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Mr. S. E. Carothers informed us the other day that he was a grandfather again. This time it is a son born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carter, of the southeastern portion of the county, on last Saturday.

Mr. J. S. Harbin of the Marcy neighborhood called in this week and had the paper sent to his brother at Carbon. Mr. Harbin said the late rain was a big help to late feed crops and cotton.

RED CROSS OF JAPAN.

A Japanese writer very politely, but none the less clearly, shows how foolish it was for a band of American young women to go to the seat of the Japanese-Russian war for Red Cross hospital work. We may suspect that these young women thought they were going to show the little yellow men a thing or two; that they confidently expected to surprise the Orientals with their knowledge of modern progress in organization and humanitarianism. Our Japanese writer says as gently as he knows how that these American young women have been a source of considerable trouble and anxiety to the Japanese officials. Fully appreciating their generous desire to aid the suffering and afflicted, these officials could not find the heart to tell them to go right back to America. They could not speak the Japanese or Russian language. They were of little value, therefore, as nurses. They could not live on the Japanese diet, and, therefore, they were a great trial to the commissary department. But, worst of all, they did not rank with the Japanese nurses in skill, endurance and experience. And here we have brought home to us the rather humiliating fact that the Red Cross work in America, or in Europe, is in its primary stages when compared with its development in far away Japan.

George Kennan, correspondent of the Outlook in the Far East devotes a long article to a description of the Red Cross in Japan. So long ago as the war with China, in 1895, it had been developed to a state of efficiency altogether unknown in this or any other Occidental country. As seen in the present war with Russia, it is so wonderfully developed that the "civilized" countries look upon it with amazement. And of it Mr. Kennan says:

"The most remarkable feature, perhaps, of the Japanese society is its extraordinary numerical strength. Jan. 1 of the present year it had no less than 894,760 regular members, each of whom was pledged to contribute not less than \$1.50 annually for a period of ten years. It has one member for every fifty-two inhabitants, and it is in receipt of an annual income of \$1,342,000. If the Red Cross were as strong in proportion in the United States, it would have a membership of 4,338,000 and an income of \$2,307,000. I do not happen to have the statistics of the American Red Cross at hand, but my recollection is that the central organization has less than 400 members, and that it has no regular income at all outside of the contributions made occasionally by the public for such specific purposes as the relief of the Cuban reconcentrados or of sufferers from storms, tidal waves and floods."

Mr. Kennan is correct in saying that the comparison is a humiliating one to make, particularly as we have been deceiving ourselves with the idea that we had developed and systematized relief work beyond all other people. We quote Mr. Kennan further:

"Jan. 1, 1904, the Japanese Red Cross had ready for immediate work 14 chief surgeons, 277 ordinary surgeons, 45 pharmacists, 1,920 trained nurses and 763 stretcher bearers and male attendants. In the shape of material resources and relief stores, it had 4 hospital steamers, 52,000 suits of clothing for sick and wounded, 27,000 suits of clothing for nurses, and a great quantity of bedding, cots, tents, medicines and other supplies for field and hospital work. In short, it was prepared to take the field at once in a war of the first class, with abundant resources, with a highly trained and competent force of surgeons and nurses, and with a most complete and up-to-date equipment."

And it was to a country like this that a bunch of American young women went, while under the delusion that they were carrying a brand new system for the care of the sick or wounded! But this isn't all of it. When the war with Russia broke out the trained force became the nucleus of a splendid organization, which was enlarged in numbers and in material until it formed an adequate hospital force for every army in the field. It is said that in no other war has there been such prompt, intelligent and successful care of the wounded. A correspondent of Collier's Weekly declares that the Russian prisoners were amazed at the work of the Japanese Red Cross on the battlefield. Such of these prisoners as were wounded found themselves almost at once under the care of competent surgeons and nurses, while their war clothes were quickly replaced with hospital

raiment and their wants were attended to with compassion and gentleness.

Not only have the Japanese developed the Red Cross beyond anything known in the Occident, but they have established it on a footing with their government which might well be copied by other countries. Instead of being merely an auxiliary to the hospital corps of the army, it composes the corps and performs all the duties incident to army relief. This means that it is as well systematized as the army itself; that it is directly under the command of the army generals in time of war, and that it is backed by the government in all its sanitary work about the camps and marches of the troops. Here in America the Red Cross has been more or less a rival of the regular hospital corps, and in every recent war there have been jealousies which affected the efficiency of both.

But the main point is our error in supposing that the Japanese have not progressed in humanitarianism as well as in the sciences and statesmanship of western countries. The truth seems to be that in many things they have outstripped their teachers and that the world might go to the Orient and learn something from the facile people who but yesterday shook off the life of semi-barbarians.—Kansas City Journal.

MARCY NOTES.

A Newsway Letter from our Regular Correspondent.

Putting up feed stuff is the order of the day now, at least with some of our neighbors who have it in large quantities.

Cotton picking is being pushed with energy, and the gin is being kept busy from early morn till dewy eve.

Quite a lot of cotton is being bought by the Marcy merchants, who pay Stamford prices.

On last Friday afternoon, 16th inst.; Mr. K. J. Wright and Miss Dilla Shaw of the Marcy neighborhood were married at the home of Rev. H. S. Hatchett. While the bride's parents opposed the marriage, love laughs at such obstacles and has its own way—and they will soon be forgiven of their deed. Good luck to you Kete, and may you ever be true to the little girl who forsook her parents to walk with you through this life.

The gin hands enjoyed a nice ride one day this week given them by J. E. Vardiman while his team was running away. They came from the gin like a blue streak and the crowd was so scared they could not stop. After passing the stores the lead horses turned short across the road but the mules wanted to go straight ahead, this cross pull threw one horse down and caused the wagon to run over him, injuring him somewhat and delaying the ride.

E. G. Garner is having a 'phone placed in his store today.

W. W. Edge has sold his residence and blacksmith shop to Mr. Woods from Eastland county, who will come and take charge about the first of October. We extend to Mr. Woods a cordial welcome to our midst and hope that he will find his move both pleasant and profitable.

Mr. J. A. Wood of the Sandhills left Wednesday for Greenville Texas, to look after business interests there.

C. M. Chrpman sold his fine mules this week to R. R. Travis of Cliff, consideration \$315.00. NELLY BLY.

Many Mothers of a Like Opinion.

Mrs. Pilmer, of Cordova, Iowa, says: "One of my children was subject to croup of a severe type, and the giving of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy promptly, always brought relief. Many mothers in this neighborhood think the same as I do about this remedy and want no other kind for their children." For sale by C. E. Terrell.

"Nelly Bly" gives us quite a newsway and interesting letter this week.

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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

There are several cases of diphtheria in Paris, but none of them have yet proven fatal.

At Pleasant Mound, I. T., Luther Ray, aged 5 years was smothered while playing in a wagon full of seed cotton.

Russia has notified Great Britain she has no intention to depart from her original view that coal is absolute contraband.

The contract has been let for the foundation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Denison. The edifice will cost \$15,000.

The Russians are using war balloons southeast of Mukden for the purpose of observing the movements of the Japanese in that direction.

The Trinity and Brazos Valley Railroad is putting in another station between Hillsboro and Malone. The new station is to be known as Bynum.

M. Kirtley, living fifteen miles northeast of Lawton, Ok., has a stalk of cotton in his patch which is nine feet high and containing 164 matured bolls.

Felipe Meringo and another Mexican engaged in a quarrel with Atlano Remera on a farm in Travis County, and Meringo was struck by Rameros and instantly killed.

While gazing at the dead face of a life long woman friend, the coffin lid having been re-opened at her request, Mrs. Mary Reeves of Brooklyn, fell dead across the casket.

Jeff Jennings fell into the machinery of the oil mill at Georgetown and had his clothing torn from him, but was dragged out by fellow workers and was not seriously hurt.

On account of the price of cotton being off a few points the staple did not roll into Waxahachie very rapidly last week as is indicated by the receipts at the different yards.

A heavy frost is reported from all sections of Lancaster County, Pa., the thermometer dropping in some sections to thirty-two degrees. A large quantity of tobacco was ruined.

Another large Indiana excursion party is booked to enter Texas on the 27th. This party will be composed almost exclusively of well-to-do farmers who want to sell out and move to Texas.

During a very heavy electric storm and rain Thursday evening two children of Mat Edwards, living seven miles north of Athens, a boy and a girl, six and eight years old, were killed by lightning.

The mangled body of J. R. Anderson, aged twenty-eight years, was found lying besides the track of the Texas and Pacific railroad at Dallas early Friday morning with the greater part of his head mashed off.

Russian agents are displaying great activity in securing coal at Liverpool for Vladivostok. They offer \$4 per ton plus 3 per cent upon the ship's departure and another \$3.75 on arrival at Vladivostok.

Rev. C. Laxon, who was an honored local minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Tennessee for half a century, died in McKinney Thursday night. He was 87 years of age.

Two men were instantly killed by an engine in the freight yards at St. George, Staten Island. The dead men were workmen engaged in carrying steel rails across the track, four others narrowly escaped.

George Davis, said to be a wealthy ranch owner of Kansas City, was found dead in bed at a London, England, hotel Friday. An artery of his arm had been cut with a razor. It is supposed that Davis committed suicide.

A special from Grove, I. T., says that through the falling of a scaffold on a bridge three miles west of there three men were killed outright and three fatally and four seriously injured.

An enthusiastic opening of the Democratic campaign was had in Wheeling, W. Va., Wednesday night when former Senator H. G. Davis, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, addressed a large crowd at the Democratic wigwag.

H. M. Magill of Cincinnati, while responding to a toast celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Western Union of Underwriters, at Frontenac, N. Y., fell forward and died soon afterwards.

Commissioner of Immigration Frank P. Sargent of the Department of Commerce and Labor has gone to San Antonio for the purpose of beginning an active warfare upon the smuggling of undesirable immigrants across the border.

Seventy Persons Killed Through Fatal Mistake

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 26.—Fifty passengers were killed and 150 more or less seriously injured in a frightful wreck on the Southern railroad at Newmarket, Tenn., Saturday morning, when a passenger train en route from Knoxville to Bristol collided head-on with a passenger train running in the opposite direction. The accident was caused by the misreading of a train order by Conductor W. B. Caldwell of the Bristol train. Hospital and wrecking trains rushed to the scene of the disaster. It will be hours before the wreckage is cleared away.

Train orders were given to Conductor Caldwell of train No. 15, bound from Knoxville to Bristol, to meet a local passenger train, No. 12, at Hodges station.

Conductor Caldwell misread the order and his train ran past the meeting place. One mile and a half west of Hodges station the two trains met head-on, while rounding a curve at a high rate of speed. The impact was terrific and the day coaches and baggage car on the eastbound train were totally wrecked and the passengers either killed or injured. The four Pullmans on the eastbound train remained on the rails and their occupants were unhurt. Both engines were overturned and demolished. Oddly enough, none of the passengers on the westbound train were killed. The engines were pinned under their engines. The dead and injured were piled in heaps in the wrecked east-bound train. Passengers on the Pullmans alighted and assisted the train crews in rescuing and aiding the injured. Word of the disaster was sent to Knoxville and a wrecking and a hospital train were soon on the spot.

Superintendent Loyall, who was in Chattanooga, arrived on a special train and at once took charge of the work of clearing the wreck, which will take eight or ten hours. Passengers on train No. 12 were sent to Knoxville and forwarded to their destinations from there.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 26.—The death list as a result of the fearful wreck on the Southern Road near Newmarket Saturday had grown Sunday night to sixty-two, and it will probably exceed seventy before Tuesday, as many of the injured are in a serious condition, and more deaths will occur at the hospital. Sunday there were six deaths at that institution, the last one at 3 o'clock, when M. T. Gray, a prominent North Carolinian, who resided at Shelby, passed away. Others who died Sunday at the hospital were the two firemen, two little girls and Nep Miller. To the list of dead there must be added an unknown infant found at the scene of the wreck and two other unidentified bodies.

