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A PEAT SLIDE.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Secretary Bayard has received a dispatch from the United States consul at Fort Stanley, Falkland islands, giving an account of a slip of peat which occurred the night of June 2, causing loss of life and great destruction of property...

WEATHERFORD.

A First Class Military Company Organized by the Young men of the City - Personal.

Special to the Gazette weatherford, Tex., Aug. 17.—Last night a meeting was held in the courthouse by our young men to organize a military company...

After the adjournment, Capt. Woodlief spent sometime in drilling the company, in which it could be seen that in a very short time the company, with the interest manifested and their captain so ready, will be able to make a record that will surprise the natives...

THE RASURES CASE.

Col. John A. Baker, a distinguished lawyer of the state writes from Uvalde, August 6th and 11th instant, as follows touching the facts in the Rasures murder...

mother and Widow of the unfortunate man who was so cruelly and in humanly shot to death. After requesting a hearing as an American citizen, I have obtained affidavits from good men on both sides of the river...

Official search was made for Charges Against Rasures, and none could be found. The charges were trumped up for...

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the occasion, as it is well known Rasures was a good man and that his death was caused by the action he took under orders in arresting the two brothers-in-law of Mondragon, and it is declared that before they shot him they said to him: "This is the

Same Spot where you arrested and disarmed them, [alluding to the two men, do you remember it?]

I do not think, however, that this changes the question, as he was kidnaped, and demanded a trial a citizen of Texas, which was refused. He was a citizen of Texas, and as such entitled to her protection, and through her to the protection of the United States.

I shall put in a claim for One Hundred Thousand dollars damages in the name of the widow and heirs of the murdered Rasures. As Rasures was a citizen of Texas, and entitled to vote, I will endeavor to obtain the indorsement of Governor Ireland to the justice of the claim, and through him have it forwarded to Secretary Bayard, as it might be claimed that Rasures was not a citizen of the United States, and that we could not act except through a demand from the Governor of Texas.

Governor Ireland authorized the following reply: If the heirs or family were living in Texas at the date of the murder, the claim for Damages is proper, and the governor of this state will have no hesitation in endorsing it. Austin Daily Statesman.

Several judicial conventions, and at least one congressional, held in Texas this year, have adjourned without making nominations, leaving the people to choose the men they want at the ballot box in November. This is altogether due to the operations of the two-thirds rule. If the democracy were less overwhelming in strength, it would never run the risk of having two democrats in the same district candidacies before the people...

power renversits possessors less mindful of a tolerant administration of the public interests than would otherwise be the case. Fort Worth Gazette.

A STRANGE STORY.

The Superstition Connected With Photographs.

The superstition connected with photographs is well known, says a writer in The Atlanta Constitution. When first the old "ambrotypes" were gotten out the superstitious were wont to watch them with suspicion, the mystery of the thing adding to this prevalent superstition...

Prof. A. T. Lyon is a well-known artist, standing very high in the profession, and known in all the principal cities of the state. When Bishop George F. Pierce celebrated his golden wedding, Prof. Lyon went to the scene of festivities well equipped with a fine, large camera and extra large plates to photograph the remarkable scene...

Well satisfied with his arrangements, he had the bishop, his wife, and the forty-eight descendants in a group, and the photographer obtained three fine large negatives of the wonderful assembly. The work was well done, and the artist congratulated himself on the success of his venture. He brought the negative to his studio in Macon. Now comes the strange coincidence. Prof. Lyon waited to perfect his arrangements for copyrighting the great picture, and meanwhile the negatives, securely boxed, reposed on a shelf in his dark room...

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there lay the beautiful negatives smashed into a thousand pieces. His grief was terrible, but an additional pang was added to it when, in a few minutes, came the telegram announcing that Bishop Pierce was dead. The negatives were broken just as the spirit of the grand old Christian hero took its flight. It was a strange coincidence, to say the least.

According to a French newspaper, an old use for the stereoscope has been revived. A 100 franc note, suspected to be forged, was submitted to the experts of the Bank of France for their opinion. A close examination was made, but no difference between the suspected note and a genuine one could be discovered. Some one then suggested that the two notes should be placed side by side in a stereoscope, when it was found that the loop of one of the letters in the supposed false note did not exactly cover that of the genuine one, showing that they had not been printed from the same plate.

TEXAS COTTON CROP.

Special to the Statesman. Galveston, August 19.—Kauffman & Runge, a leading cotton house of this city, from reports received from their correspondents throughout the cotton belt of the state, estimate the January to the Texas crop since July 15, owing to the excessive heat and drouth, at fully 30 per cent., indicating a crop of about the same as last year. In many sections of the state where, prior to the 15, of July, the yield was estimated at from one-half to three-fourths of a bale per acre, it is now conceded that not more than one-fourth or one-fifth of a bale will be the yield. In many sections the plants are shriveling and shedding its foliage, and it is claimed that the only benefit rain would now do would be to retain the present vigor of the plant and prevent further deterioration of the yield.

A Wyoming Bear Story.

