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Race Question Uppermost.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Recent interviews with democratic congressmen indicate that it is the intention of the democratic party to make the race question a political issue in the northern and middle states with the object of winning recruits from the republican ranks on the score of race prejudice. Within a week three democratic representatives in congress have declared themselves publicly on this subject.

Representative Livingston of Georgia, who is a man of standing and influence in his party, has said that in the coming session of congress the democrats propose to bring the republicans to the issue of declaring whether they support their president in his position on the negro question. He has said that the democrats will make the republicans announce whether or not they are the black man's party in the north as well as in the south. Representative Swanson of Virginia, one of the aggressive young democrats of the party, uttered similar sentiments indicating the determination of his party to insist upon the drawing of the party line more closely on the negro question.

Representative James of Kentucky, whose district borders on the Indiana congressional district where there have been recent fierce race riots, said that for every negro vote which the republicans will get in that section of Indiana it will lose one white republican vote on account of the party's affiliation with the negro.

The intention of the democrats to open the question at the next session of congress and make it a subject of debate in the house and senate is attracting some attention. Of course the debate would be for the purpose of making political capital for the congressional and presidential elections next year and for that reason would probably have wider range and more acrimonious temper.

The contemplated movement, in the opinion of the politicians may be of doubtful effect. The belief is fixed that if the democrats try to make an issue in the North, such as they have maintained in the South, the challenge will be quickly accepted by the republican party. It is said that the republicans will not hesitate to take the black man's part, even if it comes up to them as a political question entirely. The result, it is expected, will be to enlist conservative thought throughout the North and West in behalf of the black man and to draw it to the support of the party which takes his side.

The State board of managers for the epileptic colony, consisting of the Governor, State Treasurer and Controller, met in Austin Saturday and audited the accounts of some of the construction work now in progress. It was the expectation of the board to have the colony in readiness to receive patients in September, but the continued rains this spring and summer so delayed the work on the buildings that they will not be ready by that time. The opening will be deferred at least another month, possibly longer.

Immediately upon the completion of the buildings and they are gotten ready for occupancy patients will be admitted. October the first is the date now set for the formal opening.

The Denver Conference.

When the populists from the several States had gathered at Denver it did not take long to find out that they were all of the same opinion. Each and everyone of them had as high an opinion of W. J. Bryan as ever, but they had come to the conclusion that it was impossible to make a reform party out of the democratic organization as the facts presented themselves at the present time. They all agreed with the prognosis published in the Independent some time ago, as follows:

"If Bryan controls the next national democratic convention and that convention puts out a platform along the line of the last two democratic campaigns, every one knows the Cleveland-Hill faction will do everything in their power to defeat the candidate, and will all vote the republican ticket just as they have done twice before. On the other hand if the Cleveland-Hill crowd get control of the convention there are two or three million Bryan democrats that will never vote the ticket, not even if it puts up a straddle candidate on a straddle platform."

That is the condition that confronts the democratic party and renders it absolutely helpless. That being the case, the populists thought it better to strengthen their organization and offer to the people a platform and a candidate concerning which there could be no doubt. There is no doubt that there is a majority of the voters of the United States who believe in populist principles and freed from party influence they would vote for them. They believe that the government should control the volume of money and that it should not be left to the caprice of a lot of national bankers. They believe that the government should own the railroads and prevent discriminations and exorbitant tariffs. They believe that land should be held for use and not speculation. They favor the public ownership of telegraphs, telephones, street car lines, waterworks and other public utilities. They believe in the initiative, referendum and recall of unfaithful representatives. There being no party advocating these things save the people's party, it is right, wise and patriotic to organize and maintain such a party.

It is manifestly impossible that the present policies should endure for the next twenty-five years. If the fortunes of the Goulds, the Rockefellers, the Morgans, the Vanderbilts and the Harrimans should increase for the next quarter of a century at the same rate they have for the last, there would be nothing left in all the wide world for you or me. The simplest mathematical calculation will prove that.

That a great change will soon take place—a change that will be enforced by the conditions brought about by the long series of years of the rule of the corporations under the name of republicanism is evident to every thinking man. In view of these things and the conditions confronting the democratic party, it is thought that the course adopted was the wisest that could have been pursued with the knowledge we now have.

