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REPLY TO MAYOR CLIETT.

The animus of the Mayor's article laid bare. Some facts and figures that cannot be refuted from the record.

SOME MALICIOUS STATEMENTS REFUTED.

Tax payers as to valuation of property and occupation tax overwhelmingly opposed to the Mayor's pet scheme.

THE MAYOR DISQUALIFIED UNDER TWO COUNTS TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF MAYOR.

"O wad some power th giftie gie us,
To see ourselves as others see us!
It would frae monie a blunder free us."
—Burns.

Read the article from the mayor in this issue; in our opinion it is unanswerable.—Prodigal, May 22, 96.

Ordinarily we would not pay any more attention to the one to whom this reply is written than we would to any growling old woman; but as the senile Mayor has fired a broad side at us over his official title; the first he has been able to give by a vote of the people for thirteen long years, a reply is demanded. The Prodigal gives it as its deliberat opinion that it is unanswerable, but men differ about things of this kind, and as the Prodigal editor and the Mayor seem to have formed a sort of mutual admiration society we do not believe the "organ" editor is capable of an unbiased opinion on the Mayors able (?) document. Its ability consists in a tirade of abuse, wilful misrepresentation of people in general who differ from him, and the editor of THE STAR in particular. It is unanswerable in the sense that Dante's Inferno is unanswerable; with this difference, Dante drew on his imagination and wrote of things spiritual The Mayor drew on his imagination and wrote of things temporal and there is where he missed it. It is said that some people cannot open their mouth without putting their foot in it, bnt the Mayor is perhaps an exception to this rule literally speaking; but the Mayor is exceedingly unfortunate in this, that he sometimes misconstrues pure fiction for facts. In his eagerness to condemn the editor of THE STAR he left several gaps down which we put up for him as anyone can see by perusing the following article. Judge Cliett is a successful business man but as an official his most ardent friends cannot claim that he ever was a glittering success. If egotism and self-conceit counted for wisdom, however, Solomon was a roaring idiot in comparison with the gentleman who now writes unanswerable proclamations for the good city or Baird.

The article is unanswerable is it? Well if our readers will bear with us a little we will see whether this piece of driveling rot can be answered or not. To begin with we want our readers to look at THE STAR of May 16, article on first page, and a few items on the local page and see if they can find anything to justify the Mayor's attack on the editor of THE STAR, the paper itself, or those who oppose the proposed plan of waterworks Wediscussed the corporation and water question calmly, but pointedly, though we personated no one, and did not intend to give offense to any one. We have a right to our opinion as a tax payer who has for years paid more than twice as much city taxes as the wild eyed mayor of Baird, though he seems to take it as a personal insult for the editor of THE STAR or any one else to have an opinion not in accord with him. There was no intention of insulting his high mightiness, or any one else, and he knows it; but he has some kind of a grievience real or imaginary against the editor of THE STAR and he takes the first opportunity offered him to vent his spleen and exhibit himself to the public in his true colors. We dislike to be drawn into a personal controversy, and honestly, nothing was farther from our thoughts at the time we wrote the article, but as he has made an outrageous attack upon us we cannot do otherwise than repond in kind, and if we place that gentleman in an unenviable light before the public in some respects, and lay bare some of his shortcomings and inconsistencies he must remember that he invited the attack by throwing the first stone. We understand that several persons congratulated the Mayor on his able (?) article, etc, and no doubt he imagines he has played the dickens, when in fact all who are not laughing at him are ashamed of him.

The Mayor says ordinarily he would not notice anything THE STAR would say because it is conceded by two-thirds of the people of Baird that it renders a cause more popular for THE STAR to condemn it. How did you find this out Judge? Did you take a census on that like you did on the property question when you said those who favor retaining the corporation pay a little over double the amount of taxes paid by those who wish it bursted? We will show how badly you are off your jimmy on the latter question presently; as to the first if it is conceded that THE STAR is so unpopular you consumed a deal of valuable space in trying to prove a self-evident fact. We do not care what you believe or what you think of THE STAR; we have prospered without your support in the past and ask you no favors in the present or future.

The Mayor starts out to correct "false and malicious statements" and commits the very offenses repeatedly that he pretends to correct.

First; he says the editor of THE STAR favored water works until he got water works of his own and quit at once; bunt No. 1. The editor of THE STAR and others put in water works in 93 and THE STAR openly advocated the re-election of the old board in 94 on the water works question, and continued to advocate the very plan the Mayor is now advocating for two years after we got water works and until convinced the plan was impracticable for want of sufficient money. Mr. Whitley, member of the present council, knows when the water works refered to were put in and the files of THE STAR will prove the balance.

Second, He says in substance, that some body was elected to the legislature (He failed to state right there that sombody about the size of the Mayor failed to get there the same year for the 3rd time, hence this exhibition of his spleen and wild ravings at THE STAR) and failed to do something; but don't say what it was. A bill validating the city corporation was sent us, but when shown a written agreement by the attornies to continue the case in court, we believed it was unfair to pass the bill and with the knowledge and consent of the author of the bill withdrew it, and did all we could to compromise the case in court, which was settled in court amicably, which all acknowledge except the voilently prejudiced chief magistrate of Baird, was the best for all. If that was ingratitude make the most of it. We have never went back on a friend yet and never will.

Now we come to the most astounding assertion of this most marvelous, scattering and unanswerable (?) document. The Mayor denies in toto that those who favor abolishing the corporation pay most of the taxes, but says he has "investigated" the matter and finds that those who oppose abolishing the corporation pay a little over double the taxes paid by "THE STAR's puny followers." We'll give the Judge five dollars cash if he will tell the public just what kind and to what extent his investigations extended. Is it not a fact that you counted all property owned by non-residents and all on the unrendered roll in favor of the corporation and your pet water scheme?

We dare you to publish a list of those who favor the city corporation giving the amount of property rendered by each, and if you can prove that those who favor your pet scheme pay most of the tax we will not say another word against it. We have made a careful investigation of the tax list and every person not positively known to be opposed to the corporation was put down in favor of it. With a friend we went over the list of names on petition to abolish the corporation, and others who have not yet signed it, but say they are in favor of abolishing the corporation if this water scheme is pushed and here are the figures.

RESIDENT TAX PAYERS

Opposed to the proposed water works representing taxable property to the value of.....$200,562.

For corporation, water, or doubtful $77,734

Majority opposed to the water scheme as now talked of....$122,828.

These figures are taken from the resident roll of 1895, the non-resident and unrendered rolls are not counted, but if they were it would be pretty safe to put the entire amount down against an increase of taxation and some of them are known to be opposed to any increase of taxation. The total renditions on all rolls for 1895 were $348,980. These figures as to amount of property rendered by each side, are absolutely reliable if there is any reliance to be placed in what men say If we had the least doubt about how a man stood he was put down for the water works. The Mayor's statement is simply bombastic rot and we have the documents to prove it. Publish your list if you dispute it. Now as to occupation tax, the proportion is overwhelmingly opposed to the "dry hole" business.

Those who oppose it pay occupation tax annually amounting to $183,00

Those who favor it, or not known how they stand .....$49,50.

It is extremely probable that we have given the Mayor the advantage of at least $28.50 in occupation tax payers, but let it go; we have paralyzed his figures and the only way he can get out is to deny it which is his usual style of argument. We are satisfied with the figures, and Bombastious may blow and spurt as much as he pleases. The people who oppose the water works pay two-thirds of the taxes and as we said before they ought to have something to say about how the money should be spent, and they are not going to pay for a "dry hole" in the mountain, nor some contractor a handsome bonus to compromise on any pretended contract he may have had with the city, and the Mayor can put this in his pipe and smoke it.

As to making the Prodigal the city official organ; everybody knows it was a piece of spite work and we believe the Mayor was the sole cause of it. THE STAR has not charged the city a cent for any publication for years and has done everything possible to build up the town. The Mayor says the law is imperative; oh yes to be sure! Why did you overlook another law that we will call your attention to later on? The Prodigal was made the organ he says because the editor of THE STAR opposed his ticket, which in the eyes of this fastidious Mayor is an unpardonable crime We did not know the present renowned Mayor would be a candidate or that there was any other ticket in the field until the night before the election. We never said a word against his ticket however, but did vote the other ticket.

The Mayor says the present city council found themselves hampered with a contract for water works, Part of the old board and at least one of the present board say the old contract is void. The people of Baird generally believe the old contract is absolutely void and will look with suspicion upon any effort to enforce it or compromise with the contractor at the expense of the city. If that contract is still in force, however, Mayor Cliett is disqualified for the position of Mayor, because he is on the contractor's bond. See Revised Statute page 146 article 566 *No city officer shall be surety of any person having a contract with the city, etc.*

While the Mayor was so dilligent

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CAIRO CLOUDBURST.

FOURTEEN LIVES LOST BY THE SINKING OF A BOAT.

A Terrific Wind and Rain Struck the City at 8:30, Uprooting Buildings and Blowing Down Trees—The Storm Came Up Suddenly from the Northwest.

Cairo, Ill., May 27.—A hurricane and cloudburst struck this city at 8:30 yesterday morning. Fourteen lives are known to be lost by the sinking of a steam ferry boat at the wharf. Five miles of telegraph poles were blown down on the Mobile and Ohio railroad. It is impossible to tell the extent of the damage south of here, but it is believed to be very great. The storm struck this locality at 8:30 a. m. There was a terrible wind and rain storm. The opera house and union depot were uprooted. Numbers of trees were destroyed and signs blown down, but no houses were destroyed or lives lost in the city. The ferry boat, Kimbrough, was capsized at the mouth of the Ohio, drowning all on board but the captain, engineer and clerk.

The following are the killed:

Charles Gilchrofer, Cairo.
Daniel Hayes, Cairo.
A colored woman, Cairo.
Ward Hotzenhouse, Cairo.
Mr. Stanley and Miss Stanley, Wyckliff, Ky.
Richard Thurman, a printer, Cairo.
William Shannon and baby, Bird's Point.
Mrs. Mary Jones, Jackson, Tenn.
Lewis Hall, colored, Cairo.
Asbury Alexander, colored, Wyckliff, Ky.
George Davis, colored, Cairo.
Miss Orr, Bird's Point.

The saved were:

Joe Curry, captain; John Fischer, clerk; R. E. Peavy, engineer—Noted all of Cairo. Mr. Richardson, an unknown man.

At Bird's Point, Mo., opposite this city, a church and ten other buildings were moved from their foundations, trees blown across the tracks and the running of trains interfered with. Only three bodies, those of Thurman, Miss Orr and a dock hand have been recovered. A tug is searching for the others. Business in the city is practically at a standstill.

The storm came up very suddenly from the northwest. The ferryboat had just started from Cairo and was still in the Ohio river and near the Illinois shore. The rain was very heavy and the people were all in the cabin with the door shut. There was no warning. The boat turned over when the first squall struck her.

The captain and the clerk were blown out of the pilot house into the water and the boat turned over on them. They happened to be so far away that as she came over they caught the guard and pulled out from beneath her.

Of those in the cabin only Dr. Orr and Joe Curry got out and they were badly hurt.

In the Senate.

Washington, May 27.—Tariff and finance each came in for a share of consideration in the senate yesterday. Early in the day Mr. Sherman succeeded in having the filled cheese bill taken up, whereupon Mr. Dubois (rep. of Idaho offered an amendment adding 75 cents per barrel to the tax on beer. The senator said that his amendment was intended to test the sincerity of senators who expressed the patriotic desire to aid the treasury by raising more revenue.

Mr. Sherman opposed the amendment as a skillful means to defeat the cheese bill.

His motion to table the Dubois amendment was defeated—yeas 25, nays 30.

On the question of adopting the amendment the debate became general, senators Mills, and Gray supporting and Senators Nelson, Aldrich and Vilas opposing it.

The bill and pending beer amendment were displaced at 2 o'clock by the bond bill, which was advocated by Mr. Pritchard, (rep), of North Carolina, and opposed by Mr. Blackburn (dem.) of Kentucky.

A bill was passed to pension at $75 a month the widow of General George A. Spencer, at one time United States Senator from Alabama.

Will be Remitted.

London, May 27.—A dispatch from Pretoria gives the text of numerous letters and diaries which appear in the new green book issued by the Transvaal government with regard to the Jameson raid. The letters refer to the preliminaries of the raid, and furnish fresh information.

The dispatch says: "I have reason to believe that those reform prisoners who pay their fines and give their word of honor not to interfere in with politics will not have the sentence of banishment enforced against them."

Refused Admission.

London, May 27.—A dispatch concerning the coronation says: Among the finest jewels worn were those of Mesdames Brecklinridge and Pierce, wives of the United States minister and the secretary of the United States legation.

Li Hung Chang, the Turkish envoys and the Persian minister having declined to doff headgear, were refused admission into the Cathedral of the Assumption.

Found Skeletons.

Salt Lake, Utah, May 27.—Monday was an eventful day in the attempted solution of the Scandinavian Methodist church mystery, and that has furnished a very strong clew with reference to the suspected fate of Miss Henrietta Clausen. When the charred remains of a human skeleton were taken from the furnace in the basement at midnight, on Wednesday last, the searchers were baffled at not finding some article of absolute identification. They were informed by the doctors that it was strange that not one of the woman's teeth was among the relics of the cremation. It was known that Miss Clausen wore false teeth, and the doctors said they would be the last to yield to the terrible heat. In order to ascertain, if possible, if the missing teeth could not be brought to light, a most thorough examination of the furnace was made. Police officials carefully searched the furnace, and found two teeth containing metallic rivets. This is regarded by the police as being the most positive evidence of murder that has yet been brought to light.

The Rebate on Alcohol.

Washington, May 27.—The house yesterday, by a vote of 175 to 69, passed the bill for the repeal of section 61 of the tariff law, providing for a rebate on alcohol used in the arts or medicine compounds. An amendment was attached to the bill providing for a joint commission to consist of three members from each house to examine and report on all questions relating to free alcohol at the next session.

The opposition to the measure came almost entirely from Democrats and Southern states. An analysis shows 65 Democrats, 14 Republicans and 5 Populists voted for the bill, while 60 Republicans and nine Democrats voted against it.

The senate amendments to the general deficiency bill (excepting the French spoliations claims under the Bowman act) were disagreed to, and the bill was sent to conference.

Terrible Accident.

Victoria, B. C., May 27.—A terrible accident occurred here yesterday by a bridge giving way, carrying with it a crowded street car, the horses battle and review was to take place at Macauley's Point, near Esquimault, yesterday afternoon, and crowds were making their way there. All the way the train cars were packed with people. Government street with upwards of a hundred people. The first got over Point Ellice bridge, which crosses at Victoria, safely, but when the other was about half way over the middle span of the bridge, about 150 feet in length, gave way and the car plunged into the water, 100 feet below. The car was completely submerged, and all on board were drowned. The platform of those on the platform, who managed to save themselves by swimming ashore.

Cheers for the Czar.

Berlin, May 27.—Emperor William, in the presence of the staff of the Russian embassy, yesterday afternoon reviewed the Alexandra dragoons in the Lusgarten. His majesty was delighted to see the regiment to always be worthy of the great honor of having the czar and czarina as colonels, and called for cheers for the czar and czarina. The bands played the Russian anthem. At a banquet at the castle after the review the members of the Russian embassy were present. The emperor toasted the czar and czarina, saying that the joy of the Russian people upon this occasion was shared by the other nations. His majesty eloquently wished prosperity to the Russian imperial family and concluded with calling for three cheers for the emperor and empress of Russia.