At the nearest ranch on the western side of the mountains, there lives a German who was the first pioneer to bring cattle in among these valleys. Not long ago, this old fellow built a new cabin for himself at the foot of a mountain. Before his house was finished, he went out one day and killed a fine fat deer. Bringing the carcass home at night, he hung it up against the back of his house, and then hanging a blanket over the doorway which was still without a door, he went to bed. He slept soundly, but there dimly seemed to him to be some disturbance about the house during the night; and when he went out in the morning every bit of his fine deer was gone, and the bear tracks up and down the mountain-side showed what had become of it. But game was plentiful, and it was not long before his deer was replaced by a big-horned sheep, which is the most tender and juicy meat that ever was eaten. This time he was more careful, and lay awake half the night, fearing that he should lose his stock of fresh meat. When it was very late and he was about to give up watching, he heard a sound at the back of the house. Something was at work on his wild mutton. There was a noise of scratching and tearing. It seemed as if several bears were making short work with his meat. He seized his loaded rifle and jumped out of bed with very scanty clothing on. Going to the doorway and drawing aside the blanket, he saw that the night was cloudy and as dark as Egypt. He stopped and thought for a moment that it would be impossible to kill a bear in such darkness, even if he should be able to hit it. These beasts are so tough that they will carry a dozen bullets about in their bodies without much inconvenience, if they are not wounded in the heart or the brain. So our friend laid down his rifle and took instead a loaded shot-gun. "This is the thing for them," he said to himself; "it will pepper them all over and scare them so they never will come again." Then, with gun in hand, he silently climbed the projecting logs at the nearest corner of the cabin, and, creeping across the roof, peeped over the edge above the place where the sheep was hung. Something appeared to be moving below in the darkness. Taking a random aim, he blazed away. The shot scattered and evidently took effect; for there arose a chorus of growls and howls and yells that would have made the bravest man's hair stand on end; there was a scampering and shuffling of many feet up and down, and around the cabin; even in the thick darkness he could see many great fat creatures running and sniffing angrily about to find who had attacked them. He saw that he was besieged on his own roof by at least a dozen furious, hungry bears. "They didn't scare worth a cent," he said. It was not long before they discovered whence the shot had come, and, knowing very well that there is strength in numbers, they determined to have that man for supper, even if they had to put off their supper till breakfast time. So while some sat down here and there, the others walked about grunting and growling over their injuries. Bears can climb quite as well as man, and old Frank stood with fear and trembling in the middle of the roof, ready to receive with the butt of his gun the first nose that should rise above the edge. If two had happened to mount the roof on opposite sides, there would have been a small chance of life for the poor man. But the bears thought that solid ground was the safer place for them, so there they staid; and up above sat old Frank shivering, how long he never knew. It seemed centuries. It was a sharp, frosty autumn night, and, as he had on very little clothing, Frank was soon chilled almost to his bones. But the bears' coats were warm enough. They were more hungry than they were cold, so there they sat and growled and waited for their prey to come down and be eaten. Soon a bitterly cold wind began to blow. Every joint in the poor man's body stiffened; but it seemed pleasanter to freeze to death than to be eaten up by those ugly beasts, so he bore his discomfort as best he could. The hours of that night seemed to be endless, and the chill grew terrible; but at last a dull gray streak appeared in the East. No man was ever more glad to see the first sign of dawn than was that chilly watcher. Bears are very shy by daylight, and as the twilight fell by little grew into broad day, Frank's visitors trotted away disappointed and sulky up to their dens on the mountain. Their victim, more dead than alive, was able at last to climb down and kindle a fire to warm himself. He still lives to tell the story in the same log-cabin; but it has a good stout door now, and he will never again go bear-hunting with a shot-gun. — Fred Terry Bacon, in St. Nicholas.

Fatal Somnambulism.

NEW ORLEANS, August 19.—Last night Mrs. Felix Broussard, a prominent society lady of New Iberia, La., gave a party, which lasted till midnight, at which hour she retired. About two hours later, in a somnambulist state, she arose, dressed herself, put on her bonnet and walked out to the railroad track, upon which she sat down. When the 3-30 train on the Southern Pacific came along, the engineer saw her in time to stop, just before reaching her. A couple of brakemen alighted and removed her from the track. She immediately began to wander around again, walked upon the rail just in front of the engine and was crushed to death.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

Sensational Episode in Kansas Prohibition Prosecutions -- Efforts to Blow Up an Attorney.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19.—A special from Atchison, Kansas, says an attempt was made early yesterday morning to assassinate J. F. Tufts, assistant attorney general for Atchison county. Tufts was recently appointed to office for the express purpose of prosecuting saloon keepers under the prohibitory law. Saturday he secured a conviction. Yesterday a keg containing twenty-five pounds of powder mixed with nails was exploded on the porch beneath his bedroom window. The window was badly shattered, but no one was hurt. Gov. Martin has offered \$350 reward for the perpetrator.

A Double Elopement.

CONCORD, N. H., Aug. 19.—The double elopement which occurred on Thursday evening is causing considerable excitement here. The parties were George Maxam, a livery stable keeper; George W. Blake, a conductor on the Concord railroad; Mrs. A. M. Dickerman and Mrs. H. T. Dickerman. The four met at Penacook and took the train, presumably for California. Maxam is married and has a son 17 years old. Blake is also married. The women married brothers, the wife of A. M. Dickerman leaving three young children behind, and the other woman one child, 8 years old. Both men took away all the money they had, leaving their families destitute.