The address that was issued was

not at all intended to cover all the reforms advocated by the populists, but to state only a few fundamental principles. It was not a body endowed with power to make a platform. All persons who are familiar with populist literature will immediately recall many that are not mentioned at all, such as exorbitant tariffs, election of senators by the people and many others.—Nebraska Independent.

Corey's Salary is \$75,000.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—The salary of William E. Corey, president of the United States Steel corporation, who was elected on Tuesday to succeed Charles M. Schwab, has been fixed at \$75,000 a year. This is \$25,000 a year less than the salary which Mr. Schwab received.

In the second place, Mr. Schwab's duties have been divided between Mr. Corey and E. H. Gary, who becomes chairman of the board of directors, a position which Mr. Schwab occupied ex-officio, although the duties of the position had never before been defined.

A high official of the steel corporation said today that the current stories that Charles M. Schwab received between \$800,000 and one million dollars a year had always created amusement until it was discovered that it was doing positive harm.

The reduction of the salary of the president is not intended to be any reflection upon the ability and value of the services of Mr. Corey. In the first place, according to this official, under the profit sharing plan which the company has arranged Mr. Corey will receive a handsome dividend every year in addition to his salary. This dividend, however, will not be over \$25,000 a year.

Negroes Refuse to Ride on Cars.

NEW ORLEANS, La. Aug. 8.—The operations of the "Jim Crow" street car law in this city might furnish a valuable lesson to other states and cities that are contemplating going into such legislation. Since its establishment, less than one year ago, the negro travel on the street cars has almost ceased. There is now practically none.

The negroes have quit giving public picnics and affairs of that kind their big resorts such as Lincoln Park and other places, are practically dead. They have done no business at all this summer whereas they were formerly crowded every Saturday and Sunday and on several nights during the week. But no more. The darkies will not ride behind crumpled up screens and they will stay at home rather than take the car under these conditions.

The general result has been very bad for the railroad company, which used to get a big revenue from the colored population.

They formerly rode on the cars at all hours of the day and night. As soon as a darkey got a uickel he was riding around the belt.

As a result of this suspension of negro car traffic a campaign has been launched by Joseph E. Porter, editor of a colored paper, and some of his associates to get the colored race to ride. They claim that the lack of social gathering is having a serious detrimental effect on the development of the race. It breeds trouble at home and on the street

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corners and in the saloons. These street car campaigners have made arrangements with the car company to get special "Jim Crow" cars to run for colored parties and haul no whites at all. The committee hopes to be able to revive the riding habit among the blacks.

Beecher's Forgetfulness.

The late Major James B. Pond told many good stories of the famous lecturers whom he managed, but was especially fond of indulging in reminiscences of Henry Ward Beecher, for whom he had a great admiration. One of his favorite Beecher anecdotes was this one: "One day while I was making a long railway journey with Mr. Beecher, he happened to put his hand into the little watch pocket of his trousers. He drew from it a sealed envelope, gave the envelope a puzzled look and then tore it open. A little while later he passed it to me saying: 'Major, see what is inside. Some weeks ago I officiated at the marriage of a great railway manager, and after the ceremony he handed me that envelope. I hurriedly slipped it into my pocket and then forgot all about it. Just now I happened to run my finger into the pocket and discovered it.' I opened the envelope, and there lay five one-thousand-dollar bills!"

Jefferson's Ten Rules.

Never put off until to-morrow what you can do to-day.
Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.
Never spend your money before you have earned it.
Never buy what you don't want because it is cheap.
Pride costs more than hunger, thirst and cold.
We seldom repent of having eaten to little.
Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.
How much pain the evils have cost us that have never happened.
Take things always by the smooth handle.
When angry count ten before speaking; when very angry count a hundred.

