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Having taken our annual inventory we present ourselves before you and make our business bow. The result of our year's work has exceeded our expectations, and find that we have come out far ahead.

Thanks! To our customers for their liberal patronage, we hope to continue ahead, and shall endeavor to merit honest patronage by giving honest value in selling honest goods during 1888. Now, as we expect this to be a prosperous year with us, we propose to DIVIDE PROFITS with our customers.

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HUNTING DOWN THE MURDERER. Chicago Ill, Feb. 9.—The hunt in the dark for the clew to the murderer of Amos J. Snell is being energetically kept up by the police department. Every officer is on the lookout for suspicious characters and fully twenty persons who cannot give good and satisfactory accounts of themselves are now locked up at the armory. As an incentive to encourage the search Albert J. Snell has offered a reward of \$10,000 for the arrest of information leading to the arrest of the murderer or murderers of his father. The chief of police is still keeping up the arrest of tramps in hope of finding the murderer of Amos J. Snell. A dozen vagrants were hauled up in the police courts today and fined. Among those captured was John Thornell. He had a 41 calibre revolver in his possession, and talked mysteriously of the job he had been engaged in. Joe Burke, who was found near the scene of the murder with burglars tools in his possession is still held. Chief of Detectives Henshaw is working a clew which will probably lead to the arrest of a well known St. Louis crack, who was seen near Mr. Snell's house on the night of the murder.

Mr. G. E. Waters received last Saturday, from Missouri 26 thoroughbred Hereford and 7 high grade Hereford cattle. They were beauties, and will be an addition to his already fine herd. [Albany News.]

HOWDY MARTIN SPEAKS, SIR. [Fort Worth Gazette.] Washington, Feb. 9.—Captain Martin of Texas is a revenue reformer and a firm supporter of the Carlisle and Mills policy. He stated yesterday: "The members of the ways and means committee ain't saying a word, sir, they are making grand progress on the tariff bill. Mr. Mills hasn't said a word to me about the coming measure, but I know he is working hard. Did you see that bill I introduced to reform the tariff? Well, I don't wonder. You reporters are so busy. My bill is to repeal the internal revenue and restore the tariff to the ad valorem standard. In fact, to begin all anew, and you see that will reduce the surplus and give us plenty of revenue to run the government; but you had better stop asking me so many questions or you will make me tell you something I ought not to;" and he left the reporter to go and get haved.

Mr. Geo. T. Reynolds, president of the Monroe Cattle Co., one of the largest land and cattle corporations in this country, and a con-

siderable portion of whose property lies in this county, in an interview by the Albany News, said:

"What do I think of the prevailing idea that it will be hard to get the big pastures divided up and placed on the market to meet the wants of new immigrants? Well, I would say first that I do not consider this section an exception to the rule now well proven in central and southern Texas, viz: that large pastures will speedily be divided up and farming—and especially stock farming—take the place of them. I have fully decided in my own mind that the days of large pastures are numbered and that good seasons and immigration will hasten their departure. Winter feeding will make better cattle, and as cattle cannot be fed and attended to in large bunches, the small farmer will make money where the large pastures will be run at a loss. The expense and waste of running big pastures has already put the owners to thinking how the matter can be remedied, and the natural solution is dividing up into small stock farms, and, by feeding, keep the cattle in a thriving condition the year round. Yes, the change will come, for the pasture man has a small elephant on his hands, and as soon as there is a way out he will "crawl from under" sure. Small stock farms will be better for the country and better for the pasture man. May the day hasten.

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ORDERED TO LEAVE BONHAM.

Bonham, Tex. Feb. 9.—The Buchanan neighborhood, five or six miles south of this place, is

worked up to a fever heat over one of its most respected citizens receiving notice to leave the country. The citizen referred to is Mr. W. J. Low, a very peevish and quiet man. A morning or two ago he found between the slats of his gate the following notice:

SIXTY DAYS NOTICE.

Mr. Low. After the 15th day of March, 1888, you wont be safe in fifty miles of Bonham. No safer than I was the night I stopped at your house and inquired the way to the Ayers place. You helped hunt Eli and Sam and then helped hang them, and give them no chance at all. We give you sixty days, and you better make use of it and don't tell it to nobody. If you do we will see you sooner so take what you have got and git and remember the Bois d'arc tree in Bonham and ask no questions for you ant by your self. [Signed] By Order of the Club,

The note within itself would be very insignificant were it not for the fact that it has strong bearing on one of the worst massacres that ever blotted the name of Texas. Less than three years ago this Buchanan neighborhood was infested with a gang of the worst desperadoes that ever degraded on Texas soil. The Sam and Eli Dyer mentioned in the anonymous note just received by Mr. Low were the leading spirits of this rough gang. On the 19th day of May 1885, Sheriff Buchanan started out to this settlement where they had learned the Dyer gang were then staying, hoping to effect their capture for the numerous offenses they were guilty of. After arriving in the neighborhood, Sheriff Buchanan deputized several of the citizens living in that section, and together they surrounded the house where the two desperadoes, the Dyer brothers, were then hiding. The men had no more than taken their positions before the desperadoes ran out the door and commenced shooting at the officers, who returned the fire without effect, as the desperadoes soon gained a smoke house which offered them protection from the bullets, and at the same time the cracks between the logs of the building served as part holes, through which a hot fire was kept on the officers and posse until both Sheriff Ragsdale and Deputy Buchanan were shot down. Ragsdale living only a few hours, and Buchanan dying the next day. During the panic that followed the shooting of the officers the desperadoes ran from the building and getting their horses, made a break for liberty. They were immediately followed and Eli, the elder was captured after he had received a bullet wound in the arm. The other, Sam, made his escape, but the entire country was so incensed and in arms, he was captured in about a week and lodged in jail along with Eli. A few weeks after pending District court, it having been rumored that the desperadoes would escape with a life sentence to the penitentiary, the enraged citizens formed them selves into a mob, and on a Sunday night took them from the jail and hanged them to a boiler in the edge of town. It is thought that the note left at Mr. Low's place was written by a party of this gang of desperadoes, as several who were supposed to belong to the secret organization mentioned in the note as club, were never arrested, though no evidence against them. Trouble is again apprehended, but Mr. Low says he will pay no attention to the threat.

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LOCAL DOGS.

"Shoot!" "Why don't you shoot?" "Got your Gates?" "Got your K...?"

A fine selection of the latest novels at DeLong & Johnson Bros.

Miss Ella Hunt of Buffalo Gap is visiting relatives in Haskell.

DeLong & Johnson Bros. will give Abilene and Fort Worth prices on Drugs.

Mr. H. B. Jones has gone to Anson on legal business.

Go to DeLong & Johnson Bros. to get a good novel for 25 cents, which will betaken back for half price after you read it.

Mr. O. P. Woodruff of Anson was in this city this week attending to legal business.