A force of 150 men toiled all day long at the scene of the wreck. Before 2 o'clock Sunday morning the track was cleared for through trains, but it required many hours to clear the debris.

Engineers Parrott and Kane were found beneath their engines, but their bodies were not crushed badly. Small fragments of bodies were found in many instances today, but it is thought they belong to the bodies already found and brought to this city. One little baby was found by the wreckers, but that was all.

The cause of the terrible loss of life in the heavy eastbound train was explained today. It seems that the second coach plowed its way into a bank

Fannin County Wants a Gusher.

Bonham, Tex.: S. H. Johnson, who lives eight miles northeast of Bonham, was in the city Saturday and reported that he believed oil could be found in paying quantities on his place. He has a well that is so strongly impregnated with oil that the water is unfit for use. He proposes to have an analysis made, and if the report is favorable he will have a deep well sunk at once.

Vesuvius Goes On a Tear.

Naples: The population of this city is somewhat alarmed by the increased eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Many foreigners have been attracted to Naples by the outbreak of the volcano. Service on the Funicular Railway has been suspended, the operation of the road being thought unsafe. The eruption is accompanied by earthquakes, which are felt to a distance of twenty miles and stones are thrown to a height of 1,500 feet.

Rare Cause of Death.

Paris: A singular death is reported from Union Grove, Delta County, the victim being a 3-year-old boy, Ira Ellis Thrift. Whenever he received a wound that caused the blood to flow it was difficult to stop it. He fell against the corner of the dining table, knocking two or three of his teeth loose and causing the gums to bleed. A physician was sent for, but failed to staunch the flow of blood, and the child died to death.

in such a manner that the other cars were jammed into it and pushed on by the weight of the heavy Pullman's were crushed like eggshells.

Physicians at the hospital state that of the long list of injured, which they have in their care, it is probable that not more than four will die. The complete list of injured as given out by the railroad officials shows a total of 162, but this includes all persons who were only slightly hurt or scratched.

STATUS OF WAR.

Second Russian Army—Will Not Fight at Mukden.

With the purpose of forcing the war with Japan to a speedy determination, the Emperor of Russia has taken steps to reorganize and reinforce the fighting force in the Far East. A second army is to be created, under the command of Gen. Grippenberg, a veteran of many wars, and it is expected that in a comparatively short time there will be armies of 600,000 to 700,000 men ready to take the aggressive against the Japanese. It is believed that Grand Duke Nicholas Michaelovitch will be made commander in chief of the Russian armies in the Far East, with a soldier of more varied experience as his chief of staff.

At Mukden it is believed that the Japanese will not make a frontal attack upon that city, but will seek to engage the Russians north or northeast of there, a purpose dictated by strategic reasons as well as by a desire not to offend the Chinese by making the sacred tombs of the Emperors the scene of bloodshed.

Severe fighting at Port Arthur is reported to have taken place Sept. 19-21, and several important strongholds are said to have been captured by the Japanese. Heavy firing was heard also on Sept. 24, but details of the fighting at that time are lacking.

A Nacogdoches Tobacco Crop.

Nacogdoches: W. S. Patton has been experimenting with tobacco this year, and has just gathered from four acres 3,200 pounds of fine tobacco, which is now ready for the sweating process. A little of this tobacco, which has been thoroughly cured, was examined H. S. Edler, a tobacco expert and cigar maker. Mr. Edler rolled a few cigars from it, which he pronounced equal to the best Cuban leaf. Mr. Patton has an offer of 25c a pound on the entire crop, which will net him a handsome profit, as well as add a valuable page in his book of experience with the weed.

Some Snakes, Late as It Is.

Sherman: J. W. Board, a well-known farmer of the Rockport neighborhood, was in the city Saturday and reported the killing of a monster rattlesnake on his place, the serpent measuring five feet eight inches and having no less than seventeen rattles. The snake was discovered by playing children, who had narrow escapes from its poisonous fangs.

Rusk Reincorporates.

Rusk: The election held here Saturday on the question of reincorporating the town was carried by a vote nearly three to one. The old corporation boundaries covered only one mile square, while the new boundaries cover two miles square. It is highly probable that steps will now be taken in the near future to establish a system of waterworks.

Got to Have Twelve Cents.

Guthrie, Ok.: At a meeting of the cotton growers of Greer County Saturday it was decided to hold the crop for a 12c market. This is the most productive cotton-growing county in Oklahoma. The plan is to have the cotton ginned, weighed and stored at home, the weigh checks to be used as collateral on which to borrow money until the crop is sold.

Big Corn Crop.

Omaha, Neb.: Geo. M. Bidwell, manager of the Nebraska and Wyoming division of the Chicago and Northwestern railway, who has just returned from a tour through the state said: "We will have the biggest and best corn crop Nebraska has ever had. It has not been hurt by frost and is out of danger. I would estimate the crop of the state at 240,000,000 bushels.

F. L. Thomas, aged 70 years, died at his home about fifteen miles west of Crowell. About six weeks ago he was thrown from a wagon by a runaway team, but was not thought to have been seriously hurt. Two days before his death it was found that the fall had caused concussion of the brain.

Pearl Freeman, a little girl at Waxahachie, was so horribly burned Saturday morning while kindling a fire with coal oil, that she died Saturday afternoon.

JAPANESE FLANKING RUSSIANS.

Kuropatkin Reports an Innumerable Army Coming Up.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 27.—The cause of the extreme deliberation in the Japanese advance on Mukden was explained by a dispatch received from Gen. Kuropatkin this morning which indicates that Field Marshal Oyama has not yet concentrated his forces. Fresh troops are constantly arriving at Bentsiaputze, while others which recently reached Liao Yang are marching up the Taitsu River to Sianchan. These reinforcements, presumably, come from Japan.

As soon as the Fourth Japanese Army at Sianchan is sufficiently strong, it is now evident, the Japanese intend to resort to their favorite flanking tactics, move a formidable array against Kuropatkin's left and compel the evacuation of Siantsin. They are evidently reconnoitering the ground over which the Sianchan army will march up and cross the river.

Meanwhile, Gen. Kuroki is trying to seize and cross the Hun River east of Mukden. Thence he will move down the river and co-operate with the Fourth Army from Sianchan, while Gens. Oku and Nodzu engage Kuropatkin's attention south of Mukden. The attack on Da Pass and San Lungku, Sept. 20, were the first symptoms of this vast flanking movement.

Kuropatkin now reports that Japanese scouts have been encountered near the Hun River, half way to Mukden, trying to seize Koutou Pass, in order to clear the way to Fushan, and that Oku's and Nodzu's outposts have been engaged in skirmishing with Cossacks near Impu, between Bentsiaputze and the railroad.

After reviewing the troops at Odesa, the Emperor will go to Kishineff and bid farewell to the Fourteenth Division, famous for its passage of the Danube under Gen. Dragomiroff. The latter probably will attend the ceremony.

Gen. Dragomiroff is greatly enfeebled in health, which may render impossible his going to the Far East as Chief of Staff of Grand Duke Nicholas.

Gen. Oku's headquarters in the Field, Sept. 24, via Fushan, Sept. 26.—Owing to the fact that the Japanese in their advance to Liao Yang were unable to capture any locomotives, they are using hand power to propel railroad cars in the transportation of supplies. They are also changing the gauge of the railroad and bringing locomotives from Japan. The changing of the gauge has been completed from Dalny to Kalping, and the work north of there is being rushed. The railroad is practically undamaged south of Liao Yang and the bridges north of there are being rapidly repaired.

Telegrams dated at Chefoo bring indefinite reports of heavy fighting at Port Arthur, indicating that the enemy has secured three important and six minor fortresses.

The Japanese losses are estimated at 9,000. The Russians are said to have lost 1,800 men and forty-six guns.

Admiral Wuen is stated to be meditating an attempt to escape from Port Arthur with his fleet. Owing to the activity of the Japanese fire great stress is laid on a report that another vessel has successfully run the blockade at Port Arthur, bringing supplies of provisions and ammunition.

J. H. Caldwell, a farmer at Rice, has gathered ten and a half bales of cotton from ten acres, and will get half a bale more. He planted seed of King's Extra Improved variety and gave it intense cultivation.

One Killed and Three Hurt.

Peoria, Ill.: As the result of a washout on the Burlington railroad near Elmwood, two passenger cars were derailed Monday, and one man killed and three persons probably fatally injured. The wreck occurred at the junction of a small stream and Kickapoo Creek. A terrific rainstorm visited this section Sunday night and the roadbed was washed out for a short distance, leaving the rails suspended in the air.

A Mysterious Tragedy.

San Antonio: The life of Gus Klamp, proprietor of the Coney Island bar, ended Monday in a tragedy which is all the more shocking because the exact manner of his death is in doubt. He was hot in the back of the head while undoing the combination of his safe. He was found crouched in a chair, a pistol on the floor, his right hand just touching the weapon. The bullet entered the back of the head on the right side, ranging upward.

Confederate Pensions.

Austin: It will be but a few days before the Controller will make the regular semi-annual apportionment of the appropriation for Confederate pensions. On Oct. 1 the apportionment is to be made for the next two quarters and \$15,000 will be available therefor, together with the remainder from the last apportionments which was not drawn, the pensioners having died or removed from their former address.

SUPPLEMENTAL PEACE CONFERENCE.

The President will Call a Peace Conference After Conference.

Washington, Sept. 27.—President Roosevelt's announcement to the delegates of the Interparliamentary Union that at an early date he would invite the nations of the world to send delegates to a second peace conference, whose work should be supplemental to that of the conference at The Hague, is regarded as a hopeful advance toward the adjustment of international difficulties through the medium of arbitration.

Quite naturally the question arose as to how soon the President might call the conference. He did not indicate in his address the probable time of its issuance of the call, but it can be stated that he will not await the conclusion of peace between Japan and Russia, both signatories to The Hague convention, before issuing his call. It is his present intention in about six weeks to bring the matter to the attention of the other nations of the world with a view to ascertaining their desires as to the time and place of holding the second conference. These preliminary inquiries will be made through the Department of State. As soon thereafter as the replies received shall warrant the President will issue his formal call for the conference, which probably will be early in the coming year.

Canton: A series of cases were heard and determined in the county court here of more than usual interest, being suits on a liquor dealer's bond. They resulted in judgments for the plaintiffs for \$5000. The cases were styled as follows: W. G. Wise-man vs. J. J. Patterson et al., three cases; judgment in two cases for \$1000 each and in one for \$500. Mrs. M. E. Chalk, two cases; judgment for \$1000 in each. T. J. Tull, one case; judgment for \$500, thus covering the liability on the bond.

Improved Cotton in McLennan.

Waco: Dr. K. W. Smith, who has a plantation two miles south of the city, exhibited stalks of improved cotton which were marvels of heavy production. A small limb about eight inches long had eleven bolls of cotton on it, and open save two or three, and the limb was a solid mass of cotton its whole length, on all sides, too. Dr. Smith states that had not the boll weevil cut short the crop on his place he would have had several acres of this cotton.

Resume Work at a Lower Scale.

Chicago: Work was resumed Monday after a brief period of idleness in the carshops of the Pullman Company. The company will put 2000 of its former employes at work at wages lower by 10 to 20 per cent than they were receiving previously. The cut in wages to go into effect to-day will be general, extending to employes in the office force. The wage scale at the shops has ranged in the past from \$1.75 to \$7 a day.

Big Harvester Plants Resume.