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WE all remember when Theodore Roosevelt used to be a civil service reformer, slashing gaily around and striking right and left at public officials who were in the least bit derelict in observing the principles and laws of the "merit system." But all this is changed. Mr. Roosevelt appears to have been a civil service reformer for office only. The National Civil Service Reform League, in its last annual report, gives this illustration of his attitude toward reform, now that he is in a position to protect and reform it:

In its last annual report the committee criticised the appointment of James S. Clarkson, notorious as a spoilsman, as surveyor of the port of New York. Events during the past year have served to show the justness of the criticism. Mr. Clarkson has been reported by the press as a frequent absentee from his office, engaged in political work in other parts of the country; his department has once been the subject of investigation by the civil service commission, while in the only two important appointments he has made—those of deputy surveyors—he has requested, and through his insistence has received—in one case by order of President Roosevelt—permission to ignore the rules governing promotions in the New York custom house.

Advance in Meat Prices.

As might have been expected, the advances in the prices of ice and coal have been followed by the announcement that there will be increase in the prices of meat in the very near future. The cost of various necessities of life fluctuates, backward and forward, sometimes making several changes in a week, but only when there is open competition. Wherever combinations exist, the public is systematically robbed. If there were no other evidence to show that the ice, coal and meat supplied to Kansas City are subject to unlawful agreements, it would be clear in the uniformity of advances in prices and the easy maintenance of those prices when they have been fixed.

Of course there is not an earthly reason why the consumers should be made to pay still higher prices for meats, for present prices should be high enough in all conscience to satisfy the most greedy passion for big margins. Cattle and hogs are plentiful, pasture has been more luxuriant than for many years, crops are big and of good quality, and conditions ought to be particularly favorable to a reduction rather than an increase in the cost of meats to the consumers. But the combination has decided that the people can stand a little more squeezing, and the order to squeeze has gone forth. It is not a new story. Indeed, it has become a very old one, but it has less terrors before the federal and state laws against this sort of thing were tightened up. There will be plenty of work for Attorney General Crow and for some of the United States attorneys in this region, if the coal and meat combines continue to oppress the people.—K. C. Star.

The Hall County News comes to us this week enlarged in size and improved in appearance, it now being a seven column folio. Roy Houghton has bought a half interest in the paper and in future it will be under the management of Wilborn & Houghton. Success to you, gentlemen, may success and prosperity crown your labors.

Government's Great Irrigation Project in Arizona.

The construction of the Tonto basin reservoir and dam at a cost approaching \$3,000,000, is an enormous enterprise, yet it is merely the laying of a cornerstone by the Government of a development scheme that will reach far out on the deserts of Arizona and is to irrigate land lying remote from streams and hitherto believed unavailable for irrigation. Briefly stated, the initial proposition is that the Salt River valley shall be irrigated to as great an extent as possible from the flow of the Verde River, the waters of the Salt River being conserved by means of the Tonto basin dam until such time as the flow of the Verde falls below the requirements of the agriculturists in the region around Phoenix Tempe and Mesa. This plan will provide an ample and assured water supply for about 250,000 acres, practically twice the area now cultivated—and cultivated in rather poor shape, it must be admitted, owing to the irregularity and inadequacy of the supply of water for irrigation.

The plans of the Government engineers, however, go far beyond this comparatively modest scheme. By means of a canal which shall have its tail race at Tonto dam, 5,000 horse power may be generated, to be transmitted electrically to the Salt River valley, from forty to sixty miles away, there to be used for the pumping of water and for the further reclamation of land now unproductive.

Capitalists of Chicago have formed a company known as the Chicago Oyster Company and will engage in the cultivation and marketing of the shell fish on the coast of Texas below Port Lavaca under the new laws of this state. The company has arranged to secure a well located claim of 640 acres. It will be chartered in Texas. The fact that Texas donates water claims, requiring only the payment of an annual police tax and that the claims can be duly planted, is becoming known, and this is the forerunner of other northern companies that will put money into oyster growing in the state's waters. On the Atlantic coast the claims are valuable and there the business has grown until it involves millions of capital and oysters are shipped by the trainloads daily in the winter season. Chicago gets her oysters from the Atlantic coast but with the direct railroad connection now had it is believed Texas can easily compete and supply much of the demand.