NEWS OF THE DAY

TROOPS MOVING TOWARDS EL PASO. EL PASO, August 19.—News from a reliable source, is that four hundred and fifty federal Mexican soldiers arrived at Chihuahua last night, in striking distance to El Paso. It is eight hours' ride to El Paso, in case of emergency. Company F, tenth infantry, will arrive at Fort Bliss to-day. News of Gen. Sedgwick's coming here in the capacity of investigator for the state department is very unfavorably received by everybody here. Even the most conservative element look upon it as a crawfishy move.

FORT WORTH CULLINGS. FORT WORTH, August 19.—The citizens of Fort Worth will hold a meeting to-night to raise money for the sufferers in the west. Mrs. Shelly, a widow with seven children has just arrived here from Uvalde county in destitute circumstances. She begged her way along the route.

BLOODY BELFAST. LONDON, Aug. 19.—Rioting still prevails all over Belfast and the bloody work of anarchy is visible on every hand. The rifle fight of yesterday was the bloodiest of the bloody battles fought since the beginning of the strife. The mob still holds sway and their work of murder and destruction will be resumed on the slightest pretext and on the first opportunity.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND. WASHINGTON, August 19.—President Cleveland and party left for the Adirondacks to spend a month. Secretary Col. Lamont will leave the party at Albany and spend the summer in Central New York.

BLAINE BLUSTER. WASHINGTON, August 19.—Rumor has it that Blaine has procured copies of all papers relating to the complications between this and other governments, and also all the acts of the recent session of congress, together with the vetoes of the president, ready to make a vigorous attack on the administration.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. GROESBECK, August 19.—The Republican convention met at this place Saturday and nominated the following candidates for office: Representative, W. H. Twine, colored; assessor, B. F. Rhodes, colored; justice peace, precinct No. 4, Prof. Brown, colored; commissioner precinct No. 4, A. L. Steele, white. The following delegates were elected to the Republican convention at Waco, August 25: W. H. Twine, J. Bonnell, Z. Kelly and Sandy Blocker. The delegates were instructed to vote for N. W. Cuney for governor. A resolution endorsing prohibition was adopted. The convention was composed wholly of colored republicans, of whom there was quite a respectable representation. L. J. Powell was president of the convention and W. H. Twine, secretary.

Mr. Turner at Augusta. AUGUSTA, Ga., Aug. 19.—Fred Turner, of Philadelphia, secretary and treasurer of the Knights of Labor, accompanied by committee man Mullen, of Richmond, arrived this morning. The object of their visit is to investigate the causes of the strike and, if possible, settle existing difficulties.

DOVER, N. H., Aug. 19.—The Salmon Falls cotton mills started up in full this morning. Almost every striking weaver resumed work. The action of the executive board of the Knights of Labor in ordering the members of the order back to work is highly commended.

Fifty Horses Cremated. NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 11.—The stables of the Newark and Civington street Railway company was burned early this morning; also the car shed and a few tenements. Fifty horses were burned to death. Total loss \$20,000.

Closing Session--State Ticket Completed.

On the last ballot for supreme judge, Judge Gaines, of Paris, secured 400 votes and Judge Harris, of Bell, 310. Harris was withdrawn and Gaines nominated. Judge Rainey, of Ellis, probably moved by the unbecoming and undignified scramble for the supreme judgeship in connection with the other nominees, proposed a resolution that hereafter supreme judges should be nominated in a state convention called separate from the usual nominating state convention, and the basis of representation should be one vote for each 1000 votes polled for the nominee for governor; referred to the committee on resolutions.

For comptroller, Senator Houston, of Bexar, nominated Hon. W. F. Upton; J. H. Stewart, of Travis, nominated J. D. McCall, of Travis; Col. Martin, of Henderson, nominated James D. Littlefield, of Hill. First ballot—Upton, 285; McCall, 421; Littlefield, who had announced withdrawal during ballot, 20. Second ballot—Upton, 258, McCall, 463. Upton withdraws and McCall nominated.

For Land Commissioner—Dillard, of Grayson, nominated R. M. Hall, of Williamson; Senator Kilgore, of Van Zandt, nominated Col. Wm. R. Shannon, of Parker; Maj. Holmes, of Mason, nominated W. C. Walsh, present incumbent. Before the ballot had progressed far, Col. Shannon was withdrawn, and then Walsh and Hall was nominated by acclamation.

For Treasurer—Ex-Gov. Lubbock was nominated by acclamation without opposition, and responded in his usual happy style, saying when he saw so many old public officials defeated he began to get uneasy. Some one asked him if he was scared. "Yes," he said, "I was scared, but a scared dog runs fastest."

For Superintendent of Public Education—The following were put in nomination: Prof. Smith Ragsdale, of Milam county, by Mr. Herndon, of Smith; Prof. Oscar H. Cooper, of Harris county, by Mr. Pope, of Harrison; Prof. John M. Collier, of Fort Worth, by Mr. Powers, of Tarrant; Prof. J. M. Carlisle, of Sherman, by Mr. Foster, of Grayson; P. A. Dowlen, Collin county, by Mr. W. Merritt, of Collin. The first ballot was as follows: Dowlen, 18; Carlisle, 87; Collier, 96; Ragsdale, 14; Cooper, 375. The first three were withdrawn and the second ballot was proceeded with but a short way when Ragsdale withdrew and Cooper was unanimously nominated.