Claud Gass has been quite sick this week, but is reported to be convalescing.

We will give full particulars of the new Idella school house next week.

DeLong & Johnson Bros. have just received a large assortment of stationery blank books, ledgers, blotters, writing tablets and novels.

Prof. Christopher and Miss Eric Henry opened up a subscription school Monday with fifty in attendance.

See Mr. Dodson's notice of woolen goods for cost, these are new goods and certainly ought to sell.

Don't forget to call on J. F. Lockney if you want to trade a pony of any sort.

Mr Walter Scott has returned from an extended trip through Hill, Williamson and Travis counties.

DeLong & Johnson Bros. have replenished their stock of Drugs and Patent medicines and are prepared to fill any orders for such goods.

Messrs. R. B. Miller and J. S. Riddle have returned from Albany where they have been for some time building houses for parties in that city.

Go to N. Porter for your genuine Cheyenne saddle trees Rigged up in the latest Cheyenne styles for less money than they can be bought any where else.

Buggy harness, wagon harness, pack harness, whips, spurs and saddles down at bed rock prices. ABILENE TEXAS. June 25

Mr. E. M. Andrews of Anson was in this city this week. He was soliciting subscribers to a pamphlet that is a description of Haskell county, that is designated for the purpose of attracting immigration.

All persons indebted to Dr. J. H. McGee will please call at the office of McConnell and Johnson and settle their indebtedness as the books of said McGee have been left at said office for collection with instruction that suit be brought on all delinquent accounts.

I now offer at cost for cash a nice line of ladies and misses breakfast and chamber shawls, all wool, ladies' rubbers, ladies and misses all wool hose. Come and see for yourselves.—B. H. Dodson.

Dr. Hollis of Anson was in this city Thursday. He was called in consultation with Dr. R. A. Anderson who is attending Miss Lula Gass in her present illness.

In view of the fact that we contemplate building a gin and corn mill at Haskell.

Farmers of Haskell county will do us a kindness by reporting the number of acres of cotton they intend planting the present year, please report to R. W. Barrett who will keep an account and report to us.

Respectfully, Carter & Tyson

PATENT GRANTED to the citizens of Texas during the past week and reported especially for this paper by C. A. Snow & Co. Patent lawyers, Opposite U. S. Patent office, Washington D. C.

W. A. J. Beauchamp, Orange, Automatic lamper, T. B. Webb, Bay View, Insect Destroyer.

Northeast corner of Haskell Co. --Feb 1st 1888.

Dear sir: As I have never seen any thing from this portion of the Coin your valuable columns, I write a few items. We are having fine weather now. Grass is growing some, and stock is looking better.

When the immigrants begin to come, send some of the moneyed ones out here, as this portion of the country is very rich.

WILD HORSE.

The following is a clipping from the Dallas Morning News as descriptive of our last Grand Ball:

DELAYED SOCIETY NOTES.

HASKELL.

The young folks of this place gathered at the city hall Friday night to enjoy a few hours of Terpsichorean festivity. The floor was waxed and it was almost necessary to wear ice skates to protect the back of ones head.

Notably among the gentlemen present were Messrs Charles Was on, H. B. Martin, E. M. Standefor, Frank Williamson, John Agnew, Dr. R. A. Anderson, William Wiseman, Edja Hodges, and Edja Edge, James Norris, Richard McGee, N. A. Mathews, Y. Hogan, H. R. Jones, Hugh Raps, Oscar Martin, John Massie, Walter E. Johnson, Will Hills, G. P. Widmer, Jim Dillahunty, Sam Smith, Bill McGee, "Ellin" Smith, John Kester, A. T. Shipman, Jate Winn and R. H. Fasset.

Every one present informs the News reporter that this was the grandest affair of the kind ever witnessed in the city of Haskell.

CHEAP COAL.

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of coal lands in the vicinity of Trinidad embraces 1900 square miles of 640,000 acres. According to the estimate each acre contains 12,906 tons of coal, making the enormous amount of 8,250,810,000 tons of coal.

"As to the immediate demand to be supplied, the country between the Platte and Canadian rivers comprises an area of 240,000 square miles of arable land capable of sustaining at least eight families to the square mile, or 1,910,000 families. Computing the coal consumed by family at five tons per year, it will require the amount of 9,600,000 tons per annum. Manufacturing and the cities in this district at a fair estimate will consume the same amount, or a total of 19,200,000 tons, or 52,000 tons per day.

"To transport this amount it will require 3200 cars at ten tons each. It would therefore require fourteen roads to supply the above district with necessary amount of coal, upon the general estimate that each road could transport twenty five trains of fifteen cars each per day.

"In addition to the above country to be supplied from our fields, a large portion of Kansas and a greater portion of Nebraska will be dependant upon us. Texas also will have to depend upon this place for the fuel necessary to supply the northern and western portion of that great country.

"Never fear but that Trinidad will be equal to the demand, for at the rate of 325,000 tons out put per day we have enough coal to last us over 450 years or enough to supply the present demand of the world for a period of forty years.

"This coal is dug from the pit at 50 cent per ton, and is equal to the Pittsburg coal. It can be put upon trains for Texas at \$1.50 per ton. The present managers of the road declare they will be able to lay it down in Fort Worth at 84 per ton, and to bring enough to supply the whole state of Texas."

A WORTHY CAUSE.

LET ALL HELP.

Mrs. Mary V. Hogan of Ennis Texas, hands us an appeal for help to build the "White Cross Home," of the Woman's Christian Temperance union of Texas. She says the home is to be built at Garrett, on the H. & T. C. R. R., 31 miles south of Dallas. Land is bought and paid for, and some lumber and shingles donated, and some money paid in: but more is needed at once.

She appeals to all for help, and says send along your money by Postal Note, Registered Letter, Money Order or Bank Check, or send Due Bill for Lumber, Shingles etc., to Ennis, Texas. One Dollar donated will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Mrs. Hogan. Any who desire to know more of the work can correspond with Mrs. Hogan.

EXECUTION BY ELECTRICITY.

Albany, Jan. 27. —Before the judiciary committees of the Senate and Assembly in joint session yesterday afternoon, Elbridge T. Gerry advocated the infliction of capital punishment by electrical shock. To his colleague Mr. Southwick, he gave chief credit for the suggestions of the commission. To a query Mr. Gerry replied that he skill on the part of the executioner can make a hanging always successful. Wisdom dictated the transfer of the condemned to the state prison nearest the place of conviction. The criminal would be safer there. A man like Driscoll could not have been held by any county jail. "Your bill pro-

vides for the execution in a state prison, by prison officials?" asked Assymbllyman Saxton. "Yes, no expert is required to touch the button successfully," said Mr. Gerry. "The indefiniteness of the time of execution provided by the bill," he continued, "lends a dreadful solemnity to the murderer's end, as does the provision for only a statement of the fact of execution by the press. Thus the criminal is not made an idol or hero before his criminal associates. Death by electricity," he continued, "would be painless. No distortion—too quick; no convulsions, no time for convulsions; and no horrible details, with a sick man or fainting woman. Criminals would infinitely more dread a silent going away—to be deliberately killed by a terrible but silent force to them unknown. There would be no wakes, no religious rites at the burial, no idolizing of a murderer or his corpse under the new system, and no long reports in the press."

CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

In the District court, March term A D 1888. To the Sheriff or any constable of Haskell county greeting: You are hereby commanded, that by making public of this citation in the Haskell City Free Press, a newspaper published in the county of Haskell, for four weeks previous to the return day hereof you summon Annie Gonzales, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the District court, to be holden in and for the county of Haskell at the court house thereof, in Haskell, on the 12th day of March 1888. File number being 39. Then and there to answer the petition of Ben F. Gonzales filed in said court, on the 1st day of February A. D. 1888 against the said Annie Gonzales and alleging in substance as follows to-wit: that

plff. and deft were married in Palo Pinto Co. Tex. May 26th 1883 and lived together as man and wife until march 1st 1884. when deft abandoned plff. and has since failed and refused to live with him. Plff. prays for judgment dissolving the marriage. Herein Fail Not, but have you then and there before said court on said march 12th 1888, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. L. Jones, Clerk of the District court of Haskell county.

Given under my hand and the seal of court in Haskell this the 1st day of February A D 1888, J. L. Jones clerk Dist court Haskell Co. Texas. Issued on the first day of February, A. D. 1888, J. L. Jones, Clerk Dist. Ct. Haskell Co.

An Anxious Inquirer.

A correspondent in Kansas, who signs himself "Anxious Inquirer," asks what we think is superior, Fact or Fancy? At this is a matter of more than national importance not only to our correspondent, but to the universe at large, we proceed to allay the impending crisis by the following timely remarks:

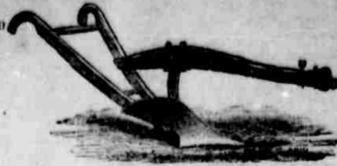
Fact is ball-rock, hard-pau. Fancy is soft color—deceitful; he draws from the thicket bud. Fancy has father for much of an imaginary flavor. We prefer the solid comfort of a genuine mine's pie to the gloomy festivities of the nightmare, which is sure to follow. The one is solid fact, the other purely idea, and fancifully convulsive.

Now, Mr. Anxious Inquirer, if a young lady particularly struck your fancy and hit it hard, don't you think you would prefer to have a five-man-ice-cream with her, for a fact, than so through the long weary ways of life feeding on substantial rarities of a dream, and hugging all sorts of impossibilities about her? Some to us you should. A dollar in your pocket, for a fact is worth the sum total of Aladdin's dream. That's another fact, Mr. Inquirer.

Fancy is feminine. Fact, masculine. Fancy is too much like warm taffy—more blessed to give than to receive. Fact sets before a man a square meal. Fancy feeds him on memories of things that have been, and hope of things that are to be. Fact always has a clear head; the brain of Fancy has the inflammatory rheumatism. Fact builds a railroad; fancy ministers to a mind diseased. Fact marries a man and sets him up in business; Fancy makes him love-sick and melancholy as an invalid monkey in the branches of a dead cocoanut tree. Fact is a business man and thrives on beefsteak. Fancy is a poor poet, and dines on blueberries and jam. The country is flooded with 'em."

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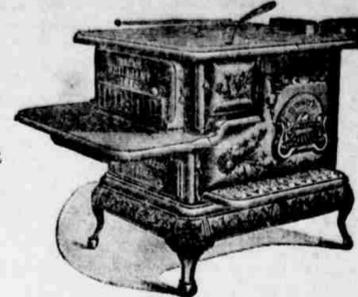
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FACT AND FANCY.

From Dec. 15 to Dec. 31, 1887, fifteen bodies were cremated at one crematory in New York. A wagon load of squirrels were sold at Hot Springs, Ark., a few days since, the vendor selling them by the bushel.

Mexicans propose to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America in 1492 with a grand world's exposition.

The council at Logan, O., has ordered the ringing of a bell at 9 P. M. to notify parents to call their children in from the streets.

A Nevada ranchman, to protect his cattle from the effects of blizzards, has painted them all with a mixture of tar, red clay and linseed oil.

A kindling-wood factory, about to be started at St. Johnsbury, Vt., will employ thirty men and use ten thousand cords of slabs a year.

A farmer in Tyler county, West Virginia, recently sold a lot of well-seasoned railroad ties, which he had cut and hewed thirty eight years ago.

At Boston last Monday 180 poor widows received a silver half dollar as a Christmas present from a fund led by W. H. Knight for that purpose.

Forty men and five girls were sent to Jacksonville, Fla., by a bogus employment agency in New York, which charged them \$3 each for places they didn't get.

Forty-one calico aprons were among the Christmas presents received by a female resident of Belfast, Me. She had previously told her friends that all she cared for was a calico apron.

It is said that an apple tree in Pleasant county, Virginia, which has borne fruit for a number of years, has never been known to blossom. This year it bore largely of fruit that had neither core nor seed.

The San Francisco Examiner has contracted with a New York publishing house for 1,000,000 copies of a magazine supplement for that paper, which will give reliable information about California and its resources.

At Waterbury, Conn., the other night, John Miller was seriously stabbed in the groin. He stopped the hemorrhage by pinning the edges of the wound together, and then put himself under the care of a physician. He will recover.

A Maine man as an experiment clipped the fleece from a pet Newfoundland dog and had it carded and spun into yarn. It yielded four skeins of jet black yarn, weighing two and one quarter pounds, and was as soft as wool.

A handsome buck deer was recently shot near Rock Springs, Ky., which for the past ten years had been a target for the rifles of the hunters of the neighborhood. It weighed 175 pounds and its antlers were of unusual size.

The pastor of a wealthy New York church is said to have recently received a fee for marrying a young couple a handsome locket on which were the initials of the pastor's wife set in diamonds. Inside of the locket was a \$100 bill.

A gift of \$30,000 was received Tuesday by the president of Yale college from Alexander Duncanson, of London, who graduated in 1835. It is Mr. Duncanson's desire that the money be used in providing immediate necessities for the college.

At Mount Vernon, Me., recently, was witnessed the novel sight of a farmer mowing on the ice. The swamp had frozen up but left enough grass remaining above it to warrant a thrifty farmer cutting it and drawing it home for horse-bedding.

A seal went up Mystic river, Connecticut, last week as far as the bridge, and was seen there at intervals for an hour or more. It was a rather remarkable trip, as it took his sealship a mile inland to a place where the river can not be much above two hundred feet broad.