Drowned Her Children and Herself.

Belton, Mo., May 27.—Mrs. Mark Frost, wife of a farmer, who resided at Cleveland, near here, drowned two of her children and herself Monday evening. Mr. Frost was absent in Kansas City when the tragedy occurred. The couple have been married six years and were in good circumstances. No cause for the act is known.

Probably Lost.

San Francisco, Cal., May 27.—Shipping men believe the British bark Cambodgeon fifty-five days overdue, has been lost at sea. She left Java with a cargo of sugar for Vancouver on Jan. 2, and has not been sighted nor heard from since. She carried about $200,000 insurance, and is commanded by Capt. MacDonald and carried a crew of thirty men.

Confessed.

Ava, Mo., May 27.—Ed W. Perry, murderer of the Sawyer family, father, mother and son, has made a written confession, in which he states that the act was committed by himself, Arthur Douglass, of Springfield, Mo., and a member of Sells Bros. & Forepaugh's circus. There is talk of lynching Perry.

Mark Twain Visits the Jail.

London, May 27.—A Pretoria dispatch, dated Sunday, says that Mark Twain, who is in South Africa on a lecturing tour, visited the jail at Pretoria on that day. He reports that he found the reform prisoners in good spirits.

Loss of $350,000.

Decorah, Ont., May 27.—Fire here swept away almost the entire eastern part of the town, rendering seventy-five families homeless, and caused a loss of $350,000

AWFUL DESTRUCTION.

IOWA, KANSAS, ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN VISITED

By Just Such Another Tornado as Destroyed Sherman Recently—No Estimation Can Be Released on the Lives That Were Lost, but They Will Run Up in the Hundreds.

Des Moines, Ia., May 26.—Forty-three killed, a score fatally injured and about fifty people less seriously hurt is as near as can be estimated last night, the result of the destructive tornado which swept portions of Iowa, Illinois and Kansas Sunday night. The property loss is heavy, but accurate estimates are thus far an impossibility.

The storm originated near the town of Akeney, ninety-five miles north of Des Moines. As near as can be ascertained from those who saw the sight, two clouds, one from the northwest and one from the southwest, met and then dropped on the earth and wrought their havoc. The storm moved northeastward. Near the town of Bondurant it killed its first victims, the members of the Baille family. The storm was seen from Bondurant. Many farmers who had attended the church services had been unable to get home before the storm and their lives were thus saved.

The track of the tornado at this point was about a quarter of a mile wide. It passed onward, going north of the town of Santiago.

The town of Valeria was almost completely ruined. The buildings were demolished when they stood in the full force of the storm, and those which stood along the edges of the storm were moved and twisted and in other ways injured. A school house was taken bodily away and the fragments of it have so far escaped discovery. The family of Charles Phalen seems to have been the greatest sufferer near this point. It was literally wiped out of existence, together with their possessions. A painful story is told of how two children tried to hold the door against the storm until the house was lifted up bodily. There were some strange pranks played near this town. An old man holding a babe was lifted up and dropped in an adjoining field without the least injury being done to him or the child.

The storm then moved on, passing near the town of Mingo. At Ira the cloud did its last damage in Jasper county. Some of the spectators say that the cloud separated, others that it was lifted upward and came down suddenly with a frightful noise. The latter theory is probably the correct one. Later in the evening a tornado seems to have struck near Manchester, in Delaware county, although reports are still meager from there. It is possible that that was the same storm; that is, that after traveling 150 miles in midair it once more dropped down to the earth and laid bare a strip half a mile wide and six or eight miles long. There were serious disturbances in Northeastern Iowa, and they may have been in the wake of the same cloud, crossing the Mississippi near Clayton county. The weather bureau is attempting to trace the progress of the storm as herein indicated.

The total loss of property is hard to estimate. The crops, which were ruined, can be replanted in many cases, as the season is still comparatively early. The buildings destroyed will aggregate from $100,000 to $200,000, for unfortunately only one thinly populated community, Valeria, was in its path.

Rockford, Ills., May 26.—Four killed and many injured, a number of them fatally, is the result of the cyclone which swept through this section Sunday night at midnight, besides great loss to property and ruin of crops in the path of the storm.

Oxford, Mich., May 26.—A terrible cyclone struck the village of Oakwood last evening and entirely wiped it off the earth, destroying al lthe buildings and leaving death and destruction in its trail.

Dubuque, Iowa, May 26.—Passengers on a train from the north to-night say that some twenty-five or thirty persons have been drowned at North McGregor.

Elgin, Ill., May 26.—The factory of the Elgin Sewing Machine and Bicycle company was damaged by the storm to the extent of over $100,000. Four were occupying small-pox patients just outside the city were blown away and the patients had narrow escapes from death from flying debris.

Mount Clemons, Mich., May 26.—Some thirty houses in Front, Butler and Crocker streets were blown down and many of them literally torn to pieces. As yet no deaths are reported, but many were injured.

Chicago, Ill., May 26.—Sunday night's storm proved a veritable cyclone in the suburbs. Damage along the Wisconsin branch of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad. Thousands of dollars worth of property was destroyed and many persons were injured, some so seriously that they may die.

Indians Killed Eighteen.

San Bernadino, Mex., May 26.—Word has been brought here of an attack made by a band of renegade Indians upon the Jojos ranch, near here. The Indians killed eighteen persons, several of them being women and children. As soon as the news of the outrage reached here a volunteer company of sixty men was formed and started in pursuit of the Indians.

Late advices from Cuba report heavy losses by the Spaniards.

Alcohol Clause.

Washington, May 26.—Mr. Kem (pop), Nebraska, resumed his obstructive policy at the opening of the senate on Thursday morning, by entering objections wherever possible. Mr. Babcock, of Wisconsin, promptly occupied the day for District of Columbia business. When it was concluded, on motion of Mr. Evans (rep.) Kentucky, the house went into committee of the whole to consider the bill to repeal the free alcohol clause of the tariff law.

Mr. Evans, in charge of the bill, opened the debate in support of the measure, explaining the necessity for the legislation. He said the bill would not effect the claims now pending, amounting to $15,000,000.

Mr. Evans offered an amendment to the bill which had been agreed upon as a compromise by some of the friends and opponents of the measure. It provided for a joint committee of three members from each house of Congress to consider all questions relating to the free use of alcohol in the arts, to report their conclusions to congress in December.

Mr. Russell (rep.), Connecticut, in charge of the opposition of the bill, said he conceived it to be the policy of the republican party to care for and foster the manufacturing industries of the country, and so concerned he believed it should give manufacturers alcohol for use in the arts. Indeed, he said, the platform of 1892, brought in by Major McKinley (applause) contained a declaration for free alcohol.

He gave you account for the fact interrupted Mr. McMillin (dem.), Tennessee, "that Major McKinley while chairman of the committee on ways and means made no provision for free alcohol in what is known as the McKinley bill.

Mr. Russell, in reply, called attention that the McKinley law reduced nhh.flu-fcdiuc?Gy and her golden a the tax on alcohol 27½ per cent and at the same time increased the import duties on goods manufactured of which alcohol is used.

"Give us the McKinley law as a substitute and we will forgive the denial of free alcohol," he said.

Mr. Hitt followed in opposition to the bill. He said there were three advocates of the repeal; the whisky trust from profit; the southern delegation for the sake of rosin, and the democratic party because it believed in large internal revenue taxes and low custom duties.

In the Senate.

Washington, May 26—The general deficiency bill, the last of the supply bills, was before the senate throughout the day and passed just before adjournment. It temporarily displaced the bill to prohibit the issue of bonds. As passed, the bill carries about $10,000,000, an increase of $6,000,000 over the house bill. The most important amendment agreed to up to 2 o'clock was that of $1,542,979 to the Southern Pacific Company for transportation of mails. At 2 o'clock the bond bill was formally laid before the senate and Mr. Pritchard (rep.), of North Carolina, was recognized, but after some discussion the bond bill was informally laid aside and the consideration of the deficiency bill continued. All of the committee amendments were agreed to. An amendment by Mr. Mitchell (rep.) of Oregon, to pay the claim of John Roach, the ship builder, was ruled out on a point of order.

Methodist Conference.

Cleveland, O., May 26.—It was by all odds the most tumultuous session that has yet been held. There was a clash between the ministerial and lay delegates, and for a time, shouting for recognition, calling for rulings of the chair on points of order that had never been heard before, and altogether it became more exciting than are usually witnessed in political political conventions.

The contest came up over the fourth section of the new constitution as reported from the committee. When the report was read an amendment providing for equal representation of the laymen in the general conference was proposed.

Northern Presbyterians.

Saratoga, N. Y., May 26.—The Presbyterian general assembly yesterday decided to take no action in reference to church unity, favoring the report which was presented on this subject, and which called for a declaration that this is a Protestant Christian country.

Held for Manslaughter.

Hot Springs, Ark., May 26.—The coroner's jury in the case of Harry Martin, the doctor's solicitor who was stabbed to death by Mayor Waters Saturday night, returned a verdict yesterday, holding Waters on the charge of manslaughter and fixing his bail at $1,000.

Field and garden truck is suffering for rain in Arkansas.

Cuban Fair Opened.

New York, May 26.—The formal opening of the Cuban fair, the proceeds of which are to go to help the revolutionists, occurred in Madison Square Garden last night. Gen. Daniel Sickles was the chief orator. He strongly urged recognition for the Cuban cause.

Unique parasol handles are in vogue with dresden china figures in a fancy work of gilt. Long ivory handle tracings of gold and silver, are seen on other parasols.—Jewelers circular.

FIRST OF NEXT WEEK.

SENATE WILL BE READY TO ADJOURN AT THAT TIME.

Or at Least that is Senator Allison's Expressed Opinion—Hill and Mitchell Hope to Get Their Resolution Through for the Election of Senators.

Washington, May 25.—The outlook as to the line of proceeding in the senate during the present week is very clear. It is the general understanding that the debate on Senator Butler's bond resolution will continue to-day and possibly longer, but if it holds beyond to-day there will be an effort to displace it with the general deficiency appropriation bill. This is the only class of the appropriation bills which has not received the sanction of the senate, and as it now has been reported the members of the appropriations committee are very anxious to take it up at the earliest practicable date.

On the other hand, Senator Butler, who has charge of the bond bill, feels that if a vote is not had on this bill before this appropriation bill is passed it may be impossible to hold a quorum and will therefore insist on going forward to a finish before the deficiency bill is considered.

The opponents of the bond bill will try to prevent a vote being reached at all, and some of them will obstruct its progress to the fullest extent possible.

It is expected that during the week the bill to repeal the provision of the rebates of the tax on alcohols used in the arts will be passed without opposition. To filled cheese bill is also to be debated as opportunity offers. Senator Lodge counts upon time to consider the immigration bill.

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, hopes also to get up his resolution providing for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people, as does Senator Hill, the bill defining contempt of court.

The talk is general that the date of the final adjournment will depend almost entirely upon the length of time the president may hold the river and harbor bill.

Senator Allen expressed the opinion Saturday that in case of early action by the president, whether favorably or adversely, that the senate would be prepared to adjourn by the first of next week.

The Bermuda is a Flyer.

New York, May 25.—News reached this city yesterday from Puerto Cortez, Honduras, that the steamship Bermuda with a large party of filibusters and a cargo of ammunition and provisions had a narrow escape from being captured by the Spanish warships off the coast of Cuba. This was the Bermuda's second successful trip. She crossed the St. John's river bar on April 27. Lieut. Col. Leida Valui was in charge of the expedition and the steamer was in command of Capt. Carr. The Bermuda hove to at a place on the northern coast of Cuba some ten miles east of Cardenas and at once began to lower her boats.

It was said yesterday by one in authority that the first boat capsized, being overloaded, and that five men were drowned, among them being N. De Cardenas, a brother of Col. Nicholas de Cardenas, one of the insurgent leaders. The cargo was all landed when one of the boats got adrift. Some of the party began shooting. Suddenly the flash of an electric light was seen directly over the ship's masthead. The shouts of the men had been heard by a Spanish warship which was patrolling the coast. There was a flash and a roar, and a solid shot passed about 200 feet from the ship. Capt. Reilly headed the ship southward, and ran away from the Spaniards very quickly. A few moments after a second shot was fired, and went wide. Then it was discovered that two Spanish gunboats were in pursuit. The report was heard at Havana, whereas the Dutch levies on China's land frontiers are to be almost abolished. It is doubtful if the other powers will consent to the increase of duties without compensation.

In spite of vehement opposition, the emperor of China has confirmed the formation of a club in Pekin for the purpose of studying the reforms which China needs.

Tobacco Export Order.

Madrid, May 25.—Senor Canovas de Castillo, the premier, declares that he will call sanction the export orders for tobacco from Cuba which were given prior to Capt. Gen. Weyler's decree prohibiting the export of tobacco. This is presumably in reply to the representations made by the United States government to Spain in regard to the prohibition of the export of tobacco from China.

[illegible]ceived, in one lump, $1,020,000, [illegible]d, recently.

Business for the Week.

Washington, May 25.—The [illegible] rapidly clearing the decks for final journment. Conference reports likely to consume a large portion of the time of the house this week, they did last. In the last days of session little indulgence is given members, and by the operation of the rules in matters of high privilege, like conference reports, questions can be brought to a vote at the will of the leaders.

The general clamor for unanimous consent legislation, which will become urgent as the session draws to a close, promises to be entirely checked at this session by the action of Mr. Kem (Pop.), of Nebraska, if he persists in his threat. He demands the "regular order" at every opportunity, and threatens to continue doing so to the end of his congressional career, unless the speaker recognizes him to move the passage of a bill to grant an abandonment of the military reservation to his state.

The Phillips labor commission bill and the Erdman arbitration bill, which were crowded out by conference reports last week, will be brought up this week if time permits.

The bill to repeal the free alcohol clause of the present tariff law, in the shape of the compromise proposition agreed on by the friends and foes of the measure, will, however, be allowed the right of way before the two bills. Senator Lodge is electioneering on the calendar. The Murray vs. Elliott case, from South Carolina, and the Mitchell vs. Walsh case, from New York, in both of which the majority reports favor the Republican contestants, are the most urgent of these, and it is the intention of the leaders to dispose of them at this session.

Got Caught at It.

New York, May 25.—Henry Zelling, of 307 Lenox avenue, was arrested yesterday. With Franz Sedig and William Matzner, captured Saturday, he is charged with swindling wholesale merchants and jobbers. They are alleged to have operated under the name of B. Blank & Co., of 29 Murray street, this city. The police say that a large number of letters were seized and those sent the men to have operated in a wide field.

It is alleged that large quantities of goods were ordered in the name of B. Blank & Co., and most of these on sale merchants and jobbers. They are alleged to have operated under the idea that the goods were for a Greenwich street firm by the same name. Letters seized show that orders were sent to C. A. Rost & Co., cigar manufacturers, of Red Lion, Pa.; Alexander Knaube, of Dallstown, Pa., and E. M. Cohen, of Lancaster, Pa., but they made inquiries and demanded money in advance. A list of 600 merchants and manufacturers was found, but whether or not all of them had received orders from the firm is not known. It is alleged that a large quantity of goods are stored there to await delivery to the men in freight houses.