For chairman of the State Executive Committee, Col. Fly, Maj. Joe Stewart and Hon. Henry Exall, were put in nomination. First two finally withdrawn and Mr. Exall elected. The following were then selected as members of the committee from the senatorial districts: First, John H. Kirby, of Tyler; Second, S. W. Blount, jr. San Jacinto; Third, Tom A. Elgin, Marshall; Fourth, R. D. Harold, Tarrant; Fifth, E. W. Terhune, Greenville; Sixth, H. M. Cate, Mineola; Seventh, A. W. Craig, Palestine; Ninth, Moses M. Garnett, Houston; Tenth, P. H. Hennessy, Galveston; Eleventh, C. J. Battle, Wharton; Twelfth, Thomas S. Reese, Hempstead; Thirteenth, R. H. Phelps, La Grange; Fourteenth, R. M. Smith, Bryan; Fifteenth, James Kimble, Groesbeck; Sixteenth, J. M. L. Terrell, Terrell; Seventeenth, K. R. Craig, McKinney; Eighteenth, J. H. Garnett, Gainesville; Nineteenth, T. Winter Robison, Vernon; Wilbarger county; Twentieth, B. Morris, Rhame, Wise county; Twenty-first, M. A. Honching, Alvarado, Johnson county; Twenty-second, Robt. H. Rogers, Waco; Twenty-third, Charles Beall, Manor; Twenty-fourth, B. C. Giles, Manor; Twenty-fifth, H. H. Story, Lockhart; Twenty-sixth, E. H. Grimes, Curror; Twenty-seventh, Delmas Givens, Corpus Christi; Twenty-eighth, J. M. Dean, Parker, Precinct county; Twenty-ninth, J. W. Rushing, Baird, Callahan county; Thirtieth, B. C. Long, Stephenville, Erath county; Thirty-first, J. W. Stells, Starksville, Red River county.

The convention then, at 12.40 a. m., adjourned sine die. NEW YORK, August 13.—The Herald has the following dispatch from Gov. Ireland, of Texas: You ask me for my views of the Cutting case. Cutting has never applied to me. It may be conceded, if necessary, that Cutting has been legally convicted under Mexican law, but I hope the government of the United States can never submit to such a rule of law. Every editor and every other person who writes or prints matter in the United States obnoxious to the views of the Mexican country can, at any time when found in Mexico be arrested and punished as Cutting has been. The person of Cutting is not involved. Surely our government has not made an idle demand. No one wants war, and I trust no one wants peace at the expense of national honor and the right of American citizens. The only way to avoid war is to be ready for it and show a willingness to accept it if it must be. The outrage has gone far enough.

Peace in Kentucky. LOUISVILLE, August 13.—The famous Rowan county war, which has been a disgrace to Kentucky for two years past, is at an end. Craig Tolliver, the leader of one of the factions, and Cook Humphrey, the leader of the other, have signed an agreement to leave the state forever, and the state's attorney to-day agreed to file away indictments against them indefinitely. Craig Tolliver has gone to Texas and Cooke Humphrey to Missouri, where they have gone to settle. The state troops will be withdrawn as soon as the governor's orders can reach them.

"IMMENSE."

The Chicago Clerk and the "Dagos." On a recent occasion two distinguished Mexican gentlemen of great wealth and no end of influence among the Greasers of their own native wilds reached Chicago in the course of a trip through the United States. They had previously visited New York and showed their highly aristocratic semi-Spanish limbs under the mahogany of some of the nabobs of Gotham. They had "smiled" with all the highflyers of the East, and then desiring a taste of genuine metropolitan city life, naturally came to Chicago fully prepared to be paralyzed by all they saw. Among other letters of introduction they brought one to P. D. Armour, the great pork aristocrat of the greatest pork market in the world. That gentleman, with hospitable intent, detailed one of the handsomest of his many handsome and able lieutenants to "show the town" to these dusky children of the Montezumas. "Let joy and champagne be unconfined," said the great packer. Let them revel in truffles and pate de foie gras and let their stay in our great city be a rolling river of joyous oysters and ice cream.

The lieutenant, nothing loth, started out upon his mission. He took them to the stock yards, and while holding their copper-colored noses with one hand, they murmured in concert: "Immense." He drove them over the boulevards and through the parks, and again they whispered with a sigh: "Immense."

He took them to Pullman, made the rounds of the shops, showed them the bed in Hotel Florence where the Grand Duke sleeps when he visits his colony, and as they drove away and breathed the air of freedom once more the lone-some keep-off-the-grass and don't-you-talk-out-loud policeman was awakened from his customary nap by their swelling chorus of: "Immense."

Driving to the new Temple of Mammon, he pointed them into the visitors' gallery of the Board of Trade and broke into flowing periods as he described the tremendous financial transactions of the put and call artists on the floor, and still they answered only this and nothing more: "Immense."