Chicago: Work in the big plants of the McCormick and Plano divisions of the International Harvester Company, which have been closed since Sept. 10, was resumed Monday. The company refused to renew last year's agreement with the organized trade. Hereafter the number of working hours each week will be increased from fifty-four to fifty-seven and one-half.

Rev. Abe Mulkey is holding a revival service at Mineral Wells.

An Awful Tragedy.

Raleigh, N. C.: A special from Winston-Salem, N. C., says: A horrible tragedy occurred Monday at Kernersville when Louis F. Carmichael, a carpenter by trade, aged 64 years, killed his wife, aged 50 years, seriously wounded his 12-year-old step-daughter and then cut his own throat with a razor and shot himself with a pistol. Mr. Carmichael and his wife separated several weeks ago.

Two Tragedies in Alamo City.

San Antonio: The body of Mrs. W. E. Richards, aged 30, the wife of a banker of Fairfield, Tex., was found early Monday morning in the canal in Brackenridge Park. She escaped Friday night from Dr. Moody's sanitarium near the park by slipping the door key from her nurse while asleep. Gus Klamp, proprietor of the Coney Island Saloon, committed suicide Monday morning at 6:30 o'clock. He shot himself through the head.

Found Dead with His Throat Cut.

Houston: Monday evening the police discovered the body of a young woman near the corner of German and Buffalo streets. Her throat was cut, the jugular vein being severed and death resulting therefrom. There is a mystery, and the police is as much puzzled as the public. They are unable to state when the wound was inflicted or when the attack was made. She is understood to have relatives in San Antonio.

Japanese Respect for Superiors.

In Japan there is no such thing as disrespect for youth to age. No Japanese boy or girl could ever think in a light or disrespectful manner of his or her superiors or teachers, and this may account for the earnestness so unusual among young children. When a student enters a master's presence in Japan he bows to the floor, and when the lesson is finished he bows again, with expressions of his deepest gratitude as he takes his departure. The teacher, sitting in most cases upon his feet on the floor, gravely returns each salutation, then lights his little pipe at the inevitable bit of a smoking box, and waits for his next class. There is no hurrying of masters from room to room, as in some of the schools in our own enlightened land. Great imitators as they are, the Japanese are remarkable for knowing instinctively those "foreign" customs which would not coincide with their national characteristics.

Collecting Old Doors.

Near Pontotoc lives a banker who has a museum of old doors. They are from old houses, castles, or abbeys that have some historic interest. Quite lately he bid \$5000 in Paris for a door through which, during the French revolution, Marie Antoinette, Charlotte Corday, Danton and Robespierre passed to the guillotine. One of his doors is said to have shut off Charles II from his Roundhead pursuers, and it bears marks of a battering-ram. A collection of ancient weathercocks is also one of this gentleman's possessions.

Lesson For Women.

Jersey Shore, Pa., Sept. 26 (Special)—"Dodd's Kidney Pills have done wonders of good for me." That's what Mrs. C. B. Earnest of this place has to say of the Great American Kidney Remedy.

"I was laid up sick," Mrs. Earnest continues, "and had not been out of bed for five weeks. Then I began to use Dodd's Kidney Pills and now I am so I can work and go to town without suffering any. I would not be without Dodd's Kidney Pills. I have good reason to praise them everywhere."

Women who suffer should learn a lesson from this, and that lesson is, "cure the kidneys with Dodd's Kidney Pills and your suffering will cease." Woman's health depends almost entirely on her kidneys. Dodd's Kidney Pills have never yet failed to make healthy kidneys.

The Pope's Watch.

The story of the watch which Pope Pius carries is well worth telling. One of the cardinals was at the Vatican recently, and while talking with him, Pope Pius took his watch from his pocket to see what time it was. The cardinal noticed that the time-piece was a cheap nickel affair, with an old shoestring attached to it in place of a chain. The cardinal drew his own costly chronometer from his pocket and asked the pope to take it as a gift, and give him the nickel one. Then the pope's face lit up with one of those smiles which, if one has been fortunate enough to see, can never be forgotten, and said that the old watch was quite good enough for him. He added that it was given to him when a lad by his mother, who saved up her hard-earned coppers until she could buy it, but there was no money left for a chain. One of his sisters gave him the shoestring for that, and he was so pleased with his gift that he promised his mother he would carry it as long as it kept time. The pope has never had another watch, and says "that he never will."

Many Good—One Best.

"So many Oils and Liniments are advertised it is hard to decide which to buy. I tried a number before using Hunt's Lightning Oil. After using it once, however, I realized I had found the best there was, and it was useless to look further. If it fails its 'all off.' No other liniment will hit the spot if Hunt's Lightning Oil fails."

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Japs Nearly to Mukden. Three Sides Are Covered.

Three Armies Making Concerted Advance.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23, 3:20 a. m.—The Japanese advance toward Mukden continues, according to information received by the authorities here. Both official reports and press dispatches place Marquis Oyama's advance guard thirty miles south of Mukden, while stories printed in the foreign press that a great battle at Mukden has already begun are disposed of by the actual developments at the scene of operations.

There is no question in the minds of the Russian authorities of the importance of Mukden that the Japanese will exert every effort to push out the Russians, but it is thought a serious struggle for the possession of the town is still some days distant. The Japanese probably will have to reckon first with a stubborn defense of the Fushun mines, where the next important fight is expected to take place.

Judging by present developments Marquis Oyama is giving up the idea of cutting Gen. Kuropatkin's communication to the northward, and contenting himself with advancing upon the Russian front and flank in such fashion as to force the evacuation of the two positions and compel the Russians to retreat further north. The whole plan of the Japanese advance shows a considerable difference from the operations at Liao Yang. At the same time it is possible that the Japanese are again making an undisclosed movement as they have successfully done in the past.

According to the best information Oyama has three armies concentrated south and southeast of Mukden, a fourth corps, consisting of two divisions, being detached to Finatung, and thence sending out flanking columns northward and northeastward with the object of protecting Oyama's right and at the same time driving in the Russian outposts. An enveloping movement on such a large scale as Gen. Kuroki essayed at Liao Yang is not expected. Evidently the Japanese realize that their strength is inadequate to justify another attempt to surround Gen. Kuropatkin, who is now stronger by two army corps than he was at Liao Yang.

The report has gained some credence here that it is the intention of the Japanese to winter at Mukden if they can take the town and then hold on until an accumulation of Russian forces on their front compels them to retire to the Liao Tung Peninsula and Korea, the retreat in this direction drawing Gen. Kuropatkin after them. Orders have been issued to prepare seven rifle brigades for service in the Far East.

Victim To the Gin.

Paris: Charley Gavin, manager of a gin two miles from Prattville, Delta County, had an arm caught in the gin and mangled up to the elbow Wednesday evening while trying to clean the saws without stopping the machinery. It became necessary to amputate the arm above the elbow. His home is at Manchester, Red River County.

Alanson Warner, aged 71, of Everson, Wash., and Mrs. Luca McFarland, aged 59, of Parkland, Ok., were married a few days since at Chandler. They were sweethearts in early life but both had been married.

Samples of Our Importations.

Grand Rapids, Mich.: In the Justice Court John Tisor and Peter Smiriles admitted being parties to the virtual sale of Tisor's two stepsons to Smiriles, proprietor of several shoe-shining parlors. All the parties are Greeks. Smiriles testified that he paid \$380 for the two lads, who are still in his custody. Smiriles is suing Tisor for \$40 which he claims he loaned him at the same time he paid the \$380 for the boys.

New Road to the Gulf.

Austin: The Attorney General has approved and the Secretary of State filed the charter of the Gulf, Texas and Northern Railroad Company, with principal office at Marshall, Tex. Capital stock \$500,000. Purpose, to construct a standard gauge railroad from a point on the Gulf of Mexico near Sabine Pass to Oklahoma City, Ok., with a total estimated mileage in Texas of 250 miles.

Boy Fatally Shoots Himself.

Texarkana: While out hunting squirrels five miles north of town Thursday afternoon, Herman, the 13-year-old son of R. L. Griffin, accidentally shot himself in the abdomen with a 20-caliber rifle. He rode home not thinking he was much hurt, but after the wound was dressed by a physician he suddenly grew worse, and died at midnight. The boy was a leader of a local juvenile military company, known as the Woodmen Guards.

Great Baptist Meeting.

Dallas: The fourth annual session of the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas will be called to order at the Fair grounds' auditorium in this city at 10 o'clock, Nov. 1. The officers of the association are as follows: Dr. W. H. Parks, of Morgan, president; Rev. H. Y. Lively, of Dallas, and Rev. A. D. Brooks, of Ellis County, vice presidents. The corresponding secretary is Rev. J. M. Newburn, of Jacksonville.

This same body met in Dallas last year, and it is complimentary to the hospitality of the city that they should meet here again. The association had an enrollment last year of 474 churches, and this is expected to be largely increased this year. Besides the messengers it is believed that there will be between 1500 and 2000 visitors in the city during the time the body is in session.

Practical Joker Will Die.

Estacado: Dr. J. W. Carter of Emma, Texas, was shot by C. L. Lockwood, a druggist, at Estacado. Mr. Lockwood sleeps in his drug store, and at 1 a. m. Dr. Carter went to the window of Lockwood's drug store, with the shell of a watermelon on his head, with a lamp inside, and on Lockwood awakening and seeing the apparition at the window he immediately shot with a 45-caliber pistol. The doctors in attendance hold out no hope for his recovery.

Counting Chickens Still Unhatched.

Shanghai: It continues to be reported here that the Manchurians at Pekin are anxious to secure the assistance of foreign Powers to compel Japan to restore Manchuria to China without conditions, and that they are still urging that a special mission be sent to European courts with this object in view. It is added that if these representations are not successful a renewal of the anti-foreign agitation is not impossible.

Charles F. Martin Dead.

Fort Worth: The announcement was received here Thursday of the death near Greeley, Colo., of Charles F. Martin of Denver, secretary of the National Live Stock Association. The news was received with sincere regret by a host of friends of deceased in this city, where Mr. Martin and his wife visited many times. The death of Mr. Martin is looked upon by cattlemen as a great loss to the National Association.

Elkins Not Active in Politics.

Cumberland, Md.: It is positively known that Senator Stephen E. Elkins will take no part in Republican campaign, his appearance at Parkersburg, when he presided over the Republican State convention, being his first and last. Senator Elkins is not criticized by the Republican leaders for his action, although the Democrats are extracting much comfort out of it as far as West Virginia is concerned.

Three cases of smallpox are reported near Pike, in the northeastern part of Collin County.

There are several cases of diphtheria in Paris, but none of them have yet proven fatal.

Monday was generally observed by Jewish merchants as Yom Kippur, or day of atonement.

A new ordinance recently passed by the Waco city council has cleared the streets of popcorn and peanut stands.

Miss Ola Liecht was killed by lightning near Meridian Wednesday. She formerly lived in Hill County. She was 16 years old.

A two-year-old son of R. O. Nobles, at Deport, was run over by a heavily loaded wagon and received injuries that are believed to be fatal.

Wyoming Valley was visited by heavy frost Wednesday night. At Harvey's Lake Thursday the temperature was twenty-eight degrees.

Vitrified brick for the paving of Austin Avenue, Waco, are arriving and work will commence shortly. Five blocks will be paved, from Third to Eighth Streets.

S. S. Clark, a prominent pioneer of Denison, died Monday night at the age of seventy-seven. He was one of the first business men to locate there when the town was incorporated.

Bob Credille, a negro preacher, fell dead in a pulpit near Leasburg, Cass County, a few days ago while delivering a sermon. Heart trouble is assigned as the cause of his death.

A gang of white men and negroes engaged in a crap game below Cairo, Ill., and a white man lost at the game. Summoning his friends, they attempted to overpower the negroes and take the money away from them. Before the melee ended three whites and three negroes were killed.

