no man should want to get rid of a farm because it is weedy. He himself had purchased a good farm at a low price, because it had all run to weeds and the former owner believed that they were so numerous as to greatly reduce the value of the land. But these same weeds had been keeping the fertility of the soil from leaching out, and had kept the ground in a condition where it would not bake, but would readily yield to the plow. He simply turned all the weeds under and got back the fertility they had taken from the ground. Then he planted to other crops and had a retained farm.
Were it not for weeds, say after a clover crop, the nitrogen in the soil in readiness for plant use would disappear. As it is, the weeds take it up and hold it for subsequent crops. The cultivation that is necessary to keep down weeds is not time and effort lost. The benefit to the crop cultivated is more than enough to pay for the plow. The additional effect of conservation of moisture is not to be forgotten.
Weeds are also valuable for the work they do in keeping the land in the hands of the many. Were there no weeds the cultivation of the land could be undertaken on an immense scale by men of wealth and a monopoly in land would be possible. If such a monopoly were attempted at this time, the cost of keeping the land clean would make it impossible to keep it under control.

Among the Window Plants.
From the Farmers' Review: At this season of the year most plants in the window will begin to make strong, vigorous growth, if properly fed. As soon as they begin to grow, but not before, give them liberal applications of some good fertilizer. Many persons whose plants are not growing satisfactorily think to "give them a start" by feeding them rich food. This is all wrong. The plants are not in condition to make use of such food until they begin to grow. It injures them if given when they cannot assimilate it. Therefore, wait and keep close watch of them, and when signs of growth are seen, begin to feed them. Give weak applications at first, increasing the supply as the growth of the plant increases.
The proper time to train plants is when they are growing. If a branch shows a tendency to outgrow other branches, thus making the plant unsymmetrical, nip off the end of it at once. Keep it from making more growth until the other branches have had a chance to catch up with it, thus giving the plant proper balance on all

Water Hemlock.
This is called also American water hemlock, wild hemlock, spotted hemlock, spotted parsley, snakeweed, beaver poison, musquash root, muskberry weed, cowbane, spotted cowbane, children's bane, death of man.
It is a smooth erect perennial, 3 to 8 feet high, with a rigid hollow stem, numerous branches, finely-dissected leaves, white flowers, and a cluster of spindle-shaped roots, which vary in length from 1 1/2 to 3 inches, and are very characteristic of the plant. It grows commonly in swamps and damp soils throughout the Atlantic states westward to Louisiana, Iowa and Minnesota, much less commonly northward through Nebraska to the Rocky Mountains and in New Mexico.
This is one of the most poisonous native plants in the United States, being rapidly fatal to both man and animals. The roots are especially dangerous, because the taste, being aromatic and to some people suggestive of horseradish, parsnips, artichokes or sweet cicely, is apt to lead children to eat them when they are found forced out of the soil by washing, freezing or other causes in the early spring. Cattle sometimes eat the tubers, and in marshes they are poisoned by drinking

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.

Better Packed in Cream.
The street man of the New York Produce Review writes that journal as follows:
Readers of these columns have heard considerable during the past few years of mold, mottles, streaks, weedy or bitter flavor, crumbly or ragged, boring butter, but who has heard of butter being packed into tubs that had three or four inches of cream on the bottom of them? I met a man last week who used to be employed in one of our butter and egg stores, but is now buying butter and eggs for a wholesale grocery firm. He said he recently purchased a lot of butter from a firm here, and when the butter was delivered to him he examined several tubs and they appeared to be all right, so he sent some of the lot to one of his customers. In a few days this customer returned with a complaint, saying he had cut out part of the butter. But when near the bottom of the tubs he found a very peculiar looking mass, which undoubtedly was once butter. My friend examined the returned tubs and found that each one contained from three to eight inches of soft or slushy butter in the bottom. Close examination showed that there had been a considerable quantity of cream in the tubs before they were packed with butter, and this had softened the butter so that it could not be used. The cream was sweet, and its presence did not affect the flavor of the butter in the top half of the tubs, but did to some extent affect the flavor and color of the balance of the goods. Just how the cream came to be in those three tubs my friend cannot say, and he thinks it is very strange that the butter-maker did not notice the condition of the tubs before he packed the butter. It is quite apparent that it was another case of carelessness.



Fig. 18.—Water hemlock (*Oenanthe serotina*), showing section of spindle-shaped root and lower stem, the leaves, flowers, and fruit one-half natural size; also a cross section of stem, enlarged five times.