Driven to desperation by this one word of English, which seemed to exhaust their vocabulary, the almost exhausted guide determined to play his last trump, certain to startle them into a more extended expression of opinions, even if nothing more than a good hearty Mexican cuss word. He drove down Clark street, past the Custom House, past the palatial gambling dens, and past the scalpers' offices, and past the bankrupt actors lounging upon the "Rialto," then stopped at the City Hall and introduced his charge to the Mayor of all Chicago. For an hour his Honor, who will not talk to the newspapers, talked to his silent but stalling visitors in every known and unknown tongue. Never before had the Chief Executive of Chicago given away to such floods of eloquence or cyclones of learning, but the descendants of the Montezumas merely smiled, bowed low, and on resuming the carriage faintly exclaimed in feeble tones: "Immense."

The next day a careworn young man stood before Mr. Armour and dejectedly bade his chief good morning. "Well," said the manipulator of pork, "how was your day out?" The sad young man answered, with a groan, only this and nothing more: "Immense."

"Young man," said the great pork packer, mistaking the cause of his dejected appearance, "do you suppose that if I had got a head on me every time that I went out to show friends the town that I would now be the greatest pig killer in the world?" And then there was an overwhelming silence in the house of Armour.—Chicago Herald.

How to Keep the Hands Soft. A little ammonia or borax in the water you wash your hands with, and that water just luke-warm, will keep the skin warm and soft. A little oatmeal mixed with the water will soften the hands. Many people use glycerine on their hands when they go to bed, wearing gloves to keep the bedding clean; but glycerine makes some skins harsh and red. These people should rub their hands with dry oatmeal, and wear gloves in bed. The best preparation for the hands at night is white of egg, with a grain of alum dissolved in it. "Roman toilet paste" is merely white of egg, barley flour and honey. They say it was used by the Romans in olden time. Anyway, it is a first-rate thing, but it is mean, sticky sort of stuff to use, and doesn't do the work any better than oatmeal. The roughest and hardest hands can be made soft and white in a month's time by doctoring them a little at bedtime; all the tools you need are a nailbrush, a bottle of ammonia, a box of powdered borax and a piece of white sand to rub the stains off, or a cut of lemon, which will do even better, for the acid of the lemon will clean anything. Manicures use acids in the shop, but the lemon is quite as good and isn't poisonous, while the acids are.—New York Analyst.

IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT.

The System That Has Prevailed in New York and the New Law. To a Missourian, writes a New York correspondent of The St. Louis Republican, the fact that a system of imprisonment for debt exists in this, the Empire state of the union, seems very strange, and that the law recently passed and endorsed by Gov. Hill, which limits the term for imprisonment for debt to six months, should have encountered any opposition seems stranger still. Even the new law is at best but a relic of barbarism. For years Ludlow street jail has been the enforced residence of many a poor unfortunate, who, being unable to satisfy the demands of his creditors, must remain in durance vile during their pleasure, there being before the passage of the new law no limit to the time of imprisonment. The debtor in consequence was worse off than the criminal, for the latter was imprisoned for a fixed term, and at the end of that term he could hope to be released, while the only hope for the latter was the assistance of friends, if he had any, which was not always, or the leniency of his creditors. That the latter class, which Lamb calls the "degraded race," in contradistinction to the borrowers, whom he calls the "great race," is not always lenient, and that there are people unfortunate enough to be friendless, or if not entirely friendless, without friends who are able to assist them, is evidenced in the cases of quite a number of the inmates of Ludlow street jail. Most conspicuous among these is A. R. McDonald, who has been confined in the old prison since March, 1880. His history is a remarkable one. He is a Scotchman, nearly 60 years old, and a descendant of one of the oldest families in Scotland. He is well educated and was formerly very wealthy. Shortly after the war he purchased a claim against the government for the value of a large amount of cotton, aggregating over \$1,000,000, which had been burned at New Orleans by union troops during the war. He employed an attorney to prosecute his claim, who in turn retained other counsel to assist him. The litigation was carried on for many years, but he finally obtained judgment for \$200,000, which was only sufficient to pay the fees of his attorney. Suit was then brought against him by the assisting counsel for their fees, and another apparently endless litigation was commenced. It culminated over six years ago, when the suit having been transferred from Washington to New York, judgment was obtained against him for something over \$55,000. His money was now entirely gone, and he was unable to give bail. He was accordingly arrested and thrown into Ludlow street jail, where he has since remained. Not content with keeping him in confinement for over six years, his creditors stormously opposed his release, on the grounds that the law was unconstitutional (think of that!) and that the legislature had no right to pass an act limiting or affecting in any way the remedy they possessed for the collection of the debt, as if McDonald, a free man, could do so. The objection, as does the law itself, appears to me a musty, milderewed, worm-eaten remnant of feudalism. The judge appeared to think so, too, for yesterday morning an order was sent to the prison for the release of McDonald and several others.