One Wagner night at the Metropolitan opera house, says *The New York Sun*, is almost enough to put those who sing the principal parts in sick-beds, so great is the strain upon their voices and physical strength. The light opera almost invariably succeeds one of Wagner's works on this account.

The Rev. George F. Peck, the well-known evangelist who gave up a pulpit at a salary of \$8,000 a year to enter the revival field, is having a disturbance with church people at Augusta, Maine, because they published his receipts from his new labors, and intimate that he is making more money than he received on a salary.

At Wooster, O., Tuesday, Laura Sidle instituted legal proceedings against Byron A. Fouch for \$5,000 damages for breach of promise. Fouch is a Wooster university graduate, and until recently practiced law at Findlay, from which point he was taken to Wooster several weeks ago to answer a criminal charge preferred against him by Miss Sidle and which was compromised.

Naugatuck (Conn.) Congregationalists are building a parish house, a modern idea, worthy of imitation. It will have twenty-four rooms, besides hall, cloak-rooms, and closets. The first floor has an assembly-room, reception-room, Sunday-school library, and seven class rooms; the second floor eight class rooms, reading-rooms, kitchen, and dining-rooms; third floor for pastor's study and a gymnasium.

They tell in Dover, Me., that two strong temperance women one day came upon a man lying drunk by the roadside, while his wife sat by his side knitting. She had been walking home with him when he collapsed. One of the ladies asked the faithful wife: "What would become of him if he should die in that condition?" "I don't know what his destiny would be in the future, but he seems to have a good time now."

The archbishop of Lima has sent a letter to the Peruvian minister of justice, education, and religion, protesting against a performance that a circus company was to give for the benefit of the Masonic hall about to be erected in Lima, "thus scandalizing," said the archbishop, "a Catholic city, insulting its religious belief, and violating the laws of the republic, which recognizes the Catholic religion as that of the state and prohibits all others." The archbishop asked the government not only to prohibit the performance alluded to, but also to prevent the erection of the Masonic hall. The executive has taken no action in the matter.

Presence of mind is all well enough in some cases, but when a man finds himself in danger of freezing to death he shouldn't try to keep too cool.

GENERAL WASHINGTON NEWS

THOBRE-CARLISLE CONTEST.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Every member of the House committee on elections was in attendance this morning to resume consideration of the Thobre-Carlisle contested election case. Mr. Hallam, of Covington, Ky., appeared in behalf of Speaker Carlisle and J. Hale Sypher appeared for the contestant. The chairman announced that the presentation of affidavits in behalf of the contestants was in order.

After the affidavits were presented the committee went into secret session. The first motion put was one to postpone further consideration of the case, which was rejected by a strict party vote of nine to six. Then a motion was made to reopen the case. Mr. Rowell (Republican) asked to be excused from voting, and Mr. Cooper (Republican) voted with the Democrats. So the motion was lost. Another motion was made to declare Thobre entitled to his seat, and on this vote four Republican members were excused from voting, the remainder voting with the Democrats against the proposition. Then came the final vote on the motion affirming Mr. Carlisle's right to his seat. All of the Democrats voted in favor of this proposition, and with them stood Messrs. Cooper, Rowell and Johnson, of Indiana, making the affirmative vote 12. Messrs. Lyman, Houk and Lodge, Republicans, were excused, so there was no negative vote.

The position taken by the Republicans who abstained from voting is that while they are not convinced that Mr. Carlisle is entitled to his seat, it is proper for the committee to reopen the case and afford an opportunity for the production of any new evidence that might throw light upon the contest.

Under instructions of the committee Chairman Crisp will report to the House a resolution declaring Mr. Carlisle entitled to his seat.

TEXAS PENSIONS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The following Texas pensions were issued to-day: Mexican war, Leonora, widow of George Campbell, Brenham; Ida, widow of John Phillips, Austin; James Lindsey, Kerrville; Emanuel H. King, Winnsboro; Thomas Carney Galveston.

LOWER CALIFORNIA.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The Senate went into executive session at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and three-quarters of an hour later took up the nomination of Mr. Lamar. Its consideration lasted until 4 o'clock, at which time the nomination was confirmed by a vote of 82 to 28. Senators Riddleberger, Stanford and Stewart voted with the Democrats. All other Republicans voted against Mr. Lamar, and all Democrats were in his favor.

CARLISLE ILL.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Speaker Carlisle was suddenly taken very ill Tuesday, and grave fears are entertained as to his recovery.

LATER: Speaker Carlisle is much better, though still quite sick. It will be some time before he can resume his duties in the House.

INSTALLATION OF LAMAR.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The Supreme court of the United States sits with a full bench to-day for the first time since the 4th of May, 1885. Mr. Lamar reached the capitol a little after 11 o'clock this morning and proceeded to the justices' room of the Supreme court, where the oath of office—the ordinary modified oath—was administered to him in private. The judicial oath was administered to him in public immediately after the day's session was opened.

TO PREVENT THEIR LANDING.

The Treasury department is informed that a number of convicts liberated at New Caledonia, are on their way to this country via California. The Collector of Customs and the Commissioner of Immigration at San Francisco have been notified to look out for such immigrants, and to prevent their landing.

DISCUSSES THE WOOL QUESTION.

Mr. C. B. Burbank of Texas, a large ranch owner, was on the floor of the house this morning, discussing the wool question with the Texas members. He represents the owners of about 500,000 sheep.

Hon. J. D. Sayers' wife is reported very much better and hopes to see her friends again soon.

PARDONED.

The president has pardoned W. J. Sherrill, of Arkansas, violation of postal laws; J. S. Pace, Texas, mail robbery, and W. Ross, Arkansas, violation of internal revenue laws.

The sentences of William Johnston and Jefferson Cook of Alabama, violation of pension laws, have been commuted to three years' imprisonment.

THE TREASURY SURPLUS.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Farwell introduced a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to apply the surplus money in the Treasury to the purchase of the United States bonds and to perpetuate the national banking system by providing further securities.

THE MINORITY VIEW.

Views of the minority of elections committee on the Thobre-Carlisle contested election case were presented to the House this morning by Mr. Lyman of Iowa. The report says that had the case been submitted to the committee on the record as made at the beginning of the present session of Congress, there would not probably have been a dissenting voice. The vote would have been unanimous for the resolution adopted by the majority; but at the first meeting of the committee the contestant made a strong ex parte showing. It believes that a reasonable showing having been made by the contestant, he should, in all justice and fair dealing, be allowed to establish by legal and competent evidence if he can, the allegation of fraud made by him.

TEXAS PENSIONS.

The following Texas pensions were issued to-day: Mexican war, Elizabeth, widow of Phillip C Paul, Lamar; Mexican war, Carey W. Styles, Meridian; Jonathan Storey, Eagle Ford; increase, Henry Parker, Greenville.

THE REFUNDING BILL PASSES.