Fertilizing in Potatoes.
Bulletin 57 of the Maine Experiment Station giving some figures of the chemical contents of a potato crop says: Assuming these figures to fairly represent potatoes as grown in Maine, a crop of 200 bushels, weighing six tons, would remove thirty-seven pounds of nitrogen, sixteen pounds of phosphoric acid and fifty-eight pounds of potash. If the amounts and proportions of fertilizing elements removed by a crop could be taken as a guide in preparing a field for that crop, the problem of supplying the proper amount and kind of plant food to the soil would be much simplified. To manure a field for a crop of potatoes, nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash would have to be added in about the proportions given above and in sufficient quantity to supply the vines and tubers the land was expected to yield. A formula made up on this basis would be very materially different from any mixed fertilizer on the market and would contain the fertilizing elements in about the following proportions: Nitrogen, 5 parts; phosphoric acid, 2 parts; and potash, 3 parts.

Skim Milk for Hogs.
Skim milk should always be used when it is available. It is not only a good flesh producer in itself, but it also makes the ordinary grain feeds more digestible and so adds greatly to their value. While skim milk alone is rarely profitable, from 20 to 40 pounds being required to make a pound of meat, when mixed with grain in the proportion of 3 pounds or less of milk to each pound of grain its value is greatly increased. In a test reported by C. P. Goodrich a bushel of corn produced 10 pounds of pork, and 100 pounds of skim milk produced 5 pounds of pork, when fed separately. When fed together, however, the mixture produced 18 pounds of meat, an increase of 3 pounds due to the milk. In this case 100 pounds of skim milk took the place of 44.5 pounds of corn. If the corn was worth 25 cents per bushel, the milk was worth 40 cents, the milk was worth 31.4 cents. Extended tests in the feeding of skim milk have been made at the Utah Station, and among the facts brought out by the work are these:
"The hogs fed on the milk-and-grain ration made much more rapid gains than either those fed on milk alone or on grain alone. The time required to make 100 pounds of gain was seventy-nine days for the hogs fed on milk and grain, one hundred and twenty days for those fed on grain alone, and one hundred and forty-seven days when the feed was milk alone. The milk-and-grain-fed lots required 2.58 pounds of digestible matter, the milk-fed lots 3.15 pounds to make 1 pound of gain in live weight." In this case 100 pounds of skim milk took the place

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Asoturia.
There is probably no disease so little understood by farmers as that which is technically known as asoturia. Under that name we mean the disease of the horse which comes on invariably after an idle spell of several days or even only one day in the barn and when in the aggravated form causes paralysis and death. The horse that has been so managed goes out to work or a trip on the road and never felt better in his life, but suddenly after he has gone a few miles or even blocks he commences to lag and it drives forward, usually in a hind leg, and unless stopped at once when this stage has been reached he will inevitably go down paralyzed. The lameness is always characterized by one or other of the following symptoms: knocking of the hind fetlock joints, or great rigidity of the muscles of the hip from stiffness of "hip bone." There is also evidence of indigestion for the horse passes wind frequently from the rectum and also manure which usually has an offensive odor.
As a rule the urine is retained as the horse is afraid to squat even when able to stand, and the urine when seen is always of the color of strong coffee or even blood colored from the coloring matter of the blood having been forced into the bladder by way of the highly congested kidneys. When this most characteristic symptom is observed there can be no question as to the nature of the disease or that it is not "spinal meningitis" as it is so often erroneously called.
The cause of the disease is supposed to be an overloading of the system with nitrogenous matters which, were the horse working, would be used up in the formation of sweat, vim, and repair of waste of tissue, but during idleness is unused and so stored up in the blood and overloaded liver and kidneys. When the horse goes out to work after an idle spell the blood circulation is at once increased and the effects matters which it contains are pumped into the circulatory system and by the small veins carried into the muscles where they act as poisons and often paralyze the parts.
The moment that the first symptoms of the disease are observed the horse should go no farther than the nearest barn and should there remain until he has entirely recovered which will be in about three days if the attack is not severe. On reaching the barn the harness should be removed and the first thing to do if a drug store is nearby is to give a physic ball, containing one ounce of freshly pulverized Barbadoes aloes, one drachm of fluid extract of Belladonna leaves and two drachms of pulverized ginger root, at one dose, in the usual way. The affected muscles should be well fomented with hot water and then rubbed with a liniment composed of soap liniment four ounces, aqua ammonia one ounce, turpentine two ounces and water to make one pint, injections of soapy warm water may also be given per rectum by means of a large syringe or a three foot length of one-half inch rubber hose fitted with a funnel. Every four hours one drachm of iodine of potash may be given dissolved in a half pint of water and given as a drench or in drinking water, until four doses have been given.
To prevent a recurrence of the trouble the horse should be fed upon bran mashes when idle for oats are the most likely to cause the disease and should therefore be avoided. In addition always give exercise daily in all kinds of weather.