NINE DIE HORRIFYING DEATHS.

Innocent Little School Girls Precipitated into Privy Vault.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 24.—School closed yesterday at Pleasant Ridge, seven miles north of Cincinnati, with the first quarter of the session, when nine, possibly ten, school girls were suffocated in a vault during the forenoon recess and over a score of others narrowly escaped the same horrible death.

The large building is used for a high school as well as for all lower departments. All of the victims were from primary grades.

On opposite sides of the spacious ground in the rear of the school are outhouses. When recess was given about thirty of the smaller girls were on the side assigned to them, when suddenly the floor gave way, precipitating them into a vault of filth. This vault is twelve feet deep and walled up with stone like a well. There are four feet of water or filth that would have been over the heads of the girls falling in it singly, but those falling foremost filled up the vault partially so that others were not entirely submerged. The girls fell eight feet from the flooring before striking the filth, and the struggles of those who were on top kept at least nine underneath until they were dead.

Those able to climb out on the ladders themselves were rescued by Principal Zimmerman, who finally fainted. Then others went into the vault and kept bringing dead bodies from the filth until the vault was cleared. The firemen drained the vault so as to be sure the rescue was complete.

Those engaged in the rescue work recite the most ghastly experiences.

Even those rescued alive presented such an appearance as to make many in the crowd of spectators faint, but the sight within the vault beggared all description.

A Wagon Load of Dynamite.

Cumberland, Md.: Fast freight No. 94 on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad struck a wagon loaded with 750 pounds of dynamite four miles east of here Friday afternoon. Two persons killed and nine were injured, three of them seriously. The Baltimore and Ohio tower was wrecked, as were several residences near by. James Lains, who drove the wagon, escaped with only trivial injury, as did the two horses, although the latter were blown fifty yards into a field.

According to witnesses, Laing, hearing the train, became terrified and stopped on the track. The engine was overturned and stripped and seven cars following, loaded with high grade merchandise, were broken, several being demolished. The tracks were thrown out of bed, while rails were snapped like pipestems. The wires were torn down and relief was telegraphed for after going to Patterson Creek on a hand car.

Engineer Pike was held under scraps on top of the boiler while being slowly cooked to death. It required four men to extricate him. The explosion knocked every person in the neighborhood down, hurled Hunter Bowen through a roof but did not hurt him, and threw parts of the engine 200 yards.

During a storm at Clarksville Wednesday night, lightning struck the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The church took fire and was totally destroyed. Loss \$6,000; insurance \$3,500.

A new ordinance recently passed by the Waco city council has cleared the streets of popcorn and peanut stands.

Dallas Boy Hurt in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo.: Jedde Crowe of Dallas, Texas, who was struck by a street car Thursday afternoon, is slightly improved, and the physicians at St. John's Hospital, where the young man is being treated, stated this evening that his recovery was only a question of time. Crowe was knocked down by the car, receiving serious injuries about the head and shoulders and was unconscious when assistance reached him.

Terrific Storm in Red River County.

Annona: This place was visited by a heavy electric storm Wednesday night, followed by a shower of rain. A hog belonging to A. J. Davis was killed by lightning and two others in the same bed were injured so badly that it is thought they will die. Two cows belonging to Pearl Harvey of Mens were also killed and several trees torn up by the same agent. One of the trees was set on fire.

Four Men Killed by Boiler Explosion.

Raleigh, N. C.:—The boiler in the engine department of the mammoth cotton mill, Erwin No. 2, at Dukes, on the Cape Fear and Northern Railroad, about twenty-five miles from Raleigh, exploded with terrific violence early Friday, partially wrecking the engine room, instantly killing three white men, one of whom was the superintendent of the mill, and one negro. Another negro was scalded so badly that he will die.

A DISASTROUS BLAZE.

Temple Visited by Fierce Fire of Unknown Origin.

Temple, Tex., Sept. 24.—At 2 o'clock yesterday morning fire was discovered in the work room of the two-story building occupied by Tirado & Goodwin, saddle and harness makers and dealers, on Main street, near Avenue A. Despite the efforts of the firemen the flames communicated to the Eagle block, owned by the Lasker Real Estate Association of Galveston, and adjoining the Tirado & Goodwin store on the north. Efficient work confined the flames to these buildings, but not until a loss of over \$20,000 had been incurred.

The Tirado & Goodwin building was owned by H. F. Martin of Austin.

The following is a list of the insurance carried by the various firms and the estimated losses sustained by each:

City National Bank, insurance \$1500, damage by water \$400; George Houghton, paints, wall paper, etc., insurance \$1500, damage by water \$500; J. D. Bright, barber shop, insurance \$300, damage \$150; Robert Smith, pianos and musical instruments, insurance \$1500, water damage \$1000; B. Saffer, dry goods and clothing, insurance \$1000, damage \$500, mostly by water; Cox & Hair, attorneys, insurance \$1500, water and smoke damage \$200; J. W. Kye & Sons, furniture, insurance \$1000, loss (total) \$3000; Tirado & Goodwin, insurance \$6200, loss and damage \$5000; F. M. Hieronymus, job printer, insurance \$1500, loss (total) \$2000; Lasker Real Estate Association, insurance on building \$8370, damage \$6000; Sans Souci Club, no insurance, damage \$50; H. F. Martin, insurance on building \$4000, damage \$200; Temple Book Concern, fully insured, damage to building \$500.

Apart from the knowledge that the fire was discovered in the store occupied by Tirado & Goodwin, there is no clue as to its origin. It was the most disastrous fire that has occurred in Temple in four or five years. The total estimated loss and damage foots up \$21,600.

FATE SEEMS SEALED.

Final Attack on Port Arthur is Now Being Waged.

Paris, Sept. 24.—The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs as follows:

"Telegrams of which the general staff have as yet no knowledge reached the Emperor at 4 o'clock this morning. I can affirm that they concern Port Arthur, regarding which place the greatest anxiety prevails at court.

"The Japanese are now engaged in a general assault, which is more furious than its predecessors, attacking the town on three sides simultaneously and employing their whole forces, being determined to finish the business. Russian mines blew up whole battalions of Japanese.

"The whole of Admiral Togo's and Vice Admiral Kamimura's squadrons are aiding the struggle, which, it is feared here, will be final.

"The besieged forces are fighting as if in a furnace. A perfect storm of shells is falling on the town, port and fortress from the whole hill and roadstead. Gen. Stossel is going from fort to fort encouraging the defenders in their desperate efforts.

"In St. Petersburg the facts concerning the tragic event, which perhaps will terminate by a glorious fall of Port Arthur, are wholly unknown. At court hope has not yet been entirely abandoned."

Engineer Killed and Three Hurt.

Clinton, Mo.: A passenger train northbound on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road, known as the "Fly-station by a misplaced switch. The engineer was killed after having reversed his engine, and three others were injured. Among them is T. L. er," was wrecked yesterday at Lewis Junction of Seguin, Texas, whose shoulder and arm were hurt. The switch light had been removed.

Delmar, Del.: A northbound passenger train on the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk railway ran into freight at Bloxom, Va., demolishing both engines, killing Engineer Brown and Fireman Donoway of the passenger train, and severely injuring Engineer Clark of the freight train. The fireman of the freight escaped by jumping. The accident is said to be due to the carelessness of an inexperienced brakeman who threw the wrong switch.

Gala Time for Guthrie.

Guthrie, Ok.: Stores and various buildings in the business portion of the city are gayly decorated for the Business Men's Carnival, which will be held here all this week. Arrangements on a large scale have been made, and it is expected to be the greatest carnival of the year in Oklahoma. An Indian war dance is one of the big features for the last three days. Special rates by all railroads entering the city.

FIVE ARE KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

An Oil Tank at Port Arthur, Texas, Struck by Lightning.

Port Arthur, Tex., Sept. 22.—Between 7 and 8 o'clock yesterday morning during a severe electrical storm one of the big 50,000-barrel steel storage tanks at the Texas Company's refinery, just outside the city limits to the West, was struck by lightning and exploded, almost instantly killing five men, seriously, perhaps fatally, injuring another.

The shock from the bolt was felt all over the city, and a moment later smoke was seen arising from the nearby refinery. Those who happened to be looking in that direction say the top of the tank was thrown high in the air.

At the time the lightning struck six men were on the tank putting on a roof of paper and shells. Four of the men came down with the roof, falling inside the burning tank. The other two fell outside the tank to the ground. One of the latter has since died. It is scarcely to be hoped the bodies of the men who fell into the tank can be recovered, although every effort is being made to do so by the management of the refinery.

The tank contained about eleven feet of oil when it was struck, which immediately ignited. Water was pumped into the tank as soon as possible, with the hope of saving the bodies from consumption by fire.

The ill-fated men are: F. N. Lawrence, Willia Gloff, R. Cooper, Port Arthur; J. F. McDonald, Beaumont; G. W. Salles, Dubuque, Iowa. All married except Salles.

Lawrence is survived by a wife and two sons and one daughter. He was 40 years old; Gloff by two daughters and one son, originally lived at Clifton, Texas; McDonald by a wife and two children, aged 32; Salles aged 42, single; Cooper, aged 50, a wife and three children; Wukasch, married about a year and a half aged 25, right hip broken, both hands burned, head bruised and cut.

The body of Cooper when taken from under the roof and examined it found that nearly every bone of any size in the body was broken. The bodies in the tank are not yet recovered.

The estimated damage is about \$25,000.

Inquiry at the office of the Texas Company last night brought out the information that the fire in the oil tank was out at 4 o'clock, and that the work of cooling it had begun so that the bodies, if there were any, could be taken out to-day.

It is thought that Wukasch, who was only injured may recover.

Buried Alive Under Sand.

Belton: Tuesday, on the Wedemeyer farm, south of Belton, Henry Merritt was killed by being caught by the caving in of a sand bank and his brother, Dr. John Merritt, made a narrow escape. The men were loading a wagon with sand from the pit when, without any warning whatever, the sand caved in, completely burying Henry Merritt, who was in a stooping posture.

Will Try Cotton in Africa.

Waco: Peter Ellis, a negro man, left here Wednesday for New York, saying he was en route to East Africa and would sail from New York in company with other men of his race who had grown up in the Cotton States and hope to better their fortunes in the land of their forefathers, by engaging in cotton planting and giving instructions to native Africans in cotton culture.

Houston Street Car Strike Off.

Houston: The Houston Labor Council met Tuesday night and passed resolutions requesting the Street Car Men's Union at its next meeting, which will be on Thursday night to officially declare the strike off. The matter had previously been referred to the various local unions composing the Labor Council, and the action taken by that body last night was in accordance with the sentiments expressed in the local unions.

Tarrant Farmers Sell Cotton in Bulk.

Arlington: The Tarrant County Farmers' Union met here Wednesday and held a closed session and appointed committees to negotiate the sale of 400 bales of cotton hauled here from all over the county. At noon they announced that they would receive sealed bids for the 400 bales, and M. L. Dickerson of Neil P. Anderson & Co., bought the cotton, being the highest bidder, paying 10.40c for it.

Bought a Block of Mexican Timber.

El Paso: Charles F. Hunt and A. B. Fall have just returned from Mexico, where they closed a deal for the purchase of three million acres of timber lands for a New York syndicate for the price of \$1,000,000. The lands comprise what is known as the Garcia tract and are situated in the Sierra Madre Mountains in Western Chihuahua. The new owners are lumber men and will develop the property.

CAR STRUCK DYNAMITE.

Six Blown into Eternity and Many Hurt.

Melrose, Mass., Sept. 22.—An out-of-control Boston electric car was blown to pieces last night in this town. Nine persons were killed outright, several were fatally injured and at least fifteen severely hurt.