Farmers are entitled to a reasonable profit on the results of their labor; but many of them, as soon they learn that the price of a certain product is unusually low make haste to get rid of all they have of the unprofitable stuff. A better policy would be to convert the product into something that can be sold at a greater profit. All kinds of low priced grain and forage can be converted into high priced meat of some sort, or into milk, butter, fowls and eggs. Feeders generally find their business profitable, even when they buy both the feed and the stock. Then, if the farmer grows both the stock and the feed, it is evident that he can do the feeding far more profitably than anyone else. In this case the farm is enriched, for after converting his feed into meat at a fair profit, he has a large per cent of it left in the form of valuable fertilizer, which, if properly handled will afford an additional profit in better crops another year, and permanent addition to the value of the farm.—Farm and Ranch.

STATE NEWS.

Judge R. E. Chandler died at Abilene Saturday, his death resulting from tuberculosis of the throat.

The Mexican lion which has been terrorizing the people in Harrison county has turned out to be a small bull dog.

The tax rolls of Brewster county were received by the controller at Austin Saturday, showing a total taxable valuation of \$3,543,083, an increase of \$2,155.

Texas has organized more small national banks than all the other Southern States combined since March 4th 1900.

The real estate dealers on the Fort Worth and Rio Grande Ry. from Granbury to Dublin have decided to establish headquarters in Fort Worth and keep an agent there to represent them.

The port of Galveston has moved forward another point in the rank of exporting ports in the United States and now holds third place, being outclassed by the ports of New York and New Orleans only.

Frank Hunnicutt was shot and killed in Scott's wagon yard at Sherman on August 7. R. G. Lanham, manager of the yard, has been arrested charged with the killing.

In an examining trial held by Justice G. E. Chilcoat at Kaufman, Joe Melton was remanded to jail without bond. He is charged with the murder of Ben Ellington. Both parties lived about ten miles south of Kaufman.

The Panhandle Herald says that the sale of the Dixon Creek pasture to S. C. Burnett was closed at Fort Worth last week and that T. D. Hobart of Pampa, who is Mr. Burnett's agent for the sale of the lands, will place them on the market soon. There are 107,000 acres in the pasture.

The three days' reunion of the Concho-Colorado ex-Confederate Veterans' Association closed at San Angelo Friday. The third and last day's exercises, like those of the preceding one, were a marked success, and the entire reunion a most brilliant affair.

The labor unions of Marshall propose to celebrate Labor Day in grand style. They have secured the beautiful Lane Grove and will give a barbecue and picnic. Hon Charles Culbertson has been invited as orator of the day and all the unions in the city will participate.

Judge William Poindexter of Cleburne, District Judge of the counties of Hill Bosque and Johnson, said while in Dallas recently: "The farmers in my district have never had finer crops since the country has been settled. Business is exceptionally good for the season on the strength of the crops, as the farmers can get anything they want."

District court convened Monday Hon. B. M. Baker, presiding. Only one case was tried this week and in this Rolly Radford was acquitted on the charge of horse theft. All civil cases were continued till next week and one criminal case is yet on the docket. Court adjourned Thursday noon for this week. The grand jury found one bill of indictment. * * Attorney Kinney has completed the tax rolls for assessor Erv Black. From the rolls we get the following figures: Number of cattle in Roberts county 24,361, which are valued at \$221,602; horses and mules 1011, valued at \$23,977. Total valuation of all taxable property \$1,118,987; total tax \$12,737.35. County tax alone \$8,854.99. The figures are about the same as last year.—Miami Chief.

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No. 1, Mail and Express..... 8:47 p. m.
No. 7, Passenger and Express..... 10:15 a. m.

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No. 2, Mail and Express..... 7:15 a. m.
No. 8, Passenger and Express..... 6:5 p. m.

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Notice.

All notices for publication in this paper must be in the office by noon on Mondays and Fridays to insure publication in following issues.

Local and Personal.

Ft Worth Bread at Bargain Store.

Born: To Jim Rutherford and wife a girl, Monday.

We are the picture takers. Don't wait if you want photos by Harper at the Big Tent.

Wanted: Partner in photograph business, chance of a life time, at the Big Tent.

Mollie Bailey's show was in town last night.

In the prohibition election held at Belton last Saturday, there was a pro majority of 516.