Uniform Temperature.—We have been in the habit of thinking that it is the mild warmth of the advancing spring that heats the egg-basket at that season; but while warmth is a good thing, those who are getting better results are those who keep the fowls most nearly in uniform condition through the winter. Last winter I visited a man who kept hens literally by the thousand, for eggs chiefly. He said that if he allowed the birds in the scratching rooms before the sun shone in and warmed them to the temperature of the sleeping rooms, the immediate effect was a heavy drop in the number of eggs.—C. S. Valentine.

Hand Separators.
I have used a hand separator nearly four years, and am sure it has paid its cost more than three times over. Milking from eight to fifteen cows, writes a contributor to Ohio Farmer, I would compare the turning to about the same as an ordinary fanning mill. Hand machines run from twenty to eighty gallons capacity per hour; price from \$50 to \$165. It is best for new beginners to use a watch at first to regulate speed. As to temperature, it will be all right if run through the tubs in a reasonable length of time after milking. Have sold \$500 worth of butter the past year, besides cream and butter used in family, say \$50 worth, and I know my receipts would have been one-fifth less had I not used a separator. Have had separator at the barn for two years, run by bull, on two-horse tread power. Have never missed a skimming since we had it. Think it one of the best investments we ever made.

The state of Michigan has begun prosecutions, in Jackson county, that state, against Armour & Company of Chicago for the selling of process butter without labeling it as such. The fact that the Chicago packer named is engaged in the manufacture of process butter is not, perhaps, generally known. It was supposed that the Chicago packers made butter as a side issue, mainly as a means of disposing of their by-products to the best advantage. The making over of rancid pasture for the meat packers, and it will probably not be long before we find the same factory at work in other lines of dairy effort. It seems likely that the firms that make and sell process butter in Michigan will be compelled to sell it under the name of "process" butter. Not till recently has the dairy and food department of that state been able to distinguish process butter from fresh butter, but now a way to distinguish them has been discovered. The dairy and food commission of Michigan has set a good example to the neighboring states in the vigor with which it is following up violators of the state law.

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How Jennie June Got Her Name.

How did I choose my nom de plume? repeated Mrs. J. G. Croly, says an interviewer in the Success, while a reminiscent smile crept over her keenly intelligent face. "At one time, I lived at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. I was a sunny, happy little blue-eyed girl, and our kernal Unitarian pastor was particularly fond of me. Indeed, we were quite chummy. One day, he gave me a little book of poems, published by Benjamin F. Taylor, remarking, 'These are for the Junest little girl that I know.' One of the poems was called 'January,' and another 'Jenny June.' The name almost passed out of mind as I grew older, until I commenced contributing to the papers, and then I thought me of 'Jenny June' for a nom de plume."

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A HINT FOR SPRING.

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A congestion, inflammation or ulceration of the mucous membrane, whether of the head, stomach, kidneys, or other organ, is known to the medical profession as catarrh. It is known by different names, such as dyspepsia, Bright's disease, female complaint, diarrhoea, bronchitis, consumption and a host of other names. Wherever there is a congested mucous membrane there is catarrh, acute or chronic.

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Mrs. Margaretta Fritz, Wilcox, Okla., writes: "I extend my sincere thanks for the good advice you have given me. I do not believe I would be living now if it were not for you. I had suffered with flow of blood for four months, and the doctors could help me but little. They operated on me three times. It was very painful and I only obtained little relief. I was so weak I could not turn in bed. Then I applied to Dr. Hartman. I did not know whether he could help me or not, but I followed his advice, and used only three bottles of Pe-ru-na and Manalin. Now I am well and as strong as I ever was, thanks to your remedies. Pelvic catarrh has become so frequent that most women are more or less afflicted with it. It is usually called female disease."