In the Senate to-day, after various amendments, the refunding bill was passed—yeas 46, nays 10. The bill directs the Secretary of the treasury to credit each state and territory and to the District of Columbia a sum equal to all collections made therefrom or from the citizens or inhabitants thereof or other persons under the direct tax act of Aug. 5, 1861. It remits all money still due to the United States under such act, and it appropriates an amount necessary for reimbursement; the sums collected directly from individuals to be held in trust by the state for the benefit of the persons from whom they were collected or their legal representatives.

Mr. Blair's educational bill was then taken up and Mr. Brown addressed the Senate in support of it, stating that its defeat throughout the whole south.

At the conclusion of Mr. Brown's remarks, Mr. Blair continued his speech in support of the bill. In the course of his speech he complained that many newspapers throughout the country had criticized his bill in an unfair and unfriendly manner. After speaking for about an hour and a half, he yielded for a motion to adjourn.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The national Democratic committee will meet in this city on February 22 to fix the time and place for holding the national Democratic convention. Delegates will be present to urge the claims of a large number of cities which desire to have the convention, among them New York, Boston, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago and San Francisco.

AMENDMENT INTRODUCED.

An amendment to the interstate commerce bill introduced in the Senate to-day by Senator Butler provides that no railroad shall charge any passenger more than 2 cents a mile for a distance greater than 300 miles, nor more than 3 cents per mile for a less distance. It also provides that no common carrier subject to the provisions of the act shall permit any employes engaged in the transportation of passengers to continue work for more than twelve hours consecutively.

TEXAS PENSIONS.

The following Texas pensions were issued Thursday: V. H. Phelps, Galveston; J. W. Waskom, Gainesville.

PLAIN "JO."

Representative Abbott of Texas is decidedly Jeffersonian in the simplicity which characterizes not only his attitude but his manner. Yesterday he addressed the following note to an officer of the House:

"DEAR SIR—I respectfully ask that you instruct the Journal clerks to see that my name constantly appears in the Journal as 'Jo Abbott.' My name is 'Jo' simply, not 'Joseph,' nor 'Joe,' nor 'J.', but plain 'Jo.' Yours respectfully, JO ABBOTT."

SPEAKER CARLISLE IMPROVING.

Speaker Carlisle passed a comfortable night, and is much improved to-day.

FOREIGNERS ALLOWED TO OWN MINES.

The Senate committee on mines and mining this morning perfected an amendment to the alien land law, extending mining property from its operations—that is, allowing foreigners to purchase and own mines in this country.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate made the following confirmations to-day: D. L. Pringle, consul-general to Guatemala.

United States consuls: W. O. Patton at Bahia, Brazil; N. J. George, Charleston, Prince Edwards Island; J. E. Gill, Motovido; A. F. Dickson, Gaspe, B. sin; G. C. Tanner, P. ton, N. S.; R. W. Danlap, Stratford, Ont.

Among the postmasters were: J. H. Stapp, Barnet, Tex.; V. E. Reed, Cameron, Tex.; W. H. Allen, Eunis, Tex.; L. W. Yarrington, Eagle Pass, Tex.; E. Temple, Governor of Washington territory; W. C. Hall, Secretary of Utah territory; S. D. Shannon, Secretary of Wyoming; James Sheakley, Commissioner for Alaska.

Colonel Wesley Merritt, Fifth Cavalry, to be brigadier-general and a long list of army and navy appointments.

THE FIRST SKIRMISH.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The first skirmish of the opposing lines on the subject of revenue reform took place Thursday in the ways and means committee resulting in a slight victory for the tariff reformers. Chairman Mills who has been indisposed for a day or two was unable to attend and McMillan of Tennessee presided. A former motion made by him to refer to appropriate sub-committees the various bills referred to the committee that have been received from the Public Printer was adopted. McKinley of Ohio then moved to take up and consider his bill repealing the tobacco tax. Some discussion ensued from which it appeared that the Democratic majority was averse to considering any specific tax reduction bill at this time preferring to take up that class of bill in connection with the general tariff reduction bill which it is the intention of the committee to present to the House. Finally Mr. Breckinridge moved to defer consideration of McKinley's bill until the general subject of revenue reduction is taken up by the committee and this motion prevailed by a strict party vote of five to four. The subject is expected to come up again at the meeting of the committee next Tuesday.

ANNUAL PENSION BILL.

The committee on appropriations made ready Thursday morning the regular annual pension bill for report to the House. The bill appropriates \$80,275,500 as follows: For the payment of pensions, \$59,000,000; for fees and expenses of examining surgeons, \$1,000,000; for salaries of agents, \$72,000; for clerk hire, \$170,000; ruts, \$20,000; fuel, \$750; lights \$750; stationery and incidentals, \$12,000. The estimates originally made aggregated \$76,212,400. A subsequent letter from the Commissioner of Pensions brought the sum up to the amount of the bill.

STATE ITEMS BY WIRE.

WHITEWRIGHT, JAN. 20.

There has been erected here since Oct. 1 forty dwelling houses, and contracts have been let for about twenty-seven more. A new dry goods firm opens up here soon with a capital of about \$80,000. The Farmers' Alliance will also open a large store at an early date. Real estate is active and changing hands lively, especially in East Whitewright.

HONEY GROVE, JAN. 25.

A wood famine exists in Honey Grove at the present. For several weeks the roads have been in such a condition that no hauling could be done, and the stock of the local dealers is exhausted. It will require at least two weeks of fair weather to make the roads passable, and it is feared that there will be actual suffering.

BONHAM, JAN. 25.

Sheriff Evans arrived from Cleburne Friday morning with Sid Mason who was under indictment here charged with forging an order on J. B. McKee of Honey Grove, about one year ago. When searched here ten burglar saws were found, sewed in the inside of the leg of Mason's drawers. Mason stated that he procured the saws from a prisoner in the Dallas county jail, where he was kept over night on route to this place, who had 300 of them. The saws were smaller than the smallest knitting needle and of the finest steel. Sheriff Evans has heard from officers of five other States who are wanting Mason.

SEYMOUR, JAN. 25.

The wheat crop of this county is standing the winter nicely, and it is thought there will be garnered the coming season at least 5000 bushels. There have been many fine rains during this winter, and the farmers are very hopeful for a good crop this year.

CLARENDON, JAN. 27.

W. C. Kogler, foreman of the Kogler Ranch, says they lost about twenty-five head of cattle in the recent blizzard, but the loss was confined to the old and poor of the herd. He reports that the range is good and cattle likely to pull through in fine condition.

EL PASO, JAN. 25.

Last Saturday night a railway car standing on a side track in Paso del Norte was burglarized. The car was in the hands of Mexican custom officials, and contained a valuable cargo of bonded imported goods, including jewelry, laces and silks. The exact value of the goods taken, either is not known to the Mexican officials, or will not be given by them, but it is reported to be several thousand dollars. Seven Mexicans have been arrested on suspicion.