It is thought that the car struck a charge of dynamite left on the track. The front dashboard of the car was hurled more than fifty feet. The immediate vicinity presented a terrible scene. The ground was strewn with legs, arms and other portions of human bodies.

Such was the force of the explosion that two men went through a door fifty feet away, while every window within a radius of a quarter of a mile was broken.

The car contained mostly workmen, on their way to their homes.

At 9 o'clock last night five of the dead had been identified, while in the confusion it was impossible at the time to get a list of the injured. At the scene of the accident the sight was appalling. The ground was covered with torn and mangled bodies of the dead and writhing forms of the injured.

The police announce that the cause of the wreck was the striking of a fifty-pound box of dynamite, which had fallen from an express wagon just ahead of the car. The express wagon was driven by Roy Fenton, who discovered that the box had dropped off, and rushed back to take it off the track, but before he got within a hundred yards of the box the car came along and was blown up.

New York Democrats Name Ticket.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 22.—Yesterday afternoon the State convention adjourned without day, after having nominated the following ticket: For Governor, D. Cady Herrick of Albany; for Lieutenant Governor, Francis Burton Harrison, of New York; for Controller, George Hall of St. Lawrence; for State Treasurer, William Muench, of Onondaga; for Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Edgar M. Cullen, of Kings County (Democrat); for Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, William E. Werner, of Monroe County (Republican), now of that bench by designation of Gov. Odell and the Republican nominee.

Strange Cattle Disease.

Guthrie, Ok.: R. H. Hahn, Territorial cattle inspector, reports a strange disease in Kay County, on the Schussler farm, from which four head of cattle have died and three more have been very sick. The disease in some respects resembles anthrax, although anthrax has never been found in this Territory. The cattle die in convulsions. Between the carcass and the hide is a yellow substance and on the left side and flanks are swellings of great size.

Green's Ants Doing Well.

Terrell: Dr. Cook, who established a colony of Guatemalan ants on the Green demonstration farm several months ago, is in the city inspecting the ants. He states that the ants are doing well, increasing in number and working well as he expected. He says the climate of the United States appears to be favorable for the propagation of the ants, and he expects to see this ant a great factor in the destruction of the boll weevil.

The Trinity and Brazos Valley Railroad is putting in another station between Hillsboro and Malone. The new station is to be known as Bynum.

Lamar Peanut Industry.

Paris: Paul E. Williams, representing a large Virginia concern engaged in the peanut industry, has entered into a contract to establish a plant here to clean, shell and handle peanuts for candy, salted peanuts, peanut oil and peanut butter. A four-story building will be erected in which the plant will be installed at the beginning of next year. The truck growers have agreed to plant as much as 400 acres.

Another Champion Cotton Picker.

Hillsboro: Joe Martin of Irene is a champion cotton picker. He picked 727 pounds Tuesday and quit two hours before sundown. He tried to pick 900 pounds, but his hands got cramping and his father made him quit. Joe Walters of the same community averaged 530 pounds every day last week.

It is said that Ellis County never in its history had so much cotton open all at once as now.

Negroes Fight to the Death.

Waco, Texas: Tom Lee, yardman, and John Moten, second cook at a hotel, fought Tuesday on a trivial quarrel, the former using a carving knife and the latter a metal egg beater. Lee was severely bruised on the head and Moten was stabbed in several parts of his body, dying in a few minutes. Both are negroes. Tom Lee is the champion chicken picker in Texas, having won first prize in a noted contest.

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HASKELL, TEXAS, October 1, 1904.

"Official extravagance is official crime." Judge Parker.

The Texas Railway commission is conducting an investigation of express companies with a view to regulating their charges.

Judge Parker says: "A free people cannot withhold freedom from another people and themselves remain free." He promises independence to the Filipinos.

"The toleration of tyranny over others will soon breed contempt for freedom and self-government and weaken our power of resistance to insidious usurpation of our constitutional rights."—Judge Parker's letter.

It is announced that the Texas Pasteur institution will be in readiness today to begin administering the Pasteur treatment for hydrophobia whenever there is a call for its service. The institute is in connection with the State insane asylum at Austin, and is in charge of Dr. B. M. Worsham, superintendent. Heretofore the nearest point at which the Pasteur treatment could be had in case of a bite by a mad dog or other animal affected with rabies was St. Louis.

Commenting on the Monroe doctrine and the recent policy of this government in intermeddling in foreign affairs, Judge Parker says of the democratic policy:

"It means that we repudiate the role of the American continental policeman; that we refuse to act as debt collector for foreign states or their citizens; that we respect the independent sovereignty of each American state and its right to preserve order and otherwise regulate its own internal affairs in its own way; and that any intervention in its affairs by us is limited to the single office of enabling its people to work out their own political and national destiny for themselves, free from the coercion of any European state."

Here is one paragraph from Judge Parker's letter touching the trusts and their mother, the protective tariff:

"It levies duties on many articles not normally imported in any considerable amount, which are made extensively at home, for which the most extreme protectionist would hardly justify protective taxes, and which in large amounts are exported. Such duties have been and will continue to be a direct incentive to the formation of huge industrial combinations, which, secure from foreign competition, are enabled to stifle domestic competition and practically to monopolize the home market."

"Even now the argument most frequently urged in behalf of the Dingley tariff and against tariff reform generally, is the necessity of caring for our infant industries. Many of these industries, after a hundred years of luscious growth, are looming up as industrial giants. In their case, at least, the Dingley tariff invites combination and monopoly and gives justification to the expression that the tariff is the mother or trusts."

He says the conditions brought about by "protection" must be alleviated.

COTTON GROWERS MEETING.

Adopts Waco Plan of Organizing to Handle Cotton.

St. Louis, Sept. 27.—The Southern Cotton Growers' association held the concluding session of its convention today. With a view to maintaining a suitable market for the cotton crop of the South the association adopted plan of organizing a corporation, to be composed of the cotton growers, the business men and the bankers of the cotton growing states, which corporation should build warehouses wherever feasible, for the purpose of storing the product and preventing a glutting of the market. The plan adopted is what is known as the Waco plan.

The association also adopted a resolution urging cotton growers to withhold from the market all cotton of the middling grade unless 10 cents a pound can be secured for it. Also, that the cotton crop be marketed as slowly as possible during the months of October and November.

The officers elected by the association follow: President, Harvy Jordan of Monticello, Ga., vice president, Eugene P. Williams, Waco, Texas; secretary-treasurer, John R. Allison, Concord, N. C.

An executive committee composed of one member from each cotton-growing state was appointed. The next meeting will be held at the call of the executive committee.

JUDGE PARKER TO THE PEOPLE.

In his letter of acceptance President Roosevelt declared, "We intend in the future to carry on the government the same way we have carried it on in the past." It is interesting after reading this defiant boast of the distinguished accident now occupying the position of chief executive of the nation, to turn to Judge Parker's letter and ascertain what the statement means. Judge Parker says, and the record shows it, that "The government expenditures last year mounted up to \$882,000,000, which is not equaled by any year since the Civil War, with the exception of the year of the Spanish war!" And he says this is largely due to official and unnecessary extravagance and that there is not a line in the republican platform recommending a reduction of the expenditures of the government, but the democrats do demand and promise it.

Reading on in Judge Parker's letter we find that in the recent past the constitution has been ignored and violated, that the executive has usurped the power to legislate by executive order. That the executive has usurped power until the president's power almost equals that of many monarchs. That this leads to centralized government and imperialism at home as well as over our "colonies" abroad. He shows that under the policy of the past great monopolies and trust combinations have been fostered and built up at the expenses of the people and that the tariff which has made possible this state of affairs must be reformed and the trusts brought under control of the law in the interest of the people.

These are samples from his message to the people, and he lays down the proposition in all seriousness that this should be a government of peace, emanating from the people, shaped by the constitution and the principles which made it great before ambitious men began to run riot with it.

He closes with the following: "I have put aside a congenial work, to which I had expected to devote my life, in order to assume, as best I can, the responsibilities your convention put upon me."

"I solicit the cordial co-operation and generous assistance of every man who believes that a change of measures and of men at this time would be wise, and urge harmony of endeavor as well as vigorous action on the part of all so minded."

"The issues are joined and the people must render the verdict. Shall economy of administration be demanded or shall extravagance be encouraged?"

"Shall the wrongdoer be brought to bay by the people, or must justice wait upon political oligarchy?"

"Shall our government stand for equal opportunity or for special privilege?"

"Shall it remain a government of law or become one of individual caprice?"

"Shall we cling to the rule of the people, or shall we embrace beneficent despotism?"

"With calmness and confidence we await the people's verdict."

"If called to the office of president, I shall consider myself the chief magistrate of all the people and not of any faction, and shall ever be mindful of the fact that on many questions of national policy there are honest differences of opinion. I believe in the patriotism, good sense and absolute sincerity of all the people. I shall strive to remember that he may serve his party best who serves his country best."

"If it be the wish of the people that I undertake the duties of the presidency, I pledge myself, with God's help, to devote all my power and energy to the duties of this exalted office."

THE HARPOLD METHOD.

Cleburne, Tex., September 19.—Clay Harpold of this city brought in two stalks of cotton today, one showing cotton cultivated under his method and the other showing cotton cultivated by another method. The cotton cultivated by the Harpold method showed a stalk containing seventy well developed and young bolls of cotton, while the other stalk of cotton contained only eight bolls all together. The cotton was selected from ordinary rows and without respect to the general conditions. Mr. Harpold is expecting the Government experts here in a few days to investigate the situation. It is likely that a Government experimental station will be located near here with Mr. Harpold in charge.

The above item is calculated to excite curiosity and interest. Will the Cleburne correspondent go further and tell us what the "Harpold method" is?"

"Even excluding the sum of \$50,000,000 paid for the Panama canal rights and to the state of Panama, the expenditures of the last fiscal year exceeded the sum of \$332,000,000, being more than double the expenditures of the government for all purposes during the first year of Mr. Cleveland's administration."—Judge Parker's Letter.

You will be both pleased and surprised when you look through Mrs. Hunt's new stock and hear her prices.

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Fresh cabbage, white Greely potatoes and onions—prices cut to the bottom. T. G. Carney.

Don't overlook our ladies' ready made tailor suits, Alexander Mercantile Co.

What is Life?

In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse that law even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangements of the organs, resulting in Constipation, Headache or Liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly re-adjusts this. It's gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c at all Druggists.

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Which are just the things for the cotton picking season and heavy work generally.

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I have to say that I intend to keep one of the best and freshest stocks that will be found in Haskell. In the matter of prices

LOOK OUT FOR TROUBLE

For I will GUARANTEE ANY PRICES you can get ANY PLACE—including Stamford. In other words, will say that I intend to

CUT AND SLASH PRICES ALL TO PIECES!

So do not go to Stamford and say you bought there because they were cheaper than Haskell until you get MY PRICES. I run my own teams, haul my own goods, have no city taxes, rents, or anything of this kind to pay. SEE!

LOOK OUT FOR TROUBLE! Yours for business.

T. G. CARNEY.



My Preliminary Address.

S. L. Robertson comes again to the readers of the Free Press and presents for their inspection and consideration the largest and best selected stock of General Merchandise ever brought to Haskell county. It is complete in all lines of staple dry goods, ladies' dress goods of the latest patterns and weaves, linings, trimmings, embroideries, laces, notions, novelties in ladies' furnishings, shirt waists, gloves, hosiery, corsets, etc., etc., to the end of the chapter.

My stock of men's clothing, underwear and furnishings is mammoth, and contains all of the latest styles and novelties for gentlemen's wear.

Star Brand Shoes are still in the lead, "The Best," and my stock of them for men, women and children is larger than ever before, comprising all grades for fine and heavy wear.