Milwaukee Strikers.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 25.—Yesterday was the first Sunday that the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light company has operated its cars since the strike was inaugurated three weeks ago to-day. During the day there were no disturbances, but last night cars were freely stoned and egged throughout the city. The evening several motormen and a policeman were struck with stones and removed to hospitals. A large mob of Poles gathered at Lee and Bremen streets and attacked the cars and officers. Policeman Kruse was stabbed and seven arrests were made. Several cars were pelted with bottles containing blue vitrol and muriatic acid, and the clothing of what few passengers who rode on them were ruined. There were many arrests throughout the city last night. The patronage on the cars was not large, there is no improvement in the general boycott of business men sympathizing with the strikers.

Minister Not Heard From.

Salt Lake, Utah, May 25.—No important developments have come to light in connection with the story of Rev. Francis Herman and the two missing girls, Hieroglyn Clausen and Amanda Samuelson. When the Samuelson girl left here or disappeared in January last it was given out on her own statement that she intended to visit her friend, Miss Phillips, in the factory of the Pullman company at Chicago. It is said a letter has been received in this city from Hildem, saying the girl cannot be found in Chicago. The police have taken the books, papers and other things in the pastor's room in the church which have been identified as belonging to the missing girls.

The woman, Dyer, who has been arrested on the charge of murdering numerous infants, has been sentenced to hang.

Mobile, Ala., May 25.—Sixty men, supposed to be participants in the recent Barrundia expedition, arrived in this city Saturday night. They are said to be enroute back to Tampa, where they will take their chances on joining the next expedition. For some reason the steamer were unable to land in Cuba from the Bermuda and they made a run from a Spanish man-of-war to Central America, taking passage to Mobile. Here they are being cared for by the Cuban colony and will probably be passengers on the Plant line Algiers for Tampa to-day.

Bottled Up!

Either in the form of pill powder liquid, the doctor's prescription for blood diseases is always the same—mercury or potash. These drugs bottle up and poison and dry it up in the system, but they also dry up the marrow in the bones at the same time.

The suppleness and elasticity of the joints give way to a stiffness, the racking pains of rheumatism. The form gradually bends, the bones ache, while decrepitude and helplessness prematurely take possession of the body, and it is but a short step to a pair of crutches. Then comes falling of the hair and decay of the bones,—a condition truly horrible.

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A Bicycle Hair Hang.

Bicycle girls have almost gone out of their minds trying to keep their hair straight, or rather curled, for in this case the straight way was the wrong way. The wind and heat played havoc with the best curls that the curling tongs and patience could produce, and the feminine scorcher felt that she had either to part with her hair or her wheel. A beneficent genius has come to her rescue, however, and invented a bicycle hang that is warranted to be water-proof and bomb-proof. It is made of hair, comes in all colors, and is secured to the head by innumerable pins. So far it differs not from ordinary false fronts, but the beauty of it consists in its having been treated to some sort of chemical that prevents its coming out of curl. Winds may blow upon it, rain may beat upon it, the wearer may even take a header without turning a hair of this admirable arrangement. The bicycle bang goes ahead of any other invention yet offered the public.

Don't Get Too Familiar.

There are so many people whom their friends love if they see them only once a week, but who are only liked if seen twice a week.

If.

If a wife would be as good to her husband as she is to her mother, the husband would always be satisfied.

No man has either hope or ambition after he is fifty years old.

When a woman whitewashes her cellar, she is said to look worse than when she cleans house.

Summer girls are really looking for husbands.

All About Western Farm Lands.

The "Corn Belt" is the name of an illustrated monthly newspaper published by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. It aims to give information in an interesting way about the farm lands of the west. Send 25 cents in postage stamps to the Corn Belt, 209 Adams St., Chicago, and the paper will be sent to your address for one year.

Looking at pictures is an easy mode of thinking.

TO HELP BILL OUT.

The Poor Old Man Merely Wanted to Call All Bluffs.

One of the most innocent-looking old men I ever saw came down to New York the other day from his farm in Pennsylvania to deal with green-goods men, and, of course, he got left, says the Detroit Free Press. Fortunately for him, he could raise only $150, and therefore he lost only that amount. I met him at the depot as an officer had him in tow to see that he got away safely, and when he had told the story of how he had been done for, I asked:

"You didn't expect to get $500 in good money for $150, did you?"

"No, I can't say I did," he replied.

"But you thought it would be money good enough to pass?"

"Yes. They sent me two $1 bills, and they looked all right and passed all right."

"But you would be passing counterfeit money on your neighbors and causing them a loss."

"No, I wasn't goin' to pass any of it off on the naybors. I wouldn't do sich a thing as that. I might have got rid of some of it to chicken buyers and tin peddlers, but I wanted most of it for my son Bill. Bill is into politics and poker till you can't rest, but he hain't had a fair show. That's what I was goin' to gin him."

"Just how do you mean?" I asked.

"Wall, when Bill goes about sayin' as how he'll bet $50 that so and so will be nominated fur president somebody yells at him to put up or shet up. He ain't got nothin' to put up, so he has to shet. If he's in a game of poker and got a good hand he's got to call instead of raisin' the other fellers out of the game. I've knowed him to lay down with three aces because he hadn't a dollar more to put up. Oh, no, I didn't mean nuthin' wrong. I wasn't goin' to beat the naybors nor pass any of it off at the stores, but heir' Bill was the laziest and most shiftless critter in our county I wanted to gin him a show at politics and poker, and make him airn his board and clothes."

"But you lost your money?"

"Lost 'er slik and clean, and it was all I could raise, and from this time on Bill and me and the old woman will hev to take everybody's bluff and make the best of it. It'll come hard, but some must bluff and some be bluffed, and I s'pose we'll somehow live through it!"

A FALSE ALARM.

The Man Who Ordered the Quiet Drink Was Wrongly Suspected.

As he rolled up to the bar of a well-known saloon within a stone's throw of Herald square, his appearance did not indicate that he had been confining his elbow bending to temperance mixtures, says the New York Herald. He was in that secondary stage of celebration, when pugnacity and determination are the most noticeable features, and when he gave his peculiar order there was no one to remonstrate.

"Gimme beer'n whisky," he demanded.

The loungers about the 1-cent lunch counter prepared to give the applicant for this peculiar mixture their undivided attention.

"I've heard of queer drinks in my time," observed a red-faced old sport, who used to be a mark for all bookmakers at St. Asaph, "but if that isn't the most scorching drink for a man to want to put in his insides, then I'll buy for the crowd."

"Guess you're pretty safe on that offer, Al," assented a medical-looking man who, apparently, had been analyzing the contents of his bit of glassware.

"Did you say beer and whisky?" softly inquired the popular bartender.

"S'w'at I did," replied the man, doggedly.

"Shall I mix them?"

"No'n'yurlife," replied the customer, fiercely.

The bartender drew a glass of beer and set it on the counter. Then he placed a smaller glass and a bottle of whisky within easy reach of the customer.

The man slowly poured out a stiff hooker, held it in his hand a minute and regarded it intently. Then he laid it down and looked toward the lunch counter at his friend who had entered unnoticed and had been satisfying his appetite according to the Raines law.

"Leggo that lunch, Billy," shouted the intoxicated one, "your beer's gettin' flat."

"I guess we'd all better take a drink, boys," suggested Al and the bartender smiled a sickly smile.

Hopeful.

Mrs. Wabash—I shall not be in the least astonished if Johnny develops clairvoyant powers.

Mrs. Jackson-Parke—Indeed?

Yes. He is the son of a seventh husband, you know.—Indianapolis Journal.

BICYCLE SUPERSTITIONS.

Lending the wheel is the sign of the double donkey.

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To be chased by a yellow dog with one blue eye and one black eye indicates a bad fall.

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If you take your machine to the repair shop it is a sign that you will not buy that new suit of clothes.

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Both Actors.

The father gives the bride away when she is married, but it is generally her mother who brings matters up to this point.

Hens are kept busy finding the means for moving their crops.

Blood Will Tell.

Blood will tell. King Bomba's two grandsons, Princes Ferdinand of Bourbon, duke of Calabria, and Charles, sons of the count of Caserta, who now claims the throne of the two Sicilies, volunteered to help Spain oppress the Cubans, and have just received, on General Weyler's recommendation, the cross of San Fernando crowned with laurel. This is the highest military decoration awarded by Spain and is only given to officers who lose at least one-third of their men in deciding the issue of a fight or in cutting their way through the enemy.

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W. E. GILLILAND, Editor and Proprietor

If you are a democrat go to the primary election June 6th.

The mayor is chief writer on the Prodigal editorial staff. We know the ear marks of the gentlemen too well to be deceived.

Maj. Dan M. Jones, of Anson is frequently mentioned as a probable candidate for congress before the democratic convention. Maj. Jones is a staunch democrat and a free silver advocate and should it turn out that he should be the nominee the people of the district would have no cause to regret it,

And the Mayor's democratic friends want to run him for district judge. Oh! ho! ha! ha! haw! haw! he! he! On my ain't that rich, yes we know all about that little boost Why don't the Judge run then. If he fails to run for some office at this election it will be the first time he failed in that since 1882. Now honor bright Willson, didn't Cliett write that editorial himself.

H. L. Beatley will not be a candidate for district judge on the pop ticket, Either R. C. Joiner, Judge Hammonds or J. E. Thomas will likely be nominated. Should Judge Thomas be nominated would there be a vacancy on the pop ticket for county judge for some independent democrat with populist proclevities to fill out? Oh don't mention it. Coming events cast their shadows before. Just watch some of the manuvering of the mutual admiration society in Baird and—well wait and see.

Instead of the Mayor being like Don Quixote, we think the charges made in the effort to burst up the corporation similar to the charge of the original Don on the windmill,—Prodigal.

It is true that in replying to the Mayor THE STAR incurred the danger of puncturing a gas-bag with its lance and probably turning loose a cyclone upon the community; but we are rejoiced to report that the escaping wind did not hit nearer than St. Louis.

A LOVELY PAIR.

A brace of populist reformers came to grief in the Federal Court at Waco last week, C. A. McMeans, of Granbury, is the editor of the Hood Conuty Truth, and his right hand bower, W. C. Robinson, was livery clerk. Granbury is a local option town and the Hood County Truth have been giving officials fits for what it allegs to be failure to enforce the law. In the meantime the editor of Truth and his side partner, Robinson has been running a joint in the newspaper office, where whiskey has been sold from a five gallon jug by the tin cup full and no questions asked.

A United States marshal followed his nose into the sanctum of the Truth recently and discovered that the bug juice was being sold without revenue license. The Guilty pair were arrested and last week they were tried in Federal court, sentenced to six months in jail and fined $500 each. This is very sad. To think of two bright and shinning lights of reform being jerked from the fields of their labors in such an unfeeling and summary manner is enough to call forth the unbidden tear. The devil can now claim Granbury as his own since there is no one left to sound the tocsin of Truth and command the officers to do their duty.—Comanche Chief.

REDUCED RATES.

Account of the State Bicycle meeting to be held in Dallas May 29 to 30 one fare for the round trip, tickets on sale May 28 and 29 limited for return to May 31st.

Account of the Good Roads Convention to be held in Galveston June 9 to 13th, fare for round trip $5.75 tickets on sale June 8th limited for return to June 14th.

Account of the State Convention B. Y. P. M. to be held at San Antonio June 23rd and the Baptist State Sunday School Convention to be held at San Antonio June 25th, rate of $5.75 for round trip, tickets on sale June 22nd limited for return to June 29.

Account the State Teachers Association and the 21st annual meeting of the State Fireman's Association to be held in Austin June 17, 18 & 19, fare for the round trip $5.75, tickets on sale June 15th limited for return to June 21st.

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An Open Letter.

Base Envy withers at another's joy,
And hates that Excellence it can't employ.

Henry Clay was once met by the caustic and eccentric John Randolph, of Virginia, one of the most distinguished men of the Mother of Presidents,—a state that has the credit of furnishing more eminent men, scholars and statesmen to panoply with renown the galaxy of America's immortal civic and martial heroes, than any other commonwealth—men not only famous for their lofty patriotism, nobility of character and manly conduct in all stations of public life, but alike distinguished for their graces and domestic virtues—men whose genius is emblazoned on every monument erected to greatness, and wreathed into every story that sings of deeds of valor and sublime courage, and with eyes flashing with fire, the Sage of Roanoke said:

"I never give the road to a damned rascal!"

Clay, with that suavity and evenness of demeanor which distinguished Kentucky's idol, replied:

"I do;" and quietly surrounding the fiery Randolph, passed on.

Now, while I do not claim, even remotely, a tithe of the grandeur of either of these transcendently brilliant constellations in the galaxy of immortality, yet I have uniformly adopted this course when a skunk put himself across my path.

But circumstances alter cases, and while the serpent, however venomous in purpose may be harmless in effect, especially when biting at the file, I know that the constant dripping of water will wear away stone, and lest my further silence against the inhuman and unmanly attacks that have been made upon me by a few selfish men be mistaken for timidity or cowardice, I am constrained for this once to obtrude myself upon the public.

It is seldom that a man is singled out by human hyeanas for slaughter who is not a public character or an aspirant for office; but such seems to be my fate.

The whys and the wherefores for it will be given with precision and particularity when occasion demands it But sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Meantime, as Durandearte says in the cave of Montesinos, "Patience and shuffle the cards."

In the outset let me say, I am to this day in ignorance of how I first became discordant to the "sweet voices" which have been chorusing my name for the last six weeks with coyote glee. I am not conscious of having given any man cause for such antagonism as I have encountered from a few individuals. If to any one of this Areopagus court I have been misrepresented, the manly way would have been to give me a chance for explanation, or confirmation of the alleged stories. It is a settled principle of law that a man is presumed innocent until proven guilty. But this legal and humane maxim did not suit the purpose of the conspirators. They did not set out to find anything to commend in my life. I must be condemned without a hearing, and sentenced without trial, and that too by men who pretend to be in favor of fair-play and justice to all people. What a mockey! By their fruits ye shall know them.

The fact of it is, I can account for the hue and cry raised against me upon no other hypothesis than that I talked of starting a paper, and that I might run for County Attorney, an office somebody wanted some one else to have. If I am wrong in this supposition then and in that case the antagonism referred to must rest upon the profane presumption that some men are so constituted that they are never satisfied except when engaged in the unchristian work of blasting a fellowman's reputation, and contributing daily to the sum total of human depravity, for I solemnly aver that I have never wilfully done an injury to any living individual in this community, unless by some unamerican species of ledgerdemain the act of defending one's self be construed into a crime. On the contrary, I have remained quiet under the most exasperating circumstances. Populists for whom I have respect have come to me and implored me to silence for harmony's sake, alleging that the party discountenanced and condemned the uncalled for assaults made upon me; that to have a certain man against me would be a feather in my cap; that he had never yet championed a man's cause who had not been defeated; and therefore I should treat with contempt anything he said.