I strolled down to the famous old prison yesterday morning to witness the release of the first batch of unfortunates. In the reception-room were the three prisoners who were to receive the benefit of the new law. McDonald was one of them. He is a fine-looking old man, and there is a certain refinement in his features and education which reveals his birth and education as plainly as his language. His complexion, from long confinement, had become pallid, but now in the immediate prospect of being once more a free man, his face was flushed and big tears were in his eyes. Next to him sat Terence Monett, a dark little Canadian, who had been in the prison about eighteen months. His wife, a very pretty woman, and who during his confinement had managed to eke out a bare living by keeping a cigar store, was with him. It was pleasant to see how happy they were, and how they would talk and laugh and cry alternately. The other prisoner was a Frenchman named Jules Chatillon. He had paid over \$4,000 on his debts, and less than \$250 more would have cleared him, but then misfortune came and he was slow in paying the balance. Then to hurry the payment he was imprisoned, leaving his wife to depend upon charity for subsistence for herself and child; but not long for the latter, for he died shortly after the arrest of his father. When the order for their release was received by the keeper and they were told that they were at liberty they shook hands and said good-by to all their fellow prisoners, most of whom were also expecting release in a few days; then they passed out into the open air, took a last look at the gloomy building that had so long been their home and quietly went their respective ways, the young Canadian and his wife going off arm in arm and very close together.

The life of the debtor confined in Ludlow street jail is not without its comforts. The cells are clean and comfortable, and the food, it is said, although plain, could hardly be rivalled in a fashionable restaurant for excellence and variety. A good story is told of a man who was confined there for nearly a year, and then they had to drive him out before he would go. He was imprisoned on a judgment for a small amount, and his creditors offered several times to release him if he would pay the fees, but he would indignantly decline to pay a cent. He would order his meals with a kindly air, demand the keeper to bring his meals to him in his cell, and when his wife came to see him he would send her word that he was not equal to the task of going down stairs, and he consequently could not see her. Finally the creditors were made aware of the fact that nothing would do but to let him out more than his quarters in Ludlow street jail. Then they were angry. For right into his hands; he had been living on the fat of the land, contented and happy. This was directly opposite, of course, to their desires, for who ever heard of a creditor wishing to please the man who owed him money and would not pay it. So they put their heads together and decided upon a heartless, cruel revenge. An order for his unconditional release was sent to the prison. The debtor objected. He was doing very well where he was, and preferred to stay; but the obdurate warden would not consent to it, and the poor fellow was forced to leave. It is said that he has cordially hated the warden ever since.

COCKTAILS BY THE QUART. A New Dodge Which Flattered the Atlanta Prohibitionists. This has been a day of intense excitement among those interested in the prohibition cause writes an Atlanta correspondent to The New York World, owing to the open defiance of the law by the proprietors of the Kimball house. These gentlemen have been restive under the prohibition law and have announced their purpose of fighting it in every possible way. When prohibition went into effect on July 1 it found several wholesale licenses out for dates in August, September, and October. The one of the latter month was held by Mr. M. J. Mabray, who did a small business in the suburbs. Yesterday morning the Decatur street doors of the Kimball house were thrown open and the public was invited to enter. Within were several long tables on which were placed as many huge beer tanks, each attended by half a dozen waiters. It was announced that Scoville & Beerman had bought the license which Mabray held, and intended to sell beer, whisky, and cocktails by the quart until the end of October. In the rear end of the room were several hundred white pitchers, which would be filled on request. A door led into an adjoining suite of rooms, where stood about a dozen waiters with tables laden with glasses. As the glasses would be used the waiters would wash them and place them on the tables again. When the town boys caught on to the scheme, which was to secure a pitcher, get it filled and then retire into another room, they gathered around the hotel by hundreds. Beer kegs were emptied faster than they could be rolled to the hotel. Drafts were made on the wholesale houses, and a scene of hilarity never before witnessed in Atlanta was presented. Until midnight the square in front of the improvised saloon was filled by men of all degrees, anxious to drink and taxing the utmost powers of the waiters.

Meantime consternation reigned in the prohibition camp. Hurling meetings were held and the officers were called upon. It was decided that the business should be broken up at all hazards. This morning the scenes of yesterday were exceeded. Prominent business men, as well as town boys, crowded the rooms. At noon the prohibition leaders, the mayor, the police commission, and chief of police decided that steps should at once be taken. The ground of action was that, while the license was good, it could not be legally transferred, and that, therefore, the sales of liquor in the Kimball house were without license. Police Commissioner Martin and Chief of Police Connolly entered the bar-room amid a howling crowd of over five hundred drinkers. The proprietors were notified to cease their sales, which they refused to do. The police then proceeded to arrest the waiters one by one as they sold out liquor. Their places were rapidly filled by the proprietors. While this was going on the crowd was growing furious. They were maddened by the interference of the police with private business. When at last a large posse of police were marched around and stationed at all the doors the indignation became deep. Calls were made for the authority upon which this seizure of property was made. If but one man had spoken the word there would have been a riot. Curses were freely uttered against the officers, and especially against Policeman "Jumbo" Hunter, who has made himself particularly obnoxious.

Messrs. Beerman and Scoville meantime hastily appeared before Judge Richard H. Clarke and secured from him an injunction against the city officers, returnable on the 17th, restraining them from in any way interfering with the business of the Kimball house. As the news was announced to the crowd, and the policemen fled away, a shout of triumph went up, followed by a rush on the pitchers. At this moment (11 P. M.) the rooms are filled by drinking men, while many are on the outside unable to gain admission. The prohibitionists are bitterly chagrined against Judge Clarke for the length of time he has given the liquor sellers.