Editor Hughes of the Silvertown Enterprise was in the city Saturday.

H. W. Kelly went to Goodnight Friday.

Jar rubbers 5 cents a dozen at Bargain Store.

Miss Nora Henderson returned from a visit to Amarillo Saturday.

Chas. Taul of Claude spent Saturday here.

C. S. Harrington returned to Amarillo Sunday night, after a short visit home.

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A good rain fell Monday night which brightens the prospects of the farmer and ranchman.

Cyrus and Myrtle Cope are visiting the family of W. S. Hall in Amarillo.

Dr. E. M. Chapman, of Texola, Okla., visited Clarendon this week, returning home yesterday.

Remember that we sell feed, corn chops, oats, bran and hay and make prompt deliveries.

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Mrs. Chas. Parsons left Saturday for Mineral Wells where she will spend a month visiting her mother.

A number of our people took advantage of the cheap excursion rate to Fort Worth Saturday evening, returning Monday morning.

Mrs. F. E. Harrington returned Sunday from a two week's visit in New Mexico.

Mrs. Ward Calvert left for Amarillo Monday night where she will join her husband and make their future home.

For Sale Cheap

A good second hand, two horse wagon. Apply at Cold Storage Market.

A. D. Hodge, Scarff & O'Connor's travelling representative, was in town Saturday.

Stamp pictures this week only the Big Tent.

See the window display at Bargain Store for sure enough bargains.

Mrs. B. Darnell returned to Fort Worth Saturday after visiting two weeks with Mrs. R. H. Brooks.

Fruit jar rubbers 5 cents a dozen at Bargain Store.

Wanted: Two men to learn photo business at the Big Tent.

10 cent Bachelor cigars going for 5 cents at Bargain Store.

We are sole agents for celebrated Hanan shoes for men, Utz & Durr's for ladies and Budd's baby shoes for the little folks. Stock complete, we invite your inspection.

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Col. F. B. Baillo, the genial representative of the Western Newspaper Union was in the city Saturday and paid us a pleasant call. He is a veteran newspaper man, having at one time been president of the National Editorial Association.

The Northwest Texas Press Association at Amarillo was not very largely attended last week, there being about twenty-five members present. At the close of the meeting, there were about twenty who went on the excursion to Clouderoft and El Paso. The next place of meeting will be Quanah. A more complete write-up will occur in a later issue of the CHRONICLE when the editor returns.

Canyon City Secures the College.

The Baptist College locating committee met at Claude Saturday and after due deliberation, decided that Canyon City was the most desirable location for the proposed Baptist college; their offer being \$25,000 in cash and 40 acres of land. Clarendon would like very much to have secured this institution, but now that the question has been finally settled, her citizenship will turn their attention to building up the town in other ways. We extend congratulations to Canyon City on securing the college, and hope that the Baptist will succeed in building up a great educational institution in that city of which the entire Panhandle will feel proud.

W. D. Harper, the photographer, opened his Big Tent Studio today.

A few bargains left in summer goods. MARTIN-BENNETT & Co.

Mass Meeting.

There will be a mass meeting at the courthouse Thursday night to discuss the question of donating all or part of the funds raised to secure the Baptist College to Clarendon College. The citizens of the town are earnestly requested to attend. Clarendon College has already been of immense benefit to Clarendon and with better equipment and facilities its usefulness would be vastly increased. Let every one attend the meeting and hear the subject discussed.

To All Whom This May Concern.

CLARENDON, Texas, Aug. 4, 1903. Notice is hereby given that on Aug. the first, last, Morris Rosenfield made an assignment for the benefit of accepting creditors, of all his property, both real and personal, naming me as Assignee. I have taken possession of said property and will proceed to dispose of same as soon as possible to the best interest of all parties concerned.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From the Democratic Congressional committee WASHINGTON D. C. Aug. 8.—