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Every spring you clean the house you live in, to get rid of the dust and dirt which collected in the winter. Your body, the house your soul lives in, also becomes filled up during the winter with all manner of filth, which should have been removed from day to day, but was not. Your body needs cleaning inside. If your bowels, your liver, your kidneys are full of putrid filth, and you don't clean them out in the spring, you'll be in bad odor with yourself and everybody else all summer.

DON'T USE A HOSE to clean your body inside, but sweet, fragrant, mild but positive and forceful CASCARETS, that work while you sleep, prepare all the filth collected in your body for removal, and drive it off softly, gently, but none the less surely, leaving your blood pure and nourishing, your stomach and bowels clean and lively, and your liver and kidneys healthy and active. Try a 10-cent box today, and if not satisfied get your money back—but you'll see how the cleaning of your body is

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For Tax Assessor,
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LOCAL DOTS.

—Baker's carbon has arrived.
—Buggy whips 15cts and up at Riddel's.
—Mr. J. S. Boone continues to pay for and read the FREE PRESS.
—California dog poison at Baker's.
—The Star Hat is the best on earth. For sale by McKee & Co.
—Flour at the same old price at Carney's.
—The Baptist people here are raising the money with which to build a parsonage.
—I have several good family milk cows for sale. T. G. CARNEY.
—For a good, honest hand made saddle see Riddel.
—Mr. Tom Pinkerton left yesterday for Hico and will return in a week or two with a lot of horses.
—Kill your dogs, Baker has the carbon.
—Figure with T. G. Carney when you want groceries.
—Nobby new spring goods at McKee & Co's.
—Our residence is now connected with the local telephone system—No. 45.
—Most stylish shirts and neck wear in town. McKEE & CO.
—For a choice assortment of spices, sauces, pickles, catsup, etc., go to T. G. Carney's.
—Mr. T. C. Owens of Anson was here a couple of days this week buying mules for the British government for use in South Africa.
—Call and see our beautiful Braids and Embroideries. McKEE & CO.
—New crop Louisiana molasses, fresh and good, just received at Fields & Bro's.
—Miss Bertie Berry of Benjamin came down this week and has commenced teaching a class in oil painting.
—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.
—Miss Eliza Robinson's school on Wildhorse closed last Friday and she left on Monday for her home in Coleman county.
—Those California dried peaches at T. G. Carney's are the nicest thing in town.
—Rev. Geo. Thomas of the Christian church will preach here Saturday night (to-night) Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night.
—For an up-to-date hair cut try Geo. Makeig, the old reliable barber on the west side, at the Paragon Parlor.
—A full stock of canned goods, cheaper than the other fellows' and just as good. This is at T. G. Carney's.
—Mrs. S. J. Fields who has been visiting with relatives here several weeks, left Thursday morning for her home at Wills Point. She was accompanied by her son Guy, who has been attending school here.

—Don't wait longer, Baker's carbon is here.
—S. L. Robertson will give you lowest prices on all goods—go and see him.
—That was a nice, refreshing shower Wednesday night, falling very gently and softening the crust made on the ground by the hard rain last week.
—Try a shampoo at the Paragon. George says he knows how to make them delightfully refreshing.
—Mr. Chas. Brewington, manager of the Brazleton & Johnson lumber yard at Stamford, visited our city this week.
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
—LATEST RAILROAD NEWS and the very best goods at Railroad prices at S. L. Robertson's.
—Mrs. J. B. Baker returned home on Monday from her visit to Hico. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. G. H. Morrison, of Hico, who came on a visit to her parents here.
One bottle will convince the most skeptical of the real merits of Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla, concentrated and scientifically combined, pleasant and effective. 50cts and \$1.00 at J. B. Baker's drug store. 15
—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.
—Mr. Dug Higgins is taking in the sights in the future great this week and arguing politics, but what pleased us most was the dollar he chucked into our till.
Even the most vigorous and hearty people have at times a feeling of weariness and lassitude. To dispel this feeling take HERBINE; it will impart vigor and vitality. Price 50c at J. B. Baker's drug store. 17
—We will have in a car load of salt in a few days and will be able to sell it in any quantity at a very low price. W. W. FIELDS & BRO.
—Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Carney relieved the social monotony by extending to the young people a pleasant evening's entertainment Thursday night.
Why remain sick? If troubled with Scrofula, Scrofulus Humor, Boils, Humors on the face, Catarrh, etc., we ask that you give Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla a trial. 50cts and \$1.00 at J. B. Baker's drug store. 15
—Judge P. D. Sanders came in Wednesday evening from Kent county, where he had just concluded the spring term of court. His next term will be in Stonewall county.
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
—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.
Backache, Sprains, Bruises, Cuts, Rheumatism, Catarrh, Diarrhoea, Cramp Colic, all aches and pains speedily cured with Hunt's Lightning Oil. Failing, money refunded. For sale at J. B. Baker's. 15
—Mr. W. T. Hudson rounded up a nice bunch of two and three year old steers this week with which he is about starting—if not already started—to Estelene on the Denver road. He will either sell there or take them into the I. T.
Ringworm, Tetter, Itching Piles, Itch, Eczema cured quickly and effectually with Hunt's Cure. Money refunded if it fails. Price 50 cts at J. B. Baker's drug store. 15
—Thursday evening Mrs. T. J. Willbourn presented us with a bouquet of the loveliest roses we have seen for many a day. The rose is queen of flowers and these were royal in form, size and color. There were some of a delicate flesh tinted pink, some of deeper hue and some a rich dark red of soft, velvety texture and intermixed were some beautiful white and red buds. We are naturally fond of flowers and nothing could be more highly appreciated than these first offerings of the springtime.
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