The masterly series of papers on "Great American Cities" in HARPER'S MAGAZINE is continued in the August issue by Edmund Kirke's contribution on Detroit, which is the leading article of a rich number. The history of "The City of the Strait" is cleverly outlined from the time before Hendrik Hudson set foot on Manhattan Island, when the Hurons pointed out its site to Champlain as the gateway to "the vast seas of sweet water." The first settlement by the adventurous Frenchman Cadillac, the romantic frontier life of its early period, the revolutionary scenes clustering about this Western centre of the struggle for freedom, the surprising flood of Yankee immigration which was opened by the Erie canal, and its astounding growth ever since, are all deftly described. But the city of to-day is the main subject, and its characteristics in enterprise, society, architecture, and culture are well treated. A lively part of the article is the two pages given to "M. Quad," the Detroit Free Press humorist, whose portrait is one of the numerous illustrations.

"Happy Charles, white and yellow weather," is a curious Washington sign.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For District Judge. We are authorized to announce J. V. Cockrell as candidate for reelection to office of district Judge.

For District Attorney. We are authorized to announce W. B. Houston as a candidate for the office of District Attorney 39th Judicial district.

We are authorized to announce J. T. Montgomery, as a candidate for District Attorney.

For County Judge. We are authorized to announce W. G. Ballard as a candidate for the office of county judge of this county at the November Election, subject to the will of the people at the ballot box.

We are authorized to announce John Norris as a candidate for the office of county Judge.

We are authorized to announce C. J. Chapman as a candidate for the office of county Judge.

For District and County Clerk. We are authorized to announce J. L. Jones as a candidate for reelection to the office of County and Dist. Clerk.

We are authorized to announce C. D. Long as a candidate for the office of county and district Clerk.

We are authorized to announce S. J. Preston as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce E. J. Wilfong as a candidate for the office of sheriff and Tax collector.

We are authorized to announce A. D. Tucker, as a candidate for reelection to office of sheriff and Tax collector.

T. M. Lewis is a candidate for the office of sheriff and tax collector of Haskell County.

We are authorized to announce W. F. Draper as a candidate for sheriff, and Tax collector at the ensuing election.

For Assessor. We are authorized to announce M. Evans as a candidate for Tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce W. M. Carter as a candidate for the office of Tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce W. J. Sewell as a candidate for tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce W. H. Parsons, as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Haskell Co. at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce D. F. Williamson as a candidate for tax assessor.

L. Casner submits himself as a candidate for election to the office of Tax Assessor.

We are authorized to announce G. W. Cook as a candidate for tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce B. M. Kegans as a candidate for animal and hide inspector.

I submit myself as a candidate for the office of Hide and Animal Inspector. T. B. Coast

For County Surveyor. We are authorized to announce G. R. Couch as a candidate for the office of County Surveyor.

W. M. Harvey is a candidate for reelection to the office of county commissioner for precinct No. One.

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LOCAL DOTS.

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The Clear Frk has been on a rise.

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Mr. John Agnew accidentally cut his knee with a hatchet.

Mr. Steve Harvey sent a few nice water-melons to town Thursday.

Haskell will get a rail road next year.

The high water interfered with our mail communication Monday.

Mr. Johnson has returned from the convention and is still hoarse from cheering.

The population Haskell county is still increasing.

There are several new houses going up in town.

Many wagon loads of mesquite beans are being gathered for feed.

Miss Mattie Preston will be return from her visit for some time.

Several thousand head of sheep passed through here this week on their way to Kansas.

Mr. Darnell of Abilene is in the City looking after his lumber trade.

The public pen up should be repaired, and the court house and Jail fenced up.

People who have hogs running at large had better put them up or they will be dealt with at the law directs.

Miss Tempie Rushing returned to her home in Weatherford last Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs. F. G. Alexander who will spend the fall months at that place.

We have had a good shower.

The people of this county have stood the drought better than any other county in this section.

Pay up your subscription we want to buy some new material.

The people should look after the boys that goes into the water-melon patches and pulls green melons.

About ten tons of buffalo bones have been hauled from this county this week. The last relics of the bison will soon have disappeared from this portion of the West.

Mr. Wm. Johnson has been quite sick, but is getting all right again.

Mr. Buchanan and Carter returned from Stonewall thursday and brought back with them a fine deer Mr. Buchanan had killed.

Grass is fine, and Cattle, horses and sheep are in good condition.

There is a heard of 500 sheep attended by a little dog wandering around over the prairie in this county Mr. Fitzgerald fed the dog the other day, and says he is nearly starved to death. After he had fed the dog he whipped him and made him take the sheep of his range.

Notice.

In pursuance of the Call of the Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the 11th Congressional District, a Democratic Mass Meeting of the Democracy of Haskell Co. Tex., is called to meet at the court-house on the 11th day of Sep. next at two o'clock p.m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the Congressional Convention for the 11th Congressional District on the 23rd day of Sep. A. D. 1886 at Abilene, Taylor Co. Tex. for the purpose of nominating a Candidate for Congress.

The 24th day of Aug. 1886. J. H. Carmichael, Chairman of Democratic Executive committee, Haskell Co. Tex.

CUTTING RELEASED.

El Paso Tex., Aug. 23. - A K. Cutting the man who came so nearly involving the two republics in a bloody war, was released at 11:30 today. He was escorted before Judge Castenosa where official minutes of the supreme court of Chihuahua, which had arrived

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on the Mexican Central train this morning, were read to him reciting the decree releasing him from further custody. The decision of the court is based entirely upon the fact that Medina, the offended party, had waived his right to a civil process for damages, the court holding that this proceeding ended the case.