Now, I know of no rule in politics or ethics by which a man's bound to sit idly by and see his lif's life lied away, simply for the sake of party harmony; and it strikes me that some of this time might have been profitably spent in persuading others to attend to their own business. This would have been the manlier way, and certainly more in consonance with the Christian religion that has supplanted border ruffianism in Texas.

I will go as far as any man to uphold and support the true principles of the Reform cause, and intend to vote for all good men nominated by the party: but I do not regard it my duty to kiss the hand that smites me without a cause. Whenever a party joins in a crusade of persecution against the humblest man in its ranks, that moment it becomes an aggregation of repellent forces instead of a band of brothers working together for the betterment of mankind. And so will think thousands of men who have cast their lot among strangers who are in favor af fair-play, and equal and exact justice to their fellow men.

Let my brother Populists—especially those who have been strangers in a strange land—who may think I have been hasty in thus defending myself, reserve thier decision until they shall have called on me, and if I don't convince them that I have been patient beyond reason, I shall be willing to be condemned.

I have been forced to speak, and I am ready for the consequences!

The gentlemen in Baird—and they are such—who are familiar with the dastard, underhanded manner in which I have been pursued, will bear me out that I have endured enough and that it is time to speak and leave the decision to the manly men of all parties.

Passing by a series of Munchhausen and Judas Iscariot assaults, which I can now look back at and behold as the forerunners of Ananias and Sapphira, I will state that the first overt and tangible attact made upon me was an effort to prevent me from obtaining my licensce to practice law. I had hitherto been permanently licensed in two states and appeared at various times in three others; but here in Baird is the first place objection was ever raised to my qualifications.

This was quite a surprise to me as I had been told that various little shortcomings, if not moral tupritude and *laches*, had been dealt with very charitably on sundry occasions; besides, I never dreamed that there was a being in existence outside of his Satanic Majesty, who would exact a standard of Excellence in another that he did not possess himself. However, the effort to disfranchise me was nipped in the bud by Mr. Dowyer suggesting that I be given a hearing before being shut out. Subsequently that gentleman was joined by Judge Cliett and Mr. Wood, who were empowered by the Court, to which I added my request, to make a thorough investigasion as to my qualifications. This was done faithfully, and it is to these distinguished gentlemen's impartial finding that I owe my license—to their high sense of professional honor that it can be said that Right was made to triumph over Intrigue and Jealousy!

Thank God! there are lawyers all over the land who are so far above the shyster and petty things, that the humblest man is safe from persecution while they are in court, be he never so poor! And be it said to the honor of Baird that it is to such men as these that as vile a conspiracy as was ever concocted by Malice to ruin a man's name because he was in the way of certain ambitions, and supposed to be friendless, being a stranger, was defeated. And I take this occasion to say that I would rather go to my grave with the friendship of one of such men than to possess while living the esteem of a thousaud of my calumniators!

A report in favor of a man's character from so eminent a source as the one made in my behalf, would, ordinarily, silence the tongue of slander; but not so in my case, which clearly shows the personal animus in the matter.

The fact of it is, if I had never talked of starting a newspaper the howl against me would have died still-born, that is, unless Baird possesses peculiarities differing from most other civilized communities; for where has a stranger ever gone into a community before, and one or two men assumed the right to send letters all over the country in hopes of finding something wherewith to blacken his name?

When did the highminded and christian gentlemen of Baird place the keeping of the virtue and honor of their fair city under the guardianship of my calumniators? What civic freak was it that made it necessary to call such men to the rescue of the enligtened ladies and gentlemen of this community from oppression by impostors? If the answer be that they have never been so called by an admiring contituency, then it must be that they usurped the privilege. *Cui bono?* If this be not so, a new influence must be at work in the West, for I had always read of Texas as composed of brave, chivalric men, who would give to every man a fair chance, and would scorn to sanction a spirit at war with fair-play.

The animus that has been manifested against me here will not deprive me of any sleep, for it is too much of the commune to have any significance apart from its own hellishness. It might take root in Maffia cursed Italy; become cheek-by-jowl with the Inquisition of Spain, or do the service of the Vemgrecht with its cord and dagger, *under a British Flag*; but it will never prevail in free America; especially not in the ranks of the People's party whose mission it is to emancipate America from the domination of *English* methods! The moment it takes pattern after that Godless old harlot, men will be found falling over each other, hunting Liberty under some other banner.

My ancestors fought in four wars to make this American country the home of the free and the brave, and some of my immediate family to-day hold some of the most distinguished positions of honor in my native state, and I shall not be dictated to where in America I shall live so long as I behave myself. The American spirit guarantees freedom of conscience and liberty. A man even from dispised England is allowed to go his way in peace. Aye! I have known them to come here from that nation of shop keepers to fight against my own sunny land, simply because of a bounty from the richer side. Nay, I have seen these hirelings settle after the war amongst those whose civilization they sought to destroy without a cause, and draw pensions for services never performed, while poor, maimed, one-armed and one-legged Confederate soldiers, who fought for a principle, without pay, worked hard daily, with old wounds festering and running, to support their loved ones Yet under the Ægis of the Constitution my grand sires helped to make, thesemen have never been disturbed, although many times they have tried to deny the chance of a living to the ovorpowered, unpensioned Confederate!

Talk about "stiring up strife," etc., when the editor of the dishrag has contributed more to create discord between our honorable merchants and the farmers than all other sources by crying out boycot! boycot!! when ten to one they were not thinking of the thing. He knows that this false charge against as high minded dealers as the state affords, like Duncan's blood upon the lily white hands of Lady Macbeth, will not out, and that in case I start a paper the men he has slandered may give me their patronage.

When the devil got sick, the devil a saint would be;
When the devil got well, the devil of a saint was he!

I have never lain claims to sanctity of demeanor, but have been a member of of the Baptist Church for 21 years, and if I have ever merited expulsion, or even rebuke, I have never heard of it. No man is perfct; but go where I am known and put my defamers beside me and if contempt doesn't grow dizzy in contemplating the distance between us socially I'll engage to eat more crow than I've ever swallowed. It may be said that this is ostentation, but who made it necessary for me to thus speak of myself if not my detractors, who instead of fighting the Democratic party have been waging a ceaseless war on a private individual. This kind of conduct seems like a paradox, coming as it does from Reformers! Either these men do not represent the party I helped to make, or its principles have changed from the broadest liberty to one of personal abuse and intrigue. This phase of the situation is worthy of serious thought from the good men in the party. If there be one thing above and beyond all others that hurt the Domocratic party it was PERSONALISM!

I am with the People's party and intend to fight for its principles without the hope of a bounty, either in money, office or pie. This will be amply demonstrated in the paper I shall shortly issue from the Aycock building in this city.

But for the present let me conclude by saying:

I have never aided England in her godless invasion of poor India to make Victoria Empress of that once happy land.

I have never as soon as dismounting from an elephant there, and receiving my pay, hied for another country to enlist for a bounty and the hope of a pension, to make war on a people who had never done me any harm.

I have never denounced another for owing board bills while having to get some one else to stand security for served the groceries I consumed.

There are many other things I am innocent of which can be traced to their abiding place, but which are refor future contingencies.

I have never tried to oust a brother attorney of his retainer by tendering my services to his clients gratuitously.

I have never peddled lies about the street, or exhibited in public places letters slandering a man because I feared his competition. The polite world long ago placed its seal of condemnation upon the breach in good manners of exposing pivate correspondence by laymen—private individuals. If it be wrong for a *gentlemen* to commit such breaches, then, *a fortiori*, is the wrong more reprehensible coming from a so-called leader and moulder of public sentiment in a great Reform party, and actually its choice for the Legislature! Shade of Gov. John Ireland! it is well for thee that thy legislative glories are embalmed in history beyond the touch of vandal hands!

O tempora! O mores!

I have never denounced a man for not paying a few debts while my own notes were hawked about the streets at 75 per cent discount.

I have never tried to attach obloquy to a man's name falsely while my own shortcomings were as thick as falling leaves in Valambrosa.

I have never so far forgotten my oath as an attorney, as to use my position as such to disfranchise a brother lawyer from malice.

I have never spent any of my time at the gambling table: nor have I ever carried therefrom money wet with the tears of starving wives and innocent children.

In a word, I have always endeavored, after the American plan, to mind my own business.

I am done for the present.

Dogs blink their covy, flints withhold their spark,
And double barrels—damn them—miss their mark!

J. FELDER MYERS.

Daily Bargains

Is What Makes my Business Increase.

IF WE SELL YOU ONCE, THEN WE ARE SURE TO SELL YOU AGAIN.

Leading Prices Like Ours Save You Many Dimes.

MY MILLINERY DEPARTMENT is chuck full of attractive and stylish hats, and the prices have been reduced on many articles!

BIBLES from the American Bible Society of New York **at cost**. Furnished to you by the Callahan Co. Bible Society, at no profit. Bibles free to those who are not able to buy.

Just received—A nice line of Infant Shoes with very thin flexible soles. ALL shoes & slippers COMPLETE.

SOMETHING NEW—BUTTERISK PATTERNS. All kind of patterns to select from delineators and attractive and up to date goods for the Ladies.

Men's underware in Balbriggan, nains sook's and all the cool pleasant wares for the summer. Large ladies vests for large ladies.

Yours to please all the time.

B. L. BOYDSTUN.

BAIRD, :-: TEXAS.

CORRECT STYLES RIGHT PRICES
THE BETTER THE GRADE
THE ROYAL TAILORS CHICAGO
THE BIGGER THE TRADE
BEST CUTTERS SURE FITTERS

B. L. BOYDSTUN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.
W. E. GILLILAND.
(Subject to the Democratic Party.)

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC TICKET

For County Judge.
J. H. WOOD.

For District and County Clerk.
W. W. DUNSON.

For County Treasurer.
T. B. HOLLAND.

For Tax Assessor.
T. J. NORRELL.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector.
J. W. JONES.

For County Attorney.
B. L. RUSSELL.

For Inspector.
W. C. ASBURY.

For Public Weigher.
W. M. COFFMAN.

For County Surveyor.
M. R. HAILEY.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 1.
W. A. HINDS.

POPULIST NOMINEES.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector.
W. E. (Walter) GILLIT.

For County and District Clerk.
H. C. DARDEN.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES.

We are authorized to announce DR. S. T. FRASER as a candidate for County and District Clerk; subject to the people.

MASONIC NOTICE.

Bro V. C. Karnes will lecture at Baird, Tex. in Masonic Hall, beginning June 8th and continue for six days, All Masons, whether member of Baird Lodge No. 522 A F & A M or not are cordially invited to attend these lectures, Members of the lodge are especially requested to attend

J N RUSHING, W M.

County court convenes at Baird next Monday.

Be sure and go to the democratic primary election next Saturday June 6th and vote

Mark Pace is home on a visit from Dallas

Mr. Bentley accompanied the fishing party Tuesday.

D. C. Walker, from Putnam was the city Sunday evening.

S. M. Moon is having his lumber sheds recovered this week.

Jno. Matthews from near Tomato was in the city Wednesday.

Commissioner Yost from Tecumseh was in the city Wednesday.

Harry Meyer is having some improvements made on his dwelling house.

L M Wyatt returned a day or two ago from a trip to Brownwood, where he went as a witness in court

Clayton McCauley passed through the city Thursday on his way to Cottonwood.

Mr. Walter A. Bretz, attorney-at-law, of Abilene was in the city Tuesday on business.

Mr. A. Carter is building a house on the Hensley lot just east of the Moon lumber yard.

Ned Alexander returned from Ft Worth last Monday, where he has been visiting friends.

Miss Jennie Rushing from Abilene was visiting in the city this week, and acconied the fishing party Tuesday.

Mr. Griffin one of Callahan County's most prosperous farmers from near Cottonwood was in the city Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. Will McGowen from Cross Plains were in the city this week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McGowen.

Everybody has gone fishing this week, and fish stories will doubtless be the order of the day about the last of the week.

Miss Dora Warren returned home from Ranger, Wednesday, where she has been teaching a class in music for several months.

Judge Cliett says he is not on the water work's contractor bond His name was on the bond as late as last Wednesday evening for the writer saw it in the hands of the city secretary, Did the council release him, and when?

Mrs. E. K. Kane, at the Ogle residence has fresh bread for sale every day. She will also supply fishing parties with bread. Leave your order with her. 23

Capt. J. T. Tucker of Merkel, candidate for State representative was in town Tuesday and called on THE STAR while in town. Capt. Tucker and the editor of THE STAR are the only democratic candidates for this position so far.

The announcement of Mr. H. C. Darden, populist nominee for county and district clerk will be found in this issue. Mr. Darden is well qualified and if elected will make an efficient officer.

John Babb, of Putnam, was in the city Thursday.

M. M. Terry, of Callahan City, was in town Thursday.

I. T. Whitley, Gabe and John Smartt, of Tomato, were in town this week.

The Price rape case has been reversed by the court of criminal appeals.

Miss Emma Hartman from Cisco is visiting in the city this week, guest of Miss Jamie Nelson.

It is getting awful dry and rain is needed badly—that is if it don't rain before this issue gets out.

Miss Mary Mabile from Cisco, is visiting in the city this week, guest of Mrs. E. K Kane and Mrs. R. D. White.

The picnic at Putnam to-day promises to be well attended by Bairdites who will go down on local at 7 a. m. and return in the evening. A joint debate S. A. Bryant and Mr. Gibbs and J. E. Thomas and J. H. Wood.

Mr. Henry Roberts sometime ago put down a cement walk for A. G. Webb. These walks are not so very costly; and when well put down are much better than stone walks. Mr. Roberts thoroughly understands this kind of work and if any one needs anything in that line they should consult him.

Two of the Foster Bros. went to Cisco this week where they are putting up a gin. These gentlemen now own gins in Anson, Baird and Cisco. They have made considerable improvement lately in the Baird plant. THE STAR hopes they will be successful as they are all fine machinist and hard working worthy men.

$19 will buy a first-class sewing machine and get THE STAR for one year. This machine has never been sold in Baird for less than $22.50 cash. you can buy it from us get THE STAR and save $3·50 in cash. The machine will be delivered to you right here in Baird on payment of the cash without any extra charge whatever. Call at THE STAR office and see sample of the machine.

The fishing craze struck our city this week, as most any one can see from the size of the crowd that left Tuesday for the Bayou to enjoy a few days in that delightful sport. The chaparones were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Christian, Mr. Will Boydstun and Miss Maud McGowen. The "fishermen" were G. A. Jamison and Miss Jennie Rushing, Ed Arnold and Miss Nora Lonis, Lou Soldon and Miss Clara Ruhrup, C. C. Cooke and Miss Emma Nelson, C. S. Boyles and Miss Sarah Turiff, Jim Gray and Miss Mamie Estes, D. M. Martin and Miss Opal Crawford, Ed Dunlap and Miss Lola McGowen, Boy McGowen and Miss Nellie Phillips, Dick Cochran and Miss Ola Blakely, Mark Pace and Miss Pearl Richardson, Ned Alexander and Miss Ennis, Mr. Bentley, Alden Bell and Buck Summers.

DEEP CREEK DOTS.

May 27,—Stillborn twin girls of Mr. and Mrs. Walker, a newcomer from Alabama who lives on one of Mr. Dawkin's places, were buried Sunday morning at our graveyard. Mrs. W. is considered out of danger.