—Mrs. W. B. Anthony and children left on Sunday to join Mr. Anthony and take up their residence in Austin. Mr. Anthony and family were among the oldest citizens of Haskell and have many friends here who regret their removal, and, whose best wishes go with them.
The drugs in Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla are so concentrated that the dose is very small, but nevertheless, it is so scientifically combined that it is readily retained and assimilated by the most delicate and sensitive stomach. 50cts and \$1.00 at J. B. Baker's drug store. 15
—Prof. J. B. Jones was down to see his Haskell friends the other day. His public school term in Knox county is out but he will conduct a private school for a month longer. He handed over the cash for another year's visits of the FREE PRESS.
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 druggist. 17
—The FREE PRESS is pleased to call attention to the advertisement of Mr. S. L. Robertson's store. There is no doubt but that he has one of the best stocks of goods ever displayed in Haskell, embracing a wide variety in the various lines and he guarantees that prices shall be right, and his guarantee is worth 100 cents on the dollar.
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
—Mr. Ben M. Terrell, one of Fort Worth's leading criminal lawyers, came in this week to take charge of the case of Lew Casner, under indictment for the murder of Tom Pitzer, and will remain here until after the trial of the case at the May term of the district court. He is a brother of our townsman, Mr. C. E. Terrell.
I troubled with rheumatism, give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial. It will not cost you a cent if it does no good. One application will relieve the pain. It also cures sprains and bruises in one-third the time required by any other treatment. Cuts, burns, frostbites, quinsy, pains in the side and chest, glandular and other swellings are quickly cured by applying it. Every bottle warranted. Price, 25 and 50cts at J. B. Baker's drug store. 26
Mr. Perry Clark of Knox county and Miss Alpha Fisher of this county were united in marriage on Wednesday evening last at 6 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fisher, Rev. R. E. L. Farmer officiating.
They are a worthy and highly respectable couple and the FREE PRESS is pleased to join their many friends in congratulations and in extending best wishes for their prosperity and happiness.
Many people suffer untold tortures from piles, because of the popular impression that they can not be cured. TABLET'S BUCKEYE PILE OINTMENT will cure them. It has met with absolute success. Price 50c in bottles, tubes 75c, at J. B. Baker's drug store. 17
—We have this week to chronicle the death of Harry Dickenson, which occurred on last Sunday at the home of his brother, R. M. Dickenson of this place. His death was the result of a hurt received more than a year ago by a fall from a horse, which caused a diseased condition of the bone of one arm, a portion of which, near the shoulder, was removed about a month ago, but too late it seems to arrest the spread of the disease, to which he finally succumbed.
Harry was just reaching man's estate and possessed the esteem and respect of the entire community by reason of his moral character and good deportment, as was evidenced by the kind attention shown him during his sickness as well as by the large concourse of people, including the school in a body, who attended his burial.
To Cure a Cold in One Day. FINE LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature on every box. 25c

S. L. ROBERTSON,

GENERAL RETAIL DEALER IN

Dry - Goods - and - Groceries.