In the important matter of prices, will say they were never lower, even when cotton was down to 6 cents and wool 8 cents.

My groceries department will be kept up to a high standard and constantly replenished with the best and freshest eatables to be had in the markets, and my prices will always be as low or lower than anywhere else.

We make it a rule to be fair and honorable in all our dealings, and invite your patronage on that guarantee. Yours truly,

S. L. ROBERTSON.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

The ladies' aid society of the Christian church will entertain the aid societies of the several churches on the first Thursday in Oct., from 3 to 6 p. m., at the residence of Mrs. C. D. Grissom. A suitable program will be prepared for the occasion.

Mr. J. B. Riddling of the northeast part of the county was in town one day this week and said the cotton in his section was promising a third of a bale per acre.

BARBED WIRE—Do you need it? So I can save you nice money on it. Will cut the price way below what you have been paying for it. T. G. Carney.

Candies, nuts, fresh fruits and cigars at K. Jones' place. He keeps his stock fresh and of the best quality.

Superior Disc Grain Drills. We have on hand several of these excellent implements, in two sizes—eight and ten discs, which we will sell at very close prices. McCollum & Cason.

S. L. Robertson's store is headquarters for men's and boys' clothing and underwear.

The Sorosis petticoat, made with a yolk, fits any form, acknowledged to be the best, Alexander Mercantile Co's.

When troubled with constipation try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and produce no griping or other unpleasant effect. For sale by C. E. Terrell.

Mrs. Mary Jones has had a new house built on her place one and a half miles east of town and has returned from Denton county to again make her home in the west, where she has many friends glad to welcome her back to Haskell.

All the popular cold drinks on tap at K. Jones' place.

Geo. P. Ide shirts; 75 cts to \$2.00 at Alexander Mercantile Co's store.

Tooth brushes, hair brushes and combs in great variety at the Racket Store.

A new and fine line of suspenders at the Racket Store.

Lots of blankets, quilts and lap-robe at S. L. Robertson's.

W. H. Parsons has some nice country land, milo maize, sorghum and milch cows for sale.

Mr. J. V. Smith and family and Mrs. J. Carlisle, mother of Mr. W. A. Carlisle of this place, visited the family of the latter Sunday and Monday, and left for their home in Dickens county Tuesday.

For comfort and style get a long hip, straight front C. B. Corset, or a satin tape girdle at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Ice cream all the time at K. Jones' place.

Say kids! Did you see that candy, popcorn, apples assortment at Carney's. It's fine.

Foster and Jones say the land business is picking up a little lately. They report following sales during the past ten days: To J. C. Crofford, 160 acres at \$1120; to C. P. Chandler, 98 acres at \$784; to G. W. Cooper, 320 acres at \$1700; to W. L. Barnett, 100 acres at \$1000; to J. T. Griffin, 100 acres at \$1000.

Latest style ladies' tailor made suits at \$10, but worth \$18 at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Pepsin Punch, the ideal health beverage—get it at K. Jones' place.

See our big line of shoes. T. G. Carney.

Prospects for the Street fair are brightening—people are beginning to talk about getting their exhibits together.

You will find the Buster Brown collars at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Mrs. W. E. Sherrill entertained a "42" party Tuesday night.

Hosiery direct from the mills—not old dye rotted stock, at Alex. Mer. Co.

Mr. H. S. Post sold the other day to Mr. N. C. Smith 40 acres one mile east of the court house at \$22.50 per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Wright left Thursday morning on a visit in Coryell county.

Miss Una Foster left Monday for Boston, Mass., where she will resume her art studies.

Miss Ida Maxwell went to Cisco Sunday to spend a week with friends.

Our job department has been quite busy this week. Among other things it turned out gin receipts for Tye & Worby at Marcy and weigher's receipts for W. W. Edge, public weigher at that place, also a lot of cotton account and invoice blanks for McCann & Caver at Cliff.

Rev. J. H. Morgan and wife of Cooper arrived here several days ago to attend their daughter, Mrs. G. T. McCulloch, who is quite sick.

DENTISTRY.

Dr. St. John, the dentist, is here again and will remain during next week. Persons needing dental work of any kind should see him promptly early in the week. He will be found at Dr. Neathery's office.

The Stonewall Baptist Association.

This body met with the Prairieview church in Jones county on Saturday, September 24th. The churches of the association were well represented. It was the best meeting of the kind the writer ever attended. While it was a business meeting, and many collections were taken, the spiritual feeling was great. There were conversions and much rejoicing. Many praised God and some actually shouted while contributions were being made for missions and other objects.

Three missionaries were elected for this association, instead of two, as it was last year. Brother I. N. Alvis is one and Brother C. A. Maugham, of Stamford, and Brother Walker, of Abilene, are the others.

The board is out of debt and the enlargement was justified both by the great need and the ability of the churches.

The session lasted three days. Perfect harmony and unity prevailed from beginning to end.

The next session of the association will be held with the Prairieview church at Pinkerton. L. L. Lusk.

NOTICE.

I have sold half interest in my butcher business to Mr. Booth English and it is necessary to close up all previous accounts. All parties owing me will please come forward and settle by the first of next month. This is no idle talk, it is business and must be attended to, so please don't put me to the trouble of having to hunt you up. Treat me as well as I have treated you by coming up with the pay when it is needed.

J. N. ELLIS.

SUITS TO ORDER.

Do you want a Suit of clothes, or a pair of Pants, or a Coat and Vest? If you do, call at the Racket Store and see samples, get your measure taken and we will send your order to one of the leading tailoring houses in the United States.

Quality of goods, style and workmanship are guaranteed, and we will see that the price is satisfactory.

W. H. Wyman & Co.

I am selling barbed wire right along—look out, or you will miss a bargain. T. G. Carney.

Miss Margarite Gates, who has been spending some weeks at this place with her friend and classmate, Miss Maude Carney, left Monday for her home at Gatesville.

Mr. T. J. Lawley has purchased the J. W. Wright residence at a cash consideration of \$1,000. Now what—who is she?

Mr. E. L. Adams has bought the W. E. Lindsey residence, known as the McKee place, in the north part of town, for \$550.

Mr. B. T. Lanier and son, Hunter, of the north side of the county were in town Tuesday. Mr. Lanier said that much of the cotton in his section would yield one-third of a bale per acre. He also said that a good deal of improvement was going on at Knox City, the new town just over the line in Knox county. Among other things the establishment of a newspaper is in contemplation.

We learned the other day that a once familiar figure in Haskell, Mr. H. F. or "Pap" Eddington, as he was familiarly called, is in Roswell, N. M., and in very poor health.

Prof. L. T. Cunningham's private school, which has now been in session two weeks, is progressing nicely. He has forty pupils enrolled and expects several new ones next week. The Avary building, in which he is conducting his school, is quite commodious and will accommodate about one hundred pupils, and he informs us that his teaching force will be increased as required to give good attention to all pupils who may attend.

The point is suggested to those in town or in the country: If you are contemplating giving your son or daughter the benefit of a high school course, you can do it here, as Prof. Cunningham says his work will be of high grade—equal to that of any school of ten grades. Any information about his school will be gladly given by him.

Elder C. N. Williams, pastor of the Christian church, will preach his farewell sermon to his congregation tomorrow night, and will leave Monday for Virginia, where he will take charge of a church. As a testimonial of esteem for their pastor the members of the Christian church extend an invitation to the congregations of all the other Haskell churches to attend this farewell service. The pastors of the other churches have given their assent to this arrangement.

The cheapest and best you ever saw for the price—those new shirts at the Racket Store.

THE HASKELL STREET FAIR.

The premium list for the Street Fair to be held October 28 and 29 is much better than it was last year. Most of the premiums are larger and a good many more items are included in the list, making it cover all kinds of live stock, poultry, grains and forage—in fact the entire list of farm products, vegetables, fruits, etc. It is believed also, from the interest being manifested, that the exhibits will far exceed those of last year in number if not in quality. No one who desires to see what Haskell county can produce, even in a dry year, should fail to attend this fair.

It is with the greatest pleasure that the Free Press notes the fact that the business men of Haskell, almost without exception, are doing nicely in encouraging the Street Fair. Besides their subscriptions in cash to the premium fund, a glance through the premium list will show that they are contributing some nice special premiums.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

To the Ladies of Haskell County:

Having been appointed general manager of the Ladies' Department of the Haskell Street Fair, it is my desire that this department shall be representative of the entire county, and to that end I especially invite and request that every lady in the county who does fancy work of any kind send specimens of it for exhibition, or bring them in on the opening morning of the fair.

The premium list will cover the following: Embroidery in philo silk, mousseline and Roman; laces in point, honiton and battenberg; drawn work and hemstitching; fine hand sewing, quilts silk or cotton; crocheting, knitting and tatting; oil, pastel, crayon and water color paintings; in cooking, bread, cakes, preserves, etc.

The ladies' department will be arranged in the county court room and there will be a committee to look after each division so that no one need fear that anything they put on exhibition will be lost or damaged.

The premium list for this department will be published next week.

Very respectfully,
MRS. H. R. JONES.

Premium List.

It was intended to publish the premium list of the Street Fair in this issue of the Free Press, but it was found to be impossible to complete it in all particulars in time for the printers to get it set up. It will be published next week without fail, and will be a good one. J. E. POOLE,
Fair secretary.

Want Work, Not Money.

The Cemetery association requests the Free Press to state that it has procured Mr. J. G. Miller to take charge of the work of cleaning and putting in order the cemetery grounds and that a good deal of work will be required to do it as it should be done. The association has made no call for money this year, and it now solicits contributions of work from all who are willing to work a day or more on the grounds under Mr. Miller's direction. If this plan fails a call for money will have to be made. As this is a busy season with most people it is probable that a good many would rather pay for a day's work than to take the time from their business.

Announcement for Baptists.

All members of the Baptist church are requested to attend Sunday morning service, and come prepared to contribute to State missions.

There will be baptizing at the morning service. L. L. Lusk, Pastor.

TO MEET AT PINKERTON.

The Farmers' Union of Haskell county will meet at Pinkerton on Friday, Oct. 14, at 1 o'clock and continue in session Saturday. The evening and night sessions on Friday will be secret for the transaction of such business as may come before the order.

On Saturday the meeting will be open and free to everyone and all are invited to attend. There will be speaking by men of talent and ability that will be interesting to all who are interested in the welfare of the laboring class.

Let all come and enjoy the occasion. Yours for the betterment of the producer.
F. M. BLAIR,
Secretary.

If troubled with a weak digestion try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will do you good. For sale by C. E. Terrell.

Judge H. B. Jones came home Wednesday from Sourry county, where he had just concluded a term of court. His next term will be in Kent county, beginning Monday.

Mr. Z. B. Pounds brought in eight watermelons Friday that weighed an aggregate of 450.

Good young jacks for sale or to trade for steer calves. See or write to

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In making our selections we spared neither time or pains in examining goods and seeing that we got the best in material as well as the latest in design, weave and colorings.

We invite your careful inspection, believing that we have made Every Department stronger and better than before.

Ladies Suits.

We have added a line of Ladies Ready-to-wear Suits, worth \$15 to \$18 each, on which we are making the

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They will please those wanting something neat and stylish. The supply won't last long and can't be duplicated at this price.

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We have a very full and choice stock of Ladies' Ready Made Skirts—decidedly the best line in material and finish ever brought to this place.

Our prices are such that you can afford to buy them better than you can afford to buy the material and make them.

Never in the history of our trade have we been able to show you so varied an assortment in our

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Ladies' Novelty Neck Wear.

We have an unusually beautiful line of Novelties in Ladies' Neck Wear. These stylish goods have already attracted the attention of our lady customers. It is our intention to keep this line complete throughout the season by express shipments.