The facts that are slowly coming to light in regard to the new Bureau of Corporations in the Department of Commerce should open the eyes of the voters of the country to the real position of the President on the trust question. In discussing the "Present Statistical Outlook in Washington," the correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin, on July 27, said of this new bureau. "The work now laid out for this bureau is of a really thorough type, and if it is pursued with vigor on the lines now suggested there will be a good deal of complaint in the near future when the methods now contemplated are actually applied. Pressure of the most strenuous sort will undoubtedly be brought to bear at the white house. Just how soon the Department will really begin to show its hand in the matter of trust investigation cannot be certainly predicted, but those who are in position to know say it will not be until after the next presidential election. As a matter of fact, a good deal of time is needed for the organization of the work and the laying out of special lines of investigation. All this will consume many months and Secretary Cortelyou is too tactful a man to weaken his strategic position by opening fire in a presidential campaign, if there would be any danger of hurting his party thereby. It will, therefore, be a good while before there are any definite results of the inquiries of the Bureau of Corporations."

Is there anything in this statement to frighten the trusts? Is it not clear that this new bureau will give the trusts two more years leeway—two years more license to loot the people's pockets—two years at \$1,000,000,000 a year? and what then? Publicity. That's all, and more than all, for it is entirely optional with the President whether any of the facts gathered by this bureau are ever published or not. But the facts, when published, are to serve only as a basis for "conservative," anti-trust legislation some time in the dim and distant future.

President Roosevelt fighting the trusts? Rot. He is their best friend. He, as no other living man, knows how to tickle them and at the same time make the multitude, who sees his fierce face and vigorous gestures, believe that he is mauling the immortal ichor out of them. The trusts have great need of just such men at this juncture to save them from the wrath of an outraged people. It is a part of their game that Wall street and the trusts should be against Roosevelt this year. Next year, when the campaign is on, it will be found that the G. O. P. is getting financial support from its old time friends—the trusts. How long, O Lord, how long, will the people be fooled? C. A. EDWARDS.

The ranchmen generally all over the Panhandle are more independent this year than last. Cattle in this section are already in good shape and are putting on fat every day. The number of cattle that will leave this section for market depends largely on the price. If the price is low the Panhandle stockman will hold back his shipments as feed stuff throughout the country is fairly plentiful. Last year the prospects for feed stuff was not so good and the cattle were rushed to market. This season the conditions are different and stockmen are able and prepared to hold over.—Higgins News.

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Childress Items.

J. M. Alexander filed his bond as assignee of the bank of Childress last Saturday. He has resigned his position in the City National bank and will devote his whole time to the affairs of the bank in an effort to settle the same during the coming fall and winter.

Mr. Arthur Kidder, who is at the head of the party locating the boundary line between Texas and Oklahoma, was in Childress yesterday. He says the work they have been doing in Childress county will be completed during next week after which he will go to the northeast corner to locate the latitude. He says the state line at that corner has been found to be too far west, but not so much so as at the crossing of Red River, where it was 3700 feet. He will also locate the northwest corner of the Panhandle, after which in company with state surveyor Twichell he will go over the line between Texas and New Mexico. It will be several months before the work will be completed.

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The Cause of Floods.

In a paper of especially timely interest John P. Brown, secretary of the International Society of Arboriculture, predicts that this country is now entering upon a period of disastrous floods, which will become greater and greater until the newspapers will contain items of two or three lines in length such as now come from China. "It is estimated that 1,000,000 lives were lost in the recent overflow of the Yellow river." The cause of the floods in China, he says, is precisely the cause whose effect is now being seen in this country—the destruction of the forests. The soil of China is unproductive because of its treeless condition, and he contends that Americans have destroyed more timber in sixty years than the Chinese have in 3,000. We are now, he asserts, destroying 25,000 acres of forest daily, or something over 9,000,000 acres annually, and we are planting 5,000,000 trees each year. In other words, for every tree we are planting we are denuding over two acres of their trees, and the time is not far distant when this country will be as treeless as China and as unproductive, according to Mr. Brown, as the deserts of Arizona.

To the objection that the recent floods in Kansas and South Carolina were not caused by the lack of trees, but by cloudbursts, Mr. Brown replies that it is a well established fact that these cloudbursts are caused by electrical disturbances, and electrical disturbances, in turn, are caused largely by the absence of trees in large bodies. While it is impossible to tell to what extent this is true, it is certain that the influence of forests is very great upon atmospheric conditions. Rains are more regular in sections covered by trees than elsewhere, and the floods are not so severe. The rainfall is more gradual and extends over a greater time.