Wanted:—The gentleman who left R. Cordwent's ranch Saturday night with a suit of clothes and other things not belonging to him. A warm welcome is guaranteed to the fellow.

The citizens of Baird have some trouble about the water works and I tell you the country people are exactly in the same shape. Stockwater is getting scarcer every day and many farmers have to drive their bunches for miles at dinnertime instead of enjoying a well deserved nap. The cisterns are also exhausted on several of the places and in nearly every household great care is taken to make the scant supply last a little longer. Shall it be another 1886?

The cutting of small grain has begun· On more than one farm the grain was not high enough for the binder and mowers are generally in demand. The quantity of twine used per acre shows the quality of the grain M. M. Terry cut and bound 10 acres of wheat with 1 ball, Geo. Black 7 acres with 2 balls, R. J. Harris 7 acres of wheat with 2 balls etc, while in a good crop-year 1 or 1 1-2 balls are required per acre.

We learn that Messrs Matthews and Tisdale will begin threshing this Friday.

Corn holds it own very well so far, but tasseling time is here and the next ten days will decide the question Cotton looks fine and the only drawback is that all is not yet planted·

H. B.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

See Powell's ad on 1st page· 9 tf

Poultry netting at Harry Meyer's.

Join the big rush at Powell's 47

Screen wire at Harry Meyer's. 20tf

For a good shave go to Geo. Dean.

Patronize Geo. Dean's barber chair.

—For real bargains go to Stern's. 8tf

Boys hats to a finish T. E. Powell 47

Get you carpet from Powell. 21tf

Groceries at Dean's cheap for cash.

Lamps and glassware at Harry Meyer. 18tf

Few more racket goods at cost at Dean's. 2tlf.

All kinds of fishing tackles at Harry Meyer's. 20tf

Twenty-five per cent off for cash on clothing· Powell. 9 tf

Silk parasols for $1.25 at Powell's werth $2.00.

100 pair boys knee pants 10cts per pair at Powell's. 21tf

See Powell's cut rates on clothing. Ad 1st page. 9 tt

Ladies vests worth 35cts. for 12 1-2 rents at Powell's. 20tf

When you want fancy candies go to Frank Johnson's.

Boy's and men's straw hats very cheap at Powell's. 21tf.

When in need of "anything" go to the Racket Store. 11 tf

—Furniture and coffins at Sterns, H Schwartz, manager. 8tf.

Have you tried the Bologna sausage at the City Meat Market? 41tf.

Finest lot of fancy candies in the city at Frank Johnson's. 20tf

When in need of nice, clean, clear printing call at THE STAR.

You can get embroidery at Powell's at half price. Call and see. 21tf

Screen wire and poultry netting very cheap at Harry Meyer. 18tf

Ladies Summer Corsetts for 50cts. in place of 75cts. at Powell's 20tf

When you want any printing done bring it to THE STAR office.

Baskets and wooden plates suitable for picnic parties at H. Meyer's 22 tf

If you want to buy a neat house in Baird or town lots call at my office. 21tf J. H. WOOD.

The twenty century shoe is the latest and greatest novelty on earth. 20tf T. E. Powell.

Six year old vinegar, warranted to be chemical pure at Dean's Grocery Store. 22 tf.

1200 pairs men's gloves. Awful anxious to sell. Cheap for cash. T. E. Powell. 47

I sell goods at give away prices. If you don't believe it, call and see. H. Schwartz 22 tf

Jeff Dean has opened up his ice cream parlor and wants you to come and try his cream. 21tf

Buy the Masury's paint to paint your houses, barn or fence from Bass Bros., Abilene, Texas. 10 tf

How does 12 1-2 cents a yard for Jeans strike you? You can get it that price at T. E. Powell's. 47

Go to T. J. Dean's for cheap groceries, laces, tinware and racket goodf cheap for cash. Give him 10tf

A general stock of Furnishing Goods, Notions and Groceries at the Racket Store. Prices to please all 41

Bass Bros. of Abilene, Texas. have the largest stock of Wall paper in West Texas. They compete with Fort Worth. 10tf

All the Ladies are getting their nice dresses and trimmings from T. E. Powell, because he is selling cheaper than you can get them from Dallas. Call and see them. 18 tf

Mrs. Bowden, Powell's Millinery Lady, has bought another big line of hats; she sells them so fast that she cannot keep a stock. Call and see her. 21tf.

T. E. Powell is selling Ladies Hats so cheap, in fact on Saturday Mrs. Bowden and her assistant sold 22 hats and Monday 29. Come and get a nice hat while you can. 18 tf

We will kill nothing but cattle that have been full fed from this time until spring. You will get no better meat any where than at our place and our Sausage maker is the best one ever in town. City Meat Market. 10

SOUND MONEY CALL.

At the request of many sound money democrats of Callahan County, I hereby call a mass convention of all sound money democrats to meet at the court house in the town of Baird, on June 1st at 1 o'clock p. m. 1896 to agree upon concerted action upon the various questions now before the people, Your presence is highly necessary.

J. J. SIGLER.

Putnam, Tex, May 20th 1896.

A sound Liver Makes a well Man.

Are you Bilious. Constipated or troubled with Jundice, Sick Headache Bad Taste in Mouth, Foul Breath, Coated Tongue, Dyspepsia Indigestion Hot Dry Skin, Pain in Back and between the Shoulders, Chills and Fever &c. If you have any of these symptoms, your Liver is out of order and your blood is slowly being poisoned, because your Liver does not act properly. Herbine will cure any disorder of the Liver Stomache or Bowels. It has no equal as a Liver Medicine. Price, 75 cents.

Free trial Bottle at Nelsons & St John's.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas }
County of Callahan } In the Justice's court Pre. No. I June term. A. D. 1896.

To the sheriff or any constable of Callahan county, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Callahan, if there be a newspaper published in said county, (but if not then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published), for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon W. A. Haley, who is a non-resident of the state of Texas to be and appear before the Justice's Court Pre. No. 1 to be holden in the county of Callahan, at the court house thereof in Baird on the 22nd day of June, 1896, File Number being 414, then and there to answer the petion of H. A. Lonis, filed in said court on the 25th day of May, A. D. 1896, against the said W. A. Hailey and alleging in substances as follows, to-wit: Suit on one certain promissory note of the said W. A. Haley to H. A. Lonis with ten per cent interest from date, Nov. 2nd 1893, payable at Baird Texas, on or before Nov. 2nd 1895.

Herein fail not but, but have you then and there before said court this writ, with your return thereon, showing you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court in Baird, Texas, this 25th day of May, A. D. 1896,

L. O. OLIVER.

J. P. Pre. No. 1, Callahan County
Alden Bell p. q. 25 4t

Baird Jersey Dairy.

BUTTER CREAM AND MILK,

For Sale on the Usual Terms.

Having leased this Dairy I will be pleased to serve the people of Baird, by delivering to them any of the above products; and when I am fixed, give all a cordial invitation to call and inspect my machinery of different kinds for the handling of milk. Very Resp'ct.

18tf H. G. PARKER.

TO SAVE MONEY.

To save money is to make it, in order to do this you must pay cash. I do not want to sell you goods on time at high prices nor do I want to sell you goods on time at any price, neither have I time to argue prices with you. **BUT** if you have **HONEST** dollars you wish to exchange for **HONEST** goods just plain every day common sense will do the rest. Call and see me.

Yours for Cash Business.

24tf C. S. BOYLES.

Consult .:·

DR. J. L. G. ADAMS,

EYE AND EAR SPECIALIST,
POST GRADUATE CHICAGO.
Office at Red Front Drug Store
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For the cure of all Acute and Chronic Diseases of the

EYE & EAR.

Cataracts Removed, Cross Eyes straightened, Granulated Lids Cured in 20 Days, Glasses Fitted to any Eyes Artificial Eyes Inserted. 52 6m

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FOR

MURSURY'S PAINTS.

See This!

Mursury's Liquid Paints have stood the test and have proved to be the **BEST** for this Climate· They weigh more to the Bucket and cover more surface than other paints and thereby **CHEAPER.**

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Abilene, - - - - Texas.

S. M. Moon & Co.

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DEALERS IN

Lumber, Shingles. Sash, Doors,

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GROCERIES

HE WILL TREA YOU RICHT.

JUST RECEIVED

NEW STOCK OF SPRING AND SUMMER

Dry Goods.

Shoes and Slippers.

Full Stock of Furniture and Undertakers Goods Always on Hand.

I am anxious to sell and ask for your trade. Prices always the lowest Come to see me and I will please you. Leo Stern. H. SCHWARTZ, Mgr.

R. Phillips. Druggist, has the exclusive sale of these Celebrated Glasses in Baird, Texas. From the factory of Kellam & Moore, the only complete optical plant in the South. Atlanta, Ga. mch 14-pd-6m

R. J. HATCHER,

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

BAIRD, :-: TEXAS:

FOR SALE.—Three dwelling houses. small amount down, balance monthly payments. ED COPPINS, 14

STALLION FOR SALE.

One Clydesdale stallion 7 years old for sale, trade or exchange.
12 2m. J. H. HILL, Baird, Tex.

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THE ACCUMULATION POLICY,
OF THE
New York Life Inrsurance Co.

A POLICY—With the single condition that the premiums be paid as agreed.

A POLICY—With no restriction whatever respecting occupation, residence, travel, habits of life or manner of death.

A POLICY—Incontestable after it has been in force one full year, if premiums have been duly paid.

A POLICY—That cannot be forfeited after it shall have been in force three full years.

Assetts Jan. 1st 1896, $162,011,770.98
Surplus $20,249,307.72.

JAMISON & LEONARD.
Special Agents, Baird, Texas.

Croup and Whooping Cough.

There is no pain it will not relieve, no swelling it will not subdue, no wound it will not heal. It will cure frost bites, chilblains and corns. Sold by Nelson & St John.

CITY PROPERTY FOR SALE.

A dwelling house and four lots situated in the west part of the city. For further information call on or address
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The indications point to a greater interest in base ball this season than usual. No way to stop it.

Congress has prohibited prize fighting in the territories. It should now prohibit fights in congress.

New York railroads are now compelled to check bicycles, the same as trunks, and they mustn't smash 'em either.

Some scientists intend to go to Mexico to study stars, it is said. It was for that that Peter Maher went there, wasn't it?

General Weyler's work is deteriorating somewhat, but then one can't do good editorial work where all is not calm and peaceful.

The man who wrote "After the Ball" has been sued for damages by a bicyclist. It appears to be a case of "screecher" vs. "scorcher."

Should Mr. Armour have to pay the State of New York $1,150,000 for selling oleomargarine, that bold and greasy Croesus will be considerably cowed.

A shortage of thirty millions has been discovered in the securities of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, but the owners don't mind a little thing like that.

It's the same in politics as in other things. The "bosses" are always willing to let the people have their own way when they find they can't help themselves.

From this distance it looks as if it would be easier to make up a list of those Transvaal Englishmen who were not in the conspiracy than to enumerate those who were in it.

The county commissioners of Spokane called for bids for the burying of the county poor, and although one undertaking firm offered to do the work at one cent each, no award was made.

The stone slab upon which George Washington once took oath is broken, while the oath is still intact. In these days it is not likely that the man in public life would permit the oath to outlast the slab.

In Sweden, according to travelers who have resided in that country, it is a household custom to provide rooms where the children may go and cry, and scream, and make all the noise they need to. In all other parts of the house they are expected to be quiet and mindful of the presence of their elders. On the whole it seems rather a good plan—good for the children and good for the elders, too.

The clergymen of Warrensburg, Mo., are in open warfare against High Five, a game of chance, which twenty-seven of the leading citizens of that place have been playing. The ladies have filed counter accusations against the clergymen for playing the game of Up-Jinkins, which they say knows High Five sky high. At this distance it looks as if the ladies would play the dickens with the pastors.

Probably the first instance of a court recognizing the Roentgen discovery as a means of establishing a fact in evidence is that in which the District United States court at Wichita, Kan., on April 4, directed that a shadowgraph be taken of the wrist of Peter Noel, who is suing the Santa Fe road for $10,000 damages for wrongly setting the fracture of his wrist. The question of what the best evidence is in a case of that kind came up, and all the parties interested, as well as the court, agreed in the light of modern science, a shadowgraph of the wrist would be the best evidence. Consequently the court directed Lucien Blake, professor of electricity in the state university of Kansas, to make the test in court.

Of the various woods classified by the national forestry commission, white pine ranks first from the standpoint of commercial use, and the other pines next, these being used chiefly for house finishing and other kindred purposes. The general use of oak in the better grade of house finishing and in manufacture of furniture gives that wood next place. Then comes the less important hard woods, including ash, birch, maple, etc. Hickory, which is used chiefly for wagon stock, is one of the woods least used, the annual cut not reaching more than 250,000,000 feet, as against 2,000,000,000 feet of oak. Black walnut has now become so scarce that it has practically ceased to be quoted in the lumber market. A small quantity still exists in Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri, but it is sold by the single tree.

The supposition that pirates no longer exist is quite erroneous. The Riffian pirates of the mountains opposite Gibraltar appear to carry on their work in defiance of all nations. When we consider the case of the Armenians and that of the Riffian pirates, we may easily perceive how feeble the civilized world has become.

The medical writer who not long since inveighed against soup as unhealthful had perhaps not heard of the Paris lady, aged 104, whose chief article of diet was soup.

BIG CONFLAGRATION.

SHERMAN'S CUP OF SORROW UNDOUBTEDLY FILLED.

A Fifty Thousand Dollar Fire This Morning Right in the Heart of the City, Consuming as Many as a Half Dozen Brick Business Blocks.

Sherman, Tex., May 27.—At 12:45 this morning fire was discovered in the second story of the restaurant and candy factory of Williams & Bower, on the east side of court square. Almost the entire floor was in flames in less than five minutes.

At this hour the fire has eaten through the rear end of the building, and is bursting out of the window on Houston street. It is the single thing formed in the jewelry establishment of Ely & Cook.

This latter building can hardly be saved, and it is likely that at least four or five brick business houses will be burned, entailing a loss on property of at least $50,000, while the loss on stock will reach that much again, if not more.

Amount of insurance can not be learned. The fire started in a building to which the department has been called twice in the last two months. There is no insurance on the stock of Williams & Bower.

Great Beds of Lignite.

Waco, Tex., May 27.—Inexhaustible fields of lignite of superior quality exist in Limestone and adjacent counties, to develop which short lines of railway connecting with the main lines are being constructed. One of these lines will be built from Waco, to connect with the Houston and Texas Central, somewhere near Thornton. Col. Duncan, who is at the head of the Waco and Limestone County railroad, has nearly completed his plans. This lignite is in use in all the cities and towns in Central Texas. It comes out in large blocks, and is sparkling and nearly as black as anthracite coal. It has been thoroughly tried in the stationary engines in Waco, and found to make steam as well as average coal. For household purposes it is growing in popularity, as it is cheap and clean. The company engaged in the enterprise say they think they can get their road in operation in time to make deliveries of lignite in Waco next winter.

The Dallas Fire.