Following is a brief outline of his very full and excellent stock:

Ladies Goods, Notions and Dress Goods Department. This department contains the standard in Prints, Percales, Lawns, Piques, Madras, Sateens, also a variety of White Goods, Dress Linings, Shirt Waists, Ladies Vests, Table Linen, Towels, Gloves, Hosiery, Hankerchiefs, Braids, Laces, Ties, Bows, Collars, Buttons and Fine Shoes, Oxfords, Sandals, etc.	Men's Goods In this department will be found most things worn by men, such as: Clothing, Hats, Shoes and Boots, Hats, Dress Shirts, Under Shirts, Over Shirts, Drawers, Suspenders, Sox, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Ties, Collars and Cuffs, also a full line of Shirting and Pants Goods.	Grocery Department. In this department I carry all the staple groceries and shelf goods and aim to have them of the best quality. Bacon, Lard, Sugar, Molasses, Coffee, Rice, Beans, Oatmeal, etc., also Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Dried Fruits, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables in season. Pickles, Sauces and Seasonings, Smoking and Chewing Tobacco, Snuff, also a line of Galvanized and Tinware, Rope, Well Buckets, Well Pulleys, etc.
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You are respectfully invited to call and look through my stock and see what I can do for You in making prices.

If it's a STOVE

You Want

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

"ECONOMY"

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.

We also have an excellent line of Cook stoves, but will talk about them later.

Yours &c.
SHERILL BROS. & Co.

To the People of Haskell

and adjoining counties:

We now have a full stock of

Pine and Cypress Lumber, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Moulding, Blinds, Cement, Brick.

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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STAMFORD, LUDERS.

Card of Thanks.

I desire to express to the many kind people of Haskell my sincere appreciation and thanks for the kindly attention and sympathetic care bestowed upon my son Harry during his affliction and up to the time we were called upon to part from him in death, hoping that they will always find as willing hearts and hands to minister to them in affliction.

Respectfully,
J. E. DICKENSON.

SICK HEADACHES,

The curse of overworked womanhood, are quickly and surely cured by Karl's Clover Root Tea, the great blood purifier and tissue builder. Money refunded if not satisfactory. Price 25 and 50cts at J. B. Baker's.

Medical Board Meeting.

The Medical Board of the 39th judicial district will meet at Roby, Texas on April 30th, 1900.
DR. E. E. GILBERT, Pres.
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A Call.

There will be a mass meeting of the Populist party on the 28 inst. for the purpose of discussing national issues. Also a resolution will be introduced endorsing Hon. J. H. Stephens for reelection to congress.
PARK CAUDLE, CH. EX.
Com. P. P.

[The above call reached us through the mails, and while it does not designate the place of meeting, we presume it will be at the court house.—Ed.]

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's a guaranteed cure for Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Pimples, Sores, Ulcers and Piles. Only 25c at J. B. Baker's drug store.

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.

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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.

No Line Has Been Neglected.

We may make a long story short by saying that in

- Staple Goods
- Dress Goods
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- Notions and Fancy Goods
- Clothing
- Men's Furnishings
- Underwear
- Boots and Shoes
- Hats for Men and Boys

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.

And as especially interesting to our lady patrons we will present a

LINE OF MILLINERY

unexcelled west of Dallas for style, quality and variety, presided over by our accomplished artist 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.

This is not empty boast, you have only to see and to compare to be convinced. Your money back if it isn't so!

So saying, we subscribe ourselves yours, in the middle-of-the-road for business.

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HASKELL AND STAMFORD TRANSFER.

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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With a certainty of a \$70,000,000 surplus for the present fiscal year we go on licking revenue stamps.

With a surplus of about \$70,000,000 accumulated in the treasury for the current fiscal year the country could dispense with some of its war taxes, the stamp tax for instance, but Republican congresses rarely repeal tax laws. The more money they can get with which to make fat places for their heels the more certain they are of reelection.

Spreads Like Wildfire.

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The Hague peace convention does not appear to have had a very restraining influence upon the passions of men and nations. England is waging a war of conquest in South Africa. The United States is freeing and civilizing the Philippines with Kraig-Jorgenson and Mauser bullets. Russia is massing troops north of Persia and in the Far East. France is grinding her swords for England. Japan has placed a chip on her shoulder for Russia to knock off. Germany, France, England and the United States have given China 60 days to suppress the "Boxers," failure to result in joint invasion of the Celestial empire. Thus we have "wars and rumors of wars," the Hague conference, notwithstanding.