Ladies' Hosiery.

Heretofore there has been complaint of the poor wearing quality of black hosiery. To correct the defect we bought our hosiery direct from the MILLS, guaranteed new and freshly dyed. You will find this stock complete in all grades.

Our Blankets and Comforts

Are from the best Mill in the United States, and we offer them without fear of competition in quality or prices.

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In this department the ladies will find a great assortment, including all the late novelties—in fact all that any one needs to decorate or complete the most stylish costume.

Our line of GLOVES and Belts will interest you.

Boots and Shoes.

No store in West Texas surpasses us in the quantity or the range of styles carried in this line for men, women and children and when we say they are the

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You know the quality is the best.

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

This department in our store is in the front of anything to be found west of Fort Worth. In it the gentlemen will find all that is needed with which to array themselves in accordance with the latest mode.

We invite your special attention this fall to our MILLINERY DEPARTMENT, which is presided over by Miss Mary Young, who is thoroughly acquainted with all the new and advanced styles, modes of trimming and color schemes for producing the most striking effects seen in the Eastern cities.

Our careful selection of materials, together with Miss Young's skill in arranging them into the desired forms, guarantees to our customers as tasteful and correct styles as could be gotten if they ordered their hats from Chicago or New York. We invite the ladies to call and get acquainted with Miss Young.

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Mother.

There in the quiet room I stood
At midnight's hour all alone,
And through my falling tears I gazed
Upon a thing of stone.

With trembling lips I kissed the face
So dear to me—but she was sleeping,
She wakened not beneath my touch
To still my weeping.

Here are the fingers that caressed
So tenderly in days ago,
My boyish brow—she is so still!
She lists not to my woe.

"Mother," I whispered in my grief,
But she was dead to my sad pleading,
She hears the not—she is so still!
Death is unending.

—Horace Seymour Keller.

Love's Last Laugh

BY HENRY W. THOMAS

It was only a question of weeks, possibly months. You will guess, if you read a little way, and the details of the matter are of small concern to the world.

Still, Tom Morleigh was far from thinking that Pansy was as good as his, although he had reached her heart as he thought a long way.

Like most of his gender in such cases, he revelled for a while in the blind belief that when the time came she would be his for the asking. The shock of disillusion came when he offered his hand.

Her prompt rejection gave him a new point of view in regard to women, but it did not hurt for a moment that the cause was lost.

"It's the old story," he told himself. "I was too sure." The incident stirred his sporting blood and made him resolve to win her by playing a stronger game.

In due season there came a second proposal, and a third came in quick order. Each met with a definite negative.

Upon the second sally Pansy bestowed a charitable smile and remarked, "Please, Jack, don't be silly."

The next time he tried it she was not so patient. "You seem determined to spoil our summer," she said, as though she were accusing him of a black conspiracy. "Really, if you persist, there is nothing for mamma and I but to go abroad at once. Have you any idea how rude you are?"

One of the tasks a man soon tires of is fruitless proposing. Romance and reality have known many noble exceptions.

Morleigh was not cut out for a seat in their hall of fame. He answered her last question too brusquely, of course, but love and hate are ever waiting upon one another.

"Have you any idea what a heartless flirt you are?" were his words. It was Pansy's cue for tears, and she took it explosively, making the while a hurried exit, or rather an entrance, through the French window.

Morleigh remained standing on the veranda a moment, and, thanks to his changing point of view, took new heart. He began to pat himself for his keen penetration.

"Those tears are all right," he said, gleefully. "I'll have 'em go." The day came and he looked in at "Elmwood," but the maid, with blighting alacrity, announced that Miss Arkwright was not in.

As she said it a man's laugh that he knew well and detested plauged his ear. It came loudly, aggressively, it seemed to him, from the dining room.

"Even that silly ape would not sit and guffaw to himself," he reasoned. "Of course she's with him."

Despite the new eyes with which he had begun to survey womankind, the outlook seemed serious, even hopeless. He climbed into his trap and drove down the avenue of elms, convinced that he was cast for the role of one who had loved and lost.

"And that boulder wins! By Jove! It isn't right at all! What in thunder



Was far from thinking Pansy was his. Does she see in him?" and more of this tenor until he drove into his own stable yard and threw the reins to his man.

A fine grove of firs at the east end of his place was bordered by a lane high hedged with holly. On the other side stretched the level pasture lands that belonged to Pansy's mother.

The lane wound its way to the sea-shore, and Jack was often seen there in the days that followed with a trio of dogs frolicking after him.

It was remarkable how often he took those dogs for exercise and a

bath since the day that the maid said Pansy was not in and he heard the ape laughing in her drawing room.

Usually he kept an eye cocked over the Arkwright hedge—one had to be pretty tall for that—in the hopes of seeing her, for it was in that field she sauntered now and then, when the cows were feeding somewhere else.

Had he looked to-day as usual he would have saved Pansy a big fright, but their engagement would not have been announced so soon.

The cowman was the primary cause. He did not see her in that field, of



"Please, Jack, don't be silly!"

course, when he opened the gate and let in the cattle; but the cows saw Pansy and straightway approached to make her acquaintance.

This happened at about the moment that Pansy heard the bark of Jack's dogs, and knew that the master was near at hand.

The gray noses and switching tails came nearer and nearer and she pressed closer to the hedge, moving along with the noisy dogs on the other side. She could see him now and again through a narrow opening in the hedge, and it was good to know that he was there.

Presently one of the bold Jerseys was walking beside her and her tail almost brushed her back. This was her cue to call for help, even upon a man who had bored her with his silly proposals.

"Jack," she cried. He started and caught a glimpse of her blue skirts between the hedge rifts.

"Jack!" came her voice again. "I am—I am at home to-day. Won't you look in—jump in—over the hedge—quick—I've something to tell you."

It was an impossible leap, but there are more things than locksmiths that love laughs at. One is a holly hedge when the man is determined and is not afraid of torn clothes and a scratched face.

The dogs managed to dash through with him, pell-mell, and had a fine chase after the Jersey, who took to her heels at this rude interruption of her friendly tete-a-tete with the maid.

Somehow their engagement was understood from that moment, and he did not have to bore her by proposing. So you were right in guessing from the way Pansy carried on at the outset—that it was only a matter of time—and golden opportunity.—Chicago American.

Sash Life Preserver.
A Frenchman, M. Challeat, has invented a new sash, which he thinks will keep everyone who wears it from drowning. The article is made of India rubber, but inside it is placed a little box containing a certain quantity of one of the compounds of calcium. When the sash comes in contact with the sea the compound calcium decomposes, and produces a quantity of gas sufficient to inflate the sash and preserve its wearer from any risk of death by drowning. Experiments have been made with this new idea, and so far they have been satisfactory.

Laughter.
When Johnny was a child they laughed at the ridiculous things he said. When he was a youth they laughed at his half-baked opinions. When he was a man they laughed at his wisdom because they couldn't grasp it. When he was old they laughed at him for a crank. There is always someone to laugh, and this is a jolly world.—Newark News

THE WEEKLY PANORAMA

TIM WOODRUFF WAS SHREWD

Clever Scheme Which Explains His Success as Presiding Officer.

"Tim" Woodruff showed his unobtrusive shrewdness when he was elected lieutenant governor of New York. He had to preside over the senate, of course, but he did not know three members of that body by sight, and the prediction was that he'd be at sea, because he couldn't recognize the senators when they addressed him. Timothy disappointed these prophets. He secured photographs of each senator and thoroughly memorized each face. As soon as the seats were drawn he had a diagram of the room prepared and the face of the occupant of each chair pasted thereon. Underneath was the senator's name in large letters. Woodruff never made a mistake and this will explain the mystery of his success to many persons who marvelled at his precision as a presiding officer.

PHIPPS DIVORCE CASE ENDED

All Parties Declare Themselves Satisfied With Settlement.

Mrs. Phipps has expressed herself as pleased with the terms of settlement made when her millionaire husband was granted a divorce from her. She declares that she will live in Pittsburg, and that the opportunity to see the children will be taken advantage of by her. All parties to the long litigation declare that the terms



Genevieve Chandler Phipps, as arranged, are entirely satisfactory. Within a few days Mr. Phipps and his attorneys will return to Pittsburg. They declare that the last move has been made in the case which has attracted the attention of the reading public throughout the entire nation.

HOBBY IS LACE COLLECTING.

Mrs. Potter Palmer Credited With Knowing Much About the Subject. Mrs. Potter Palmer is credited with knowing more about laces than any other woman in the country. Lace-collecting is one of her fads, and whenever she hears of a valuable old piece she tries to buy it. If it is not for sale she at least has a look at it and learns if possible where it was made. Whoever a bargain in lace is to be had there you will find Mrs. Palmer. She has visited lace-makers in many countries and has passed hours watching them. Her collection of laces has grown to such proportions that one room in her house is devoted exclusively to it. Trunk as piled on trunk, every one labeled with the name of the particular lace it holds. A book telling where certain kinds of laces may be found is kept carefully by her secretary.

DR. LORIMER'S FAMILY NAME.

MacNamara the Real Patronymic of the Great Preacher.

Some published obituaries of the late Rev. Dr. Lorimer err in stating that he was a half-brother of John H. Selwyn of theatrical fame. The two men were full brothers. The apparent inconsistency involved in their different names is explained by the fact that they both changed their names when they entered upon the careers in which they subsequently distinguished themselves. The family name was MacNamara, and the late Dr. Lorimer adopted his Scotch name when he entered the ministry, while his brother chose the theatrical name of Selwyn when he became a theater manager. Their half-brother was Harry Joseph, their mother having married a Josephs for her second husband.

Passing Under a Ladder.

Some people otherwise sensible will draw back rather than walk under a ladder. Even strong-minded women hesitate to show their contempt of this superstition when they hear that it prevents the single from marrying for that year and to the married it betokens death. The Dutch hold that it was a sign that you would be hanged, because of the important part which a ladder used to formerly play in the last act of the law. A Scotch tradition holds it lucky to wish when going under a ladder.

AS THE WORLD REVOLVES

STILL SEEKS THE POLE.

Peary to Make Another Attempt to Reach Extreme North.

Peary will make another dash for the pole. The first touch of frost sent his thoughts northward and he will follow them next July. Arctic cold failed to chill this explorer's optimism and if his health holds, there are those who believe that Robert E.



Peary one day will fly the flag of his country from the apex of the north pole.

Peary proved that Greenland is an island, and he attained "farthest north" on the western hemisphere. He has done things, and has not been content to rest on the doing of them.

Before the explorer gets through with his attacks on the fortress of the north it is likely to capitulate, and the pole will be one of the spoils of war.

He will attempt to reach the north pole next summer by a route different from that heretofore followed by ships in the arctic regions. From Cape Sabine he purposes to force his new vessel north to Grant land and then to make the sledge journey accompanied by Eskimos.

CHOSE A WESTERN FINANCIER.

American Bankers' Association Elected Edward F. Swinney President.

Edward F. Swinney, elected president of the American Bankers' Association, is president of the First National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., and for a long time has been a leader in the organization. Two years ago he was chairman of the executive council and last year he was first vice president. Mr. Swinney takes high rank as a financier and is in close



touch with the influential leaders in the bankers' association. He is about 55 years of age.

Wealthy Men Live Plainly.

There is little doubt that Chauncey Depew has been wined and dined oftener than any other American, but he still boasts a fair digestion, and this is how he accounts for his freedom from dyspepsia: "They serve six oysters, I take two; soup, I just touch it; fish, I don't touch it; entree, no; roast, yes; terrapin, yes; salad, yes; sweets, no; coffee, no. Champagne, a little to suit the mood." Levi P. Morton is another venerable citizen who keeps in good physical condition by never touching anything but plain food plainly cooked. He eats neither sweets, starch nor fats, and his regular drink is a glassful of Ellerslie milk.