HOUSTON, JAN. 25.

Mr. Thatcher of Sugarland, has arrived in the city. He says that the continuous rains and cold weather have caused a cessation of work in that part of the country which will cause the crops to be later than last year. Col. Cunningham has decided to use the diffusion process in making his next crop of sugar. He will take this step owing to observations at the government station. By it 225 pounds of sugar can be taken from a ton of cane, while only 150 pounds can be extracted through the old process. Mr. Thatcher is of the opinion that the sugar crop of next year will go far over that of this year, which was more than 3,000,000. This will be on account of an increase in acreage by himself and Messrs. Cunningham & Ellis.

Maxwell Must Hang.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The Supreme Court of the United States Monday rendered a verdict in the case of Hugh M. Brooks, alias W. H. Maxwell, against the State of Missouri. This is the famous Maxwell-Preller murder case. Brooks, or Maxwell, plaintiff in error, is now in jail in the city of St. Louis, under sentence of death for the murder of C. Arthur Preller, in April, 1885. The decision was announced by Chief Justice Waite, and its effect is to affirm the sentence of death pronounced by the State court.

PRETTY THINGS.

ROSE DESIGN FOR TABLE SCARF.—The same paper also illustrates a hand of old gold silk sateen with discs embroidered in outline stitch with silk of a deeper shade. Within the discs is a conventional design of wild roses, one rose for the middle of each circle, embroidered with pink silk, the center of the flower light green, the stamens of yellow, with a knot stitch at the end of each. The green leaves, one of which projects from beneath each petal of the rose, thus making five, are outlined and veined with a medium shade of olive green silk. The ground-work back of the flowers within the discs is then darned with the deeper shade of gold silk which has been used for outlining the circle. This design is also pretty for a piano cover.

SEWING CHAIR.

Have you not, says Christie Irving, in Farm and Fireside, an old chair somewhere about the house that by the addition of some paint and drapery can be made into a thing of beauty? Paint the woodwork white, and make the drapery of pale blue sateen, which can now be bought very cheap, as they are selling all the summer sateens as low as fifteen, and in some stores twelve and a half cents. It drapes prettier than cretonne, and cretonne is a little out of style now, other things having taken its place.

STATE HAPPENINGS.

WACO, JAN. 24.

The Stone building was burned to the ground Sunday morning. The building belonged to J. E. Stone, and was insured for \$5000. It was occupied by E. Nicholson, millinery, whose store was insured for \$3000; J. C. Craig, groceries, stock insured for \$2500, Eugene Kelsner, job printing establishment, insured \$2500; the Fifth Street Hotel, insurance \$12,000. The upper rooms were occupied by D. Well, who had an insurance of \$500 on his furniture. The losses of roomers on the upper floors and boarders are considerable. Prof. A. Hers who burned out a few days ago moved into the Stone building, and it was lost in this fire, without insurance. The fire started in the millinery store, at the corner of Fifth and Franklin streets at 10:30 and spread with startling celerity. The loss is about \$30,000 and the total insurance \$17,000.

LAREDO, JAN. 24.

Reports from the outlying wool districts of Laredo give but comparatively little stock lost in this section by reason of the late blizzards, and the number is principally confined to lambs and old sheep. One of the heaviest losses is reported by Mr. Showalter, who has just imported two carloads of blooded cattle from Kentucky for use on his ranch on the Nueces River. These cattle were caught on an open prairie by the cold spell within a few hours after they were unloaded from the cars, and five bulls, worth about \$200 each, died from exposure. Reports are received from Encinal county that three shepherds were frozen to death while tending their flocks last Sunday morning.

ANDERSON, JAN. 24.

Last Tuesday evening Uncle Miles Taylor, whose age is 87 years, fell in the fire in his room near to or at Ike Kelley's residence. A negro boy, who happened to see him, was standing in the yard, and ran and told Mr. Kelley that Mr. Taylor was in the fire. Mr. Kelley hastened to the room, and found him lying head foremost in the fire, all ablaze, and very badly burned. He pulled him out and threw a bucket of water on him and succeeded in putting out the flames. Mr. Taylor's arm was very badly burned, and Wednesday the old man died. He was one of the oldest settlers in this county.

GALVESTON, JAN. 24.

The Sealey Rifles Battalion held their annual meeting for the election of officers Friday night. There were some fifty-three members present. The battalion decided to enter two teams at the Austin drill and Tuesday night the teams will be finally selected, after which work will begin in earnest. While only two teams will enter the prize drill at Austin, the entire battalion will attend the encampment with the view of giving exhibition drills.

QUEEN CITY, JAN. 24.

The continued bad weather of the past month has almost entirely suspended the operation of the lumber mills. Another cargo of rails has arrived for the extension of the track on the East Texas Transportation Company's road. The necessity of building a large brick school house here is being agitated and favorably discussed. The building now being used is too small and uncomfortable for school purposes.

MARLIN, JAN. 24.

The district court, Judge Eugene Williams presiding, has been engaged for the past three days in the trial of Louie Hawkins, charged with the murder of one Addison Washington, Sept. 26, 1887. The trial resulted in a verdict of murder in the first degree, with a life term in the penitentiary.

CARBON, JAN. 24.

On the night of Jan. 14, about ten miles south of here, in a herd of 500 goats, 175 perished of cold. So far as known no other stock have frozen in such large numbers, but individual losses in many cases are reported among farmers. It is extremely cold and more losses are expected.

SHERMAN, JAN. 24.

The Alliance committee, composed of J. P. Loving, W. E. Staples, J. W. Lanham and W. Scott, met to-day and decided to build a mill of 150 barrels capacity here at once. Saturday afternoon Albert Mayers, a youth of about 16 years fell from a trestle about forty feet from the ground killing him instantly.

WHITEWRIGHT, JAN. 21.

A wood and coal famine prevails here now. Coal dealers say they cannot get coal before March, and the roads are in such condition that the wood haulers can not get to town.

VAN ALSTYNE, JAN. 24.

Some cotton is occasionally seen on the streets, but the cotton market has virtually closed here. About 9000 bales have been purchased here. All farm lands have been rented, and immigrants are finding some trouble getting located.

STEPHENSVILLE, JAN. 24.

A girl, 14 years of age, residing at Seldon, eight miles south of here, was burned to death. The name of the girl could not be learned. The girl was of unusual mind.

SHERMAN, JAN. 21.

James and Oldham, two men bound over by a justice of Denison on a charge of theft, were brought over and put in jail Thursday. Coal is said to have been found in paying quantities on the Dr. Scott farm, near Gordonville.

HOUSTON, JAN. 21.