Dallas, Tex., May 27.—The loss and damage occasioned by Monday's fire will, from present indications, fall short of yesterday's estimate $3000 or $4000. At first it was thought that there would not be enough left of all the stocks of the different buildings consumed to make a decent fire sale. Yesterday it was found that while the greater part will be a total loss, a small per cent is still salable. Just how much has been saved can not, of course, be determined until things can be straightened out.

Early yesterday morning a large force of men was put to work cleaning away the debris, with the assistance of the proprietors and insurance adjusters, sorting up what remained of the damaged merchandise contained in the partially consumed buildings.

Escaped Prisoners Captured.

Brownsville, Cameron Co., Tex., May 27.—Roma Ross, an escaped prisoner from Matamoras, Mexico, charged with the murder of a mail driver between Matamoras and Victoria, was captured thirty miles from Brownsville, and is now in jail here. The two men who escaped from the Cameron jail recently who were charged with the murder of the United States mail driver in Hidalgo county several months ago have also been captured by Mexican officers and are held in Matamoras. The requisition for their extradition has not yet been acted upon.

Very Much Wanted.

Rayner, Tex., May 27.—Sheriff Lee returned Monday from Hinsdhill county, bringing with him Frank Norton, who, with Potina Rodriguez, escaped from the jail here in February, 1893. He is overpowering the jailer. Frank is wanted here in two cases of robbery and horse theft. He is also under conviction and sentence in Hoque county for cattle theft, in 1891. He is wanted in Throckmorton, Jack, Montague and Grayson counties for hoss theft and other offenses. When Sheriff Lee found him he was in jail in Hempbill county awaiting trial in a theft case in Carson county.

Seem to Be Scarce.

Sherman, Tex., May 27.—The relief committee state that the number of letters received by them asking the privilege of adopting little children orphaned by the tornado is very large and are coming from all sections. So far not a child has suffered the loss of both parents and there are no homeless children except insofar as the entire family are homeless.

Jas. Hacerock was shot and killed in Chicago recently over the small amount of 10 cents.

Jail Escape.

Floydada, Tex., May 27.—Sam Lockwood, who was convicted at the last term of the district court of this county for theft of cattle and given two years in the penitentiary, made his escape fro jail last night. Officers are in hot pursuit. His case was pending in the court of criminal appeals.

Board of Health.

Terrell, Tex., May 27.—The board of health met to-day and elected officers for the ensuing year. Dr. James Orr was made president and C. C. Burtank, secretary.

Union Depot No More.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 26.—This city is going to have a new union depot, and doubt as to this fact no longer exists, for the structure utilized for this purpose for fifteen years past was last night a smoking ruin. As to how the fire originated no one knows. It can be stated, however, that it did not originate in the union depot building proper, for Ginnochio's hotel, to the eastward of it was razed to the earth by the fiery fiend before the depot was touched. It can be further said that the flames after overrunning the hotel were thought to be under control, and it seemed as though the old depot proper was going to stand and continue for another fifteen years to answer the purpose of the traveling public at this point. No such misfortune was in store for the people of this city, however, for at the very moment when the building seemed safe flames issued from almost all parts of the historical structure, and the cheer went up on sight of this, mingled with the ascending smoke and flame, and kissed the red hot noonday sky.

$70,000 Fire.

Dallas, Tex., May 26.—A costly fire started on the north side of Elm street between Griffin and Akard streets last evening. It originated almost in the heart of the business section of the city and before the fire-fighters succeeded in getting the conflagration under control three two-story brick buildings were a mass of ruins—another was reduced to blackened walls and adjacent buildings were scorched by fire and damaged by water. Fronting on Pacific avenue a large warehouse and two small frame buildings were consumedby fire, together with large stocks of merchandise, etc. The loss on buildings and stocks, estimated, is $70,000. The loss may reach higher figures when an adjustment is made.

Charged With Murder.

San Angelo, Tex., May 26.—Mrs. J. N. Powers, of Knickerbocker, was arrested yesterday by Sheriff Shields, charged with murdering her husband, last December.

Powers, early one December morning, left home to drive up some saddle horses near by. Later in the day, not returning, search for him was instituted, resulting in his remains being discovered within a short distance of his house with a Winchester bullet through his head and three others penetrating his body.

No arrest had been made previous to the arrest of his wife. However, others are expected to follow.

Shot and Drowned.

Henrietta, Tex., May 26.—Several parties, while fishing in Little Wichita, near this place Sunday, found the remains of a little babe wrapped in a garment and tied up in a low sack. They reported the ghastly find to the authorities, who, in company with a physician, repaired to the scene to make further investigation. On examining the little form it was found that a bullet hole had pierced its body. Several stabs with a knife were also found, and the head of the child had been crushed. The child was about three days old, and appeared to have been dead a week or ten days. No clew to the murder.

Bail Brothers' Cases.

Sherman, Tex., May 26.—Information received at Houston street prison yesterday is that the supreme court of the United States had reached a decision in the cases of the Bail brothers, who have been in prison here for nearly two years with a penalty of death hanging over them for an alleged murder in the Indian Territory. The judgment against Filmore Bail was reversed and the one against John Bail affirmed. Warden Terry said this afternoon: "The Bail boys have been extraordinary good prisoners."

Broke His Neck.

Bryan, Tex., May 26.—Washington Hollis, 17 years old, colored, was drowned in the Little Brazos river, and, diving head foremost into shallow water, his head struck the bottom with such force and violence that his neck was broken.

Dead and Shot.

Roby, Tex., May 2 6.—Geo. Hitchis, aged about 18, was found dead with a bullet in his head at noon yesterday in a vacant house in this place. An inquest will be held.

After Fifteen Years.

Floresville, Tex., May 26.—Sheriff Crickland yesterday afternoon lodged in the county jail a negro named Chance McCampbell, who is charged with killing a negro named Calvin in this county fifteen years ago. Recently the government offered a reward of $200 for the arrest of McCampbell, who had been located in Mexico. The sheriff arrested him last Thursday in Monterey, assisted by the Mexican authorities.

Pythian Graves Decorated.

Weatherford, Tex., May 26.—The Knights of Pythias held their annual memorial services Sunday afternoon. After ceremonies at the lodge room they marched to the cemetery and decorated the graves of their departed brethren. The Rathbone Sisters assisted them in the services.

Henry Zeling was arrested in New York the other day charged with swindling wholesale merchants.

BOUNTIFUL HARVEST.

UNPRECEDENTED WEALTH IN THE CROPS OF 1896.

Reports from All Over the West Show the Agricultural Interests of the Country to Be in a Flourishing Condition.

It is an accepted fact that whatever conditions affect the agricultural interests of a country will have a direct bearing on all its other industries. In other words, whatever tends to aid, or injure farming pursuits, will benefit, recently or disastrously affect every other important interest. It is a matter for congratulation, therefore, that exceptionally favorable reports are coming east regarding the outlook for a splendid crop in the corn belt region.

Copious rains had fallen during the spring and put the ground in splendid condition for seeding and growing. The fears of another drouth have long since been laid to rest and the agriculturist looks hopefully forward to a rich reward for his toil. Not only does the farmer expect a good crop this year but the conditions thus far, have been so much more favorable than in several years past, that he expects a crop which will fully make up for a few short ones. Nor is the expectation without reason. There is not a single condition lacking, either in soil or weather, which should bring this hope to the farmer. The soil has received more moisture in the shape of rain and snow than in many years and the weather has been all that could be desired for growing. Therefore, if all these signs count for anything they indicate a year of prosperity throughout the great West. Even before the first week in May almost half the corn was planted, with considerable of it showing nicely above ground and doing well. In some localities it was even then several inches high. As there will undoubtedly be an increased acreage of both corn and small grains this year, the indications are that the spring work will not be well over before the last week in May. This, however, will be early enough in the corn belt region to allow the golden ears to ripen before frost comes, even if it should come a little earlier than usual.

As the rainfall has been fairly frequent in its visitations during the portion of the season which has passed and rainfall is normal, it is but fair to assume that this normal condition will continue and that the hopes of the farmers will be fully realized.

Reports from widely different localities in the great corn producing states point to the fact that moisture has saturated the soil to a much greater depth than in many previous years.

This is particularly true with regard to Nebraska where the favorable outlook of the present time has not, in many parts of the state, been excelled, even in the opinion of old inhabitants. In fact the prospect is so encouraging that the farmers all over the state are letting go their corn and grain to which they had been holding so tenaciously during last harvest, in the dread that the drouth period was not at an end. They are now shipping it eastward in big quantities or feeding it to their stock and fattening pigs for the market. The bulletins issued by the agricultural state sections of the (U. S.) Weather service confirm the glad tidings, generally, so that taken all in all the outlook of good times for the western farmer is exceedingly encouraging. The bulletin relating to Nebraska, for the week ending May 4, contained the following: "The week has been warm, averaging from four to six degrees above the normal. Light frosts were reported from the southwestern portion of the state early in the week, but little if any injury has come to fruit. The rainfall has been very general and for the most part heavy, amounting to over two inches over most of the eastern half of the state and in limited localities in the western. In the eastern half of the state on the 28th a general and heavy rain storm passed over the state, accompanied by high winds. This was followed by bright and warmer every day in the week in the northeastern section and work has been much retarded throughout this as well as the middle section of the state by the wet conditions of the soil. The weather has been very favorable for the growth of vegetation, especially small grain and grass, which have made very vigorous growth during the week. Rye is beginning to joint in the southern counties. Alfalfa is reported from six inches in height in the central portion of the state to a foot and a half in the southern.

"In southern counties considerable progress has been made in planting corn, which is now about half completed in the southeastern corner of the state; elsewhere but little progress has been made during the week owing to wet weather."

During the past week there has been an exhibition in a window of the City ticket office of the Burlington route in Chicago, a sample of rye plucked in Furnas county, Nebraska, toward the end of April. It stood 33 to 34 inches in height, and even at that early date nicely headed. Alfalfa about the same time was knee high and small grains were looking exceptionally advanced for that time of the year. The Chicago newspapers realizing the close tie that binds it to the west have dilated at frequent dates on the favorable prospect for a bountiful harvest.

Weary Waggles Moves On.

Boston has solved the tramp question. The fact that there was a falling off of 4,000 applications for accommodations the last year at the Wayfarer's Lodge, where the lodgers are expected to work for their board, is convincing evidence on this point.

Memorial Services.

Sherman, Tex., May 25.—The memorial services held at the opera-house house yesterday afternoon over the tornado's dead was attended by a vast crowd, not half of whom were able to find seats.

The following programme was carried out:

Song, "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow."

Prayer, Dr. S. M. Luckett.

Song "Asleep in Jesus."

Address of fifteen minutes, "Our Dead," Rev. E. W.D Alderson, of First Methodist church.

Song, "Some Sweet Day, Bye and Bye."

Address of fifteen minutes, "The Relief Work," by Elder B. F. Wilson, of Central Christian church.

Song, "It is Well with My Soul."

Address of fifteen minutes, "Lesson from the Cyclone," Rev. J. Hervey Dobbs, of St. Paul's Congregational church.

Song, "God Be with You Till We Meet Again."

Closing prayer, Rev. H. W. Sears, of the Cherry Street Cumberland Presbyterian church.

The music was under the direction of Prof. E. C. Case.

The exercises were conducted and all announcements made by Rev. J. A. Ivey.

The service was impressive, the remarks opportune and well timed.

During the day the cemeteries have been visited by hundreds, who carried out garlands and flowers, which they have strewn over the graves of the victims.

The shadow of her great misfortune still hangs in solemnity over the entire city.

A Cattle Garden.

Galveston, Tex., May 25.—The Mallory line steamship Leona, Capt. Wilder, came in Saturday morning and about fifteen cabin passengers. The average passengers numbered about 160, and were equally divided as to nationality between Polish Jews and Russians. They all were transferred from the steamship direct to the passenger coaches of the Houston and Texas Central railroad. They are bound for Tiswood, Col., where a colony is forming.

Nearly the whole list is made of young people, there being comparatively few who approached even middle age and none who had advanced beyond old age. By all had the Cattle Garden appearance, being clad in their native garb, which does not materially differ from that of the less elegantly dressed people of this country. The men and boys of the women were heavy boots. The pants of the men were usually tucked into the tops of the boots. Skin coats, suitable for a cold climate, were often seen on the backs of both men and women. All carried big bundles of bed sacks and some had strange looking valises.

A Woman in It.

Waco, Tex., May 25.—A disagreement between young men in an Austin avenue restaurant yesterday morning was followed by a volley of pistol shots. Mirrors were shattered and walls defaced. Ira Gassenheimer, a spectator, got a small caliber bullet in the jaw bone. It ranged downward and came out near the chin. Affidavits were made before the justice charging H. Gassenheimer and E. W. Brown with assault with intent to murder. Both gave bond. Gassenheimer is a brother of Ira Gassenheimer the wounded boy who was hit by a stray bullet. The origin of the quarrel was remarks about a lady.

Populist Pitchfork.

Taylor, Tex., May 24.—Marion Wilhite will move his newspaper plant from Georgetown to Austin at once and begin the publication of the Populist Pitchfork, which pair is to be run in the interest of the populist party of the ninth congressional district.

Over a Circus Clown.

Dallas, Tex., May 25.—Evangelist C. W. Byron, who is conducting a gospel tent revival at Ervay street and Grand avenue, preached the second sermon of his meeting to a big audience last night. The evangelist is the son of an Irish father and a Scotch mother, and was raised in London. For fourteen years he followed the life of a circus clown, and has visited almost every town of importance in the English speaking world. He was converted, as he explained last night, in Texas, May 6, 1892, joined the Congregational church and has since worked as hard to change the ways of sinners as he formerly tried to please Barnum & Bailey's patrons.

His sermons with a fervid earnestness and held the attention of his hearers last night till the close.

Shot in the Thigh.

Waco, Tex., May 24.—An affidavit was made before Justice Earle charging Dood Rice with shooting W. E. Armstrong Saturday night. Armstrong is a live stock man. The bullet struck the thigh between the two main arteries, near the groin. Rice is out on bond.

Probably a Lynching Bee.

Ben Franklin, Tex., May 25.—The examining trial of Jim Stout, colored, for criminal assault on two white girls Gertrude and Callie, daughters of Mr. J. H. Hedlins, aged respectfully 15 and 13 years, here yesterday resulted in Stout being held in $1000 bail to await the action of the grand jury. There is strong talk of a lynching bee.

The king of Switzerland, aged 18, has shot six servants with a Winchester rifle, saying that he wanted rifle practice.

What Do You Think?

To fall in love before you are sixteen is sinful; to fall in love at twenty-five will be excused; to fall in love at forty is silly.

Maybe So.

We suppose those people who sing at their work have a good disposition, but they also have mighty poor taste.

Fishing seems to be the favorite form of loafing.

A speech for the throne—hang that mule."—Texas Sifter.

When Nature

Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company.

Every one who believes in hypnotism, believes in ghosts.

Two bottles of Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me of a bad lung trouble.—Mrs. J. Nickols, Princeton, Ind., Mar. 25, 1895.

It is a good plan never to discuss love except in talking to babies and Sunday school children.