Has Two Female Gorillas.

The London Zoological Gardens is the proud possessor of one male and two female gorillas. There is only one other female gorilla in Europe. She is at Breslau. The London specimens are named Chloe and Venus. The description of Venus, who is five years old, is as follows: Height, 2 feet 6 inches; chest measurement, 26 inches; hair, dark and patchy; eyes, black and deep set, and huge overhanging brows; mouth, expansive, with formidable teeth; expression, morose.

HUMOUR of the



A Domestic Mystery.

Teacher was explaining the meaning of the word recuperate. "Now, Willie," she said, "if your father worked hard all day he would be tired and all worn out, wouldn't he?"

"Yes'm."

"Then when night comes and his work is over for the day, what does he do?"

"That's what ma wants to know."

Brotherly Love.

"Marie, what do you want for a birthday present?"

"A piano."

"And you, Donald, what do you want?"

"I want an automobile, so as to be able to get out of the way quickly when Marie begins to play."

No Cause for Alarm.

"Such conduct," said the teacher to a rebellious pupil, "will eventually bring your father's gray hairs in sorrow to the grave."

"Don't you believe it," replied the incorrigible youngster. "The governor wears a wig. See?"

Information Wanted.

"Are you going to marry that naval captain?" asked five-year-old Margie of her grown up sister.

"Yes, dear," was the reply.

"And if he should die," continued Margie, "will you wear seaweeds and be a mermaid widow?"

Fly Fishing.



Turning the Tables.

"Just one kiss before I go, dearest," pleaded the leap-year girl.

"No," replied the young man, firmly. "Lips that touch hairpins shall never touch mine."

Never Done.

Mrs. Scraggs—That cook simply will not broil steak right. I've told her over and over again, and here it is just as raw as ever.

Mr. Scraggs—I'm not surprised. You have often said that woman's work is never done.

An Error of the Types.

"I wonder if old Hiram Skynflint's relatives will appreciate that," mused the country editor.

"They'd oughter," replied his assistant, "it certainly was a good big obituary you wrote of him."

"No, but the head, I wrote it 'Not Dead, but Gone Before,' and it's 'Be low' in the paper."

The Doctor's Scrivels.

Druggist—But I advertised for a prescription clerk. You say you've had no experience in the drug business?

Applicant—No, but I'm just the man for you. My specialty has been Egyptology, and I'm great at deciphering hieroglyphics.

Too Generous.

"Wiggins likes to hear himself talk."

"Yes," answered the sarcastic person; "it wouldn't be so bad if he didn't insist on trying to share the luxury of his conversation with some one else."

Why He Objected.

The Lady—But, my poor man, you must surely object to the company you meet in the station cells.

Gritty George—I do, mum. Dere was a couple of rich chauffeurs locked up for fast driving last night, an' deir soft talk made me sick.—Philadelphia Bulletin.



Facts in the Case.

"But wasn't you brought up to work?" asked the kind lady who had staked the tramp to a handout.

"Dat's wot I wuz, lady," replied the hob. "De las' time I wuz brought up de judge put me ter work fer ten hours afterward."

George McSwain.

drowned in a tank at J. M. Davis place near Mesquite Friday while in bathing.

The Farmers' National Bank of Hubbard, Tex., has been authorized to begin business with \$25,000 capital. H. N. Tinker, president; Harvey Peacock, cashier.

Vitrified brick for the paving of Austin Avenue, Waco, are arriving and work will commence shortly. Five blocks will be paved, from Third to Eighth Streets.

Walter Stags, a twelve-year-old boy, who is picking cotton for J. D. Collier, five miles south of Waxahatche, from Monday morning to Saturday noon of last week picked 2365 pounds.

One fireman and Lieutenant Charles Dolhoff are dead and four others are being kept alive by Oxygen for relief from nitric acid fumes which they inhaled at a small fire at Denver.

O. H. Nuckols was given a \$5,000 verdict against the city of Austin because of alleged injuries sustained by coming in contact with a defective wire and transformer of the municipal light plant.

Dr. J. W. Quinn, a retired physician, of Texarkana, aged 79 years, was run over by a buggy driven by a negro boy and seriously hurt. One of his legs was broken above the knee and one arm badly bruised.

Isaac Martin, a business man formerly in the furniture line at Waco, and well known prior to 1896, when he went to California, has just died in Los Angeles and the remains were forwarded to Waco.

An 18-year-old Mexican girl, Marcalf Lopez, shot herself through the head at El Paso, and died instantly. Her lover, Damio Chipe, who was with her at the time, was arrested and lodged in the county jail.

Arrangements are already under way for the annual banquet of the McLennan County Possum and Tater Club, and the event will probably be pulled off in November this season, which is earlier than last year.

Stilwell O'Neal, a young man, was shot in the head and face with a gun loaded with bird shot, near Chandler, by H. D. Southerland. O'Neal and Charles Hanson have been arrested for shooting into Southerland's house.

Thursday was the coldest September day on record in Philadelphia, according to the weather bureau officials. At 6 a. m. the official thermometer recorded 40 degrees above zero and two hours later it was 42.

The Deaf and Dumb Institute at Austin opened Wednesday with over 200 pupils in attendance, and by the end of the week it is expected there will be fully 500, which will be the largest number ever in attendance.

The Governor has received the resignation of A. R. Eidson of Hamilton, as a notary public. Eidson was selected as a presidential elector and under the federal constitution he was disqualified from acting as an elector.

Met by raids and opposition along other lines, it is said that the gamblers who have been in Waco are fast leaving the place, convinced that they cannot longer continue their gaming there.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has created a new division headquarters in the Southwest and Dallas has been chosen as the point from which the rapidly increasing business in this section will be directed.

The moth hasn't much use for a man who has but one suit of clothes. The Iron Rolling Mill Company of Fort Worth has let the contract for the bolt building, 60 by 200 feet. Contracts for other buildings are to be let later.

While seated in a saloon in Houston Thursday morning Patrick Welsh was assaulted by a man with a knife. His throat was cut from ear to ear. His assailant escaped. Welsh may recover.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Allcorn of Dallas are parents of three baby girls, born late Thursday night. Reports Friday night said that the trio were doing nicely. Each child has every appearance of being in good health.

Charles B. Metcalf has been engaged by the management of the Festival and Kaliph's celebration to exhibit his "Texas Mule Show" in Dallas during the celebration. The mules were shipped Thursday to Dallas.

The Dredger Bank, in conjunction with the Schaffhausen Bank Union, has, according to a Times dispatch from Berlin, taken up the new Mexican 5 per cent gold loan for the benefit of the Tehuantepec National Railway Company.

Asa Crow, a well-known farmer living at Flint, Smith County, was taken violently ill in Tyler Thursday while sitting in his wagon with his little boy, fell to the ground, and died about two hours afterward.



Miss Nellie Holmes, treasurer of the Young Woman's Temperance Association of Buffalo, N. Y., strongly advises all suffering women to rely, as she did, upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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Instead of Wedding Cake. In place of wedding cake in Holland wedding sweets are given—"bruidzuikers" they are called. They are handed round by children and are served in flower-trimmed baskets.

Effect of Canoeing.
Owing to constantly living in canoes a race of dwarfs in British New Guinea are losing the use of their legs, while their chests and arms are abnormally developed.

Many Unfit for Soldiers. About 9 per cent of young Germans are found to be unfit for military service. Of the beggar and vagabond class no less than 70 in 100 are not fit for soldiering.

It is proper to speak of the weather in polite society, if the weather is not too bad, and you speak guardedly.

THE STRAIN OF WORK.

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Slightly in Error.
Sir Henry Howorth, the well-known archaeologist and historian, was dining out and found himself sitting next to a young lady, who immediately attacked him by saying: "Oh, Sir Henry, I am so glad to have met you, for I want your advice about a dog of mine." "My dear young lady," quoth Sir Henry, "I know nothing about dogs." "Oh, yes, you do. I have been told that you have written a book on 'Mongrels' and mine isn't a really well-bred dog." Sir Henry smiled, for he is a great Asiatic authority and had written on "Mongrels," not mongrels.

Japanese Wrestlers.
Japanese wrestlers violate every law of hygiene and every rule imposed by trainers of pugilists and instructors in athletics in Europe and America. They are notorious drunkards and gluttons. They eat enormous quantities of the richest of foods; their appetites are amazing; and they drink gallons of beer, wine and sake daily. I saw in a Tokio newspaper the other day an account of a popular wrestler who had drunk a keg of beer at a single sitting. They are irregular in all their habits, yet they retain their enormous strength.

In the end we thank God more for the shadows than for the sunshine.

The more pliant a married man is the tougher he looks.

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For every one man who creates a grievance there are ten women ready to adjust it.

Sunshine in England.

Sunshine is so rare in England that the government takes great care to measure it. The official summing up for 1903 as regards sunshine shows that all districts in the British Isles, with one exception, fell short of the average. The exception was England northwest, including Manchester, that curiously had an excess of 57 sunny hours. In Scotland north, west and east, the deficit was 81 hours, 48 hours and 133 hours. England northeast and east were short by 107 hours and 139 hours, while in England south and southwest the deficit was 68 hours and 115 hours. In Ireland north and south the shortage was 81 hours and 113 hours. Commonly the islands in the English channel have a large share of sunshine, but last year they were 135 sunny hours short.

A Mexican Millionaire.

Pedro Alvarado, the Mexican millionaire miner who a few years ago was working in a mine for 85 cents a day, has ordered a train of five Pullman cars, in which he will make a tour of Mexico. He will be accompanied by a bodyguard of armed men. Alvarado has just built at Parral the finest residence in Mexico. More than a year ago he offered to pay the public debt of the republic, saying he had obtained his vast wealth from the ground and therefore he ought to donate that much of it to the government. This offer was declined by Minister of Finance Limantour. The only time that Alvarado has been out of the Parral mining district was two years ago, when he chartered a special train and took his family with him to the city of Chihuahua to have a gold filling placed in one of his teeth.

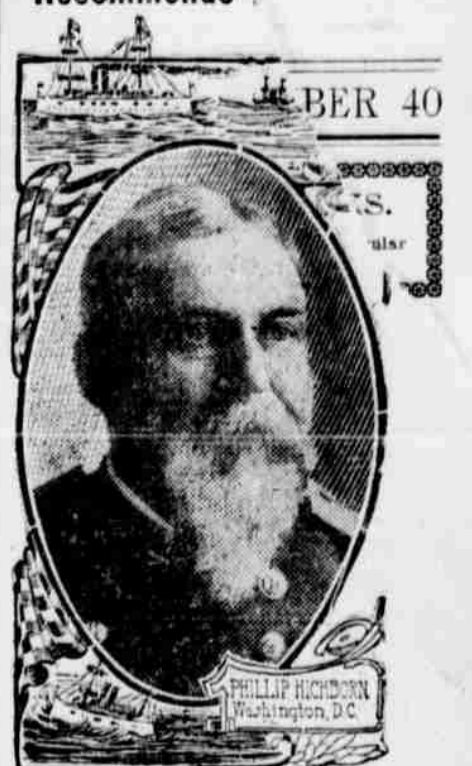
Hungarian "New Woman."

Countess Johanna Rheydy, one of the most remarkable figures in Hungarian society, has just passed away at Kronstadt, Russia. She was an heroic advocate of women's emancipation, appearing always in public with a cigar in her mouth and a thick stick in her hand. She also had her hair cropped short, and wore a man's hat and coat. All her fortune of \$500,000 was mostly lost by gambling, to which she was passionately addicted. She played cards daily with men in the Vienna coffee houses—Philadelphia North American.

Love at first sight supplies a lot of work for divorce judges.

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