At 10 o'clock Thursday morning the Texas Base Ball League convention met at the Social Club parlors, pursuant to adjournment. All the delegates were present. It was decided that the base ball season should be inaugurated on April 1. Considerable miscellaneous business of an important character was transacted by the delegates and provisions made to meet contingent expenses. A resolution was presented and adopted thanking the Houston Social Club, members of the Houston Base Ball Club and the press for courtesies extended. Nominations were made for places in which to hold the next convention. It was finally decided by ballot that the next convention should be held in Dallas in October. At 12 o'clock the convention adjourned.

BURNET, JAN. 21.

Mr. E. J. Russell, agent of the Wells-Fargo Express company at this point, was arrested by Constable R. H. Smith on a charge of embezzlement. The complaint was made by Mr. Duncan, route agent of the company, and charges the appropriation by Russell of the sum of \$200. Defendant asked a temporary postponement of preliminary trial and it was granted and his bond fixed in the meantime by Squire Ward at the sum of \$500, which being given he was released from custody. The date fixed for the preliminary trial is Thursday, January 26.

LAREDO, JAN. 21.

Mr. Gus Harrison, who has been in charge of the Mexican National Railroad at Rodriguez Station on the Salado River in Mexico, was brought in seriously wounded. In his statement he says that Tuesday night while he was attending to his duties, he was fired upon and the ball whistled unpleasantly close to his head. Turning around he was confronted by a Mexican pointing a Winchester directly at his body. He succeeded in grasping the gun just as it was fired and depressed the range, so the ball entered his body below the hip. Timely succor arrived before the wound would be fatal and complete the work. The physician attending him has been up to this time unable to locate the bullet which has lodged in his body.

EL PASO, JAN. 21.

Ah Sing, aged 35, and Miss Ah May, aged 28, both native born Celestials, were married here Thursday night. The ceremony was performed by District Judge T. Faivey. The groom and his friends were extremely anxious that the ceremony should be of the most binding character, and they therefore insisted on having the district attorney present as a witness. A cousin of the groom acted as interpreter, and about thirty Americans, including several ladies, were present. Ah Sing and wife will open a laundry in Paso del Norte, Mexico. Within the past two years two Chinamen have married Mexican girls here, but this is the first Chinese marriage in the Southwest. There are but four Chinese women in El Paso.

WHITEWRIGHT, JAN. 21.

Something new in the way of drunkenness was seen on the streets here Wednesday. A pet coon belonging to one of the clerks in the postoffice was made gloriously drunk by some wag who carried him to a saloon and gave him two glasses of whisky. He staggered, danced and went through all the antics of a drunken man. The doctors report several cases of pneumonia. What is growing off much better than was expected some days ago. The immigrants that arrived here a few days ago from Kentucky and Tennessee express themselves as well pleased with Texas and her people.

TERRELL, JAN. 21.

As the stock begin to thaw, quite a number of them die. It is reported that on one farm, where the horses were not protected from the wind, thirteen head died from the effects of the freeze.

MERKEL, JAN. 21.

As the result of the Dallas immigration convention, Judge Lock McDaniels, with County Surveyor Thomas, are here, and are cutting the four leagues of Grimes county land into 150 acre tracts, which will be put on the market in a few days at reasonable prices and good time. This is the finest body of land in the West. The soil is a deep loam, very rich, and on any portion of this tract the best of water can be had at from twenty to fifty feet. These lands not being on the market heretofore have been quite a drawback to this beautiful little town, and the citizens are elated by the prospect of a large influx of settlers this coming spring and summer. It is expected a cotton-gin and perhaps a small mill will be erected this summer. The college and public school, which are united, are flourishing, and have about 150 pupils enrolled. The new college building is almost completed and will be ready for many terms.

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STRIKES FOR SIX YEARS.

The Labor Commissioner Reports—Figures Showing the Financial Losses to Employers and Workmen.

The Commissioner of Labor, Carroll D. Wright, has transmitted his third annual report to the Secretary of the Interior. This report relates entirely to strikes and lockouts occurring in the United States for period of six years beginning, Jan. 1, 1881, and ending Dec. 31, 1886. Mr. Wright says the industrial depressions which have been so frequent in this country since 1877 really establish the period as one of the strikes and lockouts. The manufacturing establishment is taken as the unit in all matters, rather than the strike itself. The names of establishments have not been given for many apparent reasons, but the localities and the industries to which the establishments belong are all clearly specified. After detailing the methods by which the bureau collected its information (and these show that the greatest care was taken in the investigation) the Commissioner states that there were, for the whole period involved, 22,336 establishments in which strikes occurred, and 2,182 in which lockouts occurred. The strikes are divided by years as follows: In 1881, 2,928; in 1882, 2,105; in 1883, 2,750; in 1884, 2,367; in 1885, 2,284, and in 1886, 9,893. Since the 1st of January, 1887, so far as the bureau has been able to ascertain, there has been a great falling off of the strikes, as compared with 1886, the number of establishments in which they occur dropping below 5,000, 3,000 of which occurred in the first half of the year. Nearly 75 per cent of the establishments in which strikes occurred for the six years named, and nearly 91 per cent of those in which lockouts occurred, were in the five States of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio and Illinois, which states contain 49 per cent of all the manufacturing establishments in the country and employ 58 per cent of the capital invested in mechanical industries in the country.

The total number of employees involved in the whole number of strikes for the whole period was 1,318,624, while the number of employees locked out was 159,543. Of all the strikers 89 per cent were males and about 11 per cent females, while of those locked out 69 per cent were males and 31 per cent females. The totals show that of the strikes occurring in the 22,336 establishments during the period covered by the investigation those in 10,407 succeeded, and those in 3,004 met with partial success, while in 8,910 establishments the strikes were failures. Many difficulties were found in ascertaining the exact loss of employes, but the information secured shows that the loss to them for the six years was \$51,816,165, while the loss to employes through strikes and lockouts for six years covered of \$59,948,882. The sum of \$3,325,057 was expended in assistance to strikers, so far as ascertainable. The employer's losses through strikes for the six years amounted \$30,732,658, and through lockouts to \$3,432,261, being a total loss to employers in establishments where strikes and lockouts occurred of \$34,164,919.

An examination of the summary tables by industries, for both strikes and lockouts, discloses the fact that the chief burden under strikes was borne by thirteen industries, viz.: Boots and shoes, 352 establishments; brickmaking 478; building trades, 6,060; clothing, 1,728; cooperage, 484; food preparations, 1,619; furniture, 491; lumber, 395; metals and metallic goods, 1,585; mining, 2,060; stone, 468; tobacco, 1,959; transportation, 1,478, or a total number of establishments in these industries of 19,957, being about 90 per cent of the whole number of establishments subjected to strikes. In lockouts five trades bore 80 per cent of the whole burden. They were as follows: Boots and shoes, 155 establishments; building trades, 531; clothing, 773; metals and metallic goods, 78, and tobacco, 226, or a total of 1,761. For the two classes of disturbances, strikes and lockouts, these trades that have been named affected 22,432 establishments, or about 90 of the whole number involved.