When asked by the court what he had to say he replied: "As long as I am not further detained as a prisoner, I accept my liberty, and I request that a copy of the decree of the supreme court be given me for my further use."

This the judge assented to, though he said it would be in Spanish.

Cutting was then asked if he would sign his release.

He replied "I will sign nothing."

Cutting, in company with Consul Brigham and a few friends, was then escorted to the presence of E. Provinico, the mayor of Paso del Norte.

The certificate of his discharge was then read to him and he was released, when a number of his friends gathered around him and took his hands.

The party then adjourned to a saloon to await the coming of the street-car.

While inside the saloon Mayor Provinico and the official interpreter of the court, Louis Dantin, came up and engaged Cutting in conversation.

Intent being to betray him into making some offensive remark and then arrest him again.

In answer to some impertinence forat Dantin, Cutting remarked, "I will meet the five principals in this matter later."

It was immediately told to the mayor and Dantin shouted out, "a new offense, we will arrest you."

Counsel Brigham stepped up and said that cutting had said nothing offensive, cutting then stepped out on the street and took the car, accompanied by his American friends, and the car was driven as rapidly as possible across the Rio Grande.

When they reached the American side Mr. cutting indulged in a malediction against his tormentors and went directly to the residence of a friend living in the suburbs.

Benefits of Travel.

As a boy is pleased with a waste of time, and in youth finds delight with either a horse or a bicycle, so in manhood come the changes of taste and ambition. The pleasures of twenty are out-lived at thirty, and at forty we are looking through the tunnel to the light at the other end, and not until very much older, I believe, do we long for the lost days of boyhood.

The years that seemed slow in passing at twenty go by like fast coaches before forty, and startle us like a night express at fifty.

The longing to keep young is an average desire in so many, that one who could tell of a land where youth is renewed, would be hailed as a leader with a splendid following. An yet, to one hured to bleak and inclement climates, a simple change to the milder weather of southern Missouri, Kansas, New Mexico or California, will work wonders in the reweaving of youth.

A air bath by travel and a new surrounding, provided one is employed and contented, is one of the surest means of reviving lost energy and increasing vitality. The wine-like winds of travel - for nothing is so much like it in stimulating vigor, as the swift draughts of air one inhales by contrast of climates - is of all things intoxicating to the senses. We feel the world is larger, we know the earth is beautiful, and of all things to the debilitated, travel is the key to happiness.

Travel breaks up our narrowness, enlarges our love of enjoyment, increases our belief in improvements, revives our recollections, and enlarges our view of others. It does more. It adds a new life to the old one and brings to the newer the right to live over the other, and fulfills the longing to be a boy again for travel in a strange and romantic country is to begin life anew, and settling for a season in some fair valley ("where the smile of the Creator has crystallized on the landscape"), or in some city of refinement, is a world that before was undiscovered.

As an aid to conversation and a theme of general use in business or pleasure, it is broad and instructive.

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From the chances of trade and the changes of business, we often meet men and women who have seen better days, whose ample fortune once afforded the luxury of ease and comfort.

Notably is this true of the once wealthy planters at the South, who have lost in the vortex of commerce, and the tide of affairs, the means that had furnished many a feast of enjoyment, whose present chief solace is in the fond recollection of what was theirs so long in reality and is now only cherished in memory. From these we may learn that next to our nearest friendships will ever be the gain and profit of strange lands visited, fortunes enjoyed, and fond scenes remembered.

And what after all is life but a little journey in a strange land, with a few companions, less friends, a flying train, a halt at the little stations, a rest and a recollection of what we have seen, known and enjoyed most as we traveled, even though they may be unpossessed of like impressions and surroundings.

The chief gain of travel is that means of making one at home with the many classes of associates who read from the start that one of easy manners has at least some superior knowledge of the world. Then, too, the pleasures of contemplation, must ever be a source of companionship, and one that has traveled many miles with attention will have a mind well stored with natural paintings and pleasant places, to recall at leisure and enjoy when alone.

The enlargement of the mind on seeing the growth of great cities, the progress of vast improvements in mechanism and arts, with the still greater wonder at the works of nature as seen in rivers and mountains, valleys like Harper's Ferry and the Yosemite, falls like Niagara, the grander sights of the Yellowstone, are all themes to contemplate, enlighten and inspire. Books and paintings can never wholly define them. - W. Dawson, in The Current.

MISS GARFIELD has promised one of her friends in Washington to make a brief visit there, although she has said she would never set foot in the (to her) hated city again.

People living along the shores of Lake Ontario, in Wayne and Oswego counties, New York, state that this has been the severest winter known there since 1854. A survey of the ice held on the lake at Sodus Point was made on Monday. It covers a greater area than ever before known there. There is almost solid ice for two miles out from the shore, and for the first time teams have been able to travel on the ice, while Sodus Bay is almost completely covered with ice of the average thickness of 2 1/2 feet. All entrances to the harbor are frozen fast, and are covered by huge drifts of snow. The view of the ice and snow upon the lake and bay is one of unusual grandeur, and the scene is visited by scores of people daily. - Freedom Gazette.

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