That Tired Feeling

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Feeling

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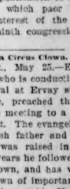

Capt. H. Olsen, residing at West End Hotel, Galveston, has been paralytic for years, and his left leg, which he had almost given up for lost, the use of. Dull, creeping, numbing feelings permeated the whole limb and threatened to attack other portions of the body. Doctors failed to help him, saying he would get well in time. This is poor consolation to a sufferer that suffers. Paralysis never gets well by itself. Veno's Electric Fluid and Veno's Curative Syrup are the only two medicines that can relieve upon the cure paralysis or rheumatism completely. They move both the cause and the effect. It was these two remedies that cured Capt. Olsen and made him a well man again. Veno's Medicines are sold and defended everywhere when Veno's Remedies are introduced into your Medicine Chest. Veno's Company guarantees to return the money of their full. Secure them from your druggist as follows:

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THE FATAL GLOVE.

BY CLARA AUGUSTA

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CHAPTER I.

ARCH Trevlyn had had a good day. Business had been brisk. The rain had fallen steadily since daybreak, and the street crossings in New York were ankle deep in mud. The little street sweeper's arms ached fearfully, but his pocket was full of pennies, interspersed with an occasional half dime.

The clouds were breaking in the west, and a gleam of sunshine gilded the tall tower of St. John's. Arch shouldered his broom, and whistled a merry tune as he took his way homeward. His bright dark eyes sparkled as he thought how the sight of his earnings would cheer his feeble mother. She could have tea now, with real milk and some sugar in it, and an orange, too. Only yesterday she was wishing she had an orange.

Arch's way led past a horticulturist's store, and his eyes wandered longingly over the display of flowers in the window. He must have just one wee white rose, because, only the Sabbath before, while he sat at his mother's feet, she had wept in telling him about the sweet roses that used to grow under the window of the little country cottage where her happy youth had been spent.

The white rose would be like bringing back to her ever so little a bit of the happy past. It could not cost much, and Arch felt wealthy as a prince. He stepped into the store and asked the price of a white rose. The clerk answered him roughly:

"Get out of the store, you young rascal. You want to steal something."

"I am not a thief, sir," said the boy, proudly, his sallow cheeks crimsoning hotly. "I want a rose for my mother. I guess I can pay for it!"

"It's half a dollar, if you want it," said the man sneeringly. "Show your money, or take yourself off this minute!"

Arch's countenance fell. He had not half a dollar in all. He turned sadly away, his head drooping, his lip quivering. Oh, how very hard it was to be poor, he thought, looking enviously at the costly carriage with a pair of splendid grays, standing before the door.

"Stop, little boy!" said a sweet voice from somewhere among the roses and heliotropes. "Is your mother sick?"

Arch removed his cap—some inborn spirit of courtesy prompting him to be reverent toward the glorious vision which burst upon him. For a moment he thought he saw an angel, and almost expected that she would unfold her silvery wings, and vanish in a golden cloud from his sight. But after the first glance he saw that she was a little girl about his own age—eight or nine years old, perhaps—with yellow curls, deep hazel eyes, a mouth like a rosebud, and a blue silk frock. She repeated the question:

"Is your mother sick, little boy?"

"No, she is not sick, for she always sits up, and sews. But she is not strong, and her cheeks never have any color in them, like yours."

"And does she love flowers?"

"Yes, she loves them dearly. She kisses them always, when she has any. And that's not often."

"Does she? That's nice. Just like I do!" said the little girl in a pleased voice. "Mr. Burns"—to the gruff clerk—"here is a dollar. Give me some real nice roses, and two or three sweet pinks. The lady shall have some flowers. Tell her I sent them."

"Who shall I say sent them?"

"Margie Harrison. Will she know me, think?"

"I guess not. But it's all the same. I shall tell her you are one of the angels, any way. She knows about them, for she's told me ever so much about them."

The little girl laughed, and gave him the flowers.

"Don't soil them with your grimy hands," she said a little saucily; "and when you get home—let's see, what's your name?"

"Archer Trevlyn."

"Why, what a nice name! Just like names in a story book. I know some elegant people by the name of Trevlyn. But they live in a big house and have flowers enough of their own. So they can't be your folks, can they?"

"No, they're not my folks," replied the boy, with a touch of bitterness in his voice.

"Well, Archer, when you get home, you wash your face, do! It's so dirty."

The boy flushed hotly. If one of his companions had said that to him, he would have knocked him down instantly. But he forgave everything this little girl said, because she was so beautiful and kind.

"I am a street sweeper, miss."

"Oh, that accounts for it, then. It's very muddy today, and you must be tired. Hark! there's Florine calling me. Good-by, Archer."

She vanished, and a moment later the boy say her disappear within the glittering carriage, which, loaded down with fragrant blossoms, was driven slowly away. He stood a little while looking after it, then, pulling his cap down over his eyes, and grasping the stems of her flowers tightly in his little purple hand, he started home.

Home! It could hardly be called so, and yet it was home to Archer. His mother was there—the dear mother who was all the world to him. It was a poor part of the city—an old, tumble down wooden house, swarming with tenants, teeming with misery, filth and crime.

Up a crazy flight of steps, and turning to the right, Arch saw that the door of his mother's room was half open, and the storm had beaten in on the floor. It was all damp and dismal, and such an indescribable air of desolation over everything! Arch's heart beat a little slower as he went in. His mother sat in an arm chair by the window, an uncovered box in her lap, and a miniature locket clasped in her hand.

"Oh, mother! mother dearest!" cried Arch, holding up the flowers, "only look what I have got! An angel gave them to me! A very angel, with hair like the sunshine, and a blue frock, all real silk! And I have got my pocket full of pennies, and you shall have an orange, mother, and ever so many nice little things beside. See, mother dear!"

He displayed a handful of coin, but she did not notice him. He looked at her through the gloom of the twilight, and a feeling of terrible awe stole over him. He crept to her side and touched her cheek with his finger. It was cold as ice. A mortal pallor overspread his face; the pennies and the flowers rolled unheeded to the floor.

"Dead! dead! My mother is dead!" he cried.

He did not display any of the passionate grief which is natural to childhood—there were no tears in his feverish eyes. He took her cold hands in his own, and stood there all night long, smoothing back the beautiful hair and talking to her as one would talk to a sick child.

It was thus that Mat Miller found him the next morning. Mat was a little older than himself—a street sweeper, also. She and Arch had always been good friends; they sympathized with each other when bad luck was on them, and they cheered lustily when fortune smiled.

"Hurrah, Arch!" cried Mat, as she burst into the room; "it rains again, and we shall get a harvest! Good gracious, Arch! is—your—mother—dead?"

"Hush!" said the boy, putting down the cold hand; "I have been trying to warm her all night, but it's no use. Only just feel how like ice my hands are. I wish I was as cold all over, and then they would let me stay with my mother."

"Oh, Arch!" cried the girl, sinking down beside him on the desolate hearth, "it's a hard world to live in. I wonder if, when folks be dead, they have to sweep crossings, and be kicked and be cuffed round by old grandmas when they don't get no pennies? If they don't then I wish I was dead, too, Arch!"

"I suppose it's wicked, Mat. She used to say so. She told me never to get tired of waiting for God's own time—her very words, Mat. Well, now her time has come, and I am all alone—all alone! Oh, mother—mother!" He threw himself down before the dead woman, and his form shook with emotion, but not a tear came to his eyes. Only that hard, stony look of hopeless despair. Mat crept up to him and took his head in her lap, smoothing softly the matted chestnut hair.

"Don't take on so, Arch, don't!" she cried, the tears running down over her sunburnt face. "I'll be a mother to ye, Arch! I will, indeed! I know I'm a little brat, but I love you, Arch, and some time, when we get bigger, I'll marry you, Arch, and we'll live in the country, where there's birds and flowers, and it's just like the park all round. Don't feel so, don't!"

Arch pressed the dirty little hands that fluttered about him—for, next to his mother, he loved Mat.

"I will go out now and call somebody," she said; "there's Mrs. Hill and Peggy Sullivan, if she ain't drunk. Either of them will come!" And a few minutes later the room was filled with the rude neighbors.

They did not think it necessary to call a coroner. She had been ailing for a long time. Heart complaint, the physician said—and she had probably died in one of those spasms to which she was subject So they robed her for the grave, and when all was done, Arch stole in and laid the pinks and roses on her breast.

"Oh, mother! mother!" he said, bending over her in agony, "she sent them to you, and you shall have them! I thought they would make you so happy! Well, maybe they will now! Who can tell?"

The funeral was a very poor one. A kind city missionary prayed over the remains, and the hearse was followed to Potter's Field only by Mat and Arch—ragged and tattered, but sincere mourners.

CHAPTER II.

WHEN they came back Mat took Arch's hand and led him into the wretched den she called home.

"You shall stay here, Arch, with Grandma Rugg and me. She said you might if you'd be a good boy, and not plague the cat. Grandma's a rough one, but she ain't kicked me since I tore her cap off. I'm too big to be kicked now. Sit down, Arch; you know you can't stay at home now."

Yes, to be sure he could not stay there any longer. No one knew that any better than Arch. The landlord had warned him out that very morning. A half-quarter's rent was still due, and the meager furniture would hardly suffice to satisfy his claim. Hitherto, Mrs. Trevlyn had managed to pay her own expenses, but, now that she was gone, Arch knew that it was more than folly to think of renting a room. But he could not suppress a cry of pain when they came to take away the things, and when they laid their rude hands on the chair in which his mother died, poor Arch could endure no more, but fled out into the street and wandered about till hunger and weariness forced him back to the old haunt.

He accepted the hospitality of Grandma Rugg, and made his home with her and Mat. The influences which surrounded him were not calculated to develop good principles, and Arch grew rude and boisterous, like the other street boys. He heard the vilest language—oaths were the rule rather than the exception in Grigg Court, as the place was called—and gambling, and drunkenness, and licentiousness abounded. Still, it was singular how much evil Arch shunned.

But there was growing within him a principle of bitter hatred, which one day might embitter his whole existence. Perhaps he had cause for it; he thought he had, and cherished it with jealous care, lest it should be annihilated as the years went on.

From his mother's private papers he had learned much of her history that he had before been ignorant of. She had never spoken to him very freely of the past. She knew how proud and high his temper was, and acted with wisdom in burying the story of her wrongs in her own breast.

Her father, Hubert Trevlyn, had come of a proud family. There was no bluer blood in the land than that which ran in the veins of the Trevlyns. Not very far back they had an earl for their ancestor, and, better than that, the whole long lineage had never been tarnished by a breath of dishonor.

Hubert was the sole child of his father, and in him were centered many bright and precious hopes. His father was a kind parent, though a stern one, who would never brook a shade of disobedience in this boy upon whom his fondest hopes and aspirations were fixed.

When Hubert was about twenty-four he went into the country for his health which was never very robust, and while there he met Helen Crayton. It was a case of love at first sight, but none the less pure and steadfast on that account. Helen was an orphan—a poor seamstress, but beautiful and intelligent beyond any woman he had ever met. They loved, and they would not be cheated out of their happiness by any worldly opposition. Hubert wrote to his father, informing him of his love for Helen, and asking his consent to their union. Such a letter as he received in return! It bade him give up the girl at once and return home. If he ever spoke of her again he was disowned forever! He might consider himself houseless and homeless.

Hubert had some of the proud Trevlyn blood in his composition, and this letter roused it thoroughly. A week afterward he was the husband of Helen Crayton. He took his young wife to the city, and, having something of a talent for painting, he opened a studio, hoping to receive sufficient patronage from his friends to support his family in comfort.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

NEW SUBMARINE BOAT.

In Which Three Men Can Live Under Water Twelve Hours.

Yet another submarine boat has been invented, or is it an old friend under an assumed name? Be this as it may, a submarine boat, ordered by the Brazilian government, was to be tried this week on the Seine, and the trials being satisfactory other and larger vessels are to be built, says the Court Journal. The new boat, which is named the Goubet, is some tewenty-six feet long, about 5 feet 6 inches in diameter in the center, and has a displacement of about ten tons. The motive power is supplied by electricity, and the screw also serves the purpose of a rudder, the shaft being joined so as to enable it to be turned either to the right or to the left. Three men, the inventor claims, can live under water in the Goubet for twelve hours with the supply of compressed air. This has, of course, to be proved; but in the event of anything going wrong, a lead keel, weighing over a ton will be dropped, and the boat will at once come to the surface like a cork. On account of electricty being used for supplying the propelling power, the sphere of action of the new boat must of necessity be very limited, as compasses cannot be used, but it could do all that is required of it, if taken on board a vessel and launched when the enemy's ships were in sight. The Goubet's mission is to throw torpedoes, and if the arrangement for throwing these projectiles can be relied upon, she will prove a formidable antagonist. To sink the Goubet water is let into compartments in the lower part of the boat, and when it is sunk to any required depth in that position it remains exactly, the arrangement for sinking the vessel being so beautifully and carefully arranged. One ounce of water—more or less—will cause the boat to sink lower or come nearer the surface.

Floods of the Nile.

The floods of the Nile are so regular in their coming that for hundreds of years they have not varied ten days in the date of their arrival at a given point. The Nile mud, which renders Egypt a habitable country, is said to bear a striking resemblance to that which every season is brought down [illegible]

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

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

(From the Farmers' Review.)

F. H. CHAPPEL, Dane county, Wisconsin.—The best ground for cucumbers is a deep loam or prairie soil. If it is a little sandy all right, but it should not be too rolling. It should be nearly level, so as not to wash. The ground should be well worked, and made fine and rich. For early cucumbers in Wisconsin, from the 20th to the 25th of May is the right time to sow the seed. Further south the sowings can be made earlier. When cucumbers are to be raised for pickles the seed may be sown from the 10th to the 15th of June—the seedsmen will give the time.

For fertilizer, we use any good manure that is free from foul weed seed and that does not cost too much. Well-rotted barn-yard manure will do. Give the ground a light dressing of wood ashes if it can be done. A barrel of salt per acre will also help matters. Plow and work fine and plank to hold the moisture and to break the lumps. Our cucumbers here have suffered a good deal from drouth in the last few years. Irrigation would help matters a good deal.

When we are raising cucumbers for pickles we harvest them every other day, so that the pickles will be more uniform in size and also to increase the total yield of the crop. Our greatest obstacle here is drouth. If I were to start in now raising the crop mentioned I would find some good grocery man in Chicago or some other large western city that would take the crop.

Frank D. Barnes, Vernon county, Wisconsin.—For cucumbers, a clay loam and clay subsoil is preferred. It should be made fine, deep and well firmed. Plant the seed as soon as the danger of frost is over, that is, the main crop for the early garden. If very early crops are desired, the seed can be sown in the hot beds and on inverted sods, and set beside a barrel filled with manure and with holes in the bottom. You can use hot water on the manure each day, if not too wet. We use stable manure and also ashes at the rate of 100 bushels to the acre, and the same amount of air-slacked lime. We cultivate with a garden cultivator and hoe and keep a fine dust mulch over the ground.

Drouth troubles us to some extent. If very dry, and we do not have water to irrigate, we put on coarse manure for a mulch or cover with old boards. We pick off the cucumbers as soon as they are big enough for market, keeping them in a cold cellar or in cold water.

I might say that our greatest difficulty here is in finding a market to take all the fruit. We sell on the home market and also pickle them.