Among the long list of strikes there were several which presented unusual difficulties in the way of tabular statement, and for these namely, the telegraphers' strike of 1883 and the strike on the Southwestern of Gould system of railways, in 1885 and 1886, all having a national influence, specific explanations are given. The facts given by the bureau regarding the strikes occurring prior to 1881, and also those relative to legislation and the decisions of courts concerning strikes, combinations, conspiracies, and boycotts, constitute an exceedingly valuable portion of the report.

Hereditary Tradesmen in Japan.

The boys seen in nearly all the places of skilled labor suggest what is the fact, that apprentices begin to learn their trades usually much earlier than in our country, so that when majority is attained the mastery of the crafts is thorough. Another striking feature of the Japanese system is that of heredity. Skill runs in family lines. Not a few of the famous artisans of the present decade are descendants in the ninth, tenth, and even twentieth generation of the founder of the establishment. I once employed a carpenter in Fukui, who was proud of his ancestry of wood workers through twenty-seven generations; and the temple records show such boasting to be true, though often adoption interrupts the actual blood line. At a paper-maker's establishment in Awotai, in Echizen, I dined with the proprietor, whose fathers first established the industry a millennium ago, the natural history showing also that the Coroans, before the ninth century of our era, visited the place.—Scrivener's Magazine.

ANNEXATION OF CANADA.

The Disastrous Attempt to Accomplish It by Force—A Famous Retreat.

The present agitation concerning the relations between Canada and the United States recalls the time when the annexation of that country was proposed to be brought about by force of arms. The project was entrusted to the brave General Montgomery, assisted by the famous patriots, Colonels Ethan Allen and Seth Warner. While engaged in this invasion Ethan Allen was taken prisoner by the British and sent to England, where he experienced very harsh treatment. It was Colonel Warner who twice conducted his men safely home, though the march was constantly surrounded by dangers. Once Montgomery sent them home because their time was out, and though they were willing to continue in service, they were without sufficient clothing, and none could be had in that country. Colonel Warner had hardly arrived home before he heard that Montgomery had been killed, and the cause, as well as the lives of the men, were put in great jeopardy. He collected his men again and at once started for Canada to assist his countrymen in their extremity. But his efforts were of no avail, and it was soon found necessary to take up the line of retreat.

It was the dead of winter, and only necessity sanctioned moving the troops. The terror of pursuit and the rigor of the season furnished sufficient cause for alarm and haste. Colonel Warner remained with the rear of the army, and alerted them in many ways most effectively, as he was a man well posted in caring for the sick, and this knowledge now came into excellent use. He must keep the army in motion, not a day must be lost, and yet he was without any chest of medicines. But he understood the medicinal use of roots and herbs, and of proper care at critical times, and with these allies, he made an effectual fight against disease among his men.

When Tecumseh was reached and the roll called, thanks to Seth Warner but few vacancies in the ranks appeared. Col. Warner saved the lives of hundreds of men in this way, and he did a noble work, but it remained for his name sake, H. H. Warner, head of Warner's Safe Cure establishment, to give the same kind of remedies then used to the people of to-day, in "Warner's Log Cabin Remedies." These remedies have been adopted after thorough trial and investigation, and they are remedies of established reputation. Being wholly vegetable, they can be used without any fear as to the results.

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At a sale of autographs in Berlin recently the Crown Prince's was knocked down for fifty-two marks, while Sarah Bernhardt's brought 200 marks.

A Boston paper asserts that a newly rich New York woman got from a dishonest sexton possession of an old tombstone sacred to the memory of some one of the same name as herself that was in an English graveyard, and now has it set in her library wall, with a fictitious pedigree, as a voucher for her aristocracy.

It is said that the big cattle ranches of the far West and Southwest are breaking up. A year ago the Niobrara Land and Cattle Company, which has become bankrupt, refused \$1,000,000 for its property. Instead of the big companies swallowing the little ones, it is thought that the tendency is toward the breaking up of the big ranches into smaller ones.

An aged and wealthy gentleman of America, Ga., died not long ago, and his family clad his body in the finest garments that could be bought, and buried it in a \$300 coffin. Recently it was discovered that the coffin had been dug up, the body taken out and stripped of its clothes, and then buried again by the thieves, who stole everything but the corpse.

An engineer suggests a suspension bridge across the Hudson river, at a point between Fourteenth and Twenty-eighth streets, for the purpose of bringing all the railroad lines into New York. Three spans are included in the plan, the middle being 2350 feet long, which is longer than anything yet of the kind. A 1700-foot span is in course of erection in Scotland. The estimate cost of the bridge is \$16,000,000, to which \$35,000,000 might have to be added to cover land damages and to recompense property owners.

M. de Candolle, a French investigator, has come to the conclusion from his researches that women have a larger proportion of brown eyes than men. He also finds that, when both parents have eyes of the like color, the chances are 88 to 12 that their children who arrive at the age of ten years (when the color of the eye is fixed), will have eyes of the same color. When the parents have eyes of different colors, the chances are 55 to 45 in favor of brown as against blue or gray eyes in the children. He is also of opinion that the health of the brunette type is, as a rule, superior to that of the blonde type.

A great many people are troubled with disease of the P's.

Miss Noon is the name of an Ohio school m'am. She is quite popular with her scholars, but would be more so if her name were Miss Four-o'clock P. M.

One of the sad features of the President's New Year reception was the absence of the veterans of 1812. No one of the old heroes put in an appearance. Last year only six survived, and it is fair to presume that these have been "gathered to their fathers," and that as far as Washington City is concerned the representatives of the war of 1812 have ceased to exist.

The Chicago News tells this story about the Rev. Mr. Manton, who was a barber before he became a preacher. The News says that one of his first duties after he was ordained was to baptize a child. Wetting his hand in the water bowl he laid it on the child's head, and then, his mind reverting to his old calling, he began rubbing the head vigorously, and, turning to the astonished mother, said: "Shampoo!"

Berry Rowden, a twelve-year-old colored boy of Macon, Ga., has the largest mouth of anybody, big or little, in those parts. When he opens it wide the corners of the mouth are less than half an inch from the lobe of each ear. He can put his fist in his mouth; can hold two eggs in it without difficulty, and his last triumph was to take in a toy balloon and then inflate it to its full size. Berry is very proud of his mouth.

Patt's life is to be written.

The soda water wink is no longer employed in Atlanta.

The poet Whittier is eighty years old the 7th of this month.

The New York Club has mortgaged its new club house for \$400,000.

The phosphate rock trade of South Carolina is said to be markedly dull.

Many ladies in Dublin have been reduced to poverty by the loss of their rents.

Because Jake Sharp obtained a new trial it does not follow that he will be acquitted.

Modesty is worth what shadows are to a painting; it gives to it strength and relief.

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