Mr. Brown calls attention to another and even more serious result of the destruction of the wooded area of the country. This is the gradual erosion of the soil, as we are told that the rains having washed the productive soil into the river, the fields will become sterile where they are now exceedingly fertile. The less fertile become the fields, of course, the smaller the population they will support. The vast volume of silt which annually flows down such great rivers as the Mississippi and Missouri represents the ruin of thousands of acres of land up stream which has lost its anchorage because of the denudation of the hillsides and the slopes. Acres upon acres of productive soil are being emptied into the gulf of Mexico with a regularity which in the end, says Mr. Brown, must bring poverty upon the agricultural classes up stream, and with the poverty of the agricultural will come the poverty of all other classes.

After making due allowance for the overzeal of the specialist it must be admitted that the dangers which Mr. Brown predicts are not altogether imaginary. They are more real and threatening than most people realize. The remedy, of course, is to restore the forests, but the planting of 5,000,000 trees annually while above 9,000,000 acres are at the same time being denuded will not do it. There ought to be a tree planted for every one felled by the woodman's ax.

Attention was recently directed to the peculiar law in New Jersey which permits a man to sue for damages for the alienation of his wife's affection, but does not allow a woman to maintain a similar suit regarding her husband's affection. The judges have in some cases denounced this unjust discrimination against the wife, but the New Jersey legislature has never apparently attempted to remedy the matter. There is no apparent reason why a man should have such an advantage over a woman. It would seem a matter of gallantry, if not of justice, that if any discrimination were allowed it should be on the side of the wife.

Masculine humanity should be duly grateful to those Austin (Tex.) club women who were generous enough to call man a "capital background." If there is anything the average woman needs nowadays it is a good male background with capital, and plenty of it.

In Texas the other day a man named Whele married a Miss Barrow, and the editor of the local paper had no more sense of the fitness of things than to print his account of the wedding under the head of "Whele-Barrow."

The Shamrock III, is said to be the handsomest boat that has yet been brought over by Sir Thomas Lipton. However, it is the watch and not the camera that is to test its merits.

Better to Endure.

Suicide is becoming extremely unpopular. This is shown by the fact that most of the victims repent before the act is consummated a the jurists say. Of late carbolic acid has been the chosen means of the would-be self-immolators. Most of them have experienced more or less discomfort soon after tossing off the fatal potion and have called for help. A stomach pump has been the happy sequel.

Druggists should be required to carry in stock, for the benefit of despondents, a make-believe carbolic acid which would operate on the imagination on the principle of bread pills. There would be no unpleasant after effects such as attend the use of the genuine article. Undoubtedly, as the psycho-scientists demonstrate, the pseudo-poison would be equally as painful. It would produce the alarm, the repentance and the cries for help. It would cause real sickness, precisely as a fancied rattlesnake bite; but it would leave the stomach, lungs and heart in a very good condition. Real carbolic acid is too severe as a moral tonic.

There are several good remedies for despondency and suicidal intentions. One is a little philosophy. Why not put up with the troubles we have, rather than take a chance on those we have no means of estimating accurately? Another good remedy is a liver stimulant. Much of melancholy comes from torpid livers. Often the trouble isn't "fate" it's a furred tongue. There are plenty of good, potent little beatifiers which can be depended on to dissipate the overwhelming gloom.—St. Louis Republic.

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John F. Holland, the inventor of the submarine boat which bears his name, thinks that aerial navigation is a much less difficult problem to solve than that of submarine navigation. The men who have been working at that problem for the better part of a lifetime have not found it easy of solution.

Mrs. Pat Campbell, who lately returned to London from a tour of this country, is said to have carried away a hundred thousand in good American dollars. Her earnings were apparently about equally divided between bridge whist and dramatic bunko.

It is announced that Clyde Fitch, the prolific playwright, is going to spend the winter in Washington. Possibly he intends to dramatize the Congressional Record or the patent office reports.

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