Put a barrel where you want a hill and plant the seeds on three sides of it and close to it. If bugs trouble, dust the plants with air-slaked lime, and occasionally turn onto the manure a half-pail or pail of water. If very dry, use a pail each night. If you want to keep your vines in bearing, do not let any of the cucumbers go to seed, as the formation of seed takes too much of the vitality of the plant.

E. C. Alsmeyer, Dane county, Wisconsin.—Use well-fertilized prairie soil plowed at least ten inches deep. Plant as soon as the danger of frost is past in hills six feet apart, and from four to five seeds in a hill. For fertilizer, we use horse manure. We cultivate each way with a one-horse cultivator and harrow. We harvest when ripe, gathering the seeds from the best ones and feeding the balance of the cucumbers to our hogs. We find the bugs the greatest trouble.

Nelson Cox, Lawrence county, Ohio.—Plow and harrow the land very fine, and manure very heavy in the hill with stable manure. Plant early as soon as the ground gets warm, putting ten seeds in the hill. As soon as the plants get two rough leaves, thin out to four plants in the hill. We think that barnyard manure worked up fine is the best fertilizer. Stir the ground shallow and often to keep down the weeds, and work the hills by hand. We harvest for market and for slicing just as soon as they get large enough and before they begin to turn yellow. The little striped bug gives us a good deal of trouble.

D. C. Branson, Miami county, Ohio.—Any good corn land will produce cucumbers, but preferably I would take black loam inclined to the north away from the hot sun. Land already in good condition should be kept so by an application of well-rotted barn-yard manure. Plowing need not be done until immediately before planting. Seed should not be planted until all danger of spring frosts are past. Plant shallow, about a dozen seeds to the hill; scatter the seeds so that in thinning out the roots of one does not disturb those of another. Two or three plants are enough to leave for maturity. Leave the thinning out as late as possible, that you may be prepared for emergencies. The cultivation may be shallow with cultivator until vines commence running, after which keep ground clean with hoe. Cucumbers are easily affected by drouth, and that without much remedy. Perhaps there is nothing better in this than mulching about the hill with something that will retain moisture. Chip manure (almost an extinct article) or rotten sawdust is good. In our locality, the people are largely in favor of making and putting up their own pickles, hence there is a local home demand for any surplus that our farmers or gardeners may have. The difficulties to cultivation are drouth and the striped bug. To protect the plants from the bugs, cover the plants with boxes, eight or nine inches square and seven inches deep. Cover with wire screen. Keep the boxes over the plants until the fourth or fifth leaves are forming. Do not wait until bugs come before you cover the plants, for they will immediately burrow about the roots.

National Crop Report.

The report of the United States department of agriculture on the condition of winter grain and health of live stock shows a condition of winter wheat in nine leading states as follows: Pennsylvania, 64; Ohio, 56; Michigan, 82; Indiana, 77; Kentucky, 70; Illinois, 81; Missouri, 75; Kansas, 88; California, 91. Average for the entire country, 77.1; last year, 81.4, and 86.7 in 1894. The condition of rye was in New York, 91; Pennsylvania, 86; in Wisconsin, 77; average for the entire country, 82.9. Dry weather at seeding time, from which scarcely a county was exempt, largely retarded or prevented germination. Throughout the winter grain producing region the winter covering of snow was exceptionally scanty. Rye suffered in most states less than wheat. Drought in early winter and alternate freezing and thawing afterward greatly injured the crop east of the Mississippi, in Nebraska, Kansas, and westward, there was less winter killing than usual, owing to the mild season, and present conditions are reported favorable. The Hessian fly is reported in a very few counties along the Atlantic slope.

The condition of horses is 97.6; of cattle, 98; of sheep, 98.5; of swine, 93.3. Last year's figures are 96.9, 94.6, 95.5, and 92, from which an improvement is shown in every case. Of horses 2 per cent are reported as having died from disease during the year, while the losses of cattle were 3.1 per cent; of sheep, 4.8 per cent, and of swine, 12.8 per cent, last year's percentages being 2.2, 4.2, 5.5, and 9.2. The losses of swine were heaviest in the important Mississippi river states, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri all reporting 20 per cent or over. The lower mortality of cattle and sheep is explained by the mild winter, the percentage of deaths from exposure having fallen from last year's 2.1 and 2.9 to 1.1 and 2.0.

Sweet Clover.

E. F. T. writes: "How deep do you plow sweet clover seed in? Would it grow on sandy soil? In what month do you generally sow it?"

Without paying any attention to the order of answering, I may say that I don't generally sow it at all, but let it sow itself. My brother-in-law, who is a much better farmer than I, insists that it is best to have nothing else sown with it. The piece that I spoke of being plowed in was plowed in last spring about six inches deep in May, seed having fallen on the ground the year before. I don't think it would make much difference what time the seed was put in from November till the first of June, providing it was put in fairly deep, or the ground well firmed if put in shallow. I've seen it grow well on sandy soil and on very stiff clay. I don't think it would grow on a bare rock, and it would probably not make a good growth in clear sand.—Dr. Miller in Gleanings.

Spraying With Arsenites vs. Bees.

The Ohio Experiment station has made a series of very careful experiments to ascertain the probable effect on bees of spraying fruit trees when in bloom with solutions of arsenical poisons. The results, which will be published in full in Bulletin 68, now in the printer's hands, show conclusively that bees may be killed in large numbers by such spraying, and as spraying at that time is never necessary for the destruction of injurious insects it should be altogether avoided. The trees should be sprayed before blooming and as soon as the blossoms have all fallen, but never while in bloom.

Not only are bees useful as honey-gatherers, but they are essential to the fertilization of the flowers. Without bees we should probably have little or no fruit.

Cheap Irrigation.—According to the report of the Kankakee insane asylum, irrigation is carried on there to a large extent and the water is supplied at very small cost. The figures as given are $3 per million gallons, or 3-10 cents per 1,000 gallons. The usual price of pumping water for city and town supply is very much greater. Some of our towns charge 10 cents per thousand gallons and think the charge small, but here is an estimate of 3 per cent of the usual amount. It would be interesting to know what items the authorities at Kankakee enumerate when they rate the cost of water at the amount stated.

Pleuro-Pneumonia in London.—The London papers chronicle an outbreak of pleuro-pneumonia in that city. One of the cows in the Whitechapel market was found to be far gone with the disease. It is hard to say to what an extent the disease exists in English cattle. Evidently it is not yet restricted to any locality that can be quarantined.

A German woman, a drunkard and a thief, born in 1740, has had 834 known descendants up to date, according to Professor Pellmann, of Bonn, who has been able to trace the career of 709 of them. Of these 106 were born out of wedlock, 208 were professional beggars, 181 prostitutes, 76 (including seven murderers) got into jail. In seventy-five years these persons have cost the state more than 5,000,000 marks.

Grass lawn gowns made with a little coat bodice of green silk with a flowered stripe are very novel and quite the latest thing.

The Minne[illegible] ducting some expe[illegible] steers in winter. Thr[illegible] represented in the test, Shorthorns, Herefords and Galloways. The feed consisted of meal, corn, ensilage and hay. The meal was made up of wheat bran, ground wheat and ground corn. The following are the more important of the conclusions that may be drawn from the experiment:

1. That under its condition steers averaging 1,044 pounds in live weight during the fatting period, will consume daily ration of 25 pounds corn ensilage, 8.34 pounds of hay and 8.60 pounds of meal, or a total of 41.65 pounds per day.

2. It furnishes an illustration of the fair measure of adaptability for fattening possessed by grades of the respective breeds from which the selections were made, without assigning a marked superiority to any one of them.

3. It demonstrates the important truth that when animals are being fattened, they will consume more meal than they can properly digest and assimilate, even when they do not get "off their feed," hence the necessity for adjusting the meal fed to the digestive capacity of the respective animals.

4. It shows the necessity of carefulness in feeding the meal portion of the ration, as the cost of making one pound of increase in weight with the steers in lot 1 was but 5.52 cents, while with those in lot 2 it was 6.36 cents and with those in lot 3, 6.19 cents.

5. The increase in the consumption of meal, the more costly food, by the steers in lots 2 and 3 respectively, did not effect a corresponding decrease in the consumption of the coarser and cheaper food factors.

6. It emphasizes the inability of animals nearly equal in live weight to take similar quantities of food, as evidenced by the Shorthorn grade in lot 3 getting somewhat "off his feed," while the steers of the other grades getting food similar in quantity and kind were not so affected.

7. The inseparable relation between quality in food and well doing in the animals is also emphasized, as when the quality of the ensilage or of the hay diminished, the effect was at once apparent in the decrease in the gains of the steers.

8. The fact should be recognized in fattening cattle, that the same diet in kind may not be equally relished by all the animals, as witnessed in the shy consumption of corn ensilage by the steers. No. 1 in lot 1 and No. 3 in lot 3, in practice, such foods should not be forced upon them.

9. Wheat at $15.86 per ton or 47.6 cents per bushel, can be fed with advantage and profit to steers that are being fattened, when the prices of the other food factors used and also of the meat are as in this experiment.

10. If the food given to the steers in lot 1 had been charged at home values, the cost of making the increase in the live weight during the experiment proper would have been less than the cost of the food used in making it, a result not often realized in finishing cattle for the block.

11. In fattening steers, when the difference between the buying and the selling price per pound live weight is 1¾ cents, a good profit can be made from feeding well graded steers of the beef breeds when the relations between the prices of food and meat are the same as in this experiment.

12. The value of the animals was nearly doubled in feeding for 140 days, since the value of the animals at the commencement of the experiment was $286.38, and the increase in the value at the close of the experiment was $271.02, hence the wisdom of fattening cattle upon arable farms on which they may have been reared.

13. This experiment emphasizes the importance of selling fat animals with promptness when the conditions of sale are favorable, as the profits from carrying the steers through the after experiment were reduced to the extent of $20.05.

14. Well finished steers with an average weight of about 1,200 pounds, will lose about 50 pounds each in live weight, when left in the stall without food for 15 hours.

Foreign Discrimination.

The acts of foreign nations discriminating against our meats alive and dead, are likely to lead to retaliatory measures by Congress. Already some of the most prominent members of that body are considering the matter. For three or more years our exports of beef cattle have been falling off. In 1893 we exported cattle to the number of 387,094, the next year it had fallen to 359,278, and last year to 331,722. The money value also dropped, being in round numbers $35,000,000 for 1893, $33,000,000 for 1894 and $30,000,000 for last year. This is a most important matter. If foreign nations are to have access to our ports there is no reason why our goods should not have access to their ports. There is a secret war being waged on American stock products, but the Americans are able to enforce fair treatment of their own goods.

Houdans.

We keep Houdans. We find no profit in chickens for market, but do find a profit in the eggs. For winter quarters they have a common house, 14x20 feet, facing the south. They are fed whole corn, but have the run of the feed lots in the summer, where they have access to oats and rye. We get a fair amount of eggs in the winter. We have lost a great many from cholera. Boiled poke root mixed with the food of the hens is the only remedy we have ever discovered that will do any good. We have also kept Hamburgs and think they are very good for eggs. Houdans are good for eggs and they also mature early. M. S. Brackett.

White County, Ill.

The Baird Star

hu[illegible] keeping the city to ha[illegible] organ very discreetly kept silent about this law. One thing certain, that contract is valid or W. H. Cliett is no more the legal mayor of Baird than the editor of THE STAR, unless he has been released from that bond. If he has been released from the bond still he is disqualified, for he virtually admits that he was in times past the attorney for the contractor and perhaps employed in that capacity at this time he is or was the attorney for the contractor. Here we have a man acting as mayor of the city, who is bondsman, if not the actual legal advisor of a contractor for water works. We are not intending to charge anything wrong in connection with this, but outside of all law, it looks as though decency would dictate that the Mayor should either resign or get his name off of that bond.

We want to call attention to a little circumstance that happened in 1883 Callahan county under the administration of the gentleman who is now mayor of Baird, who was then County Judge, made a contract with one J. H. Milligan to build a court house and issued him sixteen thousand dollards in bonds in advance, and all the county got was a "dry hole" just north of the present court house. The Mayor was the especial friend, if not the legal advisor, of the contractor. The county got her money back after three or four years litigation, but paid $2,155. attorney's fees to get it, which was a clear loss to the county through the blundering of the County Judge, now Mayor of Baird. How do we know but what Baird will get a ten thousand dollar bond issue and a law suit for a "dry hole" up in the mountains? Conditions are similar, and the same man is at the head of the city goverament that landed the county in the soup thirteen years ago. So far as that old contract being held in the nature of a debt is concerned this is mere driviling rot. If the corporation was voted off the contractor could not collect a cent, no matter what competent lawyers say.

We think however, the Mayor gave the best reason yet why we should vote the corporation off and get rid of a bad bargain. Baird ought to pay and will pay every cent it ows, but they are not going to pay anything to compromise a void contract, now attempted to be galvanized into life by the Mayor, bondsman and legal advisor of the contractor.

The Mayor says there will be kicking by ignoramuses and sorheads, but he is going to stay on deck as long as a plank is left or words to that effect. We admire the Mayor's courage, but think he has already steered his old ship onto a rocky shore, and he may yell that all is well, but he knows better and the people know better, and he would doubtless like to see some way out without hitting a snag.

We would like to ask the Mayor while he was refuting so many false statements and correctieg the ignorance of THE STAR why it was that he did not tell where those "gold" bonds were? The people of Baird would like to know if they have been issued, if not where are they? The Mayor forgot too, to deny that the tax raise was two hundred and fifty per cent over last year as stated by THE STAR.

The mayor draws the interest on his money so easily he thinks everything is on a boom. He says the carpenters are all busy. Well did he expect all the carpenters and clocks in town to stop work simply because you were elected mayor? Talk with the merchants and the country people generally and you will find that the out look at present is exceedingly gloomy, notwithstanding your roseate views, and the views of the organ which jeers at calamity howlers; yet for years talked of nothing but sadness and gloom and abused Cleveland and the democrats for issuing bonds, and cussed the legislature for raising the taxes though he is now advocating raising the taxes and issuing bonds when people can scarcely pay what taxes they now have to meet.

As to the statement that THE STAR man and faction want to rule or ruin, is not true. Every dollar we have is invested in Baird, and we want to see the town build up. We are not like the mayor, who could gather up his money and securieties and close his little office and pull out to more favorable climes in a day.

As to the present city council, we believe they want to do what is right and for the best interest of the town. We have no right to think otherwise, because we know them all to be honorable men and we never meant to [illegible] them, nor the Quixotic mayor either for that matter. Like THE STAR man they all own property in Baird and it is reasonable to suppose that they would not favor anything that would be to the detriment of the city. THE STAR favored the proposed plan of water works as long as there was a hope of success, but when convinced that it was uncertain; if not wholly impracticable, we gave it up; but more of this anon.

Now we want to say one word more and will close, and promise not to tax the patience of readers so much again on this subject. The Mayor's attack on the editor of THE STAR was doubtless intended to influence the voters at the June primary as much or more than anything else. We do not believe any one will be influenced by a democrat who attacks another democrat through a populist paper, simply to gratify a little personal spite. Democrats understand the motive of this sudden warm affiliation between him and the populist editor. THE STAR salutes the new combination, denies every allegation of the combine and defies the combined allegators.

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